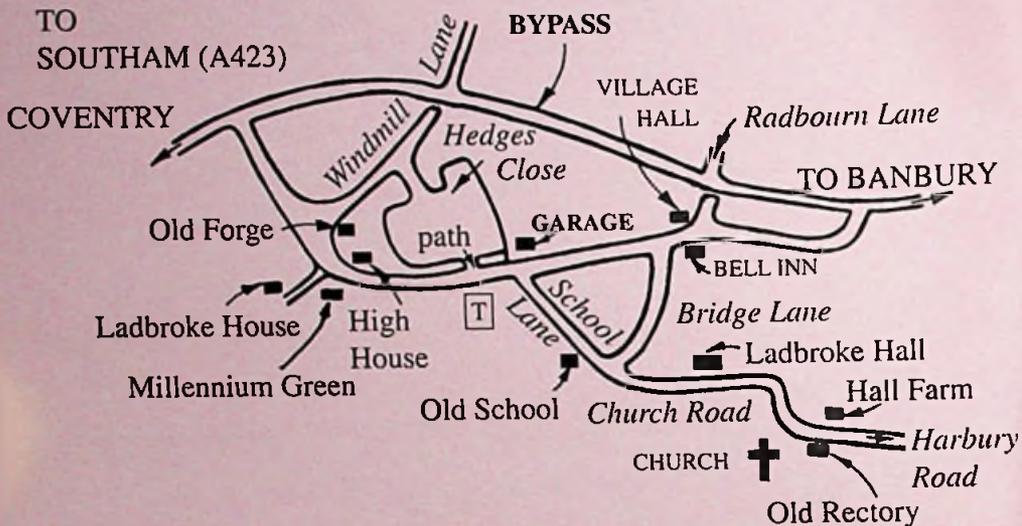




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## Editorial



Carnival King and Queen

The sun shone and the football did not keep too many away from the Carnival, although the number of floats appeared to be less than in previous years. The time that went into the preparation of the floats must have been considerable and the standard was very high. Our thanks go to all who helped to arrange the day which made it so memorable.

In Ladbroke, the annual fete was also a great success, again helped by glorious weather. Over £1000 was raised at the event for the benefit of the Millennium Green.

In recognition of the sterling work and love for Harbury a commemorative stone bird bath, in memory of the late John Drinkwater has been placed in the cemetery. A fitting memorial to a loyal villager.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Mary Merriman, Sylvia Nash and James Norman.

# Harbury Diary

## JULY

- Sat 1 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Twinning Association 10am – 12noon  
Sung Eucharist 1pm to celebrate 25th Anniversary of Father Roy's Ordination to Priesthood  
Harbury Primary School's Summer Fete 2pm – 5pm  
Benediction 4.15pm
- Sun 2 **TRINITY III**  
Sung Eucharist 9am  
Evening Worship 6pm  
Cricket 1st's home to Aynho
- Tues 4 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 5 Mother Union Garden Party at Rectory  
"Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 6 Holy Communion 9.45am  
Harbury Art Group 10am to 4pm in Tom Hauley Room  
Harbury & Ladbroke Church Men's Group AGM in Tom Hauley Room at 7.45pm  
Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare Inn
- Fri 7 **RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**  
Rugby Club Dinner Dance in Village Hall
- Sat 8 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind 10am 12noon  
5th Summer Art Exhibition and Sale in Church 10am – 5pm  
**GARDEN WALKABOUT**  
Sounds of the Sixties Charity Event - Rugby Club 6pm
- Sun 9 **TRINITY IV**  
Holy Communion 8am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am  
5th Summer Art Exhibition and Sale in Church 12noon – 5pm  
**GARDEN WALKABOUT**
- Tues 11 Holy Communion 7.30pm with laying on of hands  
Toddler service in Church 2pm
- Thurs 13 Holy Communion 9.45am  
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room  
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 15 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room  
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Women's Institute 10am 12noon  
**ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM**

- Sun 16 TRINITY V**  
 Holy Communion 8am  
 Family Communion 10.30am  
 Fairtrade Stall in Tom Hauley Room after Service  
 Evensong 6pm
- Tues 18** Senior Citizens Benefit Committee 8pm in Village Hall  
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 19** Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3-4pm  
 "Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 20** Holy Communion 9.45am  
 Parish County Council Meeting 9.30pm
- Fri 21** RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION  
 SCHOOL ENDS
- Sat 22** Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke  
 Women's Institute 10am 12noon  
 Councillors Corner outside the Post Office 10am – 12noon
- Sun 23 TRINITY VI**  
 Holy Communion 8am  
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 25** Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 26** Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm St
- Thurs 27** Holy Communion 9.45am  
 Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall  
 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 28** ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY  
 & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
- Sat 29** Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mother's Union  
 10am 12noon
- Sun 30 TRINITY VII**  
 Holy Communion 8am  
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am  
 Cricket 1st XI home to Hockley Heath
- AUGUST**
- Tues 1** Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 2** "Talk it Through" at 33 South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 3** Holy Communion 9.45am  
 Harbury Art Group 10am to 4pm in Tom Hauley Room  
 Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare Inn
- Fri 4** RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
- Sat 5** Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Inner  
 Wheel 10am – 12noon  
 Senior Citizens Lunch in Village Hall
- Sun 6 TRINITY VIII**  
 Sung Eucharist 9am  
 Evening Worship 6pm



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## From the Rector

Father Roy Brown

I guess there are very few people who have not at some time had doubts – doubts about many things. I know I have doubts, at time, about a loving God in a suffering world; doubts when God appears not to hear my prayers; doubts when the circumstances of my life seem to go all wrong; doubts whether God really loves and saves me when I do so many wrong things. And doubts about Jesus.

But doubt is not all that bad. It is only blind faith that does not look the world's reality in the face, that closes its mind to anything that threatens its creed. Real faith, by contrast, always confronts the suffering and evil of the world and seeks to make some sense out of it. Doubt only becomes a problem when we are afraid of it and run away.

In the Bible, Thomas was the doubter. Can his story turn our doubts to faith? When he refused to believe, he had had the evidence of the empty tomb and the experience of his friends. But he was honest. He really wanted to believe and could not. So he spoke plainly. He didn't prevaricate because he didn't want to commit himself.

Let us look at the five words he uttered when Jesus then appeared and addressed him: "My Lord and my God".

An act of worship – the primary thing that worship does is to put Christ at the very centre of our vision.

Thomas had known Jesus for years. He had seen miracles, heard his teaching, and seen how he behaved in all kinds of circumstances. Yet perhaps Jesus had been for him a truly extraordinary man, but nothing more. And no man whatsoever could rise from the dead! It was only now, when Thomas recognised Jesus as God – and knelt and worshipped him – that his doubts departed. We ourselves may know Jesus in a cerebral way, may even believe he is the greatest man who ever lived. But while he remains just a man for us we will have doubts. Doubts which arise from our indecision as to who he is and therefore in his ability to act for us.

An affirmation of faith – Jesus was not just God to Thomas, He was My God. Can we say the same? Or do we still doubt?

But it is simply not to be true that the God who made the universe, who redeemed mankind in the person of Jesus Christ, can be My God. It was true for Thomas. It is true for you and me.

A cry of surrender:

"My Lord"; here was someone to whom Thomas could commit his life, not out of fear or duty but out of the love Jesus had shown him. What a change!

And have we entered into the Resurrection experience? It is possible that we have been going to Church for years, without being able to say to Jesus unequivocally, "My Lord". But if we really want it, Jesus will reveal himself to us in his own way. He knows our different ways and needs, backgrounds and personalities.

True worship, such as that of Thomas, leads to service. It affects the way we live, especially our attitude to others. We need to examine our lifestyle and be prepared to make changes. We should out of love be prepared to wash one another's feet, and be truly blessed among 'those who have not seen and yet have believed'!



### From the Registers

#### *Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury*

June 3 Roger Connett to Lindsay Giddings

#### *Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury*

June 4 Charlie Jack Lambert

#### *Funerals at St Mary's Cubbington*

June 9 Mary Ann Merriman (95)

#### *Funerals at Oakley Wood*

June 23 James Stuart Norman (20)

June 27 Sylvia Emily Nash (78)

### Thought for the Month

Wisdom is knowing what to do next.

Skill is knowing how to do it.

Virtue is doing it.



## From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

It is now something of a Harbury tradition that the Rollasons should give the Family Service presentation on Fathers' Day.

This year, Moira, Peter, Catriona and Ali reminded us of the responsibilities of fatherhood and the joys and difficulties of the relationship between parent and child. Using instructions from familiar household products and artefacts, "Keep in a cool dry place", "Feed regularly", they brought home to us the need for mutual care. In her reading from St. Matthew's Gospel, Moira reminded us how far the fatherhood of God surpasses our imperfect efforts and understanding.

As you know, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July marks Father Roy's celebration of his twenty fifth year in the priesthood. On behalf of all of his friends in Harbury, we congratulate him, thank him for his loving ministry and wish him, Pam and their family, God's blessing now and in the future.



## Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

This month again gave us opportunities to look outside our own Parish boundary. First, Chris Cooke from Southam talked about her visit to Kenya last November. She was asked to join a group from S.O.M.A. (Sharing of Ministry Abroad) to take a workshop on marriage and family life at a conference there. With the help of slides, she told us about the Masai people, whose life as nomadic herdsman had been devastated by the severe and prolonged drought. The pictures of mile upon mile of virtual desert made us wonder how anyone could survive, but money had been raised to help the people to build a new and different life. They were helped to build huts with the water tank and toilet proudly displayed and to grow crops. Schooling was provided for the teenage girls who often ran away from home to escape an enforced marriage at 12 years old. Chris showed us an ex-witch doctor who came to Christ and is now a preacher, and a group of very cheerful M.U ladies who produced – what else! - a cup of tea! They had also raised funds to dig wells for the desperately needed water. At a four hour service, schoolchildren in colourful robes and beads danced, sang and recited Bible verses.

