

Ladbroke Millennium Green was put to good use with the holding of the inaugural Village Fete. The fine weather ensured the success of the



Waiting to get wet at the sponge throwing competition at Ladbroke Fete

day, see our centre pages for photographs of the event.

A continuing success for Susie Tawney: she recently won two gold medals at the 2001 British Veterans Championships in the 2000 and 5000 metre steeplechases.

The Summer holidays are upon us and one opportunity provided for children is the summer play scheme running from 13th – 17th August in the Tom Hauley Room – see advertisement for full details.

Finally, we extend our sympathy to the parents and family of Joshua Lowe.

FROM THE RECTOR

Giving.

You cannot love God and at the same time close your heart to the God who lives in others. Alms giving or sharing what you have with those in need has always been a duty for the believer; it is also a test of the genuineness of faith. There are many ways of helping those in need.

By giving to 'Charities.' The problems of poverty and suffering in the world are very great. The ways of fighting them are not always simple. Often the best way to help us to contribute to those societies and charities which have studied the problems at first hand. They know how to help in a way that builds for a better future and preserves the dignity of those who receive.

By responding directly to sudden needs which arise. We may be required to give material or financial. This could be to someone just down the road who has fallen on hard times. Or perhaps we are called to respond to the needs of a country which has suffered famine, earthquakes or flooding. Helping as far as we can at times like that is surely little to ask. Our two villages are very good at this.

We have lots of things to give. We may not realise how much other people need things like

Time: Sometimes people just want a little of our time. But it is often the most difficult thing to give.

Influence: It takes a little energy to stop sitting on the fence and put in a good word for someone or something we believe in. But it can make all the difference to someone.

Friendliness: Friends are not ready made. We have to work at friendship. The rewards are out of all proportion to the efforts we make.

Sympathy: To try to appreciate how others are feeling is to share the burden of their suffering and sorrow.

Encouragement: One word of encouragement is worth more than a thousand of criticism.

Fr. Roy

THOUGHT

If you don't find God in the very next person you meet, it is a waste of time looking for him further.

Gandi

LAUGH LINE

Two young tourists went into a Quaker Guest House in Lakeland. As they were strangers the Warden approached and asked "Are you Friends?" Back came the reply "No we're married."

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony – All Saints', Harbury

14th July Kevin Lane to Deborah Simcock

20th July Andrew Dickinson to Samantha Neill

21st July Steven Wilson to Donna Revitt

28th July Steven Burnell to Emma Stephenson



Mr & Mrs Andrew Dickinson leaving All Saints' Church

Holy Baptism

All Saints', Harbury

1st July *Olivia Charlotte Frogley &
Jessica Elizabeth Frogley*

15th July *Jack William Hughes*

29th July *Rosie Ellen Hill*

All Saints', Ladbroke

8th July *Bailey Caitlin Jordan*

Taylor Ellen Jordan

Brooke Amber Jordan

Funerals – Oakley Wood

3rd July *Baby Joshua William Gary Lowe*

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

The holiday season is here and the annual Holiday Club invites young people to become Eco-Warriors for a few days to answer the question 'Whose World Is It Anyway'? Registration on **Monday 13th August 10.00am – 12 noon** in the Tom Hauley Room. The Holiday Club will be presenting their findings at this month's Family Service on **19th August** – so come and find the answer!

Last month's Family Service, led by Alison Abbott, reminded us of God's capacity for forgiveness and of His desire that we share His love with our neighbours. This time, the sound system behaved and everyone could hear!

The choir took part in a concert together with two other choirs at Alveston Church on 14th July. Encouraged and coached by David Ogden of the R.S.C.M., they made a good sound and Jemma and Emmeline performed an excellent flute duet – well done.

A few of us attended a workshop in the Growing Health Churches series which we felt was valuable. There is to be a similar one at Claverdon on **22nd September**.

Felicity and John

MOTHERS' UNION DATES

Afternoon Meeting: The Garden Meeting and A.G.M. was held at the Rectory on a lovely sunny afternoon. After the usual notices and reports, everyone enjoyed tea and cakes in the garden. There are no changes on the committee this time, so we look forward to next year's events – starting again in September.

On **July 9th**, 125 years of the Mothers' Union was marked by a celebration at Chesford Grange Hotel, when members and friends from the whole Coventry Diocese assembled for a service of thanksgiving. The guest speaker was Marlene Armitage, J.P. and Central Trustee of M.U., who gave a most inspiring talk on the work being done at home

and abroad, to strengthen marriage and family life and to help those in need.

Every branch, throughout the U.K. has been requested to raise £125 to mark the 125th Anniversary, and as a result of our bring and buy and coffee morning, we have sent off a cheque for £125 which will be divided between the literacy project in African countries and the parenting courses which are being set up and run by M.U.

Evening Meeting: Our walk had to be cancelled at the last minute, due to torrential rain, but the supper went ahead as planned. Twenty eight members and friends braved the elements to share a happy get together and an enjoyable meal to round off the year.

NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST

Next Meetings:

Wednesday 5th September – 2.00pm Service in Church, followed by a cup of tea in the Tom Hauley Room.

Anne Moore

TODDLERS SERVICE

The sun was our topic at the July service. The children talked about all the things we like to do when the sun shines and we sang two songs “*I love the sun*” and *We praise you for the sun.*”

We heard the story of how God made the sun, moon, stars and the earth and everything in it, and how He loves all that he has made.

Finally the children made a frieze showing people enjoying the sunshine.

Our end of term picnic was held indoors, as unfortunately, the sun did not co-operate.

The next Toddlers Service will be on **Tuesday September 11th** at 2.15pm in the children’s corner of church.

C.M. Catt



The triplets baptised in Ladbroke Church on Sunday 8th July.
Brooke Amber with Dad Ian, Bailey Caitlin with Mum Nicola and
Taylor Ellen with Father Roy

LADBROKE CHILDREN'S CHURCH

After much soul searching and discussion it has been decided to put Children's Church "on hold."

We are holding a PUBLIC MEETING in Church on **Friday September 7th at 7.00pm** to discuss the churches work with Young People in our village. **PLEASE** come to this meeting if you have an interest in teaching young people our Christian faith. This of course is a meeting for young people themselves – anything you have to say will be listened to.

Betty Winkfield

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



The photograph shows some of the members of Ladbroke Women's Fellowship, plus Alan taken at the Warmington National Herb Centre on a beautiful day in June.

At our July meeting Dan Steenstra brought us up-to-date with the progress being made in Ahmedabad following the earthquake there last year. Great progress has been made with getting the children back into permanent school buildings, so that their lives can progress in a normal routine again. Dan showed us slides of an 11 year old girl who had had

her right arm amputated to release her from the rubble. Much work is being done with people who are suffering from "Guilt trauma" – why are they still alive when maybe their whole family and home have gone?

Ahmedabad is not one of the poor areas of India but the buildings that collapsed were of poor construction. Anything built now will be built correctly. The old buildings didn't collapse.

As usual our August meeting will be our Tea Party – come –bring and buy. This year Gill Moore has invited us to her home in Windmill Lane. Harbury Mothers' Union members are invited as our guests. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. The date: **Wednesday August 8th at 2.30pm**. The Bungalow, Windmill Lane. £1.00 entrance fee for your tea.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The June meeting was held on the 28th which was too late for our news to be included in the Harbury and Ladbroke News.

Briefly, after the business and the taking of names for the Denman Day visit, the Short mat bowls and Darts teams, the outing in August and an outing to the Spa Centre, the Park Street Players were welcomed. They were hilarious. WI talent at its best! Our President promptly booked them again for November 2002.

The July meeting on the 26th was held at the Village Hall rather earlier than usual. After a short meeting the tables were prepared for the Strawberry Fair at 7.00pm. The strawberries, cream and scones were delicious. The cake stall was overflowing as were the Raffle, Tombola, Plants and Bric-a-Brac stalls. Thank you to the helpers and visitors for an enjoyable evening with profitable results.

Instead of the **August** meeting at Ladbroke, an Historic walk around Warwick, followed by refreshments is arranged for us by Joy Wardle, on the **23rd** meeting at The Butts car park at **6.30pm**. Susan will be arranging transport for members without cars.

The **September** meeting is on the **27th** at **7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

Notes for your diaries:

August 18th – Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room, Harbury, in aid of the Ladbroke Church Bell Ringers Fund.

