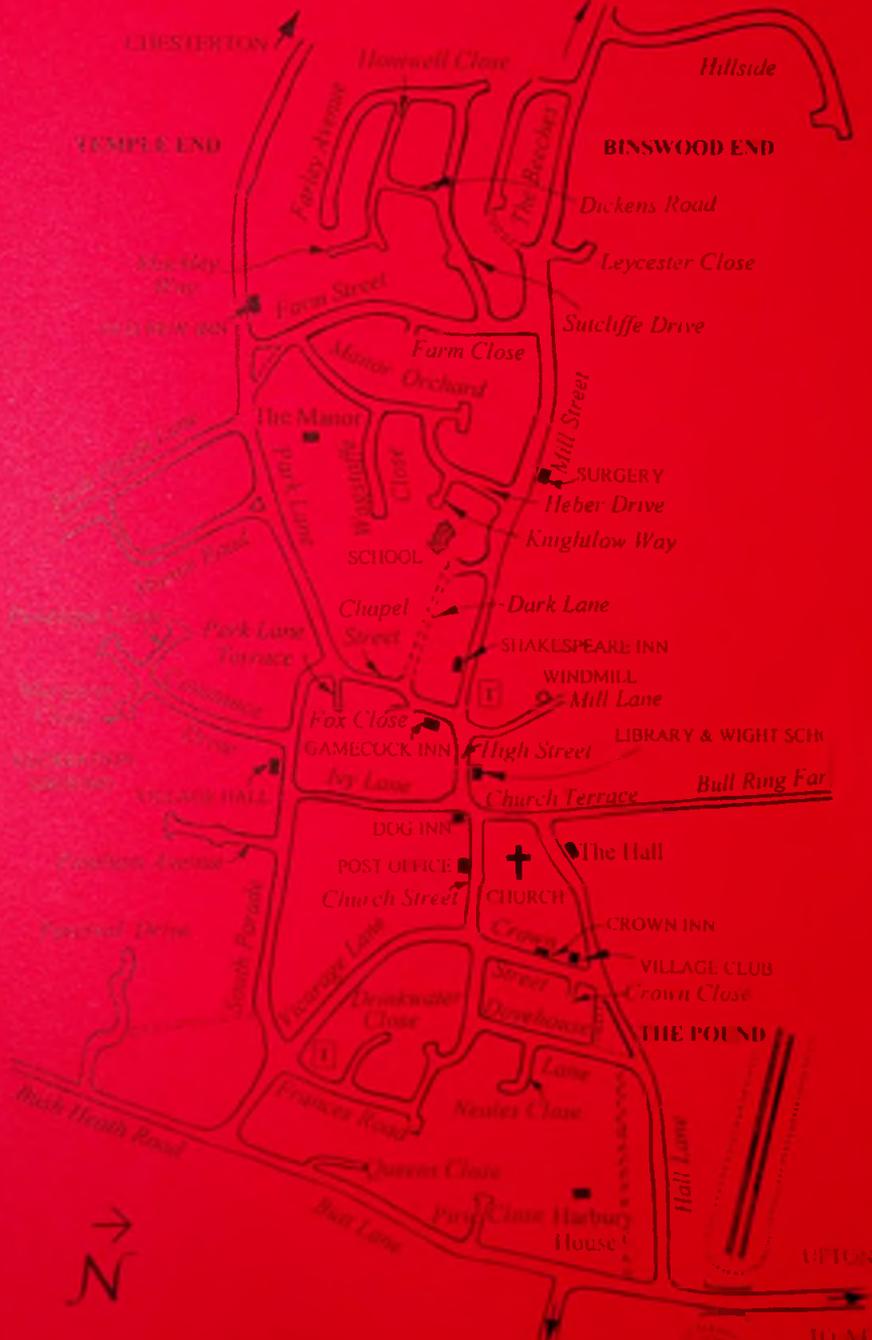


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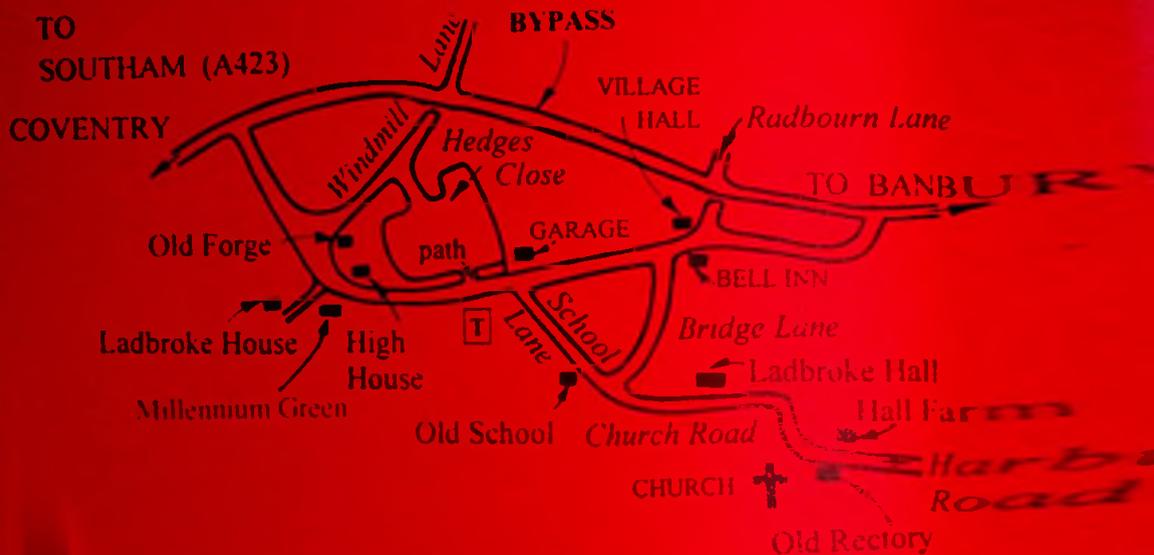


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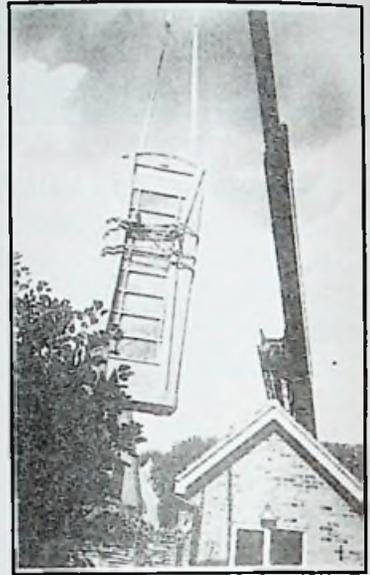
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The villages continued to have much to celebrate in July, with the Garden Walkabout and Art Exhibition, and Ladbroke Jubilee Village Fete. In addition there were impressive fundraising events as a result of individual and group activities. Mick Timbs raised £2,500 by climbing Mount Kota Kinabalu in Malaysia, whilst the "Sounds of the Sixties" event raised over £6,000 in support of the Teenage Cancer Trust. Susie Tawney has excelled in the Midlands Veterans Championships and clinched the overall title in the 10,000 metre Track Race.

Some villagers will be pleased to know that the existing land-line phone box in Mill Street has been refurbished this month. However, one villager had her own special "mobile" phone hoisted into position in her garden.



Left:
The Mill Street
phone box
being
refurbished



Right:
The "mobile"
phone box

As in previous years, stalwarts of the Parish Church are running a holiday club from 13th –16th August in the Tom Hauley Room. Even harder villagers are proposing to endure the 12th Harbury Hash and all that entails, including the "down-downs"!

We will all miss the interpretative observations of Edyth Algar's "Pensioner's Patio", but the Editors are delighted to welcome Elsa Greenway with her "Musings from a Country Garden".

We hope that everybody will enjoy some fine weather over the next month, whether at home or abroad.

Harbury Diary

AUGUST

Sat	3	Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning in aid of Harbury Society
Sun	4	TENTH AFTER TRINITY Sung Eucharist 9.00am; Evening Worship 6.00pm Cricket home to Aynho
Mon	5	Active Sport for young people at Playing Fields
Tues	6	Active Sport for young people at Playing Fields Holy Communion 7.30pm 'Bookworms' in the Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm
Wed	7	Active Sport for young people at Playing Fields 'Talk it through' at 33, South Parade 8.00pm
Thurs	8	Active Sport for young people at Playing Fields Holy Communion 9.45am

		Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
		WI Garden Party 7.00pm
Fri	9	Active Sport for young people at Playing Fields
		RECYCLING COLLECTION
Sat	10	Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning in aid of the Tom Hauley Room
Sun	11	ELEVENTH AFTER TRINITY
		Holy Communion 8.00am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Mon	12	Active Sport for young people at Playing Fields
Tues	13	Active Sport for young people at Playing Fields
		Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	14	Active Sport for young people at Playing Fields
		Prayer Meeting in Church 8.00pm
Thurs	15	Active Sport for young people at Playing Fields
		Holy Communion 9.45pm
		<u>ADVERTS to 31, Binswood End Harbury, by 5.30pm</u>
Fri	16	Active Sport for young people at Playing Fields
Sat	17	Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am
		Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning in aid of the 'Rapid Response Team'
Sun	18	TWELFTH AFTER TRINITY
		Holy Communion 8.00am
		Family Communion 10.30am; Evensong 6.00pm
		Cricket home to Oakfield Rugby
Tues	20	Holy Communion 7.30pm;
		Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8.00pm
Wed	21	'Talk it through' at 33, South Parade 8.00pm
Thurs	22	Holy Communion 9.45am
Fri	23	RECYCLING COLLECTION
Sat	24	Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning in aid of Junior Football
Sun	25	THIRTEENTH AFTER TRINITY
		Holy Communion 8.00am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
		Cricket home to Snitterfield
Mon	26	BANK HOLIDAY
Tues	27	Holy Communion 7.30pm
		Julian Group in Church 8.00pm
Wed	28	Prayer Meeting in Church 8.00pm
Thurs	29	Holy Communion 9.45am
Fri	30	CAMRA BEER FESTIVAL IN VILLAGE HALL
		<u>ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street, Harbury by 5.30pm</u>
Sat	31	Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning in aid of Parochial Church Council
		CAMRA BEER FESTIVAL IN VILLAGE HALL

SEPTEMBER

Sun	1	FOURTEENTH AFTER TRINITY
		Sung Eucharist 9.00am; Evening Worship 6.00pm
Tues	3	School begins
Wed	4	'Talk it Through' at 33, South Parade 8.00pm
Fri	6	RECYCLING COLLECTION
Sat	7	Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning in aid of Twinning Group

All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

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
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From the Rector

Blessed are the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'All I know is that when it became hardest of all for men to behave like decent human beings they spread their wings and rose to great heights; and when the strains and temptations were removed, they sank into the mud ... only one thing prevailed – strength of character. Cleverness, creativeness, learning, all went down; only real goodness survived.'

