

Harbury & Ladbroke News

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It has been an active summer in the villages, catering for all age groups. The Holiday Club, Summer Playscheme and Junior Tennis Camps were well attended and we would like to thank those who gave up their time to organise and entertain the village children.

There were two successful W.I. Outings; Ladbroke went to Upton House and Harbury to Evesham. For the Senior Citizens there was a summer lunch held in the Village Hall and again our thanks go to the organisers.

Looking forward to September there is again a busy programme of activities. The Village Show is on Saturday 11th September. The following weekend, Chesterton Windmill will be open after a break of two years. On Saturday 25th the Harvest @ Harbury celebration is being held in the Village Hall. The following day the Annual Harbury Hash takes place.

By the time the magazine is published, John Hancock will be well under way on his sponsored bike ride from Land's End to John O' Groats. He will be giving the proceeds to charity – Asthma UK.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the families of Bill Cooper and Elizabeth Henderson.

Harbury Diary

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 4 Beer Festival in Village Hall
Coffee Morning in aid of R.N.L.I. in THR 10.00am – 12 noon
- Sun 5 Cricket 1st XI home to 6 Blockers
TRINITY 13 Sung Eucharist 9.00am, Evening Worship 6.00pm
- Tues 7 Harbury Society talk on Ryton Gardens 7.30 for 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 8 Prayer Meeting in Church 8.00pm
- Thurs 9 Youth Club 7.00-9.00pm in Village Hall
- Sat 11 Coffee Morning in aid of Southam 2nd Guides in THR 10.00am – 12 noon
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW – Village Hall 2.00pm
Myton Hospice Plant Sale in Dog Car Park 11.00am-2.00pm
- Sun 12 **TRINITY 14** Holy Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 14 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 15 Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3.00-4.00pm
'Talk it Through' – 33 South Parade 8.00pm
ADVERTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END BY 5.30PM
- Thurs 16 Holy Communion 9.45am PCC Meeting 7.30pm
Youth Club 7.00-9.00pm in Village Hall
- Fri 17 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
W.I. Harvest Supper 7.30m for 7.45pm
- Sat 18 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning in aid of Cystic Fibrosis Research in THR 10.00am – 12 noon
Chesterton Windmill Open Weekend 10.00am –5.00pm
- Sun 19 **TRINITY 15** Holy Communion 8.00am, Family Communion 10.30am
Evensong 6.00pm
Chesterton Windmill Open Weekend 10.00am – 5.00pm
- Tues 21 Holy Communion 7.30pm Mothers Union 8.00pm
- Wed 22 Autumnal Equinox (Autumn begins)
Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm St
Prayer Meeting in Church 8.00pm
- Thurs 23 Holy Communion 9.45am
Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
Warwickshire College "Treasures of the Great British Heritage" in Village Hall
Harbury School P.T.A. Ladies Night in School Hall 7.30pm start
- Fri 24 HARVEST@HARBURY Cheese & wine 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room with David Ward, a Christian Sportsman and Raconteur.
ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET BY 5.30PM
- Sat 25 Myton Hospice Plant Sale in Dog Car Park 11.00am-2.00pm
Coffee Morning in aid of Harbury Society in THR 10.00am –12 noon
HARVEST@HARBURY Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat
Children's Workshop from 10.00am with a performance at 4.00pm in the Village Hall, directed by David Brown.

Also in the Village Hall at 7.30pm an evening with Howard Petch celebrating the gifts and talents of Harbury People.

Sun 26

HARVEST THANKSGIVING Holy Communion 8am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

HARVEST@HARBURY Family Fun on the Recreation Ground.

Bring a picnic and be entertained by Juggling John. (in Village Hall, if wet).

14th Annual Harbury Hash – Thwaites Estate – registration 2.30pm

Tues 28

Holy Communion 7.30pm, Julian Meeting 8.00pm

Wed 29

'Talk it Through' – 33 South Parade 8.00pm

Thurs 30

Warwickshire College "Treasures of the Great British Heritage" in Village Hall

Table Tennis Club in Village Hall

Holy Communion 9.45am

Youth Club 7.00-9.00pm in Village Hall

OCTOBER

Fri 1

RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION

Sat 2

Coffee Morning in aid of Harbury Nursery School in THR 10.00am – 12 noon

Myton Hospice Plant Sale in Dog Car Park 11am-2pm

Harvest Supper in Village Hall

Sun 3

TRINITY 17 Sung Eucharist 9.00am Evening Worship 6pm

Tues 5

Horticultural Society 8.00pm in tom Hauley Room

Wed 6

Prayer Meeting in Church 8.00pm

Thurs 7

Youth Club 7.00—9.00pm in Village Hall

Folk Club in Shakespeare Inn 8.30pm

Sat 9

Coffee Morning in aid of N.S.P.C.C. in THR 10.00am – 12 noon

Myton Hospice Plant Sale in Dog Car Park 11.00am-2.00pm

District Councillors' Surgery in Harbury

From the Rector

In life we often seem to take for granted the many good things which come our way. How many times have you heard it said, one way or another, 'What a wonderful village we live in'? I hear it constantly from many sources. Of course it was recognised last year in the competition for the 'Calor Village of the Year'. This served to highlight to us, all the many, many facets of life here. Now we at All Saints want to take it a step further with our Harvest @ Harbury.

As a rural community we are used to thanking God for the harvest of the land in our traditional Harvest Thanksgiving Service. In addition this year, we plan to have a whole weekend of events to celebrate and give thanks for every aspect of the life we enjoy; for the choice of so many activities; for the gifts of those who organise them and give of their time and talents so freely; for those who care for others in whatever way; for the opportunities of service, and so on - everything which goes to make COMMUNITY.

We hope as many people as possible will come and join us for these events - so why not bring your family and friends? You don't have to be 'church' people, and although in a Christian context, there will be no pressure. You will be assured of a warm welcome, and I know there will be plenty of fun and laughter. There will be a programme of events delivered to all homes in the parish. But watch out for other advertising.

We are privileged to live and share in the life here - don't let us just take it for granted but celebrate it together with a real Harvest @ Harbury.

Fr. Roy Brown

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Ladbroke

28th August - Alan Bond to Sarah Duncan

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Ladbroke

1st August - Luca Anais Kidby-Howell

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

15th August - Ellis Paul Rothwell-Sykes

21st August - Benjamin Max Campbell Mayer

29th August - Jessica Louise Warner

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

17th August - Elizabeth Henderson 79

Funerals at Oakley Wood

27th August - Bill Cooper 73



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From the Churchwardens

August has seen the completion of another very successful Holiday Club - CHAMPIONS - which culminated in a lovely Family Service in which children of all ages took part. Alison has reported on this elsewhere in the magazine, but we do want to thank her and her team for making it such a happy and inspiring week for the children.

Alison at the end of the Holiday Club



On the Sunday of the Family Service we held our first sale of Fairly Traded goods. Thank you to everyone involved in its organisation. Our aim is not only to sell the goods ourselves but also to raise our consciousness of the need to right the wrongs done by the prosperous nations to the poorer ones. Please support the stall, which will be set up on the third Sunday of every month after the Family Service, and do remember that Fair Trade goods are always available at the Co-op.

You will remember that from time to time we've brought to your notice possible future developments in the Deanery as the number of clergy declines. The PCC were asked to respond to a document issued by the Deanery Think Tank. We have done so and our reply has been sent to the Rural Dean. All the relevant material is now in a display folder on the table at the back of the Church. Please do read it. Whatever happens will affect us all.