Our evening meeting was delighted to meet Ruth Lee, who is the Social Policy Unit Coordinator at Mary Sumner House – our Head Office. She explained how, on behalf of all our members, they work to follow our 4<sup>th</sup> objective: To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life. They work with government and U.N bodies to advise on many issues to do with family life. At the moment, for instance, they are involved in the 'work and families bill', concerning paid maternity leave and flexible working hours. We were proud to be represented in these matters by such an articulate and enthusiastic young woman.

Also this month three members went to the diocesan festival which was addressed by the Bishop of Warwick. He reminded us to obey God's plan, not ours, and to follow the King (in prayer and worship) as well as build the Kingdom (in support and service).

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm – Garden meeting** at the Rectory (no service) with a bring and buy.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Walk and Supper.** Meet at Thwaites gate (Five Ways) at 6pm or The Crown at 7.30pm. Friends welcome. Contact Anne for names and menu (£10), also with orders for diaries and calendars.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Coffee morning and lunch.** Lots of help needed; cakes, raffle prizes, bring and buy, cooking and serving.

Quote from Rowan Williams:

"Mother's Union is the most powerful lay movement in the Anglican world."



## Toddler's Service

Barbara Thistlethwaite

Mrs Bedford told us all about "books" this month. We had to search around the Church to see how many different books we could find.

She then told us about one very important book that lots of wonderful stories are taken from. We were then asked if we could guess which book that was and we all knew, of course, that it was The Bible.

We talked about all the different stories we had been told over the past year and which had come from The Bible.

Mrs Katherine Giblin then played for us as we sang our song and we each made our own mini Bible to take home with us.

We then had our drinks which was rather a special occasion as Mrs Liesel Wicker who has helped with the drinks for toddlers for many years was celebrating her 80th Birthday so we all sang "Happy Birthday" to her and gave her a Birthday card from us all. After the celebrations it was time to go home.

Our next Toddlers will be on Tuesday, 11th July in the Church at 2.00pm. All babies and young children, accompanied by an adult, are welcome to join us.

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Family Communion 10.30am
- Sun 9 **TRINITY IV**  
Sung Communion 9am
- Wed 12 Holy Communion 2pm  
Women's Fellowship 2.45pm
- Thurs 13 PCC Meeting 7.30pm
- Sat 15 **ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM**
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Holy Communion 9am

### AUGUST

- Sun 6 **TRINITY VIII**  
Family Communion 10.30am

### Ladbroke Flower Rota

July	9 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Loman
July	16 <sup>th</sup>	Abigail Jenkins
July	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Abigail Jenkins
July	30 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Steenstra
August	6 <sup>th</sup>	Hazel Sharples

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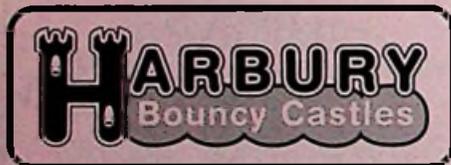
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## Women's Fellowship

Betty Winkfield

Ten members went to Chastleton House on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. The weather – one of the dull cooler days, had made life easier getting about. We had lunch at the Marshmallow Tea Rooms (recommended) in Moreton-in-Marsh before our visit to Chastleton House – about 5 miles out of Moreton on the A44. The house was acquired by the National Trust in the 1990's and apart from being re-roofed is very much as it was – which seems to add to the interest. The gardens – not very large are well tended and the topiary is being given NT tender loving care.

Next month's meeting is still to be arranged.



## Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Sue Halsall



Anyone for tea?

This has been a very busy time for the ladies of Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I. First the welcome return of the Village Fete on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. A big thank you to the organisers and all who supported this excellent day. The weather was glorious; lots of entertainment and the W.I. were kept busy all afternoon serving cups of tea along with beautiful homemade cakes. Thank you to all who helped; from the team of workers; to the ladies who provided such a delicious selection of cakes.

Our next event held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June was our Strawberry Fayre. This was a lovely evening and very well supported. Again more cakes and an abundance of scones were produced by the members. There were plants for sale, a white elephant stall, tombola and raffle not forgetting the strawberry teas. We were so busy serving the teas that we actually ran out of W.I. cups and used all eight of the small tables. It was lovely to see members and friends from Southam, Harbury and Napton W.I's plus all the visitors who came to support the event. Another big thank you to everyone involved who helped and worked so hard to make this such a big success.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> June, I was elected to attend the National Annual General Meeting at the Cardiff International Arena as a delegate. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and was amazed when 3,700 all sat down together. I was enthralled by the occasion and the wonderful sound as we sang Jerusalem will stay in my memory for ever. I felt very proud to be a member of such a wonderful organisation and as the day unfolded, I realized the extent of the respect and recognition the National Federation of Women's Institutes has in this country and what we decided as one voice can make a difference. Both resolutions were passed and there were some very interesting debates.

**Next meeting** - Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup> - Talk by Martin Sirot-Smith about Sulgrave Manor.



## Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

Items of interest from the village AGM 31<sup>st</sup> May.

1. Harbury Road verges still to be repaired in September.
2. There is a vacancy on the Parish Council.
3. The County and District Councillors were thanked for their support.  
PC Went – who is taking early retirement, was also thanked for his support.
4. 34p per household is spent by SDC on crime prevention. CCTV is to be expanded.
5. Visitors to Stratford keep our taxes down.  
Interesting fact - now we have the M40, visitors from London who come to Stratford return to London on the same day - so B&Bs are not doing so well. Therefore the Market Towns

initiative is aimed at keeping visitors in the area for a longer period. Alcester are ahead of the field - highlighting their history.

6. Recycling - Land Fill sites will be full in 6 years. It is important that we recycle as much waste as possible. There is talk of charging for our "black-bag waste" over a certain amount and the building of incinerators will be necessary.

## **June Parish Council Meeting** **Betty Winkfield**

**Matters Arising** - Bishops Bowl Lake - concern was expressed about Folletts (developers) canvassing various people about residential development.

Archers Rest has applied for application to extend the house on to agricultural land. The extension to Church Cottage has been passed at appeal.

**Parish Plan** - the overall view is most people like the village as it is.

**The Millennium Green** - The fete was a great success all agreed. Financially it raised over £1000 for various organisations and the green.

**Highways and Drainage** – the main concerns were about "Pot Holes" in the roads particularly the corner by Hall farm opposite Church Cottage. Also the overhanging hedges on to footpaths.

The Parish Council thought that the Village AGM on the whole was good. There was disappointment that reports were given by people deputising for representatives of the various organisations. The date of the meeting was discussed and whether earlier or later in the year would be better timing to attract more villagers to the meeting.

**The Church** - Concern about the future life of the church was expressed. It is really possible that it could be closed in the not too distant future? If succession planning is not in-acted.

Another concern was the change of flight paths to and from Coventry Airport. No flights between 11pm and 6am and planes have to climb as quickly as possible.

**Lorry Routes** – maps that are given to lorry drivers indicate that the A423 is the most direct route in some cases and are the same colour code as motorways. Councillors want markers for dual and single carriageways marked differently and HGVs maximum speed 40 MPH on single carriage ways.

## Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

Catherine Spence

Here are the winners of the May Draw:

£70 Kevin Picken

£25 Ken Whiteley

£25 Marie Kennedy

£10 Lorna Carleton

£10 Susan Moore

£10 A & H Dowdeswell

Next month's draw will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm.



## Harbury Annual Parish Meeting

Linda Ridgley

### TRIBUTE

The well attended Annual Parish Meeting at Harbury heard Chairman Jenny Patrick pay tribute to John Drinkwater whose contribution to the Parish has been commemorated by a specially commissioned stone bird bath placed near his grave in the Burial Grounds.

### CRIME REPORT

Pc Hill reported a low level of crime but a rising concern over "mindless vandalism" especially involving vehicles. His colleague Pc Stephens, present to promote "Smart Water" took the line that it was up to the public to make crime difficult. He pointed out that unless the police could prove that goods had been stolen they had to be handed back to those who could well have stolen them.

### SMARTWATER

Smartwater is a colourless liquid with a unique "fingerprint" which can be used to mark personal possessions so that when they are scrutinised under ultra-violet light ownership can be established. Pc Stephens was keen to interest as many households as possible in taking up this initiative for he believed that this had a deterrent affect on criminals. So convinced of this are the Police that they are subsidising the cost of the product.

## **COUNTY COUNCIL**

County Councillor Bob Stevens attempted to explain the new Executive's restructuring of the authority to match the government's latest Partnership Project – Local Area Agreements. He also touched on the government's plans for the merging of the Primary Care Trusts, Ambulance Service and Police and the coming Local Government Re-organisation.

On a happier note, he was able to announce increased spending on maintenance of B & C Class roads and more durable repairs to potholes.

## **DISTRICT COUNCIL**

District Councillor Patrick reported no change as a result of the recent elections. He fielded questions about the lack of adequate enforcement of planning problems and stressed that the department could only deal with breaches if it was informed of them by the public.

District Councillor Dally once again told the audience of his position on the Licensing Committee.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Jenny Patrick said the Village of the Year process had been a baptism of fire, but she was pleased Harbury had won the Regional Prize. The Parish had completed the Parish Plan and she acknowledged the considerable help the Parish had received from WRCC Housing enabler Charles Barlow towards the provision of homes for local needs.

Harbury PC had achieved Quality Status and was now involved in the production of a Masterplan for the development of the Quarries.

