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Helmsman Colin Ingram with Shirley & Tony Bunton

Last month saw another successful Christmas Fayre being held, the last with Colin Ingram as Chairman of the organising Committee. He has been at the helm of the Christmas Fayre for the last nine years and our thanks must go to him for all his efforts.

The Christmas services at both Harbury and Ladbroke were well attended, with there being standing room only at the Harbury Carol service.

In December, a meeting of the Harbury Estate, Bishops Itchington Stakeholder Workshop was held in the Village Hall. This preliminary meeting begins the consultation process by Stratford District Council, on the planning application submitted by Follett Holdings to develop the Quarries and former Cement Works.

We hope that 2006 will bring peace and prosperity to all our readers.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the families of Andrew Clarke and Peter Haynes.

Harbury Diary

JANUARY

- Sun 1 **NEW YEARS DAY**
SECOND OF CHRISTMAS
Sung Eucharist 9am
NO Evening Service
- Tues 3 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society 8pm in Tom Hauley Room, Ian Nex on Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Past, Present and Future
Depot bus at Village Hall from 6pm
- Wed 4 Mother Union Party 3pm
"Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 5 Holy Communion 9.45am
Harbury Art Group 10am to 4pm in Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare Inn
Men's Society Talk – Bill Davis on "Trafalgar" in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
- Fri 6 **RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
- Sat 7 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Rotary
10am – 12noon
- Sun 8 **BAPTISM OF CHRIST**
Holy Communion 8am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 10 Toddler Service in Church at 2pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm with Laying on of Hands
Depot bus at Village Hall from 6pm. Drop-in restarts 7-9pm
- Thurs 12 Holy Communion 9.45am
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 14 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Thursday Club
10am – 12noon

- Sun 15 EPIPHANY II
 Holy Communion 8am
 Family Communion 10.30am
 Fairtrade stall in Tom Hauley Room after Family Service
 Evensong 6pm
ADVERTISEMENTS to 31 Binswood End Harbury, by 5.30pm
- Tues 17 Holy Communion ~~9.45am~~ *7.30pm*
 Senior Citizens Benefit Committee 8pm in Village Hall
 Depot bus at Village Hall from 6pm. Drop-in 7-9pm
- Wed 18 "Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8pm
- Fri 20 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
- Sat 21 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of St Dunstons
 10am – 12noon
 Harbury Cricket Club dinner with guest speaker – Village Hall
 7.30pm for 8pm. Tickets £25 (wine included).
 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
 School Cross Country Event at Village Hall and Playing Fields
 Cricket Club Dinner in Village Hall
- Sun 22 EPIPHANY III
 Holy Communion 8am
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 24 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Julian Meeting 8pm
 Depot bus at Village Hall from 6pm
- Wed 25 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30 to 4.30pm at 19 Farm St
 Harbury Society Burn's Night at the Shakespeare
- Thurs 26 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
 Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 27 **ARTICLES to Harbury Pharmacy, High St, Harbury & Email
 Article deadline by 5.30pm**
- Sat 28 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mothers' Union
 10am – 12noon
 YOUNG FARMERS Frog Racing in Village Hall
- Sun 29 EPIPHANY IV
 Holy Communion 8am
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 30 Conservative Party AGM in Tom Hauley Room 7pm. Come and
 join us.
- Tues 31 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Depot bus at Village Hall from 6pm

FEBRUARY

- Wed 1 Holy Communion 2pm
 Mothers Union 2.30pm

- Thurs 2 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Harbury Art Group 10am to 4pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare Inn
 Men's Society Meeting 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 3 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
- Sat 4 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Toddler Group
 10am – 12noon
- Sun 5 **FOURTH BEFORE LENT**
 Sung Eucharist 9am
 Evening Worship 6pm
 STAGE UP IN VILLAGE HALL

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- Sat 25 Pre-School Barn Dance in Village Hall

From the Rector

Humility is not something that comes easily. I grew up constantly being reminded that the five hardest words to ever say were: "I'm sorry, I was wrong". However simple each of those words are, somehow the mechanism of putting them together and forming the sounds seems almost impossible on some occasions. This week, like many before and many to come, I will have to go and apologise to someone I know has been hurt by me. The ins and outs of the situation, like so many don't really matter. Whose fault it was, who said what, who the cause was, and who the accelerant no longer matters. What matters is that I did wrong and so I need to apologise.

Being humble and saying sorry will never be easy for anybody of any age. It's something the teen, the child, the adult, dare I say the OAP, will struggle with equally. We want to justify our actions; we want to share the blame so we don't have to fully accept it. It seems so difficult and yet we all know that we somehow feel better when we are through it, even if the apology is thrown back in our face. Apologising can be so scary, we can often feel like whatever we say will be wrong, and the person will never forgive us. And yet we have a model in Jesus. We have proof that the most unforgivable sin can be wiped from our slate.

Teaching children about forgiveness from God is so wonderfully rewarding. To know that the love God gives to each and every one of us is so completely forgiving is mind boggling. When it comes to sin,

we are all equal. We have all fallen, and we are loved back in God's presence. I know that when I face this person and ask for their forgiveness, that God has already forgiven me. Not only that but that God will hold and help me through saying nothing more than those five little simple words.

Sometimes you write something and you don't really know why. This article was a bit like that. I wrote the whole thing and then went and said that I was sorry to the individual mentioned above. But God didn't leave it there.

During the week a study group I was part of talked about the power of words – the hurt they can cause and the forgiveness we must so often offer others and ourselves because of them. Strangely the group had planned its programmes weeks in advance and I had no control over their content. It was a wonderful and challenging study for everyone in the room, and reminded me that even through things we find hard, God often has a sense of humour.

Fr. Roy Brown

From the Registers

Funerals at All Saints' Ladbroke

December 9 Peter Haynes (85)

Funerals at Oakley Wood

December 16 Andrew Clarke (57)



Thought for the Month

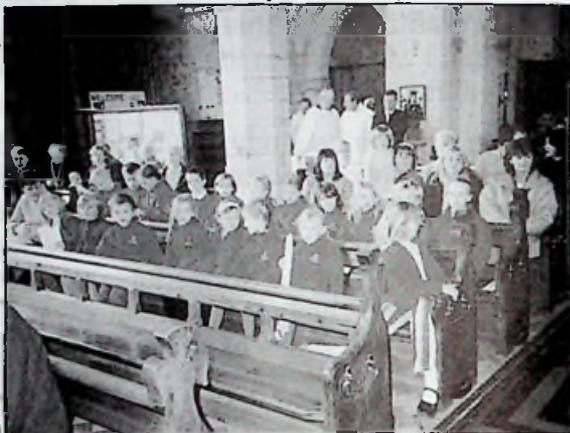
Smile!

Smiling is infectious; you catch it like flu,
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin
When he smiled I realised I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile then I realised its worth,
A single smile just like mine could travel around the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected
Let's start an epidemic quick and get the world infected!

From the Churchwardens

It is often said that Christmas is for children and in our preparation throughout Advent children's worship and activities have, rightly, enjoyed a high profile at ALL SAINTS.

In November, we reported on the School's Family Service presentation and this month's first photograph shows some of the young participants and their families. Then there was the party attended by 55 children aged between 4 -10 and 28 helpers whose combined ages added up to an impressive figure but who appeared to have as much fun as their younger companions. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it a happy occasion.



As Christmas grew nearer, there was the school's Carol Service. Choir, orchestra, readers and 'actors' all did splendidly as did those who played an important part in supporting their friends by listening so attentively and joining in when their turn came. We do thank the children and the whole staff for making this such a special time for so many families and friends.

The presentation in the last Family Service of the year, as is now a tradition, told the story of the Christingle. It was lovely to welcome a large congregation to a service which made such a fitting opening to Christmas week, giving us time to distance ourselves from all our frenzied pre-occupations. The music, narration, nativity, tableau and the prayers helped us to focus on the peace at the heart of the festival. Thank you to Pam, Mavis and everyone who took part.

Young and not so young enjoyed a bumper Christmas Fayre. All kinds of records were broken as was fitting for Colin's last year as Chairman of the committee. You will read what he has to say elsewhere but we want to thank him for masterminding this event with such energy and enthusiasm for so long. We would like to thank Gill Guildford equally warmly for all that she has done so efficiently and unassumingly during her long stint as head of the social committee. And we don't forget their respective spouses Jen and John, and thank them for all their hard work and support.

When you read this, Christmas will be over and we shall be looking ahead into the New Year. We wish you all health, happiness and peace in 2006.

