

Throughout the magazine we have included photographs of the carnival, but the number of floats was well down on previous years. Has the malaise affecting other carnivals in the area spread to Harbury or have families and other organisations regrouped into walking tableaux?



Congratulations to those few organisations who did make attractive floats – we hope to see more entries next year.

We are indebted to Mike Bloxham for the majority of photographs. Apart from a short break, Mike has been the official photographer for the magazine for over 20 years. He regularly checks the diaries and is always on hand to record daily activities for Harbury and Ladbroke. If you need a photographer, Mike can be contacted through the Editorial Office.

**Nursery School Float of the Ugly Bug Ball**

Last weekend, Harbury Parish Church celebrated 2000 years of Christianity with a Flower Festival. The flower displays were stunning and the Church looked incredibly beautiful. Congratulations to all those whose combined efforts gave joy to the many visitors.

Next weekend, there will be another opportunity to enjoy the creative skills of local gardeners who are participating in the annual ‘Garden Walkabout’. It will also be possible to have a panoramic view of the village from the Church Tower.

At the last count, our Website for the magazine had recorded over 600 hits. However, there are other local villages that have extensive web pages providing interesting information. It has been suggested that we could scan in ‘Hungry Harbury’, ‘Cross the Style’, directions to the village, etc., but if there are any other suggestions, please contact the editorial office.

The editors would also welcome new faces on the editorial group, which meets once a month for 2 to 3 hours to prepare the magazine. A new Advertising Manager would also be most welcome. Please contact 612155, if you think you can help.

# Harbury Diary

## JULY

- Sun 2 2<sup>nd</sup> After Trinity** - Sung Eucharist 9am; Sunday School 10.30am  
Evensong 6.30pm  
CRICKET FIRST XI HOME TO PRESIDENTS XI  
HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL SUMMER FAMILY FUN DAY 2-6PM
- Tues 4 Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm  
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 5 Martial Arts in Village Hall 6pm
- Thurs 6 Holy Communion 9.45am  
Storytelling in Library 10am  
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm  
Beginners Line Dancing in Harbury Village Club 7.30pm  
Folk Club in The Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 7 PLAY
- Sat 8 Church Holiday Club Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room  
GARDEN WALKABOUT 11AM-6PM  
PLAY
- Sun 9 3<sup>rd</sup> After Trinity** - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am  
Sunday School 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm  
GARDEN WALKABOUT 2-6PM
- Tues 11 HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL OPEN AFTERNOON IN WIGHT SCHOOL 1.30-3PM  
Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm  
Village Hall committee in Village Hall 8pm  
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 12 Martial Arts in Village Hall 6pm
- Thurs 13 Holy Communion 9.45am  
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm  
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm  
Beginners Line Dancing in Harbury Village Club 7.30pm  
Women's Institute meeting in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
- Sat 15 Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am  
Harbury Society Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room  
**ADVERTS 31, Binswood End by 5.30pm**
- Sun 16 4<sup>th</sup> After Trinity** - Holy Communion 8am; Family Communion 10.30am  
CRICKET FIRST XI HOME TO ONLY (11.30AM START)
- Tues 18 Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm  
Holy Communion 7.30pm; Mothers' Union *Walk and Supper* 8pm  
Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 19 BUS PASS DISTRIBUTION in Village Hall 1.30-3.30pm  
Martial Arts in Village Hall 6pm
- Thurs 20 Holy Communion 9.45am  
BUS PASS DISTRIBUTION in Village Hall 1.30-3.30pm  
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm  
Beginners Line Dancing in Harbury Village Club 7.30pm
- Fri 21 Newspaper collection
- Sat 22 CRICKET HOME TO NEWBOLD II  
Tennis Club Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 23 5<sup>th</sup> After Trinity** - Holy Communion 8am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Sunday School 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
- Mon 24 Making a Difference (Harbury Millennium Group) at The Dog Inn 8pm
- Tues 25 St. James Apostle - Holy Communion 7.30pm; Julian Group 8pm  
THEATRE GROUP MEETING IN THE DOG INN 8PM
- Wed 26 Martial Arts in Village Hall 6pm
- Thurs 27 Holy Communion 9.45am  
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm  
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm  
Beginners Line Dancing in Harbury Village Club 7.30pm  
Parish Council in Village Hall 7.30pm  
PCC Meeting in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm

- Fri 28 **ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm**  
 Sat 29 CRICKET HOME TO WILLOUGHBY II  
 BLOOD DONORS IN VILLAGE HALL  
 Mothers' Union Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room followed by Lunch  
 Sun 30 **6<sup>th</sup> After Trinity** - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am  
 Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm

## AUGUST

- Tues 1 Holy Communion 7.30pm  
 Wed 2 Martial Arts in Village Hall 6pm  
 Mothers' Union *AGM and Garden Meeting* at the Rectory 2.30pm  
 Thurs 3 Holy Communion 9.45am  
 Storytelling in Library 10am  
 Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm  
 Beginners Line Dancing in Harbury Village Club 7.30pm  
 Folk Club in The Dog Inn 8.30pm  
 Fri 4 Newspaper collection  
 Sat 5 CRICKET HOME TO BEDWORTH IV  
 Ladbroke Church Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room  
 Sun 6 **7<sup>th</sup> After Trinity** - Sung Eucharist 9am  
 Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm  
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**Please note: Adverts to 31, Binswood End by Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Articles to Harbury Chemist by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

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**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO: LINDA RIDGLEY - TEL. 612792.**

### Bookings for:

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

## REGULAR DIARY DATES

- BABY CLINIC:** Surgery, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (612029) (Juniors) 2:00-3:00pm;  
 Sunday (613340) 7:00-10:00pm  
**BEAVERS:** Scout Hut, Tuesdays 6:15-7:15pm  
**BEAT BUDDIES:** Village Hall, Tuesdays 2pm  
**BELL RINGING PRACTICE:** (613605) Church, Fridays 7:30pm  
**BROWNIES:** Scout Hut, Mondays 6:00-7:30pm  
**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 of Village Hall, Children & Adults  
 Wednesdays 4:00-9:00pm  
**GYMNASTICS:** Harbury School, Mondays 6:00-7:00pm  
**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** Dog Inn 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Month 8:30pm  
**HARBURY FRIENDS:** School, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Month 8:00pm  
**HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:**  
**Under 7/8s:** Training: Harbury School Pitch 9:00am

Coach: 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month (Oct. to May) 8:00pm  
**KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS:** (612734) Scout Hut, Saturdays, 10:00am-  
 12:00noon  
**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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Month; Term Time only  
**LINE DANCING:** BEGINNERS, Harbury Village Club, Thursdays 7.30pm  
**NETBALL CLUB:** 612841) Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays 6:30pm;  
 Matches on Saturday Afternoon  
**SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm  
**SOUTHAM LEISURE KEEP FIT:** Village Hall, Wednesdays 7pm  
**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:** The Dog Inn, last Tuesday of Month 8:00pm  
**THURSDAY CLUB:** Farley Room of Village Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of Month 2:30pm  
**TODDLER GROUP:** Wight School, Monday 10:00-11:30am & Wednesday 1:30-3:00pm  
**W.I.:** Tom Hauley Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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.

<b>ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES</b>
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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**

Vicar at Baptism: *Why do you name the child after me? Are you going to make a parson of him?*

*No, replied the father, he'll have to work for his living.*

### **FROM THE RECTOR**

Within the Church over the first 6 months of this New Millennium, we have been following our Lord's life – from His birth at Christmas, baptism, suffering, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension into heaven.

We now reach a time in the year for holidays. When you read this, I shall be on holiday myself.

