



The recent fuel crises brought home to us all the fragility of our rural existence. Most of us need petrol to carry out our daily routines and this may be one area on which the forthcoming Village Appraisal may focus.

The GM Forum created so much interest that a supplement relating to this issue has been included with the magazine. We hope this will inform the debate which has continued since the meeting. However, there has been some 'RAGE' expressed in the village about the indiscriminate fly posting that has left many signposts etc. defaced.

Another environmental issue that received considerable publicity in the local press resulted from one man's crusade to clean up our pavements. The Leamington Courier's editorial congratulated this public-spirited resident for making a stand. The District Council Environmental Health Department (01789 260814) has agreed to initiate prosecutions if evidence is produced.

Were you shaken or stirred from your sleep in last month's earthquake that scored 4.2 on the Richter scale? A website has been set up by the British Geological Survey on [www.gsr.ac.uk](http://www.gsr.ac.uk) for residents to record this experience.

We have been asked to enquire whether there are any blind or partially sighted residents who would like to receive the H&L News on audiotape. If you know of anybody who would benefit from this service, please contact 612155.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Andrew Cadogan, Robert Patrick, Cyril Roberts, Joseph Smith and Dorothy Wrighton.

## Harbury Diary

### OCTOBER

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| Sun   | 8  | 16 <sup>th</sup> AFTER TRINITY – Holy Communion 8am<br>Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm<br>Harbury 7-12 Minis Rugby home to Berkswell & Balsall                                |
| Mon   | 9  | PTA AGM in School 8pm   |
| Tues  | 10 | Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm<br>Parents' evening in School 6-8.30pm<br>Area Parish Councils' meeting in Village Hall 7-11pm<br>Holy Communion 7.30pm                            |
| Wed   | 11 | Martial Arts in Village Hall 6pm<br>Harbury Society talk on Canals & Aqueducts in Tom Hauley Room 7.30 for 8pm<br>Parents' Evening in School 6-8.30pm<br>Prayer meeting in Church 8pm |
| Thurs | 12 | Holy Communion 9.45pm<br>Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm<br>Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm<br>WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm   |
| Fri   | 13 | School Harvest Festival   |

- Sat 14 Pre-School Jumble Sale in Village Hall  
Victorian Street Fayre  
Cambodian Street Children Coffee morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am  
Rugby 1<sup>st</sup> XV home to Coventry Tech
- Sun 15 17<sup>th</sup> AFTER TRINITY** - Holy Communion 8am; Family Communion 10.30am  
**ADVERTS 31, Binswood End by 5.30pm**
- Tues 17 Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm  
Holy Communion 7.30pm; Mothers' Union 8pm  
Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8pm  
Open Forum at Harbury School – Governors report to parents
- Wed 18 Martial Arts in Village Hall 6pm  
"Talk it through" at 33, South Parade 8pm  
Twining Association French Circle showing French Film Tom Hauley Room 8pm
- Thurs 19 Holy Communion 9.45am  
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
- Fri 20 Newspaper Collection
- Sat 21 Cricket Club coffee morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am  
Rugby 2<sup>nd</sup> XV home to Atherstone  
Myton Hospice Plant Sale in The Dog Inn car park 1-4pm  
Caldicot Male Voice Choir in Church 7pm (contact Julie Linforth 612696)
- Sun 22 18<sup>th</sup> AFTER TRINITY** - Holy Communion 8am  
Sung Eucharist and Confirmation with Bishop Colin 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
- Tues 24 Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm  
Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Julian Group in Church 8pm
- Wed 25 RSPCA Coffee Morning, Wissett Lodge, Church St. 10am  
Martial Arts in Village Hall 6pm  
Prayer meeting in Church 8pm
- Thurs 26 Holy Communion 9.45am  
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm  
Youth Club CANCELLED  
Parish Council meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 27 **ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm**
- Sat 28 St. Simon and St. Jude – Holy Communion 9.30am  
Save the Children coffee morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am  
Harbury 1<sup>st</sup> XV home to Alcester  
Tennis Club Jumble Sale in Village Hall 10am
- Sun 29 LAST AFTER TRINITY** - Holy Communion 8am  
**CLOCKS GO BACK**  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am  
Evensong 4pm  
Rugby Under 17s home to Broad Street
- Tues 31 Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm  
Holy Communion 7.30pm

## NOVEMBER

- Wed 1 All Saints' – Holy Communion 2pm; Mothers' Union 2.30pm  
Martial Arts in Village Hall 6pm  
"Talk it through" at 33, South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 2 All Souls' - Holy Communion 9.45am  
Storytelling in Library 10am  
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm  
Folk Club in The Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 3 Newspaper collection
- Sat 4 PTA coffee morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am  
Village Bonfire
- Sun 5 4<sup>th</sup> BEFORE ADVENT** - Sung Eucharist 9am  
Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am; Evensong 4pm  
Rugby Under 16s home to Earlsdon

## HARBURY DIRECTORY

The Harbury Directory is woefully in need of updating. All organisations included in the current Directory, I will be contacting shortly to update their entry. If there are any new clubs/organisations that are not currently listed and would wish to be included in the new Directory please contact me on 612155.

**John Holden**

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**Please note: Adverts to 31, Binswood End by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Articles to Harbury Chemist by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

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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 6:15-7:30pm

**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 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, and  
 Jim Farrell 811216 (Mob. 0777 6130569)

**Under 9/10s:** Training: Harbury School Pitch 10:30am  
 Coaches: Joe Greenwell 613623 & Jim Ward 612401, and  
 Adrian Hawley 614353 & Rob Wilkes 613948

**Under 10/11s:** Training: Playing Fields 9:00am  
 Coaches: Steve Darby 613330 & Trevor Montague 612340

**Under 12/13s:** Training: Playing Fields 10:30am  
 Coaches: John Wilkins 612115 & Steve Wilkins 614574

**Under 14/15s:** Training: Playing Fields 10:30am  
 Coaches: Paul Harris 613148

**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:** (613239) Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays 6:30pm;

Matches on Saturday Afternoon

**SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

**TAI CHI:** (614730) Village Hall, Wednesdays 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) The Dog Inn, last Tuesday of Month 8:00pm

**THURSDAY CLUB:** (612273) 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 Help line 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.

### **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

The matron of a residential home had her six-year-old niece visiting her. The little girl looked at a very old lady and said: *Are you very old?*

After a pause the lady smiled and replied: *No, I wouldn't say that I was old, but I must admit that I've been young for an awfully long time.*

## FROM THE RECTOR

*To fail to prepare is to prepare to fail . . . . .*

If you plan to get married this year the chances are that you've left it too late! To plan a wedding can take months of formalities. You have to book the hall, book the caterers, book the photographer, book the cars, book the Church, and so on.

Many couples find they need to allow 12 – 18 months to ensure they can co-ordinate all the bookings for the right day. And probably one of the major disadvantages about today - the practicalities and social customs of our society seem to centre on the wedding rather than the marriage. The formalities of a Church wedding can often seem just one more thing to be added to the countless list of “things to be done”. Yet, if Christian marriage is to be a ‘gold star’ grade of marriage in terms of faithfulness, commitment and a life of loving for a couple, it is clear that marriage preparation must take precedence over wedding preparations.

Unfortunately, many engaged couples find themselves swept along by the pressures and expectations of their families and barely get a chance to consider what kind of a marriage they want. It is important that they resist outside influences and take time to discuss and consider their expectations, their attitudes towards having children, sharing finance, fidelity and the life long ideal of Christian marriage. It is fatal to put off such discussions until after the marriage in the vague belief that “things will sort themselves out when the time comes”. They won't and you will have committed yourself.