Now we are looking forward to Harvest @ Harbury to be held on the last weekend of September. Father Roy has written about its nature and purpose in his article. Please look out for future publicity and, above all, please do join us. It promises to be a wonderful weekend.

Lesley Jones



Mothers' Union

Although we did not meet in August, several members were involved with the very successful Holiday Club, and the M.U. M.S are now giving a helping hand to three families in the village.

We are leading the Family Service on September 19th, when four new members will be enrolled.

Next meetings:

Tuesday September 21st - 8pm - Mrs. Ann McKenzie on her work as a J.P.

Wednesday October 6th - 2.30pm - John Smith - 'A Nigerian journey in the 50s and 60s'.

Gillian Hare

Ladbroke News

SEPTEMBER

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| Wed | 8 | Womens' Fellowship Outing |
| Sat | 11 | Sponsored Cycle Ride in aid of Historic Churches Trust |
| Sun | 12 | TRINITY 14 Sung Communion 9am |
| Mon | 13 | Table Tennis Club Starts |
| Wed | 15 | PCC Meeting 7.30pm, |
| Sun | 19 | TRINITY 15 Sung Communion 9am |
| Tues | 21 | Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club Draw at the Bell Inn 8.00pm |
| Thur | 23 | Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I. - A Wiggle with a Giggle |
| Sun | 26 | TRINITY 16 Sung Communion 9am |

OCTOBER

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| Sun | 3 | TRINITY 17 Family Communion 10.30am |
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Ladbroke Flower Rota

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| September 5 th | Kate Pickin |
| September 12 th | Valerie Copley |
| September 19 th | Carol Lane & Carolyn Taylor |
| September 26 th | Carol Lane & Carolyn Taylor |
| October 3 rd | Please see list in Church porch |
| | Harvest Thanksgiving |



Jane Rutherford

Ladbroke Church News

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE - 11th SEPTEMBER

Riders and sponsors are urgently required for the above event. It is in aid of the Historic Churches Trust and I have been Ladbroke's organiser for years! The money raised is halved: half to our church and half to the Trust who give grants to churches in need of restoration.

I have sponsor forms and lists of churches to visit. Please contact me as soon as possible at Hall Farm, Ladbroke – Tel: 812234.

Betty Winkfield

Women's Fellowship

On 4th August the sun shone and we had a very good turnout for our Annual Tea Party, which was held at the home of Betty Winkfield. Many thanks to all who supported this event and many thanks to all those who made the lovely food.

We raised a grand total of £74 for the kitchen equipment for the new pantry area in Ladbroke Church.

The next event on the calendar is the outing which will take place on Wednesday 8th September, leaving from outside the Church at 11.00am.

Jo Sowerby

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.

The weather was kind on August 10th for the W.I. Summer outing to Upton House. Unfortunately the lower gardens were not open due to the recent wet weather but it certainly didn't stop everyone enjoying their day. Most ladies headed for the restaurant first to enjoy well earned refreshments, then on to a very interesting tour of the House.

Date for your Diaries. September 23rd - a Wiggle with a Giggle, Mr Martin Clarke - Worm Farmer.

Look forward to seeing you all then.

Sue Halsall

Quiz Night

Peter Baker has kindly agreed to organise a 'Quiz Evening' to raise funds for Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I. This will be held in Ladbroke Village Hall on Friday 15th October.

Doors open at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Cost to enter a team - £10. There will be a bar and refreshments. A fun evening will be had by all so book your team early. Telephone either: Peter or Christine on 01926 811606.

Christine Baker

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The July Draw took place at the Bell Inn on Tuesday 20 July 2004 at 8.00pm

The £70 prize was won by N Stubbs, £25 prizes were won by J Loman & P Collins, £10 prizes were won by L Spence R Kelsall and D Halsall. The next draw will take place at the Bell Inn Ladbroke on Tuesday 21st September 2004 at 8.00pm.

Sue Halsall

Ladbroke Table Tennis Club

Just a reminder that the Ladbroke Table Tennis Club starts on Monday September 13th 2004. Look forward to seeing members old and new.

Sue Halsall

Harbury Parish Council

In the report on the June meeting of the Parish Council, reference was made to Councillor Van Spall leaving the meeting early, which coincided with an England Football match. We have been asked to point out that no connection should have been implied and Cllr. Van Spall was leaving for personal reasons. Apologies for any misunderstanding that may have arisen from the report.

Linda Ridgley & The Editors

Harbury Parish Council Quarterly Report – July 2004

In order to meet one of the requirements for Quality Parish Status, the Parish Council has to demonstrate that it regularly informs parishioners of the activities of the council. We will therefore be publishing a report every quarter in the Harbury & Ladbroke News letting you know what we have done during the past three months. The complete minutes of the Parish Council will continue to be placed in the library and are available for anyone to read.

This report is only intended as a short summary. In the past three months the Parish Council has:

- Kept a close eye of the on-going attempts to develop Bishop's Bowl Lakes.
- Examined numerous planning applications, occasionally forwarding comments to Stratford District Council.
- Paid for the pruning of trees around the village that are located on land owned by the Parish Council as well as those on private land overhanging public spaces.
- Arranged for repairs to playground equipment.
- Ordered a new barrier for the car park behind the village hall.
- Assisted with the planning of the new BMX track.
- Held meetings and telephone conversations with Warwickshire County Council about the traffic-calming needs of the village.
- Continued to update and expand the new website.
- Held meetings with WCC about plans to improve the streetscape in the centre of the village.

Tim Lockley

District Councillors' News

The first of the new series of Councillors' surgeries will be outside the Chapel Street paper shop in Bishops Itchington on Saturday 11th September. Your County and District Councillors will be there, plus a strong contingent from Bishops Itchington Parish Council. The next Harbury surgery will be on Saturday 9th October.

There's good news that the Housing Advice Surgeries are starting up again. Every Thursday between 10.00 and 1.00 the Housing Advice Team can be on hand at the Southam Area Office to deal with housing enquiries (waiting lists, tenancy issues, homelessness, private rented sector, or any other housing matter). But you must make an appointment first, to make sure an adviser is there. Ring 01926-812881.

And last but definitely not least, great news for friends of Chesterton Windmill !

There will be an **Open Weekend** at the windmill this year, on Sat 18th and Sun 19th September from 10.00am to 5.00pm each day.

Details from Humphrey Collis (614684) or Malcolm Murphy (613063).

Best wishes,

| County Councillor | District Councillors | |
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Andrew Patrick

Age Concern

Age Concern West Midlands through its network of groups and organisations, has started a brand new project across the West Midlands region. The OAK (Older People Advice Knowledge base) Project aims to get information and advice out to a wide range of older people who are hardest to reach in the rural community and are often isolated and vulnerable.

To achieve this, the OAK Project is using a variety of delivery methods, such as home visits or talks in community settings. In addition to this we expect to roll out good practice, for example, through building on the successful Parish Links project in Shropshire, we will be able to extend this to North Staffordshire. The use and effectiveness of written information, in the form of packs, will be tested.

Mary Harris, Information and Advice Officer at Age Concern Warwickshire, said 'this will be a really exciting opportunity to develop advice services on a whole range of topics for older people who usually get left out and who may be housebound or in difficult-to-reach locations.'

This project aims to improve access to social welfare advice and information for older people now as well as planning for the future, by building a knowledge base to understand the needs in the longer term.

There will be some great opportunities to get involved at all levels. If you have any ideas that you think may help, the parish network is going to be vital in ensuring the success of this project; please be in touch with Mary Harris on 01926 458100.