Tony and Fliss



Christmas Fayre 2005—Stallholders in nautical theme



Mothers' Union

Four members attended the Diocesan Advent Service at St Nicholas, Kenilworth. Always inspiring to see the banners of so many branches, the service of carols and readings was enhanced by a spectacular snowfall coating the evergreens in the churchyard and the park.

December's afternoon meeting was led by Lorna, who encouraged members to reminisce about past Christmases. Funnily enough, the memories which stuck were the disasters: smoking chimneys, uncooked puddings and fog-bound buses among them. But there had obviously been many happy gatherings, before TV came into the living rooms. The Oscar for achievement goes to Pam Brown, who produced their son David on Christmas Day!

The stall at the Christmas Fayre took £90 and the overseas boxes £266 – thank you to everyone for their support. Liz Bunting is now looking after the boxes.

Stop Press: Mothers Union will be running the coffee morning on Saturday 28th January.

The men's group have invited us to their meeting on March 2nd to hear about the Prison Fellowship, Sycamore Tree project work in prisons.

January is party month: Wednesday 4th January at 3pm (no service – please bring a wrapped gift value up to £1 – tea will be provided by the committee).

Tuesday 17th January at 8pm, following the service at 7.30pm. This will be a Faith Supper, please also bring your own drink as well as a plate of food to share.

Gillian Hare

Toddlers' Service

Mrs Elizabeth Kitchener kindly presented our toddlers service in December. We listened to the story of the Angel who visited who visited Mary and told her that she was to have a very special son and to give him the name Jesus: and it is at Christmas time we celebrate the birthday of Jesus, God's son.

We talked about preparing for a new baby and the sort of equipment and clothes needed for a baby's arrival. We sang two songs, Away in a Manger and Silent Night. For our activity we stuck glitter and stars onto cardboard angles. We then had refreshments and played until home time.

Our next meeting is in the Children's corner of the church on Tuesday 10th January at 2pm. Young children and babies, accompanied by an adult, are very welcome to come and join us.

Lorna Bedford

Ladbroke News

JANUARY

- Wed 11 Holy Communion 2pm
Women's Fellowship 2.45pm
- Sun 15 EPIPHANY II
Sung Communion 9am
- Mon 16 Millennium Club Draw in Village Hall at 7.30pm
- Sun 22 EPIPHANY III
Sung Communion 9am
- Sun 29 EPIPHANY IV
Holy Communion 9am

FEBRUARY

- Sun 5 FOURTH BEFORE LENT
Family Communion 10.30am with Christingle
- Wed 8 Holy Communion 2pm
Women's Fellowship 2.45pm

Women's Fellowship

Following our Christmas Service in the church on Wednesday 14th December, 13 members 'removed' to the Bell Inn for our seasonal lunch which was enjoyed by all.

Our January meeting will be here at Hall Farm on Wednesday 11th, when we will have our AGM and discuss our plans for the New Year. There will be a church service as usual at 2pm before the meeting.

We said our farewells to another old Ladbrokeian on December 16th. Although Peter Haynes was born in Ladbroke (some of his old mates were in church to pay their respects) he had lived quite a few years in Deppers Bridge before moving to Harbury for the last few years of his life. Our thoughts are with Mary and his family at this sad time.

Betty Winkfield

Happy New Year to all, I hope I'll have more to write next month.

Ladbroke Village Hall - AGM

The AGM was held on Wednesday 29th November 2005 in the Village Hall.

Twenty villagers attended and heard the Chairman's welcome. The agenda that followed

was : -

Treasurers Report

Update on the Millennium Draw

Activities Report

Legal and Communication Report

The Chairman then thanked the Trustees for all their support and hard work during the year. He further thanked Betty Winkfield for the continuing financial support via the Whilst Drives that she holds at the Village Hall every other Saturday (anyone wishing to join you would be most welcome).

The final section dealt with the Development Project Update. Peter Baker (VHT Fund Manager) gave a presentation on activities to date following the village survey carried out earlier in the year. He advised that although plans had been drawn up and building specifications sent out to several builders, there had been a need to employ a surveyor to assess the current condition of the footings etc. The result being that they showed insufficient quality to allow the proposed development to take place. In addition, the building itself was starting to show signs of major deterioration. The result of these findings means that there is no option but to build a new hall over the next 2-5 years. Ladbroke Village Hall Trust will shortly be consulting villagers about their needs when a new Village Hall is developed.

Kim Bendzak had earlier indicated her wish to leave the position of Secretary due to an increasing work load. The Chairman thanked Kim for all her hard work and enthusiasm.

Lesley Loveday was voted on as the new Party Girls representative to the join the other Trustees - Max Sowerby - Christine Baker - Nicky Lewis - Margaret Bosworth - Susan Moore - Mark Teverson and Peter Baker (FM).

LVHTrustees

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The results of the November draw are:

- £70 Geoff Lane
- £25 Mary Coley
- £25 Tricia Clemons
- £10 Carol Lane
- £10 Pauline Laidler
- £10 Dianne Surgey

Next months draw will be held on January 16th at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Once again a reminder to members, paying by cheque or cash must be in this month or you drop out of the draw.

Catherine Spence

Stakeholder Workshop

The preliminary meeting of the Redevelopment of Harbury Estate, Bishops Itchington Stakeholder Workshop was held on the 14th December at the Harbury Village Hall from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm and then a visit to the site was undertaken. There were approximately 35 attendees including three from Follett Holdings (the Landowners), a number from the Council, and the interested Parish Councils. Nothing was going to be, or was, decided at this meeting and judging by some remarks overheard it may be some years before decisions will be taken.

The site is an extremely important one as far as ecology is concerned, home to rare Butterflies and a special breed of Newt so the developers would have to show great sympathy for this side of the equation.

The problem of transport was considered, as part of the site is alongside the main railway line: a new station or at least a freight terminal would almost certainly be one of the conditions imposed on the landowners for permission to proceed with the development. A speaker from the council stated that it took eight years to get Warwick Parkway station completed so this could be a time consuming item. Another speaker voiced concern that the traffic in Harbury at the present time is almost at saturation point at times so more vehicles would not be acceptable.

Extra employment would be created but a) does the area need any more factories and b) could enough workers be recruited if these factories were to be built? If these extra buildings were built, would the local infrastructure be able to cope without affecting the existing dwellings and factories?

Bishop Bowl Lakes could be smartened up and leisure pursuits; (the main one being fishing) could be encouraged - some fishing lodges already have the planning go ahead. One of these lakes, the White Bishop, is reputed to be in the top five best places to fish in the Country.

"Night light blight" was mentioned, this being when too many street lights help to deprive stargazers of their views of the galaxy.

Flooding in Bishops Itchington was also mentioned; it seems when more and more concrete is laid there seems to be more flooding in the village.

There will have to be a meeting between the Highways Agency and the Developers to assess the impact of extra traffic on junction 12 of the M40 and surrounding roads.

The Chairman, Mr Ernest Amoako, stated that the aim of these workshops was to eventually come to general consensus that would point the way forward to the satisfaction of the villages concerned. The next meeting will be held in about three months' time.

Adrian H French

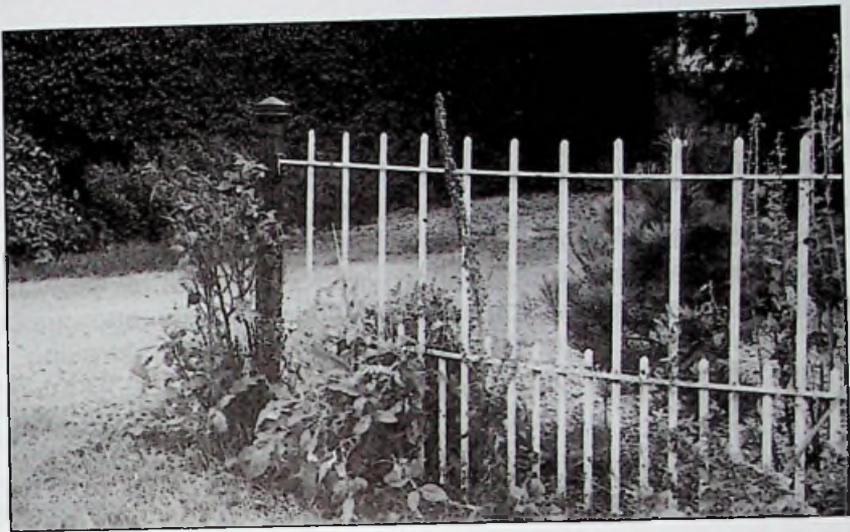


Harbury Society

Christmas Fayre

As usual we contributed a small amount to the Church coffers, but managed to keep the public in the Hall and guessing for several hours with our Photographic Quiz – "You, me and the Gatepost. For those who are still puzzling the last photo was of the Cottages and entrance to Harbury Fields Farm on Middle Road.

