



**Rebecca and Callum Lines, Matthew and Natalie Bemrose
collecting conkers at The Pound**

During Half Term the village children have enjoyed the unseasonably warm weather as they collected conkers. However, winter is almost upon us and many people in the village took advantage of the 'flu jabs which were administered at the Village Hall.



Three villagers waiting their turn for 'flu injections

Now that the clocks have gone back we would encourage parents to warn their children of the dangers of riding bicycles or skateboarding in the road in the late afternoon. Similarly the Editors have received a request that drivers should ensure that they have lights on their vehicles in the early morning and evening on short journeys round the village. In both instances it is important to 'see and be seen' in order to avoid accidents.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the families of Phyllis Bayliss, Florence Byram, Betty Page and Audrey Tebaldi.

Harbury Diary

NOVEMBER

- Sun 4 4th before Advent** – Sung Eucharist 9am; Evening Worship 6pm
- Tues 6 Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society in Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 7 Holy Communion 2pm; Mothers' Union 2.30pm
Prayer meeting in Church 8pm
- Thurs 8 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Myton Hospice Line Dancing Club 7.30pm Beginners 8.30pm Weekly Class
W.I. in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
- Fri 9 School Remembrance Service 10.30am in Church
Beat Buddies 9.30-11.30am & 2-3pm in Village Hall
- Sat 10 Craft Circle in Village Hall
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of British Legion
- Sun 11 Remembrance Sunday** – Holy Communion 8am
Remembrance Service 10.15am Proceeding to the War Memorial for 11am
Sung Eucharist 6pm
- Tues 13 Toddlers Service 2.15pm, Holy Communion 7.30pm
Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm
Village Hall committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 14 RSPCA Coffee Morning 10.30am at Wissett Lodge
PCC Meeting in Church 7.30pm
'Talk it Through' at 33, South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 15 Holy Communion 9.45am
ADVERTS to 31, Binswood End by 5.30pm
- Fri 16 Recycling collection
Beat Buddies 9.30-11.30am & 2-3pm in Village Hall
- Sat 17 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of St. Dunstan's
- Sun 18 2nd before Advent** – Holy Communion 8am
Family Communion 10.30am; Evensong 6pm
- Mon 19 Harbury Society "English, Whose English" talk, Tom Hauley Room 7.30 for 8pm
- Tues 20 Holy Communion 7.30pm; Mothers' Union 8pm
Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm
Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 21 Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3-4pm
Prayer meeting in Church 8pm
- Thurs 22 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
Parish Council meeting 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 23 Beat Buddies 9.30-11.30am & 2-3pm in Village Hall
ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm
- Sat 24 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Toddlers' Group
- Sun 25 Christ the King** – Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 27 Holy Communion 7.30pm; Julian Meeting 8pm
Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm
- Wed 28 'Talk it Through' at 33, South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 29 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 30 Recycling collection
Beat Buddies 9.30-11.30am & 2-3pm in Village Hall

DECEMBER

- Sat 1 PCC Christmas Fayre in Village Hall 2pm
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Arthritis Resources

Sun 2 ADVENT Sunday Sung Eucharist 9am ; Evening Worship 6pm
Horticultural Society in Tom Hauley Room 8pm

All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

1st Sunday in the month:	9.00am Sung Eucharist 6.00pm Evening Worship
2nd, 4th (and 5th) Sunday in the month:	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sung Eucharist
3rd Sunday in the month:	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion 6.00pm Evensong
Every Sunday:	10.30am Sunday School (in Term Time)
Rector: Father Roy Brown, The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel.: 612377	

From the Rector

I have now been sharing in the life of Harbury and Ladbroke for eight years. Yes it's true. I have had the privilege of being close to people in their sorrows and their joys. It's a wonderful feeling, being part of such caring communities.

During those eight years, I have also become aware of the number of people, not living in the parishes, who read the Harbury & Ladbroke News, because of an interest in the villages.

Recently I heard of Nita Harshbarger, living in Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A., who is the mother-in-law of the daughter of someone in Harbury. She reads the H&L News from cover to cover.

With the tragedy that occurred in New York in September in our minds, we send our prayers and concerns to her and all Americans.

This horrific act of terrorism and subsequent acts of conflict are shown daily on our TV screens. It shows a very nasty picture of the world. Blame and recrimination are the order of the day. Bin Laden and his organisation is condemned by all. President Bush, and Mr. Blair only by some.

Obviously it is not my role to comment upon the rights and wrongs of terrorism and a nation's response. What interests me is that there appears to be in the reaction to these horrific events, a scale of disapproval to what are, after all, immoral acts. In other words are these acts, which are utterly immoral: very immoral, plain immoral, slightly immoral or hardly immoral?

I believe that this is a very dangerous concept. Terrorism is obviously utterly and completely immoral – often killing as it does, innocent bystanders. Yet can we say that an act of violence on an innocent person, which stops short of killing, leaving the victim maimed for life is any less immoral? Can we further say that an act against a child, which leaves the young person emotionally scarred for life, is less immoral than an act of terrorism?

No, it is important to realise that when we talk about right and wrong an act is either moral or it is immoral. The consequences of an immoral act may vary tremendously in their seriousness but that in itself does not affect the morality of the action.

Now over the last few months, there have been several calls by people prominent in public life, for a return of morality. They have coupled this call with attacks on violence and the like, assuming that the elimination of these evils will herald a return to morality. While one can identify with their hatred of violence and the like, they are wrong when they assume that the disappearance of those features of our society will herald a return to morality.

Morality has many facets, but essentially concerns people's relationship with their fellow human beings and their environment. Let me just highlight the tenet which is being abandoned. It is immoral to cause suffering to innocent people especially in the pursuit of personal gain and the pursuit of a personal cause.

I hope that we can all see that terrorism obviously falls within that definition but I hope and pray that just before we pick up a very large stone and throw it, we will examine other aspects of our society. The employer, who exploits his workers and discards them when it suits his convenience. The worker, who deliberately uses those for whom he is responsible, in order to pursue a claim for improved pay and conditions. The youngster, who expresses his frustration at life, by kicking in a shop window. Just three examples of immoral acts, but three among many that disfigure our national life.

Our indignation at terrorism is great and rightly so, but it is aroused by violence and the death of innocents, rather than the basic immorality. Appealing for morality is difficult when we are surrounded by so much immorality – how often do we hear the excuse that we were forced to take this immoral action? The Christian Church fights under the banner of both the greatest immorality of all time and the greatest morality of all time – that banner is the Cross.

The greatest immoral act was the killing of Jesus – the innocent man. The greatest moral act was His reaction to the pain and suffering of crucifixion – 'Father, forgive them'. If only humanity, or that part of it which is basically good, could fight immorality with morality rather than immorality, the world would be transformed into a better and safer place.

Fr. Roy

From the Registers

Holy Baptism at All Saints Harbury

7th October Daniel William Luke
28th October Tamsyn Eloise Smith

Confirmation at All Saints Harbury

by Bishop Colin on October 14th
Ladbroke: Jamie Sowerby and Sarah Williams
Harbury: Harriet Guy and Susan Graydon

Funerals at All Saints Harbury

29th October Audrey Tebaldi, 74
30th October Florence Byram, 85

Funerals at Oakley Wood

25th October Phyllis Bayliss, 78

Congratulations to Jane and Nigel Thomas, who were married on September 29th at Watergate Bay in Cornwall



From the Churchwardens

As predicted, the Harvest Supper was a most enjoyable occasion; the food was excellent, and the entertainment was lively to say the least. Fronted by the energetic Graham Alder who 'warmed-up' the audience ready for the dramatic production of Snow White & the 7 Dwarfs, starring Father Roy in the leading role and Harry as the mirror. The drama was written and produced by Felicity - hilarious! If you were not there you missed a treat!

We were pleased to welcome Bishop Colin on October 14th to confirm 15 candidates from around the Deanery, including two from Harbury: Harriet Guy and Susan Graydon.

This month, there will be a Stewardship presentation aimed at an increase in our regular giving, sufficient to pay our way each month and to plan more giving to the many deserving causes. This need has been mentioned before and there has been a generous response but we do need everyone to take part - it is our church and our responsibility. Meanwhile, there are broken roof tiles to be dealt with and guttering to be replaced at the back of the church - this should be started during the month.

