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September 11th 2001 will be a date that will be etched in the minds of all people, both young and old. The unbelievable horror and tragedy in the U.S.A., which unfolded before people's eyes, created an upsurge of sympathy for all families who suffered a grievous loss. In Harbury the flag of St. George flew at half-mast and the bells were muffled for the practice evening at the end of the week.

In the past month it was heartening to see the sails on Chesterton windmill repaired and functioning ready for the Open Day.

As notified, Biffa delivered the new black boxes for the bi-weekly collection of recyclable materials. It is to be hoped that villagers will support this new venture, which may be a step in the right direction.

Unfortunately, taking 'steps' along the pavements in Church Street is no longer the safe experience it should be, especially on a Saturday morning. There have been many calls over the years for this road to be converted into a one-way system, and it appears that the situation is rapidly becoming more hazardous. Many villagers have discussed the problem at length in recent months and would like to see a solution to the haphazard parking of cars on both sides of the road.

The Editors have received an extremely attractive booklet entitled *Read About a Village*, prepared by Lars Nilsson. This beautifully illustrated booklet has been designed to be used by Swedish children learning English at Primary School. There are copies in the Library and at Harbury School and we would like to recommend that villagers take time to have a look at it.

At the end of this month it will not escape some people's notice that Halloween will be celebrated and the editorial includes a traditional photograph, in case you need a reminder!



Helen, Keeley and Kevin McMahon with pumpkins at the ready

The Editors would like to remind all businesses and commercial undertakings that there is a charge of 50% of the cost of a full-page advertisement for the insertion of flyers into the magazine.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Peter Edwards and Lucy Evans.

Harbury Diary

OCTOBER

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| Sun | 7 17th After Trinity – Sung Eucharist 9.00am; Evening Worship 6.00pm |
| Tues | 9 Toddlers' Service in Church 2.15pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm |
| Wed | 10 Pre-School AGM in the Shakespeare Inn 8.00pm
Prayer Meeting in Church 8.00pm |
| Thurs | 11 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm |
| Fri | 12 PTA Disco in Harbury School |
| Sat | 13 Flu Clinic in Village Hall 9.00 – 12.00 noon
Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning in aid of SOCS 10.00-12noon
Mothers' Union CAPSULE arriving at Harbury Church approx. 3.00pm |
| Sun | 14 18th After Trinity – Holy Communion 8.00am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Crossroads Blues Band in the Club 12.30pm
Deanery Confirmation 6.00pm |
| Mon | 15 ADVERTS TO: 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY |
| Tues | 16 BLOOD DONORS IN VILLAGE HALL
Holy Communion 7.30pm; Mothers Union 8.00pm |
| Wed | 17 Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3.00 – 4.00pm
"Talk it Through" 33 South Parade 8.00pm |
| Thurs | 18 ST. LUKE - Holy Communion 9.45am |
| Fri | 19 RECYCLING COLLECTION
Flu Clinic in Village Hall 5.00 – 8.00pm |
| Sat | 20 Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning in aid of Harbury Choir 10-12noon
Harbury Nursery School 80/20 Sale in Village Hall
Myton Hospice Plant Sale Dog Car Park
Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm |
| Sun | 21 19th After Trinity - Holy Communion 8.00am; Family Service 10.30am
Evensong 6.00pm |
| Mon | 22 Harbury Society talk on Lichfield Cathedral in Tom Hauley Room 8.00pm
Stratford D.C. Tennis Course at Village Hall |

- Tues 23 Stratford D.C. Tennis Course at Village Hall
Holy Communion 7.30pm; Julian Meeting 8.00pm
- Wed 24 Stratford D.C. Tennis Course at Village Hall
Prayer Meeting in Church 8.00pm
- Thurs 25 Holy Communion 9.45am
Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall 8.00pm;
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
- Fri 26 **ARTICLES TO: Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm**
- Sat 27 Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning in aid of Save the Children
- Sun 28 CLOCKS GO BACK**
20th After Trinity - Holy Communion 8.00am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;
Benediction 6.00pm
- Tues 30 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 31 "Talk it Through" 33 South Parade 8.00pm

NOVEMBER

- Thurs 1 ALL SAINTS DAY – Holy Communion 9.45am
Sung Eucharist 7.30pm followed by Faith Supper Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 2 ALL SOULS DAY
RECYCLING COLLECTION
- Sat 3 Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning in aid of Mission to Seamen
Bonfire on Playing Fields 6.00pm
- Sun 4 4th before Advent** – Sung Eucharist 9.00am; Evening Worship 6.00pm

All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

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| 1st Sunday in the month: | 9.00am Sung Eucharist
6.00pm Evening Worship |
| 2 nd , 4 th (and 5 th) Sunday in the month: | 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Sung Eucharist |
| 3 rd 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

'Blessed are those who mourn: they shall be comforted.'

This is at first sight the strangest of all the beatitudes. It seems to contradict our experience. Mourning is connected with death and losing a loved one can be one of the bitterest sorrows anyone has to bear. The original language uses the strongest possible word for mourning. It does not mean a quiet heartache but a lamenting or grieving which can scarcely be contained. And yet Christ is speaking of comfort, even of a blessing in all this! Once again, Christ is overturning the accepted values of the world.

That which we fear most of all in life is death. Whether this is our own death or the death of others it takes its terrible toll. It can seem so final, so cruel, and so senseless at times. Yet Christ changed death by his dying; He opened up an avenue of hope by His rising from the dead. The very darkest thing, which human beings had to face, was now permeated by the light of Christ. Death could never be so fearful again. It would still hurt and inflict its wounds. Christ did not say that there would be no more mourning, but that there would be comfort and hope

and a special kind of blessing, which can only be found in the midst of suffering and mourning.

But the beatitude speaks of more than mourning a death. It reaches out and covers all the lesser deaths we experience during life and promises comfort there too. The mourner is assured of comfort in all these situations because where there is suffering and pain and loss, there is an assurance that Christ has been there too. He took 'our infirmities' upon Himself. Blessed is the person who cares and cares enough to suffer for another. Christ suffered and wept for the human misfortunes, mistakes and failures He came across in life. To find the comfort promised in this beatitude, the follower of Christ has to care intensely about the suffering, sorrow and needs of others. We can never actually feel other people's suffering but we can stand with them in the shadows.

And we stand with them in the shadows not just because we are sorry for them but because we know that in some way we have a part in their suffering and the suffering of the world. We have contributed to the weight of sorrow. And at times we are powerless to relieve this suffering. We have no solutions, no answers; there is nothing we can say. It is then that we may be near to realising what Christ promised when he said: *Blessed are those who mourn; they shall be comforted.*

Let us take strength from this as we share the horror of the terrorist attack in America.

Fr. Roy

From the Registers

Holy Baptism at All Saints' Ladbroke

9th September – Max Oliver Taylor
30th September – Edward Carey Daniels

Holy Baptism at All Saints' Harbury

16th September – Charlotte Emily Jennifer Spriggs
30th September – Oliver Guy Mansell

Funerals at Oakley Wood

14th September – Lucy Evans aged 69

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

17th September – Peter Edwards aged 78

From the Churchwardens

The tragic terrorist attacks in the United States have overshadowed almost everything else in the past weeks. We can only hope and pray that the situation does not escalate into something even worse and that understanding and tolerance may grow out of it. The view expressed by Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor, only days before the attacks, that Christianity is 'almost vanquished', should strengthen our resolve to grow our Church throughout the country.

Harvest Festival was also the Family service, led by Pam, and was a colourful celebration. Harvest Supper will have taken place by the time this issue is out but promises to be hilarious.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Peter Edwards, a much respected and gentle man. Our sympathy goes to Joyce and Lynette.

Felicity and John

Mothers' Union

Afternoon Meeting: We held a special service to start off our new year – with the Address given by Father Roy. This was followed by a cup of tea in the Tom Hauley Room and a chance to hear about plans for the coming months.

