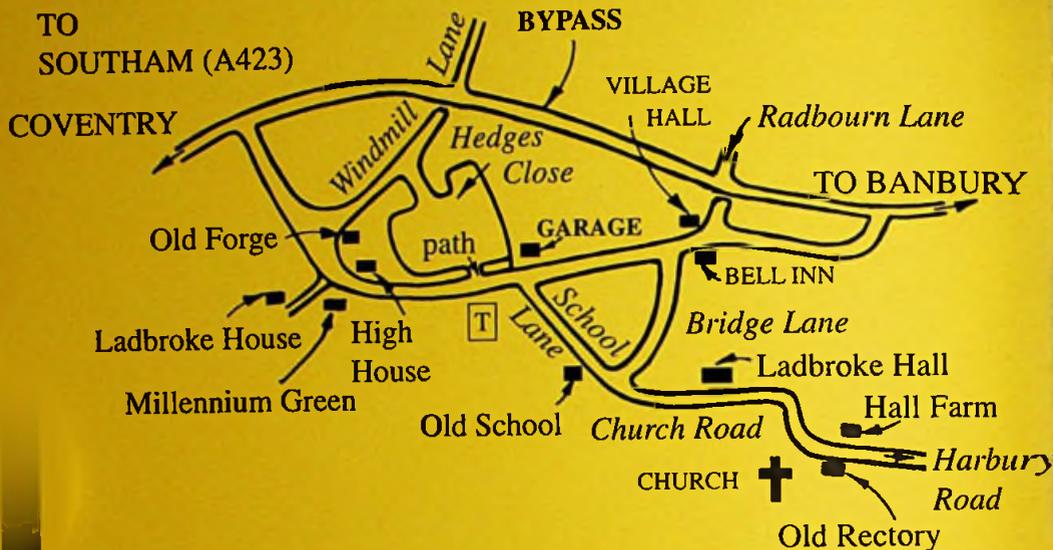


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It is apparent that the villages are moving from winter to spring activities from the diversity of articles that we have received this month.

A successful winter sports season is almost over with the Rugby Club 1st Team winning the League championship. The school's Cross Country teams had success with the girls team being selected to represent the Central Warwickshire area. Harbury Cricket club is looking forward to 20 weeks of friendly competition and they would welcome new players.



This month sees the 30th year of production of the Harbury & Ladbroke News, which is celebrated with a special cover.

Congratulations to Mica Allen and Sam Bench who have been voted this year's Carnival Queen and King by the school children.

The Carnival is on Saturday 12th June and so please do begin to consider how you might participate in the event.

At the end of April we said goodbye to Mrs Jill Douglas, the Chemist who has served the villages for the past 17 years. The Editors are particularly grateful to her for taking in articles for the magazine. We wish Jill and her husband well for the future.

We would still welcome new editorial talent to join the team. Do please ring 612155 if you are interested.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the families of Beryl Darkes and Doris Tudor.

Harbury Diary

MAY

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| Sun | 2 | FOURTH OF EASTER
Sung Eucharist 9.00am; Evening Worship 6.00pm |
| Tues | 4 | Holy Communion 7.30pm Parochial Church Council 8.15pm
Horticultural Society in Tom Hauley Room 8.00pm
Miss Merilon on Birds, Butterflies and Bees. |
| Wed | 5 | Holy Communion 2.00pm Mothers Union 2.30pm
Prayer meeting in Church, 8.00pm |
| Thurs | 6 | Bible Study at 'Tarradale', Butt Lane 2.00pm
Holy Communion 9.45am
Men's Group Annual dinner in Tom Hauley Room 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 7.00pm-9.00pm
Folk Club in The Dog Inn 8.30pm |
| Sat | 8 | Local Councillors outdoor surgery 10.00am
Coffee morning, in Tom Hauley Room in aid of WI 10.00am-12.00 Noon |
| Sun | 9 | FIFTH OF EASTER
Holy Communion 8.00am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Cricket home to Kineton 1st XI |
| Tues | 11 | Toddler's Service 2.15pm
Harbury Society Guided Walk from Stag at Offchurch 7.00pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm |
| Wed | 12 | 'Talk it Through' at 33 South Parade |
| Thurs | 13 | Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Holy Communion 9.45pm
Annual Parish meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm
WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm |
| Fri | 14 | RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION |
| Sat | 15 | Mens Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am
Coffee morning in aid of Harbury 1st Brownies during which there will be a presentation of "Spirit of Harbury" Shield 10.00am-12.00 Noon
Harbury Nursery School Table Top Sale in Village Hall 10.00am-12.00pm |

		ADVERTS to 31, Blinswood End Harbury, by 5.30pm
Sun	16	SIXTH OF EASTER Holy Communion 8.00am Family Communion 10.30am; Evensong 6.00pm
Tues	18	Holy Communion 7.30pm; Mothers' Union 8.00pm Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8.00pm
Wed	19	Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3.00pm-4.00pm
Thurs	20	ASCENSION DAY Holy Communion 9.45am Youth Club in Village Hall 7.00pm-9.00pm Bible Study (ring 613207 for venue)
Sat	22	Cricket. Occasionals and *2nd XI home to Pete Lewis Birthday XI Coffee morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of PCC 10.00am-12.00 Noon
Sun	23	SEVENTH OF EASTER Holy Communion 8.00am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am Cricket 1st XI home to Wellesbourne
Mon	24	Harbury Society talk in the Tom Hauley Room on development of Leamington Spa 7.30 for 8.00pm
Tues	25	Holy Communion 7.30pm Julian Group in Church 8.00pm
Wed	26	Drop in Tea for the Bereaved at 19 Farm Street 2.30pm-4.30pm 'Talk it Through' at 33 South Parade
Thurs	27	Holy Communion 9.45am Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm Parish Council in Village Hall 7.30pm
Fri	28	RECYCLING AND GREEN WASTE COLLECTION Macmillan Mile Challenge, centre of village
Sat	29	ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street, Harbury by 5.30pm Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room, Student Project Expedition to Belize Rainforest 10.00am-12.00 Noon Children's Theatre Workshop in the Village Hall 10.00am-4.00pm Macmillan Mile Challenge, centre of village
Sun	30	PENTECOST Holy Communion 8.00am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am Pentecost Praise - Worship and Celebration 6.00pm Cricket 1st XI home to Barford
JUNE		
Tues	1	Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	2	Holy Communion 2.00pm Mothers Union 2.30pm Prayer meeting in Church 8.00pm
Thurs	3	Holy Communion 9.45am Youth Club in Village Hall 7.00pm-9.00pm Folk Club in Shakespeare Inn 8.30pm Men's Group in Tom Hauley Room, 7.45pm
Sat	5	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Scouts 10.00am-12.00 pm

From the Rector

"No Easy Way"

In the words of William Barclay,

"It may well be that we have hurt the Church very seriously by trying to tell people that Church membership need not make so very much difference; we would be better to tell them that it must make all the difference in the world".

Christ never preached an easy way of salvation. There were no soft options in his message. He took us so seriously that he told us the truth; he preached the Kingdom and set out goals in life that we probably never attain. But in setting his demands high he paid us a compliment.

There is no greater disservice done to the Gospel than when an attempt is made to make it all sound reasonable and acceptable. We end up with something which might be common sense or human wisdom in some form or other but is certainly not the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Christ did not offer an easy way to his followers because he did not take the easy way himself. There is in St Luke's Gospel a very telling moment when we are told, Jesus took the road to Jerusalem. Luke describes the journey which follows, from Galilee through Samaria and on to Jerusalem. This journey takes up over one third of the Gospel. In the course of this journey Jesus teaches us many of his most beautiful lessons, but it is a journey towards suffering and death. However, towards the end of the journey we find him still striding out. *"He went on ahead going up to Jerusalem...he was near Bethany close by the Mount of Olives as it is called."* At the very end of the journey he wept. As he drew near and came in sight of the city he shed tears over it and said *"if you in your turn had only understood on this day the message of peace! But alas, it is hidden from your eyes!"* Christ's journey through life had its joys and its sorrows, and its bravery and its sadness and Luke is pointing out that the same will be true of the life of the disciples. A disciple follows the Master, takes the same route and road.