In answer to residents' questions about the unexpected second Housing Needs Survey that had been distributed, she explained the survey had come from the developer's consultants. Residents could return the forms even if they had no housing need, but should make this clear.

## **RECREATION GROUNDS**

Keith Thompson reported the Tennis Courts improvements had led to many more young people taking up tennis and more coaches being employed. The Play Equipment was of a very high standard and he praised the Maintenance Contractor for the high standard of grass cutting.

## ENVIRONMENT

Tim Lockley said that it was unlikely that a Traffic Management Scheme would be achieved as all the Parishes ideas had fallen foul of a variety of Highways regulations. However, the Parish was pressing ahead with the installation of a replacement Bus Shelter for outside the Supermarket and was still getting permission from various statutory undertakers to paint all the street furniture black.

## FINANCE

Tony Mansell explained the 3% rise in the precept which was largely to cover the withdrawal by Stratford District of double rating relief (still a very sore point with all the Parishes which will cost Harbury an extra £7,000, an average of £10 per household per year). More money had also been set aside to enable the Parish Council to give some financial support to local groups, especially for provision for young people.

Cllr Mansell commended to the audience the Parish Council's website [www.harbury-parish.co.uk](http://www.harbury-parish.co.uk)

## SCHOOL

The Parish commended Harbury School for achieving its Eco-Schools Silver Award. The School Swimming Pool is now disused and its future is under review. There has been little progress on the Safer Routes to School initiative and Harbury does not meet the criteria for County provision of a Lollipop person.

## VILLAGE HALL

To enthusiastic cheers, Geoff Thorpe for the Village Hall announced that both the Car Park Gates had been opened. Residents expressed approval commenting that when only one was open, cars had to back out and that was considered dangerous.

## TWINNING

Sharon Hancock reported an excellent trip to Samoia and gave particular praise to Catterall's super driver. The return visit by the French would be on 7-8th May next year.



## Harbury Parish Council Annual Report

Tim Lockley

### Chairman's Report

Firstly, I wish to thank Cllr Winchester for her considerable efforts as Vice Chairman during the last 2 years, she supported me very ably

with the Village of the Year competition and has always been quietly in the background to offer help and advice. Her place was taken in May 2005 by Cllr Biddle.

Since the last Parish meeting, the Council has gained Quality Parish Status which allows us to apply for grants for village projects more easily and to demand satisfaction for work that is carried out on behalf of the Parish by other bodies.

The Council has kept the village plan under review and has been active in pursuing a plot of land on which building could take place for supported and social housing needs. We hope when firmer plans are available we will be able to have strong consultation for everyone to help shape any development.

Because of our concern for the work that is done by WCC Highways department in our parish we have now drawn up a spreadsheet of problems, so that the clerk can easily determine how long they take to complete repair works. We were pleased to see repairs to the Middle Road but we regularly complain about the standard of pothole repairs, which never seem to last long.

We strongly objected to the removal of Section 136, whereby we can claim back money from SDC on whose behalf we carry out work such as grass cutting, hedge and fence repairs and repairs to the play equipment. Unfortunately this change has been approved by SDC.

We would like to congratulate the Co-op for implementing the improvements to the pavement outside their premises, for WCC Highways for installing the dropped kerbs elsewhere in the village, and for the library for the new entrance. We look forward to more improvements for those with less mobility around the village.

The new licensing laws that came into force in November permitted longer opening hours for our local pubs, Village Hall and the Club. The new law means that members of the public can now contact licensing authorities instead of the police if there is a problem, although the police still have powers to close premises if there is a real need to do so.

The summer saw the death of retired Councillor John Drinkwater and more recently of his widow Rene. We are commemorating his love and support for the village by placing a bird bath in the cemetery which was Rene's wish.

In September, Cllr Van Spall and I attended a meeting in Warwick with Highways to discuss the strengthening of the Railway Bridge and other Highways matters. We questioned the schemes and put forward a view that weight restriction would be useful.

As I step down from the Chairmanship this year I wish to thank my fellow councillors for all their hard work in what we strive to achieve on behalf of you all in Harbury and especially for their support to me over the last 3 years.

**Cllr Jenny Patrick**

### **Planning Working Party Report**

The Planning Working Party has dealt with the usual steady flow of house extensions and improvements, most of which presented no problem. However, when we did raise objections, these were largely ignored by Stratford District Council who seem more concerned with meeting Government targets for dealing with applications. We are also increasingly concerned with the number of retrospective applications which are generally passed thus making a mockery of the system. We have recently sent a letter of complaint to Stratford District Council and await their reply.

The old Harbury Cement Works, known as Bishops Bowl Lakes or according to the owners, Harbury Estate, remains of great concern. The Council is working with Bishops Itchington Parish Council to try to ensure that any future development is of benefit to both our communities and protects the fragile flora and fauna of the site.

A site for affordable housing has been identified, and negotiations are in progress. The Council has had great support from Charles Barlow at Warwickshire Rural Communities Council in this project.

**Cllr Ann Winchester and Cllr Sharon Hancock**

### **Properties Working Party Report 2005/6**

The Tennis Club has installed a water feed to the club house, allowing them to offer visiting teams and members alike both hot and cold refreshments. Phase two of the Floodlight installation programme has now been completed.

This year is no different to any other at the playground, with on-going maintenance works to keep the equipment up standard. The swings and surrounding surface were replaced last September.

It's now a year on since the installation of the traffic management scheme at the Village Hall car park and apart from a couple of isolated instances of vandalism it appears to be working well, although more willing volunteers to help on the locking and unlocking rota would be welcome.

The maintenance works to the boundary wall of the Manor Orchard play area, and to the Chapel and the Shelter, have been completed.

For those of you that have recently visited the cemetery you may well have spotted the new Hornton Stone bird bath in memory of the late John Drinkwater. We would all like to express our thanks to Cllr Hancock for all the hard work put in to researching, checking on progress and overseeing the installation of the bird bath.

Talks are on-going with members of the Harbury Youth Project about constructing a BMX track that would incorporate the mounds to the front of the hedge that flanks the Skate Board Park. Discussions have also taken place with a local contractor with regards to the possibility of moving the excess soil from the cemetery to the playing field along with extra soil to form the track once the scheme has been approved. Although this seems to be taking a long time it is not due to the lack of effort from Cllr Thornley!

**Cllr Kevin Biddle**

### **Environment Working Party Annual Report**

The replacement of old concrete lampposts with either Windsor or metal posts has continued and this programme will be completed in 2006-7 a year ahead of schedule.

After extensive discussions with Warwickshire County Council, it has not been possible to implement any traffic calming in the village. We will continue to try and secure the illuminated speed indication device when it is available on loan to remind drivers of their speeds in the village. We have recently made representations on the freight partnership map of recommended routes for HGVs in the hope that fewer of them will be seen on our roads. We have also worked with SDC to have road signs for Chesterton Road put in place.

Progress has been made towards reinstating the bus shelter outside the supermarket, and we are hopeful that this might be done by the summer. We worked with WCC to identify appropriate sites for dropped kerbs and four sets were installed during 2005-6. We have undertaken a footpath survey and made a regular report of problems to WCC, together with lists of other maintenance work needed on the public highways. We are trying to obtain permission to get all the 'street furniture' i.e. poles of signposts, road signs etc, painted black to create a uniform 'look' for the village. We have also commissioned a comprehensive tree survey for trees on Parish Council land and will be implementing a rolling programme of maintenance.

**Cllr Tim Lockley**

## Finance and General Purposes Working Party (F&GP) Annual Report

The precept for the current year, 2006/7, has been increased by 3%. While there was some under spending last year, 2005/6, on certain budget lines, S137, Village Centre Improvements and Traffic Calming, the F&GP Working party recommended to the full Council that a 3% increase in the Parish Precept, along with controlled spending from the Council's reserves, would enable the Parish to fully fund its plans for the year 2006/7.

This level of Precept will allow the additional planned spending in the following areas;

- **Tree Maintenance** – funding the 'Tree survey' and the follow up maintenance. This will give us a rolling three year plan for maintaining our village trees and enable us to plan the funding over the same period.
- **Play areas** – The SDC inspection of our Play Areas highlighted some outstanding work, notably resurfacing at the Deppers Bridge play area. This item plus purchase of new equipment is now covered.
- **Tennis/Netball Club** – Continue part funding the sinking fund, for the maintenance of the court areas on the recreation ground.
- **S137** – The Parish Council has the legal power to spend up to £10,000 (approximately) on this area. This year we are minded to spend this amount, targeting not just local groups, but specifically local youth groups.
- **S136** – This is the payments for work traditionally carried out by the District Council, which we, the Parish now carry out at their request. The funding by Stratford District Council has been stopped from this year. The Parish Council's income will now be reduced by approximately £7,000 per year, so we need to fund this directly from the Parish Precept.
- **Cemetery Maintenance** – An additional amount has been included to cover the cost of extending the path to the top of the new section of the Cemetery, as many of the graves in this area are now taken.
- A summary of last year's accounts are shown below, the year end surplus for this year is £832.81. This is well in line with our planned budgetary control. Copies of the full accounts are included in the Parish Council Annual Report.

<b>INCOME</b>	
Precepts	45600.00
Agency Services Reimbursed	00.00
Interest Received	262.27
Allotment Rents	483.50
Burial Ground Fees	1452.00
Playing Field Hire	195.00
Wayleave	33.46
Village of the Year Competition	00.00
Parish Plan Grant	00.00
Other Contributions (S136 + Verges)	8045.07
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>56071.30</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
General Administration	11020.36
Section 137	530.00
Concessionary Travel	1916.50
Running Costs:	
Allotments	627.09
Burial	5658.50
Open Spaces	5139.40
Playing Fields & Car Park	12213.74
Non-Estate Roads	1468.80
Street Lighting	13529.25
Other Purchases	413.85
Contribution to Sports Clubs' Repair Fund	1675.00
Parish Plan Costs	46.00
Councillors Allowances	1000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>55238.49</b>

Members of the F&GP Working Party have been closely involved with obtaining the Quality Parish Status, which we were granted in October last year. These items include the Harbury Village Plan along with the Parish Council's website - <http://www.harbury-parish.co.uk/> - The Harbury Parish Council website provides easy access to the minutes, meeting schedules, quarterly reports and contact details for the Council.