Linda Ridgley



Harbury Society

Events have finished for the summer, but start again almost immediately with Bob Sherman's talk on Ryton Gardens on 7th September (7.30pm for 8.00 in the Tom Hauley Room).

There is a fund raising Coffee Morning on 25th September, 10.00am – 12.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room. Helpers, cakes, raffle prizes etc are needed. Ed and Margaret Wilson (1 The Beeches) are co-ordinating this so please contact them.

John Crossling returns to talk about Pubs and Breweries on 11th October (same time and venue as for September). Then we are into the Christmas Fayre, the Social and the first talk of the New Year will be by Alan Griffin on Monday 7th February.

There have been two interesting Planning Applications this month (plans can be viewed by appointment with the Parish Clerk 614646).

One is a sympathetic renovation of Reg Bird's cottage on South Parade, opposite the Village Hall. The other is a brutally large expansion of "Flo's" bungalow on Mill Street, next to the Filling Station.

Work is progressing to seek out sites suitable for local-needs housing.

Linda Ridgley



Harbury's Women's Institute

There was no meeting in August but we had some super activities.

There was a walk to Grandborough on a very warm day, followed by a welcome lunch.

The Garden Party was a great success. Rain came down like stair rods at the start, but when it stopped we all drifted into the lovely garden, enjoying the refreshments and convivial company. Thanks to Celia and Eric for the use of their home.

Everybody enjoyed the great day in Evesham. The tour consisted of coffee and biscuits on arrival, then a browse and lunch in town. This was followed by a guided tour of the Almonry Museum and a cruise on the Avon. On the return journey we had a lovely cream tea at the Sankey Marina, where the coach was waiting to take us home. Many thanks to Nora for organising the trip.

Now, the Village Show on Saturday, 11th September. To members and all readers, please participate and support this grand day. You don't have to be an expert and there is a class for everyone to enter. The children's section is always a joy. The afternoon viewing is a friendly time too. So come on everyone - have a go! Tombola prizes will be most welcome.

The W.I. Harvest Supper is on Friday, 17th September, 7.30 for 7.45. Bring your own drink and glass.

September's speaker: Mr. Mel Mills - 'My Gran was a gypsy'.

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Folk Club

Not wishing to sound unwelcoming, but one of the nice things about the meeting of the folk club on August 5th was that there were only about 30 people in attendance compared with usual 40 to 60 ish. This drop in attendance was probably the result of many of the regulars being at Sidmouth Folk Festival or on holiday elsewhere.

The subject for the evening was "animals" and with having a smaller than usual group, the evening took the form of an informal singaround and music session. This meant that everyone was invited to contribute, either by performing or making a request. Once again the performers rose to the occasion well and we were treated to many varied songs and poems about animals. These ranged from a sad poem of a bereaved polar bear whose family had been on the iceberg which collided with Titanic, to the tale of the well-known insect footballer, "Earwig O".

It was good to hear contributions from two of our regulars who have not performed on many previous occasions. One being Sharon Hancock who recited a poem on the subject of the less pleasant by-product of dogs, and someone whose name escapes me, who presented a wonderful monologue on the story of Noah.

To be in keeping with the subject, the charity for the raffle was "Guide Dogs for the Blind", and the sum of £28.00 was raised. Many thanks to those who bought raffle tickets, to everyone who took part, and to Andrew and Carole of the Shakespeare for their warm welcome and good beer.

The folk club continues to meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Garden Room of the Shakespeare Inn, and starts at 8:30pm. Everyone is welcome, either as audience and/or performer. There is no admission charge though there is usually a raffle for a nominated charity.

Peter Bones

Harbury Rugby Club----Season 2004/05

The new rugby season starts the first weekend in September and the senior club is looking forward to another successful season following last year when they won the Warwickshire 2 Championship. The club is sorry to loose prop Keith Phipps who has been an asset to the club over the past few seasons, Keith is going to work in Germany for the rest of the year.

Matthew Knight is again captaining the club and most of last year's team are available plus some new players who will help strengthen the team. As ever, the club will welcome players of any standard. As well as the league team, there is a second team and every 3 weeks Brian Wilson is running a "Vets", so the older generation can have a run (?) around and entertain the crowd!

MINI & JUNIOR SECTION

This ever-expanding section of the club grows from strength to strength and it is hoped we can reach 200 training and playing every Sunday mornings. All ages are welcome—UNDER 7's up to UNDER 6's. The under 16's are a very keen side and the club looks forward to running a Colts team next year which will be the first for many years. The Harbury Minis Festival takes place on Sunday 3rd October; this has now become very much part of the rugby calendar. Boys—and Girls----are very welcome to come down to the club during September, meet the coaches and register for the season. The club has some excellent coaches and are keen to help the youngsters learn the game. Sunday mornings are very enjoyable for young and old, if there are parents who would like to help in any way they will be very welcome.

The junior and mini sections are vital for the club's future and it is great to see a vast number of the senior team members played in the junior sections over the years.

The club is making several alterations during the autumn and winter and is committing itself to major expense. This will keep Harbury Rugby Club an active and successful asset to the village. We are therefore striving hard to raise funds for these improvements and so we invite villagers to become vice presidents, social members, buy an advertising banner for the pitch side or use the clubhouse facilities for private functions. Please contact us for further information.

So, the club looks forward to seeing players and supporters down at the club from September onwards.

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| | Lyn Smith (Hire of Clubhouse) | 01926 651356 |
| Juniors & Minis | Mike Connon | 01926 811169 |
| | Pete Evans (Development Coach) | 01926 778349 |

Ian Holroyd
President Harbury Rugby Club

Harbury Tennis Club

The Club's first Junior camps proved to be a huge success. They were organised by the Club's LTA coach John Hales, who was helped by Club Intermediate and Student members Philip Muggleston, Benjamin Emms, David Lauder and Lucy Dean. The camps, which were open to juniors of all ages and abilities attracted an average of 25 children, members and non-members, on each of the 6 days and concentrated on having fun and learning new skills. They marked the end of the Club's busiest ever programme of formal coaching, and plans are already being made to extend the programme through the winter and for 2005.



Juniors who attended the Summer Tennis Camps



Harbury 'B' team has had a busy month playing 4 matches, starting with a 3-6 defeat at Deddington 'C'. The highlight of the match for Harbury was the debut of Angie Dean and 16-year-old Benjamin Imms. They played together in the opening mixed doubles and recorded a very good win. Angie then went on to win both her doubles matches with Sue Mercer and Caroline Morland. Unfortunately apart from Ben the other men, Colin Mercer and Paul Crowdon, had a 'bad day at the office' and didn't manage a win at all!

The team chalked up its second win of the season with a convincing rain-interrupted win over Middleton Cheney 'C'. Harbury were leading in all 3 rubbers when a torrential downpour forced the players off for a 20-minute break. When play resumed Ed Wilson and Rosemary Harley and Caroline Morland and Sue Mercer completed wins but Jon Scothem and Colin Mercer were edged out 5-6. An overall win was assured in the second round with 3 wins, leaving the team in the very rare position of being able to relax a bit for the last 3 rubbers. These were completed in very murky conditions with Harbury winning the ladies and mixed doubles but losing the men's doubles.

This was followed by a trip to Byfield 'D' where they nearly surprised the unbeaten home team. Harbury were 4-2 up after the first 6 rubbers after 2 emphatic 8-3 wins in the mixed doubles. Angie Dean and Jon Scothem followed by Caroline Morland and Steve Stark. The doubles were closer and finished all square, Sue and Angie and Steve and Colin winning their matches. Sue and Caroline and Jon and Colin lost narrowly, the men going down in a close tiebreak.