September 1st – Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke W.I.

Happy holidays to everyone and if you are travelling, return home safely.

Hazel Sharples

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

The sixth draw of the Millennium Club for 2001 was held on July 9th at the Bell Inn. The winners were: Francis Badman £80; Mary Coley £50; Dianne Surgey £25. The winners of the £10 prizes were: Marie Kennedy, Pat Kennedy, Ken Whiteley, Maggie Edwards and Carol Lane.

The next prize draw will be held on **Monday August 13th** at the Bell Inn at 8.00pm. Any new members will be welcome – phone me on 814362.

Catherine Spence

SPONSORED CYCLE/WALK/HORSE RIDE – Saturday September 8th

As usual James Constable and father are already in training for the event. They/we need your sponsorship unless you are planning to

“have-a-go” yourselves. The sponsor forms are not available yet; as soon as they come I will put the posters up around the village.

It is in aid of Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Fund. Whatever we raise our church will get half back again. The fund is then available for any church in the area to apply for a grant towards vital church repairs. We have had a grant from them in the past.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE VILLAGE FETE

The Village Fete held on Ladbroke Millennium Green on Saturday 30th June was very well supported by the community with around 300 people attending. The weather was kind to us with only a couple of very brief showers.

All the fund raising groups in the village took part and seemed very happy with the support they got.

The children enjoyed Punch and Judy, face painting, wet sponge throwing, ice creams and organised races whilst the adults enjoyed the Morris Dancers, barbecue, cakes, teas and coffee, the bar and of course the various stalls.

The Tug-of-War competitions proved a great success with the Ladbroke Old Boys team showing us how it should be done.

The Millennium Green Trustees wish to thank everyone concerned for their support.

Lost Property from the event – child’s purse; small elephant ornament and a plant – contact Christine Baker on 811606 to arrange collection.

Christine Baker



Ladbroke Parish Council Meetings - June and July

Meetings were held on the third Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall starting at 7,45 p.m.

Restorative work

We received confirmation that an order has been placed to cut grass and trim back overhanging hedges in Bridge Lane and to clean the 30mph sign.

The bollard at the North entrance to the village has been replaced but now the one at the South entrance has been knocked over. Our request for a turning circle for long vehicles in the blind end of Windmill Lane was not recommended by the County Council on the basis that it was not cost effective for the amount of use.

Drainage

A flood report including information regarding the problems at Ladbroke was taken to the Dasset Area Community Committee meeting on 26th June. Flooding problems will be a standard agenda item on the Dasset area community committee.

A letter from Mike Ashley, construction and property manager of Stratford District Council indicated that they encouraged information from residents as their local knowledge of the land and landowners is helpful.

Footpaths.

Following the lifting of the foot and mouth restrictions footpaths are now open subject to the recommendations for walkers on the notice board. Some farmers have used the officially sanctioned opportunity to sign 'preferred routes' to avoid contact with cattle

The contracts for the Parish Paths Partnership and the insurance to cover members of working parties were renewed.

Police and Neighbourhood Watch

There were no reported incidents in either month

The Parish Council had received complaints regarding the noise of Motor cycles on Sunday 15th July. The cause was Motocross racing in Ladbroke Park. This is a legitimate event which was apparently well organised and received. The Parish Council have no powers in such matters and villagers are advised to individually contact the environmental officer, Mr Japp, at Stratford District Council.

Planning Applications

Permission was granted for a replacement garage at The Old School.

Following an initial refusal, an Appeal has been lodged to try to gain permission to remove some hedges in the fields surrounding New House Farm.

County Councillor's Report (Bob Stevens)

The Warwickshire Area Structure Plan will be adopted if there are no legal objections in the next 6 weeks. This encourages any building to take place around existing large towns.

District Councillor's Report (Alan Akeister)

The District Council Task Group is to advise the parish council of boundary changes in the district and invite comments.

Mr Lancaster has been appointed as the Chief Officer of Stratford District Council

Chairman's items

The dangers of cars speeding in Hedges Close had been brought to the attention of the council. Whilst unable to take any direct action we do

urge all drivers to take particular care in the village especially when children may be playing outside on these light nights.

At the July meeting Chairman Jeff Todd informed the council that Hedges Close and Chebsey Court are soon to be adopted.

Any Other Business

The Chairman of Stratford District Council, Mr Les Topham is coming to meet us at the parish council meeting on October 18th at 8.00 p.m. Villagers are urged to come and participate in this opportunity.

Carol Lane

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - June

David Hoffman, supported by Janet Thornley, the lads Sean & Jack, gave a presentation on plans for youth facilities on the Playing Fields. David reminded the Parish Council that in March 2000, they had agreed in principle to support the young people's efforts to provide a skate-board area. Now the group had raised over £10,000 and wanted to begin the project.

There had been considerable support from the community with several offers of practical help but it appears that the Council's insurers are demanding that installation is put in the hands of contractors which would significantly increase the cost.

The Parish Council agreed that all households in the locality of the playing fields should be made aware of the proposals. Chairman Dutch Van Spall asked the group to provide plans and a scale model showing the area to be developed in relation to housing and suggested that this should be displayed on a Saturday morning in July.

The Parish Council was also looking into the possibility of providing a Youth Shelter to augment the facilities. Cllr Keith Thompson agreed to help provide a risk assessment to be presented to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (Rospa) who would need to be consulted about the safety of the scheme.

Dutch praised the work the youth group had done and was pleased with the positive attitude they had taken. The Council expressed its sincere thanks to the young people.

There followed another presentation, from Barry Armitage the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator who would be the Central Contact for the revived scheme for Harbury.

Cllr John Drinkwater praised the efforts of Jim Chapple who has kept the scheme going but who was now unwell. John was upset that despite promises made to him there was no police representation at the Parish Council meeting and he complained about the length of time it had taken him to get through to Southam Police Station.

Clerk Debbie Steele has volunteered to take over from Cllr Thompson as the Parish Council's representative on Harbury School Governors body.

There followed reports from representatives from the Village Hall, Parish Review, and Ufton Landfill Liaison Group. Dutch Van Spall reported on progress at Deppers Bridge where was a formal consultation on the Traffic Calming.

PLANNING Stratford granted extensions at 3 Vicarage Lane, Sharmer Farm, 4 Hall Lane, 22 Farley Avenue, Saddlers in Chapel Street and

porches for 7 & 9 Wagstaffe Close. They refused the large extension to Fairview on Vicarage Lane.

The Parish Council made no representation on plans for a garage at 7 Farm Street (retrospective), extensions at Hazebrook on the Pound, Stickle Rise in Temple End, and 12 the Beeches, nor to amendments to the planned courtyard development at Harbury House.

They commented that the garage proposed at Ladywell Cottage in Binswood End was too close to the neighbouring property and they did not like the false blocked window at 32 Vicarage Lane. They had received letters of objection to the plans for a new house in the garden of Lullington Lodge.

John Drinkwater displayed plans for extensions to 8 Park Lane which would take up almost the full width of the plot.

Maintenance is being undertaken to some of the equipment in the Play Area. Keith Thompson asked that the grass area round the Netball Court be mown and John Drinkwater relayed complaints that building spoil was being dumped on the Allotments. Someone has stolen the strawberries from several plots there and there were a number of “entertaining” suggestions about deterring the thieves.

An additional Fido Bin has been installed on the Playing Fields and one will be placed on the Old New Inn Green. John Drinkwater complained about the lack of verge maintenance and Cllr Jenny Patrick suggested the Council institute its own “Best Kept” Competition to encourage greater pride in the appearance of the village.

Dutch had found a craftsman willing and able to refurbish the Pump and the Council gave its approval to the scheme.

Alison Hunt asked the Council if a Walnut could be planted on the Old New Inn Green in memory of ex-Chairman John Hunt and they readily agreed.

Street Lighting had been surveyed and three cracked columns in Neales Close will be repaired. The Committee proposed putting in two new “Windsor” lamps, one in Farm Street and the other in Park Lane. The present Farm Street Lamp would be moved to Margaret Close and the Binswood End Bollard would be replaced by a downlighter.

Cllrs tried desperately to think of a suitable place to put the Bollard but failed. It can't go in Hall Lane because there is no low voltage supply nearby and although “Percival Drive would love it” they are not “adopted” yet. So it will be stored until someone suggests what the Council can do with it.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL - July

Kevin Biddle the new co-opted member was welcomed to the July Meeting and placed on the Environment, Lighting and Finance Sub-Committees. Parish Council elections will now be held in 2004 and at four year intervals thereafter.