With this in mind, I will leave you with a 'health tip' gleaned from last week's newspapers.

*To live longer, skip the gym on Sunday mornings and go to church instead. An analysis of 42 studies involving 126,000 people has revealed that regular attendance at a church can lead to a significantly longer life. "The odds of survival for people who rated higher on measures of public and private religious involvement were 29% greater than those people who scored lower on such measures", said US psychologist Dr. Michael McCullough. In other words, while people who believe in God are more likely to live longer than those, who do not, the real health benefits of religion kick in when regular churchgoing is involved.*

*One study of 9,000 Americans found that those who never attended church were nearly twice as likely to die in the nine-year follow-up period as those who went once a week.*

And it's fun!

### **Fr. Roy**

In May, Anne Moore retired as Choir Mistress, after almost 20 years. The choir sang this song to her on behalf of themselves and all the others who have benefited from her care over the years.

Thank you for helping us make music  
Thank you for teaching us to sing  
Thank you for always being with us  
Thanks for everything.

Thank you for every note you've written  
 Thank you for every card you've sent  
 Thank you for all the robes you've altered  
 Thanks for everything.

Thank you for every box of tissues  
 Thank you for every Easter egg  
 Thank you for every Christmas present  
 Thanks for everything.

Thank you for helping us make music  
 Thank you for teaching us to sing  
 Thank you – we shall really miss you  
 Thanks For Everything.

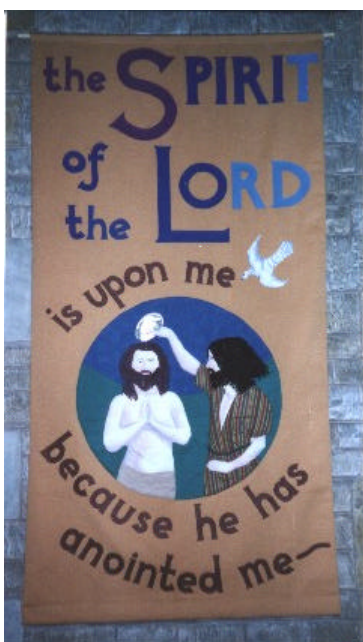
#### **FROM THE REGISTERS**

##### ***Holy Matrimony – All Saints' Harbury***

23<sup>rd</sup> June                                      David Cumberbatch to Sarah Gee

##### ***Holy Baptism - All Saints' Harbury***

4<sup>th</sup> June                                         Arun William Sutton  
 11<sup>th</sup> June                                        Matthew George Snell  
 18<sup>th</sup> June                                        Elizabeth Ruth Abbott  
     Eleanor White  
     Lucy Victoria White  
     Constance May White



#### **FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS**

Our next major restoration project will be the roof of the bell tower. Time and weather have had their way with the existing roofing and we now must face up to the task of renewal, which should be starting in the next month or two.

At our last Parochial Church Council meeting, it became clear that our financial outgoings are exceeding our income, not hugely, but enough to be of concern, since we have no facility to get into the 'red'. We need to give this some urgent thought.

On Whit Sunday, Canon Roy dedicated the new banners, which are now hanging in the

**One of the four banners prepared for the Millennium**

church, thanks to the imagination and skill of Lesley Jones and the team of ladies who made them.

The Family Service in June was, as usual, a happy service. Thanks are due to Sheila and Ian Jackson who, with the help of a number of enthusiastic youngsters, demonstrated the event of Jesus walking on the water to show the power of faith. The proceedings were further enlivened with a Baptism in which we welcomed Elizabeth Ruth Abbott into the Church.

Our congratulations to Canon Roy Churchill, who recently celebrated 60 years as a priest with a special service at Wilmcote.

## **Felicity and John**

### **MOTHERS' UNION**

Afternoon meeting: Sheila Jackson and Agnes Neilson came to talk about the work of Gideons International. This organisation has been in existence for 50 years in this country, and even longer in America. The aim is to introduce the word of God to as many folk as possible by distributing bibles all over the world.

Bibles are placed in homes, schools, hotels, waiting rooms – in fact, anywhere there is a possibility they will be picked up and read. From schools it has been reported that there are many homes and families who have never heard the Gospel. At one time, people in Russia were persecuted for owning a Bible, but in the last ten years 50 million copies have been distributed, so the Good News is spreading. So many people give willingly of their time and resources, and we should all be aware of the work that is being undertaken to achieve such amazing results.

Evening meeting: We were delighted to welcome Holy Razafindratsima, the MU president of our link diocese in Madagascar and Provincial President for the Indian Ocean. She was visiting England for a conference, and spent two nights in Harbury, giving her a chance to attend an MU lunch at Budbrooke and to visit Coventry Cathedral, before flying off to another conference in Mauritius. It was most interesting to hear her account of life in Madagascar, and we realise how important it is to maintain the link and support the work of Mothers' Union throughout the world.

We also had a chance to hear of more hobbies, a continuation of last month's afternoon meeting. One of our members has 28 pen friends in various countries. What a pity that the skill of letter writing is fast disappearing in this computer age – a handwritten letter can mean so much.

#### Next meetings:

Tues. 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Walk & Supper
Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Coffee Morning & Lunch in Tom Hauley Room
Wed. 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	AGM & Garden meeting, 2.30pm at The Rectory

**Anne Moore**

### **HARBURY CHURCH BELL RINGERS**

During the Open Gardens' Weekend, 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July, the Harbury Church Bell Ringers welcome visitors to the Church Tower.

Come and learn about the ancient art of bell ringing, climb up the ladder to look at the bells and up again to the roof for a wonderful view of the village.

Thank you to all who supported our recent coffee morning, and a special thanks to the helpers - we raised £106.

**Nora Ellis**

## Ladbroke News

### JULY

- Sun** 2 **2<sup>nd</sup> After Trinity** – Family Communion 10.30am  
 Fri 7 Strawberry Fayre in Village Hall 7.00pm  
**Sun** 9 **3<sup>rd</sup> After Trinity** - Sung Communion 9am  
 Mon 10 Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw at The Bell Inn  
 Wed 12 Holy Communion 2pm  
 Women's Fellowship – 'Guide Dogs for the Disabled' talk at 2.00pm  
 Sat 15 **ADVERTS 31, Binswood End by 5.30pm**  
**Sun** 16 **4<sup>th</sup> After Trinity** - Sung communion 9am  
**Sun** 23 **5<sup>th</sup> After Trinity** - Sung Communion 9am  
 Children's Church 10.30am  
 Thurs 27 Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I. meeting  
 Fri 28 **ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm**  
**Sun** 30 **6<sup>th</sup> After Trinity** - Holy Communion 9am

### AUGUST

- Tues 1 PCC Meeting 8.15pm  
**Sun** 6 **7<sup>th</sup> After Trinity** - Family Communion 10.30am

### LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

We started our Millennium Festival Week with a Civic Service on June 18<sup>th</sup>, which was followed by a Tea Party in the Old Rectory Garden in the most glorious sunshine.

The church was looking really special – decorated with some beautiful floral arrangements. It's been ages too since the churchyard has looked so tidy – having been mown front and back. I am particularly proud of my grandsons, Ian, Roger and Richard Teverson, who worked really hard, under their dad's direction, getting it looking so good. Many thanks boys!

Linda Doyle has also worked hard with the Pet and Goat Show, and then with the History Walk and Talk around the village on Monday and Wednesday evenings. I know she has a very keen interest in our local history, and we are very grateful to her for sharing her hobby with us and making it always so interesting.

