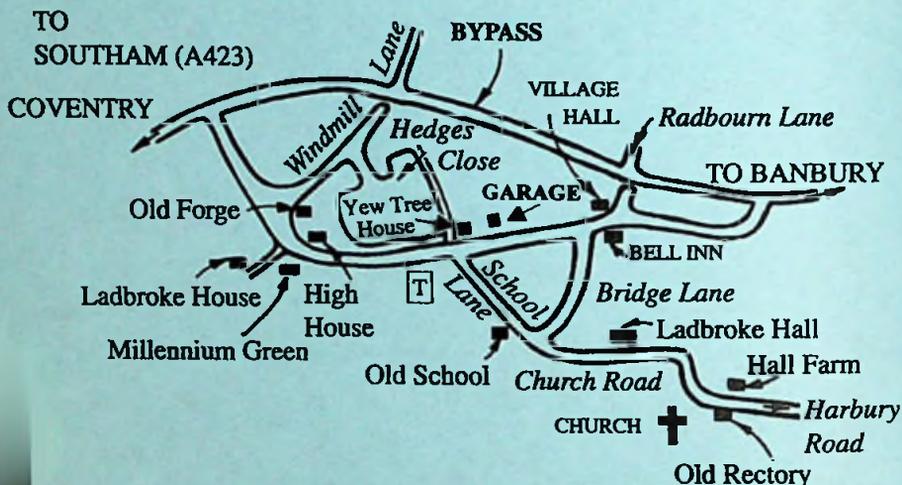


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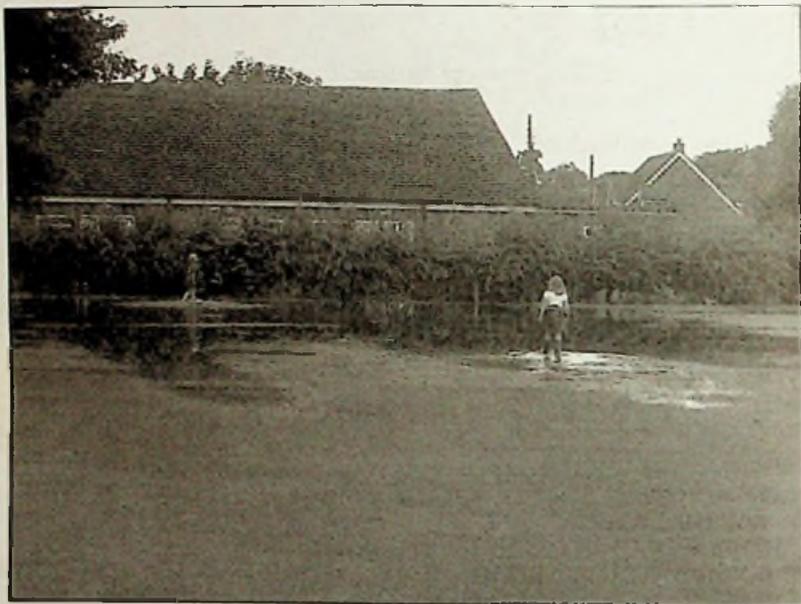
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Editorial

The Floods affected Ladbroke more than Harbury with residents in Bridge Lane having an anxious time on Friday 20th July.



Harbury Playing Field Floods!

Fortunately the "Toys for Boys" event was very successful and enjoyed, one of the rare sunny weekends.

Two new opportunities are offered for the village – an angling contest in October and a proposal for a Harbury Bridge Club.

Harbury Theatre Group is taking Rob Stringer's play 'Armageddon and Fish Cakes' to the Edinburgh Festival and we wish them every success.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Dennis Ayres, Stanley Barnes, Doris Byrne, Margaret Chamberlain, Thomas Clarke, Joyce McLaughlin, Barry Smith and Michael Williams

Harbury Diary

AUGUST

- Sat 4 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Inner Wheel/Rotary
- Sun 5 **TRINITY IX**
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room,
Evening Worship 6.00pm
Cricket 1st XI home to Snitterfield
- Tues 7 Youth Drop-in Drinks on Field 7.15pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Thurs 9 Holy Communion 9.45am
Blood Donors in Village Hall
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 11 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Multiple Sclerosis
Senior Citizens Summer Lunch in Village Hall
- Sun 12 **TRINITY X**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Cricket 1st XI home to Yelvertoft
- Tues 14 No Toddlers Service
Youth Drop-in Drinks on Field 7.15pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 15 Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3.00-4.00pm
ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
"Talk it Through" 8.00pm at 33 South Parade
- Thurs 16 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 17 **RECYCLING AND GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
- Sat 18 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of PCC
- Sun 19 **TRINITY XI**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Family Communion 10.30am
Evensong 6.00pm
- Tues 21 **NO MOTHERS UNION**
Youth Drop-in Drinks on Field 7.15pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Senior Citizens Committee 8.00pm in Village Hall

Thurs	23	Holy Communion 9.45am Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
Sat	25	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Netball
Sun	26	TRINITY XII Holy Communion 8.00am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Cricket 1st XI home to Edgbaston Unity
Mon	27	BANK HOLIDAY
Tues	28	Youth Drop-in Drinks on the Field 7.15pm Holy Communion 7.30pm Julian Meeting 8.00pm
Wed	29	Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm Street "Talk it Through" 8.00pm at 33 South Parade
Thurs	30	Holy Communion 9.45am
Fri	31	NO REFUSE COLLECTION TODAY Beer Festival

SEPTEMBER

Sat	1	RECYCLING AND GREEN WASTE COLLECTION TODAY Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Choice Donations Galanos House Southam Annual Fete 2.00pm
Sun	2	TRINITY XIII Sung Eucharist 9.00pm First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room Evening Worship 6.00pm
Tues	4	SCHOOL STARTS Youth Drop-in Drinks on Field 7.15pm Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	5	Holy Communion 2.00pm Mothers Union 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
Thurs	6	Holy Communion 9.45am No Men's Group Meeting Art Group in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am – 4.00pm Folk Group 8.30pm in Shakespeare Inn

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

June 2 James William Henry Wilkinson to Fiona Jane Hancock

June 16 Michael Rance Munday to Sandra Ann Moore



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Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

- June 10 Abigail Regan Banbury
Joseph Robert Coulter
Finlay James Connet
- July 8 Benjamin David Frederick Wilson
Emily Jazmin Jordan - Wilson

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

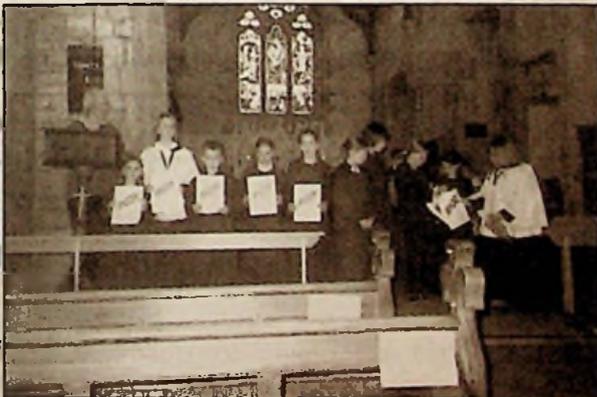
- June 4 Dennis Ayres (70)
- June 28 Stanley Barnes (84)
- July 11 Margaret Chamberlain (70) Service of Thanksgiving
- July 13 Barry Smith (64)
- July 17 Doris Byrne (84)
- July 19 Thomas Clarke (74) Service of Thanksgiving
- July 30 Joyce Mclaughlin (83)
- August 3 Michael Williams (63)



From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

This Month's Family Communion Service fell on St Swithin's Day. Outside, the rain poured down: inside, during the presentation, we talked about storm, wind and rain, thinking particularly of the story of Christ stilling the storm on the Sea of Galilee. We reminded



ourselves of His loving care for His disciples, of His understanding of their fear, of His gentle teaching, and we thanked Him for these same gifts that He offers us every day.

Thank you very much to all who joined in and helped, especially our choir.

There was a meeting of the PCC on 31st July, its subject 'The Profile of the Future Priest of Harbury and Ladbroke'. All members were invited to contribute views and from these a draft profile has been drawn up and circulated. The draft was discussed at the meeting and the outcome will be forwarded to the diocese prior to our September meeting with the Bishop.

We shall continue to keep you informed.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Our annual garden meeting was held very comfortably - indoors! Typical of this summer, and thanks to Barbara and David Thistlethwaite.

We heard reports of the year's activities, remembered with sadness the loss of Ina Andrews and were pleased to welcome our four new members bringing our total to 44. Apologies for omitting Sally Heigl's name from my report when she was enrolled in May. We then enjoyed a chat over tea and cakes.

The evening meeting was an opportunity to ask for suggestions for future speakers and discuss forthcoming events.