The words were written by Pierre d'Harcourt describing his experiences in Buchenwald concentration camp during the war. Life is often very cruel; frequently it is not fair, but it is the best of all teachers even if at times it is a hard taskmaster. Probably suffering teaches us more about ourselves than anything else in life.

The beatitudes speak of values which can only be appreciated through and in our experience of life, good and bad. The standards set by Christ are often opposed to the world's way of thinking. It chooses possessions, power and freedom from care as the stepping stones to happiness. Christ is saying that the opposite of these things are guarantees of true blessedness. The very first beatitude lets us see the extent to which Christ is turning things upside down. Blessed are the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The poor and lowly, the little ones, the outcast, the lost are all first in the kingdom of heaven. Their very helplessness gives them a special claim on God's love. This was the lesson learned through centuries of

Israel's history. The poor of Yahweh, the faithful, humble people were the true heirs to God's promises.

Jesus never glorified poverty in itself. He himself chose it and invited others to choose it but never for its own sake. Poverty was always at the service of the kingdom. Christ described himself as having nowhere to lay his head. He was then free to go wherever the Father called him. But nothing suggests that Jesus lived in misery and destitution. Mary and Joseph surely provided a good home for him. Christ met and mixed with people; he had many friends. He must have appreciated all that was good in life. Indeed one of the beatitudes blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice and this must surely include the removal of the scourge of poverty in the world.

Poverty in this beatitude is connected with another important theme in the gospel – spiritual childhood. Christ frequently states that becoming like a little child is the surest way of entering the kingdom of God. This first beatitude is saying the same. Belonging to the kingdom is only possible if we realise our littleness and weakness and consequently acknowledge our dependence on God. Poverty, in this sense, is not a reason of discouragement but rather a reason for rejoicing. In our weakness God's strength finds its full scope. Blessed are those who see their own emptiness, because then it can be filled with God and when that happens, the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Fr. Roy

From the Registers

Holy Baptism – All Saints' Harbury

21st July – Edward Oliver John Horsman

27th July – Leonie May Reid

Holy Matrimony – All Saints' Harbury

27th July – Franklyn Reid to Gillian Walker



From the Churchwardens

The weekend of 13th – 14th July was a busy one for the whole village. An Art Exhibition and Sale, which is reported elsewhere in the magazine, was staged in Church on both days. This was supported by the customary light lunches served in the Tom Hauley Room to coincide with the Garden Walkabout. We are grateful to the Horticultural Society for allowing us under their umbrella and thanks go, too, to all those who welcomed natives and visitors and who worked hard to make the lunches a success.



The weekend was made the more memorable since it coincided with the Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Father Roy and Pam. It was a privilege and joy for the parish to share in such a special celebration and we wish them many more happy years together.

Father Roy & Pam

The July Family Service was well attended. The presentation, overseen by Rosemary Eld, was in the capable hands of those eminent scientists, Professors Ashurst and Guy. Through their experiments we learned that, if we put God first, everything else in our lives will fall into place.

We are now looking ahead to the Holiday Club and the next Family Service on 18th August will be largely in the hands of the children. Please do come and join us.

Lesley and Felicity



Mothers' Union

Afternoon Meeting: The Garden Meeting and A.G.M. was held at the Rectory and although the rain held off, it really wasn't warm enough to sit outside for long. After reports and notices, everyone enjoyed tea and cakes and we welcomed two new members on to the committee - Lorna Bedford (returning for a second stint) and Barbara Thistlethwaite. Isobel Grimes has decided to stand down, due to other commitments, and we thank her for her support over the last five years.

Evening Meeting: The annual walk and supper was based in Kenilworth this year and organised by Sheila & Ian Jackson. It was a beautiful, sunny evening and several members and friends set off from "The Queen & Castle" on a round trip to work up an appetite (and thirst) before joining the remaining members for an excellent meal. A most enjoyable way to round off our year.

NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST -Next Meeting:

Wednesday 4th September - 2.00pm Service in Church, followed by cup of tea in the Tom Hauley Room.

Anne Moore

Toddlers' Service

Our end of term picnic was held indoors (as it often is) because of the weather.

First we had our service in Church. Mrs Bedford talked about all the things we can hear, including animal sounds which were supplied by the children. She then told us the story about Jesus healing a man who was deaf and not able to speak.

We sang two hymns "Jesus' love is very wonderful" and "Go tell it on the mountain," with enthusiastic accompaniment by the children on the percussion instruments and Mr Catt on his clarinet.

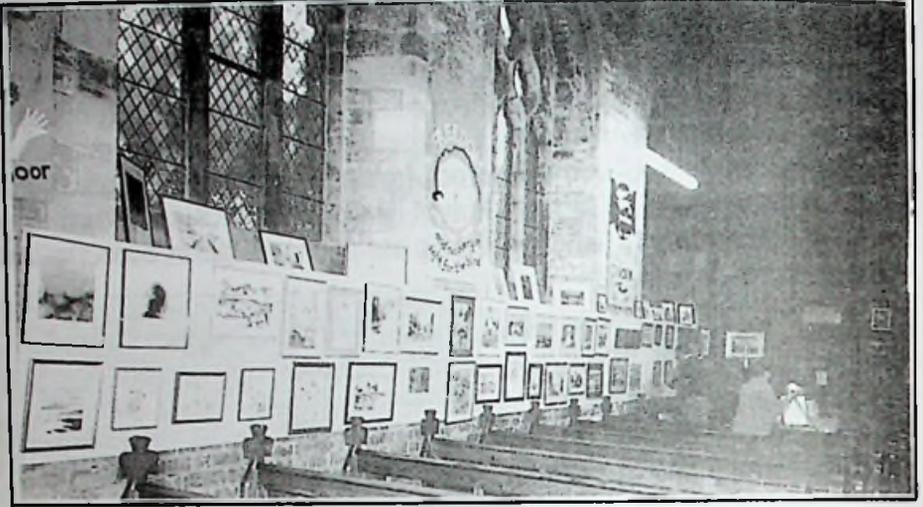
The children then made a frieze by finding and sticking on the missing ears from pictures of people and animals.

At our picnic tea, books were presented to those children who will be going to school in September.

There will be no service in August. The next is on **Tuesday, September 10th** at 2.15pm. All babies and young children, with an adult, are very welcome.

C. Mary Catt

A Summer Exhibition



The 'title' a Summer Exhibition of Paintings and Drawings, Harbury Church 13th and 14th July 2002 didn't quite fully describe our intentions in the hectic planning stages. It would not be a major fundraiser, to be sure, but it might persuade folk that the Church welcomes artists, art lovers in all its guises. Over 250 paintings were submitted by 42 talented artists, sales were brisk but above all it was a weekend enjoyed by a couple of hundred visitors (320 catalogues were sold).



Jubilee Art work from Harbury Primary School

The event could not have succeeded as it did without the North Wall panelling designed and assembled by Tony Dodds.

The organ recitals by Clive Watts and friends, the delightful 'jubilee' art work from the school and the many kind helpers who printed, humped, stuck on red dots, and welcomed visits to our church. Well done and thank you.

Bill Davies

Saturday Coffee Morning

I shall shortly be making up the rota for approximately the next 12 months. If you are not already on the rota and would like to be included please let me know before **August 10th**.

Joyce Windsor (☎612504)

Laugh Line

The vicar shook hands with his parishioners and watched them hurry off down the road to the Pig and Whistle.

'Why is there a headlong rush for the pub after evensong?' he asked.

'Well,' replied the curate, 'I suppose you could call it the "thirst after righteousness." '

Ladbroke News

AUGUST

Sat	10	All Saints Church BBQ at Peggy & George Askew's house
Sun	11	ELEVENTH AFTER TRINITY Sung Communion 9.00am
Mon	12	7 th Prize Draw at the Bell Inn 8.00pm
Wed	14	Ladbroke Women's Fellowship Tea Party at Archers Rest, Southam Road, Ladbroke 2.45pm onwards Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I. walk around Kenilworth

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Thurs	15	ADVERTS to 31, Binswood End, Harbury by 5.30pm
Sun	18	TWELFTH AFTER TRINITY Sung communion 9.00am
Wed	21	Ladbroke Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall 7.45pm
Sun	25	THIRTEENTH AFTER TRINITY Sung Communion 9.00am
Fri	30	Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I. visit to Althorpe ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street, Harbury by 5.30pm

SEPTEMBER

Sun	1	FOURTEENTH AFTER TRINITY Family Communion 10.30am
Sun	8	FIFTEENTH AFTER TRINITY Sung Communion 9.00am

Ladbroke Flower Rota

August 4 th	-	Beryl Ross
August 11 th	-	Pat Kennedy
August 18 th	-	Beryl Darkes
August 25 th	-	Miss M ^c Dougall
September 1 st	-	Kate Pickin



Jane Rutherford

All Saints Church Ladbroke

Development Plan

We had a successful stall at Ladbroke Village Fete held on Saturday 29th June we raised £78 for the fund with our Smashing Time stall, thanks for all the donation of china.