Luke, in his Gospel, is anxious to stress the attractiveness of the person of Christ but that does not mean that he sets aside the hardships and disappointments. A great part of Christ's influence with people lay in the fact that he himself was no stranger to the one

hundred and one things which upset people in the course of their life. What is the use of a leader who walks a different path and teaches a beautiful but unreal way of life? Luke is saying that this is not the case with Christ; he knows the human heart from within.

To a man who protested, right at the beginning of Christ's journey to Jerusalem, that he would follow him wherever he went, Jesus gave the puzzling answer, "foxes have dens and the birds of the air have nests, but the son of man has nowhere to lay his head". Christ is asking the man if he knows the hardships that are going to be involved. Christ advises the man to count the costs or at least to be aware that there will be a cost. True love is built on the acceptance of what it costs us as well as the enjoyment of what it gives us. There was a cost for Christ in his love of us. That is the way he loved us and is the way we are asked to return his love.

Fr. Roy Brown

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

10th April Paul Upstone to Gemma Campbell

30th April Rachael Roberts to David Gimson

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

4th April Spencer William Taylor & Gemma Ann Taylor

11th April Matthew Joseph Cree

All Saints' Ladbroke

18th April Henry Daniels

Funerals at Oakley Wood

5th April Doris Tudor, aged 85

Funerals at All Saints' Ladbroke

6th April Beryl Darkes, aged 76



Thought for the Month

People deal too much with the negative, and what is wrong why not try and see positive things, to just touch those things and make them bloom?

Thich Nhat Hanh

From the Churchwardens

Let's celebrate!

We have had Christmas, done Easter; soon it will be Pentecost. Pente...what? Often the cinderella of church festivals, Pentecost marks the first outpouring of the Spirit of God on his people. The Holy Spirit equips, empowers and inspires us to carry on the work and witness of Jesus to a world that is hungry for meaning, love and truth.

Those first followers of Jesus were so filled with the Spirit they were accused of being drunk! Maybe we have been over compensating, so...Pentecost Praise will be an informal service of worship and celebration of Sunday 30th May at 6.00pm in All Saints' Church. Come along and celebrate with us.

Lesley Jones



Mothers' Union

April's afternoon meeting was led by Sheila Jackson, reading from a charming book 'Spring is a new beginning'. From the promising life around us – lambs, birds nesting, bulbs flowering, she led us to remember Jesus' promise of new life through forgiveness and so to learn to trust in His provision for us.

In the evening we enjoyed an interesting talk by Mrs Rosemary Skilbeck, a dentist. She started by saying 'Smile – God loves you' and then explained that she felt privileged to do a job, which enabled people to smile with confidence. She outlined her career and surprised us by saying there were women dentists in the eighteenth century! After many years of difficulty in obtaining professional qualifications there are now as many female as male graduates, and recently a women was President of the B.D.A.

She caused us all to smile with stories of lost dentures, and encouraged us to visit our dentists regularly and clean our teeth properly. Finally she gave due warnings against 'grazing' type eating and sipping fizzy drinks especially Coca-Cola which is so acidic that it can dissolve a tooth completely in a week!

- 5th May 2.30pm Chris Cooke 'Nigeria'
 13th May 2.15pm Southam Deanery service at Southam
 18th May 8.00pm Overlord Embroidery
 2nd June 2.30pm Afternoon meeting

January's coffee morning raised £110.75; of this £50 each will be sent to International Relief and the Away from it all Holiday Fund.

Gillian Hare explained to members the new initiative for offering help to new mothers in the village.

Help will be needed for the coffee morning and lunch on 31st July and the family service on 19th September.

Gillian Hare

M.U.M.S

Mother's Union giving Mothers Support is a new project planning to do just that. The arrival of a new baby can be an exhausting time for a household, and some families do not have grannies or sisters on hand. Mostly grandmothers themselves, M.U. members would come in as a friend and help with shopping, ironing or anything else needed to lighten the load.

More details from the Health Visitor or Practice Manager at the surgery or phone 614809, ideally one month before the baby is due.

C. Mary Catt



Toddlers' Service

At our April service, Mrs Lesley Jones brought along a toy caterpillar and showed how it enjoyed eating a paper leaf. We then saw the caterpillar in its chrysalis stage, looking as if dead. Then, after a while, a beautiful paper butterfly emerged. She then told us the story of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day.

Keith Dormer took advantage of the public participation slot to appeal for Traffic Calming in Temple End/Park Lane. The County is due to check speeds again and will loan the Parish "SID", the Speed Indicating Device which warns motorists if they exceed the limit. Harbury Society offered Mr Dormer a copy of the Landscape Audit undertaken with Warwickshire County Council, which included ideas for environmentally sensitive Traffic Calming.



Traffic calming measures in Deppers Bridge

Councillor Kevin (Biddle), who is driving forward the finalisation of the Parish Plan, reported that Harbury School children were preparing a 3D Plan of the village for an **Open Day at the School on 19th June** when villagers would be encouraged to indicate sites suitable for local development for housing needs and employment. The children would undertake their own survey, and the Youth Club would survey older children and produce a video for the Open Day. An update on the Housing Needs Survey would be required and Councillor Biddle had arranged for the Councillors to be advised by planning and housing experts on 29th April at the Village Hall.

Follett Properties have challenged Stratford's Local Plan and Councillor Van Spall (Dutch) urged Harbury to follow Bishops Itchington's lead and support the District Council at the Inquiry. The new owners of the Blue Circle land have revived their previous plans for an industrial estate, rail halt, distribution centre, hotel and 300 houses on the quarry lands. This is not included in the Local Plan or the County Structure Plan.

Planning

Stratford granted permission for the conservatory at The Barns, Station Road; extensions at 1 Deppers Bridge and 18 Frances Road and a new entrance and four hotel bedrooms at the Great Western.

Harbury Parish Council made no representation on a conservatory at Hazebrook, The Pound; a roof change at 7 Manor Orchard; a granny extension at 11a Constance Drive and felling of a conifer at the Old Post Office, High Street.

They objected to the application to extend working at the Biffa Tip because of the "unacceptable increase in traffic noise" and the large number of lorries that already exceed the speed limit on Butt Lane.

Councillor Hancock was pleased with Stratford District Council's robust reply to criticism of its Area Planning set-up by the Audit Commission, but was disappointed that Parish Councils would not have an automatic right to speak in future.

Chairman Jenny Patrick was concerned at the growing number of vehicles parked on the land north-west of the water tower and District Councillor Patrick would ask the Enforcement Officer to investigate.

Councillor Janet Thornley is pressing on with providing a BMX Track for Harbury's young people, on the site of the old "mounds". She has quotes for the work and offers of assistance from a local builder. Now she will negotiate with Biffa for the soil needed to construct it and seek funding.

Jerry Birkbeck the County's Landscape Architect is producing plans to enhance the village centre and alleviate the parking problems. He will incorporate the Bus Timetable Case being provided by the Rural Transport Partnership. There have been calls for an extra bus service and the Parish Council will talk to Warwickshire County Council Transport Operations.

Councillor Mancell reported the Cap was installed on the Pump in Crown Street and he had received feedback on the website. The internal audit was in hand. Replacing the bollards cost £77.66.

Councillor John Drinkwater who is retiring in June thanked everyone for the get-together of past Councillors and Clerks for a photo call. There have been thirteen requests for nomination papers for the coming elections and the Clerk urged anyone else who wanted to stand to contact her (Nicola - 614646).

Your present County, District and Parish Councillors will hold their outdoor Surgery in the village centre on **8th May between 10am and Noon.**

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

Harbury Parish Council invite you all to the annual meeting to be held on 13th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Come and hear what your Parish Council have been up to in the last year. Come and ask the questions of us that you have always wanted to ask.

Questions will be welcome on Planning, Environment of the Village, Sports facilities and play areas, and we would still welcome ideas on how to spend the Village of the Year money.

We are here to serve YOU. This is the opportunity to make us aware of what you would like us to do for you. We are not always able to wave a magic wand, but we can try!

June will see an election for the nine seats available for the Harbury representatives of the Parish Council and one from the Deppers ward. We are pleased that several people have asked for nomination papers and we hope these will all be sent into Stratford before the deadline of 4.00pm on 13th May. It's still not too late to ask for nomination papers from the Parish Clerk.

