



Harvesting at Sharmer Farm

This month has been full of summer activities ranging from harvesting to holiday clubs. Whilst some had been planned, others were not, for instance the fire in the School roof during recent repair work.



Fire Engine attending the School

It may have been an even hotter summer for those of you who made Sue Lord's BBQ sauce recipe last month. Unfortunately, due to a typing error, the quantities for ground ginger and mustard powder should have been teaspoons and not tablespoons! We have reprinted the correct recipe this month – many apologies.

After many months awaiting repair since the gales last autumn, the sails on Chesterton windmill have been repaired. It is expected that the windmill will be fully open for the Heritage Open Days on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th September. The Village Show takes place on the Saturday of that weekend. Do please support this event by submitting an entry and/or going to see the displays; please see the Horticultural Society article for details.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Margaret Docherty, Connie King and Helene Rowell.

From the Rector

The primary lesson to learn in life is to love. Love is so strong that it is unbreakable, and yet it is intangible. You can know it; you can feel it; and yet you cannot hold onto it; for as soon as you try, it will slip away like quicksilver.

Love cannot be possessed; it is as free as the wind and moves where it will. Move with it. Love is unity and wholeness. Love knows no limitation, no barriers. With love comes freedom.

It is fear that binds and limits a soul; it is love that frees and cuts away all bonds. Love opens all doors, changes lives and melts the hardest of hearts. Love is creative; it builds up, creating beauty, harmony and oneness. It works for, not against anything.

Love brings such joy that it cannot be repressed. It dances and sings through life. Is there love in your heart? Love for each other? It starts in you and works out and out.

This is why our mission statement is: *'To Love People Into The Kingdom Of God.'*

Fr. Roy

*Dear God, so far today I've done all right.
I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper,
I haven't lied or cheated.
I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or overindulgent.
I'm very thankful for that.
But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed,
and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help.
Amen*

From the Registers

Holy Baptism – All Saints' Ladbroke

19th August - Bethan Myfanwy Russell Elliott

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

14th August - Connie King, 93

20th August - Margaret Docherty, 93

Funerals at Oakley Wood

17th August - Helene Rowell, 71

From the Churchwardens

The Holiday Club was a great success with some 50 children taking part in seeking the answer to the question 'Whose world is it anyway?' A report on the activities appears elsewhere – well done to all who organised the week and helped to make this another successful Holiday Club.

No sooner is that done than we are looking forward to Harvest Thanksgiving. Although this is no longer an agricultural community in the sense that the majority of people earn their living in different types of 'fields', we can still take the opportunity to thank God for being able to do so.

Sunday 16th September is the day and it will be the Family Service at 10.30am with a special Choral Evensong at 6.00pm. The Harvest Supper will take place on Saturday 6th October. Tickets available soon.

We mentioned a couple of months ago that Harbury Church was not making 'ends meet'. We have had a positive response to the situation from a number of people and we thank them for that (we do not know who they are of course, but we do see the amount of regular giving). However, we do need to press the point that the church does need to be financially self-supporting.

Felicity and John

Harbury Church (www.harburychurch.fsnet.co.uk)

Have you visited the village church web site yet? At this address you will find a wealth of information about All Saints' Church, its people and activities.

Click on 'Church Services' to check the times of worship; 'Who's Who' to find out about some of the church mainsprings; 'Church History' to learn more about your church in the past; 'What's Happening' to find out more about your church in the future.

There is a map for strangers to locate the building, and a church plan to help you with a virtual tour. Most of the church-affiliated organisations are listed. Future developments include a guide to the churchyard wildlife.

A volunteer team updates the site regularly; but we still have more to learn. Contact us with your opinion through the visitors' book on the site, or e-mail me direct on

John Stringer (john.stringer@ruralnet.org.uk)

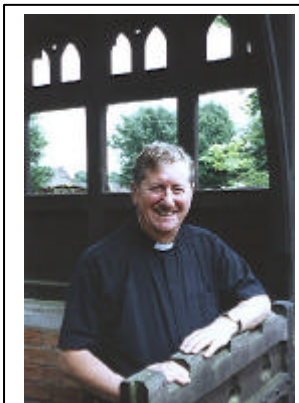
Mothers' Union

There were no meetings during August, but several ladies in the village have continued knitting hats that will be sent to refugees via M.U. Over 250 hats have been made so far this year, in addition to those sent to seafarers last winter. There is also a variety of baby clothes being made and sent to maternity units at Warwick and Walsgrave hospitals: jackets, bonnets, blankets, even tiny baby gowns. All much needed and greatly appreciated. If anyone is interested in helping this project, please contact me on 612427.

Next meetings:

Wed 5 Sept. 2.00pm Service in Church, followed by a cup of tea in the Tom Hauley Room
 Tues 18 Sept. 7.30pm Service, 8.00pm Kathy Priddis *Icons – a window on God*
 Wed 3 Oct. 2.00pm Service, 2.30pm Tony Stubbs *One More Step*

Anne Moore



Father Roy Brown

On June 28th, Father Roy celebrated twenty years in the priesthood.