The coffee morning and lunch were both successful: a donation of £160 will be sent to worldwide M.U funds. Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

There is no meeting in August; we hope members will enjoy whatever summer remains!

September 5th - Holy Communion in church at 2.00pm



First Light

Alison Abbott

Friends

If your child is coming to Holiday Club, First Light on Sunday 2nd September is especially for you. It will develop the ideas the children will be given about the value of friendship, both to give and to receive. This short informal service for all the family starts at 10.30am in the Tom Hauley Room, following coffee at 10am.

And a reminder that the service on August 5th is thinking about the Fatherhood of God.



Toddler's Service

Lorna Bedford



Mrs Lesley Jones came to our July service and told us the story of how Jesus turned the water into wine at a wedding he was attending with his mother.

We sang two songs; 'I danced in the morning', and 'If you want joy, real joy, wonderful joy'. We were accompanied by Mr. Charles Catt on the clarinet.

Following our usual custom for our July meeting we spread out two blankets and had our refreshments as a picnic. Unfortunately, as the weather was rather damp we had our picnic in the Tom Hauley Room instead of outside in the

churchyard. We then played with toys till it was time to go home.

We have no Toddlers Service in August so the date for our next meeting is Tuesday September 11th in church at 2.00 pm. All babies and toddlers, accompanied by an adult, are most welcome to join us.



Ladbroke News & Diary

AUGUST

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Sun	5	TRINITY IX Family Communion 10.30am, followed by refreshments
Tues	7	Yoga 6.00pm in Village Hall Aerobics 7.00pm in Village Hall
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SEPTEMBER

Sun	2	TRINITY XIII Family Communion 10.30am, followed by refreshments
Tues	4	Yoga 6.00pm in Village Hall Aerobics 7.00pm in Village Hall
Sat	8	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall

Ladbroke Flower Rota

August	12 th	Sue Lord
August	19 th	Marie Kennedy
August	26 th	Beryl Ross
September	2 nd	Valerie Copley
September	9 th	Valerie Copley

Jane Rutherford





Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

The first item taken from the minutes of the last meeting was the business of where to put the free trees from Warwickshire County Council; if we get them they must be planted on public land.

Police Report – this month the report was given by Sgt Steven Hill. The local policemen / women are taking turns in attending Parish Council meetings so that we get to know one another. Steven was pleased to tell us that the criminals stealing number plates and petrol from garage forecourts have been arrested.

The question was raised about speed checks on Ladbroke bypass. The number of cameras and speed check vehicles available are limited, but the police are holding a speeding awareness week and our bypass is high on their list. The police are well aware of our speeding problems.

Ladbroke Website – The Parish Council has been allocated a £5000 grant to set up a website. Balvinder Heron from Stratford District Council attended the meeting and outlined the options for use, the training, and the ongoing costs of a website. There were lengthy discussions about items that could be put on the website and how useful it would be to link up with other local councils and the District and County Councils; also what use it would be for the Ladbroke community as a whole. For example, Police information, dates for events, and meetings of the various organisations.

The council are waiting to contact Gez Romano to discuss the various pot holes and improvements required. Hopefully he will come and inspect the road and areas of concern; at the moment he is on holiday.

The council has been notified that lorries carrying recycling compost matter have been routed through the village from Gaydon.

A lid on a water / sewage inspection chamber needs replacing in Windmill Lane: in the recent heavy rains, water was reported coming up from a manhole cover outside Sarah's Cottage in Bridge Lane.

I am writing this during the afternoon of Friday 20th July. We have spent the morning moving all items – furniture etc up stairs in Sarah's Cottage and moving Gwynne and Francis Badman to safety with Miff and Kipp Warr – at the moment water is coming down as well as up manhole covers through the village.

The Village Hall – A new local architect has been asked to look at designs for a new hall. Fund raising is on-going, and more use is being made of the hall itself, no purchases will be made of items which cannot be used in the future plans for the hall. A request by the Village Hall committee to the Parish Council for a grant has been agreed.

Millennium Green – “Toys for Boys” was very successful – (held on a really sunny summer’s day) and raised £700+. A request for a lottery grant for new equipment has been turned down.

Report from District Council – rest assured we will NOT be getting fortnightly refuse collections. Land-fill tax is going up.

Warwickshire County Council is talking about a “one stop shop” in Southam library for questions regarding planning and policing.

We are legally obliged to have a no smoking sign in the bus shelter!!

For our ageing population more sheltered housing would be better and cheaper than building more care homes. There is a report coming out on inspection of care homes and care of the aged.

There are delays on the implementation of weight restrictions on the bridge in Deppers Bridge – it will be monitored.

No future plans for Bishops Bowls cement works – now owned by Cemax.

There is controlled burning of tyres in Rugby.

Finally - we shall have to de-clutter the notice board, a new one would cost £600.



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Sue Halsall

The Strawberry Fayre held in the Village Hall on the 28th June was a great success. Luckily the weather held out and along with our own members there were many visitors from other W.I's in the area. A big thank you for their support. The room was soon filled; in fact we had to resort to emergency tables and chairs to accommodate everyone. The President and committee should be commended for their hard work especially the kitchen staff. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

There is an alteration on the programme for Thursday 27th September's meeting. Unfortunately the Floral Demonstration has been postponed and will be replaced with a games evening.

Next event is the summer outing to Warwick and the Lord Leycester Hospital on the 15th August. Coach will be leaving from Wood Street Southam at 10.05am picking up at Ladbroke Hall 10.15, then on to Deppers Bridge.

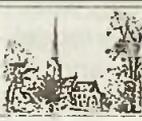


Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

Janet Goldson

Here is the result of the monthly draw for June 2007:

£70 Pat Kennedy
 £25 Christine Baker
 £25 Jill Norgate
 £10 Nicky Lewis
 £10 AE & HD Dowdeswell
 £10 Graham Lewis



Ride and Stride

Betty Winkfield

This is the new title given to the old sponsored cycle ride. I have got sponsorship forms for this event. For details of which churches are taking part you will need to look on their website www.divine-inspiration.org.uk

It seems that lots of churches are putting on special events over the whole of the weekend September 8th and 9th. It is titled "Heritage Open Weekend". Whatever monies you raise will, as usual, be 50% to All Saints Ladbroke, 50% to Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust. I had a marvellous response last year, please have another go this year.



Toys for Boys

Kip Warr

It's amazing how much machinery is stashed away in garages, barns, sheds and fields around here. A hundred or so were proudly displayed as Toys for Boys in Ladbroke on 7th July. From monster trucks to tiny models, we had them all.

A helicopter made a stirring arrival at the outset (not least for the stewards whose papers were blown into a holly bush by the down draught). This was soon followed by vintage cars, motor cycles, sports cars and a wonderful array of big machines and tractors. Biggest of all was a huge yellow combine harvester that occupied the centre of the village, dominating the house next door.



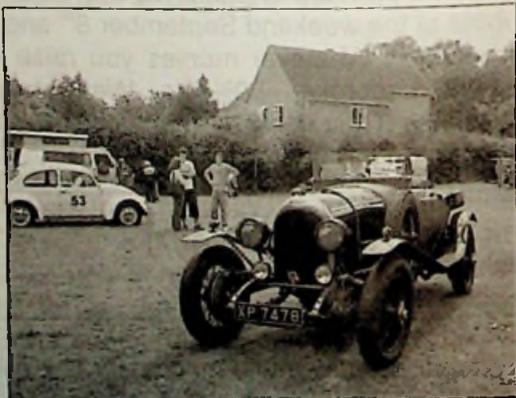
The picture shows four-year-old Henry Daniels proudly sitting on a gleaming blue Fordson Major tractor. His mother, Jennie, remembers sitting on the same tractor as a child when it was a stripped-down shell parked outside the pub.

Meanwhile the village hall was full of model aircraft and boats. A star attraction there was a

flight simulator which gave very realistic experience of flying a model - and crashing it. The Bell Inn's hog roast was in strong demand and our tea stall served well over 200 teas and drinks (thank goodness for the first fine weather in a rain-sodden month).

Our star raffle prize was £100 vouchers for a driving experience at Silverstone and the lucky winner was Giles Bradley. The two prizes generously given by the Bell Inn, a free meal and tickets for a Robbie Williams Tribute Night, were won by Mr. Hewett and Colin Constable respectively.

We have many to thank for the success of the day, including the exhibitors, the many volunteers and the Norgates for the use of their field. We raised some £700 which will be used for the insurance and maintenance of the Green (we have to raise more now because Stratford District has discontinued the annual maintenance grant). It will also contribute to the fund-raising effort for new play equipment.





Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

Official minutes can be viewed in the Library on the Parish Council website www.harbury-parish.co.uk or obtained from the Parish Clerk

Weather - We've had a lot of rain, suddenly, on saturated ground – so water was on everyone's mind.

Karena, now Ellis-Greenway, came in wellies. Mr Tudor from Treen's Hill told the Council it was not his fault water was running across Middle Road as he had cleaned out his ditch but it was blocked with detritus from further uphill. Brian Malone of 19 South Parade reported that water flowed down Ivy Lane from the Village Hall and that residents were concerned that they might be inundated.

Keith Thompson, chairing in Tim Lockley's absence, promised that the Clerk would write to the Highways department and Mr Tudor's neighbour to highlight the problem. The Council would survey the village for "wet-spots" where action was needed.

Emergency Planning - Discussion followed on the Parish Emergency Plan which is being updated. There were still problems about access to blankets etc and difficulties in identifying vulnerable residents who might need help.

Policing - For the Police, PC Nigel Hill reported several successes. They had caught villains from the Thames Valley who had been taking cars and also the number plate thieves from Daventry, but distraction burglars were still a problem.

There had been an exchange of letters between the police and Folletts over public safety at the Quarries and they had been assured the developers were taking the issue very seriously.

He warned the assembled company (five Cllrs, the Clerk & me) that the third week in August would see Southam Police targeting speeding in our villages and "Ideally I would prefer not to catch a Parish Councillor"!

Village Hall - Geoff Thorpe, Village Hall Chairman had caught youngsters climbing on the hall roof. Not only is this very unsafe, and the roof is leaking, but as Janet Thornley said, they have to tell their mothers that the brown anti-climbing coating "takes thirty washes" to remove.

All were bemused that having indicated to Stratford an interest in the touring cinema, the Hall was told it had been allocated one Monday a month without any discussion on availability etc.

Deppers Bridge - Ron Grey, newly appointed representative, revealed that approval for the Weight Limit for the Station Bridge had been put back to September. He had alerted WCC School Transport that buses would be unable to use the bridge.

Planning - Stratford granted permission for work on Bull Ring Cottage to install metal windows; the felling of ten Ash trees and the planting and laying of a hedge; and an extension to 9 Knightlow Way.

The Parish made no representation on a two storey extension to Lorne Cottage; a single storey extension at 43 Deppers Bridge; lifting the crown of a Horse Chestnut at 9 Pirie Close and a small rear lobby at Church House.

They did ask that consideration be given to parking problems in respect of the Bull Ring Garage application and asked that Folletts installed the island junction at the Quarries before work begins on the Lodges there.

They were also much exercised by the 132KV power line which will feed into the sub-station at the Quarries. Only the last part near the Quarries is due to be underground. The Parish Council argues that the whole length should be buried.

Housing - The Housing Association reported that they were meeting the owners of the land in Bush Heath Lane and would then draw up a revised layout for the site which would be available for public consultation in the late autumn.

Play - Janet Thornley thanked Peter Bones for drawing up plans for the BMX track. It was agreed that the Council would meet the young people to discuss the track and consult neighbours before seeking planning permission. There were problems in sourcing and transporting the sub-soil needed for construction.

Carnival - The fallout from the RAVE could mean that the Carnival itself is diminished. The Councillors are concerned that more and bigger Fairground rides have been introduced which could badly damage the Fields if the weather were wet. They will request that the chains are replaced across the ends of the car park to prevent revellers driving onto the fields and will ask for more stewarding.

Noticeboard - The Noticeboard outside the Hall is on its last legs. They did have fun trying to choose a replacement. How big would it be if it took six sheets of A4? How big was the existing one? Fortunately I always carry a tape measure. Don't ask!

Road Safety - Karena wants a 20mph limit by the school. Keith wants the vegetation cut back at the Middle Road Junction.

Finance - Tony Mancell is well on the way to spending the £5,000 from 'Awards for All' for a village website. In the absence of positive plans from SDC on what they would provide, Harbury has bought software, a back-up hard drive, projector and stand and is now thinking of redesigning its website.

Folletts - The Masterplan for development of the Quarries is likely to be out for a six week public consultation at the end of August.

Next Meeting 28th September 2007.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

We were very sorry to hear of the passing of Doris Byrne who was a member for many years but had to give up going to meetings as she wasn't well enough. It was so nice that members attended her funeral.

Don't forget everybody is welcome to the afternoon tea at Peggie Middleton's on Thursday 30th August – 3 Penelope Close at 3.00pm, admission £2. There will be a raffle and a bring and buy.

The outing to Bletchley Park on Thursday 6th September will leave the Village Hall at 9.45am.

Now the Harbury Village Show on Saturday 8th September must be mentioned. Do try and enter as there is something for everybody to participate in and even one item will swell the Show. We look forward to seeing the children's class too. Schedules will be at Country Fayre - Chapel Street, Janice Siddle's – 35 Percival Drive, Dorothy Groves - 37 Mill Street and Judy Morrall – 55 Mill Street, plus Judy is accepting tombola gifts too. It is always a pleasant afternoon for viewing and there will be a plant and produce stall, tombola, raffle and refreshments from 2.00pm onwards. Tombola items would be welcome, plus cakes. It is always a super afternoon and an enjoyable event for Harbury.

The July speaker was Jan Warner, who spoke on 'The Survival of the Fittest', a history of child bearing. In the 16 and 1700's about a quarter of babies survived. Lack of hygiene and all the old strange ways, together with superstition, were a lot of the causes; childhood infections were great killers. Nowadays with the injections babies get,

they are well protected and childbirth is more straightforward and safe. One was lucky to survive then. Jan's information and the exhibition of all the items collected really were an eye opener and so interesting.

September speaker: Jill Grute – Southam's Secret.



Harbury Theatre Group

Ruth Walton

An exciting Summer lies ahead for Harbury Theatre Group as they head off to the Edinburgh Festival to perform "Armageddon and Fishcakes", by Rob Stringer. Some of you will have been lucky enough to see this performed in Harbury earlier in the year and will know that the Festival audiences are in for a thought-provoking performance. Copious amounts of energy, enthusiasm and determination have gone into this venture, so watch this space to read about the group's experiences.

Looking further ahead, make a date in your diaries for 22nd, 23rd, 24th November for our next production at a more local venue!

Our next meeting is at the Shakespeare Inn, 8.00 pm, on Monday 24th September and new members are always very welcome.



Folk Club

Peter McDonald

At the July Folk Club we had to imagine that the microphone wasn't there. 'Imagination' was the theme but the microphone was there because Keith Wedgebury from BBC C&W Radio had come along to record the session. So, in various states of nervousness or professionalism, twenty performers provided the usual quality, varied entertainment. We were delighted to welcome Chris Tobin for the first time with three of his distinctive songs and Will Pound brought the house down with his dazzling harmonica skill. The raffle raised £40 and 1 Euro(!) for OVACOME. www.ovacome.org.uk

The next folk club on August 2nd will be run by Sue and the theme is 'Favourites'.

<http://welcome.to/harburyfolkclub>



Harbury Cricket Club

Phil Mugleston

Attention! Lost entity! Name: The sun, previously positioned centre of Milky Way galaxy. If you have seen this ball of light please return to earth so that we can actually play some cricket. Also the Major (Richard Cair - Groundsman) requires sunlight in order to prepare a wicket. As this is not possible, the pub is gaining much more business than usual, his wife is concerned.

Rain! Need more be said? In the last seven weeks we have managed only two games. Although these have seen Harbury both suffering and enjoying the match, this is a major pain in the backside. Firstly, we played Marton who always put out a good side on a Sunday and we knew it would be a challenge! Opening the innings with a pair of Sri Lankan batsmen, needless to say they started well. But after we made the breakthrough, we thought a few quick wickets and we'd be on top. Out came an Aussie batsman who had other ideas. 248 runs later I was desperate for some of my mum's tea and sandwiches (damn good by the way). In the chase we suffered early setbacks in difficult batting conditions, so my brother told me! At this point we decided to have a bit of fun and the accident prone Will Russell, who had once again injured himself in the field trying to do something spectacular, was sent out to bat with one arm. Brilliant! He and Greg did their best to upset the opposition and batted out the innings to take us to 139 for 5. Will ended up 17 not out and admitted it was one of his most enjoyable innings to date stating, "I wound them right up didn't I?".

A few weeks later we managed a match against local rivals Wellesbourne. We were all desperate to play after having to sit and watch rain for two weeks and even won the toss and batted first. Things were looking up! But after a good start from the Russell brothers we had an almost England-like collapse (I got a dodgy LBW decision which I wasn't too happy with) ending up 121 all out. However this time my mum's tea did the trick, something different about the banana bread I thought. Ed went a bit crazy with the new ball and bowled unbelievably well taking 5 for 15 off 8 overs! He was well supported by Greg and Stuart Mugleston and we ended up bowling them out for 64. Phil Mugleston took a stunning catch to win the match and rounded off a great second half performance. Even the Major was happy we got to the pub early for once!