There should be a profile of all the candidates in the next Harbury & Ladbroke News, for you to read about them and make your decision before voting day on all those you want to vote for on 10th June.

**Nicola Thompson, Clerk
Harbury Parish Council**

Harbury Ward Local Councillors

Councillors' Surgery in Harbury Saturday 8th May.

Our next Local Councillors' Surgery will be in Harbury, outside the supermarket, on Saturday 8th May. From the Parish, Janet Thornley has bravely volunteered to join us, so once again we shall be able to model the complete range of Councillor from Parish to County.

If you have something you want to ask us or tell us or just see what a Councillor looks like, please come along any time from 10.00am to 12.00 noon.

But do remember you don't have to wait until then if you need us. Our contact details are below.

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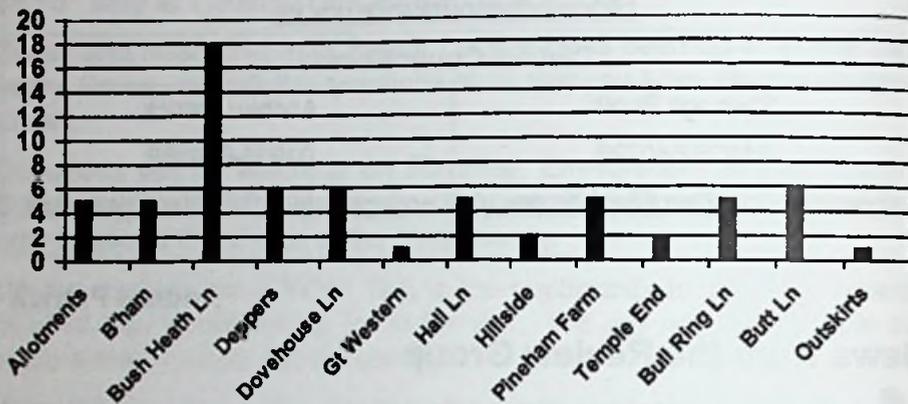
andrew.patrick@stratford-dc.gov.uk**Andrew Patrick****News from the Review Group**

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE There was an overwhelming vote in favour of endorsing the principles set out in the Village Design Statement (638 for and 42 against).

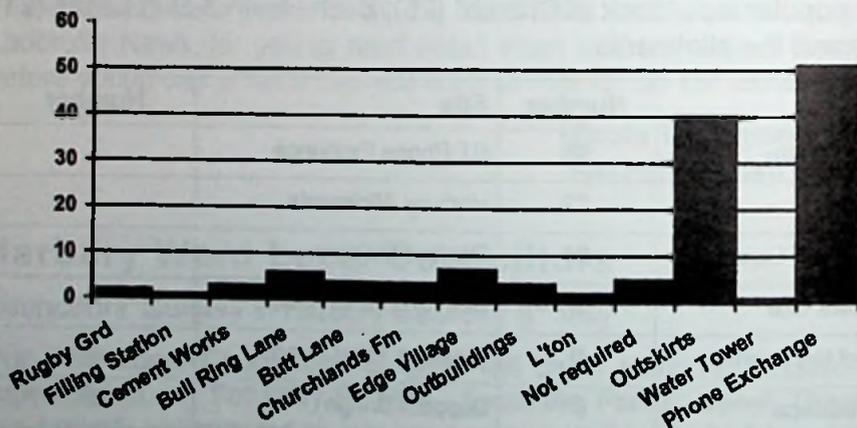
We asked where development to satisfy village needs could be sited. **Sheltered accommodation** elicited the most responses with 96 people suggesting the Village Centre (close to amenities). Next most popular was "back of Church" (26), Bush Heath & Butt Lanes (21 & 22) and the allotments.

Site	Number	Site	Number
Village Centre	96	BT Phone Exchange	7
Butt Lane	22	Harbury Allotments	7
Bush Heath Lane	21	Doctors Surgery	7
Allotment Site	9	Bull Ring Farm Road	4
Back of the church	9	Pineham Farm Road	3
The Paddock	8*	Deppers Bridge	2
Dovehouse Auto Site	8*	Vicarage Lane	2
Hall Lane	8*	Water Tower	2
Outside Village	8	Crown Close	1
Frances Road	8	Harbury Hall	1
Field in Church Street	7*	*Same area	

Bush Heath Lane was by far the favourite for low-cost accommodation but there were eleven other possibilities mentioned excluding the five who suggested Birmingham!



Business Units were thought best sited around the telephone exchange (51) or on the outskirts of the village (39) with eleven other areas highlighted.



There was concern about the future of the Cement Works and four people wanted no more "Executive homes". Three wanted open spaces retained; two wanted a chip shop and two a takeaway. There were seven other suggestions.



Businesses

Seventeen wanted purpose built premises and twenty-two would like the units on a small business development. Five businesses had to be, and six wanted to be, within the village.

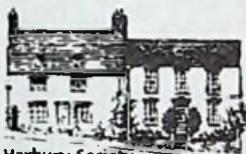


Youth Facilities Village young people are undertaking their own surveys and the Youth Club are making a video about their needs.

On **Saturday 19th June** there will be an exhibition in the School Hall when villagers can show where they think development to provide for local needs could be sited and where it would be unsuitable. More news in next month's Harbury News.

Linda Ridgley for the Review Group

Harbury Society



Alan Lord organised an event that was educational and fun! I know I understood perfectly how the process worked whilst we went round Hook Norton Brewery; but by the time I sampled a few beers in their visitors' "bar" things became a bit confused. We ended the night at

the Sun Inn with a buffet supper and nine pin bowls (I think!).

Brewing at Hook Norton began in 1849. Today's impressive Victorian stone and brick tower brewery was built in 1896. The 1899's 25hp Steam Engine pumps well water to the top floor and also powers the brewing progresses.

One of the joys of this Brewery is that the new and the old machinery can be seen side by side.

There are four main beers and six seasonal ones, which are distributed to the 43 tied pubs and to Thwaites's brewery where 5% of the brew is bottled.

Continuing the pub theme our next event is a three mile Guided Walk, starting 7.00pm on Tuesday 11th May at the Stag at Offchurch. More details:- Ed Wilson 612345.

On 24th May we have a talk on the origins of Leamington's Spa Town, Tom Hauley Room, 7.30pm for 8.00pm. All are welcome.

Linda Ridgley

Harbury's Women's Institute



Congratulations to Celia and Peggy on winning the John Innes Indoor Bowls tournament.

Members attending the Watery Warwickshire courses are finding them most interesting. May's trip is to Bearley learning about bridges, aqueducts and ecology of the waterways.

The Group Meeting is at Long Itchington in May and has a demonstration of belly dancing.

The "mad few" are entering the Carnival and there will be the usual cake stall.

It will be the last opportunity to order bulbs at the next meeting.

We hope to see you at the W.I Coffee morning on 8th May at the Tom Hauley room.

Mrs Linda Owen came to speak on 'Indian Head Massage', a traditional form of massage, still practised in India today, which is featured in Ayurvedic texts dating back nearly 4,000 years. Although the techniques involve only the upper body the benefits are more widespread. The treatment is a truly holistic therapy promoting physiological as well as psychological benefits, balancing the whole body. The treatment lasts about 45 minutes and consists of massage with oils to the head, including the face, shoulders, arms and the upper back. Tranquil music was played and with a scented candle nearby, Linda began the gentle massage on Dorothy, who was the evening's model. Dorothy said it was really lovely and the audience did not bother her at all. She felt very relaxed and that she had benefited from the session. Members were very interested and hoped to visit Linda in the future.

At May's meeting it will be Resolution Meeting

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Theatre Group

17th CENTURY BANQUET

The village hall looked wonderful, draped with banners and decorated with shields, the tables were laid and aglow with candles and even more candles glowed from above.

All the food had been prepared and cooked at the hall, and was served piping hot to the tables.

Villagers arrived and were served with a glass or two of mulled wine, followed by a five course feast washed down with an abundance of wine. Music was provided by The Oxford Waits, their lute players were excellent and the dancers provided fun for all. Caroline and Natasha sang songs from the period and The Mayor wandered around to ensure everyone was having fun!

Over fifty percent had arrived in period costume and a prize was given for the best dressed male and female. Everyone left feeling very full and slightly merry and all felt that they had received good value for money.