On September 13th, three of our members travelled to Portsmouth for the Annual Meeting, when 2,000 members assembled in the Guild Hall to hear just what has been happening over the past year. 2001 has been a marvellous celebration of the 125 years since M.U. was founded, and it was good to hear at first hand of the many worthwhile projects supported by Mothers' Union, both in this country and throughout the world – all aimed at 'preserving family life, with all its joys and sorrows'.

Evening Meeting: Our speaker was the Rev'd. Clive Fowle, talking about 'The Bench we Share' – a programme of re-establishing trust and reconstruction of the multi-cultural community in Baranja (part of Croatia) through opening up communication between conflicting parties who are trying to live together in spite of their past differences. This invaluable work is funded by voluntary donations – from individuals, peace groups, organisations and government agencies around the world. In the light of recent events in America, 'peace building' is certainly in the forefront of everyone's minds at this time. Let us hope that the selfless, unstinting work of Rev'd Fowle and his associates will indeed bring about that much needed peace.

Journey of Hope: On Saturday October 13th, the Mothers' Union TIME CAPSULE will be visiting Harbury en route to Coventry Cathedral. This 'capsule' has been travelling around the UK to celebrate our 125th Anniversary Year, and is expected to arrive at Harbury Church, accompanied by a cavalcade of cars, at around 3.00pm. We are hoping that as many folk as possible will be there to cheer the 'capsule' on its way, and to make it an occasion worth remembering.

Next Meetings:

Tues. 16th Oct. 7.30pm Service, 8m Kathy Priddis *Icons – A Window on God*
Wed. 7th Nov. 2pm Service, 2.30pm, Pam Clarke - *Behold, I am doing a New Thing*

Anne Moore

Toddlers' Service

Accompanied by Mr. Charles Catt on the clarinet, our two harvest thanksgiving songs were, *God who made the earth*, and *Stand up, clap hands and thank you Lord*.

Mrs. Catt told how our food is grown by the farmers and delivered to the shops for us to buy.

Whilst each child held an item applicable to the growing and harvesting of wheat, we heard a rhyme tracing the sequence of how bread is made, from the ploughing of the field to the sandwiches we eat.

We ended our service with a prayer, and then made a picture of a basket of fruit.

If you have a toddler in your care, we would be very happy to see you at our next service on Tuesday 9th October at 2.15pm in Church when we shall be learning about St. Francis.

Lorna Bedford

Laugh Line

A lady was collecting the Christian Aid envelopes: Calling at one house, she met the response: *Sorry I can't give you anything, the dog ate the envelope.* Ah, said the collector, *Don't worry I have a spare envelope.* Back came the quick reply: *I t's no good he'd only eat that one too.*

Ladbroke News

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| Sun | 7 17th After Trinity – Harvest Family Communion 10.30am |
| Mon | 8 Ladbroke Village Hall Prize Draw at The Bell Inn 8.00pm
<i>Marton W.I. Gardeners Question Time</i> |
| Wed | 10 Holy Communion 2.00pm; Women's Fellowship 2.00pm |
| Sun | 14 18th After Trinity – Sung Communion 9.00am |
| Wed | 17 Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall 7.45pm |
| Sun | 21 19th After Trinity – Sung Communion 9.00am |
| Wed | 24 W.I. visit the Spa Centre 'The Pirates of Penzance' |
| Thurs | 25 W.I. AGM |
| Fri | 26 Millennium Green AGM in Village Hall 7.30pm |
| Sun | 28 20th After Trinity - Sung Communion 9.00am |

NOVEMBER

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| Fri | 2 Said Communion 7.30pm |
| Sun | 4 4th before Advent – Family Communion 10.30am |

Ladbroke Flower Rota

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| 14 th October | - Gill Moore |
| 21 st October | - Rhian Kelsall/Jane Leslie |
| 28 th October | - Rhian Kelsall/Jane Leslie |
| 4 th November | - Christine Payne |
| 11 th November | - Helen Sullivan |

Remembrance Sunday

Jane Rutherford

Ladbroke Church News

Following a successful meeting on September 7th under the guidance of the Rector, some very useful ideas were put forward regarding Young Peoples involvement in the life of the Church.

With the full agreement of the several young children and teenagers present, it was decided that they, with two adult leaders would organise the theme of the Family Services each month. This would hopefully include musical items performed by the children, under the guidance of

our "Musical Director" Kate Pickin. They would meet in a leader's home during the week(s) before the Service.

Hopefully, we will have sufficient leaders and teenagers involved so that the arrangements will not be the responsibility of the same people every month. Having read this, if you feel you could contribute in any way, please contact any PCC member or myself.

The sponsored cycle ride was well supported here in Ladbroke and for once we had over 20 cyclists visit our Church from other parishes.

I am still awaiting the sponsor moneys from our cyclists (that is always the worst bit), but we are very indebted to their participation. Many thanks to: Nicholas Steenstra & Mom and Dad; James Constable, friend and Dad; Jamie Sowerby; Joanna Webster and friends.

We made £150.00 at our Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on September 22nd. This will be put into our Development Fund (commonly called the Loo Fund) we only need to raise £20,000! We have still to raise sufficient money so that we have "matching funds" to apply for grants. All donations urgently accepted. Grateful thanks for all cakes, raffle prizes etc given to the Coffee Morning, and thanks for coming to the event.

Betty Winkfield

Sponsored Cycle Ride / Walk – All Saints Church Ladbroke

This event took place on Saturday 8th September and my son Jamie Sowerby was a volunteer along with James Constable and his father Colin and Brian Daily. I was so proud of Jamie, he is only 12 years old and he had never done anything like this before, he had a great time thanks to Colin.

They left Ladbroke at 12.36pm and did not return until 6.00pm. After riding over 20 miles they covered 15 Churches. Many others took part in this event, walking and riding on horseback. Well done to them all.

Jo Sowerby

Women's Fellowship

The "retired Clergyman" who spoke to us at our September meeting had us in stitches. He has the happy knack of writing amusing poems about some very odd occurrences.

We are meeting in October at Gill Moore's home when hopefully Douglas Winkfield will talk to us about his work with the Warwickshire Conservationists. Date October 10th at 2.45pm – following Holy Communion in Church 2.00pm.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke and Dopers Bridge W.I.

The meeting held on September 28th in the Village Hall was very well attended by members and visitors.

The President welcomed everyone. She told of the success of several of our members, in the Cake and Craft sections at the Harbury Horticultural Society's Annual Show this month. In the Cake

competitions Marie won a 1st, a 2nd and a 3rd; Beryl won a 1st and a 2nd; Susan and Jenny each won a 3rd. In the craft section, Anne won a 2nd, a 3rd, a Highly Commended and a Commended. Anne had been asked to present the prizes. She hopes for more Ladbroke entries next year.

The Millennium Wood is progressing with 2,600 trees having been planted in 4.6 acres of land. Eventually there will be a Nature Walk, a Wetland area and seats placed in the woods.

Marton W.I. have invited us to a *Gardeners Question Time* on 8th October. Names were taken for various outings.

1. A visit to the Spa Centre to see *The Pirates of Penzance* on 24th October.
2. A visit to The Swan at Stratford upon Avon to see *HMS Pinafore*, on 6th November.
3. A visit to Kensington Palace on 18th February 2002.
4. Places to hold our Christmas celebrations were circulated for members to select just one. The place with the most names will be the one we will visit.

The President introduced our Speaker, Mrs. Catherine Spence, who demonstrated the Craft she learned at the W.I. Denman College. What patience and precision she showed us in making some wonderful Christmas decorations. Also some very useful present boxes made from thin cardboard – a good way of using the larger last year's Christmas cards. Anne gave the vote of thanks.

The raffle prizes were won by Jo and Sylvia.

The next meeting will be the AGM on October 25th.

Julia and Pam will be Hostesses.

Hazel Sharples

Ladbroke Village Hall

Don't forget about the Arabian Evening on 23rd November at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

The eighth draw of the Club was held on September 18th at The Bell Inn. The winners were Marion Grainger £80; Sheena Healey £50, and Mary Coley £25. Maggie Edwards, Maureen Wright, Sylvia West, Francis Badman and A. & E. Pittaway each won £10.