There are a few other matches to mention from a while ago. We gained a pool fixture against a side from Coventry on a Sunday morning. We made the journey with no problems and found the ground that had 'eat a lion' in big letters written across the pavilion! Bowling first we did well and took wickets at regular intervals, but one batsman eluded us, taking their total to 200 for 9. In reply we suffered some very poor umpire decisions. My brother and I were going well until he decided to hit the ball straight back at me! I couldn't pick up my bat for a while so Greg took my place. He didn't last long, not quite making the boundary with a big hit and I was straight back out there. There wasn't much point though. How it was LBW I don't know, but off I went. My brother continued though and hit a well-made 55 before being caught on the boundary and we fell short of the required total.

Another game that took place was between our second team and a new team to the area called Gatlin Fenns. Although I was not there I heard it was a closely fought match with Ian Jackson as captain. Harbury was as active as ever on the pitch and after batting first, his team managed a good score of 180. However, Gatlin Fenns came out determined to make the target. Opening with two youngsters from the area they were able to pass the total with the loss of only one wicket. There was a fine performance from James Clayton who often plays for the 1sts on a Sunday; he made 70 not out and helped Fenns to a brilliant victory. Since this meeting, after several negotiations, Gatlin Fenns have now joined us at Harbury as an occasional side. Through this, the club is continuing to gain more members and finals and we are definitely on the up.

I must also mention our coffee morning, which took place early last month. We dished out cakes galore and plenty of bottles of wine that flew off the tables to those who attended. Thanks everyone! I am glad to say that from this we were able to make the substantial sum of £120, which will be used to buy new netting for our training pitch down at the ground. Hopefully next month will be able to provide us with more cricket and I will be able to update you on all that goes on, on and off the field! I will also be able to put in some pictures of us in action. All the pictures that were taken last month were more pub than cricket related for some reason.

Once again if anyone is interested in playing the odd game on a Sunday they are more than welcome. All they need to do is ring Ed Russell on 612684, or me on 612382.

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Windmills

Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

While Friday sees the start of a holiday for most of us, it is the start of a new era in the lives of the older children in Windmills, who transfer to school in September. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them all good luck and to say thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts we have received, particularly the generous donations made to Windmills from Karena Ellis and Serena and David Ford. A special thank you also to Morgan Jones for his card which included a poem written especially for Windmills by his Grandma :

“Goodbye Windmills”

*Today's the day, I'm sad to say
I can no longer learn and play
At Windmills where I've had such fun
Whether in rain or in the sun.
Boys and girls and teachers too
I will miss each of you
For all the things you say and do.*

Three members of staff attended the Southam Branch PLA A.G.M. which included an art workshop where they experimented with fabric painting, marbling and printing and are looking forward to putting these into practice next term.

One of the highlights of this term was the visit from Zoo lab with their "Rainforest Roadshow". The children were able to handle a snake, giant land-snail, cockroach, as well as examine at close range a tarantula and scorpion. "It is better if you see scorpions in the dark because they glow" - Oliver K.

That same afternoon the children enjoyed a picnic for the final toddler service of this term. Thank you to all the ladies and Mr. Catt for organizing it and making us feel so welcome.

Chris our artist, visited Windmills this term and worked with the children discussing different animal prints and camouflage. She showed the children examples of these and then worked with the children using a needle and thread to recreate the camouflage effect. Our younger children used the different coloured threads to create animal print wool windings.



Our much-anticipated safari party turned out to be a great success and the children looked fantastic in their animal costumes. Thank you to the parents and grandparents for going to so much trouble. The children played party games, and had great fun wearing the animal masks they had made. The children then enjoyed a wonderful selection of party food, followed by a beautiful cake made by Sue Wheatley, Joshua's mum, to say goodbye and good luck.

Thanks - As this academic year draws to a close for Windmills, now is the time to say "Thank you" to all those people far too many to mention, who have helped in anyway over the past year. Your support and commitment to Windmills are fully appreciated by all the staff and directors. **MANY THANKS.**

Finally, Windmills re-opens after the summer break on Tuesday 4th September 2007. Have a great summer holiday.

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



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

Well, what a busy time we have had at Pre-School during the last three weeks of the summer term!

Compton Verney - It started right at the beginning of July when we were privileged to be selected to take all our children to Compton Verney. We are very grateful to Harbury Parish Council for making it possible by paying for the hire of a coach to take the children, parents and staff to the lovely grounds at Compton Verney, where a special map was used to guide the way around in search of the Treasure Tree. The children took collecting buckets to gather materials along the way and, when they reached the Treasure Tree, they used



natural and recycled materials to make their own creations. In the days that followed, they relived their experiences through drawings, paintings, collages and verbal description - Bebe: "We went to the treasure tree and we found the treasure and I put it in my bucket." Katie: "I made a rocket with some things inside." Poppy: "I made a kebab made out of paper. I made it with Beau." A lovely book has now been put together, with photographs of the outing, together with the childrens' own work, and this will be kept as a wonderful memento of a fantastic opportunity that was enjoyed by all who took part.

The Bear Hunts – On two days later that first week, a special letter was delivered to Pre-School, which turned out to be from Ted the bear who had gone for a walk and got lost. After studying a map of the local area, the children followed the bear's paw prints to the Jackson's orchard. There they had to negotiate various obstacles such as "thick mud", a "river", a "waterfall", a "swamp", a "ditch" and a "cave", before finding Ted in his den at the top of the orchard. After a well-earned snack, the children then enjoyed using a variety of materials to create their own den. On the way back to Pre-School, we were delighted to find that Ted had left a pot of honey at the side of the lane for us. The bear hunt was re-enacted afterwards in many different ways, with Kiana telling us about the "swishy swashy grass" and Poppy explaining that Spencer and Jessica had found Ted on the first day, and Sebastian had been first to the den on the second.

Many thanks to Sue Peacock, Sue Mercer, Ellen Ford, Hilary Scott, Eli Priest, Cathy Gibb and Julie Jennings who made it all possible by walking with us to the orchard, to Tony Jackson who had thoughtfully mown the very long wet grass in the pouring rain and to Mary Shelley for so kindly leaving the pot of honey on Ted's behalf! During the following week, the children very much enjoyed having honey on toast at snack time.

Woodwork – The woodworking bench proved very popular again, with some fantastic creations using ribbons hammered with drawing pins onto strips of wood which had been kindly donated by Jessica's daddy at Blue Water Boats. The children took great care with the hammer and pins and spent long periods producing their own designs.

Thanks – To the Mann family for their kind donations of toys including puzzles, a scooter and bicycle. They are much appreciated and will be put to good use by the children.



Farewell – We have now said our very sad farewells to our older children who will be starting at Primary School in September. However, Poppy, Sophie B, Sophie M, Beau, Carmen, Nat, Spencer, Sebastian, Oliver, Millie, Grace, Lone and Kiana are now confident individuals who we are certain will enjoy their new adventure and we wish them well in this very important step in their young lives.

And Finally We would like to say a huge "Thank You" to all the parents for their wonderful words of thanks, cards and gifts to all the staff.

For further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Nicky Kirk, chair of the Management Committee, on 614316.



Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

Year 6 at the village school are sick of it raining every day. Then today (Tuesday 17th July) the heavens opened, there was thunder and lightning, so we decided to write down what happened. You may find some exaggeration creeping in here! - Nigel Chapman

The Great Storms of July 2007 by Elliot Tawney.

"We were out on the playground, perfectly happy, when out of nowhere appeared a blanket of billowing black clouds, full to burst with water! First came small drops, then a bolt of lightning ripped across the sky awakening the rain from its silent sleep; and then it TIPPED it down! Wind howled, lightning cracked and thunder rumbled. The smaller kids were blown off their feet by the gale-force winds, and those with braces got a nasty shock! Bricks crumbled, windows shattered and the hall flooded under two feet of water – it was a horrible sight.

And then, it all stopped, a beam of light burst through the clouds like a spotlight on a dark stage. The clouds subsided and it was sunny again, as if nothing had happened....."

The Great Storms of July 2007 by Millie Evans

We sat in the classroom in utter silence; we all knew what was coming. Every child had one single word racing round and round their head, **STORM, STORM, STORM**. Suddenly a thick black cloud like a magicians cloak came sweeping over our heads. It had begun. A spurt of rain came, but then it got heavier and heavier. It was pounding now, so hard it looked like it could break glass. Then it suddenly stopped. We waited in angst. I shut my eyes tight. Then a roar of thunder came rolling over. It shook the building so hard I thought the walls would come crashing down. Then a streak of lightning flashed across the sky like a maniac. The rain pounded, the wind howled, the lightning flashed. And still it goes on. Will it ever stop?