Many thanks to everyone who made the evening a success.

Funding

Like all clubs and societies in the village, the Theatre Group is dependent on the support of villagers to attend plays and fund raising events held throughout the year. It is a non profit organisation, with all the monies raised being put towards the next production or to get new equipment such as lights, blackcloths etc. We have also given a donation to the village hall, towards the new stage. Special thanks must be given to Janet Thornley for raising all the grant money so that the new stage can now be purchased.

New Members

We are always looking for young blood to join the group, particularly in the 20's to 30's age range. This is the case for the autumn panto. So if you are interested please come along to our monthly meeting held at the Shakespeare Inn, on the last Tuesday of the month.

Children's Theatre Workshop

Saturday 29th May 2004 in the Village Hall 10.00am to 4.00pm. £5.00 per child.

The day will involve the reading of scripts, the use of a stage and how to choose a cast. Hopefully a play will be picked by the children which they will then go on to produce early next year, with guidance from Harbury Theatre Group.

Children do need to book in advance, as places are limited. Contact Pat Taylor on 01926 614348 to book a place as soon as possible.

A light lunch will be served and there will be refreshments all day.

One Act Plays

We will be taking part in the annual ACT Festival, this year it is being staged at Lighthorne Village Hall from 17th – 19th June 2004.

The following weekend we will do **ONE PERFORMANCE ONLY** of our entries in Harbury Village Hall, and this will include a supper and bar at the intermission.

These plays are the directing debuts of Keith Dormer and Robert Waterman. Both productions are comedies, one dark, the other light and humorous. Thermal Underwear is a story of a dysfunctional couple, a load of sex mad rats and leaking water pipes. Droitwich Discovery is a group of amateur players on an outing to see where Shakespeare wrote his plays, but they get more then they planned for.

Tickets will be on sale at the beginning of June, so keep your eyes peeled.

Pat Taylor

Harbury Cricket Club

Cricket is alive and well in Harbury. The main objective of the club is to encourage new players to get involved, particularly the young, but not forgetting the "not so young". For the first time in many years, almost half the team playing in the first game of the season (Sunday 25th April against Sidford Gower at home) will be under 20 years of age and this is very heartening for all of us involved with the village team and hopefully should help to secure the club's future.

We are all looking forward to 20 or so weeks of friendly competition for both of our teams – Sunday's only but with one exception for the 2nd XI on Saturday 22nd May. Ed Russell will again be the 1st XI Captain, hopefully repeating his very successful captaincy last year. With his enthusiasm as both bowler and a batsman he is able, together with the other senior players, to help the younger players develop their skills and their understanding of all aspects of the game.

The 2nd XI will again be captained by Ian Jackson who has organised fixtures throughout the season, although not every week. A number of these 2nd XI games (which will be captained by Tim Clayton) have been named to include father and son combinations. These games have proved very popular over recent years as they offer opportunities for all levels, ages, and more family involvement.

Again we pass our grateful thanks to our many sponsors, Vice Presidents and, of course, the Harbury Rugby Club for their generosity and financial support for this coming year. We are greatly indebted to them all

2004 Season - Fixture List (as at Saturday 24th April 2004)

Date		1 st . XI	Venue	2 nd /Occasionals XI	Venue
April	18	St Benedicts	Away		
	25	Sibford Gower	Home		
May	2	Willoughby	Away		
	9	Kineton	Home		
	16	Rugby	Away		
	(Sat)22			Pete Lewis Birthday XI	Home
	23	Wellesbourne	Home	Wellesbourne 2 nd .	Away
	30	Barford	Home		
June	6	Arden Forest	Away		
	13	Stratford Bards	Home		
	20	Kissing Tree	Away	Marton	Home
	27	Harbury v Hereburgh	Home		
July	4	Hockley Heath	Home		
	11	Solihull Municipal	Away	Marton	Away
	18	Arden Forest	Home	Radway	Away
	25	Hockley Heath	Away		
Aug	1	Aynho	Home	Sibford Gower 2 nd .	Away
	8	Henley in Arden	Home	Henley in Arden 2 nd .	Away
	15	Yelvertoft	Away	Bishops Tachbrook	Home
	22	Snitterfield	Home		
	29	Stratford Bards	Away	Oakfield, Rugby	Home
Sept	5	Blockers	Home		
	12	Badby	Away		
	19	Barford	Away		
	26	Bugbrooke	Away		

The scene is set, everything is ready, the ground is looking good and England have already beaten the West Indies! We now need the weather to be as good as last year together with tons of enthusiasm from everyone!

As always we are continually looking for new players and if anyone is interested, please contact anyone associated with the club, we will be delighted to hear from you.

Ian Jackson



Harbury Junior Football Club

Under 16s

The Under 16s have now played their last game of the season and the last game as junior footballers in the Mid Warwicks boys league. The last game was an away fixture with Hillmorton, which finished at 1:1, a fine goal for Harbury scored by top scorer of the season, Matt Cowley.

The end of the season sees the end of an era for these players, who have played league football together for 10 years. A great deal of credit should go to them for the way they have trained and played and represented Harbury Juniors F.C. Hopefully some of the players will continue to play at senior level, so I can see some more results of all the training we have done over the past years.

Whatever the players decide to do, I wish them all the very best and say thanks for the good time I've had as manager with them.

John Wilkins

Under 14s

Harbury Juniors are the new holders of the Supplementary Cup, having beaten Khalsa 2:0. Well done lads! On a wet Sunday afternoon (18th), we arrived a little early so we set about warming up in the wet weather for about 20 minutes before going into the dressing room for a final talk. The team then had photographs taken before the match and were led onto the pitch by the referee and two linesmen. The game got under way and both teams settled down to play end to end football, with no real chances until 17 minutes in when Jamie Constable put in a long cross to the far post, which was volleyed home from 6 yards by Stuart Pratt 1:0. Khalsa then came back with a couple of shots which Nathan Carro in goal did well to save.

On 23 minutes, Harbury increased the lead with a well taken goal from Matthew Greenaway. The score at half time was 2:0. Early into the second half, we had a good chance to make it 3 when Stuart put in a low cross just missed by Jordan Cox. In the last 20 minutes Khalsa started to pile on the pressure but with some good saves by Nathan and defending by Henry Wilkins and Andrew Young, we held out to win.

The team: Nathan Carro (goalkeeper MoM); backfour: Daniel Ellis, Henry Wilkins, Andrew Young, Scott Bazeley, midfield: Jordan Cox, Jamie Constable, Travis Currell, Steven Boss, forwards: Stuart Pratt, Matthew Greenaway, subs: James Pettipher, Kyle Ball, Daniel Lloyd and Michael Smith, who missed the final, due to holiday. After the match, the lads went to McDonalds for a slap up meal and Coke. Just a couple of thanks to all the parents for their support and to Sally for all her help on the day: Lesley, Pete, both Jo s, Ken, Sam, Rose, Trigger, Brenda, John, Denise – Thanks again. WELL DONE.

Mick Pratt – A Proud Manager

Under 11s

The Under 11s completed their league fixtures with a home victory over Banbury Queensway. After a very positive first twenty minutes, the Harbury boys went through a difficult period, losing their shape and sharpness. They recovered their poise and commitment and ran out worthy 2:1 victors with an own goal and a worthy strike from Tristan Cox.

This victory secures the Under 11s runners-up position in their league and they can now look forward to the end of season tournament at Kington on 9th May.

Jim Farrell

Harbury Rugby Club

For those in the village who aren't aware of the fact, Harbury does have a very successful and thriving Rugby Club based at it's own ground in Middle Road.

This year has been one of the successful years for a long time. The first team have won the Warwickshire League 2 Championship having only lost one league game all season against Coventry Saracens, that was at the beginning of October - and we still don't know why we lost that one! The team have played some superb rugby, as those who come down to watch will have witnessed. The standard of the rugby

was way above the standard expected in the division. After last year's injustice when the team was relegated it means that next year we will play in Warwickshire League I and the club is optimistic that the team will do well in that division. So, full credit must go to all the playing members of the club at both 1st and 2nd team level - the latter containing some very promising players who have done themselves justice when coming into the 1st team. The club coach, Tony Cowley has done sterling work and we are very grateful to his efforts at Wednesday night's training and from the touchline on a Saturday afternoon. A Harburian Matthew Knight has led the club by example both on and off the field. It is great to see the teams made up of an increasing number of villagers who have come through the mini and junior sections, for example Alan Padbury who at the tender age of 32 has been playing for the club for nigh on 25 years.