The next draw will be held on Monday 8th October at 8.00pm at The Bell Inn.

Catherine Spence



Last Orders

It's "time gentlemen please" for Ron, Kim and Luke Abbott at The Bell Inn, Ladbroke. After 17 years, they will be saying farewell to all their customers for the last time. It isn't "farewell" in the traditional sense, as they are moving into the bungalow next door, Elgin. After nearly 30 years in the licensed trade, Ron is taking a well-earned rest and Kim has already embarked on a new career. She is a trainee solicitor at Spearing

Waite in Leicester, initially in their crime department.

Their successors, Derek and Kim Fitzharris are not strangers to the village of Ladbroke. They were residents here a year or two ago, and currently live in Long Itchington.

So from October 4th Ron and Kim hope to continue to meet their friends at The Bell Inn; but this time, it's most definitely from the other side of the bar!

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke Millennium Green

All Villagers are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of Ladbroke Millennium Green Trust, which will be held in the Village Hall on Friday, 26th October starting at 7.30pm.

Your support is much appreciated

Ladbroke Parish Council Report

There was a good turnout for the Ladbroke Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 19th September in the Village Hall.

Restorative work around the village. Councillors Jeff Todd and Peter Williamson have walked the village and feel there is no outstanding work that needs urgent attention. It was agreed to leave things until after the winter and assess again.

Jeff noted that a pole, which is part of the structure of the new Macklin bridge, is a potential obstruction above the stream. The County Council are to be asked the function of the pole to decide if it is a necessary part of the construction.

The County Council agree that it is important to remove the dead branch overhanging the entrance to Ladbroke Hall. However, it is the responsibility of the forestry commission, who are inundated with work.

Drainage. With winter approaching, it is important that the passage of the stream is kept free at all times. A letter asking for a review of sections of the stream will be sent to all riparian owners.

Parish Boundaries. Proposals have been put forward, which would alter the boundary of the parish of Ladbroke. The impact of this would be to change our representation with the District and County Councils, which we are anxious to avoid. We reaffirmed the comments we made in 1998 stating our wish to retain the status quo.

Police and Neighbourhood Watch. P.C. Andy Went attended the meeting. There had been one burglary in the village this month.

Elsa and Bev Bradley, on behalf of the Parish Council, are to complete a police questionnaire concerning communications.

There was a long discussion about the dissemination of Neighbourhood Watch information.

The Bell Inn. Information had been received that the alcohol and amusements' licence for The Bell Inn is to be handed over on Tuesday 13th November. Members of the Parish Council were pleased that Ron and Kim are to remain in the village.

Footpaths. A written review of the footpath situation was given by Michael Boden-Pritchett. Attention is also drawn to a notice on the village

notice board inviting participation in walks and the maintenance of the footpaths.

Michael expressed his gratitude for a donation from Ron and Kim Abbott towards the cost of producing the Ladbroke leaflet in the Blue Lias walks series, which is still to be finalised.

Stratford District Council Chairman, Les Topham will be attending the October Parish Council meeting which is to be held on Wednesday 17th at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Carol Lane

Harbury Parish Council Meeting

There was a very full turnout with parishioners outnumbering Councillors for the first time in years! Mary Catt was there to ask for Parish help satisfying demand for sheltered accommodation, which the recent survey has shown to be substantial. Warwickshire Rural Housing Association, which helped conduct and analyse the survey suggests a centrally sited, mixed development of homes for rent, sale and shared ownership for people with a local connection.

Chairman Dutch Van Spall thanked Mrs. Catt and her group, pointing out much depended upon finding suitable land. Sharon Hancock wanted Stratford Housing Department involved. Linda Ridgley wanted them to consult the planners to get the principle in the Local Plan. She persuaded the Council to apply for a grant to extend the Review into a Parish Plan with extra grants for implementing improvements.

P.C. Nigel Hill (a policeman in the old mould, sensible, dependable and inspiring confidence) reported actions on local incidents. The prime suspect in the recent spate of burglaries had committed suicide; youngsters who had wrecked wedding preparations in the Village Hall had been interviewed with their parents; letters had gone to the parents of those who lit bonfires in Hall Lane; and a number of youths had been warned about reckless driving of cars and motorcycles on the Playing Fields. Drop-down lockable bollards would be installed to prevent this.

P.C. Hill informed/warned residents that local officers would use the Speed Gun in the parish. The setting up of the Neighbourhood Watch was stalled at present for lack of an organiser.

The Parish Council agreed to Paul Winchester's suggestion that the Village Hall entrance gates should be replaced and locked when the Hall was not in use. The number of complaints about nuisance youths around the Village Hall had decreased since P.C. Hill had got to know the young people concerned. He was sending out more patrols and special constables and was interested to know if there were any further problems.

Reaction from Cllrs to P.C. Hill's report was enthusiastic. "Very successful" (Jenny Patrick), "Best for a long time" (Ken Stephenson), "We've waited a long time for you" (John Drinkwater).

Debbie Steele, the Parish Clerk, said Harbury School Governors were identifying the 2002 intake, which was already oversubscribed. Sharon Hancock reported on the Summer School for "Talented children" held at Southam College and reminded parents of the Annual Meeting on 28th November.

Planning: Stratford granted: extensions to Fairview House, Vicarage Lane, 3, Margaret Close, and 32, Vicarage Lane; tree work at 39, Farm Street, and at Yew Trees, Bull Ring Farm Road, and industrial units at

Churchlands Farm, Bascote Road. They refused permission for a garage at Ladywell Cottage, Binswood End and there will be an appeal on refusal for internal alterations to Harbury House.

The Parish made no recommendation on the extensions at Sharmer Farm, Fosseway. They were concerned about the environmental health and building regulation implications of a retrospective application for a conservatory at 15, Leycester Close and proposals to extend Compton House in the High Street resulting in the overlooking of a neighbour's garden. The Enforcement Officer was asked to look into the use of extra rooms at the Limekilns, Mill Lane.

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Ellis spoke on the planning application at Sharmer Farm where Burgess Care want a two storey extension to house more of their clients who have mental handicap and behavioural difficulties. The Ellises claimed they already suffered trespass, noise and nuisance and feared an intensification of these problems. The Parish Council, whilst sympathising with their problems, could offer little help but advised them to contact the Social Services and Environmental Health Departments.

A letter received that night on the way the Parish and District councils had handled a recent Planning Application was deferred until the next meeting, but Ken Stephenson insisted on complaining about the juxtapositioning, in the Harbury & Ladbroke News, of references to undue influence and pecuniary interests.

Harbury reiterated its objection to plans to remove the Quarries from the Parish!

Dutch Van Spall could not disguise his frustration at the County Council's seeming incompetence in progressing the Deppers Bridge traffic-calming scheme. He consulted all residents in March 2000 on the detailed proposals. Then W.C.C. lost the documents - Parish sent them again. County consulted residents again, but put the road narrowing in a different place to that agreed by the residents in the first survey!

W.C.C. first estimated project costs at £15,000 and would pay 75% - Harbury agreed to pay £5,000. County then said it would only pay £10,000. If total actual costs were more than £15,000 Harbury must pay the difference or up to £600; County aborted the project.

The good news at Deppers Bridge is that the swings are installed, trees and hedges will be planted and residents will build a tarmac area with a wall.

The Tennis Club applied for permission to fence off the netball court, have the tennis courts resurfaced and erect a notice board. There was not enough in the Sinking Fund to pay for this and contributions from both the Club and the Council will have to increase in the future. Keith Thompson cautioned the Parish Council to wait until the Club undertook the extension plans before resurfacing.

Kevin Biddle reported the site for the skateboard ramp had been extended to cater for Health and Safety concerns. The base would be ready in a week's time but the pipe etc. would have to wait until an extra £900 had been raised.

There have been complaints from the Parish Maintenance Contractor that people have been using the shrub bed on the corner of the Playing Field as a toilet. His contract does not cover the removal of human waste!