Unfortunately Byfield won the last 3 rubbers, giving them a 5-4 win. It was unfortunate that Jon's back strain severely hampered his mobility but at least his liberal use of Deep Heat ensured all insects kept well away! Harbury didn't come away empty-handed as they clinched the bonus point for winning most games.

The team returned to winning ways with their best win for several seasons at home to Charlbury 'C' with a 9-0 win. The home side 'regulars' of Caroline, Sue, Steve and Colin were joined by Rosemary Harley and Kiwi 'guest' Haydn Shore who has been staying in the village during the summer. The combination proved to be too strong for Charlbury in all areas.

Finally, the floodlight that was blown out of position in a spring gale has been returned to its correct position! Many thanks to Colin Sheasby who came to our rescue by using his platform 'cherry picker' to carry out the repair.

Colin and Sue Mercer



Harbury Pre-School

NEW PRE-SCHOOL STAFF— In time for the start of the new term, we are delighted to announce that Gael Conway and Lisa Helliwell will be the new joint Leaders of Harbury Pre-School. Yvette Tanner has left the Pre-School in excellent hands and we look forward to new and exciting initiatives as Gael and Lisa take the reins.

Bud Jackson (Adam's mum!) will be joining our happy team as a Pre-School assistant and we are sure she will be a fabulous addition to the Pre-School family.

PARENTS' EVENING— The evening, which took place near the end of term, was well supported by parents who enjoyed looking at the work done by the children, as well as talking to their keyworker, other members of staff and the committee. It is always good to see fathers at parents' evenings, as they generally have less opportunity to see and learn about their child's pre-school activities at first hand.

COFFEE MORNING— The coffee morning held in July was another great success, raising a fantastic £223 for Pre-School funds. We are very grateful to National Grid Transco who have agreed to match this amount so that the morning raised a total of almost £450. As always, our thanks go to all those who provided cakes and raffle prizes and especially to everyone who supported the event on the day.

GIFT AID – We are delighted to report that the total of £290 raised by the children taking part in the Sponsored Safari in May has been increased by £85 through Gift Aid. This shows that it is of huge benefit to us if all tax payers sign up to Gift Aid when donating money through an event such as the Safari.

FORTHCOMING EVENT— Pre-School will be teaming up with the Nursery to organise an Under Fives Halloween Disco. More details to follow nearer the time.

AGM—We will be holding our AGM on Wednesday 22nd September and would be delighted if as many parents and interested parties as possible can come along. Call Clare Stone on 614482 for more details.



And **FINALLY** At the end of year party, we said farewell and good luck not only to Yvette, but also to our older Pre-Schoolers who will be taking the next step when they start at Primary School at the beginning of the coming

term. Thirteen children have moved on, but the places have been quickly snapped up by the next generation, so that each session is already almost full to capacity. Any parents wishing to secure a place for their child should contact Clare Stone on 614482, as soon as possible.



Also, if anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Clare Stone, Acting Chair of the Pre-School Committee, on Harbury 614482.

**Harbury Pre-School Staff and
Committee**

Summer Lunch

Once again the Summer Lunch in aid of the Senior Citizens of Harbury was held at the Village Hall on Saturday 7 August 2004.

Many thanks to all who bought tickets, we hope you enjoyed your meal. Thanks also to those who gave gifts for the Tombola and the raffle. The Committee worked hard in the kitchen and out front to prepare a ploughman's lunch with a dessert to follow and I am sure it was enjoyed by all.

Perhaps we can clear up a slight misunderstanding about the Summer Lunch. It is held in aid of the Senior Citizens of Harbury but is not exclusively prepared for them, anyone can buy a ticket! Remember that when you see the posters next year!

Once again, many thanks to all who helped make the day a success.

Jenny Evans

G.A.S.S. (Guide and Scout Support)

Firstly, we can proudly confirm that G.A.S.S. will be providing the food for the Harbury Beer Festival on 3rd and 4th September. It is a great event and we thank the local CAMRA team for allowing us to do this once again.

Our last fund raising event was our Coffee Morning during the summer half term holiday. Thank you to all the boys, girls and parents who helped out. Over £100 was raised, a great effort during a holiday period.

We have been undertaking professional surveys on the Scout Hut to help us decide what improvements can be made to the leaking kitchen roof and elderly main hall roof. You will be updated as soon as we know more.

At this time of year it seems appropriate to say a big 'thank you' to the leaders and assistants of the Beavers, Cubs, Brownies and Scouts who do such a great job in providing our children with a whole range of activities, games and skills. I am sure those leaders would also add a 'thank you' to the parents, whose extra help makes the sessions manageable.

There has been no Guide group in the village for several years and we would love to see one restarted. If you would like to know more about what leading such a group would involve please contact me.

Alan Guy (G.A.S.S.)

Our Viv goes for Gold!



Picture courtesy of The Church Times

The Rev'd Viv Aggett, whom many villagers will remember from her time as Churchwarden in Harbury, was one of the first female chaplains in the UK and the first female Anglican priest to plant a church on a Greek Island. As a teenager she held the Olympic torch during the games in London in 1948.

Viv pictured with Canon Malcolm Bradshaw—Head of Anglican-Protestant Chaplaincy Team—St. Paul's Church, Athens

Her love of sport and sense of pastoral care for athletes away from home during this year's games took her from the island of Andros - where she retired seven years ago - to join the chaplaincy team for both the Olympics and Paralympics. She sees the main aspect of her work, apart from covering services, as being available to listen.

During her time in Harbury, we came to expect the unusual - such as her sponsored bike rides, marking special birthdays. Viv had a great talent for enthusing other folk, and making everyone feel welcome.

She attended Sarum and Wells Theological College in 1986, and was one of the first women to be ordained deacon in 1988. After serving her title in Coventry, she became curate at Hednesford in Lichfield Diocese, where she became involved with the local football club, Hednesford Town, selling programmes. She was nominated as the club's first chaplain and "greatly enjoyed" her work both supporting the club's players and members and mixing with other chaplains.

On official retirement, she returned to Andros - an island she had visited more than once on holiday - where she bought a house. She formed strong links there with the local Greek Orthodox Church, and also started leading English-speaking services, attended by both visitors and locals. She said that her holiday experiences had also shown her the need for a ministry open to tour operators.

In 1996, when she moved to Andros, women priests were not allowed to officiate in the diocese of Europe, but this later changed and, after forging closer links with St. Paul's in Athens, she was given permission to officiate in 1998.

In 2001, the church in Andros officially became part of the Greater Athens Chaplaincy.

Twelve of the 45 Anglican and Protestant chaplains at the games are women. Some, like Viv, are covering both the Olympics and the Paralympics.

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Anne Moore

Harbury Olympic report

Our 63 Harbury Olympic athletes seemed to enjoy themselves at 2004 Champions Holiday Club, and they all went home with a gold medal.

During the week, we thought about qualities you need to be a top athlete. Things like having a goal, determination, dedication, and avoiding distraction. We related each one to a story from the gospels. Bert and Lucy, two cheeky puppets, had plenty to say for themselves on the topic of the day.

Music was ably supplied by Mike Hare and his piano accordion. We sang lots of fun songs. A favourite seemed to be the one about a poor old man who was in danger of being run over by a wheelbarrow, an ice-cream van, a chip potato cart and a council lorry that sucks up the dirty water out of the gutter!

The children also demonstrated their artistic and creative talents with clay models, iced biscuits, national flags, a beautiful collage (still on display at the back of the church), drama and music.