The 1st team's results this season are:

PLAYED - 30, WON - 25, LOST - 5. This must be one of the best sets of results in South Warwickshire. Well done Harbury.

As well as success on the field, the atmosphere off the field has been first class with some typical rugby "fun" in the clubhouse and elsewhere! The older generation have been pleased to see such a splendid spirit amongst the younger element; it's a pity they can't keep up with them! This was shown so well when on the last league Saturday the club had three teams playing at the club - 1st, 2nd and a splendid collection of "Vets" gathered together by Brian Wilson who beat Old Warwickians Vets. Even Dave Andrews returned to the action following his premature retirement last year. (Brian is to organise a "Vets" on a regular basis next year so "over 35's" get your boots out.) The day's festivities were rounded off by a splendid evening Barbeque and live band kindly sponsored by Miles of Tiles who have supported the club so generously during the season. Appreciation also to the other club sponsors Drive Vauxhall of Leamington and The Warwickshire Brewery whose product has kept the club refreshed during the season.

One other landmark this season is the Silver Jubilee of the Mini and Junior Sections. Started 25 years ago by Dave Andrews this section is one of the best in the county and every Sunday morning the playing areas are packed with all age groups from 6 to 16 year olds. The club is very grateful to all the coaches and organisers of this section. Without doubt the club would not be in it's present healthy state if it were not for the minis and juniors.

So to remind the people of Harbury, training starts in July, every Wednesday and Minis and Juniors in September. All ages and standards will be welcome and even non-players are encouraged to become vice-presidents of the club. We hold "V-P's" lunches throughout the season and we are pleased to apply for International tickets for members and Vice-Presidents. Certainly for those who enjoy a Saturday afternoon sport, the present standard of rugby played by Harbury is well worth supporting.

We look forward to welcoming villagers at the club any time. For further information, please contact Ian Holroyd on 612527.



Harbury 1st Team

Ian Holroyd

Harbury Tennis Club

The summer season got under way with the traditional chequebook tournament in winter weather conditions! Despite several interruptions for rain, the afternoon was completed with Gill Alder and Andrew Rendell becoming the first champions of 2004.

The 'A' Team started its Banbury League Division 1 campaign with a very impressive win over Hook Norton "B". The Harbury ladies, Gill Thorpe, Carol Best and Kate Young were in particularly fine form winning their 3 rubbers comfortably. The men, Geoff Prince, Andrew Rendell and Brian Biro had three very close matches, losing 2 rubbers by 6-5 and winning one by the same score. The win came after a remarkable tiebreak when Geoff and Andrew were just about out at 2-6 but came back to win 8-6.

There were also comfortable wins in the 3 mixed doubles rubbers giving Harbury an overall 7-2 win.

Off the court another phase of the Clubhouse improvements project was completed when the new floor was laid and shelves installed in the storage area. A Saturday morning working party (expertly led by Jon Scothern!) took the opportunity of some warm spring sunshine to give the clubhouse another coat of preservative and do some general tidying up tasks. It all looks very smart now!

On the financial front we were a little taken aback to be advised that the courts and clubhouse had been given a rateable value of £900. This was swiftly followed by a demand from Stratford District Council for national non-domestic rates of £399 for 2003-04 and £410 for 2004-05! I'm pleased to say that the Council has granted us 80% discretionary rate relief, but give no guarantee for future years. Some swift research established that from 1 April 2004 Councils would automatically grant 80% relief to sporting organizations that register with the Inland Revenue as a "Community Amateur Sports Club" or a CASC to acronym buffs! Our application is now with Gordon Brown and our appeal against the assessment of the rateable value has been referred to the Warwickshire Valuation Tribunal. Nice to know sports clubs have plenty of encouragement to concentrate on developing future players and encouraging healthy lifestyles! On a less flippant note, extra costs like this make it more important that casual users of the courts pay for their use (£2 per hour, payable at Country Fayre) to ensure the courts can be maintained to a high standard for everyone's benefit

Under 16s

The Club is delighted this year to be offering its most ambitious Coaching programme, with 9 hours a week catering for children from 4 to 16 years old. This is due partly to us being able to find a second LTA licensed coach, John Hales, to supplement our "regular" Pete Brinkley. An added bonus this year is that the Club's own qualified Tennis Assistants, Linda Casement and Brian Biro are more involved, with Linda leading 2 Minis groups and Brian supporting John Hales for one of the Junior groups. We already have over 120 children taking part and we look set for another excellent year. If anyone would like more details of the sessions please contact Sue.

Colin and Sue Mercer



Harbury Nursery School

The children and staff have enjoyed their Easter break and are now back at Nursery School full of enthusiasm for their new topic of 'Water.' They will be investigating how we use water to keep ourselves clean, to drink, to

water the plants, as well as how we like to play watery games.

On Thursday 13th May, we will be holding a 'fancy dress' day, when the children and staff can dress up as their favourite characters. All characters will be asked to pay £1.00, which will go towards relocation costs in September.

Our 'Spring' coffee morning, held on Wednesday 31st March was a great success. The children visited during the morning and paraded around to show everyone their beautifully decorated Easter bonnets. They then entertained all with their delightful singing. The total raised at this event was £196.00. Thank you to everyone who helped at and supported this event.



On the last day of term, the children took part in an Easter egg hunt and also had a visit from the Easter bunny.

Each child received a chocolate bunny, and Sophia kindly saved one for Mrs Kennedy, who had mysteriously disappeared during the visit!

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Easter disco that was held in the Village Club on Saturday 3rd April. A fantastic £200.58 was raised, which will help towards the cost of the forthcoming move. Special thanks go to Dayle, Kyla and Sarah for their hard work in organising this event. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Regarding our move to the new classroom in September, we have had discussions with the School, Kids Club and the LEA Health and Safety team to discuss improvements that we can make, so we hope to begin work shortly.

Table Top Sale: This will be taking place on Saturday 15th May from 10am–12 noon. If anyone would like a table, please contact Jo Lockley on 614532. Tables cost £6, and the stallholder then keeps any profit from sales. We will be serving refreshments throughout the morning, so please do come along and have a homemade cake and cup of coffee, as well as a browse around the tables!

Craft Fair: The Craft Fair will take place on Saturday 13th November 2004, 10am–4.30pm. It is being run by the Nursery School this year, so please contact Imogen Johnston on 614363 if you are interested in having a stall.

Dave Perry Photographs: Thank you to all who came to have photographs taken in the Tom Hauley room. This event was very successful and I think everyone will agree that the quality of the photographs taken was excellent.

New Starters: We have welcomed 2 new children this term, twin boys Robert and James Valentyne, all the way from South Africa. They have settled in well and are quickly making new friends.

New Staff: The Nursery is pleased to welcome 2 new members of staff to the team, Mrs Helen Green and Mrs Sue Bushill. Helen is a qualified primary school teacher and Sue come to us after working at a Nursery School in Stratford for the last six months. They are no strangers to the Nursery as both have had children attending in recent years, and both have also been Chair of the Committee. We hope that they will enjoy working with us.

If anyone would like further information about the Nursery School, please drop into the Nursery or contact Jo Lockley (Chair) on 614532.

Nursery School Staff and Committee



Harbury Pre-School

April at Pre-School: The children returned to pre-school after the Easter holiday full of energy (and chocolate!). Since Easter, they have been talking about the Spring time, with the warmer weather bringing

on the new flowers and plants, as well as eggs hatching in the nests and the birth of baby animals. In particular, they have been looking at butterflies, as an introduction to their visit to the Butterfly Farm at Stratford on 6th May.

On a similar theme, though not necessarily relating to Spring, they are looking at photographs of each other as babies so that they can see how they have grown and changed. Most of the children have drawn wonderful portraits of themselves too!

As green is the predominant colour of Spring, the children have been experimenting with blue and yellow paint to produce some lovely green handprints that are now decorating the Wight School walls.