Winner with 26 out of 31 points was Moira Rollason closely followed on 25.5 by last year's winner Gill Holden. Well done to everyone who took part – it was not easy.



The difficult one—No.1 Harbury Fields Cottages

Future Programme

- 25th January Burn's Night at the Shakespeare
Alan Lord on 613722
- 27th February Mr Howe's Laughter the Best Medicine.
7.30 for 8pm Tom Hauley Room
- 3rd April AGM - Mr Harding Fosse Way 7.30 for 8pm in the
Tom Hauley Room
- 6th May Fairford Church to see Medieval Stained Glass .

Linda Ridgley



Harbury's Women's Institute

An enjoyable December meeting with mince pies, wine, pressies and raffle put us in the Christmas spirit. Christmas Capers, the WI Christmas show at Warwick was excellent. Quite a few members attended the Carol Service at Southam followed by refreshments. We go to the Pantomime Wednesday January 4th. Those going by coach are to meet at the Village Hall at 6.40pm. The New Year's party is on Friday, January 20, 7.30 – 7.45. Don't forget to bring drink and a glass.

A great support for the Christmas Child Boxes resulted in 29 being sent. Thanks to Dorothy for packing and taking them to the collecting point.

Mr Martin Pleasance came to talk on Body Language. Based on interview and tests given in business on how to judge people, this light hearted talk got us all participating and much laughter ensued.

Mr Pleasance covered gestures of different cultures what is acceptable and what is not. Their nodding heads, folded arms, head gestures, stabbing fingers and what they signify. The different hand shakes from the iron grip to the limp lettuce one (we all know these) which can cover aggression, dominance, insecurity and goodness knows what else. Crossing legs, facial gestures, stroking chin, touching collar and stroking beard (doesn't apply to Wl's) all have their meanings.

We were shown a chart with symbols on. Each had to choose one and display on a sticker. Mr Pleasance then gave a run down of them.

The box symbol – likes everything in its place.

The triangle – organisers

Oblong – a bit of a schizophrenic

Circle – people's people

Squiggle – watch out if they are wearing red, black or white!

But all through the talk he kept repeating that 'one swallow does not make a summer' and we all enjoyed his talk in the spirit he intended.

January's speaker: Mrs Louise Grien – Colour

Wishing all readers a Happy New Year.

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Theatre Group

Programme for 2006

TABLE MANNERS - Revised dates: Fri 10th and Sat 11th February

The show must go on and will go on. The Group is very grateful to Trish Weatherall who has taken over the part of Sarah. Table Manners is one of a trilogy of plays under the general heading **The Norman Conquests**, but it stands alone as an entertaining Alan Ayckbourn comedy. The cast are still laughing at the jokes and that's after several weeks of rehearsal. We very much hope you will be able to support us on these revised dates. See the half page advert for booking details. **Bar Always Available.**

Harbury Theatre Group is grateful to the Village Hall Committee for obtaining a full premises licence for the Hall. This allows us to offer a bar with our productions, which always adds to an evening's enjoyment! Bar will open at 7.30 pm for **Table Manners** with curtain up at 8.00 pm

Entertainment with Supper - 19th and 20th May

We are planning evenings of entertainment of one act plays with a supper and a bar, of course. We will be entering one of these plays in the:

Amateur Community Theatre Summer Festival – 23rd and 24th June

Harbury Theatre Group is hosting the "ACT" Festival in 2006. This is a Festival of one act plays and comedies presented by local village drama groups. Every evening is full of a variety of material and new faces on stage. It's always a hugely enjoyable summer event; please make a note of the dates.

Alison Hodge

Harbury Folk Club

The theme for the 253rd Folk Club was "Christmas - traditional or not so traditional" which, led to a very broad range of performances from the sublime to the not quite ridiculous but surprising all the same!

Maureen began the evening with the traditional "Wexford Carol" accompanied by Ian on guitar and this was followed by Steve who opened a debate about the existence of Father Christmas and concluded the case against him by applying the laws of physics which would mean Santa vaporising as he took off on his first ever attempt to deliver Christmas presents around the world. Will and Dan entertained us with "The Soldiers Christmas Joy" followed by a Jig and then Peter Mason sang "A Winter Song" followed by "Streets of London". Ron, true to form, humoured us with songs about Stoneleigh Mummers on Boxing Day and the Office Party. Pete Grasby told us the tale of his unexploded block of Beeswax and then performed a song written by Keith Christmas (just to ensure it was in the spirit of the evening). We then welcomed back Tony Baylis who we do not see often enough these days - he makes such easy work of singing and playing guitar. The Harvesters closed the first half with a seasonal song about adultery called "Ships that Pass in the Night", this was followed by reference to traditional Christmas candles and the song "Moth to a Flame".

The second half began with a bang (literally) as the Coventry Mummers acted out their Christmas play with the enduring opening line... "In comes I". We were all shaken out of our comfort zone when a replica gun was produced, which was fired with such effect that our ears were left ringing for a few seconds and gasps of surprise were forthcoming from the audience. Steve then concluded his defence for the existence of Father Christmas by reading an editorial article from the New York Sun from 1897 - yes Santa does exist, for if he didn't, what hope for the children of the future! Pete Bones delivered us "T'was Christmas Day in the Workhouse" then accompanied his son as "Dan and Booze" to sing "Thank You". Peter Macdonald supplied us with a medley of carols he last performed some 15 years ago and then out came *that* hat, corks and all and we all joined in with a rousing version of "Christmas in Australia". Debbie sang the not so traditional "Summer Time" and Des followed on with a 15th Century French Carol and a wassail by Ian Robb. The second half concluded with the Folk Club Choir who sang two songs from their ever expanding repertoire, "The Boars Head" and "The Giving Song", both tunes are featured on the now famous "Christmas in Harbury" CD (copies available from Celia Neil or Lynne Cook).

Pete Mason, Pete Grasby, Dan and Will each performed another song or tune and the whole evening drew to a close with Tony Baylis who left us all with a smile on our faces as we learnt that they never mention the flies that you get in Australia.

The raffle raised £34 which has been forwarded to a project in Malawi where funds are badly needed to help a village develop self dependency through improved access to water.

Next month will be led by Pete Bones when the theme will be in commemoration of the battle of Trafalgar, "Battle and Booze".

Steve and Maureen Darby

Harbury Twinning Association

The AGM was held in the Tom Hauley Room on December 2nd. A new committee was elected as follows:

Chairman. Moira Lamont. Vice-Chairman. James Turner. Secretary. Sally Stringer. Treasurer. Tom and Joan Smith. Membership Secretary. Sally Humphreys. Other committee members. Colin Humphreys, Andrew Patrick, Ruth Guy, Sharon Hancock, John Stringer and Peter Rollason. Everyone expressed their thanks to

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retiring committee members, Karen Ellis (who did an excellent job as Treasurer), Martin Ellis and Janet Thornley.

After the business meeting was over, we enjoyed a French wine tasting organised by Peter Rollason and a bread and cheese supper.

We held our Christmas Party on December 16th, with a delicious meal provided by members. Many thanks to those who helped decorate the Tom Hauley room, and to Colin Humphreys and Andrew Patrick for organising the entertainment.

Our next event is the traditional celebration of Fete des Rois on January 6th and many thanks to Peter and Moira Rollason for hosting the evening.

Sharon Hancock

Harbury Cricket Club

The Cricket Club is holding its cricket club dinner with a guest speaker on Saturday 21st January 2006, 7.30 for 8.00pm in the Village Hall. Tickets are £25 with wine included. There is also a bar.

This will be an entertaining evening – DON'T BE PUT OFF IF CRICKET IS NOT ONE OF YOUR INTERESTS – this will be an evening for everyone to enjoy! Please come and join us, bring your friends and take a whole table.

Tickets available from Mugglestones, Country Fayre, 612011 Ed Russell 612684, John Wilkinson 614503, Ian Holroyd 612527 or through any Cricket Club member.