The Youth Project Exhibition at the Tom Hauley Room Saturday Coffee Morning attracted much attention with only two adverse comments and the Council agreed to go ahead with the scheme. The Youth Group will be invited to send a representative to the next meeting.

Cllr Ann Winchester believed the Skateboard facility was a separate issue from the problem of cars on the Recreation Grounds. The Council

will install collapsible bollards to stop unauthorised vehicles accessing the Playing Fields.

Over fifty villagers have signed up to help with the relaunched Neighbourhood Watch initiative (long time Co-ordinator Jim Chapple has had to resign through ill-health). The new “Beat Bobby” Pc Nigel Hill was praised as “an experienced man of action” whose coverage of the village will be augmented by Special Constables.

Keith Thompson reported Harbury School Summer Fayre raised over £1,000; the School Secretary was on secondment to the LEA for one term; and the Governors had decided to retain their role of handling admissions.

Southam School too was concerned about admissions, Sharon Hancock reported but had been able to increase their places to take those who wished to attend. Extensive building would take place over the summer to provide new labs and office space.

Stratford District approved plans for extensions at Hazebrook on the Pound; 8 Park Lane; 12 The Beeches and Stickle Rise in Temple End. They deferred a decision on Ladywell Cottage, Binswood End and contentiously refused permission for a new house in the garden of Lullington Lodge. (If District Councillors refuse permission without good cause the Appeal Inspector can surcharge the District – that’s you and me.)

Cllr Sharon Hancock complained that she, and others, had been unfairly pressured by a Parish Councillor over their decision to make no observation on the plans for Lullington Lodge. It was pointed out that Cllrs with a “pecuniary interest” in an application were debarred from taking any part in deliberations on such plans.

Neales Close residents are not certain that bollards would give sufficient light to their street and wanted the light on Dovehouse Lane corner replaced. Cllr Patrick had succeeded in getting the school bus rerouted so that it no longer struggled along Church Street.

Jack Heath reported the potholes had been marked up but not yet repaired. John Drinkwater was worried about the grass growing in the roadside channels. Despite this, Harbury won first place in the District in the Best Kept Village Competition. The Best Kept Allotment Competition has still to be judged. Work in Deppers Bridge is in hand for the new swings and trees in the Play Area; the Traffic Calming and monitoring of the unauthorised Trail Biking.

Dutch Van Spall now had a large chunk of oak to refurbish the Village Pump stored in his barn and was worrying about how he would get it up to Pump Green.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY SOCIETY

John and Ed’s latest pub walk attracted ten walkers and a dog!

The met at the Red Lion in Northend, climbed up to the hills, over the top and down towards Fenny Compton. On the way they passed the site of an archaeological excavation of a Roman Site. They were happy to accept vet Jeff Thorpe’s assurances that the bones uncovered were of animal origin!

After that they swiftly made their way back to the pub in Northend for a superb meal.

Linda Ridgley, Hon Secretary

PARISH REVIEW

Work continues on putting together the questions for the Appraisal.

It seems our timetable was over-optimistic and it is unlikely that we will be distributing it before the autumn.

So that means there will be plenty of time for more people to come forward to volunteer to deliver the survey forms in their area. We hope that each person will only need to be responsible for a dozen or so houses in their street. The idea is that the forms are personally delivered and collected about a fortnight later.

We intend to supply envelopes for the survey forms so that everything is kept confidential.

The Appraisal will give us a snapshot of the village at the start of the new Millennium and it will help the Parish Council, local government and other agencies understand our concerns, hopes for the future and the problems we face.

When the survey has been returned and analysed we hope to involve everyone in helping to draw up an Action Plan showing what needs to be done and who can help us.

Look out for more news after the Summer Holidays!!

**Linda Ridgley
for the Harbury Review Group**

HARBURY W.I.

Recently members enjoyed an evening meal sailing from Stratford-on-Avon to Luddington on the Countess of Evesham. We hope to repeat the experience again.

We look forward to our Garden Party, for members only, at the home of Jean Abrahams on **Thursday 9th August**, 7.00pm. There will be a bring and buy and remind members to bring a folding chair if possible.

Mr Tony Caldwell came to speak on Wainwright's Coast to Coast Walk. Alfred Wainwright was a well known walker who wrote books on the subject and readers may remember Wainwright's Coast to Coast series on T.V. some years ago. He sounded quite a character.

Mr Caldwell's sponsored walk for Leukaemia began when he joined a party of walkers in Yorkshire, the youngest being 24 and the oldest 66, from the U.S.A. Their main luggage was taken on to accommodation ahead so they just had a rucksack to cope with. Their aim was to walk Wainwright's Coast to Coast walk starting a Robin Hood's Bay, ending at St. Bees. The most popular way usually starts at St. Bees as the winds are invariably behind the walkers but they chose the reverse way, which was not so busy with other walkers all going in the same direction. They mainly walked 15 miles a day.

We were whisked across Yorkshire and Cumbria over moors, hills, dales, fells and along beautiful rivers. We heard of fascinating sounding places, passing deserted mines, old village settlements, nature reserves and castle ruins. Through a solar powered farm gate (very ingenious) and told of the flooded village at the bottom of a reservoir that supplies Manchester. Weather was favourable on the first half of the journey but they hit rain and mist in Cumbria.

Mr Caldwell made lasting friendships on the walk that ended at St. Bees, where they each threw a handful of stones, collected from Rob Hood's Bay into the sea.

The Village Show must be mentioned. Are you having a go this year? I hope so.

Looking at the schedule there are plenty of classes you can enter without too much preparation or fuss. If in doubt ask any Horticultural Society member. Come along at 2.00pm to view, have a chat and refreshments. I keep telling you what a super day it is!

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

On July 5th, the Folk Club returned to the Dog Inn (after three very pleasant evenings at the Shakespeare) to celebrate our **200th session!** Because the last 100 sessions have been compered by a team of seven, it seemed appropriate that this special evening should be hosted by all of us, rather than by one individual. And so it came to pass that, instead of our usual three-half format, the 200th had seven halves, led by Peter, Bob, Ian, Sue, Mike, John and Pete respectively.



Photo: The Seven Comperes singing the finale

With so many comperes, you might have wondered if there would be enough performers to go round but there was certainly no shortage there either. In fact, I think we broke all records. In addition to the seven comperes, there were performances by (in order of appearance) Rik, Gilly, Liz, Des, Brian, Keith D, Alan, Pete G, Janny, Celia, Margaret, Liz, Ruth, Rosie, Colin D, Pete J, Ron, Keith A and Chris. I make that 26 in total and that's not including John Kemsley who sent a greeting and a recording of the Jug Band on tape! It was a fantastic array of talent and a wonderfully varied evening of songs and tunes.

The finale was a unique performance of the rousing song *Rolling Home* by the team of comperes, singing together for the first (and last?) time. Actually, it was Mike's last turn as a compere. We're sorry to see him go but pleased to welcome Gilly to the team to fill the gap.

The charity raffle raised a magnificent £68.43 for cancer research. The next session of the Folk Club will be at **8:30pm**, on **September 6th**, in the **Dog Inn**, led by John. You can find Folk Club news and information on the internet at <http://welcome.to/HarburyFolkClub>

Peter McDonald

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Play reading for our next production

We've selected a play that we think will amuse and all we need now is a cast!

The play is "Generations Apart" by Peter Gordon. It's set in the modern day with flash backs to the Isle of Wight Pop Festival. A chance meeting

causes two people to revisit that time and come to terms with the consequences. The gentle humour entertains whilst keeping the audience guessing at the outcome.

Anyone interested in being involved, either taking part or helping off stage is welcome. Please come to the play reading on **Monday 3rd September** at **8.00pm** in the Wight School. Performance dates are **Thursday 17th, Friday 18th, Saturday 19th January 2002**. If you want to know more or can't make that date give me or Pat Taylor (614348) a call.

Alison Hodge (612029)

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

A whole 8 weeks has elapsed since the club finished season 00/01 and pre-season training has already begun on Wednesday evenings 6.30pm-8.30pm and Sunday mornings 11.00am-12.30 pm. The club is actively looking for any new players to improve an already strong squad, especially young players of 17-18 yrs who may be too old for boys football but think that they are not old enough for the step up to the men's level. Come along and train with us and you might be surprised!