He was surrounded and supported by his family and also by the many friends who have known him through all the stages of his Christian life. There were friends from the Birmingham diocese; from the parish of St. Oswald where he was brought up; from Immanuel, Highter's Heath where he served as curate; from St. Mark's, Washwood Heath, his first parish. Father Roy's move to the Coventry diocese brought him new friends, many of whom joined him from St. Mary's, Tysoe; from St. Lawrence, Oxhill; from St. Peter's, Whatcote and from All Saints', Harbury and Ladbroke.

The celebration of the Sung Eucharist, the central part of the evening, was especially joyous, made more so by the music in which Roy and Pam's son, David and Alexandra Gibson, David's wife took part. The Introit was I WOULD FIND THEE (Thalben-Ball); the Communion setting: Byrd's Four Part (in Latin); the Anthem: AND I SAW A NEW HEAVEN (Bainton); a solo, by David: PANIS ANGELICUS; a Gaelic blessing in a setting by Rutter.

David and Alex were joined by singers, Cheryl Ennever and Neil Bellingham and by organist, Lawrence Cummings. Inspired and led by them, the congregation sang their hearts out and there was a wonderful sound in church. Then we all had a lovely, friendly party in the Tom Hauley Room.

We, in Harbury and Ladbroke, feel very privileged to have Father Roy and his family with us in such a special year. We thank him for his ministry, Pam for all that she does in the parishes, seen and unseen, and we wish them and their family every blessing as Roy enters his twenty first year in the priesthood.

John and Felicity

Whose World is it anyway?

More than forty children enrolled for this year's Holiday Club. We considered the question: *Whose world is it, anyway?*

Through the Old Testament stories of the Creation, the Flood, the Burning Bush and the Parting of the Red Sea, we learned about the four elements that make up the world and sustain us: earth, water, fire, and air. We sang songs, made gardens, fire pictures and kites.

We thought of ourselves as Eco-Warriors, here to look after the world that God made for us. At the Family Service, we celebrated and gave thanks for all the treasures of His creation. Some of us brought treasures special to us and told us about them.



As usual, a large number of people gave very generously of their time and commitment. The children and I would like to thank them for making it such a happy week.

Felicity Harris

Tom Hauley Room New Carpet Fund

We have been steadily gathering in money for the new carpet, through various events, and with the generosity of many people. The total now stands at £1,000. Our target is £1,600, so we are doing really well.

We are extremely grateful to everyone, individuals and organisations, who have contributed in any way to this fund. We are already looking at samples of carpets and getting quotations from local firms. So with a bit of luck we shall have the new carpet by the autumn.

Thank you all so much. Harbury's generosity never fails!

Liz Bunting

Laugh Line

The vicar told the congregation that he would shortly be leaving to move to another parish. However, he assured them that the bishop had promised to send a good man to take over. After the service he noticed a lady crying and said: *Don't get upset my dear, the bishop has promised to send you a good man to take over.*

He told us that the last time, replied the lady in tears.

Ladbroke Church News

Congratulations to the Bell Ringers at their coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room. They raised over £160 towards replacing worn bell ropes and stays.

The Church also has a Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 22nd September. Any money raised will go towards our Development Fund – namely the kitchen and toilet facilities; to bring our beloved church into the 21st Century. Please come and support us and, of course, Raffle prizes and cakes will be most welcome.

Betty Winkfield

Women's Fellowship

The weather played 'Cat and Mouse' with us at our Tea Party and I'm afraid in the end it won.



As you can see, by the photograph, we did manage to enjoy our tea outdoors to start with. What heathenish plot do you think our guests from Harbury were planning?

The September meeting on Wednesday 12th will be at 19, Pound Way, Southam, by the kind invitation of Hazel, where we shall be entertained by a 'Guest Speaker'. Church Service at 2.00pm as usual.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.

The annual outing was held on August 23rd. Fortunately the rain had stopped and about thirty members, husbands and children met at 6.30pm at The Butts car park to begin their walk around Warwick.

Members of the Warwick evening WI were there to greet us. After dividing into three groups we went our separate ways. Joy Wardle took us to places we did not know existed – the College gardens by St. Mary's Church which was rebuilt in the 17th Century after the great fire in Warwick, over Tink-a-Tank Lane and onward to High Street, past the Lord Leycester Hospital, and then as far as the West Gate, noting architectural features unnoticed when driving through the town.

There are Alms houses near to the West and East gates. We then made our way to the Market Place via Swan Street. From there, down Jury Street to the East Gate and across the road for our refreshments – very welcome cuppas, tasty sandwiches and a wonderful assortment of home made cakes of the highest WI standard.

Anne thanked the Warwick WI from us all for such an interesting and enjoyable evening. We are hoping for another walk with our Guides in the future.

The next meeting is on Thursday 27th September. Mrs. Catherine Spence will be demonstrating her Crafty Christmas Crafts.

Hazel Sharples

Ladbroke Village Hall

We will be holding an Arabian Evening on Friday 23rd November, at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. There will be exotic dancers, food from the Tarsus Restaurant, a Raffle and a Bar, so come along for a super evening. The cost will be £10, tickets will be available from committee members or phone 814362.