John Wilkinson

Harbury Juniors FOOTBALL CLUB

Steve Darby has 'hung up his boots' after 11 years with the club. Steve's drive and desire have played a major part in maintaining junior football in Harbury and the surrounding district and his influence is probably one of the main reasons several of us have for getting involved with the club in the first place. Indeed, one of Steve's most recent acts was to recruit the youngest of our players in order to ensure that the supply line is maintained for the development of the club. The club wish Steve all the very best for the future and greatly

appreciate the dedication and service he has given to Harbury Juniors FC over such a long time. In recognition of this, Steve was presented with commemorative engraved gifts from the committee and coaches, along with a signed card from his players.

Mike Jones - Chairman

U11's

Harbury Under 11's v Napton. Harbury began the game very well and went into the lead 1-0 and continued to play well finally running out 4-1 winners, Nathan Hall scoring a hat-trick. Ashley scoring his 1st goal this season.

Cropredy under 11's proved to be some what stronger opposition and after holding on for a long time at 0-0 we finally conceded the first goal that gave Cropredy the confidence to push harder for the win, Harbury continued to try hard to overcome the stronger side but finally lost 4-0. Good effort all round and positive signs for better things to come.

Alveston looked to be our toughest test yet having already been beaten by them this year. The coaching staff made some changes to the team formation which pushed Matty up into midfield and Luke into central defence. This gave our forwards more time on the ball allowing them to create more scoring opportunities. Alveston scored first but Harbury were soon level through a goal from Ashley and then took the lead 2-1. A fine penalty save by Alveston's goalkeeper kept them in the game but as our team began to tire Alveston came back strongly into the game finally winning 3-2. A great Harbury performance throughout the team!!!

Happy Christmas to all our players and supporters see you in the New Year!!

Andy & Graham

U10's

Harbury 11-1 Tysoe

Goals scored by the outstanding Adam Miles (8), James Barker-Wall (2), and Angus Murray (1). The game was quite closely contested until the final 20 minute period when Adam Miles and George Hendry were re-introduced and Harbury were too strong for Tysoe.

Harbury 1-1 Queensway

The two teams were very closely matched, and it proved a tense and exciting game. Harry Morrice was very strong in defence and

John Van Kestren and Oliver Thurogood both came into the side and played very well. Angus Murray was outstanding in both defence and linking up with Adam Miles in attack. Matthew Hayward made some great saves and a winning goal could have come from either side.

The U10's remain unbeaten since the start of this season and are currently top of the league.

U9's

The group continues to develop their individual skills and in addition they have been working hard on learning about marking the opposition players and also on how to capitalise on slack defensive play by the opposition. This was rewarded by the scoring of 2 goals against Tysoe specifically by adopting the tactics they had been practising during training. With Steve Darby moving on, Neil Murray will lead this group in the New Year with support from Tony Chamberlain and the start of the training sessions will move to 11.00am with a 12.30 finish.

Harbury Hawks 1 - 0 Harbury Eagles

The tension built before the match kicked off as the crowd of anxious parents desperately wanted their team not to lose. This was a game of strong defensive play, terrific commitment, great skill and was eventually decided by the crisped shot of the match. Both sides had chances to take the lead with Aaron Murray creating the clearest of chances for the Eagles following some great approach play. Both goalies had to be brave by diving at the feet of the opposition's forwards and both sides' central defenders put friendships to one side and took no quarter with some aggressive tackling. With 30 seconds to go it all looked to be a draw until James Chamberlain collected the ball just outside the Eagles goal area, cut inside a defender and unleashed a powerful drive into the bottom nearside corner of the goal. Both sets of players were applauded off the pitch for what was an entertaining game and a credit to the skill levels and fighting spirit that exists within this age group. Man of the match award went to Jack Groves for his superb defensive play. Roll on 12th February for the return fixture - what a match it promises to be!

Steve Darby

Tysoe 4 H. Hawks 2.

A gripping match that saw superb commitment and effort from all Harbury players as usual. Tysoe were a strong side and despite the Hawks conceding early, their heads stayed up. We had to defend hard

and Tysoe's defence was solid for most of the match. However, by team determination and effort, 2 goals were pulled back against a team that had a clean sheet so far this season. Well done to all players - you were great!

Tony Chamberlain

The U9s training session will now be run by Neil Murray and Tony Chamberlain starting at a slightly later time of 11am, finishing at 12.30pm.

U8's

With Steve Darby deciding to hang up his boots, during the December coaching sessions as part of the transition to introduce a new lead coach, David Hoey took the lead role with support and guidance from Steve. It was a steep learning curve and David acquitted himself well; very quickly introducing his own ideas and style. We wish him well for next year. Mick Morris will continue to support David and we are fortunate that Matt Edwards from the Under 16's team is keen to help out, however, it would be great if there was another parent who would be prepared to provide support each Saturday morning. It is hoped that during the second half of the season the Year 2's will play their first ever competitive game against Tysoe.



Harbury Toddler Group

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Toddler Group Christmas party was once again held in the Village Hall and was attended by many toddlers together with parents, grandparents and friends.

This year we decided to hire a bouncy castle and ball pit from Harbury Bouncy Castles, the children loved it and bounced for England. They seemed to think the point of the ball pit, after a swim round, was to get as many balls as possible out of the pit! My heartfelt thanks goes out to David Parker who kept on rounding up the balls without complaint and helped bag them up at the end of the party, how mind numbing was that? I'm still having coloured ball nightmares.

Santa showed up during the party with toys for all the children, he had a chat with every one of them, making sure they had all been good. He also helped to pick a winner for the Luxury Christmas Hamper, which

after a couple of false starts went to Stephanie. Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets and Liz's special Reindeer food to help raise funds for Toddler group.

The Christmas Party was a great success and a huge thank you goes out to everyone who attended it, supplied party food and gave their valuable time to help set it up and clear away at the end.

COFFEE MORNING

Now that the Christmas party is out of the way all thoughts turn to our annual coffee morning. This year it is on Saturday 4th February and we are planning another fundraising raffle plus stalls. So, if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts we would love to include them in our raffle prizes, all donations gratefully received. We will be looking for helpers again so if you shone at the Christmas Party beware, we may be approaching you again.

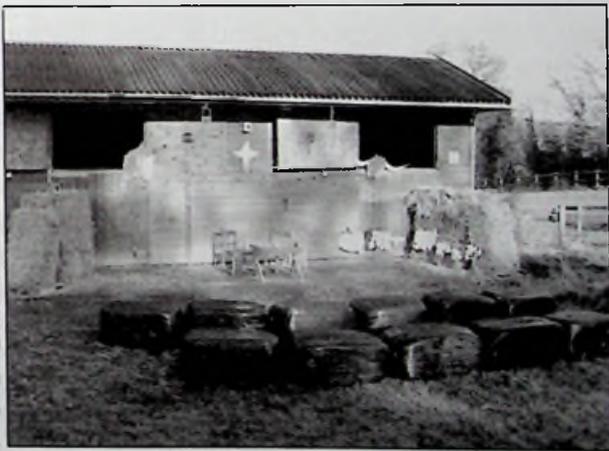
Emma Legg



Harbury Pre-School

Christmas: Once into December, everyone at Pre-School, not surprisingly, began to focus on Christmas. The role play area was miraculously transformed into a delightful Christmas Grotto, changing from the woodland theme of November by removing the autumnal leaves and pictures and replacing them with lovely decorations made by the children. Fairy lights were woven through the camouflage netting which had been left in place and pictures painted in bright reds, golds and greens adorned the walls.

The Nativity: This year, our Nativity play was held outside a real stable in Mill Lane, where we were blessed with a beautiful sunny morning. A realistic ox and donkey, expertly made by Kate and Lisa respectively, peeked over the stable doors at the crib containing the baby Jesus, while some lovely



sheep made by the children came in from the side of the scene.

We were delighted to see all the parents, grandparents other relations and carers who came to see Anna as the Virgin Mary and Jack as Joseph, surrounded by numerous wise men, shepherds, angels and Sophie as the guiding star. The children expertly played their parts and sang the well-practised Christmas songs to great applause from their audience. The performance was rounded off with a well deserved chocolate treat for the children and a mince pie for the adults.

Father Christmas: As soon as the Nativity play was finished, we began to practise other Christmas songs, just in case we had a visit from Father Christmas. Sure enough, it was not long before the

children heard a bell ringing and Santa appeared, handing out lovely presents to everyone. He then sat in the grotto, so that each of the excited children could have a chat with him, and even the shy ones were more than happy to tell



him what they hoped to find in their stockings on Christmas morning. Before he left, Santa was treated to a variety of songs, including "Wind the bobbin up" by special request of Jack and everyone's favourite "Baa Baa Black Sheep".