Felicity and John

All Saints' Church - Whose Responsibility?

The splendid church building in Harbury has been left to us by our predecessors, for use as a fitting place for the worship of God. The responsibility for its continuance lies with all who use it; either regularly, or occasionally

In previous Churchwardens' articles this year, it has been reported that church income has fallen below its outgoings. Thankfully, there has been some response to this situation but not enough yet to 'balance the books'. This is intended to explain where the money currently goes each week and where it comes from.

EXPENDITURE	INCOME
Parish Share 500	Planned giving (S/Order, Env's)..... 398
Clergy ex's 36	Income tax recovery 96
Insurance 57	Collection plate..... 96
Electric, gas..... 62	Fees (weddings, funerals) 23
'Normal' repairs 19	Lunches, coffee mornings 32
Altar, choir etc. 19	THR donations 37
Print, leaflets etc..... 24	Interest + other donations..... 15
THR expenses 42 697
Totals..... 759	Shortfall £62

The Parish Share covers the Rector's salary, housing etc., and a contribution to the running of the Diocesan administration.

The Church's income comes from individual's giving, the occasional gift day and the various fund raising events. There is no 'Grant Aid', other than the rebate of tax on Gift Aid or Covenanted giving.

There are two areas that require an income over and above our normal expenses: a Repair Fund (the church is an old building in quite good order but the weather does take its toll) and our giving to those who are less fortunate than we are (we do give to specific causes from the Christmas Fayre and when there are disasters) but not as a plan.

THE RESPONSIBILITY IS OURS. For information call Liz McBride, 612421, or see one of the wardens: Felicity Harris or John Moore.

Mothers' Union

Afternoon meeting: Tony Stubbs was our speaker – subject *One More Step* – giving us an insight into his work as Pastoral Assistant. From Altar server as a young boy, progressing through the journey of life, all the while with God very much at his side, Tony's faith shines through. He calls God "a God of Surprises with a marvellous sense of humour". Through reading and listening and learning from many dear friends along the way, Tony realised that he was called to support Father Roy's work in this parish. There are always risks attached if we are to be ready for new awakenings, but God 'allows us to see and calls us to do'.



L to R: Nancy Stubbs and Mary Catt

At the meeting, Mary Catt presented Nancy Stubbs with a certificate to mark 50 years' membership of the Mothers' Union – a great achievement.

On October 13th, the long awaited Time Capsule finally arrived in Harbury, brought by our Diocesan President Wendy Thomas and welcomed by Philip Bushill-Matthews, MEP, and Jenny Patrick, Vice Chairman of Harbury Parish Council. Members from Bishops Tachbrook and Harbury M.U. were on hand to provide refreshments and cheer the capsule on the next stage of its journey – to Coventry Cathedral.



Time Capsule

Evening meeting: Kathy Priddis made a most welcome return visit, this time to talk about *Icons, a Window on God*. To most people, the word Icon conjures up a sacred painting or image, brightly coloured and decorated with gold and of course, that is mostly how icons appear. Kathy was able to explain the significance of the images and shapes in which they are arranged, making it easier to understand just how and why icons have become so widely used, in places of worship and in homes, over many years. She likened family portraits, ornaments and pictures of favourite places to icons. We all like to have special belongings around us to remind us of loved ones, so an icon need not have only religious connotations, but it may channel our thoughts and bring us comfort.

Through the generosity of members, filling their Overseas Boxes during the past year, we were able to send off a cheque for £223.38, a worthwhile contribution that will be wisely spent by M.U. to help in various overseas projects.

We are all deeply saddened by the sudden death of one of our staunchest members, Audrey Tebaldi. Although Audrey moved to Warwick just a couple of years ago, she was a constant visitor to Harbury, always showing concern for others and helping in her quiet, gracious way. Our sincere sympathy goes to her two sons and their families.

Next meetings:

Wed. 7th Nov.: 2.00pm Service, 2.30pm Pam Clarke - *Behold, I am doing a New Thing*;
Tues. 20th Nov.: 7.30pm Service, 8.00pm Barbara Hodge - *Praying with Colour*.

Anne Moore

Toddlers' Service

Mrs. Bedord led the October service. After our prayer we sang *If I were a butterfly* with lots of appropriate actions. Mrs. Bedford then told us the story of St. Francis of Assisi, who loved animals, birds and all living creatures.

To finish, the children made a collage of animals to put up in the children's corner.

The next Toddlers' Service will be on **Tuesday 13th November**, at 2.15pm in the children's corner of the Church.

C. Mary Catt

Children's Society

Thanks to all the Harbury box-holders. The recent box opening realised £338.02 for the Society. If you would like to have a collecting box in your home, please contact Pam Brown.

Fr. Roy

Harbury Bellringers

Congratulations to Harbury Bellringers who came 3rd in the Coventry Diocesan Guild competition finals at Clifton on Dunsmore on September 29th. The team consisted of: William Jones, George Price, Alison Abbott, Catriona Rollason, Dominic Travis and Ralph Swadling.

Well done!

Nora Ellis

Laugh Line

A curt reply to a bishop who had suggested that an incumbent should move, read: *Dear Bishop, I remain, Yours faithfully.*

Ladbroke News

NOVEMBER

- Sun 4 **4th before Advent** – Family Communion 10.30am
 Sun 11 **Remembrance Sunday** - Sung communion 9am with Act of Remembrance
 Mon 12 The Millennium Club Prize Draw at The Bell Inn 8pm
 Wed 14 Holy Communion 2pm; Women's Fellowship 2.45pm
 Thurs 15 P.C.C. meeting at *The Croft* 7.30pm
 ADVERTS to 31, Binswood End, Harbury by 5.30pm
 Sat 17 Church Fayre in Village Hall 2.30pm
 Sun 18 **2nd before Advent** - Sung Communion 9am
 Children's Church 10.30am
 Thurs 22 Ladbroke W.I. meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm
 Fri 23 **ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street, Harbury by 5.30pm**
 Sun 25 **Christ the King** - Sung Communion 9am
 Tues 27 PCC Meeting 8.15pm

DECEMBER

- Sun 2 **Advent Sunday** - Family Communion 10.30am

Ladbroke Flower Rota

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| 18 th November | Helen Sullivan |
| 25 th November | Helen Morten |
| No flowers in Advent | |
| Christmas Day flowers at the altar | Jean Clews |

Jane Rutherford

Ladbroke Church News

Firstly, our young cyclists and horse riders raised £218 for us on the Sponsored Ride at the beginning of September. It is a marvellous achievement on their part and our praise and gratitude cannot be shouted loudly enough.

Next, more money raising! The Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall will be on **Saturday 17th November** (6 weeks before Christmas) at 2pm. All the usual stalls and more will be there. Donations of cakes, Tombola, bottles, raffle prizes and bric-a-brac are much appreciated (notices coming round soon!). This is in aid of the Development Fund.

Betty Winkfield

Women's Fellowship

We didn't have a speaker at our last meeting, but we put the time to good use. After much discussion we decided that for just one more year our Lent Lunch monies would go to the Cairo Refuge for the Sudanese. This is to aid one more student to finish his/her education. The previous student we sponsored has completed his studies.

Next month our speaker is Bill Davies talking about his favourite subject: *Mission for Seamen*. After our Communion Service in Church at 2pm, the meeting will be here at Hall Farm. Many thanks to Gill Moore for having us at her home in October.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.

The meeting held on October 25th was our AGM. The President welcomed Dorothy Groves and Celia Barrett our tellers for the evening, and also Jenny Frith the W.I. Advisor.

The President informed members that the tickets for the Group Christmas Carol Service were now available at £1.50 per person. This is to be held at Long Itchington on **Sunday 9th December** at 2.30pm.

This year's Christmas Party is to be held on **Monday 10th December** at the Nickelodeon in Ashorne, and members were asked for their deposit. The President informed members that transport to this function would be provided from funds.

Jenny Frith then announced the results of the voting. The new committee voted en bloc were: Anne Edwards, Marie Kennedy, Chris Baker, Sue Rayner, Sue Halsall, Susan Moore, Sheena Heeley, and Colette Batty. Anne Edwards was re-elected as President.