**Cllr Tony Mancell**



## Councillors Corner

**Andrew Patrick**

Our next Harbury get-together will be on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 10am – 12noon** outside the Post Office.

Please come along and bring any questions / complaints / comments you want us to hear.

Shall we see you there??

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Eric Dally (01926) 651478  
eric.dally@stratford-dc.gov.uk



## Harbury Women's Institute

**Jeanne Beaumont**

We were saddened by the death of Mrs Merriman. She was a devoted W.I member for many years, having first joined when she lived at Cubbington. She always gave us her support but had to give up W.I due to her great age. She is remembered with affection. Members attended her funeral at Cubbington Church.

The Carnival was a great success and our entry of pantomime characters got a 1<sup>st</sup> with a 3<sup>rd</sup> in the fancy dress. We always come up trumps with our costumes and Celia did wonders with her ideas, also constructing Dobbin the pantomime horse. We thank Pam and Jane for the use of their homes and hospitality.



The cake stall sold out. Thanks to those ladies who set up and man the stall every year, also those who provided the goodies.

A meal on The Countess of Evesham at Stratford is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 7.00 for 7.30pm.

There will be a W.I coffee morning on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July with cakes, raffle and a bring and buy. Do come along and join us.

Peggie has finalised arrangements for the trip to Worcester on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August, including a conducted tour of the Worcester Pottery factory and free time. The coach leaves the Village Hall at 9am.

There is a group outing to Oxford on 30<sup>th</sup> August.

Do think about participating in the Produce Show in September. More on that subject next month.

Mr Small, a registered Chiropodist/Podiatrist, came to talk on Feet. Some Podiatrists are specialists in the mechanics of the feet and lower limbs. There are 26 major bones and associated joints. The efficiency with which the foot functions when walking depends on the way in which those bones and joints move in relation to each other.

Mr Small drew diagrams and gave advice on the rights and wrongs of footwear and the consequences. We all know about that, with our high heels, don't we ladies? He spoke of general health assessment which causes much foot trouble. He explained the mechanics of the foot and the treating and resolving of painful foot problems e.g corns, callouses, ingrowing toe nails and bunions to name a few. A tip, do **NOT** cut the nail straight across, as we all thought, but curve round the sides. The talk proved very interesting and informative.

**July Meeting** – 'Identifying Old Silver' by Mr S.B. Bruce.

There is no meeting in August.



## Folk Club

Ian & Sue Hartland

Animal, Vegetable or Mineral was the theme for the 259<sup>th</sup> Folk Club. It was a small but perfectly formed audience and they had 13 different acts to entertain them. The Harvesters opened with songs about animals, 'Searching for Lambs' and 'The Cuckoo'. Following on we had songs from Peter Mason, Barbara, Ron, Rick and Pete & Liz. All the songs fitted the theme beautifully and included Bonsai trees, vegetable gardens, worms, dragons, rosebuds and cuckoos again! Rick's version of the Environment Song was an absolute winner.

Des started the second half, followed by contributions from Janny and Maureen, Debbie, Stuart, Mike, Katherine Fear, making a rare but welcome appearance at the club, and finally Bob Powell playing wonderful Dobro guitar. This time we were treated to songs and poems about Noah's Ark, bushes, statues, parrots, manure, coal and the sun.

The final half, remember this is a game of 3 halves, was kicked off by Stuart, then Peter Mason, Barbara, Tim, who was making his debut at the club, Sooz, without Dan, Des and Katherine closed the evening. The theme still continued with songs about geese, mint balls, flora, coal, bonfires and rain.

Performers you were all fantastic and audience you were too, so thank you all for turning up and supporting the club, remember keep music live!

The raffle made £25 for Macmillan Nurses and we'll do it all again next month with a different theme!



## Harbury Twinning Association

Moira Lamont

Many thanks to everyone who helped man our stall at the Carnival. We had a successful afternoon in spite of a certain football match.

### Next events

Coffee morning on 1<sup>st</sup> July in the Tom Hauley Room.

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WARTS**

Bastille Day 14<sup>th</sup> July. We are celebrating with a meal in the Tom Hauley Room. The next newsletter will give details and I am sure it will be a very enjoyable evening.

Make a date in your diary for an afternoon playing Petanque on September 16<sup>th</sup> at David and Pam Clarke's.



## Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

May and June have been hectic months for the Club. Club sessions have been very busy with all three courts regularly full. What will it be like after Wimbledon?

### Juniors

The Juniors have been particularly busy. First, a number of our Juniors represented Harbury School in the South Warwickshire Schools tournament. Led by team manager Linda Casement the squad (Peter Thompson, Elliot Tawney, Kerry Dorning, Hallum Bullock, Becky Casement, Thomas Conway, Allanah Cadwallader, Sam Tutt and Hannah Baldwin) won the Southam area "qualifier" which involved schools from Napton, Southam, Stockton and Bishops Itchington. Harbury then went on to the final held at Kineton, the other qualifiers being Tamworth, Kineton, Studley and Shipston. The quality of tennis was exceptionally high and the children did Harbury proud by coming a commendable second to Shipston. We are very grateful for Mr Daly's support in allowing the children out of school for two afternoons to take part.



The Mini Red Team continued the success with a very convincing win against the might of Warwick Boat Club even though we were a player short! Pride of place goes to Dulcie Bushill who won all her matches but closely followed by Joshua Savage and Lee Dorning who only lost one match. Coach Angie Dean said that they all played really well and had some fantastic rallies against strong opposition!

The teams in the South Warwickshire Boys Doubles league have had mixed fortunes. In the Under 14's, Richard Howell and Adam Whitty, played a very strong and experienced Leamington pair and lost in straight sets but will no doubt have learned a great deal. In their first match of the season in the Under 16's group, Adam Crossling and Dan Ward, played a marathon 3 set match on a very hot afternoon against Kenilworth. They lost the first set 6-7 but won the second 6-3 which took the match into a third set. In a ding-dong battle they just held on to win the tiebreak and secure the win for Harbury.

Outside of competition a group of 20 children accompanied by parents went to the DFS Classic International Ladies Tournament in Birmingham and took part in one of the coaching clinics organised by Warwickshire LTA. The weather wasn't very good but this did not stop the children enjoying themselves. As well as the coaching session, the Harbury contingent were able to watch some tennis although this was limited to a couple of hours due to the rain. They were also able to see the players warming up, including Maria Sharapova and they collected lots of autographs.



The Summer Tennis Fun programme has now been finalised and full details are in an advertisement elsewhere in the magazine. Places may have to be limited so book early to avoid disappointment!

### Seniors

The Seniors' league programmes have reached the half-way point with in the Banbury League. The "A" team are in 3rd place in Division 2 and ready for a promotion push in the second half of the season but the "B" team occupy bottom place in Division 3 and just need a good shove! Their best performance of the month was at Kings Sutton "B" where they lost 5-4. It was a bit of a family outing for the Deans with Angie, Lucy and Bob all playing! They were joined by Caroline Morland, Steve Stark and Bill Hathaway. The match was all square going into the last 3 rubbers but the wheels then fell of the trolley as the home side won all 3. This was followed by successive 3-6 defeats against Byfield "C" and Deddington "B". In these matches the ladies, Angie Dean, Caroline Morland and Sue Mercer played consistently well winning most of their rubbers. Steve Stark and Colin Mercer played in both matches with Bob Dean joining for the Byfield match and Ian Panton for the Deddington match. Despite the defeats, morale remains high as many rubbers are lost by a single game or a tiebreak and post match analysis in the pub suggests the services of a sports psychologist is needed!

The men's doubles team is also suffering a fear of tiebreaks! The most recent match against Studley ended in a 1-3 defeat with 3 of 4 matches going to 3 sets with 3 tiebreaks. The most crucial was in the final set of Ben Emms and Colin Mercer's first rubber which lasted nearly 2 hours. After surviving 2 match points in the second set they had come back strongly to win the set and took a 5-3 lead in the tiebreak but unfortunately couldn't keep the momentum going and lost the next 3 points and the rubber. Jon Scothern and Richard Harding were the only Harbury winners with a hard fought 3 set win in the final rubber.



**Windmills**

Nursery School

**Nursery School Staff & Committee**

Summer has well and truly arrived, just in time for the Carnival. It suited the theme of our float 'Seaside Fun' very well. As always, a lot of effort went into the children's outfits and everyone looked fantastic. We received many complimentary comments about the children's

artwork and their seaside writing. A big thank you to Marcus Birch and Richard Carro for supplying and assembling the frame to keep the children safe and secure, to Alistair Brooks for providing us with the tractor and trailer and to all the mums who helped decorate the float or provide props, especially Haley, Sue, Emma and Debbie.



Mini-beasts, our topic this term, has proved extremely popular. Riley has brought something in everyday, Alex brought in the mini-beasts that he had found in his garden and Olivia found a snail shell with beautiful markings on it while playing outside. Mrs Casement took the children into our woodland area just outside the classroom for a mini-beast hunt armed

with magnifying glasses and bug catcher containers: "We found a snail" (Morgan), "I found a creepy crawly with 6 legs" (Katie), "We lifted a brick and saw some woodlice" (Connor), "Mrs Casement caught a bee and then she let it go" (Alexis).

