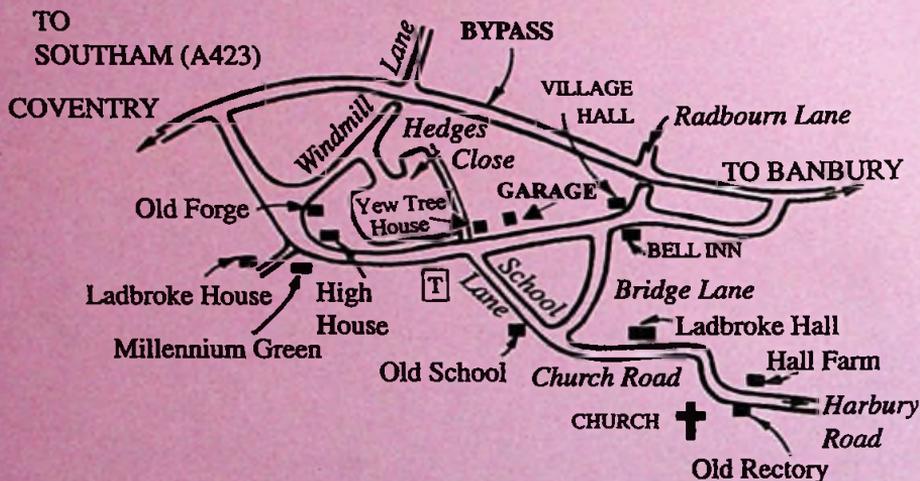


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Editorial

Welcome to this the 400th edition of the Harbury and Ladbroke News. To mark the occasion we have photographs of the village in the 1950's; there is also a spoof Parish Council article for our potential 800th edition.

The Harbury Carnival was well supported, both in the quality and the number of floats, and the crowds on the field seemed bigger than ever. The Garden Walkabout was unfortunate with the weather, but many glorious gardens were on display. It was nice to see a number of interesting gardens opening for the first time.

Following the appeal by the Harbury Village Hall Committee for residents with appropriate professional experience to help with the development plans, three people have come forward. This month, the committee are asking for villagers with DIY skills to assist with minor repairs.

Congratulations to Lana Long who has won the Spirit of Harbury Award.



Finally we extend our sympathies to the family of Keith Symonds.

Harbury Diary

JULY

- Sun 1 TRINITY IV**
 Sung Eucharist 9.00am
 First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
 Evening Worship 6.00pm
- Tues 3** Youth Drop-in Drinks 7.15pm at Playing Fields
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 4** Mothers Union AGM & Garden Meeting 2.30pm at Tarradale,
 Butt Lane: NB no 2.00pm service in Church
 "Talk it Through" 8.00pm at 33 South Parade
- Thurs 5** Holy Communion 9.45am
 Harbury Art Group 10.00am – 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Men's Group AGM 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare
- Fri 6 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
- Sat 7** Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of STEPS
- Sun 8 TRINITY V**
 Holy Communion 8.00am
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am
 Cricket 1st XI home to Wellesbourne.
- Tues 10** Toddler Service 2.00pm in Church
 Youth Drop-in Drinks 7.15pm at Playing Fields
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Senior Citizens Benefit Committee 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 12** Holy Communion 9.45am
 WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 14** Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Myton Hospice
- Sun 15 TRINITY VI**
 Holy Communion 8.00am
 Family Communion 10.30am
 Evensong 6.00pm
 Cricket - Gattling Fen V Presidents XI at Home
ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Tues 17** Youth Drop-in Drinks 7.15pm at Playing Fields
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Mothers' Union Meeting 8.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 18** Tea 3.00pm to 4.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room
 "Talk it Through" 8.00pm at 33 South Parade
- Thurs 19** Holy Communion 9.45am

- Fri 20 SCHOOL ENDS
RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
- Sat 21 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mothers Union
- Sun 22 TRINITY VII - St. Mary Magdalen
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 24 Youth Drop-in Drinks 7.15pm at Playing Fields
Holy Communion 8.00am
Julian Meeting 8.00pm
- Wed 25 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm Street
- Thurs 26 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in Village Hall
(Parishioners may attend the meeting and speak.
Please contact the Parish Clerk on 614646)
ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY
& EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
- Sat 28 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Twinning Assoc.
- Sun 29 TRINITY VIII
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Cricket 1st XI home to Hockley Heath
- Tues 31 Holy Communion 7.30pm

AUGUST

- Wed 1 No Service at 2.00pm/No M.U. Meeting
- Thurs 2 No Men's Group
Harbury Art Group 10.00am – 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club 8.30pm in Shakespeare
- Fri 3 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
- Sat 4 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room aid of Inner Wheel/Rotary
- Sun 5 TRINITY IX
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am in the Tom Hauley Room
Evening Worship 6.00pm
Cricket 1st XI home to Snitterfield

From the Registers

Funerals at All Saints' Ladbroke

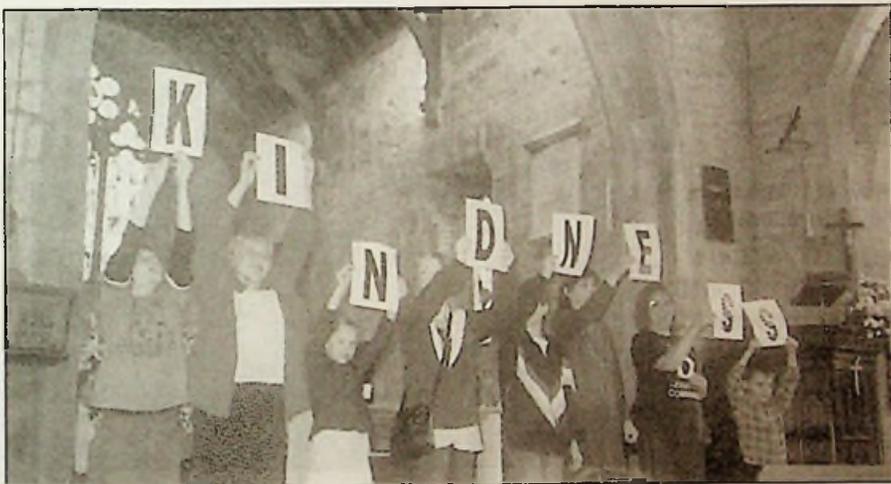
June 28 Keith Symonds



From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

The subject of the presentation at the June Family Communion Service was, appropriately, fathers. Ruth Walton reminded us all of what they give their children and spoke movingly of her own father who is remembered, above all, for his kindness. Thank you to her and to all who helped us to keep in mind that every act of kindness, however small it may seem, is blessed.



Thank you, also, to everyone who helped to make the weekend of June 23rd and 24th such a happy occasion. The Art Exhibition, the lunches and the teas brought many into church, gave us the opportunity to work alongside each other and nourished the community spirit that represents all that is best in the life of Harbury.

We now have a date, 17th September, when the PCC will meet Bishop Colin and Archdeacon Michael to discuss what we see as our future needs and the sort of person the Diocese might seek to be our next minister. Before that meeting, we shall have to draw up a Parish Profile. The PCC have already been given the date, have been invited to contribute their views and have been warned that they may be called to preparatory meetings at short notice. As we all know, the appointment of a new priest is a matter of crucial importance to the whole parish. Please keep all of us most closely involved in your thoughts and prayers.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

At our afternoon meeting we had a most encouraging talk by Chris Cooke from Southam Mothers Union. She had visited Kaduna in Nigeria, where several successful projects for self-help, vocational training and healthcare have been set up by Mothers Union. The ladies there are enthusiastic members, receiving six months training and wearing a uniform.



**New M.U Members
enrolled.
May 2007**

In the evening Anne talked us through several notices from the diocese and then more discussion followed, including the merits of I.D. cards, speed limits and our favourite authors. She also asked if anyone would like to knit 'Teddies for Tragedies', sew bags to keep them in or knit 'angel pockets'. The latter go to the maternity unit and are used to wrap tiny stillborn babies.

- July 11th - at Shottery, 7.30pm – 9.00pm - a talk by Dr Elizabeth Penlington about child development.
- July 17th - at Wellesbourne, 7.30pm. How to find new Members.
- July 21st - Coffee morning and lunch, offers of help still needed.
- August 7th - 2.30pm – 4pm. Tea Party at St Mark's, Leamington.
- Sept 18th - Evening meeting at Southam addressed by Anne Hibbert, Director of the Well Healing Centre. It is proposed that we all go to that instead of our normal evening meeting.

October 6th - Family Fun Day at Kenilworth. Please collect soft toys for a Tombola.