There were complaints from several residents that owners are still allowing their dogs to foul the fields and in particular the goalmouth areas

of the Football Pitch used by the Youth Teams. Dogs were not being kept under control and were frightening the children. The Council agreed to call out the Dog Warden to patrol and identify offenders. They also agreed to move the Old New Inn dog bin to a less prominent position.

Two damaged lights in Neales Close will be patched up and fitted with down lighters. The Hall Lane footpath has been sprayed. There has been a bank slip to the rear of Station Road Farm, which will require sixteen weeks work of restitution and generate considerable heavy traffic. John Drinkwater wanted Highways to look into completing the footway along the eastern side of Crown Street. Sharon Hancock complained the new recycling boxes were not big enough and too heavy. The Harbury Society had already complained and asked Stratford District Council to reconsider plans to remove the Mini Recycling Centre.

Jack Heath has been told that Harbury Parish Council cannot conduct its own internal audit so he is to suggest at the AGM of the Warwickshire Association of Local Councils that Parishes audit each other – an elegant and economical solution!

Sad news indeed. GASS has applied, as usual, for the Playing Field to be closed for Bonfire Night but warned the celebration was unlikely to take place, as no-one would volunteer to take on the responsibility of organising the event.

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Society



Harbury Society

We did the Goldfish Walk with Ed and John – well eight of us did, and yes there were goldfish – hundreds of them.

We walked out past Lighthorne Church and down the valley beside the fishponds, over the fields to the Bath Copse and back along the road to the Antelope for a bar meal. It was a pleasant autumnal evening and great fun.

The next event is a talk on Lichfield Cathedral on Monday 22nd October in the Tom Hauley Room, 7.30pm for coffee, 8pm start.

On the 19th November (same time, same place) Mr. Howe comes to talk about the evolution of the English Language – “English, Whose English?”. Then on 1st December we have the usual photographic quiz at the Christmas Fayre.

We are still helping to formulate the questions for the Parish Review and have just persuaded the Parish Council to apply for grant aid to extend it to produce a Parish Plan – a blueprint for Harbury’s future.

We hope the Review Group will have the questionnaire ready before Christmas, so if you would like to volunteer to help with distribution and collection, please let the Secretary know.

You may be interested to know that the Committee has written to Stratford District Council asking it to review its decision to remove the Mini Recycling Centre until it is certain that the new recycling boxes are an adequate alternative. The response was interesting:

“The removal of the recycling centre in Harbury is a council policy decision based on the likely reduction in usage of the centre and the cost of introducing the new service. Nine recycling centres are going to be maintained throughout the District, the nearest ones to Harbury are at

Wood Street car park Southam and Wellesbourne Village Hall. You may wish to talk to your local councillor who is responsible for the new policy!"

All is not well at Stratford on Avon District Council, me thinks!

Linda Ridgley

Harbury W.I.

Congratulations to Audrey and Dennis Atkins on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

The Village Show was very successful and a super day. The entries were excellent and I understand numbers were up this year.

The children's efforts are particularly mentionable – they were wicked!

Congratulations to Pam Merchant on winning the W.I. Cup and to Pat Smith on winning the Gold Award for the Top Vase.

Well done everyone and I hope to see even more entries next year.

We look forward to our Harvest Supper on Friday 28th September.

Mr. Tom Sage from Wappenbury Nursery returned to demonstrate and talk about Winter Baskets. These have become so popular that orders have increased dramatically over the past few years.

Herbs, grasses, alpines, conifers, ivys to name but a few, are all suitable. They need very little watering, unlike the summer ones and are most effective.

Mr. Sage favours the 14" baskets, as smaller ones are really too small to make a show. Flat bottom ones are easier to work with and also strong brackets are important. He is particular about colour, using light leaves against dark walls and dark leaves against light walls.

Mr. Sage made up the most attractive baskets and it was surprising the amount of plants he used. He also made a winter pansy ball, very popular these days.

Wendy Knowles was lucky enough to win the half basket in the raffle.

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Folk Club

Hats off to all those who joined in the theme! It was another surreal evening of mixed entertainment - way ahead of expectation. With a display of headwear from homburgs to baseball caps, Stetsons to Derby's (Gilly), with others thrown in for good measure. Janny Freeman was the highlight giving a very balanced performance by wearing two hats, ever the diplomat.

The raffle raised £22.38 for leukaemia research with a hatless Peter Bones being the winner of a fine bottle of wine. Other, more organic prizes were won by Molly and Sue. Nick, who has donated more of his fine manure to my garden, won the courgettes. Watch out for the size of my courgettes next year!

Brimming with ideas, next month is even more bizarre; Bob has invited you all to dress up as a song title. Unfortunately I will be away but "Help!" springs to mind – *The Incredible Sweat Band?*!

John Black

Cub Sports Day - 15th September 2001

On a fresh, sunny afternoon in early September, at Edmonscote sports ground, the Harbury cub scouts had a glorious time on the track at the Leamington District Cub Scouts Sports Day.

Not only did they win the overall team trophy – for the second year running – they also won the 400m relay trophy, as well as an athletics badge and a hard-earned Mars bar each! They competed in the long jump, relay, 100m sprint and 1,000m run, achieving maximum points as well as taking part in some other optional events, such as tug of war. Well done boys!

Thank you also to their parents who gave up their time to support them
Our team is shown in the photographs below.



Back row L to R: Josh Fitzgerald, Billy Bench, and George Bloxham
Front row L to R: Robin Ashurst, Sam Bench, Ben Gumbrell, and Tom Price

Alan Guy - Assistant Cub Leader

Dear Parents of any Scouts, Beavers, Cubs or Brownies

Your support group (GASS) is seeking new recruits to help with fund raising activities and administration of the running of the Scout Hut.

The current GASS members have children who are reaching the end of their time in these groups, or have already left and therefore it is essential that new people come forward to help. The fund raising activities have in the past included Bonfire Night, the GASS Christmas post and maybe just one other event during the year.

If you care about these groups and their leaders being properly supported, then please contact Sue Bushill on 614565 for more information.

Sue Bushill

Harbury Nursery School

It has been a busy start to the new term and the children have all joined in lots of fun activities with a large number of cuddly, furry, colourful and

occasionally noisy teddy bears. Some of the Nursery children visited the Church to join in with the toddler Harvest Service. They enjoyed learning how bread is made and eating the sandwiches afterwards!

Keeping up-to-date with current ideas and educational issues is important for maintaining the quality of Nursery education. Mrs. Eilish Flanagan, who is the Nursery's Special Educational Needs (SEN) co-ordinator, and Kate will be updating their knowledge of the SEN Code of Practice, which is currently being revised. Eilish, and Linda Casement, who works with our children on the computer, will be attending a course on software for the Foundation Stage for Nursery children through to Reception. This will help to ensure that we purchase suitable software that the children will enjoy, teach good computer skills and support learning. Tina Varriale will be looking at the development of the Foundation Stage through role-play, which is so important in early learning.

The Nursery is delighted that Kate has decided to develop her professional career by taking on a part-time course at Newman College of Higher Education leading to a BA (hons) degree in Early Years. This is a new and exciting programme set up in Warwickshire for those wanting to improve learning and teaching for children aged 3-8 years. The issues that Kate will be exploring will include the curriculum, home/Nursery partnerships, the role of play as well as comparing different educational ideas and looking at national developments in Early Years. We wish Kate every success in this course and look forward to seeing the benefits for our children in the Nursery.

If you are unable to make the open morning at the Nursery please do phone Kate (612656) to arrange a visit.

We will be holding an 80/20 Sale at the Village Hall on 20th October. If you want to sell good quality toys or clothes, please contact Marie Kennedy (812244) for more information.

Marie Kennedy

The Pre-School - Learning Through Play

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

With the new term now firmly underway, our topic of autumn and all that it entails has seen the children excitedly collecting an abundance of leaves of all different shapes, sizes and colours, and discovering ways to capture their different patterns.

The harvesting of crops at this time of year has provided the opportunity to look at what happens to wheat from when the combine harvester gathers the grains and removes the chaff, to the milling and the production of flour, and then looking at the many different uses including, as one bright child pointed out – Play dough!