The Village Hall AGM will be held on Wednesday 14th November at 7.30pm.

The seventh draw of the Club was held on August 13th at The Bell Inn. The winners were Kim Ryan £80; Carol Lane £50; B & M Whitehouse £25; Gill Moore, Bernard Billings, Graham Lewis, Peter West, and Jill Norgate each won £10.

Due to holidays the next draw will be postponed to Tuesday 18th September, 8.00pm at The Bell Inn.

Catherine Spence

Sponsored Cycle Ride

At the moment we have 3 volunteers riding for us on Saturday 8th September. I have plenty of sponsor forms if you feel like joining them. What they really need of course is your support. Please sponsor them.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke Parish Council - August 15th

There were apologies from District and County Councillors, the police and our footpath co-ordinator. However, the parish councillors were joined by three villagers for the meeting in the Village Hall.

Restorative work

Repair work has commenced in Bridge Lane with strimming of verges and the removal of branches. Jeff Todd and Peter Williamson will walk the village and compile the next list of priorities.

The non-illuminated bollard at the south end of the village is faulty and awaits replacement. If anyone sees it in a strange position, will they please put it back on the 'island' until the replacement is in position?

A reminder regarding the need for the removal of a dead branch at the entrance to Ladbroke Hall will be sent to the County Council.

Police and Neighbourhood Watch

Villagers were advised to be on their guard against companies selling burglar, fire, and safety systems and are urged to seek independent advice from the local Police Crime Prevention Officer before signing any contract.

More details of both of these items are on the village notice board.

Information has been received through the Internet that vehicular theft is on the increase in the surrounding villages.

Chairman's Item

Jeff Todd and Geoff Timms have removed a large branch that had become lodged beneath Macklin Bridge. Other councillors expressed their gratitude for this.

Carol Lane

Harbury's Women's Institute

There was no meeting in August, but we did enjoy our Garden Party; thanks to Jean and Colin Abrahams for the use of their home.

Weather wise: well, could have been better, but that did not deter the 'gels' from having a jolly time. Nothing like a good laugh is there?

We also expect another jolly good day at the Produce Show. Now we do hope to see you there. After all, this is one of the few traditions left and must be carried on – everybody can 'have a go'.

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Folk Club

Over the years the August meeting of Harbury Folk club has usually been poorly attended owing to holidays and the like.

With this in mind, for the meeting that took place on 2^d August, I decided to have a themeless sing-around evening. I had visions of ten or twelve people sitting in a circle, taking in turns to sing or play tunes while the others joined in when they felt so inspired. I therefore arrived early and arranged the chairs accordingly.

By half past eight we had to bring in more chairs as the numbers markedly exceeded my earlier expectations. I reckon that in total, there were more than 40 people who came.

In spite of the larger-than-expected number, we continued with a sing around and before long a pleasant and relaxed atmosphere had developed. We were treated to a variety of items led by a host of talented artistes and during the evening we had plenty of opportunities to join in, either in song or with instrument.

Those who took part in the sing-around included Brian on fiddle; Ian and Sue; a quartet comprising Janny, Maureen, Ian and me; Rick Saunders; Des; Gill Barber; Ron; John Black; Narrow Way (a reduced version of Broadway); Alan Whitbread from Stratford, Liz and me.

The raffle raised £30.50, which went towards the new carpet for the Tom Hauley Room.

Many thanks to all those who came and contributed to the evening, and also for giving generously to the raffle. Thanks also to the new proprietors of the Dog Inn for making us very welcome.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 6th September when John Black will be the host. The theme will be "Hats and Heckling", it will again be in the back room of the Dog Inn and will start at 8.30 p.m.

Pete Bones

11th Annual Harbury Hash

This event for all the family will be held on Sunday 23rd September starting from Chesterton Village. This event is for walkers and runners and is loosely based on a paper trail, but the trail is marked in flour. It is for all levels of fitness and short cutting is actively encouraged.

Registration begins at 2.30pm for a start time of 3pm. There will be a BBQ afterwards so bring your own meat and drinks. We will provide bread rolls, but we would appreciate any donations of communal salads.

The cost is £2 per adult, £1 for children, or £6 per family.

Doug (Dunn Inn) Freeman (612002)

Harbury Nursery School

This term we will be looking at the topic of 'Bears' and welcoming children and their teddies into the Nursery. In these important first few weeks we spend a lot of time nurturing our new ones, giving lots of cuddles and building a feeling of security and confidence. We will be supporting the children's care, learning and playing with a wide range of fun activities, including teddy stories, teddy songs and trying out some teddy treats at a teddy bears' picnic. If anyone has an old 'threadbare' teddy we would love these teddies to visit the Nursery along with their owners!

Our AGM will be on Wednesday 19th September at 7.00pm in the School's library. All are welcome to come along and hear more about our year at the Nursery and our plans for the future.

We will be holding an Open Morning on Saturday 29th September from 10.00am in the Nursery classroom. If you are unable to come and require any further information, please call Anne-Marie Campion on 614496.