The new season actually starts on Sunday 2nd September . Sundays in August will be devoted to training and/or pre-season friendlies. Tuesday 10th July was the date of our AGM at which all the officers of the club agreed to re-election for another year as did our sponsors Brian and Sandra at the Old New Inn. The final motion passed in the "any other business" section was one which prevents Shaun Smith from entering the opposition penalty area this season for fear of embarrassment likely to end his footballing "career"! It was noted that this could be applied to many of last seasons team, Paul Gladden included!

Rob Davis

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

The season is now well advanced. The Sunday 1st XI, under John Wilkinson, has had a recent run of success, playing friendly matches against local sides. The Midweek League team, led by Tim Clayton, have had some enjoyable games and reached the semi-final of the Cup, defeating favourites, Norton Lindsey. The Saturday League team shared with Southam CC have had some exciting contests, with Ed and Will Russell producing some fine performances, and with occasional appearances by Harbury youngsters, Greg Neale and Stuart Mugleston. The Sunday Occasionals have only played one game, which was notable for a hard hitting innings from Ian Holroyd. Ian is still awaiting the call from England, and is rumoured to have taken his kit down to the first day at Lords. The Rex Humphreys Presidents XI match against the Sunday 1st XI proved most enjoyable, with a Phil Holtom boundary catch proving the champagne moment. Phil is happy to talk you through it anytime.

The Club will be running the annual coaching scheme at the Rugby Club ground from **Monday 13th to Thursday 16th August** this year. The age range will once again be 11-16 years and we hope to arrange a game on **Friday 17th** against another local boys team. The coaching – led by senior coach, Mike Daniels – will again be planned around the ability of participants, with an advanced group as well as a general group. Participants should wear trainers and bring a drink, but the Club will provide all kit, including protective helmets, pads and bats.

Ian Jackson (612615)

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

On the playing front the “A” Team continues its winning ways and managed its 8th consecutive league victory, beating Hook Norton. The Championship must be in the bag already! The “B” Team has also found a rich vein of form and has now won 4 of its 5 matches, the latest being a win against previously undefeated Kings Sutton.

The Club Tournaments have got off to a slow start with only a couple of matches played . This will no doubt lead to a very hectic end of season rush!

On the fundraising side our Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room went very well, raising £130 plus for our funds. Many thanks to all who donated cakes, raffle prizes and helped on the day, and of course to our customers for their support!

A future event is the **TABLE TOP SALE** on **SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER** at the **VILLAGE HALL, 10.00a.m -12.00 noon**. You can hire a 6’ table for £5 so if you want an opportunity to sell your “surplus” give Mary Thompson a ring on 612050 or Colin Mercer on 613284.

Under 16s

July has been the busiest month for the Under 16s leading up to the school holidays. First we had the 2 Intermediate tournaments spread over 2 weeks, with Singles for the first group and Doubles for the second. Both “round Robins” were very keenly contested with some very good skills on display. The semi-finals and finals were due to be completed on Wednesday 18th July but it rained all day and unfortunately we had to postpone the singles at 6 p.m. However we managed to hold the doubles at 7.00 p.m. although it was still rather damp, not to mention cold and windy – typical British summer weather!

In the semi-finals Jack Fitzgerald and Tom Hughes beat Tom (Doug) Walshe and James Armitage, while David Lauder and Sam Wilkins beat George Clarke and Peter Smart. David and Sam, who had been very determined and focussed throughout the event, won the closely contested final. Pictured below are 8 players involved in the semi-finals and the 2 winners.



Back row L-R David, George, “Doug”, Jack Front row L-R Sam, Peter, James Tom



Sam and David

By the time you read this we hope to have completed the Semi-finals of the Singles between Emma Hickin and Tom Wilkins and Tom Wright and Philip Mugleston but hopefully in more summer like conditions!

The School holidays kicked off for our Juniors with all three groups getting together for a Fun Tennis morning on Sunday 22nd July. The children took part in several different activities during the morning, scoring lots of points and winning prizes. Adult club members took charge of the activities and half-time refreshments, very ably supported by a team of excellent parent helpers. I daren't name everyone in case I miss someone out, but thank you all very much - you helped to make the morning a great success.

Wednesday sessions continue for both groups combined from 6-7p.m. until 22nd August. The courts will remain booked for Intermediates from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m until the evenings get too dark to play, but **there will be no adult supervision after 22nd August.**

Junior groups will have joint sessions from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sundays until 19th August.

Colin and Sue Mercer (613284)

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL - Learning Through Play

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

The end of term was marked by a series of celebrations. First we had our outing, which this year was to the Butterfly Farm. Notwithstanding some adult anxieties about creatures that either slither or flutter, the children had a wonderful time watching blue butterflies as big as saucers and meeting the resident reptiles. On the way out to a sumptuous picnic in the park, we had to go through the shop. The children were entranced by the paper butterflies on sticks ... the adults were less enchanted at the cost of £5 each! So enterprising Mrs Tanner and Mrs Hunt looked at them very carefully and then provided ribbons, sequins, paint and sticks back at the Wight School so that the children could make their own. They were even better than the ones in the shop!

We had a lovely French fortnight and many thanks to everyone who supplied postcards, photographs, maps and models. We used the information learned in the local shops in Harbury to make French market stalls selling des pommes et des bananes et, naturellement, du pain français. The children learned to greet each other in French and

cheerfully painted lots of French flags as decorations. A huge quantity of French bread was consumed.

The Under Fives Disco was another big success with lots of energetic jumping to the strains of Bob the Builder. Many thanks to Steve, Sally and Trevor Lines for letting us use their funky disco lights and to Paul Milner and Carol Percival for arranging the use of the School Hall for us. In response to popular demand we hope to organise another one in the near future so watch out for posters. Finally we had a fantastic end of term party on the last day of term. The leavers all received a book as a parting gift from the staff of the Pre-School and these will be very special reminders of the really happy days the children have spent at the Pre-School.

Yvette, Gill and Lisa would like to thank everyone: children, parents, supporters and the kind folk in the village who have contributed to the success of the Pre-School this year. And we would like to thank Yvette, Gill and Lisa for the fantastic and immensely creative work that they have done with our children. An absolute highlight was the hospital, but each day saw some very carefully managed activities that were not only great fun but inspired the children's confidence and imagination as well as providing some of the building blocks of education. It's been a great year and we look forward to the next!

Harbury Pre-School Committee

LADBROKE FETE 2001







HARBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sports Day. Unfortunately this was a double washout. Many thanks to everyone who valiantly turned up to join the fun and we can only apologise if any inconvenience was caused.



Photo: Daniel Ashworth with Mrs Cowley receives the 'Well Done' cup at a recent school assembly

Summer Fair This was a fantastic evening. Many thanks for everyone's support and please pass on our thanks to those who don't get our newsletters but came along anyway. We raised just over £1000 for PTA and school funds. This will go towards the new curtains and roller blinds in the hall and a new carpet for the library.

Stranger danger. Please remind children to be alert. There have been reports through the LEA Risk Assessment Unit about a man in a dark coloured car stopping to talk to children at the kerbside.

Standard Attainment Tests/Tasks (SATs). While we have serious reservations about the whole issue of SATs, as they're here to stay, we have to accept the system. Once again, we have been very pleased with the results gained by virtually all of the children in years 2 & 6 – they have shown just how well they have all worked over the years and attained high standards – for them. We are particularly pleased with how many Y2 children have attained beyond level 2 and how many Y6 children have achieved beyond level 4. This shows that children of all abilities are being appropriately challenged and are attaining their potential. We consider that the results are a credit to the staff, the children and their families. The results of the present Y6 will form part of the county's performance tables (they are NOT league tables as the press so like to mislead us) and will be available to the general public.

(32 children in Y6) Subject↓ Test level→	N = No level (below level 2 threshold)	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 4 + as used in perf. tables	Level 5
English	3%	6%	13%	31%	75%	44%
Maths	3%	3%	16%	34%	72%	38%
Science	3%	0	19%	38%	78%	41%

Monday 3rd September is a Teacher Training Day, and the children return on Tuesday 4th September.