**Betty Winkfield**

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

In not so glorious weather we had our annual outing on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Nine of us went to Coughton Court, the home of the Throckmorton family for



the last 4 centuries. It really is worth a visit, absolutely steeped in history and so beautifully furnished. The gardens were a picture – the walled garden in particular. We all enjoyed our day out and although it was a miserable day, it was not too hot.

On **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** we hope to have a speaker from the Guide Dogs for the Disabled to talk to us. The meeting is, as usual, after our service in church at 2.00 pm, at Hall Farm.

**Betty Winkfield**

### **LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.**

The meeting was held in Ladbroke Village Hall at 7.30 pm on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our President, Mrs. Susan Moore, opened the meeting with a welcome to all members and visitors. It was good to see so many ladies present.

Susan gave us a brief description of the TGM held at Wembley this year. The Prime Minister was the morning Speaker. The resolutions were voted upon with two unanimously passed and the third, passed but not by a hundred percent.

Unfortunately, the Beetle Drive clashed with the football match on TV but all who attended had a good time. James and Gemma had the highest scores for children, Sue and Hazel had the highest scores for adults and Laura won the booby prize. We were sure it was more exciting than the football!

Our Speaker for the evening was Mrs. Lynne Stubbings, past Chairman of Warwickshire Federation, telling us about the Fair Trade Foundation which was formed in 1994 by various organisations to give people of the Third World a better return for their goods. The WI were invited to join, as we are a large consumer group of 250,000 members. Lynne was our representative for three years on the committee.

It is only a small organisation but has improved the farmers' families lives in Central South America where cocoa beans are produced. The products are labelled Fairtrade – the Green and Blacks Maya Chocolate is delicious! Encouragement is being given to the farmers of Peru to grow coffee rather than cocaine – hopefully it will be more lucrative.

The talk, supported by slides, was most interesting and I am sure that after sampling the chocolate and coffee, many of our members will be looking for these products in the stores. Incidentally, Fairtrade coffee and tea are used at the House of Commons' restaurants. Sheena gave the vote of thanks.

Collette won the competition after a tiebreak. Julia and Anne won the raffle prizes.

The next meeting is on **July 27<sup>th</sup>**, when the Park Street Players will be entertaining us. Tea hostesses will be Jenny and Catherine.

**Please note:** *The Strawberry Fair on July 7<sup>th</sup> will begin at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, not 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for strawberries and cream or jam and cream scones and to visit the various stalls.*

**Hazel Sharples**

## LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

I have now uncovered the Millennium Fund book so can tell you that the winners of the April draw held on May 15<sup>th</sup> were A.P. and H.D. Dowdeswell £90; Marie Kennedy £50; Elsa Greenway £25; Nicky Lewis £25; M. Theaker, Pete Edgar, Jo Sowerby, Francis Badman and Terence Sullivan each won £10.

The fifth draw of the Club for 2000 was held on June 12<sup>th</sup> at The Bell Inn. The winners were Maureen Wright £90; Ivy Harvey £50; Richard Walker £25; Muriel Grey, Richard Walker, Jenny Barrett, Pete Edgar and Jo Sowerby twice! All won £10.

The next prize draw will be held on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July** at The Bell Inn. Please remember that payments for the next six months (for those not using standing orders) become due on July 1<sup>st</sup>!

**Catherine Spence**

## SOUTHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

### Ladbroke Section

Some things never change and as Ladbrokeians have done for several centuries, we slaked our thirst at the "Bell Inn" after the History Walks in Festival Week.

The Bell Inn was first named in the Manor Court Rolls on October 16<sup>th</sup> 1765, with Richard Fisher as the publican, alongside widow Elizabeth Moorby at the "Horse & Jockey" and William Rainbow at the "Swan Inn".

That autumn the Court was held at the "Bell Inn", when it was called by public notice to gather at the usual place at 11 am. Afterwards the Court adjourned to the Bell Inn, where all tenants and freeholders in the village were obliged to pay their rents and service to the Court.

The 12 chosen as the jury were summoned and we know from a record of the accounts for the Court, how much ale was drunk and who ate. So working in pounds, shillings and old pence, the 12 jury, 5 gentlemen and 2 servants all ate for 6d (2½p) each and 55 quarts of ale were drunk at a cost of 18s 4d (4d per quart). Since the Roll contained 46 names, plus 5 out of town freeholders, 3 out of town tenants, plus the steward, they all drank a quart of ale each.

1765 is not long after the road through Ladbroke became a Turnpike road and next door to the Bell is Tollgate Cottage. That year, Jonathan Burges paid 2s 9d as an acknowledgement that the turnpike house in which he dwelt and his adjoining garden was part of the Lord's Manor. The old saying is "The bell hangs high and hinders none. Pay your toll and travel on."

This is not to say that the Bell was not in existence at an earlier date, but it must have taken advantage of the Tollgate alongside, being well situated for passing travellers with stables, paddocks and accommodation. So one of the original village Inns or not, it certainly has the distinction of being the only remaining Inn at the turn of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Linda Doyle**

## FESTIVAL WEEK PET SHOW

Most of our Pet entries were cuddly, BUT the winner of the Most Unusual Pet, William Todman's Giant Millipedes, were definitely NOT. These four-inch long, fat "pets" would definitely be relegated to the owner's bedroom in our house and something I would never like to meet in their natural habitat, and I think William's mother has the same feelings!

We had a small but fascinating entry of well turned out ponies, cuddly small animals and plenty of goats, but it would have been nice to see a few more dogs entered. Our judges, Pam Barnett and Doug Winkfield had the tremendously difficult job of picking out the winners and we are extremely grateful to them for taking the time to judge the classes.



Best Turned out Pony: 1st Nicholas Steenstra on Goblin

2nd Joanna Webster on Cracker; 3rd Tina Gilbert on Ivy May; 4th Isabel King on Harry.



Mrs. Ron Inglis admiring one of the goats

Most Unusual Pet: 1st William Todman's Giant Millipedes; 2nd Joanna Webster's Bob (Lamb); 3rd Sophie Liverton's Saffron (Cat); 4th William Daniel's Babyspice (Goat).



Best Small Animal: 1st Gemma Daly's Arthur (Cat)

2nd Gemma Daly's Milly (Guinea-pig); 3rd Clairmarie and Sarah's Humbug (Rabbit)

**Linda Doyle**

## **LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL**

Councillor Jeff Todd led his first meeting as Parish Chairman with all parish councillors and three members of the public present.

Village Restorations: More work has been completed. Jeff Todd and Peter Williamson will assess the outstanding repairs.

The contractors with responsibility for the upkeep of Gloucester Housing Association Homes have made a good job of cutting the long and weed infested grass between Hedges Close and Chebsey Court.

A letter had been sent to the Highways Department of the County Council requesting oak posts to replace those in Windmill Lane. The County Council will only supply the black and white posts already erected. We will pursue the issue of the width of the road to allow better vehicular access.

Floods update: Mr. Tiley, the flood officer was persuaded to meet with Elsa Greenway and Jeff Todd. He had a copy of the report and listened to the explanations, which were reinforced by District Councillor Alan Akeister. Because of the apparent involvement of the Bypass, Richard Hancox, representing W.S. Atkins, the maintenance contractor, will visit on June 27<sup>th</sup>. We were gratified that within the last month Stratford District Council, Warwickshire County Council, the Flood department and W.S. Atkins all seem to be giving Ladbroke a higher priority.

Neighbourhood Watch: Following the discussion at the Village Meeting, Barry Armitage attended and addressed the Council on the latest Community Alert Programme systems. Barry has had responsibility for re-launching such schemes in the last 3 years and is based in Stratford. Janice Berry undertook to read the material provided.