Marie Kennedy

Harbury Pre-School

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

It's odd how September can feel like the start of the year, rather than bleak January. There's a sense of promise and excitement and we feel that this (and more!) will be delivered at the Pre-School over the coming months.

One of the themes that will run all year is that of the seasons. We'll be going on rambles around the village at key points in the year, looking at the wildlife, flowers and foliage that are around and discussing what each season brings. This will give us lots of opportunities for role play, games, stories and creative activities as well as pushing all the buttons for the children's social, physical and intellectual development. We will start with Harvest and, building on the work we did on shops last year, find out about the way food grows and is collected by animals and humans. We will visit the church to talk to Father Roy about Harvest Festival and will develop our own harvest celebrations.

In planning the curriculum, both last year and this, we have been careful to study the requirements of Ofsted to ensure that our approach to early years' education addresses government standards while retaining the child-centred approach that is so important to us. We have now decided to go for Ofsted approval again since so many parents are telling us that

they would like to send their children to us but funding is an issue. Unless we go back under the Ofsted umbrella, our three and four year olds don't get any government support and, although we have some fantastic fund-raisers and a lot of generous support from the rest of the village, we currently have to charge for sessions. Fortunately there are a lot of Pre-School supporters around who helped with Ofsted when we were registered before so, although it's hard work, it's a well-travelled path for us. We'd like to reassure parents that we will continue to keep to small classes with a high staff:child ratio and that we plan to retain and develop our creative edge so the activities will remain as brilliant, unusual and imaginative as before.

So the Pre-School continues to flourish and we are sure there are lots of people out there, just dying to be part of it. If you would like to bring your child to play with us (particularly in view of Ofsted coming back on the scene) then do call Yvette on 613509. If you would like to come on the committee to help develop the Pre-School (in other words, girls' (and/or boys') night out in the Shakespeare once a month, lots of fun and it looks great on your c.v.) then do call Jo on 612781. There will be an AGM towards the end of the month when you have an opportunity to look at last year's work and discuss the future so do watch out for details. We look forward to seeing you!

Harbury Pre-School Committee

Harbury Badminton Club

HELP! New blood needed for the Monday Morning Ladies Badminton Club. Starting on 10th September, 10.00am – 12.00noon (Term Time).

An idea of the game an advantage. A sense of humour essential!

Interested? Please ring Celia on 613174.

Celia Barrett

Harbury Junior Football Club

Mid Warwickshire League

Owing to the problems of finding enough 10-year-old boys to form a team we, reluctantly, have had to withdraw from the U-11s league. It is hoped that the current group of boys will play 7-a-side in the Three Counties league. On a brighter note we still have two teams entered in the U-12s and U-14s. The fixtures for September are:

Sunday 9th

U-12s v Southam Utd (H)

U-14s v Lillington Rangers (A)

Sunday 23rd

U-12s v No Game

U-14s v St. Peters Celtic (H)

Sunday 16th

U-12s v Admirals (A)

U-14s v Admirals (H)

Sunday 30th

U-12s v Kenilworth Wardens (A)

U-14s v Crick Colts (H)

Trials Day

For the first ever trials day the Club did well in the U-12s and U-14s groups with several new players signing up. This will ensure that we have two strong squads ready for the new season. The younger age groups managed to retain numbers but we are still on the lookout for more boys aged from 8 to 10.

Training starts on September 8th for U-11s and U-9s.

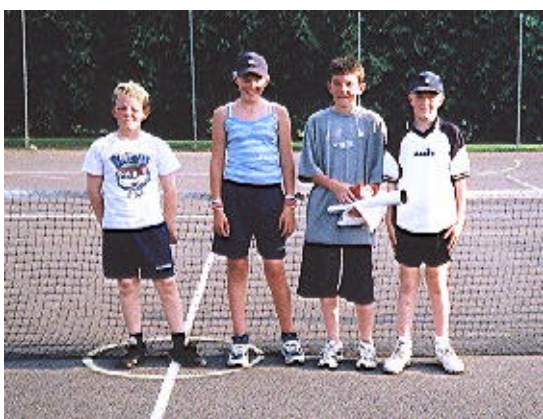
Steve Wilkins – Club Secretary

Harbury Tennis Club

With holiday commitments in August both teams have had a few problems in getting teams out, although that has not been confined to Harbury as some of the larger Banbury clubs have postponed matches. This probably contributed to the “A” team losing their proud unbeaten run, or putting it another way, I played in the defeat at Hook Norton! The “B” team has only had one match since the last report and managed a win against Charlbury. That match saw David Lauder, the first “graduate” from our “academy” making his debut and playing very well.

A reminder that our TABLE TOP SALE is on Saturday 15th September at the VILLAGE HALL, 10.00am - 12.00noon. If you want to hire a 6' table (£5) give Mary Thompson (612050) or Colin Mercer (613284) a ring.