The onset of the warmer weather (even if it is only temporary!) has meant that the children can enjoy getting outside during their playtime, without having to dress up in all their winter woollies. The new trikes have come into use, as well as all the old favourites, and the children really love to run about while they have the opportunity.



New Starters: Beth and Jasmine started at Pre-School after Easter and are settling in well with their new friends.

Kids Klub Adventure Video Productions brought their mobile film unit to the Wight School on Thursday 29th April and the children had a fantastic time as mini actors starring in their own adventure video.

Sponsored Safari Trail: On Saturday 26th May the Pre-Schoolers will be taking part in a sponsored event in the village. Full details have yet to be finalised, but, in brief, it will involve the children searching for pictures of wild animals (we are not planning to import live monkeys

and tigers!). Please help by sponsoring the children taking part so that they can raise as much as possible for some new toys and equipment for Pre-School.

Harbury Pre-School Staff and Committee

Harbury Primary School



As the spring term comes to an end, it is an appropriate time to review how the winter sports teams have done this year - and there is much to celebrate.

Pride of place must go to the Girls' Cross Country team of Kelly Wright, Mica Allen, Sophie Bough, Abigail Snowden and Claire Larder, who won the Central Warwickshire League, with Kelly winning the overall individual league title, and Mica finishing second in the Central Warwickshire individual Championships. Both girls were selected for the Central Warwickshire team to compete in the County Cross Country Championships, with Kelly finishing in an outstanding 4th place, followed immediately in an equally outstanding 5th place by Mica - the first two runners from Central Warwickshire to finish in a very high quality race - brilliant!

The Boys Cross Country team also performed well in their league, finishing in a highly creditable fifth place. Sam Bench and Edward Kostiuik (who is still only a Year 5 pupil) were also selected for the Central Warwickshire team, and both boys also had outstanding runs, but for slightly different reasons to the two girls - they both missed the start!! As the gun went for the boys race to start, Sam and Edward were both still congratulating the girls on their fine runs! Giving the best runners in the county a 100 metres start is not ideal, but Sam and Edward both set out gallantly after the field, and both passed many runners, with Sam carving his way through to 35th place and Edward also doing himself justice by getting through to 51st place out of 80 finishers. Both boys had excellent runs in the end, and we couldn't help but wonder how high up the field they would both have finished if they had started with the others!

The feats of the Cross Country teams have almost been matched by the performances of our Football teams. The boys reached the semi-finals of the Central Warwickshire 6-a-side tournament before losing narrowly to the eventual winners, and then went on to remain undefeated in the Central Warwickshire Small Schools' league - we are still awaiting confirmation that we are the League Champions.

In addition, both the boys' and girls' (yes, we do have one!) football teams have qualified for the finals of the Stratford and district 6-a-side tournaments, which are to be held in May.

Not to be outdone, the Netball team finished joint second in their league in the area rally, failing to go through to the semi-final stages only on total goals scored. The girls played some excellent Netball, and were very unlucky not to qualify.

And finally, in what has been a very busy season, the Mini-Rugby team were crowned "World Champions" at the Leamington RFC bonfire night competition back in November. The finals were played under floodlights, and the final was watched by a crowd of over 1,000 - a great experience for the players.

We have had much to celebrate this sporting year. However, as Headteacher of the school, I am most proud of not what the school has achieved but in the way in which the teams have performed - they have been a credit to the school and excellent ambassadors for the village, always giving of their best while at the same time ensuring that a sporting spirit underpinned every game that they played.

Roll on the Summer season!

Denis Daly

Sign Up For More Buses!

If you are already a regular passenger on Stagecoach Midland Red, Route 64, which serves Bishops Itchington and then Harbury you are probably grateful for a bus at all in these rural parts. However, there is room for improvement.

Buses run once an hour at present, apart from morning peak time when there is only ONE bus available for workers, school children and other travellers between 8.00am and 9.38am. If, like me, you think you would benefit from more frequent buses during this period, or generally think we need more than one bus an hour anyway, whether you are an existing or potential bus user, PLEASE sign the petitions on the counters at the Library and the Post Office. It might make a difference.

K. Thomas

Harbury Hopes to go The Extra Mile to Help People Living with Cancer

Ann Mayer is organising a "Macmillan Miles Challenge" – raising money to help Macmillan Cancer Relief support people living with cancer.

Last year saw almost 3,000 people being sponsored to walk, cycle, line dance or lay a mile of coins. Nationally over £400,000 was raised in thousands of events across the UK. Harbury's contribution was £448.45.

On Friday and Saturday 28th and 29th May, Ann and her supporters are hoping to achieve a mile of coins on the footpath in the centre of the village. It's a simple way to support Macmillan Nurses in our region and they ask that you give generously.

In the UK 4 in 10 people will be diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime and over a million people are currently living with cancer. Macmillan Cancer Relief is a UK charity which helps to provide the expert care and practical and emotional support that makes a real difference to people living with cancer.

For cancer information and support contact the Macmillan Cancer Line (Monday to Friday, 9.00am-6.00pm) by freephone: 0808 8082020 textphone: 0808 8080121 or email: cancerline@macmillan.org.uk or log onto www.macmillan.org.uk.

Please give generously wherever you see the Macmillan signs.

Ann Mayer

Celebration Time for Lighthorne Heath

Residents on the 'Heath' are preparing to celebrate two momentous occasions in the life of the community in July. The 50th Anniversary weekend scheduled for July 24th - 25th is recognising both the past history of Lighthorne Heath, whilst also celebrating future developments for the local people.

The 'Heath' community has always been represented by its own Councillors on the neighbouring Lighthorne Parish Council, but the community will shortly be able to set up its own Parish Council. The four Councillors representing the community have until recently attended P.C. meetings which have been alternatively held in Lighthorne Village or at Lighthorne Heath. However, from this year the 'Heath' Councillors will be able to meet in their own Village Hall to

The original houses at Lighthorne Heath were constructed to accommodate the increasing number of RAF personnel built up to man the Gaydon Airfield site, which had been used for 'bomber crews' during the Second World War. The community was provided with its own school, which served a transient population of children from the service families. The extensive school premises have remained to provide for the educational needs of the current families in a thriving village school, which is at the heart of the community. In recent years, new housing developments have taken place around the existing RAF houses, so that there has been significant expansion from the early years when the first families took up residence after the departure of the service personnel.

The events during the Celebration Weekend will centre around the Village Hall and will offer a fun-packed two days, with 'something for everyone'. The organising committee is issuing an invitation to other local communities to enjoy the festivities by joining in or contributing to the programme of activities. On Saturday afternoon there will be a Fete and Car Boot Sale with Classic cars on display. Anyone who wishes to display a 'special auto' is welcome to attend and it is hoped that models from the nearby Heritage Motor Centre will be on loan for the day. The afternoon will roll on into an evening's entertainment provided by a Disco, Live Bands and Barbeque.

On Sunday, the day will start with a special Church service held outdoors by the Village Hall (weather permitting) followed by a salad lunch. There will be a demonstration of local crafts in a Craft Fayre and an all inclusive concert, which will include contributions from musicians, poetry readers and singers.

The Celebration Weekend is being held to raise funds for the Village Hall at Lighthorne Heath, so that the community on the 'Heath' can 'take off' in the future for the benefit of all the residents. The 'take off' will definitely be a lot quieter than the sound of the bombers, which roared off from the airfield during the War and at some of the Air Shows held during the Seventies, but the outcome for the villagers will have long-lasting significance.

Anyone who wishes to make enquires about the weekend should contact:

Liz 640186, Lou 641749 or Viv 641434

Chris Finch

Beat the Drums Dragon Boat Challenge

You may remember reading about the 'Beat the Drums' Challenge in the March edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

This event is one of many which has been organised to help raise £1.2million towards improving facilities at Helen Ley House, one of only four homes in the United Kingdom providing respite care for Multiple Sclerosis sufferers. I was a member of one of the teams of rowers from Warwickshire, and between us we rowed a Dragon Boat approximately 118 miles along the Grand Union Canal from Leamington Spa to Regents Park, London.



I am pleased to tell you that the challenge finished spectacularly in Regents Park, London on Saturday 17th April. I thoroughly enjoyed my part in the event, as did all the other participants, and we are now on the right track to reaching our target of £50,000 for improvements at Helen Ley House, near Leamington Spa.