Last week a huge parcel was delivered to the nursery much to the excitement of the children. They waited in anticipation while Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Varriale tried to assemble its contents, and after a lot of effort and encouragement from the children, it was complete! It turned out to be a giant caterpillar tunnel for our outside play area.



The children could not wait to explore it and in doing so are extending and developing their gross motor skills while having fun. The caterpillar tunnel was just one of the items paid for by the grant we received for our outdoor area. We have also received a beautiful bubble mirror, which the younger children in particular are enjoying, and a magnetic maze, which is testing our older children's problem solving skills.

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June we took a group of our older children to Warwick Arts Centre to see 'A story for all Seasons'. The children eagerly climbed aboard the coach and had great delight in pointing out everything they saw during the journey.

Katie commented, "I am so excited!"

As it was such a lovely day we sat outside and had our drinks and snack before going inside for the show. The production was excellent and was more of a drama workshop involving lots of audience participation. Everyone sat on the floor and we were completely absorbed by the life-like puppets, atmospheric music and wonderful treasure boxes. The following day Riley had enjoyed the show so much he brought in a thank you card that he had made himself at home.

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June Miss Maher the Reception Class teacher together with Mrs Johnston classroom assistant visited us to meet the children going to school in September. The children confidently chatted and played with them both and proudly showed them their Father's Day cards. This is just one of the ways in which we prepare the children for school, although by being situated on the school site, the transition for our children seems a lot easier.

### Dates:

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2006 Windmill's sports day on the school field at 11.15 am – weather permitting!

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2006 parents' consultation afternoon 1.00 pm till 3.00pm

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2006 Harbury Primary School Sports from 1.30 pm onwards – when there will be a race just for Nursery and Pre-school.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2006 Teddy Bears Picnic.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 12.45pm Break-up for summer – return to Nursery on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2006

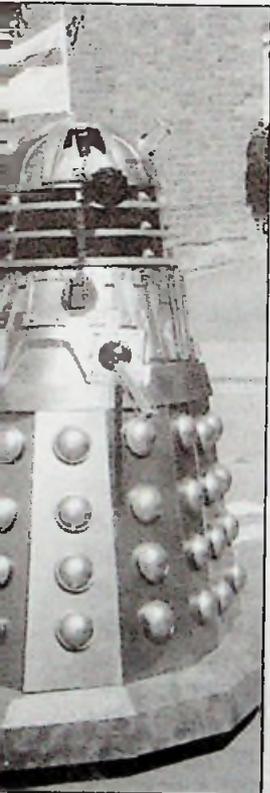
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Carnival



2006





## Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

**Carnival** – During the first week after half-term, preparations for the Carnival continued unabated, with the fantastic result that Pre-School won the Children's Float section. Congratulations and many thanks to Eli Priest and her team for putting it all together and coping brilliantly with a last minute crisis, to Pauline and Rob Hadley for the loan of the trailer and to Simon Miller who towed the float for us. The children all looked wonderful in their traditional costumes from around the world and our thanks must go to their parents for their superb fancy dress efforts.

During the following week, the Carnival was re-enacted by the children in the play area, using the dressing up clothes and numerous boxes, chairs, flags and other sundry items for the float, as well as lots of imagination.

**Fathers' Day** – After the Carnival, Fathers' Day took our attention, as the children made lovely cards and coasters for their dads. Their ICT skills came into practice when they learned how to laminate their creations to make water resistant coasters – perhaps already in use during the World Cup!



**School visits** - During June, our children who will be moving up to Primary School in September were visited at Pre-School by the Reception Class teacher, Miss Maher and her teaching assistant Mrs Johnson. The children were very pleased to see them and enthusiastically showed them all their Pre-School activities. Miss Maher was interested to see the children's independent use of the snack bar, instead of the previous group snack time. This is going well, with the children helping themselves to fruit and drinks in their own time.

Later on, the same children went to the Primary School to have a look round their new classroom, try out the activities and meet some of the current Reception class in the playground.

**ICT** – The children were delighted to see the computer back in action and have been enjoying using the new Simple City programme, especially the building and garden centre sections. None of this would have been possible without Steve Conway who not only donated a computer to us after our old one failed, but also gave up his time to install it and set up the printer. Thank you Steve.

**Theme** – The theme for the half-term is “Summertime” and the children have been planting and caring for flowers, creating a collage of flowers for display and producing some lovely observational paintings of Sweet Williams.

A beautiful summer garden effect has been created in the book area and the children have had a lovely time digging in a tray of soil, planting artificial flowers and finding hidden bugs.

**Allotment Visit** – Towards the end of the month, the children were invited to the Kirk’s allotment to see the vegetables and fruit in various stages of growth. They had a wonderful time and our thanks to John Kirk for giving up his time not only to show us his allotment, but also to help walk the children to and from Pre-School. Thanks also to Sarah, Cheryl, Eli and Jane for helping on the day.



**New Equipment** – We were delighted to unpack our new woodwork bench this month which has already been put to use – any donations of small pieces of wood for the children to work on would be gratefully received! We must also thank Finn, one of our ‘old boys’, for donating a super set of Bob the Builder toys for his younger friends to play with.

**Fundraising** - We will be holding a Sponsored Cycle Ride for all the children, their siblings and friends on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July between 3-5 p.m. Sponsorship forms are available from Harbury Pre-School or from Corinne Paine on: 614750. This should be a fun day for all the family – even Dads can don a cycle helmet and join in!

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



For this month's literary piece of work we have song lyrics written by Jessica Pearce in Year 6.

Life is fun  
Life is good  
Life is going the  
Way it should  
Take it easy  
Havin fun  
We'll be happy  
All day long

Havin fun our  
Favourite thing  
Being happy and  
Smiling

**Chorus**

Singing songs  
Dancing round  
Laughing lots  
On the ground

**Chorus**

Everyone's happy  
And havin fun  
Time to go home  
Now everyone

**Chorus**

**Congratulations** – To the school's mini-tennis team, who not only won the Southam Schools' tournament, but then went on to represent the Southam area in the county-wide tournament, where they finished in a brilliant second place.

Well done, therefore, to Kerry, Peter, Rebecca, Hallam, Elliot, Sam, Thomas, Allanah and Hannah. Special thanks to Mrs. Casement, who has been coaching the children.

**Congratulations** – I am delighted to inform parents that the school has just been awarded a special trophy and certificate for being one of the top 10 performing Eco Schools in Warwickshire.

A small group of children from Year 6 represented the school at the awards ceremony just before half term. This is a great tribute to the work that everyone does in ensuring that Harbury is an eco-friendly environment. Well done, everyone.

**Children due to start school in September 2007** – If you have a child who is due to start school next year, please register your child's name with Mrs. Jackson as soon as possible if you have not already done so – the LEA have asked us to send them initial lists later this month.

**Technology Material** – The school is often asked if it would like certain surplus materials and off-cuts for technology. The most useful materials are wood, plywood, hardboard, etc. We use a lot of square section strips up to 1 sq cm, dowelling and beading, and battens up to ¾in x 2in. Sheet material is most useful if it is cut into regular pieces (10x20cm, 10x10cm, 10x15cm or 20x15cm) as the children have difficulty cutting board with saws. We will always accept tools (eg hammers, pincers, pliers) which may have become surplus, provided that they are in good working order.

**The Grounds** – As usual at this time of year, the school grounds look absolutely stunning. Of course, we all know that this does not happen by chance.

May I therefore take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the work on the grounds over the last few months, especially both the adult and children's Earthworms groups, for their work, the results of which are now being seen.

Special thanks to Mr. Chapman for his enthusiastic leadership of all the work.



## Horticultural Society

Muriel Grey

I am afraid I didn't go on any of the evening trips, but I understand they were all successful; taking your brollies can have an influence! I will report on the coach trips next month.

Once the weather turned warm it kept it up for quite a while, we planted out the runners as usual, then had to replant – rabbits, pigeons etc!! I have been told the allotments have rabbit problems also. Ron and I have even enclosed the outdoor tomatoes this year, but the other veg have had to take their chance. We really could do with some decent falls of rain – at night of course – but not the weekend of Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July, the annual Open Gardens. This is the last opportunity I have to plug the event, anyone not currently involved who would like to help in any capacity please phone either Judy 613103 or me on 612515. Please support us in any case, village groups other than our society benefit from its success. Programmes are on sale in Country Fayre (Muglestone) at £3.

July is the month to collect cups and trophies for engraving. If you are going on holiday please take them – cleaned if possible, to Janice at 35 Percival Drive **before** you go, she would very much appreciate it, then they can be ready for the Show.

This leads me nicely on to the Show itself on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. If anyone requires an early schedule please phone Janice 614459. When in the Schedule it states for handicrafts and photos etc. to be mounted NOT framed – it means just that.

It seems the Handicrafts class is not the only section to be shrinking, entries for preserves – chutneys, jams etc, also the flower arranging sections.



## Nature Notes

John Hancock

Well, I had my wish, and June has generally been dry, and sometimes very warm (25°C yesterday, June 17<sup>th</sup>). Vegetation has exploded, but now the delicate green of early summer is turning to more sombre shades. Insects are having a fine time and in their 'grub' phase, munching through the leaves of their particular host species before

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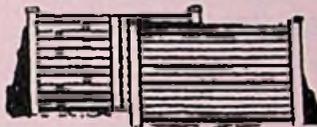
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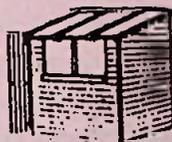
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pupation. I've yet to see the tell-tale signs of Small Tortoiseshell caterpillars. Eggs are laid on the topmost leaf of a Stinging Nettle chosen for its sunny position. Hatching occurs after 10 -14 days and the tiny caterpillars, coloured black and yellow, spin a dense web of silk over the growing leaf tips. They live communally, and as feeding damage is conspicuous, the nests are easy to find. The caterpillar's defence is its wasp-like colour which warns potential predators it is toxic. They also have a habit of jerking their heads in unison when disturbed and this acts as a further warning. The butterflies themselves have two distinct broods, one in June and July with a second south of the border from August to October. It is some of these late emerging insects that go on to hibernate and re-emerge to lay their eggs in May.