Under 16s



We managed to complete the Intermediate Singles competition on an unusually warm and sunny evening on July 25th. In the semi-finals, Emma Hickin beat Tom Wilkins, and Tom Wright beat Philip Mugleston. Tom Wright went on to win the final but was pushed all the way by a very determined Emma. Our photo shows all four semi-finalists, with the winners in

the middle, Philip on the left and Tom Wilkins on the right.

The group photo shows children and helpers after the Fun Day reported last month.



A special mention for David Lauder: as well as his efforts in the senior team he also took part in the Leamington Tennis Club's open tournament and finished a very creditable 3rd in the boy's singles. Well done David!

Another successful Under 16 season is now over, although

the Intermediates should remember that the courts are still booked for them from 6.00 p.m. until dark until the end of September. We hope to see everyone again for next year's season and hopefully some new faces too.

And finally, the last photo shows that our facilities are open to all ages with Bee (Rosemary Harley's mum) and Alice Lockley making one of their many appearances as the resident fan club!!

Colin and Sue Mercer (613284)

Harbury Support Group for Myton Hospice

We are holding our Plant Sales on Saturday 22nd September, 6th, 13th and 20th October at The Dog Inn's Car Park, selling winter pansies and shrubs from 12noon to 4.00pm.

Harbury Support Group

Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee

Morning will be held in the Tom Hauley Room on Friday 28th September from 10am to 12noon. Please come and have a coffee, buy a cake, raffle ticket, bring and buy and have a chat. You will be helping to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Relief in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Last year we raised £215 – help us to raise more this time. Please come and support us and sign our form, so that we can help make it a bigger coffee morning than last year.

Mary Coney

Flu Clinics

We are fast approaching 'flu clinic time again and this year we are trying a different approach. Instead of holding clinics in the surgeries we are planning to hold two 'open' sessions in the Farley Room at the Harbury Village Hall and two at the Memorial Hall, Bishops Itchington. Dates and times are as follows:

The Memorial Hall:	Saturday 6 th October	9.00am to midday
	Tuesday 9 th October	5.00pm to 8.00pm
Harbury Village Hall:	Saturday 13 th October	9.00am to midday
	Friday 19 th October	5.00pm to 8.00pm

No appointment is necessary – just turn up during the stated times.

If you are housebound or genuinely unable to attend one of these sessions, please let us know so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Barbara Andrews – Practice Manager

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Harbury Making A Difference

Following is a report by Ryna Sherazi sent to John Stringer.

<p>Project Link 2000/2001 – Malahanma, Nepal</p>

During the past year, Harbury **Making A Difference** Millennium Group has been supporting the Malhanma Water Health and Sanitation project in Saptari District, Nepal. The aim of this project was to strengthen the community and improve the sanitation and hygiene practices in this region.

Summary of Work Completed

The project is on target for meeting its objectives. 58 Shallow Tubewells have been constructed and the associated latrine component of production is well underway. Two health motivators, one sanitation worker and three latrine maintenance workers have been trained. Additionally, 56 health volunteers were trained during this period.

65 latrines have been improved and 2 new school latrines have been constructed, along with 58 garbage pits and 31 vegetable gardens. Both WaterAid and its local partner, Rural Service Team, are committed to ensuring their hygiene and sanitation activities are comprehensive and sustainable.

Despite the villagers being busy over the last quarter harvesting their crops, the water committees continued to work effectively and enthusiastically in providing local expertise, resources and labour. Community participation is an essential element of all WaterAid projects and is the key to ensuring the long-term sustainability of the work. In Malahanma the villagers have been involved since the beginning when they expressed their commitment by establishing these water committees and agreeing to set up a maintenance fund. This encourages a sense of ownership and is a vital component of all WaterAid programmes.

Women have been involved from the beginning of this project, engaging alongside men in training programs for pump attendants and bore well caretakers. Rural Service Team has played a fundamental role in ensuring women are empowered through this project.

The formal evaluation process of the usage and maintenance of the water scheme and the sanitation and hygiene-behaviour practices is ongoing.

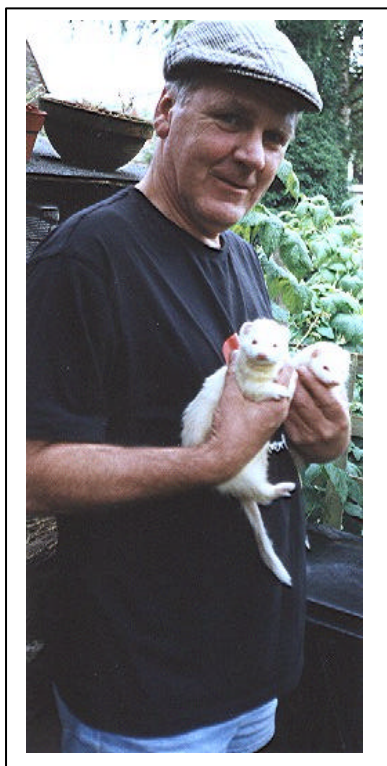
The work of WaterAid and its overseas partners would not be possible without the much valued support of organisations such as yours and I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of everyone at WaterAid to thank you for supporting this work in Nepal over the last year. The combination of improved water supply, improved sanitation and hygiene training programmes has already had an impact on the health of people in the target communities. The new skills that community members have developed will benefit those people for the rest of their lives, while the empowerment and increased sense of self-help will enable communities to start focusing on a healthy future.