I think everyone involved (whatever their age) had a good week, and a big 'thank you' to EVERYONE who helped to make it a success.

Alison Abbott

Summer Activities 2004



Some of the organisers of the Senior Citizens Summer Lunch



Enjoying the Summer Lunch



Children attending the Summer Playscheme at the School

Harbury Parish Council—Annual Report 2003

Chairman's Report—Harbury has had a good year!

The Village of the Year Competition was a huge success with Harbury being crowned as Central Region winners and nationally being recognised for the work done in supporting our older population. We are now in the process of talking to villagers and local organisations about how to spend the £2000 prize money. The competition saw us produce a very handsome booklet about the village (some are still available to purchase from the clerk.)

The Parish Council now has a web site - www.harbury-parish.co.uk. helping us to fulfil some of the requirements for Quality Parish Status. Parishioners can email all councillors via the web site, but of course the phone number of the Clerk and Chairman are in the Harbury News for those wanting to make contact by more traditional methods. The Parish Council is also represented when the SDC and County Councillors have their surgeries outside the new post office.

Our new clerk, Nicola Thompson, has provided invaluable support to the Parish Council. She is now studying for an AQA qualification for Parish Clerks and we all wish her success in this venture. With the departure of Cllr Stevenson, we co-opted Dr. Tim Lockley onto the Parish Council. Cllr Lockley has a young family and is able to represent some of the younger members of the community.

Another great achievement this year, after an extensive village survey, was the Parish Review which was launched in the Village Hall on July 5th. Although the PC are not the main movers in this, it is our responsibility to oversee the whole plan and to make sure it is implemented. We hope our action plan will be published before Christmas.

The Neighbourhood Watch continues to flourish, despite the departure of its founding father, Mr Jim Chapple. I hope he feels honoured that the scheme goes from strength to strength. Anyone wanting to be part of it should contact the clerk who can put you in touch with the co-ordinator. Our beat bobby PC Hill has recently been relieved of some of his responsibility at Gaydon motorway services and has been able to be a more obvious presence in the village. He is well known to all the school children and even made an off-duty appearance at the Carnival last summer. We supported Southam police in the opening of the station on a daily basis.

The housing needs of the village still gives us cause for concern as prices rise and young people are unable to afford to buy property here. Likewise people requiring daily support also have to look elsewhere. Until there is a large enough plot of land available, this continues to be beyond the scope of the parish to provide.

My thanks go to all my fellow councillors who have given me unstinting support in my year as chairman.

Finally I want to pay tribute to Cllr John Drinkwater MBE for his magnificent contribution to the life and welfare of this village over 40+ years as a Parish Councillor.

Jenny Patrick

Deppers Bridge

The main concerns of the year have been the development proposals for Bishop's Bowl Lakes and Bishop's Hill. As I write this report there is a further development in the form of an objection to the District Plan for no new development on the sites, by the new land owners. This has forced an inquiry which will be held later in May. We are working closely with Bishops Itchington Parish Council over this matter.

The threat of a distribution centre in Southam has apparently passed – although there has been a new proposal for a similar development on farmland off the Bishops Itchington Road from Ladbroke. Clearly this is a matter for Ladbroke Parish Council, but I have been taking a close interest in the proposals, as they would impact severely on the residents of Deppers Bridge.

After an initial settling-in period the local impatient motorists seem to have acclimatised themselves to the traffic calming. Incidents of intolerance have reduced and a recent County Council traffic survey confirms that the chicanes are working successfully.

Dutch Van Spall

Environment Working Party

Lights - The improvement and maintenance programme has continued with new Windsor lights being installed in Mill Street, Park Lane, Chapel Street and others being planned for Park Lane and Farm Street. A replacement light outside the surgery is also under consideration since the original was removed when the new surgery was built.

Traffic - Speeding traffic and illegal parking are still major problems in the village and PC Hill recently issued tickets for both offences. Ivy Lane was changed to a one-way system, and there have been no reported incidents/accidents following this change of layout. A review of the centre of the village is being undertaken by Gerry Birkbeck from WCC. He is intending to report to the Parish Council at the May meeting.

General Maintenance & Repairs - The rain earlier this year resulted in the drains at the corner of Park Lane and South Parade being flooded. The District Council was informed and work was carried out to remedy the situation.

Ann Winchester

Finance and General Purposes Working Party

This year's zero increase in the Parish Precept is due to the tight budgetary controls that have been in place over the last two financial years. These allowed us to keep last year's Parish Precept increase to 2.8%, and a nil increase for this financial year.

This Precept level allowed us to continue our updating of the street lighting and maintaining the playgrounds. In the coming year, the Village Hall rear car-park gates are to be replaced and the Harbury Concessionary Travel scheme will be extended to include men, aged 60 and over.

The General Fund Surplus for the year was £9,599.49

Copies of the full accounts are included in the Parish Council Annual Report package, available in the Library

Harbury Parish Council accounts will be audited by the Clerk at Bishops Itchington, using the Internal Audit procedure.

Tony Mancell

| INCOME | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Precepts | 42670.00 |
| Agency Services Reimbursed | 814.45 |
| Interest Received | 354.27 |
| Allotment Rents | 422.00 |
| Burial Ground Fees | 1273.00 |
| Playing Field Hire | 184.00 |
| Maintenance Fund | 2579.14 |
| Wayleave | 33.32 |
| Village of the Year Comp. | 2000.00 |
| Other Contributions | 14468.31 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 64798.49 |

| EXPENDITURE | |
|---|-----------------|
| General Administration | 7549.08 |
| Section 137 | 1103.66 |
| Concessionary Travel | 2825.00 |
| Running Costs: | |
| Allotments | 826.72 |
| Burial | 2040.16 |
| Open Spaces | 3362.00 |
| Playing Fields & Car Park | 22931.66 |
| Non-Estate Roads | 1110.00 |
| Street Lighting | 12663.57 |
| Other Purchases | 661.60 |
| Contribution to Sports Clubs' Repair Fund | 125.55 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 55199.00 |

Properties Working Party

Tennis and Netball Courts - The Harbury Tennis and Netball Clubs' Millennium Project has now been completed. All three courts have been resurfaced, one is floodlit, and a landscaped clubhouse has been erected. The new facilities afford excellent opportunities for tennis and netball players of all ages and abilities.

Village Hall Car Park - In order to manage the car park as effectively as possible and to discourage unauthorised use, a design scheme has been prepared and quotations obtained for the provision of a controlled entry and exit system. We hope an order will be placed as soon as possible for the work to be carried out. The drainage channel in the centre of the car park became a tripping hazard and new grating covers were acquired and installed to minimise risk.

Cemetery - In November 2003 the working party carried out a cemetery risk assessment incorporating the condition of the tombstones, buildings, perimeter hedges and fencing etc. The area was generally to be found in good, safe condition and a full report of the assessment is available. A separate assessment of the buildings involved was carried out by a competent surveyor. The chapel and shelter were found to be generally sound but require some maintenance work which will be commissioned and performed as soon as possible. The hedge was subject to some damage and so the maintenance contractor installed posts and rails to support the structure thereby enhancing the appearance and preventing further damage.

Harbury Juniors Football Club - A request was received and approved for the provision of an additional junior pitch to be located near to the tennis courts. This necessitated moving the village bonfire site, which was successfully relocated at the top end of the playing fields.

Christmas Lights - The Christmas lights have now been adopted by the Parish Council. Prior to installation they were tested and inspected by an electrical engineer, additional lights obtained and the lights have been added to the Parish Council's register of assets.