The Wight School has had wonderful smells emanating from it - homemade bread and apple crumbles, which the children have helped to make and then helped to eat!

On a slightly more serious note, our AGM will be held on Wednesday 10th October at 8.00pm in the Shakespeare Inn, Harbury. Please do come and help us plan for the coming Pre-School year. It is an ideal opportunity to air your views and share ideas for the future. If you have any queries, please ring either Caroline Hill on 613780 or Jo Simpson on 612781.

The Pre-School Committee**Harbury Village Show**

Daisy Harold
Ginger bread family

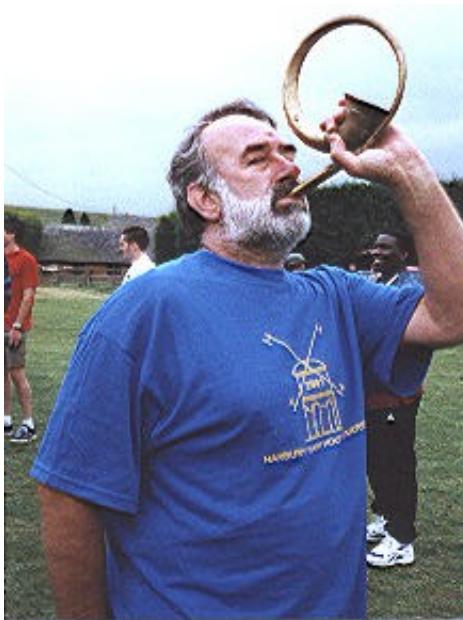


Dr. & Mrs. Wilne
Prize Dahlias



Millie Evans with her Vegetable Monster

Harbury Hash



Doug sounds the horn



Gillian Murphy



They're Off!

Harbury Primary School

At the start of the new term we welcomed everyone old and new.

Staff: Mrs. Booth, who will be teaching Sherbourne for the first half of the week (this is a permanent appointment); Miss Heptinstall, who will be teaching Itchen alongside Mrs. Edwards for one year only; Mrs. Davies, our new bursar, who will be running the school office until the end of January 2002.

Reminder about parking: Please use the Shakespeare Pub car park and walk down Back Lane. The car parks in school are for staff only and are already overcrowded.

Buildings: The new roof has now been completed. During the holiday the infant department was painted and the cloakroom altered. Special thanks to Mrs. Caswell the Caretaker who took on tremendous extra responsibility for which we are all in her debt. Without her efforts the school may well have not re-opened on time. The path from Park Lane has finally had its handrail fitted. For those who use the Park Lane

entrance please try to ensure that short cuts are not made across the field as this results in dirty children and a dirty school.

Shades for a day: The wearing of DIY sunglasses was a great success with some fantastic use of children's (and others) imaginations. It also raised £118.53 to donate to the charity Guide Dogs for the Blind. Many thanks to all who gave their support.

Sports Day: Although this was a washout we did manage to complete all of the events over about three afternoons and the results were: Crocodiles 224, Dolphins 208, Foxes 248 and Lions 224. This year's winning house was Foxes. The Alternative Sports never even got under way, nor did the infants' picnic. Let's hope for better weather next time!

Sponsored Walk: Everyone was encouraged to get involved with this event which took place a few weeks ago to raise as much money as possible for PTA funds. You may have seen the kind of things it gets spent on around the school. Many of these extra facilities would never be affordable through the normal school budget.

Paul Milner

Harbury PTA

Another year has begun and the PTA now starts to come to life. Over the summer holidays new curtains and blinds have been put up in the Hall. A long overdue job, as some parents can remember the curtains from their school day! We were also able to provide a new library carpet and have funds available for our next instalment for the computer suite. Well done and many thanks to those who have helped throughout the last year.

Our AGM is on Monday 1st October when a new committee will be elected. Hopefully, we will be welcoming some new faces, along with some new ideas.

Already some dates have been fixed for this term:

Our popular discos for the school children will take place on Friday 12th October and a Christmas disco is planned for Friday 14th December. Further details will be released through school nearer to the events.

The PTA Quiz night will take place on Friday 16th November 7.30 for 8.00pm. For those who have not experienced this event, please come along for what always proves to be a popular and well attended evening. Teams are made up of up to 4 people, £12.00 per team to enter. There will be a bar and sandwiches at the interval. For further details or to register your team, please call me on 612479. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lets hope that the PTA have another successful year thus enabling us to purchase 'extras' for the school.

Susan Graydon (Chair)

Harbury Youth Club

It is with regret that we have had to close the Youth Club on Thursday evenings due to a diminished number of helpers and the failure to appoint a paid Youth Worker despite our endeavours over the last eighteen months. (We have received financial support from the Community Education Service, South Warwickshire, to enable us to pay a Youth Worker each week).

We will re-open as and when we have sufficient helpers and the appointment of a qualified Youth Worker. There is an increased number of youngsters now residing in Harbury and it is vital that facilities are made available for young people to meet together as a necessary part of their future development.

Can I please appeal to anyone who feels they could help us to re-establish the Youth Club once a week or provide facilities to meet young teenagers' needs – contact Janet Thornley on 612688?

We apologise to all our Youth Club members for the present closure, but we had no option in the present circumstances.

Sally and Janet Thornley

Athletics Star (1): Charlie Gladden



Charlie, who lives in Harbury is an 'up-and-coming' star of the local athletics world. Charlie, who will be 13 years old next month, discovered his natural talent during the last year at the village school (Y6), when he represented Harbury at the local athletics event at Southam College. He then went on to represent the immediate area at the annual inter-schools event, which is held at the Edmondscoate track at Leamington.

There must be something in Charlie's genes, which predisposed him to discover this hidden ability, as both mum, Paula and dad, Paul were involved in athletics during their school days. Paula

was involved in the local athletics scene, whilst Paul competed in athletics events in his native Liverpool. Charlie is therefore following 'in their tracks' and proving to be extremely successful in his second season with Leamington C & AC. (Cycling and Athletics Club)

Initially, Charlie discovered that he was able to be successful against local school age competitors without needing to spend additional time on training. He is now in the second year (Y8) at Southam College and has decided to train twice weekly with other local athletes. He is the youngest member of the C & AC club and although for the first sessions he attempted both field and track events, he has now decided to concentrate on being a member of the sprint squad. He still gets involved with some other disciplines as competitions, such as the McDonalds League, encourage competitors to participate in several different events, including long jump and 'shot', as well as on the track.

The Club at the Edmondscoate track also posts information about other events outside the immediate area and this has taken Charlie and his family to several venues during the summer months, including Banbury, Oxford, Sutton Coldfield and Telford to compete in Sunday competitions. On these occasions, he is cheered on by his six-year old sister, Molly

and even more loudly cheered on by grandparents, Brian and Marie Wallington who are delighted by their grandson's success.

This year, Charlie has won 9 gold, 7 silver and 6 bronze awards, as well as 7 '5-star' awards. He is the Under-13 Warwickshire and Midland Champion in the Triathlon event for his outstanding results in the long jump, shot and sprint and the winner of the McDonalds Athlete of the Match award. He has recently represented Warwickshire in the Inter-County championships at Nottingham and his placings in the 100 and 200 metres, as well as in the relay, which came first in his age range resulted in Warwickshire coming out 'on top'. In almost the last event of the season, he became the Leamington Club champion, so he has ended 'on a high' with everything to look forward to next year.

During the winter months, he maintains his fitness by playing rugby for Southam College and for the Harbury Under-15 team. Congratulations, Charlie - the village will look forward to hearing of your continued success next season.

Athletics Star (2): Susie Tawney



From an exciting newcomer to the athletics world to an established performer on the tracks and yet the road to success could hardly be different. Susie Tawney moved into the village in 1994 to live in the Old Bakery, which is known

to many long established village families, as 'Thornicrofts' (after the baker who had lived there previously).