Emergency Planning Briefing: Carol Northorpe and Beverley Bradley reported back on the meeting held in Shire Hall, the main focus being the

response to the flood in 1998. Elsa now has an updated list of agencies involved in emergency planning.

### **Carol Northorpe**

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#### **HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - June**

Governors: Keith Thompson sent news that the School was full of confidence and well prepared for its Ofsted inspection.

Parish Paths Partnership: Clive Taylor updated the Cllrs on the Progress of the P3 Group, which was clearing vegetation from the footpaths and installing new stiles. They meet on the first Saturday of the month and welcome new volunteers (call Clive on 612221). Their Carnival Stall Quiz, which was greeted with great enthusiasm by the children, raised over £30 for hand tools.

Mowing: Jack Heath relayed complaints from residents who mowed the verges outside their homes and then found that the refuse collectors would not take the clippings away. He was reminded that all pensioners are entitled to ten free “green” sacks for garden refuse every year.

There was great concern about the lack of mowing on the vision splays along the Fosse where there were three accidents at the weekend. A formal complaint will be sent to the County Council.

Parking: Having dropped the idea of a One Way System round the Church, Cllrs are now pressing to prohibit parking at the bottom of Church Street alongside the Dog Inn.

The Council also wants to stop cars parking in the Cemetery lay-by, which prevents funerals and relatives visiting graves using the facility. Ken Stephenson’s bold red prohibition sign has not done the trick and has drawn criticism for its brutality.

Originally there was a wooden notice, sign-written by Henson Bamford, which politely explained the purpose of the lay-by and some Councillors suggested a modern replacement. Others wanted Double Yellow Lines (which would mean no-one could park) or signs painted on the road. In the end they decided to write to residents who persisted in putting their vehicles in the lay-by explaining that it was intended for those visiting the Cemetery.

Planning: Stratford District Council granted alterations at 38, Frances Road and the Parish Council made no representations on the new plans for an extension at 26, Ivy Lane which Sharon Hancock explained were based on an already extant permission.

The Parish has said that only pruning should be allowed at the Courtyard Cottage, Harbury Hall. The trees do not take light from the property and were there before it was built.

An appeal has been lodged against the enforcement notice to remove caravans from the site of Kestrel House to the rear of Brethren’s Farm and the Council is concerned that this will delay matters for a further six months.

Dutch Van Spall commended to his colleagues the Planning Seminar arranged by the Warwickshire Association of Local Councils, which was excellent. The Professionals emphasised that Cllrs needed to be up-to-date on planning matters and were the eyes and ears for the District's Planners. They also extolled the benefits for communities of having a Village Design Statement adopted. (We have one).

Dutch Van Spall (Deppers Bridge) continues to conduct an exemplary consultation down in Deppers Bridge on the Traffic Calming Proposals and two residents were present to express concerns which the PC has taken on board and will convey to the County.

Youth: Concerns about disturbances at the Playing Fields and Car Park resurfaced and Cllr Stephenson wants residents to be provided with a chain barrier off the Car Park, to prevent youths congregating there, but Chairman John Hunt is concerned to maintain public access to the facilities, "entrance should not be impeded" he said.

There were suggestions from the audience that more should be done to provide facilities for the young people who had nothing to do and that they should be asked what they wanted - often it was just a place to "hang out" that was needed.

John Hunt explained that a Skateboard facility was planned; subject to funding from Stratford District Council and that he was impressed by the Thames Valley Police initiative of "Youth Shelters", which provided a sturdy, highly visual meeting place for youngsters.

Appraisal: Dutch Van Spall then broached the subject of a Parish Appraisal which could cover such items of concern and would allow everyone in the village, including the young people "the future of our race", to express their opinions and reveal their hopes and needs.

Linda Ridgley explained the mechanism for setting up and running an Appraisal and recommended that the Parish Council ask Rebecca Frost, Stratford's Appraisal Officer to address a PUBLIC MEETING to which everyone was invited to explain more about the benefits of such a project.

Consultation: Dutch Van Spall, Alan Wilkins and the Chairman will attend the Community Strategy Workshop in Southam which seeks to build, from the bottom upwards, an overarching Plan to integrate service provision across a range of providers with the co-operation and active participation of the public!

Sharon Hancock is updating the Parish Community Plan which is a different thing altogether. It used to be called the Emergency Plan and covers facilities such as the Village Hall, which can be used in an emergency (the Easter Floods) and tries to list vulnerable people like those with mobility problems who would need special assistance in an emergency. Sharon would be grateful for information about individuals with such special needs.

Playing Fields: A quotation for £325 to replace the Library Noticeboard was approved. The Council will seek quotations urgently for the replacement of the swing which had to be removed from Deppers Bridge's Playing Fields. Repairs to the Aerial Runway will cost £995 but the bulk of this can be reclaimed from the District. The large slide has gone and is replaced by the climbing net which cost £10,700 (+vat). The

Clerk was anxious that the public should be aware of how this was funded. £2,000 came from Stratford District Council; £2,300 from Parish Council funds and the remainder of the “Hopscotch” money covered the balance.

**Linda Ridgley**

### **HARBURY SOCIETY**

The winner of the Walls Quiz with 55½ out of a possible 68 points for their minute identification of the illustrated walls was Roger Eaton (assisted by Mal).

In fact, most of the entrants had assistance, some from a whole bunch! Carl Wallington and Susie with half a football team helping got 41 points. They had no trouble (unlike Andrew Bell) in remembering which was English and which Flemish Bond Walling. But Carl’s mother Marie beat him by 1½ points although she couldn’t tell her stretchers from her headers!

Second place went to the Rollasons with Brian Taylor third and a tie for fourth place between the Hancocks, Keith Guy and Ian Jackson.

We raised £30 for Society funds, selling old photos, maps, postcards and books and collected a large crowd for the duration of the Carnival.

Our next event is a fundraising Coffee Morning at the Tom Hauley Room on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July**. Please look out your Bric-a-brac and raffle prizes. We need cakes and pastries to sell on the day and volunteers to help run the Coffee Morning. Donations to Secretary, Linda Ridgley at 16, Farm Street, telephone 612792.

John Lapraik is to be persuaded to organise another Pub Walk with Ed and for the autumn we are concentrating on a Canals’ theme with a talk from British Waterways on the restoration and interpretation of the historic aqueducts at Enstone, Wootton Wawen and Lowsonford.

**Linda Ridgley**

### **HARBURY WOMEN’S INSTITUTE**



Carnival Day arrived and we felt rather flat as we were not entering this year. However, our Celia had other ideas. At about 11.15 am after drawing a quick caricature and making a few phone calls, the result was the topical ‘Egg on his face’. We

even came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the walking tableau. Not so many floats this year which was a shame but must say that all entries were excellent from the children to Clarrisa and Jennifer – fantastic.

Most of us taking part were supposed to be manning the Cake Stall, but Lyn Hayes and Jean Abrahams stepped in and did a great job. The stall



was soon sold out, with a good profit too. Many thanks to them and all donators of cakes.

We are looking forward to the river trip with lunch on board at Stratford in July and our Garden Party at the home of Nora Ellis in August (members only).

The speaker was Mrs. Jenny Thwaites from Broadway talking on Artistry in Knitting. No one really knows how knitting started but it is thought Cleopatra knitted. Arabian men used to knit and women spun the yarn. The first Europeans to knit were Spanish and in the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> Century it came to this country.