I hope to have exceeded my original personal aim of raising £200 and I shall let you know my final total and that of the 'Beat the Drums' Challenge in the next edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

If you have pledged money towards this very worthwhile cause, I would be grateful if you could send either cash or a cheque payable to Helen Ley Charitable Trust (Registered Charity Number 269794) to: Will Randall, 38 Manor Orchard, Harbury.

If you would prefer me to call and collect personally, I should be very pleased to do so. I can be contacted on 01926 613871. Thank you once again for your support for Helen Ley House.

Know Your Rights! - Advice from Trading Standards Buying at car boot sales

Car boot sales can be great places to pick up a bargain. However, consumers buying second hand goods need to be vigilant!

Some used items may have lost their instructions and warnings, designed to ensure their safe use, whilst wear and tear may also have affected their safety. Electrical products, especially, may have old wiring and damaged plugs that could be a potential fire hazard. Beware of old painted toys - the paint might contain lead.

Car Boot Sales can be an ideal venue for disposing of counterfeit goods. Counterfeit DVD's are often of poor quality - some may even be blank! Computer software may not work properly and watch out too for fake alcohol. Spirits labelled 'Russian Vodka', may be little more than meths!

Remember, buying from a private seller, is not like buying from a trader. If you buy from a trader you have more rights and if there is a problem with the goods you can return to the shop to sort it out. However, if you buy from a private seller, the only requirement is that the goods are described correctly.

For more advice on problems with shopping or buying services, contact Trading Standards Advice Line, Old Budbrooke Road, Warwick CV35 7DP, telephone 01926 414000 or email ts-advice@warwickshire.gov.uk

Pat Whorton

Two Familiar Harbury Scenes

The pleasant walled, but unique paddock with a stable at Church Street, Bull Ring Garage junction.



The paddock appears to be much the same as 30 years ago, when the Harbury News (just Harbury then) was first published. How long can this paddock continue to survive. Remember at Bishops Itchington a similar central paddock disappeared.

The attractive cottage in South Parade, Harbury was the home of Reginald Bird for very many years, who with his late wife, brought up their family there.



Reginald Bird passed peacefully away this year on 24th March 2004, aged 93 years.

In younger years Reginald earned a living as a market gardener taking his fresh produce to Stratford and Warwick markets by car and trailer.

He worked a shire horse to help till the land where the Constance Drive estate is built.

He was also a very keen goalkeeper for Harbury Albion. Reginald had an Uncle; Butcher Bird who had a shop opposite the original Co-op building.

Mike Bloxham

Time Out – Ufton

Painting with Watercolours – Thursday 20th May – 10.00am – 12.30pm
Ufton Village Hall

A totally new concept in painting in watercolours is coming to Ufton. The recently launched Art-Kure Watercolour Systems will be demonstrated by international artist Mike Goss.

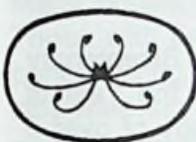
This will be your chance to try out colour sketch brush pens that are so

simple to use, particularly for beginners, and are very portable (ideal for holiday sketching). Cost only £2 including all materials.

Please book as early as possible, spaces are strictly limited for these events and we expect them to be very popular. Contact Tracey Watts now on 614413 for full details.

Karin Kirk

Horticultural Society



Mr Trinder gave an interesting and entertaining talk concentrating mostly on scree, also gravel gardens. He regards Beth Chatter as the expert and showed slides before and after she had "re-arranged" her car park, which is on the drier side of the country. On the other hand there were slides of a garden in Cumbria which isn't usually short of water! In both gardens similar types of plants were used. He went on to give various examples of drought resistant plants, using bulbs, patches of annuals where some varieties are allowed to seed, and then finish with a dressing of gravel or slate chips. In other words, a very adaptable form of gardening. For containers, he suggested a gritty compost, plan with suitable varieties and end with grit in gravel. He suggested using several containers grouped together for impact – useful in a small area. How about making a statement in other ways by linking tubs and hay baskets with "swags" of ivy etc along the side of a building, there's a thought!

People who intend going on the evening trip to Batsford Arboretum on Thursday 20th May please be at the Arboretum by 6.30pm.

Judy announced at the last meeting that the coach is full for the trip on Wednesday 9th June to Herefordshire, anybody who hasn't yet paid, please pay John to confirm their booking (there is a waiting list). The lunch will be extra and payable on the day.

The schedules for the Village Show – Saturday 11th September should soon be available, something for everyone I am sure. No matter what you intend entering, the WI book "*On with the Show*" should prove very useful.

The next talk – the last of this series – "*Birds, Butterflies and Bees*" will take place on Tuesday 4th May, the day after May Bank Holiday.

Two notes for your diary:-

On Sunday 2nd May NCCPG is to hold a plant sale in the Pump Room Gardens, 10.30am-3.00pm. Free entry.

Hill Close Gardens, Warwick are now open each weekend, Saturday 11.00am-5.00pm and Sunday 2.00pm-5.00pm. There is an entry fee.

Muriel Grey

Gardening Notes

This year the Royal Horticultural Society celebrates its Bicentenary and as part of the celebrations has designated 2004 as the Year of Gardening. Gardening is reckoned to be the major hobby of over 5 million people and to cater for this the R.H.S. now has a website, www.rhs.org.uk so log on and take advantage of all the expertise which the Society has amassed over the last 200 years.

After reading, comes the practical work and this month there is plenty to do. Ensure plants, which are making a lot of growth out in the borders, are kept well watered. Soak well, not just wetting the soil surface as this encourages shallow rooting. Thin out hardy annuals sown last month, this is easiest when soil is damp, so water well the night before. Don't let them get too big before thinning - 4 healthy good leaves produce happy plants. Hardy annuals sown at the start of the month will flower until the end of summer. Ones to try are calendula, clary, and centaurea cyanus (blue cornflower), bumble bees love the tall variety. Another flower loved by bees and hoverflies is phacelia tanacetifolia. Buy tender summer plants for borders and containers but keep them in warmth and good light, until the middle of the month, gradually hardening them off.

Divide large clumps of perennials. Dig up the whole clump then tease off young outer portions to replant. Cut back any early flowering perennials which have 'gone over', to encourage a second flush. Trim aubretia after flowering ends. Cut back pulmonaria to encourage new foliage.

Continue warming the soil with cloches or plastic sheets, and sow salad crops every 3 weeks to provide continuous cropping. Sow main batches of beetroot and carrots. Sow broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, peas, spinach and turnips, and mangetout towards end of month. Sow marrows, courgettes, cucumbers and melons, inside, in pots in early May. Sow the seeds on edge to prevent rot. Plant them out when

they have a few leaves at end of month. Plants of these and sweet peppers and aubergines are available in garden centres this month. Sow French and runner beans in 3" pots at beginning of month in a greenhouse or outside at end of month. Nip out growing tips of broad beans when they have produced 4 or 5 clusters of flowers. This seems to reduce the black fly infestation and encourages an early crop. The scent of sage and thyme plants growing near brassicas may ward off insect pests. Sow annual herbs – basil, chervil and dill. Divide straggly mint and thyme.

Many houseplants can be propagated from leaf and stem cuttings. Those with fleshy stems will root easily on the kitchen windowsill in perlite during the next few weeks. When amaryllis leaves die down stop watering and allow bulb to dry off in the pot.



Plant of the Month - Kolkwitzia Amabilis, The Beauty Bush

This deciduous shrub is grown for its abundant pink bell shaped flowers, which on a sunny day in May and June, earn the plant its popular name.

It was introduced from Western China at the very beginning of the 20th century and named to honour R.Kolkwitz, a German Professor of Botany. Although it quickly became popular in America, it was only when a selected form was raised at Wisley in 1963 that it began to be seen in British gardens. A tough, hardy, but gracefully arching shrub it will grow to about 10 feet eventually, with the branches reaching almost to the ground, and although deciduous it has attractive, peeling brown winter bark. In autumn it has hairy grey green leaves and the hairy remains of the flowers to give some interest. Generally trouble free when planted in a sunny position, it only needs a once a year trim in July once the shrub is 4 years old. Cuttings taken in early summer root easily, but for the best flowering take these from the Wisley clone, named Pink Cloud.