It is also vital to discuss differences in religious beliefs. Part of what makes us the kind of people we are revolves around our ideas about God and the purposes of life. Couples need to share this important part of themselves in a spirit of mutual understanding and respect for each other's views.

The giving of each partner to the other is at the heart of marriage and this is why it is so important for a couple to be able to understand and be fully aware of the special and unique features of Christian marriage which are not found in any other kind of marriage. Only then can an informed decision be made: “Do I want a Christian marriage or a contract marriage?”

**Fr. Roy**

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### *Holy Matrimony - Ladbroke*

9 <sup>th</sup> September	Adrian Wilkins to Allison White
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Arthur Gibson to Audrey Bailey

## ***Holy Baptism - Harbury***

10 <sup>th</sup> September	Kimberley Jane Bos Hannah Louise Fryer
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Thomas Michael Gahan
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Meredith Haidee Bull

## ***Funerals - Oakleywood***

8<sup>th</sup> September                      Cyril Roberts, aged 78

## ***Funerals – All Saints’ Harbury***

19 <sup>th</sup> September	Joseph James Smith, aged 67
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Dorothy Joan Wrighton, aged 78

## **FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS**

A big Thank You to all who gave so generously to the Gift Day. The amount raised was close to £4,000, which will go more than half way towards the cost of repairs to the bell tower roof and work will commence this month – again thank you.

The Harvest Festival family service was a thanksgiving in both serious and a lighthearted way. The church was wonderfully decorated with produce, reminding us of the reliance we have on agriculture and horticulture, and Tony Stubbs led the Men’s Group in the presentation of the ‘Larder’, which involved many of the children and gave a strong message in a humorous way.

The produce was given to the Helen Ley Home – who convey their thanks to all who had given it for the Festival.

Harvest Supper will probably have taken place by the time you read this but it will be a good evening and thanks in advance to all those who will be making it so.

The Victorian Street Fair takes place on **October 14<sup>th</sup>** – the Church will have a stall there so please do support it.

On **October 28<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a Parish Forum in the Tom Hauley Room from 2.00pm until 5.00pm entitled ‘The Way Forward’. The intention is to plan how we are to progress as a Parish by identifying needs and harnessing the abilities we have amongst us, to meet those needs in the way which God directs us. Please do come along.

**Felicity and John**

## **MOTHERS’ UNION**

Afternoon meeting: There was a special Communion service to start off the new year – with hymns, prayers, a reading, and an Address by Father Roy. After the service we had a cup of tea in the Tom Hauley Room and discussed plans for the next year. Betty Atkins has retired from the committee and we thank her for her loyal support.

£142.23 from our coffee morning and bring and buy sale has been sent off to be divided between the ‘Away From It All’ holiday scheme and diocesan and provincial M.U. funds.

Evening meeting: After the Communion service, as members moved into the Tom Hauley Room, Joan Smith greeted us in the full black costume of a woman in the United Arab Emirates – the subject of her talk. Only Joan's eyes were visible as she told us of the vast changes in lifestyle of these women over the past 30 years – since the discovery of oil.



It is difficult to imagine the transformation from the poverty stricken living conditions then to the comparative life of luxury now. Women are becoming less subservient and more independent as education improves. There are still some arranged marriages (resulting in a high divorce rate).

Health care is improving too and the population of Abu Dhabi – where Joan was living – is increasing constantly as people come in from Europe, Asia, Eastern Europe, China, Japan, etc. There is a very good mix of people – all getting along with each other and respecting the various cultures and religions. One thing, which Joan stressed, is that it is a very safe place to be, with virtually no crime.

Next meetings:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm Service; 8.00pm 'Act of Praise' Designs for Embroidery by Audrey Hobleby

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2.00pm Service; 2.30pm 'Guide Dogs' Talk by Lib Cook.

**Anne Moore**

**TODDLERS' SERVICE**

In September we had our Harvest service. Mrs. Bedford talked about harvest and the children helped to fill her basket with different kinds of food. She then told us where each one came from, and read us a book about life and work on a farm. We thanked God for our food and sang: *We plough the fields and scatter.*

The children then made paper tractors to take home.

Next service is on **October 10<sup>th</sup>**, at 2.15pm.

**C. Mary Catt**

# Ladbroke News

**OCTOBER**

Sun 8 16<sup>th</sup> AFTER TRINITY - Sung Communion 9am  
 Tues 10 Neighbourhood Watch meeting at Village Hall 7.30pm  
 Wed 11 Holy Communion 2pm; Women's Fellowship 2.45pm  
 Fri 13 Magic Lantern Show at The Hall  
 Sun 15 17<sup>th</sup> AFTER TRINITY - Sung communion 9am

**ADVERTS 31, Binswood End by 5.30pm**

Mon	16	Millennium Club Prize Draw The Bell Inn 8pm
Wed	18	St. Luke – Holy Communion 7.30pm
<b>Sun</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> AFTER TRINITY</b> - Sung Communion 9am Children's Church 10.30am
Thurs	26	WI AGM
Fri	27	<b>ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm</b> A.G.M Ladbroke Millennium Green Trust in Village Hall, 7.30 pm
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>LAST AFTER TRINITY</b> - Sung Communion 9am
Mon	30	History Society meeting at St. Mary's School, Southam 7.30pm
Tues	31	PCC Meeting 8.15pm

**NOVEMBER**

Wed	1	All Saints' – Sung Communion 7.30pm; followed by refreshments
Sat	4	Ladbroke Bonfire and Fireworks
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> BEFORE ADVENT</b> - Family Communion 10.30am

**LADBROKE FLOWER ROTA**

October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Rutherford
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Stubbs
October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rhiann Kelsall and Jane Lesley
October 29 <sup>th</sup>	Rhiann Kelsall and Jane Lesley
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Payne
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Moore

**Jane Rutherford****LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS**

Sponsored Ride: I think all our riders from Ladbroke really enjoyed their day's work! A glorious day – not too hot. By the time all the sponsored money is in the total should be about £200, which is really very good. Many, many thanks, to all who took part and those who sponsored them. Thanks also to those who manned the church.

James (left) Constable and Dad Colin (front) with friends Gemma Daley and Dad Brian on their sponsored ride





(Below) Nicholas Steenstra and Mum Jane (sponsored ride)



Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Supper will have come and gone by the time you read this. The produce from our Harvest Thanksgiving Service is taken to Castel Froma, a home for the physically disabled, on the Lillington Road in Leamington. They are always most grateful for the produce.

We are also celebrating All Saints' Day here in Ladbroke this year, with a Holy Communion Service at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. Mr. & Mrs. David Rutherford have kindly invited us for refreshments at their home after the service. Everyone is most welcome.

The children went blackberrying at their Children's Church meeting in September – rather a disappointing crop I must say, but we had a happy time, and rounded the meeting off in church talking about the seasons and the growing of food for us and the animals and birds.

Next month we shall start to think about our Christmas Nativity tableau!

**Betty Winkfield**

### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

We had our meeting at Stella Douglas' home last month, when she gave us a most interesting display and talk about her collection of shawls. Their age, printing and designs even down to seeing an old Paisley printing block – fascinating!

She had an almost full membership present – very popular lady. Many thanks Stella. It was also good to welcome Jo Sowerby back amongst us. I do hope your house won't be long before it's a home once again, Jo.

The October meeting will be about *items of concern*. We have no speaker, and several of our members will be away. We will meet here at Hall Farm after our Communion Service in Church.