In the 14<sup>th</sup> Century knitting became an art form with the setting up of guilds. Apprentices started at 13, then went to the continent for 3 years, took their finals, which included making a knitted carpet. Alice Montague gave Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup> a pair of black silk stockings. A cottage industry sprang up and stockings were exported.

Shetland patterns were said to be handed down from the Spanish Armada. Only the yolks of Aran sweaters were patterned at first and it is said seamen were recognised by the sweaters. Guernseys have always been knitted without seams to keep out the wind.

Mills were set up in 1830 in the Yorkshire Dales and the first pattern appeared in 1835. By the 1900's most people had taken up knitting.

Mrs. Thwaites is a painter, as is her father. One cannot describe on paper her knitted pictures and garments that she brought along. The pictures looked like tapestries and the colouring and shading were amazing. She says she uses sketches and photos to help with her designs, and then transfers them onto graph paper. She chooses her palette of colours before she starts any of her work. Large pictures take about 6 months and she uses double knitting wool and size 13 needles. When finished the work is washed by hand, dried naturally then stitches picked up around edges to knit a tube which is turned back to form a frame.

One of her pictures was of Nova Scotia, another a landscape of Snowhill village. She always makes sure that the architecture is right for her Japanese and Chinese pictures. The inspiration for those came from Snowhill Manor where she used to work. Her garments were lovely and the designs, like one of birds in a cherry tree, superb.

There has recently been a family exhibition in Bristol and Mrs. Thwaites will be at Ragley Hall's Autumn Fayre on 14-15<sup>th</sup> October. Well worth a visit.

July hostesses: Pat Smith, Nita Waddell, and Kath Mansell

**Jeanne Beaumont**



# HARBURY CARNIVAL 2000





## HARBURY FOLK CLUB

If I am honest, I did not have a clue what to select as a theme for the Folk Club meeting of June 1<sup>st</sup>. I therefore took the easy way out and had a “themeless” evening. This turned out to be very successful as many of the regulars appeared to seize it as an opportunity to perform their favourite material without having to contrive some connection to a specific theme.

It is a folk club custom that the host starts the evening’s entertainment. This evening was no exception as Liz and I started off with a couple of well known songs with choruses, during which the audience proved themselves to be in fine voice. This was followed by fine contributions from Ron Shuttleworth, Ian & Sue, and Rick Saunders before Emma Freeman and Lizzie Darby, both being daughters of old folkies, delighted us with the beautiful playing of two duets for the flute. The first half was brought to a close by Peter McDonald singing “The Lights of Home” which is a song comprising lyrics written by the former member of the club Gerda Pickin, set to the haunting tune of Slockit Lights.

The second half started with another daughter of old folkies taking to the stage. This time it was Susie Bones who with Liz and Sue Hartland sang a three-part harmony of the Eriskay Love Lilt. I might be biased but I thought they were brilliant. This was followed by Keith Adams singing a couple of songs, the debut of Brian from the Low Key Folk club in Warwick who played a couple of tunes on a borrowed fiddle, Des, who is always one of my favourite artistes and Mike. The second half was then brought to an end with the barbers’ shop quartet “Broadway” who beforehand had unintentionally entertained many non folk club pub goers by rehearsing avidly just outside the gents.

The third and final half of the evening included a couple of songs from Maggie, who gave us the sad news that the music sessions she had been running in Cubbington were now no more. There were also more items from Peter McDonald, Des, Ron, Keith and Ian and Sue who competently rounded off the evening in their own inimitable style.

The whole evening was again very pleasant and relaxing. Many thanks to those who took part and also to the landlord and landlady of the Dog Inn, Steve and Yvonne, who are continuing the tradition of extending a warm welcome to the folk club. The raffle raised £26.50 which went to help the funding of the carnival float which the Dog Inn entered into the carnival procession.

The next meeting will be on August 3<sup>rd</sup> when Bob Hodgkiss will be the host. As usual, it will in the back room of the Dog and start at 8.30 pm.

**Pete Bones**

## HARBURY BEAVER AND CUB SCOUTS



### **Wanted - another leader for this endangered species, seen at Harbury Carnival**

There will be a meeting for parents of Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts at Harbury Scout Hut on **Wednesday 12th July** at 7.15pm to discuss the leadership of the Cub Pack for next term. Anyone who is willing to offer to help to organise Cubs should attend this meeting.

**Rob Davis**  
Cub Scout leader, Tel 612457

## HARBURY TODDLER GROUP

We are very pleased to have seen some new faces at Toddlers over recent weeks, especially as some of the older children have now moved on to Nursery or Pre-School. If anyone is interested in coming along to Toddlers, it is held in the Wight School (behind the Library) on Monday mornings 10.00 – 11.30 am and Wednesday afternoons 1.30 – 3.00 pm. The sessions are very informal, run by parents/carers and usually include a craft activity for the first ½ hour, followed by juice and biscuits (tea or coffee for adults) then more play.

On **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July** we are having a Toddler outing to the Cotswold Wildlife Part in Burford and we are sure that all will have an enjoyable time.

We are also opening during the summer holidays for the Monday morning sessions only, from **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July to 21<sup>st</sup> August**. Normal sessions will then resume with the start of the School Term.

Last month, the 'Harbury Diary' included a Toddler Group Coffee Morning on 8<sup>th</sup> July. This has been cancelled.

Finally, we would like to thank the outgoing committee members, Gael, Helen, Caroline and Jane for all their hard work over the last year.

**Harbury Toddler Group Committee**

## HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL

It is nearly the end of term and the oldest children in the Nursery performed a lovely assembly in school. The children showed off their catching and throwing skills in the story of The Selfish Giant and impressed everyone with their confident speaking and tuneful singing. Ralph was very popular as a dashing, if bashful prince.

The Nursery children have been making the most of the recent good weather to enjoy play activities out in the school grounds. A small group visited the church and joined in the toddlers' church service. Soon we will be enjoying an outing to the fire station in Leamington Spa.

The Coffee Morning held in the Tom Hauley Room on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, was a great success and we managed to raise just over £200 for our funds. Many thanks to everyone who contributed; your support is much appreciated.

Many parents have already booked places for next year. If you are interested in a place for your child, please ring Kate Smart on 612656 or 612609.

**Marie Kennedy**

### **THE PRE-SCHOOL - Learning Through Play**

*(The Pre-School is held in the Wight School, behind the Library)*

It was a wonderful Carnival day, so sunny but without the heat of mid June. And we hope that you will also agree that the teas were pretty good too. The tearoom looked very attractive with all the flower arrangements and the cakes were fantastic - everyone said so! Many thanks to all of you who so kindly donated such beautifully iced and decorated cakes, slices and buns and to all those helpers who dashed about with trays and kept supplies coming. We feel that Mr Milner would have appreciated the public demonstration of horizontal maths as individual bills were totted up. Overall, we raised £215 for the Pre-School, which is great news. Thank you all very much.

We've waited six months to tell you but official confirmation has finally come through that Marie and Gill have indeed passed their Diplomas in Pre-School Practice; Gill gaining a distinction. This represents a huge amount of work by Marie and Gill in their spare time and we are very proud of them and grateful to them. Those of you who know Gill and Marie will not be surprised to learn that they instantly started on NVQ level 3 in Childcare and Education. The NVQ has more status but, looking through the syllabus, it doesn't seem to have as much depth in places as the Diploma. Nonetheless, it represents another huge commitment to the maintenance of best practice in the Pre-School and it's very good news for all of us.