October 18th - Diocesan Council Meeting 9.30am – 3.30pm at Finham.

Our next evening meeting on Tuesday 17th July will be a discussion evening. Lorna will take orders for next year's diary, £3.30.

The committee wish all members a refreshing break until we meet again in September.



First Light

Alison Abbott

March of the Penguins

If you saw the film, you will know that it is the male Emperor penguin which spends the Antarctic winter cradling the egg on its feet, using a fold of skin to protect it from the incredible cold. It is an image of devoted fatherhood, which reflects the loving care with which God our Father cherishes us. To hear more, you are invited to come to First Light on Sunday 5th August at 10.30am in the Tom Hauley Room.



Toddler's Service

Barbara Thistlethwaite

Mrs Travis told us the story about Jesus calming the Sea of Galilee and asked us to pretend that we were in the boat with Jesus. Mrs Travis had made a model of the boat on the sea and we shook it to make the sea very rough. Some of Jesus's friends were afraid and he told them not to worry because he would look after them and when the sea calmed down they all landed safely. Mrs Travis said to us that whatever happens in life we must not be afraid as Jesus is always there for us.

Mr Catt then played for us while we sang "row, row, row the boat" and two other songs.

We then made model boats to take home with us.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th July at 2.00pm in the church. All toddlers and babies are welcome to join us accompanied by an adult.

Ladbroke News & Diary

JULY

- Sun 8** TRINITY V
Holy Communion 10.30am Sung
- Tues 10** Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall
Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Sat 14** Whist 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 15** TRINITY VI
Holy Communion 9.00am Book of Common Prayer
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- Tues 31** Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall
Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall

AUGUST

- Sat 4** Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 5** TRINITY IX
Family Communion 10.30am
- Tues 7** Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall
Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall

Ladbroke Flower Rota

- July 8th Jan Loman
July 15th Pat Kennedy
July 22nd Elizabeth Evans
July 29th Carol Clarke
August 5th Jane Steenstra
August 12th Sue Lord

Jane Rutherford





Ladbroke Church News

Betty Winkfield

Our thoughts and prayers are with Emma Symonds (nee Allington) whose husband Keith died suddenly on June 12th.

Emma is a Ladbroke girl and many people in the village along with her parents Tim and Rosemary will support her with their love and sympathy.



Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke Parish Council has at last been granted permission to have a website. Kipp Warr has agreed to set this up – much discussion ensued. What items would be put on the web? Some details of Parish Council business, news concerning the village i.e. events, crime etc, also where this information should be kept.

Our new Tree Warden – Tim Seden, notified the Parish Council that the District Council could supply parishes with free trees for planting. This will come up for discussion later – where to plant the trees? Thoughts on this would be welcomed by the council. The trees must be planted by public highways department on council or private land.

Pot holes in the village - Warwick Councillors reported that the road works in Harbury Road, Church Lane and School Lane have been assessed and will be undertaken this year! August was mentioned, we shall see!

Police Report – P.C. Katrina Taylor reported that an elderly lady's property had been ransacked by four youths on June 19th in her presence. They had smiled and waved to her through the window. She had got a chain on the door but she opened it and they just pushed past her. They only took some money, but left her very upset and shaken.

Speed camera checks on the bypass are still to be carried out.

Councillor's travelling expenses to meetings and training sessions were discussed. Councillor's agreed that the mileage allowances should be paid.

Flooding in the village – During the severe heavy rains recently the main road was flooded at the Banbury end of the by-pass. This was mainly due to water flowing on to the road from higher ground. The work by the District Council on drainage of rain water worked well.

Smartwater – Everyone in the village received a letter about the benefits of marking their possessions with 'Smartwater'; our co-ordinator received only seven replies.

Parish Plan – The Parish Councillors have all read a draft of the plan and had many comments to make. A meeting of the councillors and the team working on the plan has been arranged.

Village Hall – An application to the Parish Council for a grant has been made for work to be done on the hall. The council are requesting information as to whether the equipment requested will be transferred to the future plans for the hall.

Millennium Green - An application for a Lottery Grant has been rejected. So everyone is hoping that "Toys for Boys" will be a great success, financially and weather wise.

County Councillors Report – Southam College is a great success. It has been granted room for 240 college students.

The Councillor talked about County and District Councils being assessed, and also about a White Paper. Giving councillors more partnership with government. He was rather doubtful about all of this in view of "changes at the top". No change really for Parish Councils.

He mentioned the medical Primary Care Plan and a partnership with Coventry University Hospital. This new hospital has the best facilities in the country, outside London.

The weight restrictions are in place on Deppers Bridge, 7.5 tonnes. Councils queried whether more notices were needed around the area.

Light Pollution – This is not so bad in the summer when there are leaves on the trees.

Alibone Charity – There is a vacancy on this trust and the Parish Council will recommend a nomination.

Notice Board – Do we need a larger notice board or does the existing board need de-cluttering? The clerk was of the opinion that an extra section should be added on and that the wooden framework was restricting visibility. A plane glass front would be better with one end sectioned off for council notices and a bigger area for mainly village notices.

Next meeting – July 18th at 7.45pm.

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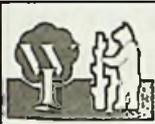
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Christine Baker

Resolutions

Carol Lane gave members a very informative talk on 'Closure of Community Hospitals' following her attendance at a briefing conference on the subject. Members then voted on this resolution, the results of which will be forwarded to the National AGM at Royal Albert Hall.

The Karousels then entertained us with a variety of songs and 'Pam Ayres' poetry. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Cheese and wine followed provided by Jan.

Raffle was won by Susan Moore (again), Pauline Brailsford (again) and Christine Baker (again)!!



Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

Janet Goldson

Here is the result of the monthly draws for April and May 2007:

	April	May
£70	Richard Walker	Malcolm Wray
£25	Avril Court	K Tancock
£25	Jill Norgate	Ken Whiteley
£10	Frances Badman	Richard Walker
£10	Christine Baker	J & J Barrett
£10	Richard Walker	Jill Norgate

The next draw will take place on 25th July in the Village Hall. The more people in the draw, the bigger the prizes and the faster we raise funds towards a new Village Hall. So if you are not already participating and wish to do so, please ring me on 817733.

Smartwater

Jim Clews

To all those living in Ladbroke who indicated that they would require Smartwater and have not contacted me yet, please get in touch on 01926-812696 or e-mail jim@clews.spacomputers.com



Harbury Parish Council

John Hancock

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

Your usual correspondent Linda Ridgley being away, I was asked to try and fill her shoes. I was impressed with the speed and efficiency with which Chairman Tim Lockley got things moving and we were quickly through the first five items on the agenda. Mr and Mrs Harvey of 28, Binswood End came to explain why they wanted to put a kitchen in the converted barn which is an annexe to their house and to which the Parish Council had objected. They explained they were investigating the possibility of putting a clause in their deeds preventing sale as a separate dwelling. Councillors agreed to write to the District Council giving support to this if it proved to be possible.

The meeting then went into camera. When we, the public, returned, Deppers Bridge had a new councillor to replace Dutch Van Spall. Ron Grey has been co-opted and took up his post immediately. He was asked to join the working party looking at the master plan for the cement works site. He agreed and the fact that he is already on the Deppers Bridge Residents' Group was seen as a bonus.

Anita Reading, our Police Community Support Officer, reported that number plates were being targeted by thieves and she had packs to make plates more secure. The Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team can be contacted at Southam Police Station in person, by phone, e-mail or you can use the new web site. Tel. 01926 812366. e-mail southam.snt@warwickshire.police.uk and web site www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk

Councillor Patrick reported that more uptake of Smartwater was needed before notices could be posted to warn thieves. Contact Alison Abbot on 612939 to obtain a supply and protect your possessions.

The notice board at the Village Hall needs replacing. Councillor Grey said that he had made it about 25 years ago and it was getting a bit old and gnarled like him! The Properties Working Party will look for a suitable replacement.

Although a weight limit on the railway bridge at Deppers Bridge has been agreed, County Councillor Stevens reported it will have to be ratified by the Warwickshire 'Cabinet' and they do not meet until 19th July. I thought for a moment of Whitehall and power seeping down to a local level. The weight limit would preclude large lorries and buses

and it is still not known what arrangements for the latter, including school buses will be. District Councillor Patrick announced that for the first time there would be a Councillors' surgery at Deppers Bridge. On the 14th July councillors will be at the Great Western from 11.30-12.30.