It has been painstaking work by both professional and amateur entymologists that has pieced together the life-cycles of all 60 of the butterflies which inhabit the British Isles. The definitive book of the 20th Century was F.W. Frohawk's monumental work, 'Natural History of British Butterflies' published in 1924. It took 24 years to produce and it is now a collectors' item. My chief reference book is 'The Butterflies of Britain and Ireland' by Jeremy Thomas and Richard Lewington, though it is too big to use in the field.

On a very hot day (Monday 12th June), I met my U3A Naturalists' Group at Wolford Wood, just east of Moreton-in-Marsh, close to the Four Shire Stone. We entered via a gate at Grid Reference 243333 (OS sheet 151, Stratford-upon-Avon). We were met by the woodman who managed the wood in the old way by 7 year rotational coppicing; laborious, but perfect for wildlife. The star attraction was the Wood White butterfly which I had never seen before. It is the smallest, daintiest, and by far the rarest of our British Whites. (*Leptidea sinopsis*) It is a weak flier and this together with its long slender body is distinctive. The wood contained the flowers necessary for feeding and egg laying and a ride system to go with them. Typical plants are Vetch, Ragged Robin, Bird's Foot Trefoil and Bugle.

Also seen that day were Large Skipper, Red Admiral, (which must have migrated from Southern Europe or North Africa), Brimstone, Speckled Wood, and, as I cycled back through the Thwaites Estate, I saw my first Painted Lady of the year. It was basking on a gravel track near Itchington Holt. This too, must have arrived from North Africa-say 1000 miles of flying-some performance.

This is the time of year when I like to check up on our local population of Bee Orchids. Over time, I've found these wonderful looking flowers in some unlikely places. Not only in recognised sites such as Ufton Fields, but on road margins, roundabouts and rocky terrain. They generally favour calcareous (limey) soil and do not like shade. Some grow out of almost bare rock, as on the western edge of the old quarry at Bishops Bowl. Others grow in long grass and tend to be taller themselves. There were hundreds growing alongside the footpath near Charlecote (GR 264576). This area has been much worked for sand and gravel extraction, so it seems unlikely that lime plays a part. The dry, thin soil probably makes the site favourable. With delicate pink sepals, and a dark brown lip with grey or yellow markings, resembling the furry body of a Bumble Bee, the first sight of a Bee Orchid is memorable for every lover of nature.

Down at Ufton, I've seen three Man Orchids in their wire enclosure so they are just holding on. So far, I have not seen Butterfly Orchids, but Stockton Cutting is often a better bet. I have a cherished copy of V.S. Summerhayes seminal work 'Wild Orchids of Britain', one of Collins New Naturalists' series, if anyone out there would like to borrow it. A further plug; this time on behalf of my Open Studies tutor, David Brown. He has just published his book, 'The Larger Moths of Warwickshire'-a monumental task, as there are more than 600 of them. The front cover is adorned by a delightful picture of the Alder Kitten moth (*Furcula bicuspis*).



## General Section

### Carnival Week - 2006

#### Wheelbarrow Race

On a lovely sunny Sunday, The Dog hosted this year's start and we had a total of 18 entries overall. There were 13 entries for the Men's Beer Race, which was won again this year by Trevor Gibbs and George Simpson in a time of 8 minutes and 59 seconds, only 2 seconds over their time last year so a very consistent team! The record still stands at 8 minutes and 2 seconds and looks as if it is going to be very hard to beat. Trevor and George were presented with the Scandrett Shield and £20.



**George Simpson & Trevor Gibbs**

The Ladies' Beer Race had only one entry, Jenny Thomas and Emma Groves, so they could have walked the course and still won! However, in the true spirit of the event they put every effort into their run and completed the course in 15 minutes and 14 seconds which is the target now set in this new class. Jenny and Emma were presented with the Gibbs & Simpson Shield and £20.



**The Winning Ladies Team**

The Water Race had 4 entries and was won by Charlie Gladden and Tom Bush in a time of 10 minutes and 4 seconds and were presented with the Wallington Trophy and £10.

The Rollason Tankard is presented to the team completing the Men's Beer Race with a combined age of 80 or over and this year was won by Drew Bloxham and John Millington with a combined age of 106!

Once again, very many thanks to all the licensees for providing the beer and water and to everyone who supported the event.

Can I once again, make an appeal for your help - if you are thinking of entering next years race, PLEASE enter before the day as this helps enormously with the preparation of entry and result boards, letting the licensees know the numbers entered in advance, etc.

### **Pub Games**

A record number of 8 teams entered this year, namely The Dog, The Twinning Association, The Fosseway Fossils, The Crown, The Shakespeare, The Wally's, The Gamecock and The Old New Inn. Welcome to The Wally's — hope to see you again next year!

The winners of the individual events were as follows: Skittles - The Wally's, Aunt Sally — The Fosseway Fossils, Horseshoes — The Fosseway Fossils and The Wally's, Quiz – The Gamecock. The overall winners were the Fosseway Fossils who were presented with the trophy and congratulations for winning yet again this year.

We are, as always, extremely grateful to all the licensees for allowing us to use their premises and also for entering teams. If you would like to join in next year all you need to do is to get a team of friends, neighbours, village organisations, etc. together, the maximum number per team is 12 with an entry fee of £1 per team member. Four of the team play in each event and team members may participate in more than one event. We have a lot of friendly rivalry and also a lot of fun, so please join us either by getting a team together or by coming along to offer your support.

Additionally, if you have any suggestions for some different games we could introduce we would like to hear from you, bearing in mind that we would prefer to play the majority of games outside and would like to keep the Quiz as one of the events.

**Dan Killian**

### **Fosse Way Fossils achieve Hat-trick of carnival pub games competition wins**

The 'fossils' made it three years in a row in the annual pub games competition.

A special mention must go to freescoring John Winchester who led the way in the 'aunt sally' and 'horseshoes' events.

The fossils team are the Branscombs (Simon & Paula), the Winchesters (John, Paul & Trish), the Greys (Dave & Rachel), Mike Jones, Kevin White, Jane Durman, Mike Harris and Steffan Work.

Many thanks to Dan Killian, John Broomfield and Mike McBride for their hard work in running the competition.

The 'fossils' objectives for 2007 include achieving the quadruple, marketing the fossils' brand of merchandise through a new website, a winter training camp in Depper's Bridge and lobbying the organisers to include subbuteo and shove h'appenny in the 2008 competition.

**Simon Branscomb.**

## **Harbury Carnival June 10th, 2006**

Well, another great Carnival Day despite competition from the World Cup. The procession was excellent, although reduced in numbers, as was the afternoon on the field. The weather was with us even if some of you weren't!! All in all a grand day. Thanks to everybody who participated and supported the event in one way or another.

Jack and Tammy were fabulous as our King and Queen and our special thanks to them.

The prize winners on the day were:

### **Procession**

<b>Decorated Float</b>	1st Barratts, Darlisons and Bulls "Shrek"
<b>Decorated Float (Trade)</b>	1st Old New Inn "The Dukes of Hazzard"
	2nd Shakespeare Inn "Ghostbusters"
	3rd The Crown "England Supporters"
<b>Children's Float</b>	1st Harbury Pre School "Children of the World"
	2nd "Windmills Nursery "Seaside Fun"
	3rd Harbury Toddler Group "Noah's Ark"
<b>Decorated Bike/Pram/Car</b>	1st Cliftons & Coopers "Boudeca & the Romans"
	2nd The Winchesters "Batmobile"
	3rd The Conways "Chinese Rickshaw"
<b>Horse Drawn, Mounted or Led</b>	
	1st Adam "Roy Rogers & Trigger"

- Walking Tableau Children (2-8 persons)**  
1st "Cheeky Cheerleaders"
- Walking Tableau Children (more than 8 persons)**  
1st Harbury Primary School
- Walking Tableau Family**  
1st The Hunts "Dr Who"  
2nd The Rollasons "Swinespots"
- Walking Tableau Adults**  
1st WI "Harbury Panto"  
2nd John and Linda Ridgley "Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson"
- Walking Child**  
1st Katherine "Daisy"
- Walking Adult**  
1st T. Morrall "Dalek"
- Child Best Original Costume in Parade (Tim Percival Cup)**  
Bethany
- Adult Best Original Costume in Parade (Sue Andrews Cup)**  
Moira Rollason "Swinespots"

### Fancy Dress

- Under 5yrs**  
1st Sophie "Maori"  
2nd Saffie "Kangaroo"  
3rd Adam "Diver"
- 5-7yrs**  
1st Saul "Shrek Character"  
2nd "K9"  
3rd Jasmine "Mary Poppins"
- 8-10yrs**  
1st Robert "Harry Potter"  
2nd Henry "Zorro"  
3rd Kate "Lamb"
- 11-17yrs**  
1st Bethany & Thomas "Chinese"  
2nd Jack & Rebecca "Wallace & Gromit"  
3rd Katherine "Daisy"
- Adult Group**  
1st Barratts, Darlisons and Bulls "Shrek"  
2nd The Hunts "Dr Who"  
3rd WI "Harbury Panto"
- Adult Individual**  
1st Tim Bull "Shrek"  
2nd Amanda Barratt "Big Bad Wolf"  
3rd Jo Goodridge "Queen from Shrek"

All the entries were so good we owe our thanks to the judges for a difficult job well done, so thank you to, Andrew Patrick, Jenny Patrick, Tony Stubbs, Ian Holroyd, Ken Hughes, John Hancock, Midge Keen and Steve Dolley (Procession) and Barbara Thistlethwaite and Eunice McCracken (Fancy Dress).