New Starter: Towards the end of the term, we were delighted to welcome Sebastian who paid a visit, with his mum, to have a preliminary look round before starting at Pre-School in January. He seemed to very much enjoy himself and was reluctant to leave before the end of the session!

Storytime: The children very much enjoyed the Storytime in the Library, when Chris our librarian read some lovely Christmas themed books to them.

Staff Training: Lisa and Lesley attended an S.E.N. course so that we

can be kept up to date on information about helping children with special educational needs. Gael and Lisa then visited the model classroom in Nuneaton, where the Winter Wonderland theme gave them lots of ideas that could be adapted for our own Pre-School.

Huge Thanks: to Tony Jackson who has donated a very good colour printer for use with our computer. We are now looking forward to working more on IT next term, with the children able to print off their work to take home.

Date for your Diary: A repeat of our very successful barn dance is to be held on 25th February in the Village Hall. Tickets will be available from Corinne Paine on 614750.

If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Nicky Kirk, Chair of the Pre-School Committee, on Harbury 614316.

Harbury Pre-School Staff and Committee



Windmills

Nursery School

The children have had great fun with lots of glitter, sequins and glue creating Christmas cards, decorations and trinket boxes. This year the children have made some individually designed calendars, weaving lots of different materials through garden mesh – the results were stunning!

We were pleased this month to welcome back Chris our resident artist, who came in and helped the children to create their own clay thumb pots. She will be visiting us again after Christmas. Another visitor this month was Jo Lockley of 'Sound Beginnings' who we are fortunate enough to have



as one of our Directors. The children enthusiastically joined in with her songs and played musical games with the instruments, following our topic of the 'sounds of Christmas'.

Our children always look forward to the church toddler service, which this time celebrated the birth of Jesus. A big thank you to everyone at church for always making us feel so welcome, and also for the Christmas gifts the children received.

Thank you to everyone who helped at our recent Christmas coffee morning, and to all those who bought cakes and raffle tickets, we managed to raise £150.00 for Nursery funds. Thank you also to Harbury Hearts who have kindly made a donation to nursery funds this month.

One of the highlights this month has been our Christmas concert, which was held in the school hall. All the children looked wonderful in their costumes – thank you to all those parents who spent hours sewing and creating some very detailed and imaginative outfits, especially Sharon, Connor's mum for making extra angel dresses. All the children confidently joined in and sang beautifully and we are sure Alexis' version of 'Lullaby Lamb' could be heard all around the village! It was lovely to see the hall full of supportive parents, grandparents, friends and school children. Father Roy especially commented on how professional the performance was – the children were a credit to us. During our rehearsals we discussed Christmas and its meaning with the children:



"Jesus is a little baby. He was born on a bed of hay. The wise men came to see him and gave him a hug and some presents – a snow shaker." (Morgan)

"The angels told the shepherds that baby Jesus was born. The wise men gave him gifts of Myrrh, Frankincense and Gold." (Evie)

We also asked the children to describe Santa:

"He is big and fat and comes at Christmas. Rudolph is one of his reindeers – he has horns" (Adam)



"He comes when the snow comes down in a sleigh I leave him a carrot and some water" (Connor)

Following the concert, we must thank:

Jo Lockley for playing the piano, Ian Bembridge for coming to video the performance, Paula Branscombe for serving coffee and mince-pies afterwards, Carol Jackson for her support during the morning, Nigel Chapman for copying the videos, and last but not least Denis Daly for allowing us to use the school hall.



We were delighted last month to hear that we had been selected by the Warwickshire Police Federation to receive a donation towards our outdoor play area. Thank you to Maxine Bembridge for applying for this – the Assistant Chief Constable at an official awards ceremony at Police Headquarters, Leek Wooton, presented us with the cheque.

Finally a huge thank you to everyone who bought and sold the Harbury calendar, and we would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Windmills Nursery School is situated in the grounds of Harbury Primary School. If you would like to register a place for your child or require any information on Windmills Nursery you can email us at info@windmills-nursery.co.uk , call Nicola on 614564 or Tina and Marie on 07906 519148.

Nursery School Staff and Committee

Senior Citizens Ch



Christmas Party - 2005



Carol Singing by the Folk Club and Hereburgh Morris

On the evening of Friday December 23rd, sixteen singers and musicians from Harbury Folk Club and Hereburgh Morris went carol singing around the pubs of Harbury, starting at the Old New Inn and finishing at the Village Club.

We enjoyed ourselves and managed to raise £157 for the Leamington Christian Mission. We would like to thank the landlords, bar staff and their customers for their generosity and good humour.

Peter McDonald

Who's the Boss?

Do you listen to the News and despair? Unreasonable though it sometimes seems, Christians believe that the world and its problems are in God's hands. If you are interested, you are invited to hear a series of three recorded talks by Rev. James Jones, currently the Bishop of Liverpool, about the authority of Jesus. The meetings will be at 2pm on Thursdays January 19th, February 2nd and February 16th, at no.4 The Beeches. For more details, phone 614809 or 613207. There is no commitment to come to more than one if you don't find it helpful.

Lesley Jones and Gillian Hare

Blood Donor Session

I'm afraid the December session did not break any records with only 71 units collected. Maybe too many Christmas distractions? Next session will be Thursday April 20th. Please put it in those smart new diaries

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for 2005 was the highest total yet – a magnificent sum of £2087.50. Our grateful thanks to all you generous supporters from Deppers Bridge, Chesterton, Ufton and Harbury along with the splendid donation from the Parish Council and also the "Coffee Jar" donation. Very special thanks to our dedicated band of collectors. We greatly appreciate the time they spend and their willingness to help with this appeal.

The end of the year "coffee morning" was again a great success due to the wonderful help with gifts of cakes, pies etc and many raffles prizes.

Support at the "Service" was again most impressive, along with Mr Les Spreckley and his trumpet making the occasion complete at the War Memorial. Thank you Les, your presence is much appreciated.

The Committee

Harbury All Saints Christmas Fayre - 2005

On behalf of myself and my committee I would like to thank everyone who took part and supported by very enjoyable day. The weather was dry and the Morris Dancers were able to show off their traditional skills.

Our thanks also go to Father Christmas who did the rounds in a rather splendid open topped MG sports car.



The Fayre buzzed all afternoon, the Pirates Tea Room was a spectacle to be enjoyed and drew 'chatting' crowds all the afternoon.

All records were once again broken and the raffle raised £1,057 for the Warwicks and Northants Air Ambulance Service.

A special mention must be made of the pubs and club, who between them raised over £200 in selling raffle tickets. Competition was keen and the previous record held by the Crown Inn for 72 books was beaten this year by the Dog Inn with sales of over 120 books. The star performer was Vicky Woodhouse who managed to persuade the

customers to keep buying raffle tickets. A presentation will be made to Vicky and the photograph will appear in the February edition of the Harbury News.

Finally I must inform you that I am standing down as Chair of the Harbury All Saints committee after nine glorious years and I would like to thank the whole committee for their support.

The show must go on and I know that I can count on your loyal support in the future.

Colin Ingram

Harbury Water Tower's Dead, Long Live Harbury Water Tower!

I've recently returned from India, following my visit to see the various projects supported by Siloam Christian Ministries. We saw children's homes and met boys and girls sponsored by Siloam's supporters, visited hospitals and medical camps (one in a community of those suffering from leprosy) and then, on our last day, we arrived at Uiyalli Kuppam – the village for which so many of you raised money to build a water tower.

After days of the worst rains that many could remember, the sun was shining. We were first shown the pump house. A water diviner had decided on the best place to drill. 40 metres down, they found "sweet water". This is pumped up and then sent about 100 yards to the tower, which is sited at a more convenient location for the villagers.

The tower itself holds 10,000 litres – enough for the whole village for one day – and there are three outlet taps. It has been mounted on a secure, deep concrete base to take the weight.

After inaugurating the tower, we were taken to the beach, through the old, devastated village, although some people are still trying to live in some of the more substantial, less damaged houses. There we found that another fishing boat we had ordered had been delivered that same morning. We couldn't actually launch it, as the sea was still rough and the government had banned such vessels from going out for a few days (for which we were glad, as it had been intended to take us out in it, and launching through surf is not a venture for the faint hearted). However, the boat was dragged to the edge of the sea, where we blessed it and the three families who would use it.