The next event in our calendar is a BBQ - **Saturday 10th August** at the home of Peggy and George Askew, 59 Banbury Road, Southam from 6.00pm onwards. Further details and tickets, available from Jo Sowerby on 811749, Peggy Askew 812009 and Gwynne Badman 812187.

We are planning a **Auction of Promises** to be held on **Friday 20th September** at The Grange Hall in Southam, so if anyone out there has anything they wish to donate for this worthy cause then please contact Ann Edwards on 01926 817997.

Jo Sowerby

Women's Fellowship



Ladbroke Women's Fellowship outing June 2002

We were very lucky to have Annie Johnson as our guest speaker at our last meeting. Annie gave us a slide show and talk on religious paintings and I must say she certainly knows her stuff. We were very pleasantly surprised that we were able to answer some of her questions about the art that she showed us. We will all look more closely next time we enter an art gallery or see paintings of a religious nature. Thank you Annie we all enjoyed the afternoon very much, thank you Betty for hosting the afternoon.

Our August meeting will be our Tea Party to be held on **Wednesday 14th August** at Archers Rest, Southam Road, Ladbroke 2.45pm. onwards. We will be having a Raffle, Bring and Buy stall and please bring a plate of something to share, all past and present members welcome. We have invited members of Harbury Afternoon Mothers' Union to join us.

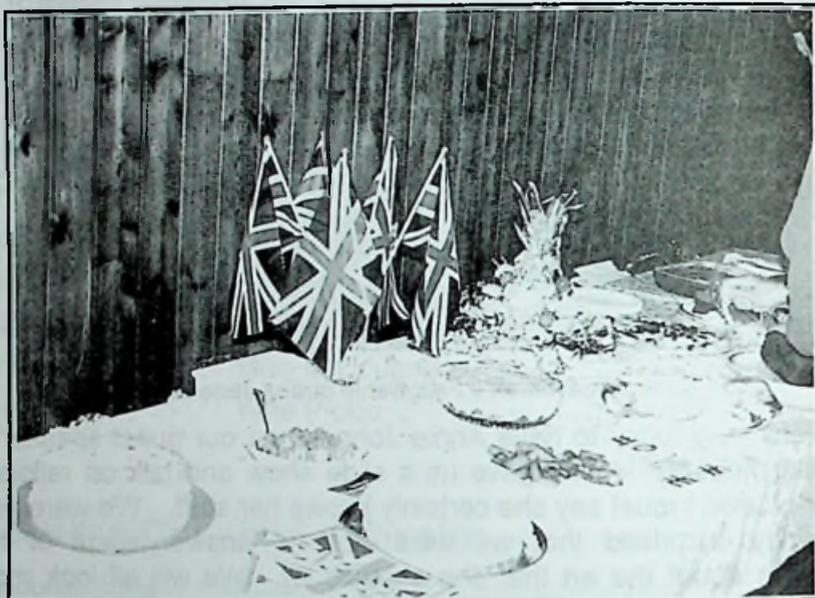
There is no Service in Church this month.

Jo Sowerby (☎811749)

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.

The July meeting was held in the Village Hall on the Thursday 25th. The President welcomed members to the meeting.

The Strawberry Fair was not well attended but it was a good evening with people there finding bargains, enjoying the refreshments and the company. The funds were increased by over £200.00. Thank you to the folk who supported us and to the helpers and givers.



W.I.s Taster Evening in June

Final arrangements were made for the visit to Althorpe on **August 30th**. Pickup on the Market Hill, Southam, 10.00am, Deppers Bridge 10.10am and Ladbroke Hall 10.15am. Returning approx. 4.30pm.

County House have arranged a gentle walk around Kenilworth on **August 14th**. Unfortunately that clashes with the Women's Fellowship tea party.

Agendas were distributed for the Harbury Village Show on **Saturday September 14th** with a request from the President that she would like more members to take part. Names were taken for stewards on the day.

Names were taken for the Autumn Council meeting on **Saturday October 12th**.

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Five members will be going to the Walsall lights on **October 4th**.

Please note: on **Friday September 6th** there will be a Quiz Night in the Village Hall.

After the business the President welcomed the Speaker, Mrs Short, stage name Gilly Andrews, and her husband who was the 'sound effects' man for her talk on 'Life behind and in front of the TV Camera.' She began acting at the age of twelve on Children's Hour. Her career has been very varied with a break when she married and had children. She was a very entertaining speaker having worked on 'The Bill' in Wimbledon, 'Casualty' in Bristol, Eastnor Castle for 'Little Lord Fauntleroy' and Leamington Spa to name a few. We will be scrutining the TV programmes in future! Susan gave the vote of thanks. Raffle prizes were won by Collette and Sue H.

The next meeting is on **September 26th**. It is our 30th Anniversary so we are having a party with members bringing the eats. Also we are requested to bring a photograph of ourselves taken 30 years ago. Hats to be worn for a group photograph.

There is no meeting in August so have a good holiday where-ever you go and return refreshed.

Hazel Sharples

Ladbroke Village Hall

The sixth draw of the Millennium Club was held on July 8th at the Bell Inn. The winners were Marie Kennedy £80; Lorna Carleton £25; Richard Walker £25; Nancy Stubbs, Jenny Barrett, Pat Kennedy, K. Tancock and Muriel Grey each won £10.

The next prize draw will be held on **August 12th** at 8.00pm at the Bell Inn.

Catherine Spence

Ladbroke Jubilee Village Fete

The Village Fete held on Ladbroke Millennium Green on Saturday 29th June was again very well supported. The weather decided to be kind and the rain kept away.

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



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

Once again the Tug of War competitions proved a great success with all the teams putting in maximum effort.

The Town Crier has to be mentioned – he led us all through various events the whole day including Best Baby and Best Stall Competitions and he managed to get audience participation with the Morris Dancers. He put so much effort into making the day a success!!

The Millennium Green Trustees wish to thank everyone concerned for all their efforts and wish also to thank everyone who supported the Jubilee Village Fete.

The profits made this year will be used to open a Village Fete Fund to enable us to support The Ladbroke Annual Fete which we hope will continue to be used to help all fund raising groups in the village.

Christine Baker – Treasurer LMG

Ladbroke Jubilee Village Fete



Anyone for Cakes?
Marie & Pat Kennedy
and Jenny Barrettt



Rugby's Town Cryer
Andy Latham
Stepping out with
Village Children



Punch & Judy

Ladbroke Neighbourhood Watch

During the last month I have been reading of a new way in which we now have to watch out and especially for the very vulnerable members of our community. The following is copied from the Crime Prevention News.

Have you heard about **bin raiding**? No, it's not your neighbour stealing your rubbish bin, but canny thieves going through the bins looking for any discarded letters or bills or banking details. They then 'steal' these details, including the names and addresses and commit fraud. Experian, the credit reference agency, have recently published the results of their research into this relatively new crime, which alarmingly shows that many people fail to take proper precautions when throwing away their personal information.

"Binbag gold" as it is known consists of any paperwork carrying personal or financial details or a signature. Prevention of identity theft is possible and simple, though reversing the after-effects is not.

- Rip up, shred or burn documents.
- Never put personal documents into a recycling bin.
- If you move house, redirect mail from day one otherwise all kinds of bills and statements could fall into the wrong hands via your old address (especially if the new residents throw it away intact).
- Check bank and credit card statements promptly and regularly to identify any unfamiliar transactions.
- Use different passwords for different accounts.
- Anyone who has been mugged or burgled might also fall victim to identity theft and they should contact both major credit references agencies, Experian and Equifax, who working with CIFAS share fraud information through a database which should help prevent further abuse. Equifax offers a "protective registration" service, a flagging system for people hit by identity thieves.

So next time you see a casually dressed man rummaging through a dustbin outside a house. Do you suspect him of a crime – or do you wish him luck in finding the car keys he claims his son dropped into the bin before the refuse collectors arrive?

A suspect is arrested and their pockets reveal a batch of paperwork carrying other people's names, addresses and other personal and financial details – have they come from stolen wallets or a dustbin?

Bin raiding arrived from the USA, where 'dumpster diving' (the US term for the same crime) is big business. Although the crime is effectively in its infancy here, the fraud is escalating. Apart from losing victims and companies money, it also creates massive headaches when the 'real' person has to try to unravel their affairs and take back their own name on credit cards, driving licences and other legal documents.

Janice Berry

The Lodge House

As far as the history of Ladbroke is concerned the old bungalow or lodge doesn't rate very highly having been built in the 1930's. To the older residents of the village it was known for many years as "Haywards bungalow."



The photograph above shows its ungainly demise; the end of an era. We wait the final touches to be put to the new Lodge House – when the memories of the old prefabricated bungalow will fade I'm sure.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke Parish Council Report

The Meeting of Ladbroke Parish Council took place on Wednesday 17th July 2002 in the Village Hall at 7.45pm.

Present were: County Councillor Bob Stevens, District Councillor Chris Williams, Councillors Peter Baker, Derek Batty, Richard Bennett and Janice Berry. PC Andy Went, Michael Boden Pritchett, Clerk Linda Doyle and four villagers.