Your involvement has helped make a real difference to the lives of the communities that WaterAid endeavours to support.

Thank you all for supporting WaterAid's Nepal programme.

Ryna Sherazi, Regional & Community Fundraising

Harbury Youth Project Group



A Family Fun Day with a Barbecue was held at The Gamecock on July 28th. We had a very enjoyable day and the weather was excellent. We had ferret racing and played 'Aunt Sally' and Skittles. All those who attended participated in these events and were especially enjoyed by the children. We are very grateful to Joe van Hoorebeek and Tommy Lowe for the loan of the racing ferrets – many thanks for your co-operation in making it a special day.

May I thank all those who attended with their families and supported a worthwhile fundraising event for the Skateboard/Roller Blade Area Project? I would like to especially thank Julie and Danny Killian (this was initiated and inspired by Danny) for all their hard work in helping us to put on such an event. I also thank Sharon and Pete of the Gamecock for the use of their premises and provision of raffle prizes and not

least, my daughter Sally, who arranged and obtained such an abundance of raffle prizes – thanks to all those people who contributed these. We raised £328 on this event and received a generous donation of £100 the same week. Again, many, many thanks to all our contributors and supporters.

As many of you will know (following a presentation at the Tom Hauley Room on July 21st), we have sufficient funds to start the project at the end of October and hopefully will be able to complete the project by spring next year.

Janet Thornley - Treasurer

BBQ Sauce (with corrected measurements)

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

- 5 tablespoons dry cider or wine
- 5 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 heaped tablespoon tomato puree
- 1 heaped teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 heaped teaspoon mustard powder
- 1 fat garlic clove, crushed

Heat together until sugar has dissolved.

Cook the meat in a roasting dish until nearly done, then pour off juices. It is important to do this otherwise the flavour of the sauce is diluted.

Pour the sauce over the meat and continue cooking until meat is cooked, basting occasionally with the sauce. Good hot or cold.

Chocolate Date Crunchie

- 4 oz granulated sugar

4 oz margarine
 8 oz stoned dried dates (optional: raisins or chocolate drops instead)
 4 cupfuls of Rice Krispies
 8 oz (200gr) cooking chocolate (Scotbloc Milk)

Put the sugar and margarine in a pan (8" x 4") and melt slowly.

Chop the dates up into small pieces and slightly cook in the sugar and margarine mixture. Add the Rice Krispies, a cup at a time, and mix with the date mixture. When the Krispies are coated with fat, turn out onto a shallow tin (8" x 12") and allow to cool.

Melt the chocolate and pour over the mixture spreading to cover. When the chocolate starts to set, use a fork to make a swirl pattern on top and then cut into squares. When completely set lift out of tin and store out of sight of children – and parents!

Sue Lord

Mission to Seafarers

A plea for woolly hats to be distributed during the winter of 2001/2 has been made by Port Chaplains on behalf of visiting seafarers from poor countries.

The first shipment is to be delivered from Harbury in October. If you can help by donating a knitted woolly hat (bright and cheerful colours preferred) please deposit it in the "seaman's chest" at church or ring me for collection.

On the high seas in the depth of winter woollen hats are much prized and make a lot of seafarers smile.

Bill Davies 614104

Pensioners' Patio

Camomile lawns were once the showpiece in upmarket gardens, but who has heard of a carrot-top lawn? When the feathery fronds first started to appear it was easy to dismiss them as wind-sown weeds, but as they spread further and grew in size, we became curious. When it was possible to pull one up intact, there was indeed a taproot that looked like a miniature carrot. A little later there was one just big enough to bite – and I was amazed at the strong and quite unmistakable carrot flavour. It reminded me of the distant time when I regarded cooked vegetables as quite unnecessary additions to meat and gravy, but loved to pull up raw carrots, rub off the soil and walk round the garden munching away.

But how had this patch arrived? The penny finally dropped. It was spreading out from the spot where I had put out wild birdseed on wintry days. So now we know which ingredient of the mix makes birds turn up their beaks! *(No doubt they have their own reasons, though I'd like to know what they are.)*

For some time a collared dove and her two offspring had called regularly. One day, one of the teenagers brushed heavily against the patio window but recovered and reached the safety of the wall. Mother rushed up to him, squawking what might have been words of comfort though it sounded more like a dressing-down for thoughtless behaviour. However, she then caressed his neck and preened his ruffled feathers for him. The next morning there in front of the garage door lay half of one of the youngsters. The other half was doubtless already inside the

nestlings of the sparrow hawk sometimes seen circling overhead. Was it the one who'd failed to absorb mother's lessons in survival skills? Probably.

But the collared dove saga isn't all tragedy. As a group they have learnt to be good colonists: my fifty year-old bird book dismisses them briefly as 'domesticated turtle doves that have often been released in unsuccessful attempts to establish themselves'. Unsuccessful? The growing Harbury contingent must be laughing behind their wingtips. This spring there were often seven at a time on our tiny lawn alone.