Back in the village, we were asked to open the new chapel or prayer house with its pastor's accommodation. I took the opportunity to tell

them how the money for the tower and pump had been raised, especially by the children at our school, and asked them to accept the gift from our village to theirs with our love.

We were then taken to see the village school, which stood adjacent to the pump house. There are about 130 children of a similar age range to those in Harbury School, and we had arrived as they were having lunch. What particularly pleased me, and I'm sure it will you (bearing in mind the effort our children put in) was that a pipe had been run direct from the pump to a tap in the school compound, so that the children have their own supply of clean water.

In January, I shall put a display of photographs in the church, so that any who are interested can see the tower for themselves.

Again I thank you all for your help with this project and wish you a happy and blessed New Year.

John Eld, Siloam Christian Ministries Ltd

N.S.P.C.C.

An enjoyable quiz evening was held at the Village Club on 4th December and the winning team was led by Sheila Burt – well done girls! We raised £259 so thank you to all who took part.

Our next fundraising event will be an ITALIAN EVENING on 25th February in the Tom Hauley Room, tickets will be limited so watch for more details in next month's Harbury News.

N.S.P.C.C Committee

Backdoor Drop-in

The youth drop-in will re-open after Christmas on 10th January and be open every Tuesday from 7-9pm until the Easter break. Numbers have been increased and we would appreciate more adult male help - perhaps young men who've benefited from a youth group in the past? You could be a positive role model! If any one is even vaguely thinking about whether to help, do drop in one Tuesday or give either of us a call.

Mandy and Sarah, from the Depot outreach team at Stratford, will be parking the van by the Village Hall from around 6pm on Tuesdays starting 2nd January, to offer advice and guidance to any young people or to listen to their concerns. They will call throughout January and a week or two into February. Young people – do make use of them – they are all trained in offering support and advice.

We would like to thank those individuals, groups and societies who have kindly given donations to the work of the Drop-in. We do appreciate the support and goodwill this represents.

Lesley Jones and Margaret Commons

Mission to Seafarers

Thank you everyone, especially the Knitwits, for the woollen hats so lovingly made up this year. One hundred and sixty one have been dispatched to UK Ports for visiting seafarers away from home this year.

Bill Davies

I Don't Go Now....

been promising to visit Gill, my step-daughter in Perth for years and a day I woke up and thought, "If I don't go now, I never will", after all as 80 last birthday....

I decided I went to Thomas Cook and booked for 2 weeks, flights and a hotel near the city centre; I said I would be travelling alone. It was only three months in advance so I didn't have time to change my mind!

Perth is beautiful and everyone was very friendly. I went on boat trips across the harbour and bus trips around the city and went to the museum and art gallery, and I went out of town to visit Gill at home.

The not quite so good times were waking up in the middle of my first night and going down the fire escape and finding I couldn't get back into the hotel again....missing the flight bus back to Warwick from Heathrow when I got home....and nearly losing my luggage....twice!

But on balance I'm really glad I went...and now I'm wondering where to go in 2006!

Mary Entwistle

Tools for Self Reliance (A Rotary International Service)

This charity is celebrating 25 years of practical help to practical people in Africa. Please help us by donating used hand tools/sewing kits. The tools are refurbished by volunteers in the UK made up into kits and consignments are shipped out every two/three weeks to colleges, craft centres and workshops.

If you would like to drop off any unwanted hand tools (not garden tools) please leave them at 29 Neales Close in heavy duty plastic bags or ring 614104 for further details.

Bill Davies

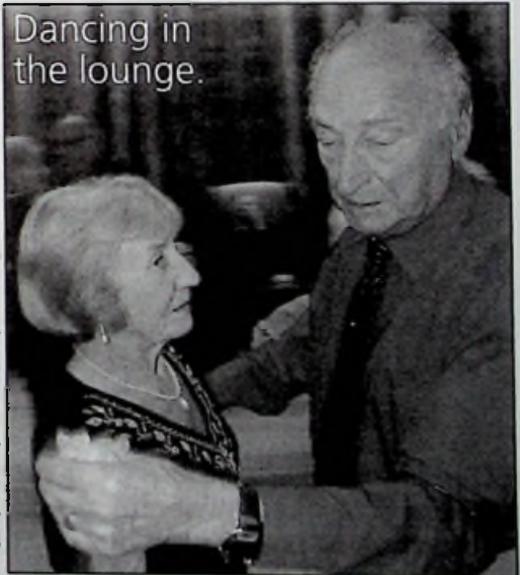
Let's Twist Again!

It was the surprise hit of the year! To anyone who wasn't involved that is, for the St Dunstaners, wives, husbands and everyone else who attended the Dance week October 24th – 29th, it was an eagerly anticipated occasion – but did anyone expect it to be this much fun? On some days as many as 30 St Dunstaners were trying out their moves in the ballroom at Ovingdean. As the lynchpin of the event, St Dunstaner David Schofield admits that he only recently caught the dancing bug. "I was 72 before I started," he said. "When Glenys and I first learnt the square tango we thought we were brilliant."

It is an enthusiasm that has proved infectious with other St Dunstaners making their first steps on the dance floor and others deciding that they have been off it for far too long.

A week of lessons forged new friendships with many couples and making their own plans to put their new dance steps into action.

"My wife Iris, a wheelchair user, and myself arrived at Ovingdean just in time for supper," said Arthur Turner of Harbury. "I was there to learn to dance, Iris to watch and listen to the music. David and Glenys Schofield who organised the proceedings had been blessed with infinite patience, particularly for me. If my grandchildren had been there I'm sure they would have called out "Granddad, you've lost the plot!" Despite all our shortcomings, it was great fun. David and Glenys said we tried – they might have thought we were trying but refrained from saying as much. Thursday evening brought the pièce de résistance, a 16-piece big band which played great music, Glen Miller etc. This



brought back memories for Iris and me of when we used to see such bands in the 50's and 60's. From time to time they were joined by three young couples. The boys all wore dark blue American Navy suits with gold badges on their sleeves. The girls were in civvies with swirling skirts. They treated us to exhibitions of the jive – they were great! The boys never lost their hats at anytime. Friday, being the last day, we all re-capped on what we had been taught and in the evening, put it into practice with the help of a young man on keyboards. I'm sure I'm not alone in saying a big thank you to the organisers and in particular David and Glenys for their wonderful efforts and forbearance whilst teaching us all. It was a great week and we look forward to the next occasion."

Arthur Turner

Exploring Our Locality

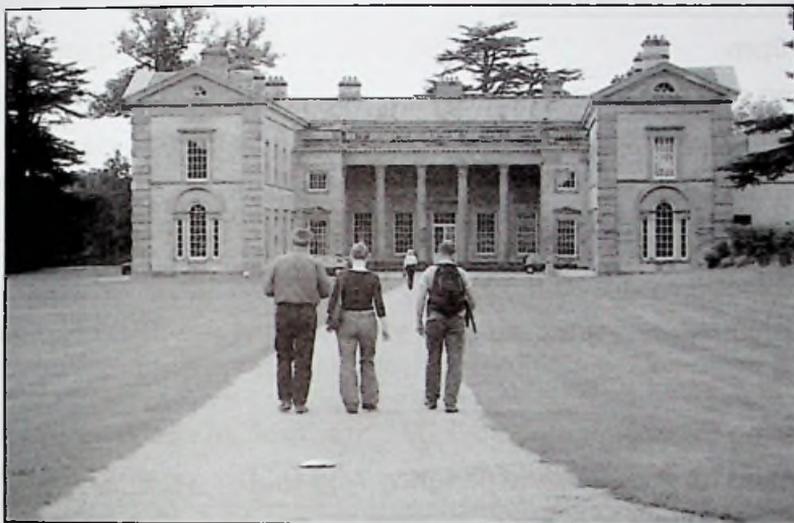
"Every man is an island" so goes the saying. We all suffer from this complex; we live in a very beautiful county which has many historical buildings and events that surround us but most of us have never seen them. To help find some of these buildings we will give our loyal readers a taster of one now and if requested one or two more later.



Our first is a place where we can gain a little culture, Compton Verney House. We have all seen the sudden plethora of AA signs that have sprung up all pointing out the way to this house, but what is it?

Compton Verney House is located about seven miles from Stratford and about five miles from our village. There has been a house on this site since about 1442 and for the next 500 years, until 1921 in fact, it was home to the Verney de Broke family.