We really feel we should publicly thank Marie, Gill and Chris for their support of our children this year, and also for their support of us as parents. The Pre-School doesn't pay just lip service to best practice, it implements it in the school and it helps us to implement it at home. Marie, Gill and Chris are always so ready to talk to parents at the end of a session and to suggest different approaches to problems that are driving parents up the wall, across the ceiling and down the other side at home! There are books on the subject of pre-school behaviour but often these are quite general and relatively old. The staff's continuous training and

contact with the latest thinking is a wonderful resource for us all and, on a variety of personal notes, has been hugely beneficial. Thanks team!

We're becoming so busy on a regular basis that we're looking for more staff. At the moment, we would like to recruit someone who would come in on an occasional basis to provide cover when we're working intensively with younger children or when one of the staff needs to attend a day course, for example. A background in childcare or pre-school education would be an advantage but equally, an interested parent (and not just of young children) would, we feel, have a lot to offer. Do call round at the Pre-School at the end of a session or call Marie on 612959 if you're interested.

The theme of toys is nearing its end. The puppet theatre was a huge success. Soon after the show, Marie was reading a story to the children about some children who had a life-sized marionette. Our children liked this French word for a puppet with strings and wanted to make their own life-sized figure. In fact, we now have two - Jake and Bella, and the children are having great fun, taking it in turns to operate them. Visitors to the Pre-School may also notice a very special display: *Marie's Gallery*. So many of the children make pictures for Marie at home and at the Pre-School that Marie has decided to open her very own gallery in the Wight School to show off her personal art collection.

Dates for your diary this month include the **Open Day on Tuesday 11 July from 1.30 – 3.00 pm**. As usual, we are delighted to welcome everyone who is interested in the sort of care and activities that the Pre-School has to offer. No need to book, just come along to talk to the staff and join in the activities. We're also off to the Shire Horse Centre on **Tuesday 18 July** as part of our end of term frivolity. The end of term also means that we're getting ready to say goodbye to our older children and to welcome the next generation. Marie and Gill are going into Toddlers, just before this magazine comes out, to talk about the Pre-School and meanwhile, Mrs Harris has been coming into the Pre-School to get to know the children who will be joining her class next year. We will be taking this group into the school to meet her there so that the children can see all the delights that she will share with them next term. It's always very sad to say goodbye to these children, some of whom we have known for two years or more. But they are a fantastic group and we are also really proud of them and know how much they will enjoy the new adventures that school has to offer. We wish them every success.

**Harbury Pre-School Committee**

## **MACULAR DISEASE SOCIETY**

Macular Degeneration is the most common cause of registrable blindness in the UK and the primary aim of the above Society is 'to ease individual problems by understanding born from experience and to build morale and thus install confidence and independence'.

I intend to hold a Garage Sale (in aid of the above Society) of items that mainly belonged to my father, who had M.D. The sale will be the same day as the Saturday Garden Walkabout (8<sup>th</sup> July), so why not call at 43, Mill Street to claim a bargain. You can always reserve an item and collect later.

## Rosemary Harley (613402)

### HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

June has proved to be a good month for the Club, both on and off the court! The main news is that our 'Awards for All' bid for £3,421 has been successful. This is a scheme of lottery grants of up to £5,000 for local groups to buy equipment. We will be using our grant to buy short tennis nets and other equipment for the juniors, and a ball machine that will be available to everyone in coaching sessions.

In the Banbury Summer league both 'A' and 'B' teams have hit form with 6 wins between them in the last month. On the 'domestic' front the mixed doubles and singles tournaments have started with some competitive encounters in prospect!

It seems strange to be thinking about November when writing this on Midsummer's day, but the Club (wee, Tim Lockley!) is organising this year's Craft Fayre which will be on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November** in the Village Hall. There are still a few spaces left for stallholders so if you are interested, or know someone who is, give Tim a ring (614532) for details.

#### Under 16 News

As a follow on to the 'Play Tennis', we were able to nominate 5 participants to attend Coaching Clinics and to watch some top class tennis at the 'DFS Classic' in Birmingham on June 15<sup>th</sup>. This is one of the leading pre-Wimbledon tournaments for Ladies and 5 lucky parents also went. The Harbury players were Robin Ashurst, Adam Crossling, Jack Howard, Charlie Gladden and Sam Wilkins.



Robin rubbing shoulders with Frank Bruno, one of the many celebrities involved.

Another treat is in store for 8 eight year old children and 4 parents on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**, also as a result of the Play Tennis Day, when they're off to Wimbledon. The party has access to all the outside courts for the day and the children have the opportunity to go into the 'Kid Zone', a new concept providing interactive games and fun for children. We hope to have a report of that next month.

**Colin and Sue Mercer 613284**

## PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

We would like to thank everyone who took part in our treasure hunt and map reading competition at the carnival. It was great to see so many children showing a keen interest in using their map reading skills to work their way through the competition, while our "Fat Lady" John Ridgley did an excellent job running the treasure hunt.

Treasure Hunt Prizes: 1st Alison Hodge; 2nd Janet Thornley; 3rd Rod Baldwin.

Map Reading Competition: Natalie Jenkins and Katie Dudley.

We made a total of £35.55 to enable us to buy miscellaneous hand tools. Thank you to all the members of the group that made it a success.

To correct the printing error in last months article, the group meets every first SATURDAY in the month to work on our footpath network - new members are always welcome.

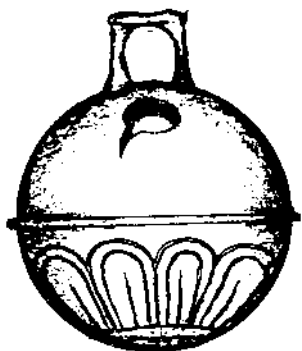
Please let us know if you find any footpaths that have recently become over grown or stiles that are in need of repair.

**Clive Taylor (Tel: 612221)**

## BURIED TREASURE

I wonder how many readers have found a treasure in their gardens – or allotments, or fields? I am not talking pots of gold coins. Humble relics like buttons, forks, broken clay pipes and medicine bottles can be valuable historical evidence of the way our ancestors lived, in the not too distant past.

In the early 1990s, I was helping to double dig my father-in-law's back garden, in Vicarage Lane. I unearthed what looked like an old golf ball, encrusted in Harbury clay. A good soak revealed a small sphere of bronze coloured metal.



What I held in my palm was a rumbler bell, so called after the not-very-musical rumbling sound made by the small metal ball (somewhat corroded, in this case) rolling loose inside it. Not a very rare artefact, and of little monetary value, but no less fascinating for that.

It had been cast in one piece, ball and all – a remarkable feat of advanced pattern making by some small rural foundry. From its size, 'my' rumbler had probably been attached, somewhat precariously (witness all the rumpblers that fell off, through the centuries!) on a frame above the collar of one of a team of packhorses entering – or leaving – Harbury. Rumpblers were an early warning to other teams hauling wagons up and down high hedged narrow lanes, when backing-up, or caught out at dusk. They are known to have been used for practical purposes until the 1930s, when a carter in West Oxfordshire was still using them.

Many rumpblers that turn up today bear the initials of top bell craftsman Robert Wells, of Aldbourne in Wiltshire. The area was renowned for bell making. Robert ceased production in 1820, after a successful 'takeover



bid' by a London foundry. 'My' bell, however, had a different mark: WG.



I found a reference in a pamphlet on old horse bells to one exactly like it! Alas, no one knows who 'WG' was, and the exact location of his foundry remains a mystery, though somewhere near Salisbury would be a good guess. One thing the experts were fairly certain about: WG's rumbler bells date from a much earlier period than Robert Wells', from the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. So the bell that fell of a packhorse in Harbury many moons ago brought with it a glimpse of the ghosts of our ancestors, of the days when Harbury was an isolated community, and the visit of a wagon, bearing goods and chattels, messages and rumours, would be a red letter day. Wagons also brought the plague.