**Betty Winkfield**

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

The meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> was held in Asda's Café after a very interesting tour of the store. Marie Woodcock took us to various departments and we were even offered the chance to use a till. A good evening was had by all. A big thank you to all of Asda's friendly staff.

Next month is our AGM on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October** when hopefully there will be many nominations for the committee. A Beetle Drive will follow the selections. See you there!

## Hazel Sharples

### LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

The eighth draw of the Millennium Club for 2000 was held on September 11<sup>th</sup> at The Bell Inn. The winners were Susan Moore £80, Francis Badman £50, Josie Handscomb £ 25, Elsa Greenway, Beryl Ross, Jo Sowerby, Sue Ford and Steve Birch each won £10.

The next prize draw will take place on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** at the Bell Inn at 8.00pm.

Remember that the Magic Lantern Show will be at The Hall on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**. Sausage and baked potato will be provided. Tickets will cost £4 (adults) and £1 (children).

Catherine Spence

### LADBROKE MILLENNIUM GREEN

The Annual General Meeting of the Ladbroke Millennium Green Trust is to be held at the Village Hall on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**, at 7.30 pm.

Seven Trustees form the Trust and each Trustee holds office for a 4-year period. Two of the Trustees, Jeff Todd and Miranda Lowman have tendered their resignations, which have been reluctantly accepted. Nominations are now invited for the 2 vacant Trustee positions. Nominations should be in writing and forwarded to me at 10, Hedges Close, Ladbroke.

Please may we have your support at the AGM and we would welcome your views concerning the proposal of holding an annual summer fete on the Millennium Green, organised jointly by our village organisations.

Finally, I would mention that additional guards with the tree sponsor plaques have still to be placed around the larger trees on the Green and a notice board will shortly be placed near to the main entrance.

David Halsall

### SOUTHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

#### Ladbroke Section

The winter programme started with David Howe talking on the English language. His excellent brand of humour left us considering how common daily sayings came into being and realising how very different Shakespeare's English was to ours.

Having spent the last year looking into the name "Macklin" on our Millennium Green, I have been prompted into looking deeper still around Ladbroke.

Some names have changed very little since the 17<sup>th</sup> Century and their origins can clearly be seen. Many names are derived from the occupier, i.e. Clarkes Close was John Clarkes land as early as 1332; Edmunds and King in the 1700s occupied Edmonds Hill and Kings Hill on the parish boundary. While Mondays Corner (1900) has hardly changed, it was Mondis Corner in 1726 and Mondaie Corner in the early 1600s, before which date it had been occupied by Mondaye.

The shape of a field often gave it its name, such as Shoulder of Mutton, or its use, such as Butts Ground (1600) where archery was practised, or Town End which was Townland in 1603. These names often go back to the 14th Century, when Luytelmedewe of 1350 becomes Little Close by 1850 and Luttedoune of 1307 eventually becomes Little Hill.

Also with a tendency to date from the Middle Ages are the fields named after the crop commonly grown on it, i.e. in 1209, La Lawe is the pasture, Goseham a geese enclosure, Benelond grew beans and Flexhull grew flax. Flaxhill is still named as such today, but surely has not grown flax for more than 500 years.

So that brings me back to Macklin. Having established that it was around in this form in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, but there is no person of this name in any records, I have moved back a further 200 years and turned up the name Mickle Meadow, which appears to be an area near the stream on the Southam side of Ladbroke, but position uncertain. Well this is beginning to look promising, so back to the Old English dictionary of Warwickshire field names again.

The next History Meeting is on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm St Mary's School, Southam, when Tim Bridges will talk on Early Churches.

**Linda Doyle**

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

The response to our letter and questionnaire has been overwhelming in support of the village re-launching the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

For this reason a meeting has been called for on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall, to which every one is invited.

Barry Armitage, the Neighbourhood Watch Manager, based at Stratford Police Station, will be coming along to give us advice and to offer his assistance on how the scheme should be run. We will also need the assistance and vigilance from every corner of the village to enable the scheme to be run properly.

We do not anticipate the meeting lasting too long and look forward to seeing you on the evening.

**Janice Berry and Mike Radburn**

## **LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

Parish Chairman, Jeff Todd, had to send apologies for this meeting but parish clerk, Elsa Greenway and the other parish councillors were present, namely Peter Williamson, Geoff Timms, Beverley Bradley and Carol Lane as well as District Councillor Geraint Morgan and County Councillor Bob Stevens.

### **Restoration in the village**

Area Surveyor, Gerry Brooks has provided dates when the first phases of the agreed works will be completed. The pavements outside Tollgate Cottage and Bell View Cottages will be attended to within 2 months. The problem of lack of turning space in Windmill Lane has been passed

to Peter Bones of Warwickshire County Council Transportation department.

### **Drainage**

This issue has been looked at by the Highways Agency who reported that, at this stage, they are not sure whether they or the District Council is responsible. Talks are ongoing.

The A423 is due to be detrunked. The Council were assured that, should an investigation prove the flooding to be the responsibility of the Agency, then work would have to be carried out before detrunking could take place.

### **Malodours between 20th and 28th July**

The smell was not due to either pig or poultry waste but treated human waste used as a fertilizer. Discussions are taking place between Severn Trent and the Environmental Health agency to prevent this happening again.

### **Noise on the night of 9th September**

This was a private party of 500 people between 11.00 p.m. on Saturday and 8.00 a.m. on Sunday. The Police and the Environmental Health department were involved and are to draw up a plan to cope should there be a recurrence.

The contact number to phone should anyone wish to seek advice in future is 01789 414066.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

All villagers who have responded positively to the letter are to be invited to a meeting on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**. Anyone else who is interested is welcome to contact Janice Berry at Yew Tree Cottage.

### **Planning Matters**

There is to be a Planning Appeal inquiry on the Blue Circle Industries plc on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** at 10.00 a.m. at Stratford District Council offices.

### **County Councillor's report**

Bob Stevens informed the Council that there is a promise of more rural policing and this area is a priority,

### **District Councillor's report**

The bid for Lottery money made by Southam Leisure Centre was not successful. However £800,000 has been earmarked to develop the facilities at the pool and surrounding area.

**Carol Lane (formerly Northorpe)**

Ladbroke Bonfire and Fireworks, <b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b> . Further details - please contact Mark or Trish Teverson on 814814.
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Councillor Thompson was delighted with the excellent Ofsted inspection report on Harbury School and Sharon Hancock reported plans to upgrade the Sports Centre and Sports Hall at the renamed Southam College.

The Audit of the Parish Council Accounts found they were presented fairly and “sufficiently free from mis-statement” to be certified.

The Twinning Association had received £2,000 for this year’s travel costs. Year 2001 will be the turn of the French to visit Harbury, probably for Mayday.

New swings for Deppers Bridge have proved more expensive than first thought. District Councillor Daly suggested the Parish apply to the District for grant aid.

John Hunt had met MP John Maples and members of Harbury Church to discuss the possibility of providing sheltered accommodation in the village. It was suggested that this should be one of the topics explored in Harbury’s forthcoming Appraisal.

Chairman John Hunt told his colleagues that he had decided the feelings expressed at the GM Crop Public Meeting were representative of the views of the Parish and that a Poll was not necessary. He believed that the majority wanted the trial abandoned and he had written to that effect to the Minister, MP, MEP, County and District Councillors.

Stratford District Council approved plans for extensions at Threeways, 26, Ivy Lane and Old Mill House and a pitched roof at 22, Farley Avenue. The Parish Council made no representation on extensions at 2, Sutcliffe Drive, 16, The Beeches and 23, South Parade. They asked that an application to fell the Horse Chestnut at the Stables, Harbury Hall be referred to the Tree Officer. They would enquire as to whether any of the development involved in the Blue Circle Appeal Inquiry fell within Harbury Parish.