Apologies: Councillor Tim Seden

After a couple of alterations, the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th June were confirmed and signed as correct by Chairman Richard Bennett. The Appraisal Meeting had been arranged for 24th July at 7.30pm with Linda Ridgley. Street cleansing was discussed; it was felt the village was amply covered although weeds growing alongside paths and kerbs were a problem, especially this year with all the wet weather. Dog fouling was once again a problem and letters of complaint had been received from the W.I. and the Village Hall Committee. Bob Stevens said the Parish Council should write to Mrs Quartermaine at Stratford (dog warden's department) who would deal with the matter as owners who do not clean up after their animals are contravening the law.

Planning: Mrs K Reeves – Hallsfield, School Lane, extension approved: Mr R Abbot – Elgin, Banbury Road – refused: Avon Blue Farms – Drainage Scheme, Mr D Webster – Enforcement Officer to issue notice 20/6/02 no more lorries. The Southam District Warehouse plans have been withdrawn. A new application for three separate units will now be submitted.

Neighbourhood Watch: Janice Berry reported that the second edition of *The Citizen* Warwickshire's Neighbourhood Watch newspaper will be delivered in the next week or so. Peter Baker will look more fully into section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and report back.

Ladbroke Parish Path Volunteers: The Footpath Officer – Michael Boden Pritchett submitted his ground report and update. SM94, (footpath not re-instated across crop field); SM92 (bridleway unclassified country road); E2413 surface has been completely broken up and the waymarker post uprooted and destroyed); SM92a the former pasture fields, over which the public right of way lies, are presently undergoing de-turfing. WCC have warned that following any subsequent ploughing operations, the true line of the footpath must be

re-instated within 14 days. Apparently, the "land surfaces of all public r.o.w. are owned by the appropriate County Council section responsible for these thoroughfares." Michael said the annual clearing and re-signing work is imminent – interested helpers please contact him. The Chairman signed the P3 Agreement Form. The County has finally been able to complete arrangements for the insurance cover with Zurich Municipal relating the P3 participants. Richard thanked Michael for his painstaking and thorough hard work, it was very much appreciated.

The Chairman wished to make it known that a street light in Bridge Lane was reported damaged in the morning, in the afternoon of the same day it had been fixed by the County Council. Wonderful response and many thanks. The next meeting **Wednesday 21st August 2002** in the Village Hall at 7.45pm.

Janice Berry

Harbury Parish Council Meeting – July 2002

Retiring Clerk Debbie Steele was there to ensure a smooth transition for her successor, Nicola Thompson. The biggest problem was the transfer of the PC's heavy document safe.

It was a time for generally tidying up loose ends. The Village Hall Committee is proceeding with moves to vest the Trusteeship in the Parish Council. Jack Heath is arranging for neighbouring Clerks to conduct Internal Audits for each other. Chairman van Spall is still negotiating down the Parish contribution to the Deppers Traffic calming scheme.

The One Way System for Ivy Lane is working its way through the legislative process. A site has been offered for sheltered accommodation. New lamps are to go up in Crown Close, Mill Street and Dovehouse Lane. An error on the War Memorial is to be rectified and the remaining section of the Burial Ground is to be consecrated by the Bishop.

PLANNING was as complicated as ever.

Stratford Granted permission for a Conservatory at 6 Farm Close and extensions at 33 Mill Street, 65 Deppers Bridge, the lower part of Harbury Hall and with conditions attached for a two storey extension at 9 Margaret Close.

The Parish Council had no objection to the felling of a Willow at 7 Vicarage Lane on condition it was replaced but were not happy with the application to fell an Ash at Allington House, Farm Close where it was claimed recent building work might have damaged the roots. They also objected to plans to add a kitchen and lavatory to a converted garage because that would form a separate dwelling.

The Council objected to outline plans to build a detached house on the garden adjacent to the Old New Inn in Temple End, due to the importance of the site in the Conservation Area and the proximity to the Farm Street junction.

The District Council refused permission for a garage at 21 South Parade and these plans would go to Appeal. It also refused an extension at 16 Constance Drive and was taking enforcement action over the tipping at Old Barn Farm.

There was considerable concern at the announcement that Lawford Heath was being considered as a replacement site for Birmingham Airport and Chairman van Spall warned that Harbury would be under the flight path and would suffer pollution from the jettisoning of fuel.

There were dire warnings from the Chairman about a telephone scam he claimed could lead to huge Premium Rate Bills if you let a stranger use your phone, and PC Hill cautioned householders to beware of thieves targeting high performance car owners who first burgled your house to get the keys.

Improvements at the Playing Fields continue with the Tennis/Netball Courts upgrade underway and the Youth Group seeking funds to complete the Skatepark. Kevin Biddle reported problems with existing equipment which had been examined by an expert who detailed its defects.

As well as Kevin's Funbox, Ken's Bollards are giving the PC headaches!

The sudden slope at the end of the car park has caused vehicles to ground on the bollards and wrenched them from their sockets. Kevin Biddle has the Bollards for safe-keeping until the ground can be made up – possibly with the spoil from the Tennis Court improvements.

Linda Ridgley



Harbury Society

Harbury Society

We had beautiful weather for our tour of Leamington and there was a good turn-out of members. We went up the Parade as far as the Town Hall (noting Victoria's plinth shifted one inch by the German bomb); across the bottom of Holly Walk; along Euston Place; into the Jephson Gardens; over the De Normanville Suspension Bridge; through the Churchyard and back to the Pump Rooms.

Celia Barrett has fixed up a talk for us on Old Leamington (on 10th September) from Edwardian times by the Local Historian Bill Gibbons, so we can learn more about Leamington from him.

The Parish Review Survey is being printed and we are arranging some training sessions for the volunteer distributors where they will get the chance to see what is in the questionnaire. We could still do with more distributors – so if you are free at the beginning of September please volunteer.

Linda Ridgley (16 Farm Street – ☎612792)

Harbury W.I.

A lovely afternoon was spent at Stoneleigh Abbey recently. Such an interesting visit with first class guides relating the history of Stoneleigh, from its beginning in the 10/11th Century up to its restoration in present time. A visit is fully recommended.

Another reminder that the members only Garden Party on **August 8th** starts at 7.00pm, with a Bring and Buy stall.

Of course the Village Show must be mentioned again. As it is a combined effort with W.I., it is important that members are asked to support and enter. This enjoyable day for all to participate in is an age old village tradition that we would like to continue. There are classes for everyone to enter so do "have a go." Viewing in the afternoon is always a pleasant gathering.

There is the usual Tombola Stall so any donations can be brought to the W.I. meeting (for members) or to Mrs Zonik's home in Mill Lane. They will be all gratefully received.

Although unable to attend the last meeting, I understand the evening was a great success. 40 guests from other W.I.s came to hear Mrs Joyce Hawkin's interesting talk on "30 years as a Costume Designer for the B.B.C."

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Folk Club

The 212th Harbury Folk Club was held in the Shakespeare due to refurbishments at the Dog. We would like to thank Andrew and Carole for letting us use the Shakespeare at such short notice and making us so welcome.

The theme for the night was Classics, and the new duo in charge for the evening opened with that classic tune from Peter McDonald, The Windmill, with Janny on concertina and Doug joining in for the last 6 notes. Who said playing the Melodeon was difficult? There were too many excellent contributions to list from a star studied line up of talent which included; Ron, Pete & Liz, Peter McDonald, David, Brian, Pete Grassby, Rick, The Band of Folk, John, Ann, and if I have forgotten anyone blame the Landlord.

I would though like to mention a couple of high spots; Mike Putnam, on an unscheduled stop from his UK tour, got the audience singing a Tongo round; Nell and Loes, joined Janny in a couple of Dutch songs which of course we all understood. The evening was to have concluded with the mass band of musicians playing Speed the Plough, but much to the enjoyment of those of us left they just kept playing tune after tune.

The raffle was for Multiple Sclerosis and raised the sum of £50. A classic evening at the Shake.

Doug & Janny Freeman



The Pre-School - Learning Through Play

Holidays!

During July, the children at Pre-school have thoroughly enjoyed role-playing 'holidays'. This has involved the children imagining the role-playing the whole exciting adventure from choosing their holidays from brochures, being issued their travel tickets – such as bus, train and airline tickets over the counter at the holiday shop, packing their own suitcases, transferring the luggage in trucks (well ride-on tractors actually) from the airport building onto the aeroplanes, and more. They have had a wonderful time.

The children looked at a huge map of Europe to help them decide which destinations they would like to visit, and they talked about what

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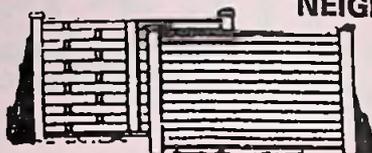
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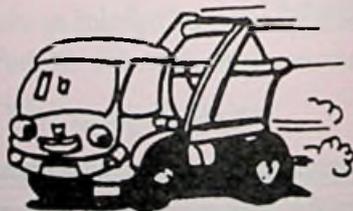
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End of Year Party

On Friday 12th July we held the Pre-School end-of-year-party. This was a lovely opportunity for all the children to play together before the older children move up to 'big school' in the autumn. The children enjoyed the bouncy castle outside, playing in the ball-pit, the party food and drinks. Towards the end of the party, parents joined in with a very enthusiastic sing-song which was organised entirely by the children themselves; they decided what songs they wanted to sing and in what order!

Summer Outing

On Wednesday 17th July, Pre-school went to Cotswold Farm Park for their summer outing. The children thoroughly enjoyed feeding the animals, and cuddling the guinea pigs and rabbits. They rode on electric tractors around a race circuit, played organised farm-themed games and went on a trailer tractor ride around the farm. After all that excitement, we all had a picnic together on the grass. The journey back on the coach was considerably quieter than the one going... Most of the children fell asleep!



New Enclosed Outdoor Play Area

Harbury Pre-school and Harbury Toddler Group share the facilities provided by the Trustees of the Wright School. The two groups have joined together in an exciting summer project to create a brand new enclosed outdoor play area specifically for our young children.