Beryl Ross and Chris Baker won the Raffle.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 22nd** November at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall, when the talk will be entitled: *Ladies in Pigs*. Jan Lowman and Sue Halsall will be the hostesses. Everyone will be made most welcome.

Marie Kennedy

Ladbroke Village News

In the August edition of this magazine (page 31) there was an article by Chris Wilkinson of Bishops Itchington about Kickstart B.I. and an article by Michael Bartlett. It is part of the Ambulance Service and they control the people, who volunteer to be part of Kickstart, as regards their training.

The volunteers are members of the community trained in C.P.R. defibrillation techniques, First Aid and Oxygen Therapy. They are called to incidents such as heart attacks, diabetic attacks, strokes and epileptic seizures.

The Kickstart members are centred in Bishops Itchington and cover a radius of 3 miles. They aim to respond to a call in 8 minutes. Obviously the outskirts of Harbury and Ladbroke are just that bit further, but we are all covered by the scheme. The idea is that their response will be quicker than the paramedics coming from Warwick.

The more members Kickstart B.I. can get the better, so that their 'rota' can be more fully manned. As the population of our villages grows so these sorts of services become more important.

If you feel you could be of service to them, phone the Secretary, Chris Wilkinson (613147), who will be pleased to hear from you.

If you find yourself in an emergency situation and feel that Kickstart B.I. could help you, ring 999 and ask for the Ambulance Service. They will then contact the appropriate First Responder over the Kickstart B.I. mobile phone.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke Village hall

The Arabian Evening is being held on **Friday 23rd November** with exotic dancers. Refreshments from Tarsus Restaurant and also a Raffle and Bar. Tickets are £10 and available from Gwynne Badman (812187) or Catherine Spence (814362).

The tenth draw of the Millennium Club was held on October 8th at The Bell Inn. The winners were: Steve Birch, £80; Rhian Kelsall, £50; Jay Moore, £25; B&M Whitehouse, Carol Lane, Kevin Picken, Francis Badman, and Alan Stubbs each won £10.

The next draw will be held on **Monday 12th November** at 8pm in The Bell Inn.

I have been asked a few times by people who have wondered what the Millennium Club draw is and how it works. I thought I would give a résumé for those people, and also for new people who have come into this area.

In 1997 we were very anxious to raise money to improve the Village Hall (as we still are!!). A '100 Club' was suggested, and the response was 57 people saying YES. It was decided to go ahead, but it seemed rather pretentious to call it '100 Club', so with the millennium coming up and at that time (before the Millennium Green had emerged) it seemed that the Village Hall would probably benefit from millennium funds, we called it Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club (LVHMC).

We started the Club on 1st January 1998. The numbers went up to 83, but now stands at 76. The membership fee is £5 a month and is not restricted to the Ladbroke area.

The Prize Draw is held monthly, usually at The Bell Inn, Ladbroke by kind permission of its owners. Future date and time are indicated in the Harbury & Ladbroke News each month along with the prize list.

60% of the fund's income is dispersed as prizes and the balance is used for Village Hall projects. The amount raised so far is £7,585, which has been used to pay for the paved forecourt, £4,341 and new padded chairs, £2,878. The next project is to improve the kitchen facilities.

I hope this has explained the Club and its purpose. If anyone is interested in joining, or wishes more information, please contact me on 814362 or call at 3, Ladbroke Hall.



The Village Hall set for Harvest Festival, using our new chairs

Catherine Spence

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Harbury Parish Council Meeting

It is getting serious and no one seems to care. Bishops Itchington is trying to annex the former Harbury Quarries. Stratford D.C. has appointed Roger Huxley as Parish Review Officer (01789 260226) to look into changes in the Parish Boundaries. District Cllr Daly said: *Bishops deserves the Quarries and will succeed in their bid.* Our P.C. just shrugged its collective shoulders!

Mind you they had other things to think about. David Holmes was there to extract an apology for the distress he has suffered over suggestions that he encroached onto the highway in Crown Street. He has photographic proof his front garden always abutted the road. It's just that paths have been created on either side over the years.

There's the continuing problem of vandalism. No one has volunteered to co-ordinate the Neighbourhood Watch, and Paul Winchester's suggestion of replacing the Village Hall gates so they can be locked has been put on hold because as Jack Heath explained, the Council is "a little bit strapped for cash".

They are however, installing fold down, lockable bollards round the recreation ground's car park to stop unauthorised cars racing round the fields. Also, since the Dog Warden has been alerted to the fouling problem, things have improved there, according to some of the responsible dog walkers.

The scrambling at Deppers Bridge has stopped for the moment although there is an appeal against the enforcement notice. Stratford D.C. granted the application for a conservatory at 15, Leicester Close. In Temple End, Dr Wilne is seeking permission to fell three conifers and a Sorbus; there are plans for a replacement garage at the Wagstaffe School and a storeroom at Weston Villa in Deppers Bridge.

The Parish Council has been informed that the works at Harbury Croft were granted planning permission.

The Councillors have been confused about how they are supposed to respond to planning applications and have received guidance from Stratford D.C. who state they can either say nothing, object with reasons or send a letter of support. Chairman for the night, Jenny Patrick, remarked that people don't understand the planning process and should come along to the Parish Council meetings.

Work on the "Youth Project" continues. The tarmac has been laid and the Parish Council will order the "Fun Box". The group now needs an extra £20,000 for the remaining equipment and has been advised to look for Landfill Tax Grants.

The Council can't get away with just fixing new lamps on top of the old posts in Neales Close, as they are too far-gone. So that's an extra expense, and to cap it all - they have a plague of moles in the cemetery and play area. Gassing has been ordered! The Clerk is assured there is no danger to children.

Linda Ridgley

Planning – What's It All About?

Apart from minor extensions and alterations to buildings almost all development requires planning permission, and if your home is Listed or in a Conservation Area there are even greater restrictions on what you can do to it.

It is the District Council that is the main planning authority here. The County Council has a few planning powers mainly relating to Highways and Waste Disposal.

The Parish Council is **NOT** the planning authority and has **NO** powers over planning. It is sent copies of all applications within its Parish to comment upon as it sees fit, but in essence it has the same influence as any individual. It can comment upon planning applications – in support or as an objector. It can also send a representative to the Area Planning Meeting to speak about a particular application if it wants to – and so can you! However, because the Parish Council is the third tier of local government, it is subject to the rules that govern all Councillors.

If a member's financial position would be affected, for better or worse, by a decision which the Council makes about a planning application, he/she should declare that "pecuniary interest" and take no part in the deliberations. It is important that Councillors are seen to be above reproach.

Having a "pecuniary interest" in this context usually means a Councillor's land or property may change in value (up or down) as a result of the granting of planning permission (not necessarily for **his** land, it can be land or property close to his own which is subject to the application).

A great deal hangs on the granting of planning permission. Agricultural land is worth about £2,000 an acre but with permission for housing can increase to £2,000,000. That is a big windfall profit and one of the reasons why it is so difficult to build affordable homes in this area – land costs can be greater than building costs!

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Society

Mr. Graham Alder may be a guide at Lichfield Cathedral, but he's a good salesman too. After his talk to the Harbury Society everyone voted for an organised trip there!

Lichfield is dedicated to St. Mary and St. Chad, who was the first Bishop. His bones were venerated there for centuries until the turbulence of the Civil War did great damage to the fabric of the Cathedral. Nevertheless Lichfield still contains some magnificent architecture: Saxon, Norman, Gothic, Perpendicular, and Victorian. It has a few fragments of medieval glass; some re-used Flemish windows in the Lady Chapel and the remains of wall paintings whitewashed over by the Roundheads.

Although its ancient Library was lost in the Civil War it has over a thousand manuscripts, donated in 1673 by the Duchess of Somerset and the Lichfield Gospels (Matthew, Mark and parts of Luke, with marginal notes in Welsh!) Mr. Alder suggested that the Library could be included in our tour and there we could see some of the Cathedral's finest treasures.

Our next meeting is a talk on the evolution of the English Language, "English, whose English?" on **19th November**, 7.30 for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

We are also running our traditional Photographic Quiz at the Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 1st December!**

Linda Ridgley

Harbury's Women's Institute

As usual, the W.I. Harvest Supper was most enjoyable. The food was delicious and Doreen Bloxham and her team did us proud. We do appreciate and thank them all for their efforts. Thanks to all who helped in the afternoon and evening. The Park Street Players, all from Warwickshire W.I.s, provided the entertainment. We had to book them over a year ago, but they were well worth the wait.