Stratford District Council has granted extensions at 1, Deppers Bridge, and Kingston House, Mill Street. The PC made no representations on an extension to the garage block at Lower Westfields Farm, and on the demolition of the existing house at Stapenhall Farm and its replacement with a new house. The PC would prefer not to see a flat roof extension at 9, Knightlow Way.

Follett Properties have won their appeal for use of land at the old cement works for open storage. The council hopes local people will monitor use and report infringements. A letter proposing leisure use of the Bishops Bowl site drawn up by the relevant parish councils was approved and will be sent to Stratford District Council after the words 'for younger people' were struck out as it was thought 'ageist'.

The council had received a number of letters protesting at the proposed housing development in Bush Heath Lane. Replies will explain that as yet planning permission has not been sought and before it is, there will be public consultation. The first development would be of 17 houses, 7 for rent, 6 for shared ownership, and 4 for sale. Councillor Hancock pointed out that though there would be priority for applicants with a Harbury connection, those seeking a rented or shared ownership home must be on the housing waiting list held by Stratford District Council.

Dog bins figured prominently - both their location and their price. Tense juggling of figures followed and Councillor Mancell finally reckoned three could be afforded, to be sited in Mill Street, Vicarage Lane and Bull Ring Farm Road. Colin Sheasby has quoted for repairing the hedge at the playing fields alongside the path to the allotments and this was agreed. The County Council's footpath officer has advised against trying to block off the path to vehicles and the PC agreed to monitor the situation. A letter will be sent to the allotment holders asking them to ensure that their vehicles do no damage to path and hedge.

Councillor Lockley led discussion of the 'rave' that took place on the Playing Field after the Carnival. He pointed out that no permission had been sought or given for the event. There was considerable nuisance caused even after the police had closed down the event. The council will meet with the Carnival Committee to discuss post-carnival security such as closing the access from the car park. Fortunately, the good

weather at the time meant no damage was done by the numerous cars which were driven around the field.

New chairman of the environment working party, Councillor Ellis-Greenway stated that she had to get to grips with her new portfolio, particularly street lighting. Councillor Stevens asked if she was in the dark at the moment - laughter. There is to be bulb planting around the village, but to Linda Ridgley's relief native varieties will be used. The WI and the Horticultural Society will be asked if they would like to be involved.

One way traffic in Church Street has been explored and rejected. There is still no progress to report on traffic calming.

The PC has waited a year for the District Council to deliver the goods on a website into which it had intended to buy with its 'Awards to All' grant. As the money should have been spent by now, an exasperated Councillor Mancell recommended the PC advise the grant awarders that it would spend the money instead on upgrading its own technology and this was agreed.

The Council are investigating the possibility of having a Parish Office in the Village Hall committee room. The cost of doing this will be investigated but all agreed it would be beneficial.

Letters of thanks for grants had been received from Harbury and Ladbroke News, the Girl Guides and Harbury Pre-school (it was noted that the Pre-school HAD thanked the Parish Council for their previous grant, contrary to last month's report). An application was received from the Steel Pan Academy for help with their trip to Spain. It was noted that the 9 Harbury teenagers involved had worked extremely hard both on their music and fund raising and it was agreed to award them £180.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm which saved your correspondent's wrist further punishment.



Harbury Parish Council Annual Report

Tim Lockley

Chairman's Report

I was elected as Chairman in May 2006 and I would like to thank both the previous Chair for her sound advice in my first few months and our Clerk Nicola Thompson for all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes.

Among the many activities this year some stand out; our constant lobbying of WCC about the state of our roads eventually resulted in the resurfacing of Middle Road from the Fosse to the entrance of the village; the council also advised the Village Hall Steering Group on proposals for the future for the VH; and we hosted a great evening to mark the retirement of Father Roy Brown.

Harbury Station Bridge at Deppers Bridge has been an ongoing saga for some time. Originally WCC intended to reduce the bridge to a single carriage way and install traffic lights: these proposals had been put in place with little or no consultation with the local residents. Once it was realised what was due to happen the residents, ably led by David Malin, formed an action group and together with ward member Dutch Van Spall they were able to persuade WCC to impose a temporary weight restriction while further surveys and other exploratory works are carried out.

I would like to pay tribute to Dutch Van Spall who resigned from the PC at the last meeting after ten years service. We wish him well in his new venture. I too have resigned from the Chairmanship due to an increased workload but stay a Parish Cllr. The Chair has been left in the safe hands of Cllr Lockley ably assisted by Cllr Thompson until next year's election. – Cllr. Kevin Biddle

Planning Report

Your Parish Council have again had a busy year looking carefully at applications mostly to do with extensions to houses and change of use of land. To extend our knowledge of the planning process Jenny Patrick attended a planning seminar in October 2006 hosted by WALC in Stratford. After hearing about Local and National planning rules, members were able to suggest ways that the planning department at Stratford could be more helpful to Parishes. One of our comments was lack of feedback to the Council when a plan goes ahead contrary to what we feel is suitable. Apparently we are not the only Parish to make critical comments of our planning department.

We have been working closely with the Warwickshire Rural Housing Enabling Officer, Chris Barlow about housing for local needs on a site along Bush Heath Lane. Rough plans have been circulated to the Parish Council and we have made comments which we hope will be taken into account when final plans are drawn. This will be a development in three phases as our housing needs change over many years. The first part of the development will contain bungalows and houses for our most urgent needs. When complete drawings and plans are available there will be a public meeting for everyone to come

and see them. Negotiations are still taking place so that we can guarantee these houses will always be for the needs of local people.

We are still in consultation with SDC about an overall plan for the Bishop Bowl Quarries site. This process of discussion will hopefully be completed by the end of 2007.

Properties Report

The Properties Working Party deals with the village's assets which include the Playing Fields, the Cemetery, the village greens and the playing field at Deppers Bridge. The maintenance of these takes a large slice of the Parish Council budget.

The safety of the play equipment is a priority, and regular professional inspections are carried out and identified problems dealt with promptly. Work this year has included installing side barriers on the small swings, replacing a seat on the carousel, repainting equipment and re-seeding under the aerial runway. There have also been repairs to the skate park and the barbeque. At Deppers Bridge, a dangerous piece of equipment has been removed, equipment painted, seats cleaned and a new bin installed. The netball court requires improvements to the perimeter surface which represents a hazard to players at present. The cost of this work will be met by the Sinking fund into which the Parish Council, Tennis Club and Netball Club make annual payments to cover maintenance. These payments have now been increased in order to rebuild funds.

Drainage of the field is a problem: the very wet winter resulted in several areas being under water. Work has been carried out on the ditch on the Constance Drive side with the cost being shared by the Parish Council and the adjacent landowner. Thoughtless parking on the verge in Vicarage Lane resulted in severe damage to the grass so the council has had posts installed to prevent parking and the area has been reseeded.

The Council contributed to the cost of new Christmas lights for the tree outside the Library which greatly enhanced the Christmas atmosphere.
- Cllr. Sharon Hancock

Environment Report

Lights - The replacement of old concrete lamp-posts with either Windsor or metal posts was completed but an inspection by safety engineers has revealed potential problems with the newer concrete lamp-posts. We have now started a new replacement programme that will take 3-4 years to complete. We placed an additional light in

Pineham Avenue.

Traffic - There was a well-attended village meeting on traffic calming in October 2006. The proposals that came from that meeting included village 'gateways', temporary use of illuminated signs, and pinch points. Those ideas have been put to WCC's Environmental Design team, but nothing has been heard back. This will continue to be a matter of importance for the Environment Working Party in 2007-8.

Village Improvements - The bus shelter outside the supermarket was reinstated with a contemporary design. It seems to have been welcomed by passengers. More dropped kerbs were installed during the year. Using the comprehensive tree survey for trees on Parish Council land we commissioned last year we implemented a rolling programme of maintenance. – Cllr. Tim Lockley

Finance and General Purposes Working Party

The precept for the current year 2007/8 has been increased by £10,260 (21.8%) solely to cover the loss of revenue from Stratford District Council. These payments were for work traditionally carried out by the District Council, which the Parish took on but the funding from SDC has now been stopped.

This increase equates to less than £10 per year per band 'D' property, but allows us to continue with our planned spending on the following areas;

Village Hall – Support the Village Hall Committee on the proposed redevelopment, and contributions towards their professional costs.

Street Lighting - Embarked on a new phase of the street-lighting replacement, including replacements for the Manor Orchard Estate lights.

Tree Maintenance – Funding the rolling three year plan for the maintenance of our village trees, this has just started.

Tennis & Netball – The sinking or maintenance fund, increased to cover additional resurfacing costs. Current cost is £1100 from each party, 20% increase included this year to £1320.00.