A site meeting had been held at 9, Chapel Street where the Councillors were concerned about the access to the rear of the cottages and the design of the rear extension, which did not comply with the Design Statement principles. They found the balcony oppressive and potentially overlooking neighbouring property but were pleased when the applicant, who was present, offered to redesign the plans.

A decision on the planned conversion of Lower Westfields Barn was deferred until Councillors were able to see for themselves what was involved. They would also visit 17, Binswood End where an extension and the rebuilding of the existing garage were planned.

Harbury Albion F.C.’s letter thanking the Council for replacing the goalposts unfortunately arrived just after the adult, junior and mini goals had been vandalised again. The main goalposts were put back and anti-vandal goalposts had already been ordered for the junior pitch but the mini goal would not be replaced.

The meeting then settled down to discuss lighting and particularly bollards. Councillor Winchester reported that the new bollard in Binswood End was lit all the time and that Mrs. Gurden had complained that she did not like it. Councillor Hancock asked if anyone liked it.

Councillor Wilkins called it “the village Volvo” explaining the lights never go out!

Sharon Hancock thought bollards were fine for footpaths but not alongside roads. Dutch Van Spall reported that the bollard had been a trial and that the trial had been successful – it had proved bollards were inappropriate. The Councillors were keen to uproot it there and then but thought it only fair to wait until the bollard’s champion, Councillor Stephenson, could take part in the debate. Dutch pointed out they would then have to decide were they could put it.

Unfortunately the bollard story did not end there. The bracket lamp on the corner of Dovehouse Lane has to come down. Looking to see where a replacement could be sited, the Clerk discovered the cable run passes Councillor Stephenson’s property. This proved irresistible to Councillors who declared, “as it’s Ken, it ought to be a bollard”.

There is a new through bus service to Warwick that gets there for 9.00am and leaves at 4.50pm. Details from the Traveline on 414140.

**Linda Ridgley**

## **HARBURY SOCIETY**

The weather and the fuel crisis conspired to wreck our trip to Earlswood Lakes for Heritage Open Day. However, we do have a talk about British Waterways, their Canals and Viaducts and the partnerships they are forging to interpret their heritage:

On **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**, 7.30pm for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room Edward Moss from British Waterways is our guest speaker. Do come along.

Our Photo Quiz will be there to puzzle you at the Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** in the Village Hall.

On top of all that the Committee has volunteered the Society’s help in planning the Parish Appraisal. This will provide a snapshot of the village at the beginning of the new Millennium and allow local people to indicate what they need and want in the way of extra facilities, services etc. It is exciting and will take considerable effort, however if everyone does their bit that shouldn’t be too onerous.

**Linda Ridgley**

## **HARBURY WOMEN’S INSTITUTE**

We are back in the swing of things after the summer break.

The Produce Show proved successful. The entries were first class, especially the children’s efforts. Congratulations to all who won awards with a special mention to WI members Jean Hadley, Bertha Kettle, Peggie Middleton and Jeanne Beaumont. Hope to see you all next year, well certainly that chap who said he had some flowers like the ones on show!

Mary, Doreen, Peggie and Bertha came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the recent Darts’ Final. Darts and Short Mat Bowls start again in the new term.

No speaker this month because of the petrol dispute, so we had fun and hilarity with a beetle drive.

We look forward to our Harvest Supper and another trip on the Countess of Evesham at Stratford-upon-Avon.

A reminder to members to consider being on the committee in November. New ideas are always welcome to keep the meeting interesting.

Tea Hostesses: Jean Hadley, Gunde Walshe and Diana Buck

**Jeanne Beaumont**

## **HARBURY THEATRE GROUP**

Beauty and the Best, by David Swan

By popular demand we have chosen another David Swan panto. You may remember our previous successes with *Aladdin*, *Ali Baba*, and *Frankenstein the Panto*, all hugely enjoyable. So we're now in rehearsal with *Beauty and the Beast*. This is a traditional panto based on the well-known story, but with a delicious new twist. It's set in France so there are plenty of opportunities to exploiting the entente cordial!

Putting on a panto requires tremendous backstage preparation, not to mention rehearsing the actors, so to give us more time, the performances will now be on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2001**, with a matinee on the Saturday in the Village Hall. Not at the end of November as stated in last month's H&L News.

Murder Mystery Evening for Ufton Church: Keith Hayes and other members of the Group put on a Murder Mystery Evening as part of Ufton Church's Alpha course. The White Hart was packed and a murder was successfully solved.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** at 8.00pm in the Garden Room at the Shakespeare. New members always welcome.

**Alison Hodge**

## **HARBURY FOLK CLUB**

The theme for the 190<sup>th</sup> Folk Club was Autumn. As usual some performers take the theme more seriously than others, Sue & Ian who opened the evening with their songs "The Busker" and "Where are you Now?" tend to ignore the theme altogether! Peter McDonald sang "The Old Camarthen Oak" which probably mentions Autumn, and if it doesn't, oak leaves fall off in Autumn don't they?

Des sang "Shallow Ground" which we all joined in with; Jenny plucked her harp delightfully and then accompanied Gilly to finish the first half with "O Waly, Waly".

The second half kicked off with John Black singing something about a Hedgehog, followed by a fine rendition of "Renadine" from Maggie. Ron was in fine voice with "3 Jovial Huntsmen". It was a pleasure to see Jonathon from Warwick Folk Club who sang "Who knows where the time goes". The Katherine Fear Band played a medley and Keith

Donnelly closed the second half singing “Seasons” which actually fitted the theme!

Mike continued the theme in the 3<sup>rd</sup> half with “Song for Autumn” and Gilly was spot on with “Autumn Leaves”. Keith Adams played a tune on mandolin and Margaret followed with a song. Ian & Sue closed the evening with “Bring out the old Songs” which has a whole verse devoted to Autumn.

The raffle raised £30 for The Royal Brompton & Harefield N.H.S. Trust for their continuing research into heart disease. Thank you to everyone.

**Sue Hartland**

### **1<sup>ST</sup> HARBURY BEAVERS**

We are urgently looking for a new leader or leaders. If you think you might be able to help, please contact me on 612739

**Alice Price**

### **1<sup>ST</sup> HARBURY CUB SCOUTS**

The summer holidays are over and we have already had our first Pack meeting of the new term. Due to older boys leaving Cubs and several boys changing schools we have space within the pack to take in new members. This is the first time that this has happened for 5 years and so if there are boys within the village aged between 8 and 10.5 years old who would like to join Cubs then please speak to the pack leaders (names and phone numbers at the bottom of this note).

The sort of things that we do include indoor and outdoor games, traditional scouting activities such as tracking, wide games, following maps, hiking, cooking, fire lighting etc. We are also entered in various district activities such as athletics, football, swimming, cross-country, camping. Boys who are in the Cubs can choose to do as many or as few of these activities and many others as they like. Meetings are on Wednesday nights from 6.30pm until 8.00pm during school term time.

**Rob Davis 612457**

**Sheila Malin 612928**

### **HARBURY SCHOOL 5 SPONSORED WALK**





## "HARBURY HASH



## VILLAGE CRAFTSMEN – PAST AND PRESENT



Wattle and daub exposed in High Street



Mrs. Neill and Mr & Mrs. Zonik



The Clarke girls display their gingerbread men



Manor House wall under reconstruction



Bertha Kettle and Mary Shelley with their floral arrangements



Bill Middleton celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Battle of Britain



Light Relief! Sid Field with a lamp post, not a bollard

## **HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL**

With the new term we would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone involved with Harbury Nursery School. We are delighted at how well our many new joiners have settled in and it has been particularly rewarding to see how our older children have helped make the new ones feel at home.