Bench outside the Village Hall - Regrettably the bench, which was much used by villagers was damaged and had to be removed. It is to be relocated outside the cemetery.

Play Equipment - The installation of new perimeter fencing around the play area has greatly enhanced the safety and appearance of the play area. The Parish Council takes its equipment maintenance responsibilities very seriously. The extensive range of play equipment, incorporating the skateboard area is inspected regularly by competent people. Recommendations are acted upon and appropriate repairs are carried out.

Keith Thompson

Council Membership as of May 2004

K Biddle, J.B Drinkwater MBE, Dr M.S Hancock, Dr T J Lockley, J.M Patrick (Chairman), A Mancell (Treasurer), K.E Thompson, J Thornley, C A Van Spall, A Winchester (Vice-Chairman)

Clerk to the Council: Mrs N Thompson

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Summer Activities 2004



Children attending the Summer Playscheme at School



Children attending the Champions Holiday Club in the Tom Hauley Room



Harbury Neighbourhood Watch News

Every year stolen property worth hundreds of thousands of pounds is recovered by the police but not returned to its rightful owners simply because it can't be properly identified. Marking your property with your postcode and house number, or the first two letters of your house name if you do not have a house number, means the police can identify it as yours.

Property marking also deters thieves. They find identifiable property dangerous to handle and difficult to dispose of. Furthermore, if the police suspect that someone has property that is stolen, the presence of a postcode and house number on the property can confirm or rebut their suspicions. So how do you mark your property? This method leaves a visible and permanent mark.

Ceramic marking pens have been developed to mark china, glass or any glazed surface. They do not cut or scratch the surface, but leave a permanent mark.

You can mark heavier metal items such as lawn mowers with a hammer and a set of punches.

Ultra violet pens can be used to put a mark on your objects which can only be seen under ultra violet light. Only use UV marking when other methods are unsuitable (on for example delicate and valuable items). The mark will fade in time, especially if exposed to sunlight, and can be washed off, so must be reapplied regularly.

And finally, Smart Water is a unique solution containing a blend of harmless chemicals providing it with a unique 'fingerprint' which is recorded by the Forensic Science Service. You simply apply it to your possessions; there is no need to write anything, its presence is enough to trace the items back to you! I am hoping to get PC Hill to come and tell us more about this soon.

Where you mark your property is also important. If you are engraving an item you may wish to choose somewhere out of sight when the item is displayed, but make sure it is not so hidden that the police cannot find it!

Next month I will explain more about keeping a record of your property, which also helps the police identify and return stolen goods.

Alison Abbott

Know Your Rights! Advice from Trading Standards

How to deal with doorstep sellers

Doorstep selling is when someone sells you goods or services in your home or on your doorstep. It can be convenient to buy on the doorstep - but you can be pressured into buying something you do not want or that is not good value for money by a salesperson using clever selling tactics. If this happens you are not always protected by the law.

The Office of Fair Trading has produced a new leaflet called **Your doorstep, your decision**, which describes some of these psychological tactics and gives advice on how to deal with them. It also tells you your legal rights. If you would like a copy of this booklet please contact Trading Standards at the address below. Alternatively, it can be viewed on the OFT website <http://www.of.gov.uk/Consumer/Doorstep+selling>.

For more advice on problems with shopping or buying services, contact:

Trading Standards Advice Line, Old Budbrooke Road, Warwick CV35 7DP

Tel: 01926 414000 or email ts-advice@warwickshire.gov.uk

Pat Whorton

Harbury Art Group

Now into the third year of monthly tutorials at the Tom Hauley Room. A few vacancies for keen water colourists are available. Beginners VERY welcome.

Please telephone Bill Davies on 614104 or Nick Baldwin on 01993-704363 for details, dates, times, subjects.

Bill Davies

Computer Training in Southam

Warwickshire College's small and friendly learning centre in Southam is now enrolling for courses starting this Autumn. Alongside its more traditional 'office-style' computing courses, Digital Camera workshops and a more in depth Digital Photography course are available to meet the growing need for training in this type of technology.

Family History research is another popular course designed for those interested in using the Internet to trace their 'roots'.

There are also free taster sessions for people new to computing and for those who would like to start using the Internet. Courses are run during the daytime and in the evening. For more information, please telephone 01926 815377, or call into the Centre in Brewsters Yard, Pendicke Street, Southam.

Pam McConnell

14th Annual Harbury Hash

This event for all the family will be held on Sunday September 26th on Thwaites Estate. The exact details of the meeting place will be given on posters around the village nearer the date and by signs on the day.

The Hash is for walkers and runners and is loosely based on a paper trail, but the trail is marked in flour. It is for all ages, levels of fitness (or lack of) and short-cutting is actively encouraged.

Registration begins at 2.30pm for a start time of 3.00pm. There will be a BBQ after, so bring your own meat, veggie, salads, drinks, etc. We will provide bread plus some drinks for the down downs (penalties). Dogs on a lead with well-behaved owners are most welcome.

The cost is £2 an adult or child or £8 a family.

Doug Freeman (612002)

The Great South Run – Supporting Cancer Research

On Sunday October 9th I shall be taking part, for the first time, in the Great South Run, Portsmouth, a distance of approximately eleven miles. I am aiming to raise as much money as I can for Cancer Research and would welcome your sponsorship. The Co-Op supermarket in Harbury has kindly allowed me to leave a sponsorship form in the store. I also have a sponsorship form at my home address, 53 Mill Street.

Thank you in anticipation.

Ruth Guy
(Tel 614242)

Harbury NSPCC

A grand total of £517.36 was collected by our stalwart band from our 'House to House' this year. A big 'thank you' to them and to all who gave to this deserving cause.

Next event - Saturday 9th October - Tom Hauley Room - Coffee morning.

Italian evening - Saturday 16th October - more details to follow.

NSPCC Committee

Harbury (WRVS) Emergencies Team

At present the above consists of a group of 12 volunteers, who, if a disaster (such as a major crash on the M40 or railway line) occurred in the area, are prepared to serve refreshments to the emergency workers, possibly over several days.

One of the team was called to provide tea for the police during the siege on the Gamecock. Hopefully we'll never be needed, but we are prepared. If anyone else would like to join us, please contact either Rosemary Harley 613402 or Sheila Scott 612637.



As a practice, we were asked to help serve food to some of the police, who patrolled The Bull Dog Bash and the photo shows Gill Thorpe, Rosemary Harley, Peggie Middleton and Sheila Scott ready for action!

Rosemary Harley

Rural Housebound Library Service

The Rural Housebound Service is a partnership between the Library and Information Service and Age Concern Warwickshire and offers a free library service to housebound people living in rural areas of the county. A team of thirty volunteers assist with the selection of books and their delivery to readers throughout the county. If you live within rural Warwickshire, do not have access to transport or do not have family or friends who can regularly exchange library books for you and you are unable to visit your local library or mobile library, you may qualify for this service. Two volunteers will visit your home once a month, bringing a selection of books, stories on tape, music cassettes or jigsaws. You may request any item free of charge and we can also help you with any information enquiries. This is a free service. If you think you are eligible for this service or know of someone who might benefit from receiving it, please contact:

Debbie Sly

Rural Housebound Service,

Kenilworth Library,

1, Smalley Place,

Kenilworth CV8 1QG

Tel: 01926 851031

Or email us on:

Deborahsly@warwickshire.gov.uk

Debbie Sly

Tree of Light

(Let a light shine in memory of your loved ones).