Pat Smith

Nature Notes

*'The cuckoo comes in April,
It sings it's song in May,
In the middle of June,
It changes its tune,
In July it flies away.'*

Are they getting less common? Perhaps due to the relative scarcity of hedgerow birds' nests in which the female lays her egg. The male does the cuckooing, while the female's song is more of a bubbling trill, not unlike a nightingale in tone. I struggled to hear the cuckoo round Harbury last year and so far it's not turned up this year. According to the record book at Warwickshire Wildlife Trust at Brandon Marsh, Coventry, a cuckoo was heard on 17th April and seen two days later. It's amazing to think that the adult birds fly to Africa in July, leaving their offspring to come on later using instinct for map and compass.

On the 15th April, I saw martins (whether sand or house I'm not sure) flying over some lakes near Kislingbury in the upper Nene valley in Northamptonshire. At the same spot, a pair of coots were guarding a nest with eggs. Later, while cycling up the Northamptonshire arm of the Grand Union Canal near Gayton Junction, close to the noisy M1 crossing, a female mallard was trying to keep her brood of five tiny chicks in order as she marshalled them along the 'cut'. Nearby, a small unimproved, damp field, was crowded with cowslips in full bloom, and also contained some glorious kingcups in the wetter parts.

Back home, I had a very wet ride to look at the Itchen backwater, where the A425 crosses the valley at Stoneythorpe. I could see no tadpoles and no sign of the clump of frogspawn seen there in March. The water seemed clean enough, with tiny white flowers below the surface. I thought this looked like water crowfoot, but surely it was too early? Nearby, two clumps of kingcups helped brighten a very grey day. Both frogspawn and subsequently tadpoles seem much more common in garden ponds than the water courses of Warwickshire. In one such pond on the 9th April, tadpoles were literally seething and had attracted several birds.

Now, it's nearly May and the burgeoning vegetation will soon become a mini jungle. Butterflies will become more common. Brimstones, Commas, Small Tortoiseshells, and Peacocks have already been seen on the wing - delightful names for beautiful insects. Hurry down to Ufton Fields and the Spoil Bank to see them and many more this summer.

John Hancock

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

We as a family would like to thank all of our friends in Harbury for their flowers, cards, love and prayers on the loss of our Mum, Doris Tudor.

Doris had only lived in Harbury for some thirteen years but the friendship she found here was second to none. She always said coming to Harbury was one of the best moves of her life so our thanks to everyone who helped her be so happy. We would like to thank the staff of Charlecote Ward, Warwick Hospital and of the Royal Leamington Spa Nursing Home for looking after her so well in the final weeks of her life.

Many thanks to Canon Roy for a great service and to all those who gave so generously to the collection for Myton Hospice. Thanks also to Alan and Jackie at The Crown for providing some excellent refreshments for family and friends.

Barbara and David Thistlethwaite, Brenda and Bob Baines and families

Dear Editors

Thank you to all who attended the Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity coffee morning, which took place in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 20th March.

The total raised on the day was £220, with £11 raised by selling off the remaining toys at the School Friday market and £14 of donations. The total sent to GOSHCC was £235 this year.

Thank you to everyone who helped on the day; with its preparation; for baking and donating items for the raffle and to sell. The morning was a great success, only just falling short of last year's total of £250. All money raised helps very ill children and is greatly appreciated.

The Lowe Family

Dear Editors

I would like to thank all friends and neighbours of Reg Bird who showed kindness to him during the lonely years since Mum died.

Special thanks to Shirley who kept Dad's home spotless. Also to Mr & Mrs Pratt and Mr Lawson who kept the hedge around Merevale House neat and trim. A very special thank you to Hylda Overall for her friendship and support, which I'm sure helped Dad to live to a ripe old age of 93 years. My family thanks you all.

Linda Coates (Bird)

Dear Editors

I would like to thank all our loyal customers for the support over the past 17 years. Geoff and I are sorry to leave you, but you should be well served by the new owner of Harbury Pharmacy, who will take over on 1st May. Please ask them to get in anything they do not have.

Thank you for all the appreciation and kindness shown us.

Jill and Geoff Douglas

JUNE EDITION – HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS

Adverts to 31, Binswood End

by Saturday 15th May

Articles to Harbury Chemist

by Friday 28th May

BOOKINGS FOR:

Scout Hut	Lesley Van Kesteren	613411
Tom Hauley Room	Liz Bunting	612450
Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning	Mrs J Windsor	612504
Village Hall	Wendy Hawkes	613198
Wight School	Mrs L Hayes	613488

Regular Diary Dates

ART TUTORIALS: Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday of the month

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

BADMINTON: Village Hall, Monday mornings (613174) 10:00am-12:00noon
Mondays (612627) (Seniors) 7:00-9:00pm;
Tuesdays (613413) (Club-not in the summer) 8:00-10:00pm;
Friday (612029) (Juniors) 2:00-3:00pm;
Sunday (not in summer) (613340) 7:00-10:00pm

BELL RINGING PRACTICE: (613605) Church, Fridays 7:30pm

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS various homes 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month 2.00-3.00pm
(613207); 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 10.30-12.00 Noon (612864)

BOOK WORMS Tom Hauley Room 2nd Tuesday of the month 7.30pm (614793)

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

CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES Farley Room Wednesday 4.00-8.00pm (01789 842242)

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 6:30pm

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

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

DROP-IN TEA: (612585) 19, Farm Street, 2.30 to 4.30pm, 4th Wednesday in the month

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

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: Shakespeare Inn 1st Thursday in the month 8:30pm

HARBURY FRIENDS: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday in the month 8:00pm

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:

Under 9s: Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury School Pitch
Coaches: Steve Darby 613330

Under 11s: Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury School Pitch
Coaches: Jim Farrell 612396

Under 14s: Training: 9.30am Saturday at Playing Fields
Coaches: Mick Pratt 817700

Under 16s: Training: 10.30am Saturday at Playing Fields Top Pitch
Coaches: John Wilkins 612115

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL: Primary School, Monday-Friday; 9:00am-3.15pm; Friday
9.00am-1.00pm

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: Wight School (behind Library), High St. Tuesday to Friday
9:00am-1:00pm (613786)

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP Last Tuesday of the month Shakespeare Inn (612009)

HARBURY TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, Monday 10:00-11:30am & Wednesday 1:30-
3:00pm (613311)

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: (613730) School Hall, Wednesdays 8:00-10:00pm

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Tuesday in the month (Oct. to May)
8:00pm Contact Daphne Clifford 01926 612829

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

LIBRARY: (613297) Mondays 2:00 - 5:00pm and 5:30 - 7:00pm;
Thursdays 10:00am - 1:00pm; 2:00 - 5:00pm & 5:30 - 7:00pm;

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

Matches on Saturday Afternoon

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP: (614274) Meeting on 2nd Thursday in the month at the Shakespeare 8:00pm

TENNIS CLUB: April to September:

Adults (614532): Tues & Thurs 6:30pm onwards; Wednesdays 1.45-3.15pm; Saturdays 3:00-5:00pm. Call secretary 614532 Tim Lockley or Chairman 613284 Colin Mercer for details

Under 16s (613284): Coaching sessions for minis (4-7 year olds) Junior 7-11 and intermediates 11-16 years at various times. Call Sue Mercer 613284 for details. Non members may book courts at £2.00/hour, £5.00/hour to include floodlights, (plus £5.00 deposit for key to floodlight box). Bookings should be made at Country Fayre, Chapel Street.

THURSDAY CLUB: (612273) Farley Room of Village Hall 2nd & 4th Thursday in the month 2:30pm

W.I.: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday in the month 7:45pm

YOGA: Tom Hauley Room, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm Dianne Surgery Tel. 817904

YOUTH CLUB: (612688) Village Hall, Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm

HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS

We are looking to replace our current typist who is moving away from the village.

The duties involve typing up some articles and inserting others which are received via e-mail or on disk. This is usually done over the last week-end of the month. Then after editing on the Sunday evening, the copy is laid out in MS Publisher the next day with final alterations on the Tuesday.

Payment is based on £3.50 per page e.g. £168 for a 48 page Magazine.

Knowledge of MS Word is essential and whilst experience of Publisher would be an advantage, tutoring on the package can be given.

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