Our topic for the start of the term has been *my family and friends*. The children have been bringing in family photographs to show to their friends and have been drawing their own pictures of their Mummy, Daddy and brothers or sisters. They have also been telling us about their family and making their own family album. Thomas Conway commented on his sister Bethany: "She likes playing with Barbies. She is good at something, but I don't know what! She is pretty." And on his Mummy Gael: "My Mummy is good at drawing and remembering. She always remembers about me."

On September 27<sup>th</sup> we held our Nursery AGM. At the meeting we gave a review of what has been a very successful year for the Nursery and Paul Milner talked briefly about the newly introduced Foundation Stage and its implications for Early Years' Education. The meeting was very well attended and we would like to thank all those who came and offered their support to Harbury Nursery School. Particular thanks go to those who came forward to join our new committee. Anne-Marie Campion and Marie Kennedy were re-elected as Chairperson and Secretary, respectively. Helen Cooper will be our new Vice Chairperson; Carolyn Bath and Sally-Ann Batty will job-share the rôle of Treasurer, and Sue Panton, Rebecca Groves and Karen Rea were all elected as general committee members.

### **Marie Kennedy**

#### **THE PRE-SCHOOL - LEARNING THROUGH PLAY**

Well it's not been the easiest of months but we think we have snatched victory from the jaws of defeat! With the transfer of many children from the Pre-School into the Reception class of the village school, their parents understandably moved onto the delights of the PTA and we lost most of our committee. Given that most of our current parents work or have major family commitments, it has been very difficult to find people who have been prepared to take on the roles required by our constitution. But the consensus has been that "we are too good to lose" and, creative as ever, we have found a new way forward which will allow the Pre-School to continue. We have split the roles into tasks and created a larger but more organic committee who can share the work. Who knows, with more parents working, this could be a pilot model of best practice for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?

Our AGM raised a lot of issues besides the need to find a committee. The Pre-School broke even last year; in fact we made a slight profit. However, these reserves are needed against the customary shortfall in income that occurs every autumn. Nonetheless it is very heartening that such a small school can manage to survive financially. Even more heartening was the line in the accounts called donations. These sums of money, given by individuals and societies in the village, amounted to over £750. It represents a fantastic level of interest and support for our work and we are very grateful indeed to you all. Another hidden level of support is the fact that the staff pays for their training for their qualifications in Pre-School education from their own pockets. Last year, they paid £450 each in fees and we can only marvel at this level of dedication to ensure that the Pre-School is at the forefront of best practice in early years' education.

However, things are getting tighter and tighter and we are going to have to review the way we run things. Currently we are very proud that we are able to exist with classes of no more than twelve children, with a ratio of one trained member of staff to every four children. It might be that instead of using parents as a wonderful bonus that we have to use them as unpaid helpers to save money. On the other hand, since so many of our parents work, this may not be viable. We may have to look at decreasing the child:staff ratio or increasing the number of children in the class. Again, we know that high child:staff ratios and small class sizes are not only a huge benefit to the children but they are a major reason why parents choose to send their children to us so this option may be self-defeating. Some parents have suggested that if we continue to guarantee small class sizes and a high ratio of trained staff, they would be prepared to pay higher fees. It has also been suggested to us that if we could find new premises it would be very welcome if we could offer day-nursery facilities in addition to a Pre-School. This is something in which the staff is very interested although we would probably need to link with an organisation like Jigsaw nurseries. We have lots of options facing us and we will be canvassing opinion before we make our final decisions. If you have any thoughts, views or ideas, please don't wait to be asked. We would love to hear from you.

Meanwhile, our principal concern as ever has been to ensure that the children enjoy a wide range of positive, structured play in a happy and un-pressurised environment. We were very touched to be told by one working (teacher) parent that she felt that we arranged the sort of activities that she would have loved to have done if she could have been at home with her child. The activity in question was a short walk to the church with a small group of children and their key worker. On the way they collected leaves which were then counted and sorted into large and small, light green, dark green, orange and brown, leaves with fingers, leaves with zigzag edges, leaves that had really big fat slugs on them (oh joy!) and leaves that were disintegrating leaving the skeleton behind. We talked about leaves and why they fall in autumn, examined them closely and made pictures with them.

Finally, what is the well dressed child wearing this year? A bright red Harbury Pre-School T shirt, which has been sponsored by the fabulous Trevor Baldwin of Toft Builders, of course. They are really lovely and all the money will go to the Pre-School so please buy lots! They're available in the Pre-School from Monday.

Our sympathy and love goes to Marie and her family in their loss of a beloved parent.

**Harbury Pre-School Committee (yes, we're back!)**

## **HARBURY CRICKET CLUB**

The combined Harbury/Southam League side have had a successful season and the Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> XI performed well.

The Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI has played half a dozen matches, but the playing record is less significant than the introduction of several younger players to the Club. Greg Neale topped the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI batting averages and 'young' Phil Holtom the bowling, with Stuart Muggleston as best young player.

Stuart also captained the boys' side that had two exciting matches. The photo shows the players who participated in the Youth Coaching Week under the leadership of Mike Daniels and John Clifford.



Ian Jackson

### **HARBURY ALBION F.C. REPORT**

The current football season is now well under way and has begun well for the club with excellent results and performances. The team is the proverbial blend of youth and experience, and all live in or have strong connections to the village. As well as being one of the better teams in our Sunday League division, we are also one of the smartest, as we have a new kit for this season generously donated by our sponsors, Brian and Sandra (and Carling!) at the Old New Inn.

In terms of results on the field, we began the season in August with 4 pre-season friendlies of which we won 3 and drew 1. Young striker Pete Evans was the pick of the goal scorers, with 6 goals from the 4 games and good solid performances from the team in general being a feature. We have begun the season proper with an identical record, 3 wins and a draw and good passing football being played. Home matches are played at the Playing Fields on Sunday mornings and support is always welcome.

**Rob Davis**

### **HARBURY TENNIS CLUB**

The Club's doubles titles were decided over successive weekends in contrasting weather conditions. On a wet and windy afternoon Rosemary Harley and Sue Mercer overcame Mary Thompson and Krystyna Makowiecka 6-4, 6-4. The following Sunday was a scorcher for the men's event with Andrew Randall and David Hughes running out 6-4, 6-2 winners over Keith Thompson and Colin Mercer.

The Summer League fixtures were finally completed with the 'A' team having a fine win against Deddington and the 'B' team losing by the narrowest of margins against Byfield 'C'. The players don't have much time to rest as the Winter league season starts on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October**.

On the social and fundraising side, the next event is the AGM on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October** in the Tom Hauley Room at 8.00pm followed by a Jumble Sale in the Village Hall on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October**.

Under 16 News: The Intermediate Singles competitions were keenly contested throughout the summer with the semi-finals and finals being held on the last two Wednesday evenings of the season. In the 7-game semi-finals Tom Wright just edged out Peter Smart 5-2 after some long and very close rallies in the Under 12s. The other semi between Rory Cook and Sam Wilkins was even closer, with Rory just coming out on top.

The Under 16s semi-finals were also closely fought with Ben Hughes and David Lauder playing a hard-hitting match and Ben clinching a 4-3 win. The second semi was between Tom 'Doug' Walshe and Jack Fitzgerald, with Doug running out a 5-2 winner.