Paul Milner

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL

The Nursery has said goodbye to 36 of its children; 29 are going into Reception at Harbury School and the other seven going to Bishops Itchington, Southam, Warwick and Leamington Schools. We have greatly enjoyed having them at the Nursery and hope that all have enjoyed being with us. We will miss their confident and independent attitude and wish them all well at school.

We were very lucky with the weather at the end of term and both our teddy bears picnic at Harbury Park and our sports day at school were able to go ahead. The children practised their dancing skills by using their teddies, instead of their usual beanbags, to dance around! Sports Day was a great fun event with the emphasis on co-operation and sharing with many team events. The children's favourite race was "putting litter in the bin," a message, with an accompanying song, which they had picked up from the older children at Harbury School.

We have been able this year to invest in a lot of new toys and equipment for the Nursery as a result of some fantastic fundraising efforts on the part of our parents (and many thanks once again to Paul Winchester for his very generous donation of £600 from his fundraising) and the increased funding which we received from the Local Education Authority. In June these funds were also boosted by a very successful Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room which raised £295 – many thanks to all who came, and thanks to the Nursery children who entertained us with their beautiful singing. Our new purchases have included lots of new innovative pre-school software, a new kitchen for the Nursery's home corner, lots of outdoor play equipment, a big investment in craft supplies and books and continued buying in of Charlotte Saunders time. Charlotte is a drama graduate who has run a number of drama, dance and mime sessions for us.

We will be holding our AGM on **Wednesday 19th September at 7.00pm** in the school library. All are welcome to come along and hear more about what we have been doing at Nursery this year and our plans for the future.

Nursery starts again on **Tuesday 4th September** and we look forward to welcoming back children who were our little ones (now the big ones!). We will also be welcoming a number of new children at the start of next term and during it. We have already had contact from a lot of parents who would like their children to come to us at some point during the next academic year and it looks likely that spaces will be short in the summer term. If you would like your child to come to Nursery in the next year let us know so that we can reserve you a place. We will be holding an Open Morning on **Saturday 29th September** from 10.00am in the Nursery classroom. We thought we would hold this on a Saturday rather than our usual open afternoon so that as many people as possible, particularly working parents and more dads, can come. Otherwise you can call Kate Smart on 612609 or Anne-Marie Campion on 614496 to discuss places.

We are delighted to be able to offer 9 sessions from the start of the autumn term (all mornings and afternoons except Friday afternoon). As usual at the start of the year our afternoon sessions will be quieter and particularly good for "little ones." For all sessions we are pleased to be able to offer an excellent staff to children ratio.

If you require any further information about Harbury Nursery School please call Kate or Anne-Marie on either of the above numbers or call in and see us at school at the start of term.

**Marie Kennedy –
Harbury Nursery School**

HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

We are in desperate need of adult helpers each Thursday evening – if we cannot get any helpers then the Youth Club cannot re-open in September. Three of our helpers have had to resign because of other commitments.

We are still advertising for a Youth Worker (Leader) and the Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs have promised to appoint a Leader for us. If anyone in the village has youth leader skills, please telephone me at the number given below. We have been offered a programme called “Springboard” by WAYC, to commence this September, which provides all kinds of activities for teenagers and which they will fund. We do have finances to pay a Youth Leader and also to hire the Village Hall each week.

Once a month (when the Village Hall is unavailable), we arrange a trip either to Laser Quest, Ten Pin Bowling, Ice Skating, Swimming or the Cinema.

We have achieved a lot over the last two years by encouraging youngsters to take part in sports and barbecues on the Village Playing Field site and, of course, some of the boys have been actively involved in the Skateboard/Roller blade area project in raising funds. We will be able to start Phase I of this project this Autumn but we still need more funds to complete the project early next year.

Can I appeal to parents of teenagers to participate in running the Youth Club as this is a very rewarding and worthwhile commitment. We owe it to our youngsters to cater for their needs in all respects and encourage them to get involved with the community and sporting groups in the village.

I would be happy to discuss any aspects of the help we need and any suggestions to ensure that the Youth Club can continue to function and meet the needs of the increasing number of youngsters now living in the village.

Janet Thornley (612688)

LEAMINGTON & WARWICK

Community First Responder Scheme

This is a community venture using charitable money from fundraising only. We are currently a 9 strong team of volunteers on call 24hrs a day.

When a call comes into Ambulance Service Control which is deemed to be life threatening, we are dispatched by mobile phone, to give life saving treatment, whilst the Ambulance is en-route (not instead of the Ambulance)

We are members of the community, trained in CPR, defibrillation techniques, First Aid and Oxygen therapy. We are activated to incidents such as, heart attacks, diabetic attacks, strokes, epileptic seizures and the worst of all cardiac arrest. This is where breathing and the heart stops.

Living in a 3-mile radius, we can arrive within 4-6 minutes and give a life saving defibrillation shock if required, thus improving the chances of a positive outcome.

We have raised £2500 to set up Leamington South (which has attended 11 incidents within two weeks of going live) and require a further £2500 to set up Leamington North & Warwick, ensuring maximum cover.

We are looking for companies to donate, people to do fundraising and anyone who thinks they can be a Community volunteer for this most vital cause.

People may say this is the responsibility of the local Ambulance service. Warwickshire are one of the top performers when it comes to reaching life threatening patients, but if a CFR is nearer, performance improves ten fold. After all it could be one of your family!

If you wish to help raise funds or make a donation, please make cheques payable to "Warwickshire Ambulance Charitable Funds", writing Leamington & Warwick Responders on the reverse side, to:

Mr Steve West

Warwickshire Ambulance Service HQ

Dale Street, Leamington Spa.

CV32 5HH 01926 881331 24hrs

Should you require any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me on either 01926 881331, my message pager 07625 607242 or

e-mail – leamingtonresponders@hotmail.com

Thank you for your time.

Michael Bartlett

HEARTSTART is looking for volunteers in the Harbury / Ufton / Ladbroke area. If you require more information, or wish to join in this vital life saving scheme, or can make a donation, please leave a message for:-

Mike Bartlett, via "Warwickshire Ambulance Headquarters" on 01926 881331 (24hrs)

A similar group called **Kickstart B.I.** already exists in Bishops Itchington.

The area covered by the First responders is primarily within a 3 mile diameter of Bishops Itchington, and parts of Harbury fall within that area; in actuality all of Harbury is covered by 'Kickstart', as is Knightcote, Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge, but as distance affects arrival time, we cannot guarantee arrival within the 8 mins target time outside the 3 mile area.

However, as we've already had two call-outs to Harbury, you should be aware of our possible arrival.

We do not have a uniform, but wear yellow tabards marked 'Ambulance First Responder' and we carry identification cards.

The **£2000** we needed to raise in order to buy the Defibrillator, plus a small additional amount for other first aid equipment to go in the pack (surgical gloves, razor, aspirin, mobile phone, etc.) has been raised by donations from the people of Bishops Itchington, but we also need to raise approximately **£400** every year to cover the running costs, (replace the medical equipment, replace batteries, administration costs, etc.) and if any individuals or organisations in Harbury wish to donate to our organisation we would be most grateful !

Chris Wilkinson, Kickstart B.I.

MICHAEL DOODY**FOLLOWING THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS.**

I have congratulated David Booth on winning the Harbury Seat on the County Council.

The majority of 61 was an indication of the close contest.

My view is that my operation and the enforced recuperation time, did not affect the outcome, the team that worked extra especially hard for me, could not have been better.

So why did I lose? It could be that I was a poor County Councillor or the alternative could be that there was a General Election and the Labour voters had no County Candidate, so they voted Lid/Dem.

Either way you have now got a new County Councillor.

My thanks go to all the workers in my campaign team and all those who voted for me, THANK YOU.

Next year, there are District Council Elections and a good turn out is most important.

I enjoyed being your Councillor although it was hard work, David's problems are to fit a full time job into his schedule and also represent you, and to this end

I WISH HIM WELL.

Please note:my e-mail address is changed from cllrdoody@warwickshire.gov.uk to mdoody@warwickdc.gov.uk

MICHAEL DOODY

**WALKING THE WALL FOR ACORNS**

In October we will be spending a week walking along the Great Wall of China in aid of Acorns Children's Hospice in Birmingham. Acorns is a charity offering an all round network of support to life-limited children and their families. A life-limited child is one who is not expected to reach adulthood. Its two hospices offer respite, emergency and terminal care for children and teenagers and its community team offers vital support to the whole family. It currently costs around £4 million a year to support these families. An estimated 1,000 families in the West Midlands region and Gloucestershire are not receiving the service Acorns offers yet meets its criteria. Acorns desperately needs more money to help reach these families.