Susie did no athletics at all during her school years and only developed an interest at the age of nineteen when she went to Loughborough to study Sports Science and P.E. She shared a room in the Hall of Residence with an international runner and initially went down to the tracks to time her room-mate, who was an 800m and 1,500m competitor. Gradually, she developed an interest in athletics and went straight into marathon running as part of her 'Fitness for Life' programme. At the time she was at the University, Christine Boxer, Seb Coe and Dave Moorcroft were in training, so athletics had a high profile in the national scene.

After qualifying at Loughborough, she moved down to Exeter to do a post-graduate teaching practice and entered her first marathon race for charity whilst in one of the local schools. Her success on the day where she led for most of the time, until the final sprint finish, coupled with the encouragement she received from her students, resulted in an entry in the London marathon.

Susie took up her first teaching post for P.E. at Chenderit School at Middle Cheney, near Banbury and it was here that she met her husband, Nick who taught Geography. At this time, she was a member of the Banbury Harriers and was also playing netball for Oxfordshire and her

daily running programme was to boost her fitness on the netball court. In 1984, Susie and Nick took a holiday in India and returned to the area where she had lived with her parents who worked for the Brooke Bond tea company. They combined the trip with a visit to Nick's sister who was working on a development project, as well as visiting some of Susie's 'old haunts'. There were two memorable moments during their trip – one when Susie managed to locate the midwife from the hospital in Mysore, who still recalled the time she delivered the only European twins ever to be born there and Nick proposed and they got engaged! Eventually Nick and Susie moved to Leamington and she took up a post at Mid Warwickshire College as well as carrying out some supply teaching for P.E. at North Leamington School. At this time, she joined the Leamington C & AC Club and she has remained part of the club scene ever since she joined in 1987.

She moved into Harbury in 1994 and set up the 'Green Scheme', which supplies and maintains decorative plants for business premises from Leamington and Warwick to the outer reaches of the South Midlands, covering an area from Northampton to Tewksbury. Nick joined the business enterprise in 1991, which now occupies them both full-time. They have three very active boys Ben (8) and the twins, Alexander and Elliot (5) who all attend Harbury School. Despite a very busy schedule running the business and organising family commitments, Susie still finds time to help out at the Gym Club and to take some of the local children to the Edmonscote track on a Tuesday evening. She recognises that as running is an individual activity, it can be fitted in around the working day and she still trains 6 days a week, running approximately 30-40 miles per week, as well as attending a track session to improve her stamina for sprinting.

Susie's claim to fame in the athletics world has really taken off since she entered the VETS programme, which provides runners from aged 35 years onwards up to 75+ years the chance of involvement in a series of competitions. Susie celebrated her 40th birthday at the World Championship in Gateshead and although she did not gain a significant placing on this occasion, the family were able to enjoy a holiday in the area. Susie has, however, been awarded a string of medals recently, as she gained the silver medals in the 3,000m at the British Championships in Cardiff and at the European indoor event at Bordeaux. In addition, she won gold medals in the Grand Prix series of road races and for the 5,000m and 2,000m steeplechase gaining the championship best time in the latter event.

Susie identifies that she has been fortunate to find a sport, which allows her to keep up with her maxim of 'fitness for life' in her own time, whilst at the same time enjoying the recognition, both locally and nationally, which her success in the 'vet' category has given her. She would be delighted to discover that there are other people in the village who share her passion for 'gentle running' when she trains around the local roads and would encourage anyone with an interest in 'social, relaxed training' to get in touch with her on 614062. It would also be a boon to her to hear that there might be 'someone out there' who might see their way to some small sponsorship scheme, as she currently funds all her entries herself and tries as far as possible to organise her competitions around family activities. Susie is an inspiration to all those who consider that if you didn't get involved in 'sport' at an early age then you are 'past it' and she seeks to encourage others along the path she has taken.

Editors

Italian Job 2001 – Update



Departure date is now very close and we are pleased to report that due to an excellent response from the corporate sector and many individual pledges we expect to hit our target of £5,000 in sponsorship.

The majority of sponsorship from this year's Italian Job will be going to NCH Action for Children which will take the total to date from these events to well over £1m.

We depart on October 24th and travel through France, Germany and Switzerland in readiness for the 5 day rally with over 100 minis in the Adriatic mountains around Emilia Romagna in Italy.

Whilst in the area we plan to visit a children's home and hand over toys and games to the children. If you have any unwanted small (it's only a mini!) toys or games, please let us know.

Additional sponsorship would still be much appreciated. Call on 613722.

The photograph was taken outside the Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce who are one of our sponsors.

Alan & Philip Lord

Village Bonfire and Fireworks is on!

After six years of co-ordinating the building of the bonfire I have decided to hand over this rewarding challenge to someone else. After hinting to a few people that the bonfire would not take place this year I am pleased to report that not one but four people have come forward. Steve Brough, Sue Graydon, Andrew Hunt and Alice Price have saved this fantastic and well-supported village event. **We owe them a big thank you!**

Posters will appear on the village notice boards with information about where to get your tickets and slips for the collection of bonfire material.

If you have helped in the past I'll pass on your details to the new organisers. If you would like to get involved please do, the more help available the easier it is, we **always** need trailers, cars with tow bars and as many pairs of hands as possible.

Julie Linforth (612696)

Parish Review

The Questionnaire is taking shape with just a few topic areas to be refined. The next stage for the Review Group to work on will be the actual design and layout of the Questionnaire, which will eventually be delivered to all households in Harbury Parish. This is a key stage, as we have all had experience of questionnaires coming through our letterbox and the design does nothing to encourage one to complete the form. If there is anyone in the Village who has experience of graphics, desk top publishing, etc and feel they could contribute their skills to the Review; please contact either John Holden on 612155 or Linda Ridgley on 612792.

We are also still looking for volunteers to distribute and collect the Review Questionnaires. If you are able to help with this please contact either of the above.

John Holden

Harbury Village Club

There ain't no cure for the summertime blues. There is now! We are pleased to announce the return visit of the Crossroads Blues band. The band will do a 'Jam session' on October 14th at 12.30 Sunday lunchtime. All are welcome and the band especially invites other musicians to have a go and play with them or do their own spot.

The club has now got some new furniture to replace the old tables and chairs in the concert room. We have also purchased some disco equipment and are doing discos every Sunday lunchtime. When we are fully set up with some good disco lighting the concert room will be available for functions with its own disco at special rates. Why not pop down to see us - we are always welcoming new members.

Steve Heydon (Entertainment's Secretary)

Chicken and Plum Casserole

Full of the flavours of autumn this combination of lean chicken, shallots, garlic and fresh juicy plums is a very fruity blend. Chunks of lean pork, turkey or tofu can be used. Serves 4.

2 rashers of lean bacon, chopped 1 tablespoon sunflower oil 1lb/450g skinless, boneless chicken thighs cut into 4 equal strips 1 garlic clove, crushed 6oz/175g shallots, halved 2 teaspoons cornflour mixed with 4 teaspoons cold water 8oz/225g plums, stoned halved or quartered if large 1 tablespoon light muscovado sugar 5 fluid ounce/150ml dry sherry 2 tablespoons plum sauce 16 fluid ounce/450ml chicken stock (chicken oxo will do)

1. Dry fry bacon for 2-3 minutes. Remove bacon with slotted spoon and keep warm.
2. In the same pan heat the oil and fry the chicken with the garlic and shallots for 4-5 minutes. Stirring occasionally, until well browned all over.

3. Return the bacon to the pan and stir in the plums, sugar, sherry, plum sauce and stock. Bring to the boil and simmer until the plums have softened and the chicken is cooked through.
4. Add the cornflour mixture to the pan and cook for a further 23 minutes until thickened.

Serve with rice, couscous or thick bread.

Sue Lord

Chesterton Windmill Open Weekend



Working the windmill

Young and old continue to be attracted to the lovely old windmill. Warwickshire County Council restored the mill in the 1960's with the assistance of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings. After the Second World War the mill fell into a very sorry state.

Harbury carpenter Charlie Keeling cut timber from Chesterton Wood and built rustic sails. These didn't rotate, but the mill looked good.