November is the end of the W.I. year when we vote for new officers. We hope for members' support in providing a full committee.

The W.I. started in Harbury in 1918 and has thrived over the years. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley Room. We have a speaker and social time with refreshments and raffle. Courses, outings and holidays organised by the County and National W.I. are on offer to members. One can take weekend and 4-day courses on many subjects and various activities at Denman College in Oxfordshire. Denman is a lovely old house in glorious surroundings with first class accommodation in a very friendly atmosphere.

The W.I. is famous for its campaigning activities on important issues over the years. New blood with fresh ideas is always welcome, so do come along.

Mr. David Julian from the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre in Wellesbourne came to speak on Global Warming and its effects.

Unfortunately we are suffering from the pollution of 200 years ago. Each household is responsible for 7.5 tons of carbon dioxide, which stays in the atmosphere for 100 years.

As we all know, climate changes have started and extremes of weather will inevitably become more frequent. If fuel reserves are consumed on the present day level, they will last for only 50 to 60 years, coal 100 years. One can see how important it is to conserve energy, to prevent pollution and cut bills.

Mr. Julian reckons that a £600 bill could be reduced by half. He pointed out many ways we could economise: with loft insulation, cavity wall insulation, hot water tank jackets, draught proofing, heating controls, condensing boilers and low energy lights.

Such an interesting and informative talk recommended to all societies.

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Folk Club

As a theme, I suggested people should turn up dressed as song titles and, as usual, most of the performers made the effort as well as some of the audience (examples of songs represented included: Bob The Builder, I'm a Lady Policeman, Where Have All The Flowers Gone, and Durham Jail). Peter Bones showed off his origami skills by making a very large hat out of a street map of London to represent Ralph McTell's best-known song, which he later performed.

Celia reminded us it was National Poet's Day and read us Little Red Riding Hood and The Wolf (suitably dressed in red cape of course) and we also had a self-penned ditty from Ron Shuttleworth, entitled 'I Wish I Was A Poet!'

All of the other regular performers were there showing once again how lucky we are to have such talent at our Folk Club. It's always nice to see new faces and we were all pleased to listen to Anna playing a couple of tunes on her flute – let's hope she comes again and gets a chance to join some of our other talented musicians to form an impromptu band.

As usual we had a raffle and we managed to raise £36, which will be added to the Soroptimist Swimathon 2001 sponsorship money raised by the Herburgh Morris team.

The highlight of the evening for me was a fabulous rendition of 'Albert Goes To Cleethorpes'. Once again we had a great night of free entertainment.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 6th December** run by Gilly Darbey and the theme will be *Winter Wonderland*. I'll be there as usual; why not come along to The Dog Inn and see what it's all about?

Bob Hodgkiss

11th Annual Harbury Hash

On Sunday 23rd September, 80 runners and walkers set off from Chesterton Village for the 11th Annual Harbury Hash. This year the hares were Gilly (Geronimo) Murphy, Mali (Little Big Horn) Murphy, Fred (S.A.) Pratt, and Doug (Dunn Inn) Freeman.

The runners had to run the gauntlet of Mike (Hash Flash) Bloxham as they headed off loosely in the direction of Barn Hill, which of course was a false trail. The walkers though, just ambled off at a sedate pace in

the general direction of Lighthorne, and by the time they reached the M40 the runners were still struggling to keep up. The runners were then set a number of false trails on the south side of the M40, before crossing back on the footbridge near Checkleys Brake. The runners finally managed to catch up with the walkers at the fish ponds near Chesterton Church. After a welcome drink and sweets stop, the Hash set off on a circuit north of Chesterton Church. The threatening rain finally started, but undaunted the fine Hashers completed various trails including a visit to Humblebee Cottage, before the 'On In' to Chesterton Village.

The customary BBQ and 'Down Downs' followed, and the rain was ignored as the customary penalties were awarded for breaking the unwritten Hash rules. Our thanks to Janny (Hash Fire) Freeman, Sue (Hash Cash) Hartland, Gilly and Mali for use of their paddock, and to all those who donated salads.

Finally, our special thanks to Winston Warhurst (Ewefields Farm) and Dick Smith (Hillhouse Farm) for allowing us access to their land, especially given the difficult times our farmers had to cope with this year. Don't miss the 12th Harbury Hash in September 2002.

Doug Freeman

Harbury Nursery School

The Nursery held its AGM last month in the School Library. It was lovely to see so many parents turn out to enjoy a glass of wine and listen to a summary of the Nursery's past year. The success of the Nursery was highlighted by the ease and confidence with which children started school and the continuing growth in numbers with 60 children attending the Nursery by the end of July.

The Nursery greatly appreciates the support it receives from its committee members, parents and grandparents who contribute valuable time helping sessions, manning the computer and supporting fund raising. Kate and her staff would like to thank the committee for their hard work over the past year, particularly to Carolyn as Treasurer and Marie as Secretary. Also they would especially like to thank Anne-Marie for being an excellent Chairperson over the last two years and for her superb efforts and tremendous work.

After half term we will be looking at the theme of colour to introduce the children to different areas of learning. We will be encouraging observation of colours all around us and exploring our feelings, likes and dislikes. We would welcome any painters, artists or decorators to come into the Nursery to talk about painting and to show the children their painting tools.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the Nursery or booking a place please ring Kate on 612656.

We are looking forward to Christmas and will be holding a Christmas Coffee Morning on **Thursday 6th December** in the Tom Hauley Room at 10.00am. We will be bringing the Nursery children to sing some festive Christmas songs.

The children will be taking part in their Christmas Concert on **Friday 14th December** at 10.00am in the School Hall.

Marie Kennedy

The Pre-School - Learning Through Play



Pre-School children visiting Harbury School to learn about assembly

The Ofsted registration for Harbury Pre-School has just been renewed and we are looking forward to our inspection towards the end of the year. Yes – we’re actually ‘looking forward’ to our inspection and with good reason – we have been in constant and close communication with Ofsted and the Pre-School Learning Alliance throughout the year to ensure that our planning meets the Early Years Curriculum, and we have a team of exceptional staff who are enthusiastic, focused, and excellent at nurturing our children.

Our staff team at Pre-School, namely Yvette Tanner, Lisa Helliwell and Jill Davis, are continuing with their training in Early Years. There has been a recent focus on Creative Development for the Foundation Stage Curriculum through role-play, which has thrown up an abundance of new ideas to stimulate the children’s imagination and increase confidence. We value the commitment of our team at the Pre-School, and support them as they continue with these training programmes, which benefit our children.

Training comes in all kinds of guises, and one initiative we have introduced at Harbury Pre-School is regular networking and consultation with other nurseries to learn from each other and share ideas. Over the last few months Yvette, our Pre-School Leader, and Jo Simpson, our Chair of the Pre-School Committee, have spent some time visiting Kinton Nursery and the Triangle Nursery Group. The exchange of ideas has been refreshing and has provided even more inspiration.

Some of our children recently visited Harbury Fields Farm to see the animals and learn about how the farm is run. They then went black-berrying and collected windfall apples that were later made into blackberry and apple crumble when they returned to the school. Joshua boasted his expertise when it came to sheep, and told us: *I now know the difference between a lamb, a teg, a ram and a sheep!*

This month our children have also been very busy preparing for Halloween. A whole host of scary activities have been going bump inside the Pre-School classroom! The children have been making not only witch's hats, but spider hats too – with webs that hang down - eek! They've been baking bat cookies, and using candles to make shadows on the wall.

On a more practical note, to help enhance the environment inside the Pre-School classroom, a carpeted floor will be laid this month. However, given that sand and water play is always available for the children to play with during sessions, we have opted for carpet tiles so that pours and spills can be easily dealt with.

We thought we should clarify that Harbury Pre-school is eligible for nursery grants for 4 year olds – and we, like other nurseries, do all the sorting out of paperwork and administration for children on this matter for you – all your child has to do, is turn up and play!