We will be walking over 60 miles during the trip. We will be funding the cost of the trip ourselves and hope to raise at least £1500 each for the charity. If you would like to support this worthwhile cause, sponsorship forms are available in Muggleston's or donations can be put in collecting

tins around the village. Alternatively contributions can be made to us directly by telephoning us on 612286.

Many thanks.

Malcolm and Stephanie Okell

‘SOUNDS OF THE SIXTIES’ – a stunning success



Photo: Some of the local sponsors

After nearly a year of planning, the event organised in support of the Teenage Cancer Trust was an outstanding success in every way. As the dark clouds closed in on the Friday morning when the marquee was being erected, the organisers had every reason to be anxious about the outcome for the expected 500 visitors. It is some time since an event of this nature has been staged in Harbury and the TCT committee hoped that everything would ‘come together’ after all their

weeks of hard work. In the end, the success of the night exceeded everyone’s wildest dreams.

The main aim of the event was to raise money in memory of Paula, the daughter of a ‘local girl’. The £4,500, which was raised on the evening, was a testimony to the commitment of a small group of local people, who put on an evening of superb entertainment.

In addition to the four bands which had been billed to appear, there were guest appearances from vocalists Carol King and Kate Squires. The ‘Sixties’ music attracted fans beyond the immediate area, some of whom had chartered coaches for the event, and all the visitors were generous in their praise of a thoroughly entertaining evening. The Classic Gold top D.J. Jeff Harris acted as the compere for the evening and during a brief interval, a young girl who had experienced the caring atmosphere of a Teenage Cancer Trust unit, spoke about the encouragement she had received during her time in the special hospital environment.

The music was non-stop and whilst some visitors ‘twisted, shook and rock and rolled’ the evening away; others sat and enjoyed the range of live music from the Sixties, whilst remembering ‘all their yesterdays’. It was certainly a ‘night to remember’ for all those lucky enough to secure tickets and from the overwhelming feeling at the end of the event, it was agreed that this had been a ‘Harbury event’, which brought out the very best of our community spirit. Well done to the organisers and all the volunteers – your efforts were richly rewarded in every respect.

Editors

HARBURY MAD

Making a Difference to the Women’s Health Clinics in Ziarat and Mastung (CHEP)

As a result of the generosity of the Harbury donors MAD was able to send in January this year, £2,525 for the Christian Hospital Extension Project. The following report came in May from the field co-ordinator Mrs Carol Mengisto the Senior Nurse Midwife. Finance – so far 18,999 Prs has been spent on medicines; 53,000 Prs for salaries of local staff and 7,500 Prs to run the two ambulances.

The service. For a small registration fee the patients have a consultation, a physical examination and free medicines; there may be a small charge for urine tests for pregnancy. (A free service is available to those who need it.)

The core group of field staff is the field co-ordinator, the male doctor (for men some children and eye cases) a pharmacist, 4 community health workers/translators and 2 helpers and a driver. A student nurse (male) goes to help the male doctor. There are monthly eye care days and periodic eye camps when a Ophthalmologist and assistants augment the team.

Both clinics were re-opened by the beginning of May, when the nomadic population returned to the Ziarat and Mastung areas searching for grazing for the herds of sheep, goats, donkeys and camels. There is some seasonal work for the men and boys in the fruit orchards.

Aiarat Health Centre – in April two visits were made to re-establish contact with the District –Administration and local staff, to renovate and prepare the health centre and to make the announcement to the local people. The clinic opened on May 5th. In May there were 138 patient visits, average 34.5 per clinic, higher than previous years: 83% of visits were by women and children under 14 years, 93 women and 22 children. Gynae, body aches, gastritis and cardiac problems were the most common complaints by women, respiratory tract infections and diarrhoea the commonest childhood illnesses. The women patients value the comprehensive physical examination and opportunity to discuss their feelings and health situation.

Dr Holland Health Centre, Mastung Road. During March the CHEP team made the preliminary visits and preparations for re-opening on April 4th on Mondays and Wednesdays the health team sees patients in the clinic. In April and May there were 545 patient visits, 297 by women and 91 by children under 14 years. Eye problems, body aches, Gynae and respiratory problems were the most common complaints, Fridays are community health days when the team visits other villages and schools in the area offering health education screening and basic curative care.

There was a three-day eye camp in Mastung in May; 342 patients were examined; most were treated symptomatically, given free medicine and a prescription for glasses. Sixteen patients 10 men and 6 women were treated for cataract with the implantation of intra-ocular lenses. Surgery was done in the Health Centre then a classroom in the Government Boys High School became a male ward; the female patients naturally had to stay in the Health Centre, where they could be helped and supervised by their female relatives. All patients were satisfactorily discharged home after 48 hours.

Marian Millington

RECIPE OF THE MONTH - BBQ SAUCE

This sauce is easy to make, tastes good with chicken or pork spare ribs.

Ingredients: 5 tablespoons dry cider or wine
5 tablespoons soy sauce

- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 heaped tablespoon tomato puree
- 1 heaped teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 heaped teaspoon mustard powder
- 1 fat garlic clove – crushed

Heat together until sugar has dissolved.

Cook meat in a roasting dish until nearly done, then pour off juices. It is important to do this otherwise the flavour of the sauce is diluted. Pour sauce over meat and continue cooking until meat is cooked, basting occasionally with sauce. Good hot or cold.

Sue Lord

HARBURY TO SAMOIS BY BICYCLE

Back in the winter it seemed a good idea. Combine a visit to see our granddaughter (camping with Mum & Dad in the Forest of Fontainebleau) with a trip to Harbuy's twin village of Samois-sur-Seine "just a few kilometres away" (well twenty kms actually and that really summed up the journey).

We were sent on our way at 8.00am on Saturday 14th July (Bastille Day – an omen perhaps) with the good wishes of a group of friends. In fact two came as far as Fenny Compton with us and then, as it began to rain, we were on our own and facing the first hill of the journey. Minor roads were our preferred route and the villages of S.E. Warwickshire and N. Oxon would have been delightful but for the deluge. It eased at Aynho and we began to dry out with a cup of coffee in the hotel.

At Kirtlington we had a picnic lunch on the green having just been informed by the Australian landlord of the 'Oxford Arms' that the 'Lions' had lost the deciding 3^d Rugby Union Test Match. Oxford to Abingdon by 'Sustrans' cycle track and a welcome B&B. Sunday was a beautiful day for cycling and took us over the Ridgeway and down to Newbury for lunch. Then on over Watership Down in Hampshire (scanning the hills for a sight of Hazel's Progeny and being 'rewarded' by a cluster of pyramidal orchids by the roadside.)

Our second night was spent in Winchester at the home of Sacha (nee Lée) and Paul Neville with their very new daughter Ruby. A short day followed and we entered Portsmouth on the ferry from Gosport. While strolling through the old dockyard and to look over H.M.S. Victory we just happened to 'bump' into Moya Waterman on a school outing to see the Mary Rose (thoroughly recommended).

Boarding the 'Pride of Lettouve' at 9.30pm we were sent on with the motorbikes which rather spoilt their street cred. Losing an hour and being woken at 5.00am meant that Tuesday we would be tired. This was compounded by a long day's ride with rain and wind. Crossing the Seine by the Tancarville Bridge (no toll for bikes) we meandered through the 'Forêt de Brotanne' and emerged again down a steep hill to the Seine near our destination – La Bouille.

Another very wet day on Wednesday was chiefly a ride up the Ewe Valley – a tributary of the Seine from the south which gives its name to a French Department. Quiet villages and solid Norman farms with a landscape of woods and small fields giving us some shelter from the elements. We hauled ourselves into Houdan – just one day to go.

The 'big push' south of Paris on Thursday at least had the benefit of dry weather. Rambouillet Forest seemed endless and was followed by the wooded ridges of Chevreuse which we cut at right angles before

descending to Milly-La-Forêt where Jane, Pete and our Millie welcomed us to 'Camping La Muscardiere' with tea, bananas and more tea.