S137 – The Parish Council has the legal power to spend up to £10,000 (approximately) on this area. This year we are again minded to spend this amount, targeting not just local groups, but specifically local youth groups.

Traffic Calming scheme – Funds will now be made available to continue the investigation and design of a Village Traffic Calming Scheme.

Cemetery Maintenance – An additional amount has been included to cover the cost of extending the path, along with the needed repairs to the Cemetery Chapel.

A summary of last years accounts are shown below, the year end deficit of £8,942.56 is due to the loss of funding from Stratford District Council along with the costs for the Bus Shelter.

Copies of the full accounts are in the Parish Council Annual Report in the library.

INCOME	
Precepts	46976.00
Interest Received	1770.04
Allotment Rents	558.75
Burial Ground Fees	1080.00
Playing Field Hire	195.00
Wayleave	33.56
Awards For All Grant	5000.00
Other Contributions (S136 + Verges)	1251.20
TOTAL INCOME	56864.55

EXPENDITURE	
General Administration	12439.19
Purchase of Office Equipment	1515.97
Section 137	7846.91
Concessionary Travel	530.50
Running Costs:	
Allotments	733.49
Burial	2478.54
Open Spaces	5723.18
Playing Fields & Car Park	12732.34
Non-Estate Roads	1498.20
Street Lighting	11245.22
Other Purchases	6713.57
Contribution to Sports Clubs' Repair Fund	1100.00
Councillors Allowances	1250.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	65807.11

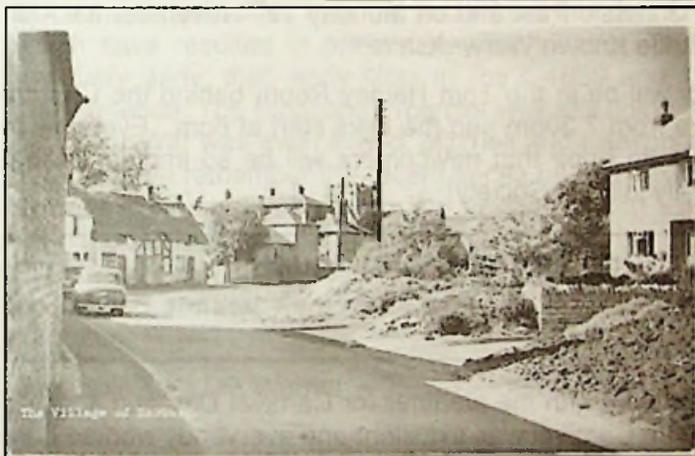
The Harbury Parish Council website gives easy access to the minutes, meeting schedules, quarterly reports and contact details for the Council - <http://www.harbury-parish.co.uk/> - Cllr Tony Mancell.

Harbury Parish Council 2007- 8.

Cllr. Tim Lockley (Chair); Cllr Keith Thompson (Vice-chair); Cllr. Kevin Biddle; Cllr. Karena Ellis-Greenway; Cllr. Sharon Hancock; Cllr. Tony Mancell; Cllr. Jenny Patrick; Cllr Janet Thornley; Cllr. Ann Winchester

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Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

We were pleased with the attention our Carnival Stall attracted, both for the display and the game. "Washing Game" was not as easy as it first appeared but the result was a toss-up between Isobel Grimes (who won) and Anne Winchester. My thanks go to all the male members of the Committee who were assiduous in replacing my smalls as they were un-pegged.

We have now lined up our Autumn Programme. On Monday 17th September Housing Enabler Charles Barlow will explain his role in helping to provide affordable homes in rural Warwickshire. On Tuesday 30th October County Geologist Jon Radley will talk about Warwickshire's Jurassic Past and on Monday 19th November it's Alan Winterburn on Little Known Warwickshire.

All three events will be in the Tom Hauley Room behind the Church. We serve coffee from 7.30pm and the talks start at 8pm. Everyone is welcome but we do hope that newcomers will be so impressed that they subsequently join the Society!



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury was so lucky with the weather for Carnival Day and it was a great success. The Carnival was excellent and everybody worked hard to produce their entries, which must have been hard to judge. Pleased to report the Women's Institute came first in their class entry, and then we got another first in the fancy dress. The newer members were excellent and enjoyed their first Carnival.

The cake stall was a sell-out. Thanks to all the helpers and to those who gave cakes and preserves.

Pam Parton went to the AGM at the Albert Hall recently and had a super day. She gave us a good report of the day and what interesting speakers they had. Baroness Hayman on 'The House of Lords', Stuart Rose, Chief Executive of Marks and Spencer who support the W.I. Carbon Challenge (hence our Carnival entry), Alan Cook from The Post Office Ltd, Graham Stuart M.P. on 'hospital closures' and John Pope C.B.E. representing the Department of Health.

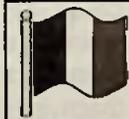
Tony Christie was there singing 'Is this the way to Amarillo'. Members jiggled and hand clapped along with him. His mother was a W.I. member so he joined in 'Jerusalem'.

Our Garden Party was enjoyable despite the weather, It was held at the home of Ann and Philip Mayer and we thank them so much. They had put up a marquee in their driveway which saved the evening and was really comfortable with tables and chairs. Everything went well with super refreshments and fun. We could even walk in the lovely garden too.

Peggie Middleton is holding an Afternoon Tea on Thursday 30th August at her home, 3 Penelope Close at 3pm, admission £2. There will be a raffle and bring and buy and everybody is welcome.

The speaker was Patricia Dent on 'Cinema'. Patricia gave an outline of films and technicalities over the years from the start to the present day which have resulted in present day techniques. The Magic Lantern was very early, then early films in Paris 1839 and 1840 in England then America. The Bioscope Projector was still going a few years ago. The Boer War was even filmed. Mitchell and Kenyon started filming in 1897 and we remember the recent series on television of the excellent films of everyday life by them. Up to date filming started in America with the start of Universal in 1912, M.G.M. in 1924 and Warner Brothers in 1923. Al Jolson was in the first talky in 1927. The wonderful films that were made over half a century ago will never be forgotten.

July Speaker: Jan Warner – 'Survival of the Fittest', a history of child bearing.



Harbury Twinning Association

Moira Lamont

I was delighted to welcome over half our members on 22nd June to share our memories and photographs of last month's visit, when our friends from Samoia came to Harbury.

It was obvious talking to everyone that the visit had been very successful and both the French and English had thoroughly enjoyed the weekend. Now its back to fundraising to pay for the next visit in two year's time!

Dates for your diary:

Bastille Day - 14th July

We will be having our usual meal in the Tom Hauley Room and Sally Stringer will be contacting all members regarding the menu. This is always a good evening and I hope many of you will be able to come.

Coffee morning - 28th July

Help with this event will be needed, as many of the committee will be away. If you can help, please let Sally Stringer know. We also require raffle prizes, which can be brought along on the morning or given to Sally Stringer in advance.

Petanque and BBQ - September

Victorian Street Fayre - 13th October

We will be having our popular wine, cheese and pâté stall.

Sally Stringer can be contacted on: 613214.



Folk Club

Des Patalong

The theme for this evening was chosen with great care and diligence the month before when I spotted 'Old Will' on the bar of the Shakespeare. I was inspired to not have a theme but to disguise it by having the theme "As You Like It". I'd have been in trouble if I'd gone for "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Needless to say Harbury's regulars relished the theme and came armed with songs they liked and hoped we would too.

While I did try to take down as many of the songs sung as I could, my notes have got in a terrible tangle. I'll content myself with noting the artists who performed and what to me were the highlights (mine are platinum and though I never ask the hairdresser to put them in I always find more of them after I've been).

In the first of three sections, we saw the varied talents of myself and the Harvesters, Rick and Pete Stanton (because of the number of Peters and Petes at this club you have to differentiate). We also had Summer, and at this point, we discovered that Peter McDonald, Summer and I share the same birthday though in different years. If you get this report before your birthday, Peter, have a good one. Now normally we try to get six acts into a section (or that's the way it seems) and I discovered that, in my inefficiency, I'd missed one when

Pete Grassby walked in. With barely a moment to sip a drink, he found himself thrust into the spotlight. I then introduced the charity for the evening and finished the first bit with "Shallow Brown".

The charity had occurred to me earlier in the year when the country was celebrating the bi-centennial of the abolition of slavery which got me thinking that really this was false. Slavery exists in many forms throughout the world and even in this country with people bonded to gang masters or trafficked into the sex trade. More conventional forms of slavery exist elsewhere including child labour. It is difficult to make the economic connections but, as I pointed out, a lot of trade is still built on slavery and collectively we probably benefit from cheap goods in the shop. My choice of charity was, therefore, Anti-Slavery International and there is a link at the bottom of this report to their website.