The Pre-School AGM, held on October 10th, was well attended. The Committee has changed just slightly whilst the enthusiasm continues. Jo Simpson is continuing as Chair, with Caroline Hill continuing as Secretary, and Rachel Brown as Treasurer. The Committee and staff are united in their cause: to provide a warm and nurturing environment in which children can learn through play and experiences.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14th November** at 8pm in The Shakespeare. We warmly welcome any parents/guardians and supporters to join us.

We have a number of social events on the horizon:

The Pre-School is hosting a Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on **Saturday 24th November** 10am-12noon – where there will be a raffle, cake stall, handmade cards, Christmas paper and face-painting for the children. Donations of cakes and raffle prizes would be appreciated. We will also be holding a Tabletop Sale at this coffee morning and any donations of household items (not furniture) would be gratefully received. Please ring Lana Long for details on 613311.



Pre-School children celebrating Halloween

We are holding an Under 5's Christmas Disco on **Saturday 8th December** from 5 - 6.30pm at The Harbury Village Club – SO KIDS get

your dancing shoes out, and spread that glitter about!! Entrance is £2.50, which includes drink and crisps, a present from Father Christmas, games and face painting. Glow-in-the-dark jewellery will also be for sale – earrings, necklaces and glo-wands – all at £1.00 each.

We will be holding our Pre-School end of term Christmas Party on **Friday 21st December.**

If you would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, then please don't hesitate to contact Caroline Hill on 613780 or Jo Simpson on 612781.

Harbury Pre-School Committee

Harbury Primary School



Starting school 2002: Letters have been sent to parents of all children of whom we are aware who should start school next September. If anyone knows of a child in the area who will be four years old before next September and whom we may not know about, please direct them towards school as soon as possible.

Dressing up: If anyone can spare a bit of time to help make some dressing-up clothes we would be very grateful. Mrs. Rathbone would like some very basic outfits that look like grown-up's clothing but will fit children for her class (Stowe!). Please call in to see Mrs. Rathbone if you think you may be able to help.

PTA: The Committee held their AGM at the beginning of October. They were deservedly and heartily thanked on behalf of the staff, governors and children for yet another fantastic year's work. The variety of events and activities they have put together has been superb for social as well as financial reward. Many thanks to everyone who has given support over the year and special thanks to the committee who were: Mrs. Sue Graydon, Mrs. Nicola Thompson, Mrs. Kary Hunt, Mr. Nick Tawney, Mrs. Jan Brough, Mrs. Cassie Gibb, Mrs. Sally Lines, Mr. Ian Ashworth, Mrs. Kelly Lintott and Mr. Nigel Chapman. The next committee meeting is on **Wednesday 7th November** – for details contact Mrs. Graydon on 612479. All offers of help are gratefully received even if you don't want to be on the committee. The year's final draws were made for the 100 Club and were won by Mrs. Ruth Thurogood and Mrs. Debbie Steele.

Future dates for your diary: Children's Disco **Friday 14th December** 6.15pm to 7.15pm / 7.30pm to 9.00pm and the PTA Quiz Night **Friday 16th November.**

The Lunt Fort: Judging by the fantastic work displayed in two classes and their assemblies so far, the children obviously got a great deal out of this visit. An extract from Albany Vincent's writing: *Twenty Romans had to be on the gates. John taught us some Latin. He said that sin dex means left right. We went sin dex, sin dex to the praetorium. The praetorium is where the commander lived. If you were joining the Roman army you could not get married for you would be sent away for twenty-five years. The commander could have his wife and his children living with him. He had servants in one part of the praetorium and officers in another part. Then he went to the baths. You could only get in if you were a commander or an officer. First you took off*

your clothes and put olive oil on you and a cloth, then you went in a steam room and then went into a bath.

Sponsored Walk: Many thanks to everyone for yet another year's fantastic support, children, parents, friends, relatives and neighbours. Collection so far is unbelievable £991.80 – let's hope that we pass the £1,000.00 mark!

Cogges Manor Museum: Visit by Avon and Severn. Many thanks to all of those adults who kindly gave up their day to accompany the children on this educational visit. It went extremely well because of this help. Two quotations, the first from a mum: *Dear Mr. Chapman and Mrs. Sharp, thank you very much for a most enjoyable day at Cogges Manor Farm. I thought the children's respectful behaviour and excellent manners were a real credit to their teachers and Harbury School.*

The second from Zoe and Pippa: *As soon as we stepped out of the coach we could smell and hear all the animals. In the afternoon we went to a cookery demonstration. The cook made some scones with us, using Victorian tools only and no electricity. She then cooked them on the griddle that had a fire under it to make it hot. Then we ate them. We had lunch in an orchard. We saw all the outside barns that had things like carts and old ploughing machines. Then we went home. Altogether it was a great day.*

Hi-fidelity: If anyone knows anyone who could come into school and check/re-wire our music system – cassette deck, CD, amplifier, speakers etc., we would be eternally grateful and we'd even pay for the service! Please mention it to an "expert" and direct them to school if they have the time.

Paul Milner

Harbury PTA

The new committee has now had their first meeting and are planning a varied programme of events over the next year. Details will be announced when dates have been finalised.

We held a children's disco on October 14th, which as usual seemed to be well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all children. A special thanks must go to the staff who came back and gave up their Friday evening to support us – without your help we would not be able to run these events. Thanks also to Sally and Steve Lines who, once again, set up some wonderful lights for us and Kary Hunt and Lana Long who, in the absence of our normal DJs, stepped in and entertained us all! Finally, thanks to the children who lent us some music and helped out with the entertainment. We have already planned a Children's Christmas Disco on **Friday 14th December**, usual times and prices.

The PTA Quiz night will be held on **Friday 16th November**. The bar opens at 7.30pm with the Quiz starting at 8pm. If you haven't entered a team before, give it a whirl - teams of 4 at a cost of £12. It is great fun and in a good cause. A lot of our regular teams have already signed up, so as places are limited, hurry and make that call now on 612479.

Susan Graydon - Chair

Harbury Support Group for Myton Hospice

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Plant Sales. We raised the sum of £3,477.95. We could not have done this without your support. Thank you to Chris, Mark and Leon, at the Dog Inn, for the use of the car park and a Big Thank You to Lancet Nursery for supplying the plants.

We are holding a Coffee Morning on **Friday 23rd November** at Fox Cottage, Chapel Street, 10am to 12noon. Raffle, Bring & Buy, Cakes and Christmas Cards.

We would like to wish everyone a *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

Harbury Support Group

Heathcote Rehabilitation Hospital

We are holding a Jumble Sale on **Saturday 24th November** at 2.30pm at Harbury Village Hall in support of Heathcote Rehabilitation Hospital. Any donations of raffle prizes or jumble can be collected. Please phone Mary on 613140 or Sally on 614290 for collection.

Hope to see all you bargain hunters at this event for a very worthwhile cause. Do pop along and join us. Many thanks.

Mary Revitt

Harbury All Saints' Christmas Fayre

Once again our Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 15th December** approaches. We will have a fine array of stalls, which include: home made cakes, toiletries, Tombola, toys and an exciting raffle (a Victorian theme).

Father Christmas will make his rounds of the village followed by being a 'star' attraction at the Fayre. We hope that, weather permitting, the Hereburgh Morris dancers will entertain us prior to the Fayre opening at 2.00pm.

There will be a White Elephant Stall and any items you may have to dispose of, will be gratefully accepted by Ken Hughes of Leamington House or myself.

Our valiant team of raffle ticket sellers will be calling on you during November – the proceeds this year will be donated to the A & E Appeal Fund of Warwick Hospital. Please be generous.

My committee and I look forward to enjoying a memorable day with you all.

Colin Ingram 612414

Harbury: New Recycling Service



New Recycling Service

For those residents who feel that the space within the new black storage box is insufficient, there are two alternatives. They can either continue to use their existing waste paper basket to store paper separately once the black box becomes full, or they can write to us individually requesting that we provide them with an additional black box to: Stratford upon Avon District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford upon Avon. CV37 6HX.

Those residents who are unable to present their black box at the property boundary for collection due to age, a disability or similar, may be provided with a black box “pullout service”. This extra service will be provided by our Contractor, who will collect their box from its chosen storage point, empty it and return to its original storage point. Again, those residents requiring this pullout service should apply to us in writing stating the reason for their request (see address above).