The final 20kms to Samoio was hard going but the welcome we received from our hosts Claude and Francois, Simon their son and his friend Pierre was overwhelming. We had the statutory picture at the entrance to the village by the sign saying Samoio twinned with Harbury then were led 'home' trailing the Fontvielle's car with hazard warning lights on – beware tired cyclists.

Next day we were hosted by Martine and Michel Sequier and their daughter Coraline who had a friend from Harbury staying – Harriet Guy who happens to live opposite in Mill Street.

The kindness we met along the route both in England and France was a real bonus. I could go on but if anyone wants the route in detail and some of the pitfalls involved in getting home with two bikes by train. Please get in touch. It was worth the effort – a memorable journey.

John & Sharon Hancock



The Shakespeare Inn has won the Harbury-Samoio Twinning Trophy for the most attractive commercial premises. The photo shows Ron Cleaver accepting the shield from David Winter.

PENSIONERS' PATIO

'For the rain it raineth every day' sings one of Shakespeare's clowns. Was it a summer like the present one to date, and had Will dashed off his ditty to raise an ironic cheer from the soaked spectators in the pit? Maybe. But for how long are we happy with the sunshine? Two hot days and we bemoan the baked soil in the flower beds. There is, to be sure, a charm to correct that state of affairs – make lavish use of the hosepipe in the morning and by nightfall there'll be a flood to satisfy Noah himself. (Even more reliable than washing the car!)

The garden still awaits its covering of weather York stone, but there are advantages in the delay. We can ponder over whether we really want a little tree growing both oranges and lemons like that seen recently at a friend's house. More to the point, we can agonise over which climbing roses would be most attractive – and most at home – decorating the wall: the choice changes every time a fresh gardening supplement falls out of the weekend papers.

In the meantime, the denuded border has been given a temporary lease of life by the row of containers which now marches along it. The operation of moving them from the terrace was helped by something called a truck-trolley or universal trolley, according to whose catalogue you're looking at: this seems to be one aid for senior enthusiasts that the Head Gardner thinks really worth having. The pots themselves provide, or so I like to think, a vaguely Italianate look, especially the camellia in its new large terracotta home; the shrub itself must approve, for after going on strike last season it's now already producing a bumper crop of flower buds for a fine show next time round.

This morning the rose catalogue to end all such publications came through the letter box. Thirteen hundred entries, it claims. Will the decision finally be made? (miracles do still happen). William himself would have drooled over the illustrations: apparently he mentions roses more often than any other flower. He was certainly knowledgeable about plants but it wasn't just a well-stocked memory: he couldn't have written of them with that passionate poetic intensity if he hadn't truly loved them.

Edyth Algar



Some of our senior citizens in Poole during their recent annual outing

ANOTHER MEETING WITH ALAN TITCHMARSH

On a grey November evening last year, John and I went to Warwick Arts Centre to see Alan Titchmarsh. We enjoyed a lively 2 hours of anecdotes, poems and even a spot of singing. It certainly cheered up the audience who participated at the end of the show in a question and answer session. We all learned a lot about the Ground Force programmes and it was obvious that all of the team got on very well (apart from the one incident with Tommy) and all enjoyed the results of their labours and the surprise and pleasure of recipients.

Afterwards I joined the queue to meet the man himself as he was signing copies of his gardening books and novels. My turn came and I asked

him for something a bit special as I had recently been elected as chairperson of our local Horticultural Society. He duly wrote a few lines wishing Madam Chairman good luck for the future and even drew a small sketch. I asked if everyone got this treatment to which he replied *"No Madam I should quit while you are ahead!"* It was a very pleasant end to a most enjoyable evening.

Imagine my surprise when, at the end of May, this year, I received a special delivery letter advising me that I was one of five 1st prize winners in a recent Gardeners World Magazine Competition. (Just had to collect 2 tokens and affix to an entry form and send). In addition to a pair of free tickets for Gardeners World Live at the NEC I had won £1000 of National Gardening Gift Vouchers. To receive the prize I was to collect it from Alan Titchmarsh at the Show.

After agonising over what to wear, (you know how it is a wardrobe full of clothes but what would be suitable), my daughter, Sarah and I went to the Show. We had a most enjoyable time looking at the exhibits, show gardens and displays. At the appointed time we went to the Subscribers Lounge and met the other 4 winners, all ladies and waited to be summoned. One lady had come all the way from Scotland with her family, one lady was from Nottingham and the other two ladies were from the London area. We went backstage to meet Mr T after his stint on the stage. Thank goodness my choice of clothing was appropriate, my bright pink top matched his pink and white shirt.

We were all given our vouchers then individually had our photos taken with him by our companions who also met him. I did ask Sarah to take two as a failsafe. He then spent about half an hour chatting to us all. He is a very friendly and likeable man who clearly enjoys what he does and his enthusiasm is quite catching. I mentioned that I had met him before to which he replied that he thought he recognised me, fame at last! I have managed to spend a few of the vouchers but I fancy a small gazebo where perhaps like Alan I can write the odd bestseller, watch this space.

If anyone is interested in seeing one of Alan's shows, he will be at the Spa Centre on **13th November** this year, you will not be disappointed.

Judy Morrall

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

I understand the evening outing to Brackley was a success, very warm fine evening and a lovely garden. I navigated, we got near but not near enough and unfortunately the car was overheating so we made for home at a very modest pace, sorry to let you down Judy.

The Walkabout, weren't we lucky with the weather! Wimbledon and Edgbaston interrupted by rain but we were dry. Thank you to the people who opened their gardens, the shops and outlets which sold programmes, also our thanks to everybody else who helped to make the

event run smoothly, those who made cakes the “skivvies” and many others, we couldn’t have managed without you! I overheard more than one person say they hadn’t been round many gardens they had chatted too much! Our treasurer is happy – unlike other years when the weather has not been helpful, we have a reasonable surplus for donations to other groups. Again thank you everybody who helped.



Now to the next big event in our calendar, the Village Show on **Saturday 8th September**. The schedules are available from Muglestons, Co-op, Kathy Ellis, Mrs Janice Siddle, 35 Percival Drive, Mrs Gill Moore, Bungalow, Windmill Lane, Ladbroke and Ron Grey, 23 Deppers Bridge. To help cover running costs of the Show we intend to run a tombola, all contributions will be very welcome and should be left at Mrs Zonik’s, Chyldike Cottage,

Mill Lane, Harbury, Mrs Gill Moore at Ladbroke or 23 Deppers Bridge if possible before **Wednesday 5th September**, you don’t have to be a member to donate. We also propose to run a produce stall, jars of jam, chutneys, baking (suitably wrapped please), plants, vegetables etc. will be welcomed on the morning of the show before 10.45am. May I draw your attention to the Top Tray and Top Vase classes in the schedule, first prize for each is worth £10, well worth entering. Again, this year is proving awkward trying to grow reasonable produce in the garden or allotment, so if you cannot find an entry of fruit, veg or flowers please enter a class which isn’t so reliant on the weather – plenty to choose from for instance the handicraft section has a class – “A watercolour painting,” I understand painting is popular at the moment. Whatever you enter please remember to read the schedule.

Whilst on the subject the book “On with the Show” is very helpful and is available for reference, both Janice Siddle 614459 and Pat Smith 612650 have copies, and a phone call could mean the difference between a prize and being marked N.A.S. (not as schedule).

Finally the Malvern Autumn Show will be held this year on **Saturday 29th** and **Sunday 30th September**. The entry will be adults £6.75 each, children between 5-15 years £2.00, and groups of 10 or more £6.25 each. Anybody wishing to go please phone Janice on 614459 before **7th September**.

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES FOR AUGUST

The fruit and vegetable gardens are coming into their own now and there is a great satisfaction in harvesting the crops you have grown. Even better is eating really fresh produce knowing that it has not been dosed with numerous chemicals. There is still time to plant a few of the salad crops using any space amongst the flowers. Also try some spinach and turnips from seed sown now. These will be ready before the end of the year.

Prune plum, damson and cherry trees now to guard against silver leaf, a fungus disease which can attack the trees, if they are pruned in winter. Remove all dead, diseased and crossing branches and shorten the lateral shoots to 3ins. These shoots grow on the sides of the main branches and are the ones which bear the fruit. When raspberries have finished fruiting cut the old canes down to soil level, and tie in the new canes.