The improvements will consist of a new large wooden out-building to replace the current small sheds, which house all the play equipment. The area outside the classroom door will be properly enclosed with fencing and secure gates to keep children in, and others out! The appearance of the boundary fence and walls will be greatly enhanced with paintings and murals in bright primary colours.

We have already received a number of donations from organisations to help us fund the project, namely Barclays Bank who have not only donated £1,000 but who are also sending a team of helpers; Compton International who have given a generous donation, and of course Paul Winchester and his friends and family who donated £500 to Pre-school last month. We have also received a number of personal donations to the project from local people in Harbury, which are very much appreciated.

Pre-school and Toddlers held a joint coffee morning on Wednesday 10th July, which was a tremendous success – an amazing £300 was raised towards the outdoor play area. Our thanks goes to all those who supported us.

See you again in September

We wish our older children the very best of luck for when they start Primary school in September, and we very much look forward to welcoming back all the other children, who will have become the big grown up ones by then! We would like to thank all our parents for the tremendous support they have given the Pre-school during the last school year, and wish them an enjoyable summer with their children.

Harbury Pre-school Staff and Committee

Harbury Toddler Group

Harbury Toddler Group Summer Opening

Do you have a bored Toddler on your hands? Do you feel frazzled and it's only the second day of the summer holidays? Don't worry help is at hand!!

Harbury Mother and Toddler Group will be open as usual throughout the Summer Holidays and we welcome our members to bring their older children if they wish. However, in the interest of all who attend, we wish to point out that the group is open primarily for the babies & toddlers and that the older siblings' behaviour should reflect this. As per last year, we will put on some extra activities to interest the older children and the paddling pool will be out as long as the sun is! The usual fees apply to older children as well ie: 50p per person (babies under 9 months free).

Sessions are:

MONDAY: 10.00am – 11.30am **WEDNESDAY:** 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Situated in the Wight School behind the library, the Harbury Mother and Toddler Group aims to provide a safe, secure and happy environment for all children upto and including pre school age where parents are actively involved. We provide a range of good quality age-appropriate play equipment not just for Toddlers but for babies and younger children. Craft work, singing and musical activity is also encouraged and a really good time is had by all.

Don't feel at a loose end this summer, come and join us all welcome.

Finally, by the time you read this article the Harbury Toddler Group will have been on their summer trip to the Stratford Butterfly Farm, a full report will be given next month.

Nicky Kirk

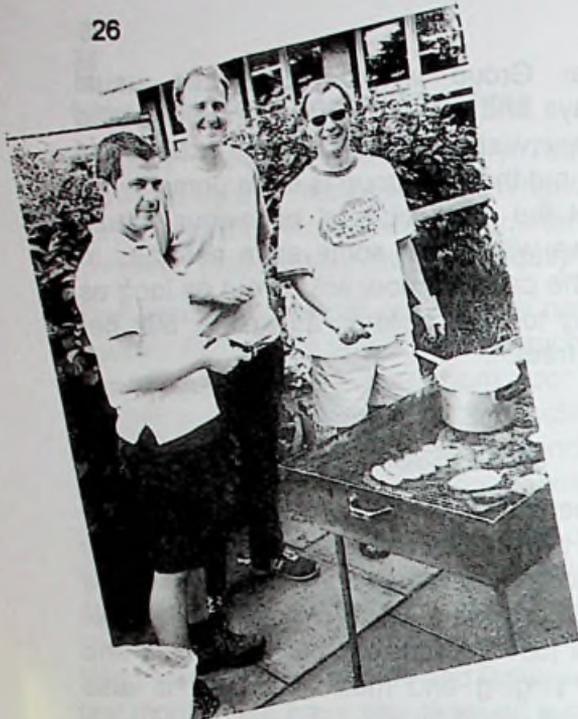
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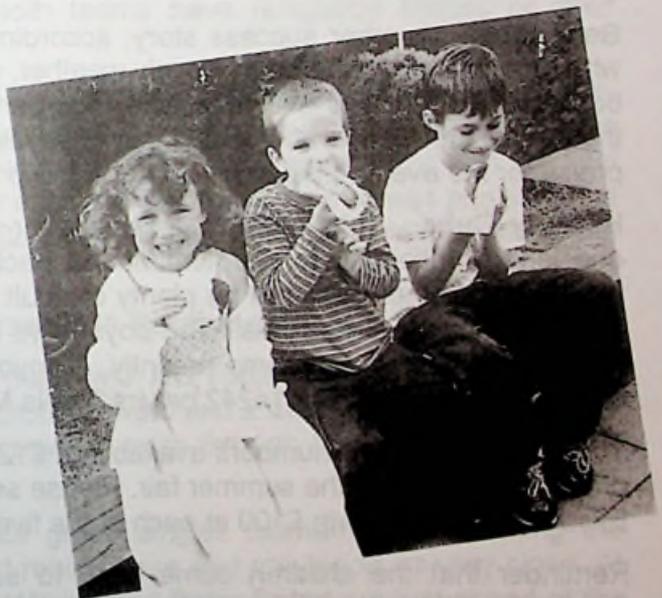
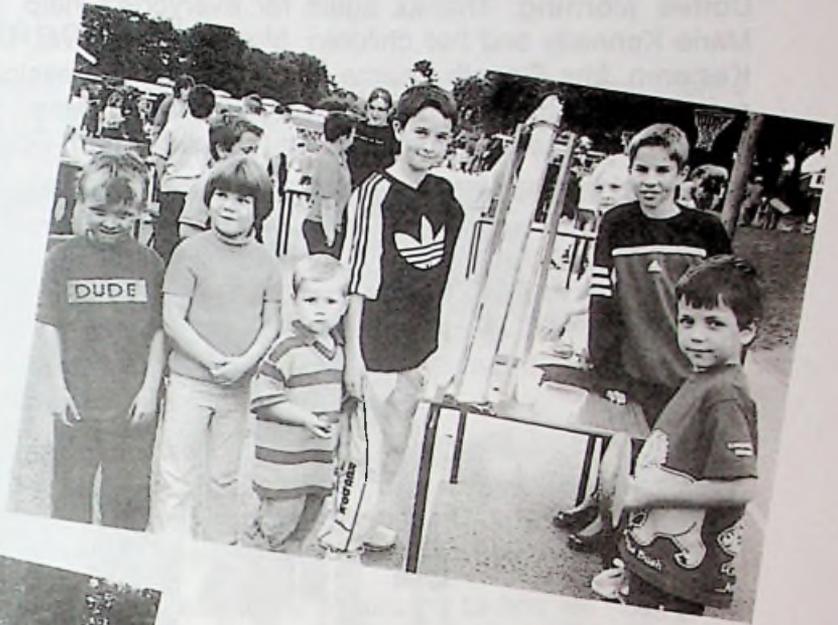


Harbury Primary School

The Arts. The children did a magnificent job on the night. Thanks to everyone who has given them support and encouragement from home and special thanks to all the staff who have done yet another magnificent job this year. Not just in the Arts but in all areas of school life and work. It's been a long year – i.e. we've crammed a great deal in! But it's disappeared, just like all the rest!

School visits. Well done to the children and staff again. Every group returning from an educational visit has been given a glowing report from the adults who accompanied them and from those at the venue. The staff are very proud of the fact that virtually every adult based at the visit venue has said they're more than happy to have Harbury back again.





Coffee Morning. Thanks again for everyone's help, especially Mrs Marie Kennedy and her children, Mrs Carol Percival, Mrs Lesley Van Kesteren, Mrs Elspeth Pearce and her daughter Jessica who all did a magnificent job. Mrs Clarke's coffee morning raised £78.66 for the school fund – so thanks again to her for all her hard work.



Beer Walk. Another success story, according to all those stalwarts who took part and suffered the lovely weather, various hostelries and a barbecue! Thanks to everyone who took part and special thanks to the organisers. Those who've come in to say anything had nothing but praise for the event (the picture shows a group of walkers setting off).

Harbury Cubs. This "pack" is desperate for a new leader. If a new one isn't forthcoming for September the pack will have to close. It would appear that there will be plenty of adult help and support but a new adult leader is essential. The boys have had a really successful year culminating in cub-camp recently. If anyone is interested please contact Mr Alan Guy ☎ 614242 or Mrs Sheila Malin ☎ 612928

100 Club. Still a few numbers available at £12.00 for the year the first draws were made at the summer fair. Please see Mrs Susan Graydon. Excellent chance to win £100 at each of the five draws.

Reminder that the children come back to school on **Tuesday 3rd September.** (Monday 2nd is a staff training day).

Paul Milner

Harbury Tennis Club

Another busy month with the improvements to our facilities and there's now quite a buzz about the place. The Netball court has been re-surfaced and is now marked out for both Tennis and Netball and the new fencing around the cabin has been completed. Re-surfacing of the other two tennis courts is scheduled to start in the second half of August with the floodlights being installed at the same time. We hope the power supply will be installed by then but we will be in the hands of East Midlands Electricity for that! The courts will be out of action for three or four weeks during which time we will need to keep them locked while the new tarmac hardens.

Having the cabin has been tremendous, particularly for storing equipment used by the Juniors. It has also made club sessions and league matches more sociable and the Netball Club will undoubtedly feel the benefits when their new season starts in a few weeks.

On the playing front both Teams are continuing to find life hard! The "A" team is still looking for a second win after defeats against Banbury West End and Hook Norton. The "B" team managed a third win, against Banbury "C", clinching a 5-4 victory in the final mixed doubles rubber but then went down to heavy 2-7 defeats against Tysoe "C" and Cropredy. Looks like both teams have relegation battles on their hands!

The Summer Barbecue Tournament was played on the hottest Sunday afternoon of the year and was very enjoyable. The first 4 rounds were played while the charcoal reached the right temperature with the final round being played after eating. Not surprisingly that was played out at a much slower pace! Caroline Morland and Colin Mercer were the eventual winners.