R.J. Anderson – Refuse and Street Cleansing Manager

Harbury Village Club

Plans for our Senior Citizens’ Christmas Party are now underway and invitations are being sent out. Any member who has not received an invitation could you please let us know as soon as possible?

Our Disco equipment is now set up and ready to roll. Our concert room is available for hire for private functions for a cost of £30 or for a limited period at an introductory rate of £50 to include the disco and DJ.

Any enquiries please phone the Club’s Secretary on 613174.

Steve Heydon

Viva La Harbury

We have just come back from a walk down the road to get the Sunday paper. It was dull, pouring with rain and cold. Now we know one of the reasons why, in two weeks time, we are off to live in Spain.

We arrived in Harbury twenty years ago and on our first weekend friends visited and we went for a walk around the village. On our way

round everyone we met said: "Hello". The friends remarked that we had soon made new friends; our reply was that we had never seen them before. That sums up what Harbury is really all about – **FRIENDSHIP**. It was true then, it is still true today. No matter what happens in your life in this village, good or bad, there are always folk around to congratulate, help or encourage. Long may it last.

Like many others we have moved house around the village and Constance Drive was to be our last one. But opportunities come up and can very rapidly change your life, as we have found out. It was only in March of this year that we realised moving abroad was a possibility. All of a sudden we were off to Spain for an Inspection Visit and on the second day we bought a property having never been to mainland Spain in our lives. Some may think we are totally mad but I did do a lot of research before going out there. Anyway, we've been and done it. Now we are on our way to spend Andrew and Nicki's inheritance.

What made us do it? We both had our own agendas, I suppose. For me it was the fact that Wendy could retire as of now instead of working for the next six years and for her, the climate would be better for my health. Ironically Wendy has just been diagnosed as having angina. So we should both benefit from the warm climate.

What will we miss? Our family obviously, especially Bronte but we are only 3 hours 20 minutes actual travelling time away from Harbury. Our friends and we have a lot of very good ones, not only in the village but in the surrounding area as well. Harbury Surgery, not only the Doctors who have looked after me over the last 14 years in particular but also all the lovely ladies in Reception who, to me, seem so cheerful when I'm on the phone for my repeat prescription, which I hardly ever say correctly. All the shops – it is so handy being able to pop down the road to get most things these days, and long may the Post Office keep going.

And what sums up Harbury - the community. There can't be many villages of Harbury's size that offer so much to the villagers, but people need to get up off their backsides on occasion and take advantage of what is on offer or they are likely to lose valuable assets. Don't ever lose that community spirit – it is too precious.

So here we are on the verge of a big new adventure. We can't wait to get there; we know exactly what we will do on the first day. We've found a restaurant on the sea front at Torrevieja and on Tuesday 6th November we will be sitting there and raising our glasses to a new life, to family and friends and to Harbury.

Barry and Wendy Latham

**Sound off – One, Two, Three, Four!
Kick Start on the Move!**



Back L to R: Ian Hartland, Alan Guy and Sue Linnett

Front L to R: Ruth Guy, Maureen Darby, Sue Hartland, Ann McDonald and Brenda Turner

The article on the Kick Start Appalachian dancers (see following article) details the recent success of members of the group in securing an 'Awards for All' lottery grant, which has allowed them to purchase a portable, wooden floor (one piece is shown above). This will allow them to be 'percussive' in any situation, whereas previously, they only sounded their best in venues like the Village Hall and the Wight School!

There are probably many people in the village who are familiar with the colourful, high stepping troupe of dancers, but few may know little about the origins of the style of dancing or the formation of the group.

The Appalachian style of dancing originated in North Carolina, but is now common throughout the USA. It combines elements of Scottish and Irish hard shoe dancing, with English clog dancing and American-Indian dancing, so that it creates a completely novel form of movement. The music is always extremely 'catchy' and most audiences feel moved to tap in time to the dancers, as they high step and whirl to the complex routines.

The Kick Start group was started in February 1998, by Sue Hartland, who had enjoyed dancing from the age of 5 years and had always wanted to be part of a group. Sue and husband Ian were already steeped in country traditions, as part of the Hereburgh Morris group, as well as being the well-known 'Harvesters' singing duo. As a result of visits to various folk festivals, including the Warwick Folk Festival, Sue was fascinated by the originality of the Appalachian style of dancing and was persuaded by Janny Freeman, a fellow Hereburgh Morris dancer to start a local group. Janny even booked the Wight school for 10 sessions, so that Sue could achieve her dream.

Within a few weeks, following articles in the Harbury & Ladbroke News, a group of enthusiasts joined Kick Start to learn the first routine taught by Sue. After one month of committed practice most dancers were familiar with the routine, so Sue borrowed a video from a Nuneaton group so that they could progress their repertoire. The local dancers in addition to Sue and Ian, included Jacqueline Clarke, Maureen Darby, Alan and Ruth Guy, Sue Linnett, as well as Iolanda from Banbury and Ann McDonald from Fenny Compton.

Shortly afterwards the troupe was joined by Lee Jardine from the USA who lived in Ufton for one year, whilst her husband was on a 'job exchange'. Lee taught Sue some new steps and provided additional background to Appalachian dancing, which is often danced in bars in America and can involve any number of dancers from one –upwards! Sue and Ian have kept in touch with the Jardines and have been invited to their home.

As the 'Harvesters', Sue and Ian used to perform regularly at the medieval banquets at Warwick Castle. In recent times, however, they have moved on to doing corporate banquets on request, as well as performing for the Shakespeare Trust and at Hall's Croft in Stratford for the opening of the sculpture garden. The connections with the Castle and with Shakespeare would undoubtedly prove an additional attraction to any audience stateside!

Although Ian's initial involvement with Hereburgh was in a musical capacity on the 'fiddle', he gradually decided that it would be considerably more appealing to join in the dances rather than stand on the sidelines getting progressively colder! Nowadays, he is a stalwart of Kick Start and joins Maureen in making suggestions for new routines for the group, although Sue is the main choreographer.

Ian and Sue, who are both 'Brummies', have lived in Harbury for 14 years, although they had previously moved out into the Warwickshire countryside to live in Snitterfield. They have certainly led an interesting lifestyle as a result of their musical talents, which have taken them to the Falklands Islands, as part of the Combined Services Entertainment and to Chicago to perform at the Rockford Festival.

Ian still writes his own songs and disappears upstairs in their Mill Street home to record all the instrumentals for his compositions, before inviting Sue to join him in singing. It is quite incredible to appreciate that the 7 discs they have recorded to date have all been produced in this way and the 8th disc will be available shortly. As Christmas is fast approaching, what nicer present from Harbury to family and friends elsewhere in the country or abroad than a homespun rendition from two local, very talented people? Contact Ian and Sue on 612734.

If you don't already know about Appalachian dancing and the excitement it offers to participants, then make sure you look out for information about their forthcoming workshops. The training sessions take place every Saturday in the Scout Hut. If you're even luckier and of the right age you will be fortunate to see 'Kick Start' and the 'Harvesters' (not quite the same thing, but very closely connected!) at the annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party! As we constantly acknowledge, there is no end to the formidable talent of village people and in this instance a lot of pleasure is on offer to participants and audiences alike.

Keep on signing and dancing, Ian and Sue – your talents give pleasure to all with whom you come into contact.

The Editors

Kick Start Appalachian Dancers



With the money we received this year from the National Lottery, we have now collected our new portable floor from the maker, Graham Colyer of Ilminster in Somerset. Graham makes floors for many other dance sides and

also supplies the flooring for Sidmouth Folk Festival each year, so we knew we would be getting a professional and durable floor. The construction of the floor is such that it requires no tools or fastenings, other than a single webbing strap around the perimeter. Each piece locks cleverly together like a giant jigsaw puzzle and is surprisingly easy to assemble on almost any surface. All 24 pieces fit neatly inside a medium-sized estate car, so we are completely mobile without needing specialist transport. We will be looking for suitable venues for dancing in public next year, confident that our new floor will be easy to take with us and will make the right sound for our tap shoes. The Lottery grant also enabled three of our members to spend a week on an intensive "flat-footing" course in October, under the tutelage of one of the world's finest dancers in this style, Ira Bernstein. We are now able to pass on this expert knowledge to anyone keen to learn.