Both one set finals produced some excellent competitive tennis. In the Under 16s Ben and Doug were neck and neck until Ben edged it 6-4. A special mention for Doug though, as this was his first season and showed a great deal of potential.

Match of the Day was undoubtedly the Under 12s final. Every point was fiercely and skilfully contested and went to a long tiebreak, with Tom just scraping in to complete a clean sweep for the Hughes family. The match lasted an hour, which is nearly as long as Tim Henman's appearance in the Olympics! Pictured below are the 4 finalists.



Left to Right: Rory Cook, Tom Wright, Ben Wright, and Tom 'Doug' Walshe

The season has now finished and many youngsters have become much better players, but we think everyone enjoyed themselves and we look forward to seeing them next season.

**Colin and Sue Mercer**

## **HARVEST INTERNATIONAL SERVICES**

### ***Coffee Morning for Cambodia – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October in the Tom Hauley Room.***

Harvest International Services is a Christian Charity that helps homeless and orphaned children in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. We would like to support this work, which involves the following:

1. The running of an orphanage;
2. The running of a bus which goes out onto the streets and provides street children with a simple meal, basic medical attention, shower and basic education;
3. A day centre where more children are fed and receive basic education;
4. Providing training for the older children to enable them to earn a safe living.

They are very short of basic necessities.

Harvest International Services look after children who would otherwise be living on the cities rubbish dumps. What seems like a little money in the UK goes a very long way in Cambodia.

Please come along and find out more. Any offers of cakes, raffle prizes or help will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

**Allison Ashworth (613304)**

## **A PARISH APPRAISAL FOR HARBURY?**

Rebecca Frost is Stratford District's Appraisals Officer. The Parish Council invited her to a special meeting to explain why Harbury would benefit from undertaking a Village Appraisal.

An Appraisal is a community's own survey of its assets, opportunities, needs and problems. The information it gathers allows the village to plan for the future, find solutions to its problems and influence others (for instance by feeding into the Local Plan Review).

Rebecca has a wide experience of helping communities with Appraisals. There are over forty completed or underway, and Stratford District Council is so committed to the principle that it gives grants of up to £3,000 to help villages get started and has money set aside to help fund some of the projects which Appraisal shows have the support of the community.

Harbury's first task would be to form a Steering Group, set a timetable and gather opinions on the problems and the questions that people need answering. Rebecca suggested having an open day where people "brainstormed" ideas, putting suggestion boxes in shops and holding "focus meetings" for special interest groups like the young people. It was important to make sure that no one was excluded from the process.

When ideas for the topic areas had been collected we could formulate the questionnaire and when the answers came back they could be exhibited at an Open Day where people could give their views on possible solutions. From that the Steering Group could draw up an Action Plan and publish



a Draft Report for the village to decide on the priorities and who would help progress the actions.

Having done all that, Rebecca, who is young and enthusiastic, believed we should launch the Appraisal results with a PARTY! She promised her help, advice and support throughout the project, promising that the District was committed to taking our findings on board.

In our quiet way we were inspired by her enthusiasm and over twenty people volunteered to be part of the initial steering committee, or to help in some way.

The first Steering Group Meeting was fixed for **Wednesday 1st November** in the Tom Hauley Room at 7.30pm. If anyone else would like to join they should contact either:

Sue Bridgewater on 612970 e-mail: [sue\\_bridgewater@hotmail.com](mailto:sue_bridgewater@hotmail.com)  
or Janet Thornley on 612688.

Ideas for what we should be investigating as problems to be solved for the community or individuals should also be passed to Sue or Janet.

**Linda Ridgley**

## **10<sup>TH</sup> HARBURY HASH**

The first Harbury Hash was held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1991 at Thwaites Estate. This annual event then moved to a Sunday and was again run from Thwaites in '92, '93, '94, Stonythorpe in '95, '96, '97, Wood Farm in '98, and Walworth Farm in '99. So it was fitting that the 10<sup>th</sup> Harbury Hash on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September should finally start from Harbury.

The weather was perfect as 82 keen runners and walkers registered with Sue (Hash Cash) Hartland at the Village Hall. They were greeted by a giant Hedgehog, but our Grand Master Mike (Easy Pickings) Putnam was nowhere to be seen. Two devious trails had been set, one for the runners and one for the walkers. A guest appearance of the Red Arrows had been arranged to assist the walkers.



At 3:00pm precisely, well 3:13pm to be accurate, the runners set off in the direction of the village whilst the walkers ambled across the village playing fields. Some 10 minutes later, at the Bush Heath Lane stile, the runners caught up with the walkers. The Hash entered Thwaites at

Bunker's Hill, and here the runners puffed off towards Humble Bee Cottages. The far more sensible walkers just strolled to Coppice Moor where drinks and sweets had been discretely hidden. The walkers then ambled towards Warner's Hill Coppice where a bunch of rather sweaty and thirsty runners had to run the gauntlet of some frisky walkers. A regroup was reached, and the runners were finally given some water and something called Warwickshire. The final route home went via Hurdiss Farm and Pineham Farm.

The BBQs were ready waiting, refreshments consumed and this year we did not run out of salads. The customary Down Downs started with recognising the Hares: Easy Pickings, Steve (Blazing Saddles) Ekins, Emma (Eeyore) Freeman, and Doug (Dunn Inn) Freeman. Various offences were then dealt with and a rather novel marsh-mallow penalty was given to the children. Special tee shirts were awarded to the 4 sad people who have attended all 10 Harbury Hashes: John (Womble) Hancock, Sharon (Angelsea (sic)) Hancock, Peter (Born to be Wild) McDonald, and Easy Pickings.

Our special thanks to Brian Merriman for allowing us access to Thwaites Estate, Michael Thwaites for the route via Hurdiss Farm including an impromptu water stop, and indeed to all the landowners who over the past nine years have allowed us access to their land. The Hash raised £211 for the Warwick Hospital A&E appeal.

Finally a big thank you to John, Sharon and Mike for organising 10 years of Harbury Hashing. They have established an excellent family event, and now hand over control to a new Mismanagement Committee who will organise next year's Hash which will be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2001. On On.

**Doug Freeman**

## **ROTARY'S AFRICAN VISION**

## ***LITTLE PICTURE***

(Sight Savers International) Pilgrim's Way

Bill Davies' cycling pilgrimage across Northern Spain was completed at the Cathedral of Santiago on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The distance covered in 21 days from St. Jean Pied De Port was 850 km (528 miles).

An illustrated account of the pilgrimage linked to Spanish music will be held in the Tom Hauley Room on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December** in aid of Rotary International and Local Charities. Anyone interested in either cycling or walking The Comino, one of the few remaining remote and uninhabited regions of Europe is advised to ring Bill as soon as possible.

Bill thanks everyone who has so generously supported him and Rotary's African Vision during the past weeks. Donations, pledges have already realised over £600. The Charity Regional Organiser will acknowledge all sponsors/donors. Pledges outstanding should be sent to Bill and made out to *Sight Savers International* please.

For your diary, further support for this International cause – there will be an evening of Music and Song at the Tom Hauley Room on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. Thank you.

**Bill Davies (614104)**

## **BECK FAMILY – CHESTERTON-MILLERS**

About 250 years ago a young couple James and Dinah Beck gathered up their goods and chattels and moved from Solihull to Chesterton. The place they moved into looked quite grand, but inside was a lot different – the staircase had been taken out and a waterwheel had been put in its place. Their new home was Chesterton Watermill.

It had once been a comfortable Manor House, but now the ground and first floor were used for storage of grain and milling equipment and only the third floor was left for living accommodation – much later an extension was built on the back.