During the war the house was a military research establishment, and had not been inhabited since the army left it 50 years ago. The Peter Moores Foundation bought Compton Verney in 1993 and established



the Compton Verney House Trust. Planning permission to convert the house into an art gallery was granted in 1995.

The house stands in 120 acres of parkland landscaped by Lancelot "Capability" Brown, he really "got" around didn't he.

Although part of the original estate has since been sold off, the grounds still clearly reflect the sweeping landscape, ornamental lakes, and Cedars of Lebanon for which "Capability" Brown is famous. The Peter Moores Foundation has committed £64 million to create the gallery and acquire works of art for Compton Verney.

The house has a very good café, oh those cream teas, and if you like browsing an interesting shop. You don't need to be an art lover to find this trip interesting; there is something for everyone including the children.

The gallery re-opens in March, adult admission is £6, every Tuesday is half price day.

Go on; explore Compton Verney; it is worth it.

Adrian French

Southam College Community Education: Spring Term 2006

All Courses start at 7.30pm on the First Evening and run for a maximum of 10 Weeks unless shown otherwise

Evenings beginning

MONDAY, 9th January 2006

7.30-9.30pm

Cake icing and sugar paste flowers

Digital cameras - 6 Weeks

Spanish conversation

Tai Chi for all 7.30-9.00

Salsa – experienced 7.30-8.30

Salsa for beginners 8.30-9.30

Upholstery & Soft Furnishing

Woodturning for beginners 6.30-7.30

Woodturning for those with experience 7.30-9.30

Touch Typing for teenagers.

We hope to run this short course (approx 10 hours) before Easter. Please telephone Sue Hawthorn on (01926) 810942 to register your interest.

Tuesday 10th January

7.30-9.30pm

Cake icing and sugar paste flowers

Photo editing using Photoshop Elements – 6 weeks

Upholstery & Soft Furnishing

Wednesday 11th January

7.30-9.30pm

Italian - a course for beginners

Keep fit for men -12 weeks starts 4/1/06

Lace making

Basic sign language & deaf awareness. 7 weeks 7.30-9.00

Beginner's yoga 6.30-7.30

Intermediate yoga 7.30 – 9.00

Thursday 12th January

7.30 – 9.30pm

Arabic belly dance 7.00 – 8.00

Angelic meditation 8.00 – 9.00

Come and play badminton 7.30-8.30

Basic French

Courses enrol and start at the first session during enrolment week (starting 9th January) unless shown otherwise. For further information or to add your name to a course register, please contact Sue Hawthorn on 01926 810942 or southamcollege@aol.com

Half term is week beginning 13th February. Fees are based on a charge of £2.50 per hour and are paid termly or half termly. Some reductions/fee remissions are available. Please ask for further details.

Daytime Courses in Southam

Southam College

Wednesday 1.00-3.00pm

Water Colour Painting

Graham Adams Centre

Wednesday 9.30-10.30am

Keep Fit To Music For Ladies

Thursday 1.00-3.00pm

Water Colour Painting

Friday 1.00-3.00pm

Water Colour Painting

Drop in Computing

Southam Library

Drop in Basic Computing

Tuesday 10.00 –11.00am

Dunchurch Library

Drop in Basic Computing Friday 10.30 –11.30am

Courses in the villages**Harbury CE Primary School**

Keep Fit To Music For Ladies Thursday 7.00-8.00pm

Tom Hauley Room Harbury

Yoga

Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm

Stockton Village Hall

Upholstery

Tuesday 1.00-3.00pm

Pilates

Wednesday 10.00-11.00am

Floristry for beginners Tuesday 7.30-9.30pm

Starts 21st February 2006 for 5 weeks

Offchurch Village Hall

Upholstery & Soft furnishing

Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am

Take Time Out

Ufton

Ribbon Flowers

Friday 20th January – 10.00am – 12.30pm – Ufton Village Hall

Ribboncraft is a fascinating subject and Diana Griffiths, embroiderer, WI craft tutor and demonstrator will help you make beautiful flowers using shaded and wired ribbons. Diana is donating her workshop fee to Operation Shoebox, a Christmas Charity. This event is suitable for beginners – just bring scissors, needle, threads and a measure. Cost £3.50 plus £1.80 for materials.

Date for your diary:*Weaving with Willow***Thursday 9th February** 10.00am – 12.30pm – Ufton Village Hall

Tom Hare is a greenwood artist and has exhibited his marvellous sculptures and furniture at BBC Gardeners World Live. He works mainly in willow and hazel and is coming to Ufton to talk about his work and to teach us how to weave an item which we will be able to take home.

Cost £9.50 includes all materials.

To secure a place at any event, please ring as soon as possible. Some events have limited places. So please book early! 613003.

Karin Kirk



Horticultural Society

A Healthy and Peaceful New Year to you all. Anybody who didn't come to the 'Fun Evening' and party afterwards missed an enjoyable time. We think everybody enjoyed the 'flower' beetle game, John reminded us of the rules, there was certainly a lot of laughter! As for the spread of food, we think it improves each year, it was excellent and as usual, supplied by the members. Also as usual the lads in the kitchen were busy pouring drinks. Thank you everyone.

The Bursary was drawn at this meeting, Pam Parton was the lucky winner this year and will choose from a selected list of courses. We hope she will enjoy it and find it interesting.

This year The Potato weekend event at Ryton Gardens will be held on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th January. Should you decide to go it pays to get there early – selling starts at 9.30am, the popular ones tend to sell out quickly. There will be many to choose from, upwards of 100 varieties of seed on sale. It is normally a very interesting event, lectures, demos with audience participation, also the experts on hand to help with queries on pests and disease. There will be cooking demos – with tasting sessions. The children are not forgotten with activities to keep them amused – maybe the adults also!

We have had one or two cold spells so far this winter, what will the rest of the season hold. One thing we do know the days will start to lengthen as the month goes on.

A note for your diary, Rodger Smith will give a talk entitled 'History of Paeonies' on Tuesday 7th March 2006.

Muriel Grey

Nature Notes

At this time of year it was good to escape for a few hours to the quieter pace of life in a wood. I chose Whichford on the southern edge of the county within sight of Oxfordshire. About a mile off the A3400 near Long Compton, the wood lies on two sides of a valley just to the west of Whichford village. Steep re-entrants are exciting to explore and contrast with our own Chesterton and Ufton Woods with their generally flatter profiles.

In spring parts of the wood are a mass of bluebells. Other areas are more open and covered in bracken which, at my visit, was brown and flattened by wind and rain. Once this fern was used for packaging goods and as bedding for animals. Nowadays it's not harvested and has spread to cover an estimated 2.5% of the country's total land surface and perhaps as much as 15% in areas of rough grazing in Northern England.

The springs in each re-entrant join to form a small stream running down the valley and by-passing the village to the north. One stride suffices to cross from side to side in the fastness of the wood. A few miles to the north, near the appropriately named village of Stourton, several similar streams have joined to form the infant River Stour on its way to link with the Avon and flow into the Severn. At the highpoint of the wood on the 200 metre contour [Harbury stands at 120 metres to give you a comparison] the view south takes in the ridge forming the county boundary about 2 miles away. Up there [it's a little higher at 225 metres] lie the weathered, limestone, bronze age, monoliths known as the Rollright Stones. Streams from that watershed flow east and south to join the Cherwell and eventually the Thames.

A bank and ditch surrounds the wood and, although now broken in parts, this means the area has been wooded since medieval times. A similar boundary can be seen round parts of Ufton and Chesterton Woods. Within the bank the most common system of woodland management was that of coppice with standards. The coppiced trees such as ash, hazel and sweet chestnut were cut at nearly ground level and then allowed to send out sturdy shoots before being harvested on a seven year cycle. The timber was used to provide fuel, fencing, tools and wattle for timber framed houses. Some Warwickshire villages still have examples of these houses; notably near the church in Welford-on-Avon. Different areas of coppice were cropped in different years to provide a constant supply of wood. Standards, which grew fast and straight, with little competition for light, were cut about every thirty years to provide heavier timber for construction.

Tracking through the wood, common buckler fern stood out, bright green, amongst the mainly dead vegetation. Occasional birch gave a further splash of colour [the adjective silver is a comparatively recent Sassenach invention first appearing in a poem by Tennyson - birch is essentially a tree of the Highlands]. A stand of larch stood devoid of needles which carpeted the woodland floor in gold. The trunk of a young oak was surrounded by a protective wooden frame to stop deer damaging the bark. Green hazel catkins were tightly closed and just a few dying leaves clung to the twigs which in a few months will be showing signs of spring as fresh leaves begin to sprout.