We are planning to stage a one-day workshop in the Village Hall on **Saturday 19th January 2002** for anyone to attend and learn how to dance this lively and rhythmic form of American folk dancing. Watch out for advertisements in the village and local press for more details nearer the event. For anyone who can't wait until our workshop, we meet every Saturday morning in the Scout Hut and welcome new and prospective members of all ages and abilities. Kick Start will also be appearing at this year's Senior Citizens Christmas dinner on **Saturday 8th December** in the Village Hall.

Sue Hartland - Kick Start

Light Fruit Cake

150g (6oz) self raising flour
 75g (3oz) caster sugar
 2 large eggs
 100g (4oz) soft margarine
 pinch of salt
 100g (4oz) mixed dried fruit
 2 tablespoons milk
 Nuts or sugar to decorate

Mix all ingredients together until smooth. Pour into deep-sided small cake tin. Top with sugar or nuts. Cook for 45 minutes at 375°F, 190°C or Gas mark 5.

Sue Lord

Chicken Crumble

200g (8oz) cooked chicken
 25g (1oz) butter or margarine
 1 small onion, peeled and finely chopped
 25g (1oz) plain flour
 150ml (1/4pt) milk
 150ml (1/4pt) chicken stock OR
 1 stock cube dissolved in boiling water
 salt and pepper to taste
 1 teaspoon (5ml) Worcester sauce
 2 large tomatoes, skinned and sliced

Chop the chicken and reserve. Melt the butter or margarine in a pan and fry the onion over a low heat until tender and

transparent. Stir in the flour, cook for 1 minute then gradually stir in the milk and stock. Bring to the boil and simmer for 1 minute stirring all the time. Season well then add the chicken and Worcester sauce to taste.

75g (3oz) plain flour, pinch of salt
40g (1 1/2oz) butter or margarine
50g (2oz) grated Cheddar cheese

To make the topping: Sift flour and salt into a bowl and rub in the butter or margarine until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs and stir in the cheese.

Put the mixture in an ovenproof dish and cover with the tomato slices. Finally, spread the crumble over the top of the tomatoes and bake near the top of a preheated, moderately hot oven (375°F, 190°C, or Gas mark 5) for 30 to 45 minutes until crisp and brown. Serves 4.

Nora Ellis

Memories of the Old Wight School



Wight School Nostalgia

Looking at the bricked up entrance of their former school, which was built in 1856, and now used as Harbury Library, are two Harbury girls.

On the bicycle is Jess Rolfe, maiden name Austin. She finished school in 1942 and started work at Marks & Spencer in Leamington Spa, stayed for three months, and then went on to work for Lockheed Hydraulic Brake Company until 1950.

On the right is Mrs. Rennie Delin (nee Tyler). She left school in 1936, went into service in Leamington and stayed throughout the war years. Rennie recalls the headmaster, Mr. E. Dickens, and teachers Mr. R. Farrow, Miss Adams and Miss Ginny Bustin, who travelled to Australia just before the war broke out. Once there, she couldn't return until after the war was over. On her return Miss Bustin gave a school talk about this experience.

Mike Bloxham

Mission to Seafarers



Woolley Hats Aweigh'

One hundred and eleven knitted woollen hats are on the way to Port Chaplains at Mission to Seafarers Centres in the North East.

The kind folk who have made the hats, which are so prized by seafarers working away from home for months on end, are to be congratulated. Well Done! You will bring many a warm smile to those at sea this winter.

It is hoped that we can muster a further consignment by next January for delivery to the Port of Bristol. A day's outing to the Bristol Port MtS Centre in the springtime may be organised for the knitters – let me know if you are interested. Thank you.

Bill Davies 614104

Pensioners' Patio

The leaves of brown, and other colours, have indeed been tumbling down recently, as the writer of the popular song years ago described. He chose September as the month for the onset of autumn, so today's pundits may well be right in announcing that trees are keeping their foliage longer into the year, due to an early effect of global warming. Be that as it may, the recent wind-blown piles of debris have driven the Chief Gardener to invest in a gunge-guzzler: plug in, switch on and the nozzle, just like an elephant's trunk, sucks up the lot. True, I always feel we should hand out earplugs to the neighbours when it's about to go into action, but then who apart from a city-dweller expects the countryside to be quiet and peaceful these days?

The starlings have now stripped the berries off the mountain ash across the driveway, and the birds are showing more interest in the nut cage. The blue tits still prefer fluttering around the window frame to snatch the insects so conveniently caught in the webs of those fat garden spiders. The other day it looked as if the robin was imitating them; not so: he'd seen his shadowy reflection in the window pane and was attacking the interloper. Despite the hard bumps he gives himself, he still hasn't quite got the message. Wordsworth referred to the robin as: *the pious*

bird with the scarlet breast. What on earth inspired that adjective? 'Pugilistic' seems more appropriate.

The squirrel too defends his territory; he came banging at the patio doors the other day, despite our presence just inside. On checking later I could see he would have glimpsed his reflection close to the ground.

So where is the Chief Blackbird who used to see off all and sundry? Since the whole area was paved he's been seen once looking down from the wall in disgust – not a square inch of grass for him to scratch to shreds. But when there's less natural food in the long gardens around us, maybe he'll turn up as if he'd never been away. How shall I know him? As with many blackbirds his colour genes didn't work perfectly; there are two patches of dirty grey if you know where to look. When we lived on the outskirts of the village we were visited by a blackbird with a narrow pure white edge along one wing; the combination of black and white made him quite the smartest blackbird I've ever come across!

Edyth Algar

Horticultural Society

Mrs. Dakin from Bridge Nursery at Napton gave the first talk of our new season about *Ornamental Grasses*. It is a large family, many very spectacular, some a nuisance by excessively seeding themselves, others form quite large clumps, some are wind and winter tolerant, looking beautiful covered in frost in a patch of sunshine. You can even grow your own bamboo.

Christine and her partner have made many changes since they have been at Napton, visitors are welcome to their Nursery from April to October. I have heard the panda woven from willow will reappear next year – hopefully with an offspring!

The hour has gone back; November is here, so also are the seed catalogues. To qualify for the various discounts, the Society has to spend a certain sum with Dobies and Marshalls, so when ordering please divide your order accordingly.

The Society has renewed the ticket for Ryton Gardens again. This admits two people to the gardens, free, every day of the year, except Christmas Day. It is available from Mrs. Eleanor Zonik, Childyke, Mill Lane, Harbury. When Ron and I go, we make for the allotments and we usually come away rather disgusted with our efforts, although occasionally ours are better, but not very often!

Subs are now due and for anybody who doesn't remember, they are £3 for each person, no concessions for Senior Citizens!

For your diary: The December talk will be given by Mr. Turner, entitled *Lust and Loveliness in the Garden*. This will take place in the Tom Hauley Room starting at 8pm and will be followed by a Finger Buffet provided by the members, and I expect John and Ron will be popping a few corks in the kitchen – keep them busy!

Muriel Grey

Gardening Notes

You may think your only contact with the garden this month will be a quick peek through the rain streaked window, but you cannot have time off yet if you want things to do well next season. Collect up leaves for turning into leaf mould. Large plastic bags are best, as the leaves take up two years to rot, and the bags are easily compressed as the volume decreases. Remove those that have collected around crowns of plants, such as peonies, as they attract slugs. Because leaves take so long to decay they can be used as insulation around semi-hardy perennials. Pile them up to a depth of 6" and secure with a piece of netting or a large pot. Bark, straw or evergreen clippings are alternatives. Move containers of hardy plants to sheltered sites or lag the pot. Plant up ones that held summer displays with a winter display, using flowers and evergreens such as ivy or small conifers.

Finish planting and division of perennials before the soil cools. Young plants bought in or grown from cuttings can go in unless you have heavy soil, then leave until spring, but keep the pots frost free. Tidy borders but leave attractive seed heads for winter interest and as bird food. Some alpine plants rot in wet weather, especially those with rosettes. Protect them with an open-ended cloche or sheet of glass set on bricks. Remove debris from troughs and raised beds and give a fresh mulch of grit. Plant tulips and lilies. In clay soils they are better on a pile of sand at the bottom of the hole and with sand mixed into the surrounding soil.