When restoration work started, about 1965, the oak wind shaft was raised into position by a helicopter. The Coventry Evening Telegraph published a photo of this. Years later the B.B.C. also used a helicopter for a day's filming of the windmill. The finished film, presented by Philip Tibenham was shown on the 24 hours programme. Later this film won an award.

During 1958, while I was serving with H.M. Forces in Germany, I read an article in the Daily Mail, that Chesterton farmers in Warwickshire had just succeeded in purchasing their farms at a sale held in London. They were bidding against a large development company. The land was formerly part of Lord Willoughby de Brooke's estate.

Mike Bloxham

The Village Show

The Village Show on September 8th was well attended and enjoyed by all. Entries on the whole were up on previous years – 103 people entered. Some classes were down on numbers, especially flower

arranging and wine, but photographs and the painting class were very high. The show's Secretary, Janice Siddle, would welcome any suggestions for new classes.

Janice would like to thank all those who helped to make the show a success, especially those who helped in setting up the Hall, manning the stalls on the day and those acting as stewards and judges.

The results were as follows:

Farley Cup for vegetables	Mr P Clarke
Courier Cup for flowers	Mr P Clarke
Best in Section, Rosamund Schofield Salver	Sally-Anne Batty
Brunton Cup for flower arranging	Mrs E Zonik
All Saints' Cup for fruit	Mrs P M ^c Connell
Best in Section	Mrs L Oliver
Daniel Trophy for cooking	Carole Badger
Zonik Cup for wine	Mr & Mrs Spall
Rigden Cup for photographs	Mike McBride
Horticultural Society Trophy for handicrafts	Janice Siddle
Allotment Holders Cup	Kevin M ^c Mahon
Buck Trophy	Peter Badger
Jean Dunn Cup – children under 7	Bethany Conway
Fred Lines Cup – children 8-12	Alice Clarke
Barnes Cup	John Smith
Grey Novice Cup	Kevin M ^c Mahon
W.I. Trophy	Mrs P Merchant
Garden News Top Tray	1 st Mr P Clarke 2 nd Mr R Lawson 3 rd Mrs H M ^c Mahon
Garden News Top Vase	1 st Pat Smith 2 nd Mr P Clarke 3 rd Mrs A Lambert
Wilkins Cup for most points	Mr P Clarke



The W.I. judges said the entries were a very high standard especially the cookery section. We can look back on a good day and hope for many more entries for next year's show.

The competitions were won by Mr. P Clarke who guessed the "what is it" was a Yucca (shown here by John Clifford) and the Teddy Bear, whose name was Lucy is now living with her new friend Victoria.

Janice Siddle –Village Show Secretary

Young Village

Entrepreneurs!

TAKE THREE friends, each with some capital to invest and a burning ambition to own their own business in the local area and what is the outcome? The answer lies in the 'DOG INN', which was taken over by Chris Smith, Leon Scholtz, and Mark Kermode (L to R in photo) in April 2001.



Leon and Chris have lived in the village all their lives and whilst Leon attended Trinity School, both Chris and Mark attended Southam School. As they are all in their late twenties, they spent time socialising together and at various times Mark and Leon discussed possible business ventures. In March of this year, they launched SK Event Solutions, which offers corporate hospitality, entertainment, catering, hire of marquees and outside bar facilities. At the same time, they contacted Pub Master after hearing that the 'DOG INN' was on the market and the rest, as they say, is "history", as Chris Smith who had previous bar experience joined the team.

In the five months since they have taken on the lease at the pub, the three 'whiz kidz' have discovered talents they could not have dreamed of in their earlier schooldays and probably some which would be a revelation to both parents and teachers. In a very short time, they set about giving the pub a 'facelift', which included sanding down the woodwork of the bar and floor, to reveal the natural oak of the fittings and installing new electrical light fittings, which provided an altogether brighter atmosphere. They worked on a limited budget doing most of the work themselves with help from friends and family.

Eventually, they opened the doors on May 3rd and waited for the customers to return. Certainly, since the opening night, trade has picked up significantly and some of the best days have been on Carnival Day, during the Wheelbarrow Race and for the big football matches. The bar has a big screen feature, which is able to project the action to the entire room and for the recent England v Germany match, the pub was packed 'to the doors'.

Once the 'regular' trade returned, the entrepreneurs set about offering other inducements to visit the pub, which now has daytime and evening menus for traditional pub food, which is of good quality and at a competitive price. They also plan to offer special party nights for Halloween, Bonfire night and for Christmas, so watch the space on their display board.

The 'DOG INN' has also sponsored a 6-a-side football team, which is currently top of the Whitbread league, whilst this week sees the return of a Darts team representing the pub. Mark expressed his gratitude to the regulars who have shown faith in the 'friends team', by contributing to activities and competitions, which have helped to swell the trade. Mark originated from Southam and he commented on the strong feeling of a "united village" where people know each other well and are prepared to offer help and advice when needed.

The Folk Club has returned to take advantage of the large 'back room', which at present also serves as a table-tennis room. It is proposed to hold a tournament for keen players in the next few months, but in the meantime the room is available for meetings such as those held by the Theatre Group and the Investment Group. Mark identified that the room needs to undergo refurbishment and there are plans afoot to carry out the necessary work inside as well as develop the garden area at the rear, so that it can provide an attractive area outside for parents to relax, whilst their children have fun. This will provide an extra outdoor feature to complement the wooden deck area they created at the side of the pub in June. The decking was well used in the balmy nights at the end of summer (there really were some!), as customers sat outside to have a drink continental style.

In a very short time, the THREE FRIENDS have made considerable progress towards realising their dream through their own efforts, which includes doing all the cleaning and maintenance jobs themselves! They have certainly made an impressive start and with hard work and commitment they hope to see their venture go from strength to strength. At the end of the day, it means that Harbury is not one of the dying villages we read about so often, as there are people willing to take a risk to offer facilities to keep the village alive! All power to your elbows Chris, Leon and Mark, as you pull the pints behind the bar!

Editors

Pensioners' Patio

Returning from a week away, we hurried indoors, took a deep breath and pulled back the curtains; what would it look like? Would we be pleased? The first impression was that the garden had grown bigger, the second was that this was only one of the advantages of what had been happening while we were out of the way. Arranged in a simple but effective pattern the York slabs – natural coloured stone with swirls of ochre and slate grey – stretched out before us. It was a perfect transformation. The colours, as we discovered before the day ended, become much more intense when wet, producing yet another picture.

The containerised plants were brought back from their own holiday on a neighbour's terrace and the Head Gardener is now preparing supports for the roses and clematis. Maybe there's been a touch of optimism about how many climbers a short stretch of wall can accommodate but for obvious reasons we'd like a floral display soon – not in ten years' time!

And the birds? They must have had a shock when the work started. None were around to greet us, but the re-appearance of the bird table brought a quick response from the starling tribe. Others followed, least suspicious of the new surface are the parent and sibling of the collared dove whose sad demise I reported last time; they remain unfazed even by the jackdaws, which strut around malevolently and harass the smaller birds. The pair who live permanently in a nearby chimney pot have been just too successful as parents in recent years.

Today I glimpsed one of these jackdaws taking walnuts from the big tree behind us and ferrying them off to crack and eat in peace (or to store?), so the squirrel has rivals. No need for him to worry, the tree seems to have cartloads of nuts this autumn. They rain down in cascades and as always I'm amazed at the noise, each sounds like a coconut thudding on the roof, followed by staccato clattering as it rolls down. After one especially disturbed night we decided to see how many had fallen since

the previous day's sweep-up. I gave up counting at 80 – there were certainly a hundred, exclusive of those lodged in the gutters. As they're big, healthy nuts we've put them away in a dry place, hoping the kernels will be crispier later. In the meantime the sweeping continues; good exercise, no doubt, as my grandmother used to say: *Better to wear out than rust out.* No chance of the latter!