Debbie had kindly agreed to be my partner for the night. The audience had divided into bride's and groom's sides at the beginning of the evening with far more for the bride which is as it should be, but filled out shortly after for the groom. She did sterling work while I went around the second section artists and sorted them out.

The second spasm began with Ron who always gives good value and reminded us of the tale of the Jaberwocky and gave us his rendition of "Will (Won't) you go Lassie go". He was followed by Debbie accompanied by Ian and gave us the female version of "House of the Rising Son". Peter McDonald followed and, as it is he that is running July, told us that the theme was "Imagine". He doesn't want anyone doing John Lennon's classic as he intends to so he's getting there first. See if I care! He was followed by Stuart and then a highlight of the evening with the debut appearance at Harbury of a new three-part harmony combo Penny Royal. Two of these had been seen before as Dixon and Dickson (that might have been the other way around) but they are now joined by Fiona. I had the pleasure of hearing them elsewhere before this evening and just knew they would wow Harbury. They even got Keith Donnelly shouting for more and it gave me great pleasure to offer them a reprise in the third spasm. The second spasm was closed by Ted Crum in excellent style.

I'd asked Pete and Liz Bones to open the third spasm. Liz had enquired if I thought they'd still be awake after a few drinks but as usual they gave excellent entertainment. I particularly like "Rosebud In June" with which they closed their set and I think because it gives everyone a really good chorus to get their teeth into. They were

followed by Pete Mason (you see what I mean by Pete and Peter). We then saw Penny Royal giving another two excellent offerings before a somewhat quieter Keith Donnelly closed the evening for us. Now Keith had entered into the spirit of the theme by writing a song based on a loose interpretation of the works of Shakespeare entitled, if I got this right, "As You Like It".

And that was that. I should point out that the raffle raised £33 and that I won one of the prizes but then redrew the raffle. If I'd won again I'd have called it fate and gone off with the two bottles of real ale but in the event didn't. Here's the website: <http://www.antislavery.org/>

	Harbury RFC	Rugby Football Club	Jerry Birkbeck
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September sees not only the start of the rugby season but more significantly the Rugby World Cup, which takes place in France. England's first match is on the 8th September against the USA. All the matches will be shown on ITV but you can take advantage of seeing all the games on the Rugby Club's big screen. We are keen to encourage you down to watch the matches and a full list will be included in next month's 'Harbury News'.

Many of you will remember England's dramatic victory against Australia in 2003 when Jonny Wilkinson dropped that goal! The Rugby Football Union was slow to capitalise on this and very much missed a golden promotional opportunity. However, for the forthcoming RWC they are aiming to get back players into the game through the 'Play Rugby' campaign. This is aimed at the 17-35 age groups, but the impact will affect junior and mini rugby as well.

The launch is the beginning of July and according to the RFU will be accompanied by a major advertising campaign on TV, Radio, Newspapers and Cinema. To involve clubs the RFU has been actively working with them through a series of workshops. In one way or another it looks as if a large number of people will know about it.

So what are we doing? We are preparing our promotional material and undoubtedly you will certainly be aware of our presence! If there are any of you out there who have played rugby in the past and are thinking about starting again then please do get in touch with us. We offer rugby from the age of 6 – 60+ through two senior sides, colts (U19), veterans (over 35) and minis (6-12) and juniors at U15 and U17. You can find out more about us through visiting our website

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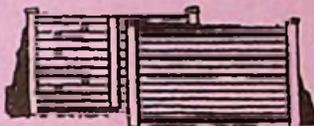
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Pre-season training commences on Tuesday July 17th at 7.00pm and every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter. We have an excellent fully qualified coach in Sean Geary. Please do come along and we will give you a very warm welcome. Finally, do come down to support Harbury in the Alan Padbury Memorial Event on Saturday 25th August at Middle Road.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

Despite the dreadful weather there has been plenty of activity on the courts, although in some of the league matches it's been so wet, trench foot was more likely than tennis elbow!

We did manage to complete the Club's annual Barbeque Tournament with only one interruption for rain which didn't deter some of the men from cooking some very well done sausages!! On the playing side organiser Caroline Morland made sure there was no loitering between matches and we were able to finish them all. Sue Mercer and David Lauder were worthy winners.

The Junior teams have been very busy with pride of place going to the Mini Reds (under 8 years old). They have played exceptionally well, winning three of their four matches in the recent rounds. The squad consisted of Alice Bright, Sam Clifton, James Owen, Matthew Rose and Matthieu Savin. They all showed great sportsmanship, enjoyed themselves and continued to improve their tennis. Well done!

Moving up the age range the U17 Boys have all had to play some of the stronger teams in the County including Kenilworth, Alcester, and Rugby but have fought hard and are still coming back for more! The three pairs who have played in the last month are Jonathan Guy and Adam Crossling, Toby Hyde and Peter Lyons, Greg Swinburn and David Nason. Jonathan and Adam have made the most encouraging progress. Playing together for the first time they had a baptism of fire against Alcester, losing 0-6, 0-6 against two highly rated boys. In their next match against Kenilworth they were beginning to get it together and pushed their opponents very hard before losing the match 3-6, 4-6. It all came good in the third match when they entertained Henley in Arden and had a comfortable win by 6-3, 6-0.

In Division 1 of the Banbury league, Harbury's "A" team were pipped at the post in a nail biting match against visitors Brackley. They lost the match 4-5 but had the satisfaction of getting the bonus point on offer for the team winning the most games by virtue of winning the very last game of the match!

In Division 4 the "B" team stumbled to a home defeat against league leaders Deddington "B". The 2-7 score line didn't reflect how close the match was as it was effectively decided in 3 tiebreaks – unfortunately Harbury lost all 3! In the first round matches Tracey Haggan and Steve Stark won their mixed doubles (8-3) but the visitors got their noses in front with their ladies proving too strong for Caroline Morland and Sue Mercer and their men winning the first tiebreak of the evening against Ed Wilson and Colin Mercer. The pattern was repeated in the second round with Steve and Colin taking their rubber while Caroline and Steve lost on a tie break. The visitors then won the last 3 rubbers to wrap up the points with Sue and Colin losing the final tiebreak.

This was followed by a wet Friday night trip to Banbury West End and another "nil points!" The team were very slow out of the blocks and lost all 3 rubbers in the first round. It improved slightly in the second round with Caroline and Steve managing a win. Their good form continued in the last round with Tracey Haggan and Paul Crowton respectively, leaving only Eira Owen and yours truly without a win!

The Club's men's doubles team is having a good season in Division 4 of the Prudden Road Surfacing League and are currently in second place. Their push for promotion was boosted by successive home wins against HDA Redditch "B" and Inkberrow "C". Jon Scothern, Jonathan Smith, Bill Hathaway and Colin Mercer were too strong for HDA and romped to a 4-0 win to complete the double over the Worcestershire visitors.

It was a different story against Inkberrow and the visitors almost snatched a draw on a wet evening. Mark Pavey replaced Jonathan for this match and partnered Bill in a comfortable straight sets win while Jon and Colin had an epic match which they eventually won 7-6, 7-5. This put Harbury in the driving seat but the visitors fought back strongly. Jon and Colin lost in straight sets but Bill and Mark held their nerve in a third set tiebreak to secure the points with a 3-1 win. This was followed by an even more emphatic 4-0 win against Barford. Jon and Bill were joined by Adam Crossling and Geoff Prince and between them lost only 5 games all night!

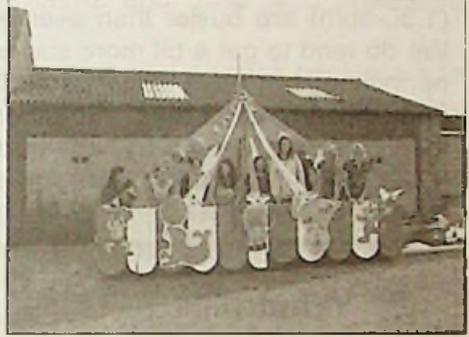


Harbury Toddler Group

Emma Legg

Big Top

Another year, another carnival and wasn't it fantastic? We always pray for sunshine on Carnival day (to avoid the inevitable soaking the cardboard float decorations get in the rain) and sunshine we got. We actually got so much sunshine that our float was likened to a scene from Tenko – women and children crammed into



a confined space in the blistering heat, no shelter from the sun, water and sanitation issues. Of course it was nothing like that on board the float; the children were dressed up as circus entertainers and were treated to bubbles and balloon animals.