We know where James had come from and what his work was, but we can only guess at the real reason for him leaving the rest of his milling family in Solihull. Perhaps he was a younger son with no mill. He also ran the windmill at Chesterton so maybe the combination of the two mills made him more money than the one he had left – who knows? What we do know without any doubt is that James and Dinah and their heirs ran the two mills continuously for 132 years.

They had four children, Mary died at birth, James at the age of twenty, but William survived to adulthood and married a Harbury girl called Abigail Bowndes. They moved to Stockton where they purchased two windmills, which remained in the Beck family until they fell into disuse in the 1890s. The other son John stayed at Chesterton and took over the running of both the mills on the death of his father. John and his wife Anne produced eight children, all brought up in the watermill, of whom all but one survived, and only one, Elizabeth, was unmarried. A little is known of their lives, where they lived and what they did, due mainly to information found in John Beck's will, dated November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1802.

One of John's sons, James, became the schoolmaster at Stockton, but when his father died he moved back to Chesterton to run the mills, with his son, also called James, succeeding him. We think it was this James who also worked the windmill at Harbury, travelling by horse from one mill to another.

All the Becks had a reasonable level of education, they could all read and write, some in a very fine hand. Their signatures were fluent and stylish and this was at a time when very few people would read and could only sign their name with a mark, usually a cross.

The Becks also played an active part in the parish, as overseers of the poor and as churchwardens. Two books belonging to James Beck have survived, one a book of sermons dated 1775 and the other entitled "The Evangelical History of the Life and Actions of our Lord Jesus Christ", dated 1811. Their standard of education and standing within the community doesn't really follow the pattern and way of life normally associated with the working classes.

Whatever the reason for the Becks coming to Chesterton, they have earned their place in history and are remembered by tombstones, some of which are still legible, in Chesterton churchyard.

**Celia Barrett**

**FUND RAISING AT THE DOG INN**

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, we held a boules ‘knock-out’ competition followed by a barbeque. This event was to raise funds to enable us to re-surface our boules court in the car park. The Harbury Twinning Association, who entered 8 teams, supported this event. The Dog Inn mustered 4 teams. Each team consisted of 3 people and congratulations go to the winners, a Twinning team: Margaret McDonald, Jonathan Clarke and John Hancock.

If anyone is interested in playing boules, which is a very fascinating sport, we do have boules sets to loan out and would be pleased for anyone to use the boules court especially in the afternoons at weekends.

We plan to hold a further fund raising event in October, again to add to our funds for the upgrade of our boules court. We would appreciate your support in our fund raising. Please see posters, which will be displayed in the village in the near future giving further details.

Finally, we are grateful to the Twinning Association for their support of this event and thank them for their contribution in providing some of the raffle prizes.

**Yvonne and Steve**

### **PENSIONERS’ PATIO**

*Season of mists . . .*, and other things too. Dit Keats, I wonder, have a tame sweeper-up of leaves? Not that we’d like to be without those fine specimens that now rain down their daily quota – far from it. Besides, what’s more enjoyable than the excuse for a little moan, unless it’s the actual foray with rake and shovel into an atmosphere lighter and fresher than before, with its nostalgic hint of log fires to come (even if artificial).

And then there’s the squirrel, playing skittles on the roof with the walnuts from the tree behind us. Usually he follows them down to bury them on our scrap of lawn. Not this year – was he being generous, we asked ourselves, gathering up a sizeable pile? Curiosity compelled us to search for the nutcrackers; we soon realised his quality control rivals Sainsbury’s – all were empty or contained the meanest of kernels.

In past years I have been puzzled when watching him retrieve those buried in the lawn: we’ve all heard of blackbirds listening for worms, but a squirrel listening for nuts? That’s what it looked like. Trying to find an explanation, I decided he must have a map in his mind of his countless hiding places, and it took him a few moments to call up the correct spot on the disk. This was only a half-serious thought, but last week a news item caught my attention. Small birds, it appears, also hide food in autumn, and now scientists have found their brains expand at this season to hold the additional information. So, who’s going to measure a squirrel’s brain?

My thanks to the reader who sent a message about a humming-bird hawk moth recently in his garden; there was one here a year or more ago, and like him I felt one couldn’t make a mistake over identification – the name so perfectly fits the creature’s behaviour. Who learnt these tricks first, the insect or the bird? But there’s another question: this migrant visitor is suspected of hibernating at times in this country: we all know Harbury is ‘well regarded’ and ‘sought after’ (we’ve the local estate agents’ word

for it) so has the hawk-moth fraternity been reading the adverts? Is there a colony wintering in your garden?

**Edyth Algar**

## **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

That was quite a Village Show - our thanks to all the competitors. There were many new names and quite a few familiar ones! Once again, anybody who tried to grow produce, realised it was difficult. There were mutterings – “three weeks ago my roses, fuchsias, plums, etc. were lovely” – a challenge indeed!

In spite of the various hiccups the children’s entries were very good. The judges were well occupied for all sections, but Ron and Janice were particularly pleased to see the response in the photography sections. It was nice to see more in the handicraft section too. Our thanks to the shopkeepers and other outlets for handling the schedules and everybody who helped in any way. The generous response for the Tombola prizes was very gratifying – thank you all very much – the proceeds help to fund the show. Thank you Ron and Janice for all your work and efforts.

Our new season of talks start in October and this means subs will be due again. Due to rising costs – speakers etc. the amount will be £3 per member, very good value for 12 months of interesting talks and events, also the popular party and outings!

The first talk will be given by Mr. Hardy entitled *Low Maintenance Gardening* on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** in the Farley Room at 8.00pm. Mr. Hardy has spoken to us on previous occasions and once again I am sure he will be informative and interesting.

The AGM will be in November, any nominations for the new committee (especially for the chairman, secretary and show secretary) or resolutions should be in writing and addressed to the secretary Mrs. Julie Clarke by **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**.

With the start of the new season the dark evenings are already here, as you will have noticed. I am sure members who have cars would give lifts to the meetings to those who haven’t transport, just ask them!

Finally, here is the list of cup winners:

Back Trophy	Peter Badger
Up to 7 Jean Dun Cup	Millie Evans
8-12 Fred Lines Cup	Harriet Randall
Allotment Holders Cup	1 <sup>st</sup> Mr. A. Pratt
Allotment Holders Tray	Mr. P. Clarke
Top Tray Gold	Mr. P. Clarke
Top Tray Silver	Mr. R. Lawson
Top Tray Bronze	Mr. J. Brunt
Top Vase Gold	Mr. P. Clarke
Top Vase Silver	Mrs. A. Lambert
Farley Cup (veg)	Mr. P. Clarke
Grey Cup Novice (veg)	Mrs. H. McMahon
Courier Cup (flowers)	Mr. P. Clarke
Schofield Tray (flower, best in section)	Mr. P. Clarke
All Saints’ Cup (fruit)	Mr. J. Smith
Reg Harris Cup (fruit, best in section)	Mrs. H. Turner
Brunton Cup (flower arrangement)	Mrs. B. Kettle
Daniel Trophy (cooking)	Mrs. J. Hadley

Zonik Cup (wines)  
 Hort. Soc. Cup (handicrafts)  
 Rigden Cup (photography)  
 WI Trophy  
 Barnes Cup  
 Wilkins Cup

Mrs. J. Beaumont  
 Mrs. P. Middleton  
 Mrs. J. Killian  
 Mrs. J. Hadley  
 Mr. R. Lawson  
 Mr. P. Clarke



Julie and Pat  
 Clarke display  
 their impressive  
 produce at the  
 Village Show

Just in case the November issue isn't distributed in time, the talk on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November is "Herbaceous Borders" to be given by Mr. Pearce.