Down by the stream were deer slots deep into the mud where the animals had come to drink. I headed upstream and back to the road. As I was investigating a holly tree for berries I saw movement and about thirty yards away, in single file, went four roe deer. The largest was quite pale. As I saw them they saw me and trotted away over a rise. It was good to see them in daylight rather than picked out in car headlights.

On a windy day a woodland walk can be an oasis of calm. The weather, at the moment, seems to be going in short cycles-several cold, frosty, still days followed by rising temperatures, wind and some rain. I await Christmas and hope it will be white with a chance to follow animal tracks through the snow. Whatever it brings, I wish you a happy time and hopes fulfilled in 2006.

John Hancock

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

What future junior football in Harbury?

After 11 years of coaching junior football in Harbury, I have finally decided to hang up my boots. During these years I have 'worked' with around 130 children and have received tremendous support from a number of parents who have ensured that the club and coaching continues to flourish in the village.

Football is "the beautiful game" - it provides an outlet for a young persons natural energies, builds discipline, self control, develops team work, and fitness; friendships are built and above all is great fun.

I have given my time freely, as do all of the coaches involved and whilst

most parents recognise and appreciate this, I decided to resign from coaching following a particularly difficult conversation with a Harbury parent, the details of which will remain with me and the parent. However, it resulted in my decision to finish giving of my time to the younger children of Harbury.

It does concern me that out of the remaining 10 coaches involved in providing training and match day organisation, there is now only one parent from Harbury who actively gives of his time to coach young children. The remaining coaching staff all come from either Bishops Itchington or Warwick - this is a precarious position as it would be disastrous for the club and the children of Harbury, if they decided to move their support away from Harbury.

Next September, this year's school reception class may be expecting that there will be football coaching available for them on Saturday mornings. This may not be so, as there is no coach in the pipeline to take on this group. It would be terrific if a Harbury parent would step forward and take the lead in getting this age group off the ground as I fear for the longer term of village junior football as I do not see Harbury dads coming forward to assist in ensuring that football coaching is available.

Mike Jones and Alan Sampson do sterling work in administering the club but at the end of the day, it's the coaching on the field that ensures children can enjoy "the beautiful game". If you want junior football to have a future in Harbury, it needs local village support. Please contact Mike Jones if you feel able to get involved in the coaching side - believe me, it is incredibly rewarding!

I express these views as a strong supporter of junior football and not as a representative of Harbury Juniors Football Club.

Whilst writing this letter, could I also express my thanks to those parents and fellow coaches who gave me a wonderful send off last week. The many gifts are much appreciated as are the kind words of children who sent me cards.

Steve Darby

Dear Editors and Readers

I should like to thank all the readers of Garden Notes for the many kind things they have said to me, over the last ten years. I have enjoyed writing the articles and hope that I have not been responsible for too many gardening catastrophes, as the result of following my advice. The love of

plants has been with me since my childhood, so if I have managed to pass on to anyone, this same interest I am very pleased. A happy gardening year to everyone; the enthusiasts and the reluctant.

Pat Smith

Dear Editors

On behalf of Mothers' Union in the Coventry Diocese, I would like to thank everyone who gave so generously towards the 'Nappy Appeal' in last month's magazine. As a result, we were able to deliver a good carload of useful items to the Coventry Refugee Centre, where they were most gratefully received. (We also sent money and supermarket vouchers as they were donated). In the midst of the frantic build-up to Christmas, it was most encouraging to realise that people were prepared to make time to support this most necessary appeal. We can only hope it will make Christmas a little more comfortable for the mums and babies in their desperate situation. Thank you again.

Anne Moore

Dear Editors

Over the last 9 years, I have really enjoyed overseeing the church social committee catering events and have now decide to step down.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have helped me, and to everyone who has come along to the events, making them so successful and enjoyable.

The fellowship we have shared and the support given to me has been very special.

Many thanks

Gill Guilford

Dear Editors

On behalf of Jeanne and myself may I thank everybody who baked and gave to our cake stall at the Christmas Fayre. We made a good contribution to the funds which was very gratifying.

Thank you all again

Muriel Grey

Dear Editors

We would like to thank all those who supported the Fair Trade pre Christmas coffee morning at which £180 of Fair Trade goods were sold and £100 raised for Leamington Christian Mission. Your goodwill and generosity was appreciated.

The monthly stall held in the Tom Hauley room after the family service continues to help awareness and provide another outlet for Fair Trade produce; over £100 was sold in November, around £40 in December. We do not sell Fair Trade coffee or tea as these can already be bought locally.

Thanks again

Gillian, Alison, Katherine & Lesley

Dear Editors

Reference to my note in last month's edition of the Harbury News which referred to local shops in Harbury.

I forgot to mention the petrol filling station, this also should have support. Once petrol fuel could be obtained at Bishops Itchington, alas no longer.

There is nothing quite like having services on your own doorstep with the milk.

Mike Bloxham

Dear Editors

Thank you to the residents of Frances Road for the lovely Christmas lights display. It gets better every year.

Doris Byrne

**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO:
LINDA RIDGLEY - TEL. 612792.**

Bookings for:

Scout Hut	Lesley van Kesteren	613411
Tom Hauley Room	Liz Bunting	612450
T. 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 (612877) 10:00am-12:00noon

Mondays (612627) (Seniors) 7:00-9:00pm;

Friday (612029) (Juniors) 6:30-8:00pm;

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)

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

CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES Farley Room Wednesday 4.00-8.00pm (01789 290733)

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 6:30pm

CHURCH NEN'S GROUP: Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday in the month 7.45pm

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, Last 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:

Year 1 - Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury playing fields

Coach: Steve Darby Tel: 613330

Years 2&3 - Training: 10.45am Saturday at Harbury School

Coach: Steve Darby Tel: 613330

Year 4 - Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury School

Coach: Neil Murray Tel: 612524

Year 5 - Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury School

Coach: Neil Murray Tel: 612524

Under 12s - Training: 10.30am Saturday at Harbury playing fields

Coach: Alastair Cattrell Tel: 335366

Under 15s - Training: 11am Saturday at Myton School

Coach: Keith Edwards Tel: 421414

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: Wight School (behind Library), High St. Tuesday to Friday

9:00am-1:00pm (614316)

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP Last Monday of the month Shakespeare Inn (612150)

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Tom Hauley Room, 3rd Saturday in the month 7.30am

MOTHER'S UNION: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Wednesday in the month 2.30pm; 3rd Tuesday in the month 8pm

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP: (612792) Meeting on 2nd Wednesday in the month at the Shakespeare 8:00pm

TENNIS CLUB: CLUB MEMBERS PLAYING TIMES

ADULTS: Tuesdays: 6.00pm - 10.00pm

Thursdays: 6.00pm - 10.00pm

Wednesdays: 1.45pm - 3.15pm

Saturdays (Winter only): 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Sundays (Summer only): 10am - 12 noon

Club Members may play at other times free of charge, provided the courts are not already booked. Guests playing with members should pay £1 an hour.

If you would like to become a member, please contact Angie Dean (secretary) on 614513 or Colin Mercer (Chairman) on 613284.

JUNIORS and MINIS (Reception to Year 11)

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Please contact Sue Mercer (Phone 613284 or Email sucol-mercerc@tiscali.co.uk for up to date information.

NON MEMBERS: Courts should be booked at Country Fayre, Chapel Street (£2 per hour per court) For Floodlight Bookings (£5 per hour + £5 deposit for the key) - Ring 613284 April to September:

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

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

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

YOUTH CLUB: Drop-in facility on Tuesdays 8-9pm in Village Hall

FEBRUARY EDITION – HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS

Adverts to 31, Binswood End by 15th January

Articles to Harbury Chemist by 27th January

All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

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10.30am		Sung Eucharist
3rd Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Holy Communion
10.30am		Family Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
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Every Tuesday:	7.30pm	Weekday Communion
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Call Sue Dormer 613254.

HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE: Call Tony Brunton 612191.

VISITING: Hospital. If you are unable to visit a parent or relative, or parents would like support with a child in Hospital: Call Fr. Roy Brown 612377 or Keith Dormer 613254.

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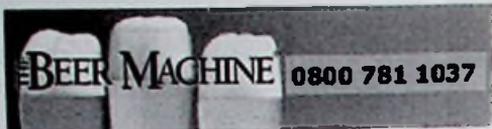
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