NEW BEGINNINGS – While Friday sees the start of a holiday for most of us, it is the start of a new era in the lives of the children in Year 6, who transfer to Secondary education in September. They have been a very good year group, and many of the children have achieved very high standards in a range of activities. We wish them all the very best for the future, and hope that their time at their new school is a happy and successful one.

A number of our “long established” families leave us this week as their youngest child leaves the school. We wish these families every happiness for the future and hope that they will be able to look back with fond memories on their association with the school.

CRUCIAL CREW - Tuesday 10th July - Yesterday we went to Crucial Crew, which was a series of activities about health, safety and casualties. We were just one of the schools who took part. My favourite activities were the Fire Fighters (Brigade), the Internet Safety with the Police and the Gas Safety with the National Grid. In the Fire Safety we were shown the recovery position, told what to do if there was a real fire. One of us was allowed to ring 999 on a special phone. But the best part was when smoke came out of this blown-up house. The Internet Safety was really good because we got to watch a cartoon about a boy who loved instant messaging. The gas was good as well because we were taught how to turn off a gas meter in an emergency; what to do in an emergency and the best part was when we got to smell a bit of gas. It was very useful and helpful, I learnt a lot from it and I enjoyed it a lot too. Heather Clifton (Year 5)

THANKS – As the school year draws to a close, now is the time to say “Thank You” to all those people, far too many to mention, who have helped in any way over the past year. Your efforts and your commitment to the school are fully appreciated by all the staff. **MANY THANKS.**

AND FINALLY Have a great Summer holiday and we'll see most of the children again at the start of next term, Tuesday 4th September 2007.

HARBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Despite the very rainy day this years Summer Fayre went ahead on Saturday 30th June. We did not expect it to be a huge success as the day was really dull and miserable, BUT, what a fantastic turn out, people just kept turning up and spending their money! It was great to see so many people having a good time. When we counted up at the

end it was a big surprise to find out we had raised a magnificent £1300. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way and came along on the day.



1st Harbury Rainbows

Bobbie, Rainbows Unit Leader

Despite the temporary closure of the Scout Hut over the past few months, the 1st Harbury Rainbows have still been incredibly busy. Although difficult to remember at this particular time, we did have some good weather in the evenings that enabled the girls to get out and about in the park and also to do a treasure hunt around the village.

We have also been extremely fortunate to have many visitors to our meetings. 'Fired-away', a mobile ceramic painting company came along to help us make some really useful Fathers' day gifts. In addition, we had Sarah from 'Fiery Feet' who helped the girls learn a fantastic dance routine in just one evening. Snip Snap, children's hairdressers, very kindly invited us all along to their salon in Leamington Spa for an evening of hair styling and fun. A big 'THANK YOU' to them all.

To mark a fitting end to a brilliant year, the Rainbows held their 'end of year dinner' at the Shakespeare pub recently. A great time was had by all and it was also a great way to say good bye to our older members, Jo, Evie, Elizabeth and Eva who are all moving on to Brownies at the beginning of the new term in September, we wish them all well !



1st Harbury Rainbows enjoying their meal at 'The Shakespeare'

Rainbows will be starting back after the summer holidays on Tuesday 11th September at the Scout Hut, usual time of 5.30pm.

If anyone would like any further information on Rainbows please do not hesitate to contact me on 614040.



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

Not a very long article this month, after a hectic June with the walkabout and the Trips.

Obviously the weather affected the number of visitors for the Walkabout but takings were sufficient to ensure that the Society will be able to continue for the next two years at least. As you are aware the cost of speakers increases year by year and this coming season proves that. However I have managed to secure some very interesting speakers for next season, more about that next month.

Our next big venture is the Annual Show on Saturday 8th September. This promises to be bigger and better so ensure that you get your Show Schedule from Mugleston's and enter at least one category. There is something for everyone so don't hide your light under a bushel, give it a try. It is always a great day so no excuses!

At least the vegetables haven't needed watering, some haven't done so well this year but others have made up for it. I shall be awash with courgettes soon so any unusual recipes will be greatly appreciated!

Also a plea for tombola prizes; we hardly had any last year and all the Committee Members were searching through draws and cupboards for unwanted gifts etc. Please see if you have anything suitable and leave whatever you can find in my porch at 55 Mill Street by Friday 7th September. I have just this minute been told that Janice, our Show Secretary, also has some schedules. She lives at 35 Percival Drive and will be pleased to answer any questions you may have concerning the Show.

Look forward to a very successful Show.



Nature Notes

John Hancock

It's a very wet Friday (20th July). Up to 100mms (4") of rain is forecast which is rather more than we usually get in a month, especially in summer. So much for my optimistic view in last month's article, but then someone's got to keep our spirits up now Father Roy lives in Kenilworth.

The conditions did not put off my U3A Naturalists' group which met just over the Northamptonshire border at Boddington Meadow Nature Reserve (OS map 151 GR 494531) on the 2nd July. Apparently, sometime in the early 1980's, a young woman, who had recently moved from Ely, was out walking with a friend. They came to a meadow which had a mass of varied grasses and flowers, some of which they had never seen before. Consulting botanist friends and books, they identified Betony, Devil's-Bit Scabious, Great Burnet, Pepper Saxifrage and Pignut together with Sweet Vernal grass, Yellow Oat grass, Crested Dog's Tail, Meadow Foxtail and Fescues. Boddington Meadow had been traditionally managed as a hay meadow from time immemorial. In July and August, the hay was cut and in the autumn, the field was grazed by cattle. As luck would have it, the field was about to be ploughed and would have been lost to posterity. Fortunately, it was owned by the Diocese of Peterborough. In 1986 it was purchased by Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust and managed in the old way to preserve the distinctive and now quite rare plants and animals, including over 48 species of beetle.

The field itself lies partly below the level of the reservoir, so has some very damp patches. There are two small car parks just off the Upper Boddington to Byfield road. The whole reservoir can be circumnavigated on foot (3kms/2miles). Take binoculars to view the wildfowl. Despite a very wet morning, we saw some day flying Chimney Sweeper moths together with Meadow Brown and Ringlet butterflies.

We were taken round by the warden who happened to be the woman who 'discovered' the spot a quarter of a century ago. She hadn't lost her enthusiasm and taught us how to identify and differentiate Common from Midland Hawthorn; both grow in the hedges alongside the meadow, a sign of an ancient, possibly medieval, boundary. The Midland (or Woodland) Hawthorn has shiny, three-lobed leaves, twin stigmas in the flowers and twin seeds in the haws. That had us cutting open the fruit to prove the point. My advice is to leave it until the autumn when the fruit softens and can even provide a tasty snack (hence it's nickname of 'bread and cheese' when taken together with a leaf). Other 'food for free' at present includes wild cherry though the fruit doesn't come close in size and flavour to the cultivated variety.

The same afternoon, the weather had improved and David Brown's Open Studies Lepidoptera class met for the last session of the term, at Ryton Wood. We had an hour of warm, sunny weather before the heavens opened again, so we made full use of it. Walking along the

rides, we came across the largest British Fritillary, the Silver-Washed (*Argynnis paphia*). In fact, of the 50 Fritillaries of Europe, only one exceeds this in size. It is slightly larger than a Red Admiral, measuring 6cms across. Fairly common in large woods in Ireland, lowland Wales and the West Country, it is rare further east and now unknown south of a line joining the River Mersey and the Wash. In the Midlands, only a few large woods such as Ryton, can guarantee a sighting in July. The caterpillar's food plant is the Violet, usually found in coppiced woodland. Eggs are laid in cracks in the bark of trees such as Oak. They hatch in a fortnight, but only the eggshell is eaten before the grub spins a cocoon and hibernates through the winter on the tree trunk. The following spring, the caterpillar 'awakens' and descends to search for Violets on which to feed. It was probably the decline in coppicing and the planting of dense conifer woodlands that caused the losses of this butterfly.

Other butterflies seen that afternoon included Small White, Ringlet, Small Heath, Gatekeeper, Large White, Small Tortoiseshell, Red Admiral, Marbled White and Large Skipper. A Comma butterfly feeding on a patch of bramble in flower reacted angrily when a Silver-Washed Fritillary, which has similar coloration, came to investigate a possible mate. The intruder flew off.

Heavy rain set in and some students left. They missed possibly the highlight of the day. Our photographer Colin had been trailing behind. He arrived with a frond of bracken and clinging to it a small butterfly with its wings tightly closed. David Brown coaxed the insect into a Perspex container and it slowly opened its wings to reveal its identity to the expectant audience. I had never seen a Purple Hairstreak (*Quercusia quercus*) before. This butterfly is about 3cms across. It is the only British Hairstreak to have a false eyespot next to its short tail on the underside. When released it flew directly into an oak tree which, as its Latin name suggests, is its host species.