Evergreen trees and shrubs planted this year need a netting windbreak secured on stakes to reduce the evaporation rate from the leaves. Whilst the soil still has some warmth, plant deciduous trees and shrubs including roses and fruit trees. Plant at the same depth as they were growing in a pot or the ground. Cut back tall shrubs by about a third to prevent wind rock. Apples and pears can be pruned by taking a third off the main branches and cutting the laterals (sides shoots) to 3". Gooseberries and blackcurrants can also be pruned now. Leave plum and cherry until the spring to avoid silver leaf disease. Split rhubarb crowns or buy new ones. They will grow in almost any soil but do like plenty of organic matter. There is an old joke of the gardener telling his friend that he liked manure on his rhubarb, which brought the reply: *I prefer custard.*

Dig any vacant ground in the vegetable plot and work in rotted compost. Clear out basil, chervil and dill, which are annuals. Dig up old fennel and parsley as the best flavour comes from plants up to three years old. Plant garlic, broad beans, and early peas. Prepare onion beds with a dressing of bone meal, and then allow the soil to settle. Onions and Brussels sprouts like a firm soil. Quick maturing carrots and winter lettuce can be grown in a cold greenhouse in an old Grobag to which a little fertiliser has been added.

Houseplants need good light so windowsills are suitable but remember to move them into the room before closing the curtains. Give the plants less water but counteract the dryness of central heating by standing them on a tray of damp gravel. Many people now grow citrus plants in pots. To prevent the leaves turning yellow, water with Bio Multi Tonic every month. Feed indoor azaleas and cyclamen with a liquid fertiliser every two weeks. Plant amaryllis and check bowls of prepared bulbs. Bring them into the light when the shoots are 3" tall but wait until you can see the buds on hyacinths before bringing them into a cool room.

Plant of the month: Gourd

Hanging now on withering vines are weird fruits. Through the winter months these colourful fruits of the gourd can be used as decoration. Introduced from tropical America as long ago as 1570, these half-hardy annuals are very easy to grow in a sunny garden.

Plant the seeds in pots in May or out in the garden at the end of that month. Provide a fence or trellis for support and away the plants will go. Yellow, large trumpet-like flowers are produced in July through to September. This month the smooth or knobby fruits can be cut from the plants as the leaves begin to die off. Dry off the gourds for about 3 weeks in a cool airy place.

To preserve the colours, which can be green, yellow or orange, polish the skin with furniture wax or a coat of clear varnish. From large seed to colourful, often strangely shaped fruit takes only five months, so these plants are excellent for children to grow.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

May I, on behalf of G.D.B.A., thank Sheila Jackson and her band of helpers on the success of their efforts at the Coffee Morning at the Tom Hauley Room on September 28th. They raised £90, which I also made on my Christmas card sales.

Thanks to the generosity of Harbury people we raised enough to provide a harness, handle lead collar and bell for three newly qualified guide dogs. Thanks also to Luke and Daniel Ashcroft who helped me pack up.

Mae Watson

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone, who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning on September 28th. We raised £316 for this very worthwhile cause.

Mary and Friends

Dear Editors

First of all I would like to thank everyone who helped to make The World's Biggest Coffee Morning on September 28th at Newlands, Ladbroke such a huge success, namely:

Gill Moore for the sponge cake and taking care of the raffle which had some lovely donated prizes - again my thanks to all concerned; Kath Moreton for the fairy cakes; Ann Forrester for the iced buns, and for coping with the Bring and Buy along with Rhian Kelsall and her friend who also coped with the 'cake

department'; Jane Watts for her tea breads, and finally, Peter West for coping at the front door with the stickers which ran out.

A very big thank you for all the gifts and for everyone who supported the event so generously, whereby the final total raised in the two hours was £632.45 and to those people who did not get a cup of coffee or not a very nice one, my sincere apologies – I will try and do better next year.

Thank you all very much – I could not have done it without you.

Mary Coley

Dear Editors

Mrs. Mary Carroll, a long-standing member of the Harbury community, celebrated her 80th birthday with a surprise party at Ashorne Village Hall on September 29th together with her children, grand children and great grand children. It was a great day for everybody.

Her daughter flew from Australia to surprise her. Mary and her husband, Edward came from Southern Ireland nearly 50 years ago, but sadly he is no longer with us. We love and respect you Mum.



Mary Carroll and family members at the celebration

All your Family

Dear Editors

I would like to thank all of the people who donated promises and raffle prizes to the Auction of Promises on October 13th.

Thanks to their help and the generosity of those people who attended, we raised £3,321 from the Auction of Promises for the NSPCC and £1,438 from the raffle for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity.

The auctioneers, Julian and André, were superb! They performed and 'Morris Danced' their way through the evening - making it a night to remember for all.

The next NSPCC event is a Quiz, at Harbury Village Club on Sunday 9th December.

Many thanks.

Dayle Adams

Dear Editors

May I thank everyone who helped with the Church Lunch on October 20th when I was unwell.

Special thanks to Joyce Windsor who took over more of the cooking and co-ordinating the cooks and helpers at short notice. It was much appreciated.

I understand the chicken crumble was very popular so enclosed is the recipe (see elsewhere in the magazine).

Nora Ellis

Dear Friends and Neighbours

On October 20th, we held a charity night at the Harbury Village Club in aid of I.C.U. of Warwick Hospital for a specialised chair in memory of Ken Ward who passed away 5 months ago.

Stacy and myself would like to thank everyone who helped, attended, donated over 50 prizes and gave donations of money. We raised a total of £1,033, which was handed over to staff of the I.C.U. on the night. A list of raffle winners will be posted in both Harbury and Greaves (of Bishops) Clubs and also at 16, Leicester Close, Harbury. Once again thanks to everyone.

Pam Cleaver, raffle organiser and Stacy Wheeler, Caterer

Dear Editors

I would like to thank everyone concerned in raising £1,033 for the I.C.U. of Warwick Hospital at the Ladies' Charity Night held on October 20th at the Harbury Village Club.

The money raised is to buy a specialised chair for the unit in memory of my dear husband Ken who sadly passed away 5 months ago, and I know he would have been proud of what was achieved. Thank you once again everyone.

Joy Ward

Dear Editors

The N.S.P.C.C. House to House Collection raised £703.66 – a great effort – well done. Many thanks to all our collectors who braved the elements again this year.

N.S.P.C.C. Committee

Dear Editors

We would like to thank our friends and family for their kind thoughts, cards, gifts and 'support'. Also our gratitude to those who travelled down to Cornwall to make our wedding day so special.

We had a brilliant day and hope you all enjoyed it too!

With Love, Nigel, Jane and Peter

Dear Editors

We wish to show our appreciation to Mrs. Rathbone and the children of Stowe class for the gift of fruit and vegetables which Brenda and Isobel kindly delivered.

Jess, Rolph, and Doris Byrne

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

Harbury Helpline is for you!

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

HELP WITH FORM FILLING:

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

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

HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE: Call Tony Brunton 612191.

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

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

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	Mr. P. Winchester	614466
Wight School	Mrs. L. Hayes	613488

REGULAR DIARY DATES

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

BADMINTON: Village Hall, Monday mornings (613174) 10:00am-12:00noon
Mondays (612627) (Seniors) 7:00-9:00pm;
Tuesdays (613413) (Club) 8:00-10:00pm;
Friday (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 1st Thursday of Month 8:30pm

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

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:

Under 9s: Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury School Pitch

Coaches: Jim Farrell 612396 and Reno Varriale

Under 11s: Training: 10.30am Saturday at Harbury School Pitch

Coaches: Jim Ward 612401 and Adrian Hawley 614353

Under 12s: Training: Playing Fields 10:30am

Coaches: Steve Darby 613330

Under 14s: Training: 10.30am Saturday at Playing Fields Top Pitch

Coaches: John Wilkins 612115; Steve Wilkins 614574,
and Dave Hudson 613958

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 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 1st Thursday of Month; Term Time only

LINE DANCING: BEGINNERS, Harbury Village Club, Thursdays 7.30pm

MARTIAL ARTS: Village Hall, Wednesdays 6pm

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 2nd & 4th Thursday of Month 2:30pm

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

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

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

YOUTH CLUB: Village Hall, Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm

Please note:

Adverts to 31, Binswood End by Thursday 15th November

Articles to Harbury Chemist by Friday 23rd November