**Muriel Grey**

## **GARDENING NOTES**

Time now to think about preparing the garden for battening down the hatches before winter. Clean out the greenhouse, find space for storage, and buy in bubble wrap and garden fleece. Lift any remaining tender plants or decide how to protect them during cold weather. This may mean covering them with straw, bark or dry leaves, which will probably need to be kept in place with chicken wire. Move patio pots to more sheltered positions and plan winter or even spring displays if you are a year-round gardener. Alternatively, breathe a sigh of relief and draw the curtains on the garden!

Autumn is a good time to clear out a pool, which has become too overgrown. When removing aquatic plants leave them on the side of the pool for a couple of days to allow any water animals a chance to return to the water. A thorough clean out now will allow more wildlife to use the pool next year, and garden pools are a vital part of many creatures survival. If you do not have a pool think about constructing one. There are plenty of styles to choose from, and even a small dish type will bring in more birds and attract dragonflies, although they will not lay their eggs in very shallow weed-free water.

Remove the last of the annuals and cut down the perennials as flowering finishes, but leave a small section of old stems for winter protection. Plant bulbs including lilies in pots and keep an eye on bowls of prepared hyacinths to make sure the roots do not push the bulb out. Plant new shrubs, trees and perennials whilst the soil remains warm. Mulch around the stems or put a 2-3ft. collar of black plastic on the soil around the

plants. Plant out wallflowers, bellis daisies and pansies. There is still time at the start of the month to sow or lay a new lawn.

Store apples and pears on crinkled newspaper in boxes. Prune away fruited canes of blackberries and raspberries at soil level. Rest marrows on bricks to ripen and bake the skins and they will store for months. Plant out spring cabbage.

#### Plant of the month Colchicums

Pushing up through the soil in a sunny site in front of shrubs, the autumn crocus brings a brilliant splash of colour to the late displays. They belong to the lily family and not the iris family of the spring crocus. Named colchicum because they were originally brought from the Black Sea shores of Colchis, now Georgia, and these plants are found in several parts of East Europe and Asia Minor. They grow from a corm, which produces large strap-like leaves in spring that die down during early summer before the flowers of white or shades of pinky purple appear.

Plant them in groups in an open well drained sunny site where they can grow undisturbed, but where the rather untidy leaves can be disguised by surrounding plants. They look good amongst low growing grey or silver leaved plants or ground cover ivy that gives some support to the stem which is really an extension of the petals.

Colchicum autumnale, also known as the Meadow saffron, is not the cooking saffron but the source of a narcotic poison and can be found growing wild in Southern Britain. The C.speciosum is usually easier to grow but the even more robust hybrids named The Giant, Waterlily, etc. are the ones stocked by most garden centres. It is too late to plant them now but look out for them around July next year to give flowers in October.

**Pat Smith**

## Letters to the Editors

*Dear Editors*

*We would like to thank everyone in Harbury for their wonderful kindness at the death of our son Robert. It has been a great support to us all.*

***Andrew, Jenny, Ed & Gail Patrick***

*Dear Editors*

*We would like to thank everyone who has sent us cards, flowers and messages of sympathy after Andrew's tragic death last month.*

*We are still struggling to come to terms with our grief, but the knowledge that we have so many caring friends is a great comfort and support.*

*Thank you all very much.*

***Jill, Bernard, Nicola and Stephen Cadogan***

*Dear Editors*

*We would like to thank the kind people of Harbury for all the letters, cards and flowers – they have been such help on losing such a lovely Mum.*

*Thank you to Dr. Hancock and Nurses, Diane and Pat, for their kindness to mum. Also a big thank you to Mary for giving Bertie the cat a good home.*

*Thank you all once again.*

***Hazel, Tony and Family  
Terry, Carol and Family***

*Dear Editors*

*On behalf of my family in France and myself, I would like to thank all relations and friends for the beautiful flowers, cards and letters, on the very sad loss of our beloved Marc.*

*Your kindness and prayers will remain with us always.*

*Yours sincerely*

***Jean Herbert***

*Dear Editors*

*We would like to thank everyone for their many kind words, messages, cards and flowers following the sudden death of our wonderful Dad and Grampy, Jim Smith of 15, Vicarage Lane.*

*Your kindness is helping us through a difficult time and we appreciate everyone's support more than we can say. Can we particularly say thank you to Fr. Roy for a very moving service and also Pat and Dave and family, without whose unfailing help we could not have managed.*

*Finally, we hope that Dad is now at peace and with his beloved Sheila, which is all he ever really wanted. Thank you everyone.*

***Sue, Steve and Barbara,  
Kirsty, Hollie and Fay Smith***

*Dear Editors*

*On a recent trip back to Harbury I picked up a copy of the Harbury & Ladbroke News. Since my return to Canada I've had great pleasure in reading all the news & looking at the archival pictures.*

*You can be sure I shall be looking at your web site on a regular basis to keep abreast of what is happening in the village that I left in 1956.*

***Sheila Hutchinson***  
***[shedhut@vanisle.net](mailto:shedhut@vanisle.net)***

*Dear Editors*

*May we convey, through your magazine, our thanks to those who came to the above fund raising event and gave so generously.*

*The Harbury spirit was once more in evidence! Yes, a wonderful response and due to many generous donations of cakes, raffle prizes and other gifts – the grand sum of £166.90 was realised.*



*A Big Thank You.*

***Pam and David Clarke***

*Dear Editors*

***Youth Cricket Coaching Held August***

*I would like to express my thanks to all the parents who supported the cricket coaching held this year. Their generous contributions ensured that helmets and other equipment were readily available.*

*Some of the youngsters have already played in one or either of the Harbury sides, and future prospects are looking bright.*

*I received wonderful support from Ian Jackson, John Clifford (two gentlemen who know their cricket) and can relate to young people having many years of teaching and admin experience. Again my thanks to all concerned.*

***Michael G. Daniels – Southam***

*Dear Editors*

*Harbury Third Millennium Project, Making A Difference in Nepal and Balochistan.*

*Thank you everyone – approximately £400 was raised towards the target of £4,000. Each household will have the opportunity to make a donation during the house-to-house collection in October. Come and visit us on the “MAD” stall at the Victorian Street Fayre.*

***Marian Millington***

*Dear Editors*

*May we, through the Harbury and Ladbroke News, say a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make our Ruby Wedding Anniversary such a happy day.*

*Thanks to: Ray, for the delicious buffet; Chris for the lovely cake; everyone who sent flowers, gifts, cards and congratulations; our grandchildren for being so well-behaved on the day; our party guests for their excellent company.*

*We hope they enjoyed it as much as we did!*

***Pete & Barbara Andrews***

*Dear Editors*

*In response to the discussion that took place at the Village Appraisal meeting, I'd like to turn the old joke on its head and say that if I were you, and wanted to go there, I would start from here.*

*There was, rightly, much talk at the meeting about change and moving on. Of course, Harbury needs to change and particularly, as was made clear, we must meet the needs of the young and of the elderly. But in both these areas, as in others, much is being done, not only in public but also behind the scenes. We need to take account of this.*

*Harbury has changed; it has not been and is not averse to change: it is changing. As someone, whose family connections, along with those of*

*many others, go back to the 1920s, I can vicariously and personally bear witness to this. I applaud the courage and the initiative of the organisers and the presenter of the Appraisal meeting, but would suggest that we, as a community, need time to assess and build on all that has been and is being done, and, please, don't let's throw out the baby with the bath water.*

*Yours sincerely*

***Felicity Harris***