We were very excited that our 'Big Top' won us 2nd place this year, after coming in 3rd for the past 2 years this was a huge improvement. The children had a far greater part in decorating it this year making clown faces and lion heads with their foot and hand prints and our thanks go out to all the mums, dads and carers who took valuable time out to paint, glue, build and decorate the float. We realise that when you have a baby/toddler in the house there is no spare time, so achieving what we did was in itself something to get giddy about.

We also need to say a HUGE thanks you to Sarah & Nick Morley and their family for the loan of the trailer, for towing us around the route, for the refreshments and loan of any equipment at all that we could find on the farm. Our BIG TOP wouldn't have looked anywhere nearly as good if we hadn't used that dirty great lump of scaffolding pole to hold up the centre of the 'tent' so thank you for your continued support.

Fun Day

On Sunday 15th July we are holding a fun day at the Wight School. As well as demonstrating what toddler group has to offer we plan to lay on a number of stalls and refreshments. The event kicks off at 2pm until 4pm and promises to be lots of fun for the toddlers and for grown ups too. We also hope that it will be a significant fundraising event for the group and invite you to support us in giving the children a brighter Toddler Group.

Sessions

Thanks to everyone who supports toddler group during the week. Monday sessions (10-11.30am) are as busy as ever, a social hub and turning into quite a tuneful singing group too, where as Wednesdays (1.30-3pm) are busier than ever but more laid back and no singing. We do tend to get a bit more sun-bathing in on Wednesdays (weather permitting) but have large parasol umbrellas to protect the children from those harmful rays. If either of these groups fit in to your day then please give us a try, any questions? Give me, Emma, a call on 01926 814687 or pop down and see us during a session. We look forward to seeing you.



Windmills
Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

This half term we will be talking about jungles and preparing our older children for big school. They have been on a jungle expedition with Mrs Casement into our very own jungle just outside the nursery classroom. The children made their own binoculars to spot animals which had been hidden, and also followed trails and looked for animal



footprints. Back inside the classroom the children then painted the animals and plants they had seen to create our very own jungle inside the classroom. They are now making animal masks to use in their role play. "I have made something connected with our topic - it's a whole vision good animal looker because you can see the whole jungle in the telescope looking for Giraffes and leopards, lions and if you look through the telescope you can see the zebras stripes - their camouflage" - Edward (describing the octagon model he made).



We were delighted to win 1st prize with our 'People who help us' float in this year's carnival. The children dressed up as doctors, nurse's fire-fighters and policemen and women

and looked fantastic. The float was decorated with the children's own artwork and comments about people who help us as well as a realistic fire engine made by Lily's dad complete with blue flashing lights; and a hospital scene painted by Lindsey Dolphin. A huge thank you to everyone who helped especially Emma and Julie who organized everything.

This year the children made elephant cards and a snake book mark to celebrate Fathers Day; although Jared informed us that his daddy didn't read books he only read the newspaper!

'My Daddy does the gardening and mows the grass. He is a teacher. He is big and he has blue eyes and brown hair', said Joe.

Jacob said 'My Daddy likes juggling - he is good at it. He goes to work - he makes other people's computers work. He likes drinking wine and beer.'

In preparation for school Miss Maher and Mrs Batchelder visited Windmills to meet the children starting school in September. Our children were very confident and proudly showed them the drawings and models they had made and chatted excitedly about going to school. Two weeks later Tina and Marie took the older children into school to familiarize themselves with their new classroom and also play with their older siblings on the playground at playtime. We also took the older children into school to watch the Reception Class assembly - they thoroughly enjoyed the story of the mixed up caterpillar acted out by the children in the reception class.

Carol Massey our Early Years Advisor came to Windmills to deliver training to all members of staff on new ideas for observation and planning.

Dates:

Thurs 5th July - 11.00 am Sports Day (Weather Permitting)

Tues 10th July - 9.30 am Visit by Zoo lab Rainforest Road show

Thurs 11th July - Visit from our artist Chris to work with the children

Friday 13th July - 1.00 pm - Parents Consultation Afternoon
(for children starting school in September)

Wed 18th July - Fancy Dress Safari Party - during morning session

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



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

Carnival – Our current topic involves journeys, transport and vehicles. The children started with the build up to the carnival, when most took part on Pre-School's "English Country Garden" float. Congratulations to all the children (and their parents) for their fantastic outfits, and particularly to Saffie, whose daddy created the most



wonderful snail costume made of multi-coloured tissue paper, and who most deservedly won the Tim Percival Cup for the best children's costume at the carnival. During the following week, the carnival was re-enacted in many different ways at Pre-school, using boxes, crates and dressing up clothes.

Many people have given their help and time so generously this month, so a huge **THANK YOU** to Eli Priest and her gang of parents who worked tirelessly on the carnival float to make it look so wonderful; to the Hadley family for loaning us the trailer for the float; to Margaret Warner for collecting it from the farm; to Bud and Tony Jackson for rearranging their barn so that it could be kept under cover while it was dressed; to Bryan and Janet Pratt for doing such a marvellous and careful job of towing it in the procession; and to all those who worked so hard on the hot dog stall at the carnival where an amazing £592 was raised.

Railways – To continue the journey theme, the role play area was turned into a rail ticket office where the children were able to make tickets, arrange journeys and explain to each other how to find the right train for their trip. Outside they then used boxes, crates, chairs, wheels etc. to create trains for the journeys, which went to a variety of places including the shops and the seaside. The wooden train sets also came into operation, with some marvellous tracks winding their way around both indoor and outdoor play areas.

Vehicles – The children used their ICT skills to produce wonderful Fathers' Day cards by designing and then printing a vehicle using one of our computer programs. They then created collages and 3D models to produce a variety of vehicles, from cars, lorries and buses to Nat's futuristic "James Bond car".

Journeys to Harbury Primary School – The children who will be starting Primary School in September enjoyed two trips,



the first to watch the Reception Class Assembly and then to spend some time with Miss. Maher in what will become their classroom for the next school year. "I dressed up as a mountain climber" said Sebastian and Sophie enjoyed "playing with my big friends in the playground". Our thanks to

Mr Daly, Miss Maher and Mrs Batchelder for making this possible, so that the transition will be as smooth as possible to school for our children. Thanks also to Miss Maher and Mrs Batchelder for visiting us at Pre-school prior to our visit.

Healthy Eating – We were very fortunate to have a visit from a theatre group to perform a play about healthy eating. The children sat transfixed as they watched the actor's show how they would persuade unhealthy aliens to change their ways and learn to eat food that was good for them. At the end, they chatted happily to the actors about their own ideas on healthy eating. As a follow up, the children tried and enjoyed a wider variety of fruit and vegetables at snack time.

Woodwork – The woodworking bench has come into operation, with the children taking great care when using hammers to knock drawing pins into their wood. Any donations of small pieces of soft wood for this purpose would be gratefully received.

Thank You – to Sharon Warner and Sarah Taylor who held a tombola stall at Bluewater Boat yard and raised a fantastic £170 for Pre-School. All donations to our Pre-school are very much appreciated and we are extremely grateful for the time and effort given by these individuals.

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



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1st Harbury Scouts

Nick Tawney

Scouts were busy in June. In the absence of a usable Scout hut we have been out and about: Burton Dasset as a base for frisbee golf and Harbury school where we helped the Earthworms Group care for the grounds.



The photo shows our group's winning entry into the non-trade decorated float for the Harbury Carnival. The float, on a trailer kindly provided and towed by Derek Trice [ex Sea Scout], celebrated the Centenary of Scouting that we are celebrating this year. We managed to fit on a tent, kayak, log and axe, camp toilet, caving ladders, hurricane lamp and rucksack, and some scouts & leaders. Beavers & cubs (plus some Rainbows) supported with a walking tableau illustrating the world reach of scouting by dress & flags from countries across the globe. Thanks to John Ridgely [ex leader] float design consultant and Jim [group scout leader] and Sue Ward for overseeing the project.

We finished the month along with thousands of other scouts, cubs and beavers from around the county at Warwick Castle. Madame Tussauds lets us all in for £1 a head and we took full advantage by looking at all the usual attractions such as the trebuchet and the birds of prey, the battlements and the new Dream of Battle show as well having a short presentation to all the scouts in the Pageant Field.