Minis, Junior & Intermediate Sections

Good progress is being made with the Yoplait awards with 33 children having got through the Bronze award and 2 having achieved the Silver award. We hope to get several more through both by the end of the season.

The second Intermediate group singles tournament is reaching the final stages of the round robin phase and proving to be very close. At the time of writing Sam Wilkins and Peter Smart are just ahead of the rest in Group "A". This group saw Peter and Rory Cook play one of the best matches so far. Both played high quality tennis with Rory

narrowly winning 7-6 after a very long tiebreak. The match took 1 hour 20 minutes and one of the lads someone pointed out this was longer than most matches Venus Williams plays!

In Group "B" Tom Hughes is just in front, currently unbeaten, with James Smart and James Armitage in close pursuit. The top 2 in each group qualify for the semi-finals.

Finally, the Club has been selected by Greater Warwickshire Sport to receive Active Sport Stage 1 funding, one of only 7 Clubs in the County, and is hosting two coaching courses between August 5-9 and August 12-16. They are open to boys and girls, 9 and under (9.30-10.30 a.m.) and 11 and under (10.30-11.30 a.m.) with Licensed LTA coaches in charge. The five days cost £10 and they are available on a first come first served basis. At the time of writing there are still some places left. Parents wanting more information or to book a place for their child can call the Active Sports booking line on 02476 574200.

E-Mail: sucol-ashcroft@tinyworld.co.uk

Club Website: www.harburytennisclub.homestead.com

Colin and Sue Mercer (☎613284)

12th Annual Harbury Hash

This event for all the family will be held on **Sunday September 8th** starting from Chesterton Green, with a new route from last year. It 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, or lack of, and short cutting is actively encouraged.

Registration begins at 2.30pm for a start time of 3pm. There will a BBQ after so bring your own meat, veggie, drinks, salads, etc. We will provide bread plus the drinks for the down downs (penalties). Dogs on a lead with well-behaved owners most welcome this year; last year due to Foot and Mouth restrictions we could not allow dogs on the trail.

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Our judge came round the week after carnival and was very impressed with so many attractive premises to choose from. She had great difficulty in making her final decisions.

The points she was looking for were not just the tidy and most attractive, but how the owner had made the best of their space and premises. She was looking out for weeds, walls, state of the gates, garages, paint work, hedges as well as litter and the overall arrangements of floral spaces. Her main comments were that garages let people down rather!

We have since learned that we came second in the Southam area this year which is not as well as last year, which is a pity as many people put in a great deal of effort this year. So thank you all for trying.

However... for the first time we also entered –

The Village of the Year Competition

For this we are marked on many other things, which include

Community Life

Business and Employment

Provision for young and old people

Environment

Information Technology

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We have in fact managed to be one of the three Warwickshire finalists and our names will go forward to the next round and we will be judged across the country.

So if anyone stops you to ask about what you feel this village is about, be prepared to give a good reply. Harbury is a wonderful village to be part of and we should be proud of it.

Jenny Patrick-Vice Chairman of Parish Council

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Linda Ridgley – Warwickshire Rural Community Council

Local History

This month's contribution from the school's collection of local history will probably be recognised by every child who has had the pleasure of going to Harbury School in recent years. It is their most popular local story because of its bloodthirsty contents, and the associations it has with the ghost stories attached to the mill. It is one of those articles I stumbled across by accident while I was looking for something else on the microfiche of the Courier in Leamington Library.

The New Inn referred to is now The Gamecock, not The Old New Inn, (though I would not discourage anyone from visiting either of them).

The mill is of course the one still standing in Mill Lane. From the florid Victorian description of the accident, it would appear that the building was a Health & Safety nightmare!

The picture, once again, is by Sam Pickard. Thanks again, Sam, for your splendid contribution.

Nigel Chapman

Courier March 18th 1893 – Harbury

Fatalities At Harbury - Shocking Death In A Windmill

The two shocking fatalities at Harbury on Thursday and Friday last week, threw that usually quiet village into a state of great excitement.

The first refers to George Frederick Verney (27) miller, who while engaged in working his mill, late on Thursday night, it is supposed, fell and got entangled in the upright shaft, his legs being horribly mutilated. He evidently died in great agony. Full particulars will be found in the report of the inquest, which is given below. The second death was that of Mrs. Eliza Boote, widow of Mr. C Boote, of Harbury, who, it appears, went to Verney's house to try to comfort her niece (Verney's wife) in her sad bereavement. It is stated that Mrs. Boote had a desire to see the deceased, but before doing so, was so overcome that she herself died almost instantly. Having been suffering from heart disease, the coroner did not think an inquest necessary.

The inquest on the body of George Frederick Verney was held before Mr. D. R. Wynter (Coroner for Central Warwickshire) at the New Inn, on Saturday afternoon. Mr. John Horley was foreman of the jury.

William Verney, father of the deceased stated that he was a threshing machine proprietor, living at Harbury. The deceased was 27 years of age last October, and had resided at the Mill House for the past three years. Witness last saw him alive on the Wednesday morning previous. Deceased was in the habit of working at night when there was a good wind, and had worked many nights recently. Deceased knew all about the working of the mill and generally worked it alone. He thought it very probable that the deceased was in the dark, and that his clothes caught in the upright shaft. There was a pane out of the window close by, and he thought the draught from it would have blown the light out if deceased had passed it by. Sometimes the flour wanted poking down, and that would necessitate his having to go close by the window. Deceased's clothing might have caught in the rope that was coiled round the upright shaft.

The foreman said he should think the accident might have occurred in the way suggested, as the rope was covered with blood. No doubt deceased did trip up over that rope, and fall against the shaft.

Edmund Edward Griffin said he was a carpenter and joiner, residing at Harbury. He knew deceased well, and met him on Thursday night, at about nine o'clock. Deceased was then taking a light up the steps into the mill. Witness told him to stop a minute or two till he could fetch his tools out, as they were in the mill. Deceased did so, and asked witness if he was going to make his uncle's coffin. Witness replied that he was. Deceased said that he could not make room enough for witness to work at it in the mill that night but added that, if he wanted anything else they could see about it in the morning. Witness went home. Deceased told witness he was going to work in the mill the "night through" and that was the reason he could not have the bench. Deceased was quite sober at the time.

Thomas Berry, a haulier, residing at Harbury, said that about 10 minutes to 11 on Thursday night, as he was going to bed, Mrs. Verney came into his house and said that her husband had not come home; she hoped nothing had happened to him and asked him if he would go down to the mill to see, as she was frightened. Witness asked the last witness to go with him and they and Mrs. Verney all went down to the mill together. She supplied them with a candle and they went up into the mill, witness going first. The mill was quite still at the time but when witness got to the floor next to where he found deceased, it started to go. He went up the next pair of steps and saw deceased going round with the shaft. Witness noticed at once the extent of the injuries to deceased, and ran and put the brake on to stop the mill. Having done that, he then ran for the doctor and assistance. The doctor came in less than three minutes. Verney was dead when witness first saw him, and he should think he had been dead quite an hour. He saw the rope in the cog above, but deceased was perfectly clear from any rope. He also saw the lantern picked up afterwards. It was broken to pieces. He thought it probable that the lantern went out, and deceased, catching his feet in the rope, was taken up. By a juror: The mill was in full cloth, and was going when witness went to see to his horse between nine and ten o'clock that night. It afterwards stopped, and a flush in the wind started it again. Deceased had his arm around the shaft, as if in a death clutch. When found he was close to the ground, and quite away from the cogs.

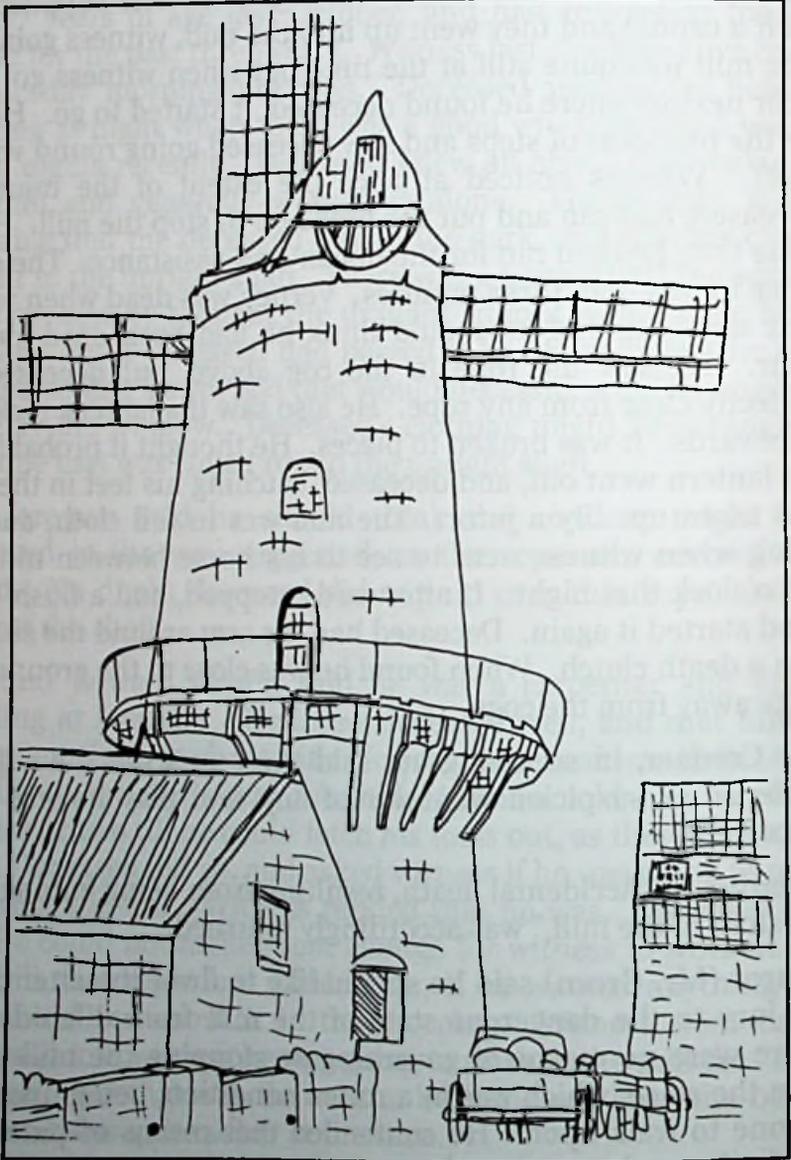
The Coroner, in summing up, said there was not the slightest evidence or suspicion whatever of any foul play having taken place.