One last thought: Are there enough finds out there for an exhibition?

**Angela Hewins (01926 612 721)**

### **HARBURY-SAMOIS TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

On our recent official visit to Samoia, we met and competed with representatives from other European countries, which included Morata in Spain. This village presented Harbury with a shield, which we have passed on to our Parish Council. Morata has expressed a wish to form links with our village, especially on a sporting level and has invited Harbury residents to visit them.

If anyone is interested in establishing links with this Spanish village of Morata, please contact me on 612688.

**Janet Thornley, Secretary**

### **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

(The Harbury Millennium Group has found a name.)

You may have seen our article in June's issue of the H&L News? Inspired by a newspaper article about a Yorkshire village's Millennium project for Uganda, we felt that in Harbury too, many people would respond to a Millennium project which gave us the chance to make a real difference to life in a Third World community. We have met twice, with eight at the first meeting and sixteen at the second. At our Carnival stall 48 people signed up to express their interest. So the group is growing.

One of the first decisions we must reach is: which project? We are going to review the short-list of projects at the back room of the Dog Inn on **Monday 24th July** at 8.00 pm. Anyone may present a project for consideration at this meeting, but please could you let me know first, so that we can tailor the timings to suit?

A potential project should aim to be:

- A capital, not running-costs project;
- One where a single donation (in 4 figures?) would make a significant contribution;

- An identifiably single project, with local contact name & address;
- One where we could be assured our money would be well used;
- One with which Harbury could maintain some kind of reasonably direct link;
- One that can be summarised within one side of A4!

We intend to reach a final decision as a result of this meeting. Everyone is welcome. If you know of a Third World project that we might be able to help, please let me know **before 24th July**.

*Andrew Patrick 614359*

*Andrew@Patrick.spacomputers.com*

## HARBURY CARNIVAL WEEK 2000



Wheelbarrow Race

Although a disappointing number of entries this year at only five, the day was still very enjoyable and we were blessed with lovely weather. 'Honest Cecil' was unable to be with us due to a family commitment but at the request of the spectators a simple 'tote' betting system was hastily implemented which added to the fun. However, as the winning combination of the last four years, Steve Evans and Carl Wallington, were not defending their championship, the betting was more evenly distributed.

Although Carl was unable to race, Steve teamed up with his brother Mark and this proved to be a dynamic duo, as they completed the course in 8 minutes and 2 seconds, which is a fantastic record time and will be very hard to beat. Our thanks to Carl for assisting with the timekeeping and presentation of the shield.

Congratulations also to the other competitors who returned the following times:

2 <sup>nd</sup> : Graham Wilcock & Dave Guest	- 9 minutes 35 seconds
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Peter Rollason & Jonathan Clarke	10 minutes 12 seconds
4 <sup>th</sup> : Gareth Cardo & Alan Padbury	13 minutes 38 seconds
5 <sup>th</sup> : Jim Beechey and Lynn Cooke	15 minutes 15 seconds

Jim and Lynn were visiting Harbury from Hatfield and Milton Keynes and were great sports to enter, particularly Lynn as she joins the ranks of very few lady competitors!

The Carnival Committee would like to extend grateful thanks to the licensees for providing the beer and facilities, and to the competitors and spectators.

From the large number of spectators and the favourable comments received, it appears the Wheelbarrow Race is a very popular event. Unfortunately, with the dwindling number of entrants each year consideration must be given as to whether this event should continue in its present form as a lot of pre-race preparation is required for the race to take place. Consideration is being given to running the race in its present form for the 'serious' competitors but suggestions have already been received regarding a ladies' race, a mother and child 'buggy' race, a soapbox derby, etc., but the safety of those taking part must be of paramount importance as it is not feasible to close the roads.

Therefore, if anyone has any constructive suggestions as to how we could enhance/improve this event and provide more for the spectators to watch then please let me know.

### Pub Games

The teams taking part this year were: The Shakespeare, The Dog Inn, The Gamecock, The Twinning Association, The First Timers and, for one event only, The Old New Inn. Each team took part in the following competitions: Boules, Skittles, Test of Strength and a Quiz and the overall winners were The Gamecock. 2<sup>nd</sup>: The Shakespeare; joint 3<sup>rd</sup>: The Dog Inn and First Timers; 5<sup>th</sup>: Twinning Association and 6<sup>th</sup>: The Old New Inn.

The Carnival Committee would like to thank all those who entered and we are very grateful to the licensees for allowing us to use their premises for the events.

As there has been some confusion as to how the week's events are organised, I hope the following will help to clarify the situation:

*Each team consists of a maximum 'squad' of 12 people but can be less. From this squad 4 people are selected to take part in each event (3 in the case of Boules) and each squad member may take part in more than one event. The teams compete over the week, in the evenings, amassing points from each event with an overall winner decided after the final event. The entry fee is only £1 per team member.*

I hope the above will encourage more teams to enter next year. You don't have to be a 'pub' team as you will see from this year's entries, you don't even have to be a particular organisation but just a group of friends or neighbours – do join in, it's great fun.

**Dan Killian**

### Quiz Results

*Guess the Original Registration Number:* The original registration number of the 1923 Morris 'Bullnose' is EJ 1136 and the winner was Roger Eaton.

*Guess the Objects:* The objects were: Spitfire urinal, plug carrier, 6d saver, cycle oil lamp, corkscrew, H.M.S.O. rule, tin miner's acetylene lamp, starting pistol, pillbox, lead ball mould, saw set and cycle acetylene lamp. The winner was James Turner who correctly identified eight of the objects.

Many thanks to everyone who 'had a go'.

**Dan Killian & Tony Allcock**

## **PENSIONERS' PATIO**

Have you ever seen a *Phygelius*? We hadn't until last year, when we were presented with one in a gorgeous deep blue ceramic container, which our resident weight lifter was just able to manhandle into place. Information about the plant itself seemed scarce, except that it is a sub-shrub, whatever that is. So it was pruned by guesswork when it got straggly and luckily it hasn't resented this, for this year it has even more flower-spikes, each with a crop of pendant tubular flowers the colour of butter. I like it – it's different without being intrusive.

Blackie has evidently block-booked the garden for himself, his wife and what appears to be their sole surviving offspring. The latter was introduced to the bird table and the birdbath, where he splashes each day with his doting father perched on the edge, no doubt reminding him to wash behind the ears. Any intruders are soon sent on their way. The jackdaws next door seem to have been rather more successful in their childrearing. But how on earth do they all crowd into that chimneypot at night?

Still on the subject of birds, a scandal in the feathered community was narrowly averted last week when one of 'our' pair of collared doves perched on the bungalow roof, to be joined not, as usual, by her partner, but by a large wood pigeon. His bowing and scraping towards her left no doubt of his strictly dishonourable intentions, but fortunately the male dove was quickly on the scene. I don't know what he said to her but it must have been persuasive, for the two flew off together to their usual perch, the telegraph pole in the driveway. The frustrated suitor called mournfully for a while before accepting that true love had triumphed. Hunkiness isn't everything.

**Edyth Algar**

## **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Thank you, Judy, for organising both outings last month. The coach trip to Anglesea Abbey had wall-to-wall sunshine, an interesting venue and good journeys there and back. One or two of us did wonder when we set off whether we were going in the right direction, but a journey with virtually no traffic delays resulted! The loss of electrical power at the Abbey was very unfortunate, but the restaurant did its best to make sure people did not starve. It was good to see some people from Ladbroke on the trip. How about joining the Society - you don't have to garden, just have an interest in plants.