Also thanks to Tony Ceney, who as usual did a great job as MC, to Muglestons for supplying the King and Queen's flowers and to all those who helped on the day - setting up, on the gate, clearing up – and beforehand, selling raffle tickets and programmes. Thank you all very much.

We expect to have had another good year in the fund raising department and I will give you the details next month. In the meantime, if your organisation/charity is in need of some funds, please contact me by July 19<sup>th</sup> (614258) and we will see what we can do to make a contribution from our proceeds.

**John Broomfield**

## **Village Hall update**

The Village Hall Management committee and the sub-group, the Village Hall Development Steering group both met last month to consider the proposals for the refurbishment and modernisation of the Village Hall. At the latter meeting, representation was made of behalf of GASS, the Football teams, Harbury School and the Theatre Group and a number of suggestions were put forward about improvements to the existing facilities and possible future development. It was agreed that a consultation meeting would be arranged for September with a similar format to that arranged for the discussion of the Parish Plan when all villagers would be invited to look at the premises and give their views on the 'way forward'. The Development Steering group recognises that the Village Hall is a community facility and therefore it is vital that all members of the community are invited to put forward ideas, so that a consensus of opinion will shape any future development. In the meantime, representatives from the 'Development' group have made visits to a number of Village Halls, which have been rebuilt or undergone transformation since 2000. The Warwickshire Rural Community Council has provided advice and guidance on the places to visit, as well as on possible sources of funding, which might be available to assist any proposals the village might make for modernisation of our 1960's building. So far, the

intrepid fact-finders have visited Burton Green (small, extended Hall), Dunchurch (large, extended Hall), Eathorpe (small, new build Hall), Ettington (massive, new build Hall), Newbold-on-Stour (small, extended Hall) and Offchurch (small, modernised Hall), in an effort to discover the significant improvements in the recent development of Village Halls. There are still one or two other places to visit on our 'magical mystery tour' of the County in search of developments at other Village Halls, which will guide ideas on refurbishment of our own Hall. At all times, the 'representative three' from the Steering group have been mindful to ask questions about the daily/weekly use of each Hall and the income which supports the maintenance of the premises on behalf of the community. Several villages include information on relevant web-sites, which show the facilities available in the community Hall and give details about the 'rooms for hire' and the costs involved, so it is possible to compare how our Village Hall fares alongside those of other villages. At present, it is good to report that the income from the bookings to our Hall do cover the costs of maintaining all the expected facilities, including heating, lighting, cooking facilities and use of the 'changing rooms' etc. Certainly there are many aspects of Harbury Village Hall, which we have every reason to be grateful for, especially to those far-sighted villagers who raised the money to develop the existing premises. The Development Steering group has agreed that it will be offering a number of activities throughout the coming year, which will be used to create the funds necessary to set the 'ball rolling' in whichever way the community decides following the consultation day in September. As always, most people in Harbury realise the advantages of living in our village in a community which is very supportive and it is to be hoped that any 'improvements' made to the Village Hall will serve the greatest number of people's interests.

**Chris Finch**

## **Senior Citizens Outing**

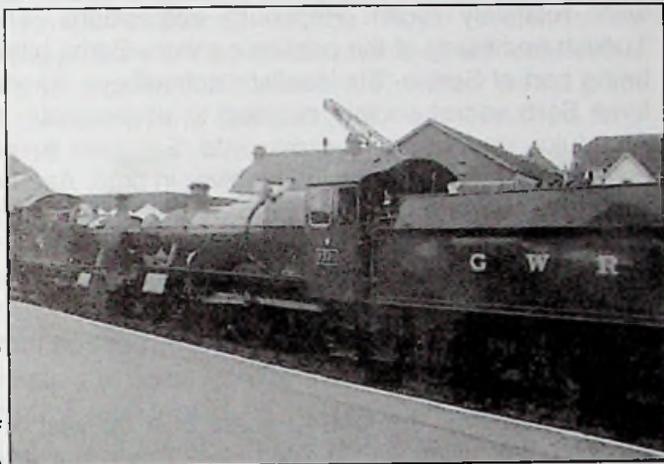
Once again we were treated to an enjoyable summer outing, this time to Minehead.

After an uneventful journey, leaving Harbury just after 8-30am. We arrived at the coast at 12-30; just in time for sampling the local hostelries and cafes.

Minehead is a quiet seaside resort with a quaint harbour and wide seafront. The terminus of the West Somerset Railway is situated here

right in the centre of the town. Steam hauled trains run on the restored 20 miles of track following the coast, and through scenic Somerset countryside to Bishops Lydeard, calling at several villages and towns en route.

The Golden Age of rail travel, with its nostalgic sights and smells of the steam age is very popular with rail enthusiasts and interests children too, as "Thomas the tank engine" resides here.



With no chance of sea bathing, the tide being well out, some took the opportunity of a rail trip, while the more intrepid made the 2 mile walk to picturesque Dunster with its imposing castle and impressive yarn-market.

At 5.30pm, with the tide still too shy to meet us, we returned home via a comfort stop at Evesham with a pint and a pie for those who desire it.

Again our thanks must go to the Senior Citizens Committee and their hard working helpers and for the second year running the surprise "brown envelopes", which are much appreciated.

**N.B. Harbury Senior Citizens Summer Lunch will now be on Saturday August 26th NOT August 5th.**

**Ralph Swadling**

## **Harbury in the First World War**

**1914.**

The summer of 1914 was one of the loveliest anyone could remember. In Harbury, villagers would have enjoyed the sunshine, and with conditions for ordinary people steadily improving, perhaps have allowed themselves to look forward to the future with some optimism. In a time before broadcasting, few would have noticed the storm clouds gathering over Europe, or realised that their lives were about to change for ever.

On the 28th June, the heir to the Hapsburg Monarchy which ruled the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, and his wife Sophia went to inspect the army in Bosnia. Bosnia and Hercegovina were relatively recent Hapsburg acquisitions. They were formerly Turkish and many of the population were Serbs bitterly resentful of not being part of Serbia. Six idealistic schoolboys, encouraged and armed by a Serb secret society decided to assassinate the Archduke. The Archduke and his wife drove into Sarajevo in an open car. One conspirator failed to draw his revolver in time. Another felt sorry for the Archduke's wife and went home. A third threw a bomb and missed. The chauffeur was ordered to speed out of town, but took a wrong turning. He stopped to turn round, and Gavrilo Princip stepped onto the running board and shot the Archduke and his wife, killing them instantly. In so doing, he ignited the powder keg that was Europe, and caused the death of millions.

Europe had over the last 40 years built up vast armies and entered into complex alliances. Threats were made but the peace was kept. Bluff and counter-bluff had worked in the past. Austria-Hungary blamed Serbia for the assassination. Serbia's traditional ally, Russia, promised support. Germany promised support to Austria-Hungary. On 28th July, Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia. Russia immediately mobilised. The Austrians waited, knowing that if they invaded Serbia they could not easily mobilise their army against Russia.

The German general staff were terrified of fighting on two fronts. Russia was allied to France. They had therefore planned their forces to overwhelm France before Russia had time to fully mobilise. This meant that if Germany mobilised, war was inevitable. Germany sent an ultimatum to Russia demanding demobilisation within 12 hours. They refused. On August 1st, Germany declared war on Russia. On August 3rd, they declared war on France. The short frontier between France and Germany was heavily fortified. Following the Schlieffen Plan, Germany would attack via Belgium. On August 2nd, they demanded free passage and Belgium refused. Great Britain, until now reluctant to get involved, declared war on Germany in defence of Belgium.

Secure behind the Grand Fleet, Britain had no fear of invasion. The British Expeditionary Force that was sent to France consisted of the Regular Army and took up position on the left flank of the French Army by August 20th. Unlike other protagonists, Britain had no conscription. Around 1906, it had been agreed with France that in the event of a

European war, 7 divisions would be deployed. Because of the military commitment to the Empire this would leave the homeland defenceless. The Territorial Army was formed to fill the gap. In Warwickshire, this consisted of the 5th-8th battalions of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and their support units. Men had to attend 40 drill sessions a year and go on camp for two weeks in summer. The latter was a great inducement as camps were by the sea and paid - attractive in a time when many workers did not get a holiday.

The Warwickshire Infantry Brigade entrained for annual camp in Rhyl on August 1st. Next day, with barely a whiff of the sea, they were ordered home. On Monday 3rd August, the entire Territorial Army was mobilised. The Warwickshires, after endless train journeys, and marches in stifling heat, ended up in Chelmsford.

Lord Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, realised that the war would be long and millions of men would be needed. On August 7th, he issued his famous call 'Your country needs you' and posters went up everywhere. Volunteers poured in-500,000 in the first month, 3 million by 1916. Among them, were many Harbury boys. It was a clumsy system-the best men volunteered first-many could not be spared from their civilian jobs. There were few camps and no equipment. Men lived in tents for months and drilled with walking sticks. Volunteers formed battalions of existing regiments. The 9th-16th battalions of the Royal Warwicks were Kitchener Battalions.

In France, things had not gone well. In an initial campaign of retreat and advance, casualties were heavy and by November both sides were dug in and movement had all but stopped. One man with a machine gun protected by mounds of earth was more powerful than advancing masses. The generals on both sides stared at these lines impotently and went on staring for four years of carnage.