A verdict of "Accidental death, resulting from being entangled in the shaft of the mill," was accordingly returned.

A juror (Mr. Green) said he should like to draw the attention of the jury to the dangerous state of the mill from dilapidations. There were no means of governing or stopping the mill except from the stage, which was in a rotten condition, being unsafe for anyone to walk upon. He contended that means of putting on the brake and stopping the mill should be provided on each floor. Even if two persons were working the mill, and one got

entangled, it would be impossible for the one to save the other, as one would have to run down the stairs and out on to a dangerous platform before the mill could be stopped. That was the only way the mill could be stopped, and there were seven floors to it.

Other jurors concurred in those remarks.



Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Committee

The members of the Senior Citizens Benefit Committee would like to thank Carol and Andrew and all their customers at the Shakespeare Inn for their kind generosity in donating to our funds via the bottle on the bar. When this was opened on 3rd July 2002 we were amazed to find a total of £167.44. Many thanks to everyone.

If you believe you are entitled to attend our Christmas Party and Summer Outing, can you please contact one of the committee members and let them know. It is only by word of mouth that we learn that you are eligible. If you don't let us know, we can't invite you.

Committee members are Tony Ceney, Mrs Margaret Taylor, Mrs Jenny Evans, Mrs Marie Wallington, Mrs Ethel Sollis, Mrs Chris Finch, Mrs Thelma Gulliver, Mrs Janet Rawlings, Mrs Evelyn Woodfield.



Pearl & Pete Sheasby with Mavis & Doug Powell at Westw...
on the Summer outing

Jenny Evans

Calling all parents of young swimmers!

Did you know that Stratford District Council are subsidising **FREE transport** for **8-15 year-olds** to the Family Fun Swim scheme at Southam Pool on Thursday mornings in the school holidays?

For Harbury children, the dates/times are: **Thursday 15th, 22nd, 29th August**; pick up at Harbury School 10.25am; return leaving Southam at 12.45. Swim price including free transport is **£1.30** per day.

Each child must hand to the minibus driver a leisure transport scheme **parental consent form**. These can be found in the back of the 'Hi-five' guide to SDC Summer Holiday activities – available from Southam Pool.

Andrew Patrick
(Stratford District Councillor for Harbury Ward)

What's happening in Ufton

Friday 20th September, 10.00am – 12.30pm Play with Clay at Ufton Village Hall. This is your chance to try out impressing and decorating clay with Alison Gallant, from Millefiori Studio in Gloucester. Alison will bring a portable kiln and demonstrate various techniques including jewellery making. She is a member of the British Polymer Clay Guild. Cost is £5.00 plus £1.00 for materials. To book your place on Take Time Out events contact Tracey Watts now. ☎614413.

Regular events in the village:-

Mondays	1.30 – 3.00pm	Toddler Group – Village Hall
Tuesdays	5.30 – 7.00pm	Children's Club 5-10 years – Village Hall
Wednesdays	7.00 – 8.30pm	Youth Club 10-16 years – Village Hall
Thursdays	8.00pm	Village Voices – Village Hall

Each week a mixed voice choir – sopranos, altos, tenors and basses – meet for rehearsals. Contact Bill Dennis ☎812719.

Karin Kirk (Ufton News Desk ☎613003)

'Sounds of the Sixties'

Another great night for all the supporters who attended the evening of live music and another re-sounding success for the 'small band' of volunteers who staged the event at the Rugby Club! The weather was perfect for an outdoor event, the audience was appreciative and the atmosphere for the six bands who took the stage was electric! Who could hope for more – certainly not the organisers whose efforts were amply rewarded by the impressive turn-out of 'sixties' music fans.



The final preparations in the marquee

This year in excess of £6,000 was raised for the Teenage Cancer Trust, which is due in no small part to the fact that the six bands who played throughout the evening gave their services FREE in support of the charity. Several local organisations also sponsored the event and individuals provided both cash donations and raffle prizes – all of which helped to 'swell the coffers'.

As in the previous year, several villagers 'came up trumps' with their specialist support. The committee was exceptionally grateful to Tony Dodds for again 'dressing the stage' and to Carl (Wally) Wallington who spent most of his working day assisting with the construction of the stage and floor and also 'knocked up' impressive trestles for the sound system. 'Wally' made a such a big impact at Harbury's event, that the organisers are considering loaning him out to other major musical events in the area, including Charlecote, Stoneleigh and Warwick!

The committee are exceptionally grateful to all those who support this charity event, which almost has a momentum of its own. Already, tickets have been requested for next year's musical extravaganza, which will be held on the 12th July 2003. The 'operations chief', Michelle Griffin, will continue to take efficient control of all the organisation needed for such a large-scale event aided and abetted (or is it hindered?) by her father Joe. Together, they make a formidable team, which is backed up by the sterling efforts of Andy Cowan who marshals all the bands with military precision. Susan Dronfield, creates all the sponsors boards and tickets with consummate ease and Dave (Crockett) Edmonds wields a mean spanner in his construction and de-construction of the stage. He could also 'do a turn', as a solo circus artist, as he swarms up the marquee poles (native style) to unhook some of the vital equipment from the 'tent's' roof!

The friends and supporters of the event are multi-skilled and multi-talented and as Michelle commented "we are grateful for all their efforts as electricians, painters, technical advisers, and transporters and we certainly couldn't do it without them – they all do a superb job"

Unfortunately, against the back-drop of all those who give their services free in a good cause, there are those who take advantage of the 'down-time' when the organisers are otherwise occupied and 'gate-crash' the festivities without making any payment. As the tickets are all numbered and allocated by the committee, such 'visitors' are recognised. Hopefully, they will elect to follow all other members of the community next year in going through the 'usual channels.'

'Sounds of the Sixties Live' is now recognised as a good night's entertainment for a very worthwhile charity, which receives fantastic commitment from its supporters. The committee acknowledges that all their efforts would be in vain if it wasn't for all the many people who do give their time before, during and after the event – "you know who you are and we thank each and everyone of you".

Sounds of the Sixties – TCT Committee

Musings from a country garden

The fall and rise.....

When we first came to Ladbrooke nearly two decades ago, we inherited a large rubbish dump and one 'Golden Rod' bush, plus a small number of assorted trees. There was a deep ditch usually containing about four feet of water flowing down the entire left and side - it sounded like the rushing Zambesi when it rained heavily. To us it was idyllic.

The first job was, therefore, to hire a team of gardeners who removed 70 tons of rubbish and substituted it with fresh top soil and finally turf. There were earth borders all the way round. This football pitch look-a-like was the basic pattern and it gave us time to consider what we really wanted to do with such a large area (we had spent the previous 23 years in a ground floor flat).

Plan of action

My father said he would organise a vegetable garden for us. This he did, successfully.

We chugged on merrily (well almost merrily) for the first five years, but the varied wild life had had their own way for such a long time, they

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objected to the cloches, chicken wire tunnels, netting and anything else we could think of to enable us to t our labours before *they* got at it. Then, one evening through the sitting room window when we could not b The row of lettuces was falling over one by one, at ev until the row was flat ! Further investigation re tunnelling directly underneath.

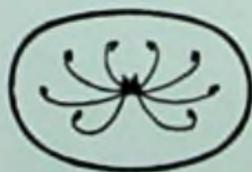
Revised plan of action.

We held a 'top level' conference studying the facts. grew had teeth marks (not our own) and was half cons could get at it. We had rabbits, a hare, pigeons, do deer and a very amiable wandering goat! (She was lov although she seemed to like us.) Mice, rats, squirre birds, snakes and a stoat, the moles were the last stra 12 months we had molehills all over the lawn to add incidents. We did not get excited, we just kept repe the country".

Decision time.

However, eventually, Stan and I made a list of 'for' pursuing self-sufficiency. The 'against's won hands do the middle of the lawn and made a speech "O.K. cl won, you may eat what you wish without interferenc discontinued vegetable and fruit gardening. Well, I d and peppers and cucumbers in tubs about five years cloches, but guess what.....!!!!

Next month I will introduce you to the wild life - our n have shared our space -including inside our cottage and still counting.