June has been a very busy month for our Society. On 7th June, in the evening, we visited Spetchley Park Gardens near Worcester. It had been a bit wet in the morning but it brightened up and we had good weather for the evening. I had organised a guided tour and Jenny our guide, who had only been there for two years was so enthusiastic and knowledgeable, it added to our enjoyment.

The gardens have gradually been restored to their former splendour and are a credit to the very small team there. The walled garden had an old twisted apple tree that was 160 years old and still going strong. Also there was a very rare double pomegranate tree, which has lovely red flowers in July, well worth a return visit. The huge herbaceous borders were overflowing with plants. Also in evidence were many self seeded Eryngiums, and Mrs Willmott's ghost. She was the present Mr Berkeley's grandmother's sister. She was well known for scattering these seeds on her travels to different gardens.

Many rare trees were seen in the woodland walk. The lake looked splendid flanked by the lovely old house. The Millennium Garden was a delight, part of it with tunnels of *Cercis Canadensis*, (the forest pansy) and Robinia. Also a sunken garden with a rill was well stocked with tender and semi-hardy plants.

The walled vegetable garden is a new venture and has had to be replanted several times due to the appetites of the local rabbit population! Thankfully it is now well on the way to being productive.

We all had a most enjoyable evening and the journey back through lovely villages with quaint sounding names just added to it all.

The day trip was on 20th June and once again the weather mainly behaved itself. Just one short sharp shower. We started off at Wilton House near Salisbury and passed Stonehenge on the way. The inside of the House is full of rare furniture and a fabulous collection of paintings including a huge room containing the biggest collection of Van Dyke's I have ever seen. As you can imagine I was in heaven! The stewards were all very friendly and willing to share their knowledge with us.

The 18th century gardens were very much in the Capability Brown style with majestic trees and large areas of parkland and herbaceous

borders. We were lucky enough to see three very young cygnets and parents on the river and then in the water garden there were some very tiny moorhen chicks with mom. An added bonus.

From there we went a short distance away to Heale Gardens. These gardens were an absolute delight with surprises around every corner. The walled garden was a super combination of vegetables, fruit and flowers. Everything seemed to be at least three weeks further forward than our own gardens. In two trees there were rambling roses going up to a height of at least 30 feet, a superb sight.

The borders were very colourful and as the brochure said it was like being transported into a magical and varied paradise of running streams and exuberant planting, it certainly did not disappoint. The plant centre too was well stocked with very healthy plants. There will be quite a few gardens in the village with Heuchera Obsidian and Spotlight. Thank goodness the coach had plenty of room for all our purchases. We were sad to leave here after enjoying a tasty tea.

We managed to avoid the congestion on the way back (as people were flocking to Stonehenge for the Summer Solstice) thanks to our coach driver, Stuart, who ably fitted into the shoes of Tony Sherman who had been our driver for the last 8 years. Sadly Tony died very suddenly a few weeks ago and will be greatly missed. When I sent a thank you card to Cheney Coaches, I also sent a card to Tony's family. I will only briefly mention the Walkabout as until our next committee meeting I will not know how we did financially. Obviously the weather deterred some visitors but those I spoke to throughout the weekend thoroughly enjoyed all of the gardens and remarked how impressed they were with the high standards achieved. As I have said before we are so lucky to have such talented gardeners in our village and I hope everyone enjoyed the weekend.

Thanks to everyone who contributed towards ensuring that our visitors were well looked after. As you know apart from some of the proceeds going towards the running costs of the Society we do give to various other Village activities.

The next big event is the Village Show in September, I do hope that you are watching the programme currently being shown on BBC on Sunday evenings it demonstrates that the Village Show still generates much interest and indeed friendly rivalry. Please consider exhibiting this year, so nurture those vegetable plants, they certainly are getting sufficient water at present.



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Now the roadside cow parsley has gone to seed and the lighter green foliage of early summer has taken on a darker hue. Soft fruit is ripening and soon hedgerow blackberries will be with us. June's deluge may bring an early flush of mushrooms if July returns summer to the land. There's a lot to look forward to.

Moths are having a much needed boost to their image. Most of us perceive them as rather unspectacular, trumped by their cousins the butterflies. But, take another look when next they land on your lighted window pane at night. In Warwickshire, butterflies number about 40 species whereas the larger (or macro) moths of Warwickshire run to about 600 species (see David Brown's excellent book, 'The Larger Moths of Warwickshire' published by Atropos. I have a copy if you would like to take a look). A large number of moths are day flying. A laminated folding guide to these can be obtained from the Field Studies Council (www.field-studies-council.org). Armed with this, David met his Open Studies Lepidoptera Class at the Bill Smilie Nature Reserve on the side of Prestbury Hill, over the border in Gloucestershire, looking down on Cheltenham Race Course. (OS sheet 163, Cheltenham and Cirencester. GR 994245). The 4th June was a rather breezy but generally sunny day and we were fortunate to find more than 14 species of moths including the nationally rare Lace Border (*Scopula ornata*). Butterflies were also found including Brown Argus and Small Blue. The wingspan of the latter varies between 16 and 25mms (0.6-1"). Bertha Kettle was confident she had seen one in her garden in late May and David Brown thought this was very likely as locally the butterfly can be found at Bishop's Hill and is one of the reasons why parts, at least, of the old cement works site would make an excellent nature reserve.

Sitting on the hillside, having a picnic, overlooking the broad Vale of Severn, I heard the cuckoo for only the second time this year. In last month's Harbury and Ladbroke News, I said that both males and females make the familiar cuckoo sound. In fact, it is the male which marks out its territory with this sound. The female note is described as burbling.

Only one Man Orchid (*Aceras anthropophorum*) could be found inside the wired off area at Ufton Fields. I saw it there on the 5th June. I searched for flowers of the Greater Butterfly Orchid (*Plantanthera chlorantha*), as last month I wrote that I had found its leaves and it has

flowered there in the past. I searched in vain, but found the flower spikes of this lovely white orchid at Stockton Cutting Nature Reserve. (OS sheet 151. GR 438650) on June 8th. Close by, in moister ground, were the beautiful pink flowers of Ragged Robin and variously hued Common Spotted Orchids.

The following day was the Carnival with weather to match. Tony Thomas mentioned that he and Joan had found some interesting flowers growing on their lawn. When I visited, the plants proved to be three robust Common Twayblades (*Listera ovata*). Generally, we seem to be finding more wild orchids about the village, perhaps a sign of the decline in the liberal use of chemicals on the land. Down at the Rugby Club, near the cricket nets, John Jackson reported a group of Bee Orchids (*Ophrys apifera*) were in flower. When I visited on June 11th, one spike had 8 flowers on its stem. The colony of Common Spotted Orchids (*Orchis fuschii*) by the war memorial at Bascote Heath is enlarging. I counted 8 when I pedalled by recently.

In the middle of June, Sharon and I spent five days walking a section of the South West Peninsula Path from Braunton to Bude. Whilst most of the country was rather wet, we had generally fine conditions. The scenery was ever changing, from the flatter area around the Taw and Torridge estuaries to the beetling cliffs and contorted geology near Hartland Point. The Isle of Lundy seemed to keep pace with us as we walked, only to be left behind as we 'turned the corner' and approached Bude.

The path we followed was a paradise of wild flowers including Field Scabious, Sheeps Bit, Navelwort, Thrift, Sea Campion and many more. Down on the shingle, we found Sea Holly. This plant's spiky leaves are a pale frosty blue. This is due to the waxy cuticle, an evolutionary device to retain water in the dry salty conditions in which it lives. As we crossed into Cornwall, I saw two tiny butterflies. They were Green Hairstreaks (*Callophrys rubi*) and were flying over their caterpillars' commonest foodplant, Gorse. About 200 years ago, it was first recorded that the chrysalis of this butterfly produces audible squeaks which attract ants. They often tend the pupa in their nests, feeding from the sticky secretions which ooze from it. Harbury Spoilbank has a colony of Green Hairstreak, but as there is no gorse on the reserve, the foodplants are likely to be Bird's Foot Trefoil, Bramble or Dogwood.

Rex Humphreys told me about two unusual sightings. A weasel was seen along Mill Street and a Turtle Dove, a summer visitor, at Harbury Fields Farm. Let's hope for a drier July. Enjoy the summer when it comes back.



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

This month's update includes the good news, the hoped-for good news about the Village Hall and the not-so-good news.