Continue to dead head annuals to prolong their season. Perennials will often flower again if they too are dead headed. Now is the time to take cuttings of any of the silver leaved plants. Use non flowering stems for this and then trim over the whole plant to tidy the shape. Check that young plants are receiving enough water. Feed pots and borders with a liquid feed. Dahlias and gladioli may also need watering in a dry spell. Mediterranean plants such as pelargoniums, osteospernums are more able to cope with hot dry days. If a plant suddenly collapses look in the top few inches of soil around the plant for the small c-shaped cream grubs of the vine weevil. These eat the roots of plants and particularly thrive in containers. Another sign of these pests are the circular shaped notches nibbled on the edges of leaves by the adults. Drench the compost in a solution made specially to kill these pests.

Ponds will need a top up and a tidy up. Thin out excessive plant growth but remember to leave it on the pool side for a few hours in case any water creatures have also been removed. Hedges can have their annual trim now.

Any house plants which are standing outside will need to be checked for water and any sign of disease.

Plant of the month – *Achillea*

This large family of flowers, well known to many, by our native Yarrow, is an attractive addition to the summer border. The Latin name is derived from the name of the Greek hero of the Trojan wars, Achilles. He was taught the healing properties of the leaves on wounds and for relieving high fevers. Throughout W. Europe and Central Asia, the home of these plants, *Achillea millefolium* has been grown for herbal medicines in physic gardens and convents. It was grown around French military camps where it was valued as a wound healer. In the Middle Ages it was thought to be powerful against evil spirits and nose bleeds. Mixed with other herbs it is now given for asthma and as a tonic bath. Even birds used the grey leaves to line their nests where it is thought the aroma may keep away fleas and mites.

Several members of the family are grown for their attractive semi-evergreen feathery foliage and flat plates of flowers either white or yellow. They vary in height from low ones for rockeries to border plants up to 1.5m tall. Now a variety called Summer Pastels offers a wide range of colours. These are easy to grown from seed. Sow in March and they will flower by mid August. They prefer full sun and are easy to care for.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

To the poor person who allowed their dog to mess on Mill Street during the Garden Walkabout Weekend, how inconsiderate of you. Not only did visitors have to sidestep the mess, school children were not so aware. May I suggest you treat yourself and the rest of us to a pack of nappy sacks. At only £1.00 for 100 it is not too much of an expense.

P.S. I did remove the mess but not until it was too late for some unfortunate visitors.

S. Lord

Dear Editors

I have already thanked everyone for opening their gardens for the recent Walkabout and I would also like to say a big Thank you to everyone who contributed tables, chairs and cakes. Also to all who helped to sell the programmes and who helped with the refreshments.

We had a very successful weekend, all our visitors enjoyed the gardens and those who had not visited before remarked on our lovely village. I hope that local businesses also benefited. Once again thank you.

Judy Morrall

Dear Editors

Karen & Malc would like to thank everyone who "turned-up" at the Old New Inn on Saturday 23rd June to celebrate their marriage.

Special thanks go to Brian, Sandra and their family for all their hard work and effort into making it a perfect day!

Sincere thanks to:- Zowie – for decorating the pub. Marie – the lovely flowers and decorating the marquee. All Bar staff – John, Lisa, Ray, Tracey and Michelle, who excelled, even repairing Bradley's trousers before we left for the registry office! Carol and Gemma for doing my make-up and getting me ready! Nathaniel, Jonathan and Bradley who looked absolute stars!

And last but not least for all the cards and lovely presents!

Thank you everyone.

Karen & Malc Sheasby

Dear Editors

On 30th June we held a Coffee Morning for the County Air Ambulance. With the wonderful support we received, we were able to send £220 to this very worthwhile charity.

Many, many thanks to you all.

Pat & Sylvia

Dear Editors

On behalf of the Teenage Cancer Trust, I would like to thank my fellow co-ordinators of the 'Sounds of the Sixties' event – Andy Cowan, Sue Dronfield, Dave ('Crockett') Edmunds and Michelle Griffin for all their hard work in making the evening such an incredible success. I would also like to thank all our very generous sponsors for their contributions

in support of the evening and all the people who gave prizes for the raffle. In addition, superb bouquets were provided by local sponsorship and these were presented to the organisers and female artistes, who provided their services for the evening in support of the Trust funds. A special thanks to Tony Dodds of 'Applied Design', for his work in designing and erecting the creative staging in the marquee. The event raised a magnificent £4,500 for the Teenage Cancer Trust, as a result of the dedication of the committee members who worked tirelessly to gain the backing of the four bands and solo artistes, the compere, the sponsors, and local helpers. Many thanks to all the volunteers involved in the event – we are very grateful for all your support.

Joe Griffin

Dear Editors

Hi,

My name is Rosemarie Adams and I live in Perth Western Australia. My father William George Rouen Adams was born in Harbury in 1914 as were all his family.

I have been tracing my family history and find they have been in Harbury since 1650 onwards, my ancestors are the Adams, Summers, Overton, Mullis families.

I very much enjoy reading the Harbury newsletter and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their input. It certainly brings back memories of my father.

Regards

**Rosemarie Adams
Leeming, Perth Western Australia**

Dear Editors

'Crashed in Harbury, during wartime – a Wellington bomber.' The Coventry Evening Telegraph recently ran an article on the above. Does anyone remember this crash – a "Harbury girl" is mentioned in the article, if anyone has information, please contact,

Ralph Swadling (612646)

REGULAR DIARY DATES

BABY CLINIC: Surgery, 2nd & 4th Wednesday 2:00-4:00pm

BADMINTON: Village Hall, Monday mornings (613174) 10.00am-12.00noon;
Mondays (612627) (Seniors) 7.00-9.00pm
Tuesdays (613413) (Club) 8:00-10:00pm;
Friday (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 2:00pm

BELLRINGING PRACTICE: (613605) Church, Fridays 7:30pm

BROWNIES: Scout Hut, Mondays 6:15-7:30pm

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 6:30pm

COFFEE MORNING: Tom Hauley Room Saturdays 10:00am-12:00noon

CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm

DANCING CLASSES: (01789-842242) Farley Room Village Hall, Children & Adults
Wednesdays 4:00-9:00pm.

GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, Mondays 6:00-7:00pm

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: Dog Inn 1st Thursday of Month 8:30pm

HARBURY FRIENDS: School, 2nd Tuesday of Month 8:00pm

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:

Under 7/8s: Training: Harbury School Pitch 9:00am

Coaches: Mike Grayson 613027 and
Jim Farrell 811216 (Mob. 0777 6130569)

Under 9/10s: Training: Harbury School Pitch 10:30am

Coaches: Joe Greenwell 613623, Jim Ward 612401,
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, 1st Tues (Oct. to May) 8.00pm

KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS: (612734) Scout Hut, Saturdays
10:00am - 12:00 noon

LIBRARY: (613297) Mondays 2:00-5:00pm and 5:30-7:00pm;

Thursdays 10:00am-1.00pm; 2:00-5:00pm & 5:30-7:00pm;
Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 10:00am 1st Thursday of Month;
Term Time only

LINE DANCING: BEGINNERS, Harbury Village Club, Thursdays 7:30pm

MARSHAL ARTS: Village Hall, Wednesday 6.00pm

NETBALL CLUB: (613239) Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays 6:30pm;
Matches Saturday Afternoon

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

TAI CHI: (614730) Village Hall, Wednesday 7:30pm

TENNIS CLUB: (613284) (Apr-Sept) Tues & Thurs 6:30pm onwards (6:00pm for April);
Saturday 2:00-5:00pm, Monday & Wednesday 1:45-3:00pm

THEATRE GROUP: (612610) Dog Inn, last Tuesday of Month 8:00pm

THURSDAY CLUB: Farley Room of V.Hall 2nd & 4th Thurs. of Month 2:30pm

TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, Monday 10:00-11:30am & Wednesday 1:30-3:00pm

W.I.: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday of Month 7:45pm

YOGA: Wight School, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm Dianne Surgey Tel.817904

YOUTH CLUB: Village Hall, Thursdays 7:00-9.00pm

Please note:

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

Articles to: Harbury Chemist, High Street by Friday 24th August

Bookings for:

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

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

Harbury Helpline is for you!

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

HELP WITH FORM FILLING:

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

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

HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE: Call Tony Brunton 612191.

ODD JOBS ABOUT THE HOUSE: Call Jeff Bedford 612753.

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