Edyth Algar

Horticultural Society

The Village Show on Saturday 8th September is almost here. If you have not yet got a schedule, please pick one up from: Muglestone's; Kathleen Ellis; Co-Op; Janice Biddle, 35, Percival Drive; Gill Moore, The Bungalow, Windmill Lane, Ladbrooke, or Ron Grey, 23, Deppers Bridge. There is a wide choice of classes to enter: flowers; vegetables and fruit; flower arranging; handicrafts; photography; painting; wine making, and cookery and preserves. Something for everyone, we think, and we must keep the judges occupied – some come from quite a distance!

The cut-off date for entries is Wednesday 5th September, at 6.00pm. Please deliver your entry form and money to: Janice Biddle; Gill Moore; Ron Grey, or Nora Ellis, Sheen Farm House, Temple End. This system has proved very helpful, both for the necessary paperwork and for estimating the table space for the various classes when setting up before the show on Friday night. Any strong men, who could help setting up, please contact Janice on 614459. (We also need help clearing away after at 4.15pm on Saturday – we have to be out of the Hall by 6.30pm to make way for the next event, all tabling removed and all swept through!)

Please, please bring your entries for staging by 10.45am, on the day of the Show. In the past, some have been disappointed by being turned away when arriving after judging had started at 11.00am. All that wasted effort! As usual there will be a Produce Stall and a Tombola, so please deliver contributions for the produce stall also by 10.45am, before judging begins. It would be nice to see some cakes, etc. to sell (suitably wrapped of course). Please take Tombola prizes to Mrs. Eleanor Zonik, 'Chyldike', Mill Lane, Harbury; Mrs Gill Moore, or Ron Grey by Wednesday 5th September 6.00pm, thank you.

As in previous years, any produce left uncollected after the Show will be taken to Castel Froma for which we always receive a nice letter of thanks.

The silver cups and trophies are being engraved, ready to be presented again. They really do make an impressive display in the Hall. The list of winners will be published in next month's magazine. Even if you have not entered anything, still come to the Hall after 2.00pm to see what other people have done. I am sure that the Village Hall, as always, will look and smell very nice – well worth the visit.

Finally, our new season of talks commences on Tuesday 2nd October, in the Farley Room at 8.00pm, with Mrs. Dakin speaking on *Ornamental Grasses*. The full season's programme will be displayed at the Show.

Muriel Grey

Gardening Notes

Michaelmas, one of the four Quarter days, falls during this month, so we must begin to think of autumn. Many of the annuals and bedding plants are still looking good, so continue to take off the spent blooms to keep them going as long as possible. If cuttings from tender pelargoniums were not taken last month there is still time to do them. Use shoots which have not flowered, trim each one to about 3" then put 6 to 8 into a 4" pot of sandy compost. Water by standing the pot in a saucer of water until the compost is soaked. Stand the pot in a warm place but not in direct sun and do not cover with a plastic bag. Many of the plants used in containers and hanging baskets can be kept in this way. It is just the problem of finding enough space for them through the winter.

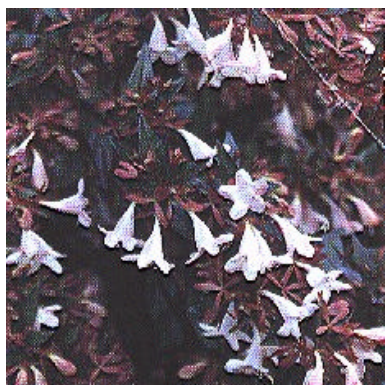
When the soil is moist and warm perennials which have become overcrowded or reluctant to bloom, can be divided. Lift the clump and take off the outer, younger pieces of root, each with a few healthy buds. Plant these and throw away the older centre part. Fleshy rooted ones like hostas and red hot pokers resent root disturbance, so are best left as large clumps. When they have to be divided dig them up carefully, then cut the thick roots with a sharp knife making sure that each section has stem growth and replant immediately. This may leave space for spring bedding or bulbs to be planted. Daffodils and the small bulbs can be planted immediately but leave tulips until November.

Collect leaves as they begin to fall and compost them in a black plastic bag. They will take at least a year to rot down but make rich leaf mould to spread on to the soil. Sweep leaves from lawns and rake out the dead matted grass known as thatch. It is hard work, but a powered lawn rake can be hired if you have a large lawn. Do not use a feed on the grass after this month as lush grass is easily damaged by winter weather.

Check shrubs and trees for damaged branches and prune them out. Branches that cross will rub in the wind and provide a site for infection. Check variegated shrubs for all green shoots. Cut these out completely or the variegation will disappear. Cut out suckers on roses and lilacs. Apple trees are also prone to suckering.

September blows soft, till the fruits in the loft. We shall hope for the old saying to be true this year. Potatoes must be dug before the first frost. Store them in thick brown paper bags in as dark a place as possible. Carrots can be lifted and stored in sand. Other root crops can stay in the ground. When onions have dried store them in string bags or old tights with a knot between each bulb. Store apples in perforated polythene bags or in trays and keep cool. Pot up parsley, mint, chives and marjoram to bring indoors for winter use. Sow hardy lettuce such as Arctic King or try lamb's lettuce, which is easier.