The first two Harbury casualties of the Great War were not however in France but at sea. Reuben Mann was actually from Bishops Itchington and is also on their memorial. He was the second son of William and Annie Mann who lived in the High Street. William was a carpenter and joiner. Reuben was born there on the 29th November 1893. He became a postman, and I assume he is on our memorial because he either lived or worked here or both. However on the 9th March, 1914, he enlisted in the Royal Navy. He served on HMS Hawke, an old armoured cruiser assigned to the North Sea. On October 14th, along with HMS Theseus, the ship was operating without a destroyer screen. They were tracked by a U-boat and when some 60 miles off Aberdeen

it fired a torpedo which hit HMS Hawke amidships near a magazine. There was a second explosion in which large numbers of the crew were killed. The ship sank in five minutes and 525 men were lost including Stoker 2nd class Reuben Mann. His name is on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial to men who have no grave but the sea.

The next tragic news to reach Harbury however, came from faraway in the Pacific. Able-Seaman James Walker, was the son of Mary, widow of Henry, and she lived at Highfield Cottages. James was born in Harbury in 1883 and joined the Royal Navy in 1901. On August 2nd, he was sent to HMS Good Hope, a Drake class cruiser and the flagship of Rear-Admiral Christopher Craddock. They set sail for the Pacific. Most of the German fleet remained in harbour but a squadron under Von Spee roamed the southern seas. On November 1st, it ran into Craddock's force off the coast of Chile and sank the 'Good Hope' with the loss of 900 men. Able-Seaman Walker is also remembered on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial.

Lieutenant Brian Osbourne was the youngest son of Captain Frank and Mrs Helen Osbourne of Harbury Hall. He was born in Australia and educated at Harrow and the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. He arrived in France with his regiment, the 15th Hussars on August 24th. He was killed in action near Ypres on November 11th. He was 25. He is buried in the Bedford House Cemetery near there. His brother, Captain Gerald Osbourne served with the 19th Hussars. He was wounded in 1915, but survived the war.

As Christmas approached, hope of a short war had disappeared. The 2nd battalion of the Royal Warwicks were dug in near Bas Maisnil. Among them was Private Alfred Overs who was born in Harbury. At the outbreak of war he was with his battalion in Malta. They returned to England on 19th September and arrived in Zeebrugge on the 6th October. On the 18th December, they were ordered to take the German trench opposite. After a heavy artillery barrage, they went over the top and were met with withering machine gun fire. It is reported that they 'advanced with steadiness'. They failed to take the trench and 12 officers and 363 men were killed or wounded. Among the dead was Alfred Overs. He is remembered on the Ploegstreert Memorial in Belgium.

At Christmas, in bitter weather, the opposing troops fraternised, shared food, sang carols, and even played football in the snow. Next day, the slaughter continued. It was to go on for another four years.

**Sharon Hancock.**

## Thatcher



Max Grindlay from Long Itchington, a thatcher for 25 years has replaced the ridge thatch at 'Homeland' Vicarage Lane also giving a general tidy up to the remaining roof. Max is holding a legget, a tool used in thatching.

**Mike Bloxham**

## Parish Paths Partnership

The sun shone on our Warwickshire Walking Festival guided walk to Ufton and back on 31st May. About 25 walkers, many from the village but some from as far away as Kenilworth, Rugby and Wellesbourne enjoyed views of Harbury cutting and the Leam Valley on the way there. The drinkers stopped for one at the White Hart and the rest of us did a full tour of the Ufton Fields Nature Reserve before returning to Harbury via Flax Hill and Mill Lane.



The sun also shone on our carnival stall. We had a steady stream of competitors for our two competitions. The Holden's won the footpath photo quiz with 14 correct answers out of 15. The runners up got 13 and 12 right and several people got 11 right, amongst them Phil Muggleston our youngest entrant, well done Phil. The entrance to SM 57 off the Pound and the entrance to SM24 next to Cecil Bloxham's were the most difficult. In our children's guessing game congratulations go to Phoebe from Harbury and William from Ufton who shared the prize. The correct number was 74, they were both just one out.

Work wise we have been clearing this year's growth from paths close to the village. The rain and then the warm weather seem to have really encouraged the cow parsley and the brambles. Let me know if any of the paths you use are difficult.

**John Ridgley**

## **World Challenge trip to Namibia July 2007**

We are Harriet Randall and Hayley Ashurst! We both attended Harbury Primary School and we are now pupils at Stratford upon Avon Grammar School for Girls, having just completed our GCSE exams.

In the summer of 2007, part way through our sixth form, we will be taking part in a World Challenge project (along with 13 others from our school) for three weeks in Namibia, South West Africa. Part of this challenge is to raise the money to fund our stay in the country so that we can work on a community project while we are there. World Challenge projects usually involve helping a third world village or local organisation, for example, through teaching English in a local school or by providing manpower to assist in renovating or improving school facilities. We will also be taking part in some more physical challenges, including at least one long-distance trek.

Participating in this expedition will not only enable us to give something back to the local community in Namibia, but it will also give us an opportunity to develop life skills, such as leadership and teamwork. During the expedition, each member will take their turn at being the Student Leader, with responsibility for the day-to-day tasks and decisions and identifying ways to improve teamwork. Individuals will also be responsible for looking after the budget, transport booking and organisation, medical log, food purchase, accommodation etc.



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We each have to raise nearly £3000 to cover the cost of our expedition, and we are expected to do this through our own fund-raising efforts. We would like to thank very much those people who baked cakes for us and also all those who bought them (and played "Bat the Rat"! ) at the Harbury Carnival, which was our first fund-raising event. We had a successful day and the money we raised has made an encouraging start to our funds. We shall be organising further fund-raising events over the course of the next year, and will be most grateful for your continued support – and do bear us in mind if you need a babysitter, your plants watered, or your dog walked – in fact we are prepared to consider a variety of money-spinning activities!!

Thank you.

**Harriet Randall 613871 & Hayley Ashurst 614575**

## Library

Pictured riding on his buggy Peter Cook tried for size the recently fitted ramp at Harbury Library. This ramp should make the approach different and also better for those people who use wheelchairs or buggies.

**Mike Bloxham**



## Garage and Drive Sales

Frances Road residents are holding individual Garage and Drive sales. 10+ sellers with plenty of bargains on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 10am till 3pm.

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**Residents of Frances Road**

## Southam Open Gardens

Southam Open Gardens Day has been taking place for many years now and has become established as a fixture in the calendar of local (and, indeed, not so local) gardeners and garden lovers. Many communities have similar events, but, because of the nature of Southam there is a changing and wide variety of places to visit, from large formal layouts to smaller areas which often show innovative use of restricted space.

This year's Open Gardens will be on Sunday, 23rd July, when viewing will be from 11.00am until 6.00pm. Admission will be by programme, priced at £3. The event is organised by The Friends of Southam Parish Church and all proceeds will be applied to improvements and repairs to St James Church.

If you're not sure where to start, or would like advice on a suggested route, please call in at St James Church where programmes will be on sale. You're bound to pick up some good ideas as you visit - maybe some that have yet to make it to the TV gardening programmes! Enjoy your day!

**John Thorne**

**On behalf of Friends of Southam Parish Church**



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

*Dear Friends, we wish to thank you for your lovely gifts, cards, good wishes and prayers.*

*Colin and I are most grateful and appreciate your kindness very much.*

*Jen & Colin Ingram*

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*Dear Editors, I am sure all those who enjoyed a super day in Minehead will join me in thanking all the 'gang' who organised and raised money to pay for the outing.*

*It was much appreciated. You are stars!*

*Jeanne Beaumont*

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

**Bookings for:**

<b>Scout Hut</b>	<b>Lesley van Kesteren</b>	<b>613411</b>
<b>Tom Hauley Room</b>	<b>Liz Bunting</b>	<b>612450</b>
<b>T. Hauley Room Coffee Morning</b>	<b>Sally Stringer</b>	<b>613214</b>
<b>Village Hall</b>	<b>Wendy Hawkes</b>	<b>613198</b>
<b>Wight School</b>	<b>Lin Hayes</b>	<b>613488</b>

## Regular Diary Dates

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

**BABY CLINIC:** Surgery, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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;

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the month 8:30pm

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

**HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:** Chairman: Mike Jones Tel: 614040

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

Coach: David Hoey Tel: 311097

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

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**Year 4 -** Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury School

Coach: Neil Murray Tel: 612524

**Year 5 -** Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury School

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

Coach: Andy Dickson Tel: 612192

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

Coach: Keith Edwards Tel: 421414

**HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL:** Wight School (behind Library), High St. Monday 12:30pm – 3:00pm, 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 (613093)

**HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB:** Contact 612498

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

**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:** Tom Hauley Room, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in the month 7.30am

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

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

**RAINBOWS :** Scout Hut Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm, Unit Leader Bobbi Sharpe 614040

**SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

**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.

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

**W.I.:** Tom Hauley Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### **AUGUST EDITION - HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS**

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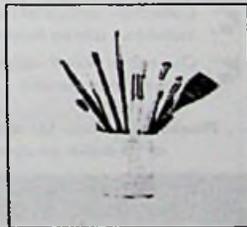
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<u>Session</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Age</u>				
B.	11.00 - 12.30	7 - 9 years				
C.	13.00 - 14.30	10-12 years				
D.	14.30 - 16.00	13-15 years				
			<u>1 session</u>	<u>4 sessions</u>	<u>8 sessions</u>	<u>12 sessions</u>
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	Non Members	£6.75	£26.00	£50.00	£72.00	

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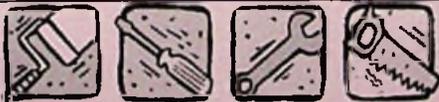
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