Horticultural Society

What a weekend for the "Silver" Open successful event all round. The we trumps - if anything a little too warr complaining. Our thanks to all those v to open their gardens, the shops and outlets which so and also our thanks to everybody else who helped to run smoothly, those who made cakes, the "skivvies" a

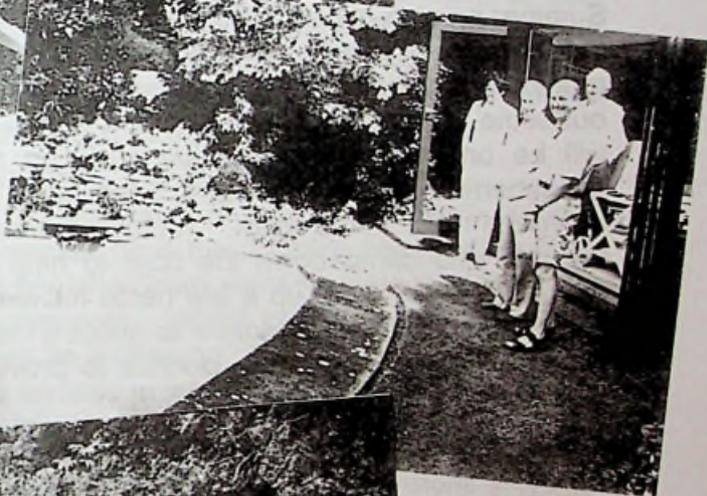
We couldn't have managed without you. As in other years our visitors have come from far and wide. One lady drove up from Devon for the Walkabout and went back that same evening. The atmosphere was very friendly; mind you we were in a popular garden and were serving teas! Last seen our treasurer had a big grin on his face. We made a healthy surplus for donations for various organisations in the village. Thank you again everyone.

Now to the next big event in our calendar, the Village Show on **Saturday 14th September**. The schedules are available from Mugleston's, Co-op, Kathy Ellis, Janice Siddle, 35 Percival Drive and Ron Grey, 23 Deppers Bridge. To help cover the running costs of the Show, we intend to run a Tombola, all contributions will be very welcome and should be left at Mrs Zonik's, Childyke Cottage, Mill Lane or 23 Deppers Bridge before, if possible, **Wednesday 11th September**. You do not have to be a member to donate. We also propose to run a Produce Stall. Jars of jam, chutney, baking (suitably wrapped please) plants, vegetables etc. will be welcomed on the morning of the Show before 10.45am. May I draw your attention to the Top Tray and Top Vase classes in the schedule, First Prize for each is worth £10, well worth entering. Again growing conditions in the garden and the allotment have been awkward, so if you cannot find an entry of veg., fruit or flowers, please enter a class which isn't so reliant on the weather – there are plenty to choose from. Whatever your choice please remember to read the schedule. The book "On with the Show" is very helpful and is available for reference, both Janice ☎614459 and the W.I. have copies, and a phone call could be the difference between a prize and being marked N.A.S. (not as schedule).

Finally, we always thought Japanese Anemones flowered in the autumn. Maybe it will be early this year, we have quite a few flowers out in our garden.

Muriel Grey

Garden Walkabout



Gardening Notes

The fruit and vegetable gardens are coming into their own now and there is a great satisfaction in harvesting the crops you have grown. Bend down the tops of onions to hasten ripening. Buy Japanese onion sets for an early crop next year. There is still time to sow a few salad plants using any space, even amongst the flowers if necessary. Lettuce, spring onions and radish will all be ready before a frost comes. Many vegetables will grow in pots on a patio, so read up about them this winter and plan to grow your own vegetables next year. Sow turnips and beetroot to harvest before the end of the year.

Pinch off the tops of runner beans once they reach the tops of their supports. Water and pick beans regularly. Watch out for grey aphids and caterpillars on vegetable foliage.

Summer pruning is best for cordon and espalier apple and pear trees. Cut back new growth on lateral shoots to three leaves. Summer pruning promotes fruit-bearing growth. Prune blackcurrants by cutting out some of the older, darker, fruited wood. The best fruit next year will be on new stems that are maturing now. Redcurrants and gooseberries can be cut back to 5 leaves on all the lateral shoots but leave the main stems uncut. In the greenhouse open vents early in the day and damp down the floor to help reduce red spider mite outbreaks. Sow or pot up a few herbs for winter use. Cut back mint, chives, oregano and marjoram to about 6" to encourage new growth which can be protected by cloches to provide late pickings. Many herbs store well in the freezer.

In the borders tidy straggly violas and layer border pinks. These are relatively short-lived and become weak and untidy after a few years. Check that young plants are receiving enough water in this erratic weather. Greedy feeders with showy flowers, such as gladioli and dahlias are also less able to cope with dry spells than the Mediterranean natives, osteospermums, pelargoniums and marguerites. Moisture-retaining mulches, drip irrigation lines, good soil preparation and appropriate planting all make the job easier. Now is the time to take cuttings of silver leafed plants. Use non-flowering stems for this and then trim over the whole plant to tidy the shape. Dahlias and chrysanthemums need feeding every 7-10 days and staking against wind. These are favourites for blackfly and earwigs so you may want to spray with an insecticide. Do this in the evening to avoid harming bees and butterflies. Buy and plant autumn flowering bulbs as soon as they come into the shops. Even daffodils, prepared

hyacinths and some of the smaller spring bulbs will be on sale at the end of the month. Order now from the catalogues if you need anything more unusual.

Finish cutting hedges and topiary at the end of this month, as new growth could still be tender if an early frost comes. Remove any suckers growing around the base of rose bushes. It is important to keep dead-heading roses to extend the flowering period, cut back to an outward-facing shoot or leaf 4"-6" below the spent flower. However if the rose is also grown for its decorative hips remember to leave the flowers to develop into the seed head. Roses do not need any more feeding, but do require spraying against pests and diseases. Mildew gets worse in hot dry conditions, blackspot multiplies in cool moist weather, and spraying may be the only treatment.

Do not forget the house plants which were put outside, keep an eye out for slug attack. If you are going away it may be safer to take them inside and stand them on moisture-retaining mats. Pot-bound plants can still be re-potted. Keep leaves on foliage plants clean. Repot winter flowering house plants such as azaleas and cyclamen.

Plant of the month - *Cosmos*

Arriving from Mexico in 1799 this group of summer and early autumn annuals and tuberous perennials have the common name of Mexican Aster. Their name comes from the Greek word for 'beautiful', and they stand for orderliness and symmetry. Whilst the daisy-like flowers are certainly pretty the plant can be a little unruly, and in an orderly garden will need supporting. The annuals most often seen in our borders are grown from seed planted in warmth in February or March. They are ready to plant out in late May in a sunny site. Whilst they like some moisture, rich soil encourages them to produce foliage at the expense of flowers. The single flowers grow on wiry stems and come in two colour ranges. One sort have flowers in the yellow to red spectrum, whilst the second range from white through pink to purple-red. The perennial plant, which has become popular is the Chocolate Cosmos, so named because of the smell given off by the velvety maroon flowers. This needs overwintering inside but comes into growth again in April/May rather like a dahlia. In 1994 scientists at Kew sent out a plea for any plants which were older than fifteen years, because most U.K.plants originated from cuttings taken from a single plant in 1970. In Mexico the plant had become extinct and only plants of that age would provide the genetic bank to re-establish the species in its native land.

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

On behalf of the Harbury Mother and Toddler Group we would like to say thank you very much to everyone who bought 'Treasure Tickets' for our Treasure Hunt (congratulations to Chelsea Kempton who was the lucky winner). This helped us raise £94 which was used for the Toddler Group summer trip to Stratford Butterfly Farm last month. In addition thank you to all those mums and toddlers who worked behind the scenes, those who took part with the float and all those who gave up their time on the day to make the event so successful.

Best Wishes

Nicky Kirk

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Coffee Morning, those who baked, sent gifts and raffle prizes and to all who came. We made £234. Also many thanks to all who have supported our plant sales.

Harbury Support Group for Myton Hospice

Dear Editors

Once again we were blessed with good weather for the Annual Garden Walkabout. Having thanked all the wonderful gardeners who opened their gardens this year and all the committee for their support, I would like to thank everyone who made cakes, helped with the refreshments and helped to sell programmes.

We had visitors from several counties and all remarked on the quality of the gardens and how fortunate we are to live in such a delightful village.

I'm sure that many of them sampled the other delights on offer and this contributed to a most enjoyable day out.

Once again many thanks.

Judy Morrall

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who supported our coffee morning on Wednesday 10th July at the Tom Hauley Room. We raised an amazing £300, which will go towards our new outdoor play area at the Wight School.

Harbury Pre-School & Toddler Group

Dear Editors

We should like to thank everyone who supported our coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on 13th July. We raised over £110 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Yvonne Hancock and Dorothy Travis

Dear Editors

Thank you for all your donations for my Borneo Challenge to raise £2,500 for Leonard Cheshire's Head Injuries unit in Borneo.

I have climbed Mount Kota Kinabalu and completed the other challenges and more importantly, reached my target of £2,500.

Thank you for all of your support for myself and my Mum, who helped me raise the money, better known to you as Iris.

Sue also made sure I didn't bottle out at the last minute and I'm sure Sue could have climbed the mountain as well, and probably quicker.

All the best.

Mick Timbs

Dear Editors

I first would like to say a big thank you to all the people of Harbury who opened their gardens the other weekend, a wonderful display and quite obviously a lot of hard work and organisation.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Chairman Dutch van Spall who I believe is looking after the stone trough belonging to the pump green, I thank you and look forward to its return to the pump to complete a pleasant view.

The Council are talking of Best Kept Village Competitions - but I do not see any displays around the village particularly in the centre of the village to inspire the residents to "have a go."

I also feel for the people of Hall Lane who have been active to clear the frontage of the Spinney and had no support from the Council.

Also I believe the same people keep rescuing the "Pound Bench" as it has not been secured on the green.

Come on Harbury lets all work together for a beautiful village.

Yours sincerely

Anthony Estick



'Temple End' by Sam Pickard—one of the entries in the recent Harbury & Ladbroke News Line Drawings Competition

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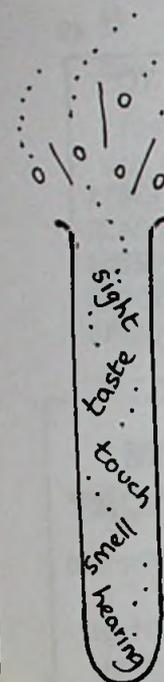
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