Mixed in with the wet we've had some warm, sunny days. One of these I spent cycling with an old friend in Shropshire. We picnicked high up on the slopes of the Long Mynd with a stupendous view over the Midland plain to the north east. A few distant showers were evident, one clinging to the Wrekin and another in the Severn gorge at Ironbridge. Later we feasted on bilberries and listened to a skylark before enjoying a swooping ride down through the village of Ratlinghope and the valley of the River Onny.

Rather closer to home, I've had a report from Geoff Thorpe of a Barn Owl sighting. He and Gill have seen one on several occasions sitting in an aperture of the stone barn opposite their house. When time and weather allow I hope to investigate and perhaps look for pellets regurgitated from the bird's crop. When teased apart these can give an idea of the owl's diet. This usually consists of voles and Geoff suggested it probably found its prey by patrolling the quarries.

On Tuesday 17th July I saw my first combine of the summer in action. It was harvesting oil seed rape near the M40 on the Thwaites Estate. Roy Lambert said the seed would need drying. As no barley was being grown this year the combine would be in action again in August for the wheat. Modern equipment, with broad tyres, can tackle very wet ground but in view of the extreme weather we wish our farmers every good fortune to get the harvest home.



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

The buckets were out in the Village Hall recently – not because a new cleaner has been recruited, but to collect and contain water, which had dripped through from the rear part of the roof into the Youth 'Drop In' area. Admittedly the recent monsoon conditions would have tested most buildings for 'water tightness', but it has been an anxious time, as members of the committee have checked the roof space to find the source of the problem. The Theatre Group store the 'flats' from which they construct their stage sets, as well as their range of costumes above the Youth room and part of the Farley Room, so it has been essential to locate the leak before essential items were damaged.

Unfortunately, to date, there has been no movement on the recruitment of a cleaner. If anyone knows of someone from Harbury or the surrounding villages who might be willing to fill the position, the committee would be pleased to provide details of the 'terms and conditions' for employment. These are extremely flexible and would suit someone with a few hours to spare each week.

A silver locket was found whilst cleaning out the u-bend in the Village Hall sink and will be returned to the rightful owner following a description of the lost item. Please ring 613801, to register interest in the cleaner's job or to claim the locket.



General Section

Creative Session At Compton Verney

Lisa and Lesley recently attended a course where their creative and artistic talents so impressed the organisers, that Harbury Pre-school was selected from all Pre-school and Nursery providers in the Warwickshire area, to take part in a pilot scheme, in an outdoor creative session at Compton Verney, the award winning art gallery. The session was exclusively for pre-school and was run by two professional artists in conjunction with staff based at Compton Verney. The objective was to allow the children to work creatively with the surrounding natural materials as well a collection of recycled materials.



Despite a wet morning on Monday 2nd July an eager group of pre-schoolers accompanied by mums, grannies and carers (54 of us in total!) left the Dog Inn car park enthused by what lay ahead. There was plenty of excited chatter about the 'Treasure Tree' they were going to meet and the sorts of treasure

they might collect in their individual buckets. On arrival in the coach park we were met by our hosts and straight away the hunt for special treasure to bestow on the Treasure Tree began in earnest. A huge variety of natural materials were carefully selected including pieces of bark, leaves, cones, twigs, stones and even the odd live, young frog! These precious finds were carefully taken on a short walk through the beautiful grounds (which despite the weather managed to still appear beautiful!) to the 'Treasure Tree' – a splendid cedar, assuming a majestic position on the lawn. Three groups of busy creators then set to work using their own collections and a wonderful array of plastic tubing, used tape spools, foam, shiny objects, containers..... and much more, to produce whatever they fancied. The adults were encouraged to step back and watch, allowing the children to be guided by their own ideas and thoughts. It was interesting to observe how a group of boys worked as a team to create a 'building site' on, under and even through the branches of the tree, while several of the girls

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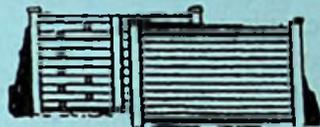
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preferred to work alone on smaller scale projects. All their creations were praised by the organisers and although there was little break in the weather we all found the experience to be a very valuable one.

Photographs of the children's creations and of them working are to be displayed in the Compton Verney Art Gallery, on the W.C.C website and in national education publications.

Harbury Parish Council very kindly gave the pre-school a grant to cover the cost of the coach and we are very grateful to them.

Some parents have encapsulated the session in a few words:

'Searching for treasure under the canopy of the giant redwoods was wonderful.'

'The environment was very special and it was a lovely experience for our children and us'.

'It was a privilege to work with professional artists.'

'It was yet another reminder of how precious the natural environment is and how we must protect it.'

Eli Priest

Partnership and Communities Together PACT

The first meeting of PACT was held at Southam College on the 26th June. Fifteen minutes were allocated for discussion at the start of the Dasset Area Community Committee meeting. Sergeant Mandy Crust gave an opening address outlining the aims and objectives of PACT. The three main priorities are, at the moment, Speeding, Drugs and Nuisance Youths. The Safer Neighbourhoods programme was officially launched in Warwickshire on the 21st November 2006. Safer Neighbourhood Policing (SNT) involves working with partner agencies to create safer and confident neighbourhoods where the police and partners understand the issues that concern local people and are able to tackle them together. One of the key requirements is the formation of PACT meetings where communities can raise issues and influence policing priorities for their neighbourhood. There are 4 SNT's in the Stratford District; each SNT has a dedicated email address. Southam: - southam.snt@warwickshire.police.uk

There were representatives from the villages of Ladbroke, Avon Dasset, Long Itchington and Ufton who expressed their concerns

regarding their villages, which included motorcycle speeding on the A423 Ladbroke bypass and cold calling in Long Itchington.

It is hoped that more groups will attend meetings with the police officers to voice their concerns and needs.

The next meeting will be held in September. Time and place to be notified to Parish Councils and any other group that wishes to attend.

Jim Clews

Harbury Angling Contest

Venue - Bishops Bowl - Sunday, 12th August 2007

There are still some places available for the above, the details of which are as follows: — the draw will take place at 8.00 am and fishing will be from 9.00am to 3.00pm. The rules are: 2 nets required, **NO** joker or bloodworms, **NO** entries on the day.

The contest is limited to 25 pegs on a first come first taken basis. The entry fee is £10 per person which includes peg, £50 prize money (subject to all 25 pegs being sold) and a buffet at the Gamecock, Chapel Street, after the contest. A shield will be presented to the winner.

The closing date for entries is 5th August 2007.

Entry forms available from Dan Killian, Chapel Street (01926 612265) and further information can be obtained from Mick Killian on 01926 624475.

Dan Killian

Blood Donor Session

Accidents, surgery, blood diseases, cancer treatments and many other conditions may need transfusion with blood or a blood product to assist recovery or even save life. Holiday time does not decrease the need for these voluntary donations. So please, if you possibly can, attend the session at Harbury Village Hall on Thursday 9th August. And if you know any youngsters (age 17 upwards) home for the holidays, ask them to go along too.

Session times are 1.30pm – 3.30pm, and 4.30pm – 7.30pm. If time is short, you can pre-book on 0845 7711711, or online www.blood.co.uk

Gillian Hare 614809

Harbury Bridge Club?

Several people from Harbury travel to various venues to play bridge. It has been suggested that it might be good to have our own bridge club on the doorstep. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who might be interested. Any suggestions or feedback you might have would be extremely helpful.

If we do set up our own group, this would not mean that we would abandon our present Bridge groups. Please telephone: Pat Hearn 612714.