The evening trip to Spring House was very enjoyable; the owners Mr. and Mrs. Shepley-Cuthbert were very welcoming. Their garden was

lovely - beautiful trees and shrubs, also honeysuckle, clematis, roses, cranesbill, etc. They discovered a dell with a very overgrown bog garden, and with nearly 30 years hard work and dedication they have cleared and restored it. The TV series on Helegan a couple of years ago came to mind. The evening was dull and overcast, but mostly dry, what a contrast to the previous hot weekend. We ended the evening with coffee and biscuits. Thank you again, Judy.

This is the last opportunity I shall have to 'plug' the Open Gardens' Weekend on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July**. If anyone who isn't involved would like to offer their services in any capacity, please phone Mrs. Pat Smith 612650 or me on 612515. Please support us in any case, as the village benefits. Programmes are now on sale from Kath Ellis and Mary & Paul Muggleston, price £2.

The schedules for the Village Show on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September** will soon be ready. When, in the sections for photography and handicrafts, it states MOUNTED but not FRAMED, it means just that.

Having mentioned the show, it is time to collect the trophies and cups to be engraved for the next one! Please find them and give them a final polish, then either Ron or I will collect them. Should you be going on holiday, please give them to Mrs. Julie Clarke, 32, South Parade, or any committee member.

Note: *Please deliver any plants to be sold at the Open Gardens Weekend, labelled and priced, to Mr. & Mrs. Lowe, 4, Vicarage Lane – remember you get the proceeds.*

**Muriel Grey**

## **GARDENING NOTES**

Those few days of summer were wonderful for just lazing in the garden without the feeling that something needed attention. It did not - it was just too hot. Now the English weather is back to normal, so get the summer work done and then sit back again in the deck chair.

Trim hedges, especially the evergreen ones. Compost all lawn clippings or use them as mulch. However, do not do this if a weedkiller has been used on the grass. Keep a lookout for perennial weeds that can hide amongst vigorous plants and only become obvious when they flower. If the weather does turn dry, remember to water trees and shrubs that were planted earlier. Be sure to give each plant a good soak with a can full of water. Soft fruit may need water even if we do have rain, as this does not always penetrate through thick leafy growth.

New aquatic plants will grow quickly if put in now. Unfortunately blanket weed and duckweed will also romp away, so remove this regularly, and clean pump filters too.

Pinch out courgettes and marrows and sow all the salad vegetables in short rows at fortnightly intervals to prevent a glut of anything. Remember to move plants in containers to the shade if you are going away, unless someone can water them for you.

Plant of the month: Carnation

The members of the Dianthus family are as much a part of a summer day as strawberries and cream. The perennial border carnations and pinks have been popular since at least the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, with frequent references in literature from Chaucer to the present day. The name then may have been gilovre, gillyflower or sops in wine but the fragrance was just as distinctive.

Growing them was the pastime of rich and poor alike, and purely for pleasure. The weavers in Paisley were so absorbed in their hobby that they incorporated them into the designs of their famous shawls. The famous Mrs. Sinkins pink was raised in a workhouse in Slough and is incorporated in the town coat of arms.

There is the story that a secret message was sent to the imprisoned Marie Antoinette inside a carnation but her surprised look gave away the plot. Montagu Allwood is the name most people associate with this flower, which can bloom from May until November.

No family of flowers has been so developed and improved as the carnation and with an endless colour range. However, pink is probably a corruption of 'pinct' meaning scalloped, which described the petals of the carnation. So the flower gave its name to the colour and not vice versa, as is generally supposed.

**Pat Smith**

## Letters to the Editors

*Dear Editors*

*I would like to send my sincere thanks to every one for their generous donations to the Cancer Research.*

*I have just received notification that £155 was raised on behalf of my late husband Bill.*

*Once again, my thanks to you all.*

***Peggie Butcher***

*Dear Editors*

*On behalf of the Save the Children Fund we would like to thank everybody who supported our stall at the Harbury Carnival.*

*We took almost £90 - greatly helped by the many children who spent their pocket money on the Lucky Wheel and a donation from the Float Procession.*

*Yours sincerely*

***Sallie Humphries & Gunde Walshe***

*Dear Editors*

*May I say a very big thank you to everyone – the performers Mercian Consort, Deirdre and Mavis, my helpers Jim, Carol, Pat, Alan and Jean, and to all who so generously supported us at the British Heart Foundation's Concert on May 20<sup>th</sup>.*

*As a result we were able to send a very creditable £324 to the Foundation. This money has gone to help pay for specialist equipment already installed in Walsgrave Hospital. So far this year, we have already been able to contribute £465 to the Foundation. The thanks from the area organiser must go to a very generous Harbury.*

*Thank you.*

***Gladys Hutchins***

*Dear Editors*

*I went on the Senior Citizens outing for the first time this year.*

*I am sure everyone will join me in thanking 'the gang' for organising the trip to York, which was most enjoyable.*

*An appreciative wrinkly.*

***Jeanne Beaumont***

*Dear Editors*

*Once again we have to thank the Senior Citizens Committee for a most enjoyable outing. This year our destination was the lovely City of York conveyed as usual by our trusty Johnson's coaches equipped with all mod cons.*

*We left Harbury under threatening black clouds, but our arrival around one o'clock was to a warm overcast city. With over four hours to indulge its many attractions, those of us who were fleet-of-foot were able to walk the walls, visit the Minster and reminisce at the National Railway Museum, which incidentally, is now free admission to senior citizens (surely the bargain of the day).*

*Some found the shops and restaurants tucked away in the narrow streets interesting while others found the open top tour bus an easier way to explore the sites.*

*Foot sore and weary we found our way back to our coaches and when mother hen had retrieved her two lost chicks we set off for home arriving back just before 10.00pm.*

*Many thanks to the Harbury Senior Citizens' Committee, Margaret Taylor and her assistants for a truly enjoyable day.*

***Ralph Swadling***

*Dear Editors*

*May I take this opportunity to thank Sharon Hancock for the assistance she rendered to my daughter, Raquel, following an accident at the Junction with the Fosse Way yesterday.*

*May I also thank her for contacting the Council's Highways Department so speedily to get the overgrown grass at the junction cut, so avoiding any further, needless accidents.*

*Yours faithfully*

***Alan Lea***

*Dear Editors*

*Earlier in the year, you kindly highlighted my intention to walk the length of the country in aid of the Acorns Children's Hospice in Birmingham. I am now writing to confirm the finalised details of the venture.*

*The event has, by necessity, metamorphosed into something other than I had originally intended, because the hospice were unable to find a driver to cover a six week walk. They have obtained the services of a student for three weeks, so the same journey will be made by cycle rather than on foot (I wasn't prepared to countenance jogging that far!)*

*I am now setting off from John O'Groats on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June and I am delighted to say that three stalwart chaps from the village, Raymond Flanagan, Nigel Wright and Peter Walshe, will be keeping me company for various stages of the trip. We should be arriving in Harbury on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July and we intend to relax in the Shakespeare Inn for the evening if anyone wishes to say hello (and put money in the bucket). We will also then be having a day off on the Saturday and hope to put the same bucket round at the Jazz Festival before setting off for the final push south on the Sunday.*

*I currently have around £15,000 pledged or paid, with an impressive total of £10 (yes, ten pounds) coming from within the village. Please give anything you can afford, I guarantee that no one reading this would wish to be in the shoes of these children and their families.*

*Thank you.*

**Jonathan Cook**

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