The Rotary Club of Southam and District is organising a tree of light this year as part of the Christmas Lights in Southam. The intention is to light the tree with bulbs which each represent a loved one who has died. Leaflets containing information and a donation slip will be available throughout the area and it is hoped that churches and local businesses will have them too. Donations will go to the Acom Children's Hospice, which is the only one for children serving our area. We think this particularly appropriate at Christmas but it is also an opportunity to show appreciation of the love and comfort they give to children and their families throughout the year. For more information, offers of help or encouragement, ring Peter Jackson - 01926-864234.

Reminder

We are still open for nominations for our Hundredth Anniversary Award to people who have given outstanding service over a number of years to the community.

Submission of names, together with a short account of reasons for nominating them, can be sent to Peter Jackson, 66 Arthur Street, Kenilworth CV8 2HE by November 30th 2004, together with the name and contact details of the person providing the nomination.

The Rotary Club of Southam &
The Rotary Club of Southam 2000

Time Out – Ufton

The autumn programme for events is now available: contact Tracey on 614413 to book a place. The next event will be:

Beaded Tassels, Thursday 16th September, Ufton Village Hall, 10am – 12.30pm.

Stephanie Burnham returns to Ufton and will show us how to make beaded tassels to add a decorative touch to home furnishing and even jewellery. Cost £5 for workshop. You select materials on the day which will cost approx. £5 dependent on your choice.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 3rd October, 10.00am – Harvest Festival

Saturday 9th October, 8.00pm – Harvest Supper

Monday 11th October 10.00am – 12.30pm Patchwork with a Japanese Twist – Take Time Out Event – Village Hall.

Karin Kirk



Horticultural Society

The Walkabout is over and now the Village Show - Saturday, 11th September - is almost here, so please pick up a 'new look' slimline schedule - we think there is something for everyone. There are classes for flower-arranging, painting, photography, crafts, wine-making, cooking (how about making a 'Breadmaker' wholemeal loaf?), preserves, etc. The youngsters, of course, have a schedule to themselves - a yellow one. As in previous years, the cut-off date is the Wednesday before the show (8th September, 6.00pm.)

Please deliver your entry form and monies to Janice Siddle, 35 Percival Drive, Dorothy Groves, 37 Mill Street, Ron Grey, 23 Deppers Bridge, and Harbury School. This arrangement is essential for admin. purposes and the staging of the exhibition. Janice will then have a fair idea how much space to devote to each class - not easy. On the evening before the Show the tables and trestles have to be put in place and covered with paper, so if any strong men would like to help, please ring Janice on 614459. Help will also be needed to dismantle everything afterwards at 4.15pm on the Saturday.

Please, please, bring entries to stage well before 10.45 and bear in mind this does take time to complete. It would be a shame if you were disqualified because you were late - all that wasted effort. The doors open at 8.00am, so there shouldn't be any excuses. As usual there will be a Produce Stall, so if you have a contribution please bring it to the hall on the morning of the Show, but not between 11.00am and 12.30 when judging is in progress. Also, as in previous years any produce left at the Hall after the Show will be taken to Castel Froma, who are always very appreciative. There will be various side shows, so something of interest for all ages, including a Tombola. All contributions will be most welcome. Please deliver by Wednesday, 8th September to 55 Mill Street or 23 Deppers Bridge. Thank you in anticipation.

The cups and trophies are being engraved ready to be won yet again, and make an impressive display. The list of winners will be published next month. Finally, even if you haven't entered anything, do come to the Hall at 2.00pm on Saturday, 11th September, to see other people's exhibits. This year the Society's main donation will be towards some new tables for the Village Hall.

Finally, our new season of talks starts with 'The Travels of Charles Maries, a Victorian plant-hunter', to be given by Jean Andrews.

Muriel Grey

Nature Notes

The weather is cool and moist as I write (25th August). The grass is growing apace and some wheat may not get harvested. We've had a very wet month unlike last year and the ground is saturated, making arable farmers' lives difficult.

On a different tack, the blackberry crop is a bumper one, though even here some sunshine would be welcome - too much rain and the fruit will rot.

On the 1st August, while near the M40 on Centenary Way, I came across some very distinctive yellow and black striped caterpillars that feed on Ragwort. This plant of the Compositae (Daisy) family is poisonous, particularly to horses. They usually ignore it when it is growing but will eat it when it is cut and dried, sometimes with fatal results. Ragwort has got some colourful local names - Stagger Wort, Stinking Willie, and Mare's Fart to name but three. By natural selection, the caterpillars of the Cinnabar moth have adapted so that they thrive on Ragwort. They concentrate the poison so predators give them a wide berth.

The swifts and swallows have left for warmer climes and the house martins will not delay much longer. By the end of August most will have gone south to follow their migration route to Africa and another link to the summer will be broken.

At Bishops Hill, an area near the old cement works under threat by developers, I saw a Clouded Yellow butterfly - always a thrill as it (or its parents) will have migrated from Southern Europe, or North Africa. It will attempt to return as our winters are too harsh for survival. It feeds in clover and other leguminous plants such as Bird's Foot Trefoil. In some favourable years, large migrations occur in spring, and the strong flying Clouded Yellows teem north, crossing mountain ranges and the sea to reach our shores. Other migrant butterflies seen recently have been the Painted Lady, and the beautiful Red Admiral. All three will attempt the southern migration but what the survival rate is I do not know.

Food plants beloved by a variety of butterflies include Buddleia, thistles, heathers and Teasel. The latter can be found on waste ground, notably at the Spoil Bank nature reserve. Country names include 'Brushes and Combs' and 'Venus's Basin'. The former refers to the use of its heads to tease out fibres of wool before spinning, or to raise the pile or 'nap' of finished cloth. In most mills teasels were replaced by steel brushes in the 19th century, but they have proved themselves unsurpassable in the finishing of cloth that needs a fine and evenly raised pile as in some hats and the baize covering of billiard tables. The subspecies with curved hooks at the tips are best for the job. The large leaves of the plant grow in pairs, one on each side of the stem and form 'cups' for rainwater - hence its other vernacular name.

One of my abiding memories of August was on a cycle ride to Northampton when I stopped and sniffed the air as a tractor turned

moist soil over with a plough. The smell of Autumn had arrived. Now the conkers are maturing fast in Mill Street and the ground will soon be covered in leaves, twigs and horse-chestnut shells.

My next article will be written as I try to cycle the length of Britain. It was planned as a bit of fun - now it's beginning to seem rather daunting!

John Hancock

Postscript

By the time you read this John should be pedalling north - he was scheduled to leave Land's End on September 1st. His route is on a map displayed in the Surgery, and there is still time to sponsor him as he is raising funds for Asthma UK, a charity that is particularly important to our family. Forms are available from the surgery or from me at 32, Mill Street.

Sharon Hancock

Gardening Notes

The summer garden has had to put up with a lot this year but has still brought us much pleasure. Now we look forward to nature's autumnal store offering more delights of brightly coloured berries and the richer colour of trees and shrubs.

Give all plants a general tidy up. Foxgloves and some other easily grown flowers will self-seed if the old flower spikes are left to ripen. Collect seed from any hardy annuals and store in envelopes in the fridge, to sow again next year. When tidying beds leave a few hollow stems and dried up plants as winter homes for insects, and some seed-heads for the birds. There has been an abundance of hoverflies this summer so make a refuge for them from a plastic bottle. Cut off the bottom, roll a piece of corrugated card to stuff into the bottle, with a piece of wire across the base to keep it in place. Tie string around the screw cap and suspend it in a sheltered tree.