Bring in the houseplants that have been outside. Tidy them up and check the pots for slugs and snails. If they are winter flowering give them a feed and put them in good light. The majority of our houseplants will survive in a winter temperature of 10°C, so do not put them near a heater or in direct sun. They will need less water in cooler conditions and will probably suffer less from pests.



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Plant of the month: Abelia

There are not many late flowering shrubs but this group will provide flowers from late summer through to the frost, if you choose the right

variety. First introduced in 1842 these shrubs, some evergreen, some deciduous, are natives to China and the Himalayas. Like many plants their name honours a person. Dr. Clarke Abel, a botanist, accompanied Lord Amherst to Peking in 1816. Much of his collection was lost in a shipwreck on the journey back to Kew. Abel then went with Lord Amherst to India, but no European naturalist was to visit China for nearly thirty years more.

There are thirty species of Abelia but only six or seven are now grown. The hardiest is *Abelia grandiflora*, a semi-evergreen, which can be grown in any soil that is not too heavy and wet. It has small shiny leaves and abundant tubular pinkish-white flowers. These are fragrant and last from late summer until the frost. It makes a graceful bush that grows up to ten feet but can easily be kept at about four or five, with a similar spread. Cut out old wood after flowering finishes, if growth must be restricted. Several species are only suitable for warm areas but *Abelia triflora* is hardy, flowers in June and can grow up to 15ft.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

We would like to thank all our friends in the village for the cards and messages of sympathy following the sad loss of our three week old baby son, Joshua William Gary Lowe, who passed away on June 20th in Great Ormond Street Hospital, London.

We are pleased to say that, through the generous donations of friends and family, the sum of £1,249.06 was raised for G.O.S.H.

A special mention must go to our niece Jessica Lowe, aged 7, who alone raised £238.50 of this total, by doing a sponsored walk and obstacle course.

Once again, thank you.

Yours sincerely

Gary and Julie Lowe

Dear Editors

John and Marjorie King would like to thank their family, friends and neighbours for their help and support during the recent loss of John's Mum, Connie. A special 'thank you' to Father Roy for the service of thanksgiving in her memory.

The collection for Cancer Research, in memory of Connie's daughter, Jean, raised £129.70. A big 'thank you' to everyone.

John and Marjorie

Dear Editors

We would like to thank the many people who wrote, sent cards, telephoned and attended the funeral of Margaret Docherty. Also we are so grateful to all those who supported her in the last difficult weeks.

Ken, Malcolm and Sheila

Dear Editors

The family of the late Fred Field would like to thank everyone for their messages of sympathy and kind donations to Myton Hospice, raising £665.11.

Also thanks to doctors, nurses and district nurses at the surgery and at Myton Hospice, the Rev. Justin Welby, Father Roy Brown and Felicity.

Fred's family

Dear Editors

What an ideal way to be able to thank everyone who has sent get well wishes and enquired about me. Some of you will not even know I was in hospital. It was all pretty quick and surprised me too. However, by the time you read this I will be home, although not riding my bike!

I can fully recommend the stimulating visit from Father Roy!

Sincerely

Jeanne Beaumont

Dear Editors

May I say 'Thank You' to the many friends who sent get well cards and messages and made offers of help following my recent "mini stroke". Special thanks to Freda and John, Sue and Mike, Sheila, Jackie, Nick, Jack, Esme, Gladys and Mrs. Douglas. I am happy to say that I am well on the way to recovery.

Jim Chapple

Dear Editors

I would like to thank all the kind people who have left apples for the apfelstrudel and apple pies for sale at the Harbury M.A.D. Coffee Morning on September 15th. Any more apples will be gratefully received.

Mrs. Alice Wilkins, 5, Dickens Road

Dear Editors

I would like to send out a huge thank you to all our friends in Harbury who spent a good part of the past 9 months with their fingers crossed for us (you can uncross them now).

It was a very long, hard slog and the level of support we were given, from looking after George, visits to Birmingham to just having a beer with Richard, was overwhelming. I really don't think we would have got through without such a huge amount of goodwill behind us, both recently and over the past 5 years.

I would also like to thank those who sent congratulations, cards and presents (Helena has an outfit in every shade of pink). Thanks again Harbury. It was all worth it.

Kelley Lintott

Dear Editors

Jane and Reg wish to thank Mary at the Country Fayre for the absolutely beautiful flower arrangements, bridal bouquet and button holes which she prepared for their daughter Alison's wedding. They made the perfect setting for a wonderful day and everyone commented on them. Nobody could have done a better job.

Many, many thanks Mary.

Reg and Jane Stockwell

Dear Editors

On August 18th we had a coffee morning for Ladbroke Church Bell Ringers, which raised £169. I would like to thank everybody, who helped to make the morning a success - without their help it would not have been possible.

Thanks again.

Anne Edwards