Pat Hearn

Round Britain Rally

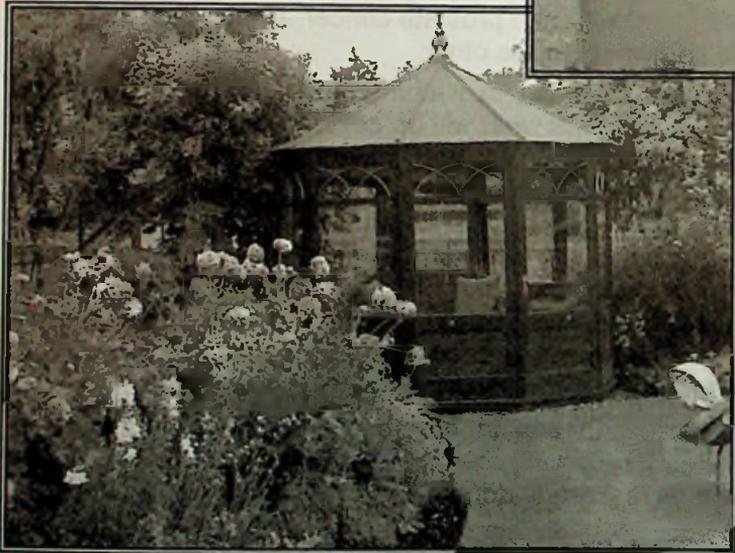
Some Harbury residents may have thought their eyes deceived them when a PINK motorcycle drove past, especially if the next time they saw a white bike. Harbury resident John Goodwill entered a motorcycle event called the Round Britain Rally for the first time in 2006. This event is a photo-rally, the entrant has to find a given "landmark" in every county in the mainland UK; it runs from April 1 to the end of September (further details can be found on the event website www.roundbritainrally.com). John has entered again for 2007 but this time with a bit more purpose... to do it as a fundraising event for the "Cancer Research UK" and "Everyman" charities, and especially to raise awareness of the male cancer charity. Everyman is part of the Institute for Cancer Research and is funding research to improve current methods of diagnosis, treatment and prevention of testicular and prostate cancer. Hence the bike which is pink one side and white on the other.

An overland trip from London to Kathmandu is approx 8000 miles, which is almost the same as what will be covered on this event. So far John has done over 3000 miles; that leaves approximately another 6000 to go. Of course the roads, climate, people & dangers encountered aren't at all comparable...or are they! With the help of a friend an internet "blogger" has also been setup where progress is reported. Acknowledgements and web links are listed for organisations & companies that have assisted, plus there's a link where you can make a secure on-line donation. (Please feel free to have a look, www.rbrgoodwill4charity.blogspot.com).

There's also a collection can in the reception of Bullring Garage, (who were very generous with their help preparing the bike). Thank you to those who have already donated.

John Goodwill

Garden Walkabout & Art Exhibition



Harbury Allotments, Pineham Avenue

I had the privilege this summer (?) to be involved with the judging of the village allotments. One unusually bright morning I wandered up the path behind Pineham Avenue to take my first look at them.

The first hint that I was near a growing crop was the presence of pigeons – loads of them in the trees and shrubs alongside the Playing Fields, just waiting for an opportunity to drop down and rip apart someone's prized cabbages.

There are an amazing forty-four allotments on this site, only six unused. Being a bit of an amateur gardener, (certainly nothing more), I found it intriguing how people find the time to create such incredibly productive plots, especially as most will have a garden at home to maintain as well. There was an enormous variety of fruit and vegetables in all stages of growth from thriving to distinctly "gone over." This is the way it should be of course. There were enormous cabbages, each one big enough for two or three families, marrows recalling Kenneth Williams singing "Oooohhh! What a beauty! I've never seen one as big as that before!" Then there was rhubarb like palm trees, giant golden or white onions, tatty skeletal broad bean plants, chubby red beets, a huge variety of lettuces, healthy-looking sweet-corn plants, spuds, tomatoes, in fact a whole green-grocer's paradise. Then there are the fruit bushes and trees. I always thought blackberries were early autumn. There were mega-loganberries and raspberries – and I must admit to having tasted them; sweet and succulent. Some holders obviously like flowers, too. And chickens. I didn't expect them!

More unusually there were enormous areas of horse-tail, greater columbine and chickweed, and lots of artificial lakes, linked by what appear to be canals between each plot.

I wonder if some anorak has ever done a study of allotment sheds? They'd certainly have a field-day here. Make-do-and-mend seems to be the philosophy. The same ingenuity has created some amazing recycled pop bottles with vanes, which spin in the wind.

What a great place to spend a few hours, the only sounds the distant swish of traffic, children's voices from the Playing Fields, and the rattle of those spinning bottles. Bliss!

Nigel Chapman

Harbury Victorian Street Fayre

Saturday 13th October 2007

If you would like a stall at the above event would you please complete a Booking Form available from Dan Killian, The Bungalow, Chapel Street, Harbury. Stalls will be used as in previous years, i.e. covered, with a table-top size of 10' x 5'. You can either book a full stall at a cost of £30 or a half stall (5' x 5') at a cost of £15. A very limited number of pitches will be available (i.e. space for a small table) at a cost of £15.

The Fayre will commence at 4.30pm, and stalls will be available from 2.00pm for you to set up. There will be a prize for the 'Most Attractive' stall. Power cables will be available to light your stall if required.

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Dan Killian

Tools for Self Reliance

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The charity has been running for many years, and the patron is Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

For more information, ring me on 614104 or just turf out those old unwanted tools.

Bill Davies

Warwickshire Farm Praise and Food Fayre

Make the 22nd September a diary date for your taste buds. Warwickshire's finest farm and food producers gathering under one roof to tempt you with their mouthwatering samples of great food and drink.

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The finale is the harvest festival with music and a service of farm praise. Please join us at Kingston Farm, Harbury from 10.30 am onwards, with service at 4.00pm. Entry and car park are free.

For further details ring the ARC-Addington Fund on 024 76690587 or www.arc-addingtonfund.org.uk

Helen Elson

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Karin Kirk 613003



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

I would like to say thank you to everyone who came to say goodbye to mum - Doris Byrne. She will be missed by many friends; she was a very special person. The church service was lovely, many thanks to Father Roy. I'm pleased to say that so far donations are at £320 which will go to Myton Hospice, just as she requested.

Bridget

Dear Editors

On behalf of my Mum Pauline Barnes I would like to thank all in Harbury who have supported her by their expressions of sympathy and love on the death of her darling husband Stan.

And from me (their daughter) thank you to Father Roy for his care and concern for my Mum and Dad over the years and to all who work at the Harbury Surgery for their patience and care (a special gift in the times in which we live).

Lynda Howells

Dear Editors

We would like to express our thanks to the neighbours and friends who sent cards and messages of sympathy on the recent loss of Tom, a dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Our sincere thanks go to the doctors and nurses at Harbury Surgery, the Pharmacy, the wonderful team of district nurses and the carers who looked after him.

Our grateful thanks also go to the doctors, nurses and volunteers at Myton Hospice for all the love and care given to Tom during the last few weeks of his life.

Lastly, but not least, a special 'thank you' to Father Roy for his very warm and personal service of thanksgiving.

Monica Clarke and family

Dear Editors

I wish to thank everyone for the support and words of sympathy shown to my family and me following the death of my dear wife, Margaret. Thank you also to all the Staff at the Surgery and the Pharmacy for the kindness and care given to her over the years. Finally a Big "thank you" to Father Roy for the lovely Service he gave.

Tony Chamberlain

Dear Editors

Pauline, David and Chris would like to thank everyone for their most wonderful support and kindness during Barry's illness and subsequent death. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who attended his funeral on 13th July and we extend our thanks to Father Roy for the very comforting service. We are so thankful to be living in Harbury where we know the support will continue and everyone will still remember Barry and what a lovely man he was.

Thank you all again,

Pauline, David & Chris Smith

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who has been supportive at this difficult time and for all the lovely cards and messages, they have been a great comfort. Thanks to all who came to the church on the day and to Father Roy Brown who gave Dennis such a lovely service.

Thanks to Goodwins for making such a difficult time a little easier, and Jacqueline's of Southam for such lovely flowers.

Dennis will be greatly missed by all the family and his friends, but we all have lots of memories to keep and think about.

Wife and family of the late Dennis Ayres

Dear Editors

I would like to thank everyone who supported the STEPS coffee morning on 7 July 2007 with cakes, raffle prizes and making teas etc. With your generosity, we raised £268 which is fantastic. I have forwarded this money and will update you on what the money is to be spent on.

I would also like to thank Eva Durman who is 7 and ran the toys table and raised over £22 - you are a Star Eva. Thank you very much for your help.

Regards

Karena E.A. Ellis-Greenway

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who supported us on our Macmillan Walk Wonders.

We had a nice sunny and dry day this year, after last years very wet day, we raised a wonderful amount of £514. Thanks to everyone.

Mary and Friends

Dear Editors

Below is an extract of a letter I sent to Warwickshire County Council.

'I wonder if you are aware of the amount of speeding which goes on in a "supposedly" restricted area through the village of Ufton.

The people who live on the church side of the main road take their lives into their hands each time they cross this road. To get out of the private drive in which I live, onto the A425 is an absolute nightmare, as cars heading into Southam drive so fast. Cars leaving this private road can quite easily be hit broadside on, then the speeding driver can say that the person leaving the side road is at fault – disregarding the fact that they were speeding and had been nowhere in sight a second previously, when looking right! I speak from experience as this has happened to me in the past, and also to visitors leaving the drive.

People slow down going through Radford Semele, because the lights flash there if anyone is over the speed limit, why can't we have this in Ufton?