Edyth Algar

Horticultural Society

The Village Show is over for another year and our new season of talks starts now. The Show went well and I am sure that the weather forecast for the day was not very good, so we had an added bonus! A full account appears elsewhere in this edition, written by the Show Secretary, Janice, including a list of cup and trophy winners. It was gratifying to see yet more, new names entering this year – we do like some competition! The children surpassed themselves, well done to everybody.

Our new year starts in October and this means subs are due again, £3.00 each member (and very good value for the season of 8 months of interesting talks and events, with the popular party and outings).

The AGM will be in November; new members always welcome, any resolutions or nominations for the new committee should be sent in writing to the Secretary, Mrs. Daphne Clifford by Wednesday 31st October. We will need two new committee members as Mrs. Eleanor Zonik and Mrs. Vivien Neill are resigning after many years of sterling service, thank you both very much, you will be missed.

With the start of the new season the dark evenings are already here, as you will have noticed. Anyone who would like a lift to the meetings please ask, there are always members who have transport and will oblige.

The talk on 6th November on "Potagers" will be given by Mr. Bob Sherman from Ryton Gardens and will, I am sure, be very informative and interesting. Also on that same evening Christmas cards will be on sale in aid of the Gardeners' Benevolent Fund, a very worthwhile cause. We have just renewed the ticket for Ryton, allowing for free entry to the Gardens any day of the year except Christmas Day. Their "Apple Day" this year is on Sunday 14th October – get your apple varieties identified, advice on cultivation, pests and diseases diagnosed or see demonstrations of cooking tasty apple dishes.

Muriel Grey

Gardening Notes

As the palette of the autumn begins to show the russet shades, gardeners start to think of the approach of winter. Essential tasks are tidying and protection. Lift tender plants such as verbena and salvias, and pot them for over wintering or take cuttings. Almost all container plants are tender so will have to be discarded or taken inside if they are to survive our winter. If they go into an unheated greenhouse arrange the pots together so that extra protection can be given if it becomes necessary. Before putting in the plants, clean the glass and disinfect the staging to avoid grey mould, which can occur on over wintering geraniums in particular. Geraniums need a minimum temperature of 7°C so, are unlikely to survive without some heat. Dahlias, gladioli and

begonias must all be cut down leaving a small piece of stem. Lift them and clean off the soil taking care not to bruise the corm or tuber. Turn them upside down to drain off the moisture. I recently read that this is easier if the ends of the stem are pushed through a piece of crumbled chicken wire, which sits in a box. Once the stem has dried, the plants can be stored in dry sand, compost or straw in a frost-free place.

In the borders leave stems and foliage on plants until you can see which will naturally rot away. Any semi evergreen growth that remains will give protection to the plant crown. With red hot pokers it is better to tie the leaves together to keep out the rain. Last winter almost killed my phormiums and cordylines, which rotted in the centre, so I shall try to protect them by tying up the leaves. Split clumps of perennials which have become too crowded. Replant the healthier outer portions. Move plants if they did not like their site and put in any new ones whilst the soil is warm and moist. Fork in a high phosphate fertiliser to encourage strong root growth. Plant out any biennials that you have been growing for a spring display. Pile extra gravel around alpines tucking it underneath to prevent leaves sitting on wet soil. Check stakes and ties on plants that will have to face strong winds in the coming months. Reduce wind rock on roses by shortening growth of established bushes by a third. Complete the planting of bulbs, except tulips, which can wait until next month. The depth of planting is important. Daffodils and narcissi need at least 3" of soil above the bulb, or they may not flower in subsequent years. It is sometimes difficult to decide which way up to plant small bulbs. Do not worry, they know, and will right themselves!

Check bulbs planted in pots for the house. They may need a little water, but still leave them in a cool dark place. Cut back on watering and stop feeding houseplants. Settle them into their winter quarters and protect them from the effects of central heating by standing them on trays of gravel. A Christmas cactus needs dark nights to develop flower buds so do not put it in a room that is used in the evenings.

Pick the last of the tomatoes, hang stems upside down in a cool but light place to ripen off the remaining fruit. I have had them ripening up to Christmas. Plant spring cabbage and winter lettuce. Clear leaves from lawns and around smaller plants. Compost them in a black plastic bag. Keep pools free of any falling leaves and rotting water plants.

Plant of the month: Cotinus

Look in an old gardening book and you will not find Cotinus, but look under Rhus and there will be listed the Smoke tree, or *Cotinus coggygria*. These small trees have been used in the ornamental gardens of Europe for at least three hundred years. They are valued for their use as background planting but also for the brilliant colour, which is produced as soon as the days shorten and the temperature begins to drop. These small trees, which grow to 8 to 12 feet, are native across much of Europe. They are also found in the Himalayas and parts of China. Breeders have produced plants with names that tell of the beautiful colour of the foliage during summer and autumn. Velvet Cloak, Flame and Royal Purple conjure pictures of the delightful glowing shades of autumn.

Towards the end of summer the trees appear to lie under a haze of smoke, sometimes browny-pink, sometimes copper or purple, depending upon the leaf colour. In reality this is the feathery flower plume that rises above the dome of leaves. Garden nurseries now sell *Cotinus Grace*, bred from the sole North American variety, *Cotinus obovatus*. This appears to be better suited to northern parts of Britain. Plant *Cotinus* now in any soil, in a sunny site, as an excellent backdrop

or as a prominent feature. Poor soil seems to produce more intense leaf colour. The only care it then needs is watering until a good root system develops. In spring prune the tree to shape or to restrict the size, although this will also ensure fresh foliage in subsequent years.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

We would like to thank our many friends and neighbours for their letters, cards, telephone calls and kindness following Peter's death. Special thanks to Father Roy for conducting the service of thanksgiving and to Clive Watts for the wonderful music; to Drs. Hancock, Snowdon and Wilkinson for their care and attention; and to Gerald and Edith Masters and Marjorie Nicholls for their towering help and support.

Joyce and Lynette Edwards

Dear Editors

I would like to thank all those who helped and supported the R.N.L.I. Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 8th September. Over £200.00 was raised (including the sale of souvenirs) which is much appreciated.

Ann Ainscow

Dear Editors

On behalf of Harbury Youth Project Group may I extend our grateful thanks to all those who supported us in buying refreshments at the Beer Festival.

We made a profit of £796.00 of which a one-third share of £266.00 was given to the Harbury Pre-School who gave their support in providing helpers at all three sessions. May I also thank Harbury Pre-School and our own Group of helpers for their assistance, which was invaluable and very much appreciated.

Janet Thornley, Treasurer, Harbury Youth Project Group

Dear Editors

Last week I fell heavily in Hall Lane. I came out of the Bottle Bank exit (oh yes, the empties had

previously been emptied!) and crossed diagonally to the right side of the pavement opposite. I stepped onto the pavement, but my right toe got lodged in a hidden concave in the curb. The point of this boring saga is to warn everyone to be very careful of that spot; it is a regular, obvious stepping-up place.

A nicer reason for writing is to say how much I am appreciating the kindness of our Helpline whose members are ferrying me backwards and forwards to Warwick Hospital and the dentist.

I hope soon to be able to pass on their good turns.

Yours sincerely

Mary Shelley

Dear Editors

Harbury M.A.D.'s final event was the coffee morning on 15th September, which raised the fine sum of £150. This has been divided equally between our 2 "other" adopted causes - the Emdeni Children's Home in Soweto, S. Africa, and the Harvest International project for street children in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. (The Harbury contacts for these two charities are Jo Spurr and Alison Ashworth.)

A big thank you to everyone who gave their support, and especially to Alice for all her fruit pies!

Andrew Patrick

Dear Editors

Peter and I have just discovered the H&L News site, as a link from the Harbury Church site, and are enjoying reminiscing about our years in Harbury. It is a great site - easy to navigate and the pictures (although they take a long time to load) are wonderful, and worth waiting for. We hope all our friends in Harbury are well - we can see from the pieces in the magazine that you are all just as busy as you were when we lived in the village! I shall now click back to the Church site, and see if I can find a link for Harbury Theatre Group.....

Regards,

Diana and Peter Holt.

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. Wednesday – Friday 9:00am – 1.00pm

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