Take stem cuttings of penstemons, osteospermums and other slightly tender perennials. Try anything you want to increase or fear may suffer if the winter is harsh. Most should root in about three weeks. Whilst the soil is moist and still warm perennials that have become overcrowded or reluctant to bloom, can be divided. Lift the clump and just replant the outer, younger pieces of growth. Tidy straggly pansies and violas by cutting back trailing stems to base, using any strong

shoots for cuttings. If you do not want them yourself bring them along to the sales table at the Village Show. Remove all summer bedding and establish plants for winter and spring displays at end of month. Compost all old material and dig in well-rotted compost before replanting borders.

Look for the shorter varieties of daffodils for planting in pots. If planting bulbs in containers ignore spacing rules and cram them in about 1" apart. Plant daffodils and smaller bulbs in the garden but leave tulips until November. When these are put in too early they can get a bacterial infection. Plant roses and shrubs in wet weather at the end of the month. If the weather is dry, water at the roots and spray the foliage. This is especially important if the shrubs are evergreens.

Pick all tomatoes from outside plants by the end of the month. Green ones will ripen in a paper bag containing an apple or hanging in a cool place on the stem. Pick corn cobs as soon as the tassels turn brown and pick courgettes and marrows regularly. Select a few large marrows to ripen and store for winter use. Stand the fruits on bricks to expose them to sun, removing leaves if necessary; with the skin hardened they should store into the New Year. To aid ripening of potatoes, cut the stems just above ground level, leaving the tubers in the ground for two weeks before lifting. Lift carrots and beetroot before the first frosts. Store potatoes in thick brown paper bags and keep in as dark a place as possible, and carrots and beets in sand. Other root crops can stay in the ground and be dug up as needed. Order garlic cloves for planting next month or November. I hope those new to vegetable growing are enjoying their produce.

Do your bit for butterflies and bees by sowing seeds of wild flowers. Many of them need a cold spell before the seeds will germinate, so be patient. Sow thinly in a pot and cover with $\frac{1}{4}$ " grit. Water, label, and stand in a cool shady area or cold frame. Plant out next spring at end of garden or in a shrub border.

Bring cyclamen back into growth by watering sparingly at first, increasing it as growth takes off. Replace some of the old compost every 3-4 years. Stand the pot on a sunny windowsill. Bring in azaleas for winter flowering. Give a feed of Miracid.

The traditional English lawn is having a hard time in our changing climate, so cosset it a little. Aerate compacted areas with a fork or a hollow tine spiker. Apply a special autumn feed to established lawns. Top dress to improve the soil texture, using a mix of sand, loam and leafmould, in the ratio 4:2:1, for light soil the mix is 1:4:2.

Clean out bird boxes at end of month. If it was unoccupied this year try it in another site. Visiting birds eat leather jackets, aphids and snails among other pests.

Plant of the month - *Kniphofia*

As the summer flowers begin to fade it is good to find some which will certainly stand out. In Victorian times many thought the red-hot poker rather vulgar, but they do give a glow to the late border, and will live for many years. Native to S. Africa but named to honour, a German, Johann Kniphof, an 18th. century professor of medicine who was also a renowned botanist. These plants are members of the lily family and like others of their kin come in diverse heights and colours. The smaller ones, 2 to 3ft, flower later than the 5 to 6ft giants. The spikes of flowers can be cream, yellow, peach, caramel, scarlet, red and even green, the first blooming in May, the last in October. Hundreds of hybrids have been bred but many were too tender for northern climes, but there are still over fifty varieties to choose from. Plant in Spring in well-drained soil in a sunny border or a gravel bed and add a touch of fire to your garden.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear All

Well You managed it again!!!

So, on behalf of the Teenage Cancer Trust I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support by the raising of £6000.00 from last years 'Sounds of the 60's' event held in July.

I can only speak for my little group but we had an absolute belter of a time and thought the bands were fantastic! In fact, I can say without fear of contradiction that your event is the most fun time I have each year. The 'do' at the Royal Albert Hall is very grand but the atmosphere at your event is quite brilliant and it is impossible not to dance and thoroughly enjoy it.

I will not embarrass you all by waxing lyrical about what a difference you have made as you know that. However, I refuse to let the moment go

without thanking you again for what I know to be an awful lot of work. People like you are extremely rare and as I have said to you before, without you we as a Charity would not have been able to achieve half of what we have Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Nigel Revell – Teenage Cancer Trust



Thank you to all the people who put so much effort and hard work into organising the event, especially the following:

Joe Griffin, Michelle Griffin, Lee Williams, Mick Humphries, Dave Edmunds, Carl Wallington and Kath Anderson.

Chris Finch

Dear Editors

It was most interesting reading the history of Harbury News. Due to the efforts of Kate Wilson I am able to read all the articles which are printed in large type: I am partially sighted, and get a special copy.

Harbury is not the easiest of villages to get around, so if we are expecting visitors who have never previously been to Harbury we send them a copy of the front cover. They have said how helpful this has been.

Best wishes for the future.

Arthur Turner

Dear Editors

I am writing in praise of the weekly coffee mornings in the Tom Hauley Room. What a terrific idea!

My particular interest is in the CINDI (Children in Distress) coffee mornings organised by my mum, Gladys Hutchins. I live in Zambia and am involved with the CINDI charity. We support a growing number of orphaned children in the extended family (last count was 1620 aged from 0-18). We provide food, clothing, education, health care and counselling. The fact is that none of this work could go ahead without the support of people like you. Through your generosity, families are given hope - an increasing number of our children are staying in school and go on to further education or skills training.

The Harbury coffee mornings are a wonderful concept, bringing benefits to the community and benefits to others beyond anything you can imagine.

A big thank you to all those involved - please keep up the good work.

Sue Brice

Dear Editors

As a result of the coffee morning on 7th August I am able to send a cheque for £112.

As usual, my sincere thanks to all of my stalwart helpers. Also to everyone who made cakes, contributions, and came to the coffee morning.

Gladys Hutchins

Dear Editors

I would like to thank everyone who kindly sent cards and messages to me during my recent unexpected stay in hospital. Also grateful thanks to all those who offered my wife lifts - it was appreciated.

Many thanks.

Colin Such

Dear Editors

Can someone please enlighten me. Are there 'special' people who have dispensation to park on double yellow lines, blind spots and other awkward places?

I am increasingly concerned by the parking in the village, particularly by the supermarket and also by the cashpoint by the Co-op.

Are people so self-centred that they cannot see the potential dangers of their parking? Or am I getting too picky in my old age?

Gladys Hutchins

Dear Editors

Harbury is saying good bye to another couple, Jenny and Rick Evans.

They are moving to France, but have bought a place in Deddington, so we will be seeing them from time to time.

Over the 35 years they have lived in our village Jenny has been a keen member of the Netball, Tennis and Badminton clubs, and has been Secretary of Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association for over 20 years.

Rick's commitments to our community have been with the Mini Rugby, Treasurer of the Football Club and a Vice President of the Cricket Club.

He was also involved with the building of the School Swimming Pool in 1975 and always there to lend a hand with the Senior Citizens Christmas Party, the Christmas lights, fireworks display, carnival arena and burning - (sorry!) cooking hot dogs at the Victorian Street Fayre.

Jenny and I have shared the same sense of humour for 30 years. Loads of laughs - and very few tears.

We will miss you Rick and Jen, but wish you well.

Marie and Bryan Wallington and all their friends.

Dear Editors

What's happened to the cottage loaf that fed me as a boy

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Mike Bloxham

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