Yours faithfully

Joyce Wilcox-Smith, Southam Road, Ufton

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who supported our coffee morning on Saturday 14th July in aid of Myton Hospice. We raised the fantastic amount of £420. Thank you to those who sent donations and raffle prizes.

Harbury Support Group for Myton Hospice

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

Bookings for:

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

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Adverts to 31, Binswood End by 15th August

Articles to Harbury Pharmacy by Thurs 23rd August

Regular Diary Dates

ART TUTORIALS: Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday of the month (614104)

BABY CLINIC: Surgery, 2nd & 4th Wednesday 1.00 – 3.00pm

BADMINTON: Village Hall, Monday mornings 10:00am -12:00 noon (612877)

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

Friday (Juniors) 6:30 - 8:15pm (612029)

BEAVERS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 5.40 - 6.40pm (613434)

BELL RINGING PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 7:30pm (612939)

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 (612538)

Brownies & Rainbows Waiting List - Bobbie Sharpe (614040)

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

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 6:30pm (612978)

CHURCH MEN'S GROUP: Tom Hauley Room 1st Thursday in the month 7.45pm (612753)

COFFEE MORNING: Tom Hauley Room Saturdays 10:00am - 12:00noon (613214)

CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00pm (614730)

DROP-IN TEA FOR THE BEREAVED: 19, Farm Street, last Wednesday in the month (except in December) 2.30 to 4.30pm (612585)

GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, Mondays 6:00 - 7:00pm (07939 679533)

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: Shakespeare Inn 1st Thursday in the month 8:30pm (613730)

HARBURY FRIENDS: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday in the month 8:00pm (612534)

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

Under 17s

Coach: Keith Edwards Tel: 421414

Training: Tuesday. 7.30pm Myton School

Under 14s

Coach: Alastair Cattrell Tel: 335366

Training: Thursday 7.30pm, Harbury Rugby Club

Years 6 & 7 (U11 & U12)

Coach (U11): Neil Murray Tel: 612524

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Coach (U12): Andy Dickson Tel: 612192

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Years 4 & 5 (U9 & U10)

Coach (U10 – Year 5): Malcolm Tanner Tel: 612617

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Coach (U9 – Year 4): Tony Chamberlain Tel: 614816

Training: Saturday 9.00am, Harbury Playing Fields

Years 2 & 3 (U8)

Coach: David Hoey Tel: 311097

Training: Thursday 6.15pm, Harbury Rugby Club

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 (614858)

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: School Hall, Wednesdays 8:00 - 10:00pm (612819)

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Tuesday in the month (Oct. to May)

8:00pm Contact Daphne Clifford 01926 612829

KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS: Scout Hut, Saturdays,

10:00am - 12:00noon (612734)

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: Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays 6:30pm; (613163)

Matches on Saturday Afternoon

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

MOTHER'S UNION: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Wednesday in the month 2.30pm; 3rd Tuesday in the month 8.00pm (612427)

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

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

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm (614062)

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COACHING - For individual or small group coaching, please contact Linda Casement (614734) or Angie Dean (614513).

THURSDAY CLUB: Farley Room of Village Hall 4th Thursday in the month 2:30pm (612877)

W.I.: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday in the month 7:45pm (614188)

WINDMILLS NURSERY SCHOOL: Primary School, Monday-Friday; 9:00am - 3.15pm; Friday 9.00am -1.00pm (614564)

YOGA: Tom Hauley Room, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm Dianne Surgery (817904)

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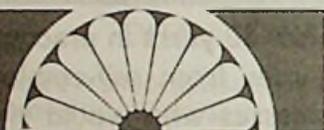
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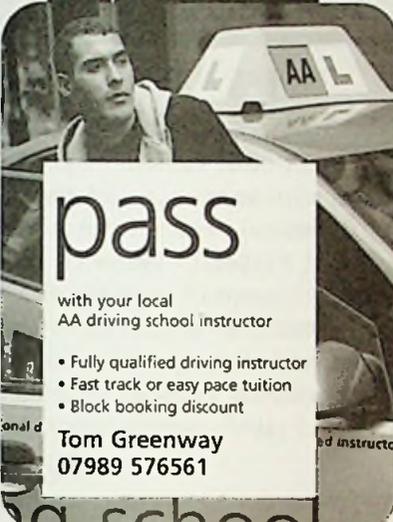
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SOUTHAM COLLEGE COMMUNITY COURSES
AUTUMN TERM 2007

Evenings beginning

MONDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER 2007

Cake Icing and sugar paste flowers
 Colour your life - 6 weeks
 Basic computing and the internet
 European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL)
 Introduction to Herbalism 7.30-8.30pm - 6 weeks
 Salsa - experienced 7.30-8.30pm
 Salsa - beginners 8.30-9.30pm
 Spanish for beginners
 Machine Embroidery Stitch Techniques - 11 weeks
 Upholstery and soft furnishings
 Woodturning for beginners 6.30-7.30pm
 Woodturning - experienced 7.30-9.30pm

WEDNESDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER 2007

Introduction to digital photography 7.30-9.00pm - 6 weeks
 Improving your digital photography skills - 6 weeks (starts 31st October 7.00-9.00pm)
 Family History - So who do you think you are?
 Fulfil your potential with life coaching - 6 weeks
 German for beginners 7.00-9.00pm
 Indian Cookery 7.00-9.00pm - 6 weeks
 Italian for beginners 7.00-9.00pm
 Lace making
 Yoga 7.00-8.30pm - 11 weeks

THURSDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER 2007 - for 10 weeks unless otherwise shown

Come and play badminton 7.30-8.30pm
 Confidence in your voice, confidence in yourself 7.30-8.45pm
 French for beginners
 Fun with flowers: an introduction to flower arranging
 Introduction to Scrapbooking - 6 weeks

For a short description of these courses visit our website www.southamcollege.com and follow the Community Education link.

Courses start from £3.00 per hour. Some reductions/fee remissions are available.
 Please ask for further details.

SOUTHAM COLLEGE COMMUNITY COURSES AUTUMN TERM 2007

DAYTIME COURSES IN SOUTHAM

SOUTHAM COLLEGE

Calligraphy - Monday 10.00-12noon
 Fun with flowers: an introduction to flower arranging - Monday 1.00-3.00pm
 Spanish for beginners - Tuesday 10.00-12noon
 Yoga (11 weeks) - Tuesday 1.30-3.00pm
 Stretch and tone - Wednesday 9.30-10.30am
 Watercolour painting - Wednesday 1.00-3.00pm
 Cake icing and sugar paste flowers - Thursday 10.00-12noon
 Watercolour painting - Thursday 1.00-3.00pm
 Watercolour painting - Friday 1.00-3.00pm

COMPUTING

SOUTHAM LIBRARY

Basic computing course - Tuesday 1.00-3.00pm

HARBURY LIBRARY

Drop in Basic computing - Monday 2.00-3.00pm

DUNCHURCH LIBRARY

Drop in Basic computing - Tuesday 10.30-11.30am

COURSES IN THE VILLAGES

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Keep Fit to Music for ladies - Thursday 7.00-8.00pm

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Yoga - Wednesday 7.30-9.30pm

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Pilates - Monday 9.30-10.30am
 Wednesday 2.00-3.00pm

OFFCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Upholstery and soft furnishing - Tuesday 9.30-11.30am

STOCKTON VILLAGE HALL

Upholstery and soft furnishing - Tuesday 1.00-3.00pm
 Floristry for beginners - Tuesday 7.00-9.00pm

Most classes commence week beginning Monday 10th September (Thursday evening classes at Southam commence 27th September). Evening courses run from 7.30-9.30pm for a maximum of 12 weeks (excluding half term break beginning 22nd October) unless shown otherwise. Courses based at the college enrol in the Community Education Centre. Please arrive 15 minutes early for the first session to allow time for enrolment. For further information and to register, please contact Sue Hawthorn or Chris Dudley on 01926 810942 or at southamcommed@aol.com

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TUESDAY EVENINGS AT THE BELL INN - INDIAN TASTING EVENING

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WEDNESDAY'S AT THE BELL INN - QUIZ NIGHT AND SUPPER

Join us for our monthly quiz on 29th August price includes supper meal only £6.50 per person bookings now... also play your cards right with cash prize.

Teams of upto 8 people... £30 meal voucher for winning team.. bookings only You are quite welcome to come along and join us for a drink and play the quiz in the bar & lounge area for £1.50 per person teams of upto 8.

THURSDAY'S AT THE BELL INN - LADIES NIGHT (Starts September)

Ladies simply book a table then for every 2 large glasses of house wine you buy we will give you the rest of the bottle free..

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A la carte menu is also available

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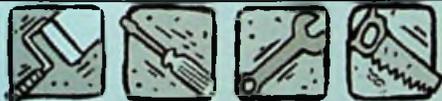
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