The good news includes the response by three members of the village community to last month's request in the magazine for professionals who would be willing to give guidance to the Steering Group committee about the proposals to develop the premises. It was very heart-warming to find a project manager, a quantity surveyor and a surveyor all willing to offer advice about the current plans to those who have driven forward the ideas up to the present time. There was also a good morning's work carried out by members of the committee who turned up to create a 'working party', which carried out a 'summer clean' on the cupboards in the kitchen and the Wagstaffe room. As a result, there are several boxes of redundant china, which would be given free to a good home, if anyone had an imaginative use for odd cups, saucers and small plates. Maybe there is a group in the village which could use some of the surplus items, if only for a crockery smashing venture in aid of fund-raising?

The hoped-for good news will rest on the outcome to be provided about the current energy usage of the Hall based on a report to be provided by the Warwickshire Energy Efficiency Advice Centre. A representative from the Centre recently carried out an audit of the various methods of heating and lighting and feedback on the efficiency of the systems will be provided in the near future.

The not-so-good news involves the resignation of the present cleaner who travels in to the village to carry out her duties. She no longer feels able to fit the Village Hall into her schedule and notices have been placed around the village advertising for a local person to take over the responsibility. The cleaning takes approximately two half days per week and the hours and pay could be negotiated with the Management Committee. The other worrying news is the discovery during the recent heavy downpours that water is leaking into the youth room through the ceiling. There are also several 'causes for concern' in the walls of the building facing the playing fields where damp patches and rotten wood will need attention before too long.

For all of us who regularly use the Village Hall, it is generally regarded as an attractive venue with many excellent features. It is only when the

'surface is scratched' and the various areas are really scrutinised that some of the problems are noticed. At present, members of the 'committee' do what unsung villagers have done for many years, try to 'stem the tide' and keep the overall appearance as good as possible for as long as possible with the least expense. This often means a do-it-yourself approach to repairs and again, it would be helpful to know if there are any willing volunteers who have some time on their hands, as well as expertise in DIY, who would be willing to 'lend a hand' if the call for practical assistance went out through the H&L NEWS. If there is anyone out there who 'fits the bill', and is interested in helping from time to time, please give Geoff a call on 613801.



General Section

Carnival Week - 2007

Wheelbarrow Race

We were again blessed with a lovely sunny day with The Shakespeare hosting this year's start. Many thanks to Darren for stepping into the breach at short notice due to the closure of The Crown. We had a total of 12 entries overall, down on previous years but still setting a high standard. There were 7 entries for the Men's Beer Race, which was won, yet again, by Trevor Gibbs and George Simpson in a time of 8 minutes and 47 seconds, faster than last year! The record time is 8 minutes and 2 seconds, a very fast time but if it can be done once it can be done again so we hope to see more teams next year having a go at beating the record. Trevor and George were presented with the Scandrett Shield and £25, very well deserved for another tremendous effort.

There were 5 entries for the Water Race with several of the competitors in the Beer Race running again — how do they do it — is there something in the Harbury water! The winners, with a time of 11 minutes and 34 seconds, were Jacob and Joseph Hunt and they were presented with the Wallington Trophy and £10.





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It was a shame that we had no entries for the Ladies' Beer Race - whatever happened to girl power — come on ladies, we hope to see some entries next year, you were sorely missed! However, as we had one 'all girl team' in the Water Race - Marti and Emily Welsh - it was decided that as they had put in a superb performance they should be awarded the Gibbs & Simpson Shield, normally presented to the winners of the Ladies Beer Race, and £10.



The Rollason Tankard is presented to the team completing the Men's Beer Race in the fastest time with a combined age of 80 or over and this year was won by Brian Young and David Johnson with a combined age of 83!

Once again, very many thanks to all the licensees who provided beer and water, David and Rachel for manning the beer table at The Crown, the volunteer scrutineers and to everyone who supported the event.

The Wheelbarrow Race is a long-standing tradition of the village and one we would not like to see disappear from our Carnival Week events. However, there is quite a lot of organising to do behind the scenes in order for this event to take place — result sheets, collecting entry money and, most importantly letting all the pubs know how many entrants to cater for on the day. We don't want to be 'heavy handed and say no entries on the day, but as only 3 entries were received prior to the race this year, PLEASE HELP US BY SUBMITTING ENTRIES BEFORE THE DAY OF THE RACE.

Pub Games

There were 6 teams entered this year, namely The Shakespeare, The Twinning Association, The Fosseyway Fossils, The Gamecock, The Old New Inn and Girls R Loud. The winners of the individual events were as follows:

Aunt Sally	-	Fosseyway Fossils
Horseshoes	-	Twining Association
Skittles	-	Old New Inn
Quiz	-	Fosseyway Fossils
Overall Winners	-	Fosseyway Fossils

The overall winners were presented with the 'Pub Games Shield' with our congratulations on yet another well-deserved win.

Our thanks to all the teams for taking part, the licensees for letting us use their premises and to all the loyal supporters. If you have never entered a team for the Pub Games, please think about getting a team together for next year. We have a lot of fun with very friendly rivalry between the teams. There are no stipulations as to who can take part - the teams can be from the Pubs, Village Societies or Organisations, or a group of friends and neighbours. The only 'rules' are that each team consists of a maximum of 12 players with an entry fee of £1 per team member and each team member can participate in more than one event with 4 team members taking part in each game.

Similarly to the Wheelbarrow Race, there is a certain amount of organisation required beforehand in order to stage these games, not least of which is knowing if we have enough teams for the games to take place. Therefore, can we please have your entry forms, together with the total team entry money, before the first game is due to take place.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Dan Killian

Harbury Carnival June 9th, 2007

Well, another great Carnival Day. The procession was excellent, lots of people lining the streets, hordes of people on the field in the afternoon and the weather wasn't bad either! All in all, a grand day. Thanks to everybody who participated and supported the event in one way or another. You make it what it is.

Daniel and Taisia were fabulous as our King and Queen and our special thanks to them.

Unfortunately, during the afternoon we somehow managed to lose the results sheets so I am sorry that we do not have all the prize winners but here are those that we can remember :



- Decorated Float - 1st "100years of Scouting"
2nd "Dr Who"
3rd "Orgnomic Garden"
- Decorated Float (Trade) - 1st Shakespeare Inn "Flintstones"
2nd Old New Inn "Dr Who"
- Children's Float - 1st Windmills Nursery "People Who Help Us"
2nd Harbury Toddler Group "The Big Top"
3rd Harbury Pre School "English Country Garden"
- Decorated Bike/Pram/Car - 1st Debbie Ellis "Highwayman"
2nd The Vincents "Grease"
- Horse Drawn/Mounted/Led - 1st "Disc Jockey"
2nd "American Indian"
- Walking Tableau Children (2-8 persons) - 1st "Princess and the Pea"
- Walking Tableau Children (more than 8 persons) - 1st "100years of Scouting"
3rd Harbury Primary School
- Walking Tableau Family - 1st The Hunts "Simpsons"
2nd The Rollasons "Spin Doctors"
3rd Cliftons and Coopers "Cats"
- Walking Tableau Adults - 1st WI "Save the Planet"
- Walking Adult - 2nd John Ridgley
3rd Linda Ridgley

Child Best Original Costume in Parade
(Tim Percival Cup) - Saffie "Snail"

Adult Best Original Costume in Parade
(Sue Andrews Cup) - Peter Rollason "Spin Doctor"

Will the other prize winners please contact me on 612458 so that I can list them in next month's edition?

Also I need to know Saffie's surname and contact details so that the trophy can be engraved and delivered. Could one of her parents please give me a call on 614258.

All the entries were so good we owe our thanks to the judges for a difficult job well done, so thank you to, Tim Lockley, Bryan Young, Andrew and Carole Cleaver, John Woodward, Steve Dolley, Tony Estick, Chris and Stan Finch, Barbara Thistlethwaite and Eunice McCracken.

Also thanks to Tony Ceney, who as usual did a great job as MC, to Mugglestones 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 25th (614258) and we will see what we can do to make a contribution from our proceeds.

John Broomfield, On behalf of the Carnival Committee

Summer Lunch in aid of Harbury Senior Citizens

Now that the outing to Poole is a very enjoyable memory we would like to remind you that year's Summer Lunch, in aid of the Harbury Senior Citizens, will be held in Harbury Village Hall on **Saturday 11th August**.

We would like to remind you that this is a fund raising event in aid of the senior citizens of Harbury and as such the lunch is available to anyone who wants to come, subject to ticket availability. For ticket enquiries, please contact either Marie Wallington on 613205 or Margaret Taylor on 612903. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mike McBride, On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association

A New Venture

We are considering starting a weekly youth group, to meet in an informal setting, possibly 7 - 8pm on a Sunday evening. It would be open to anyone of secondary school age. The aim would be to provide space for young people to ask questions, express doubts, and generally explore a Christian perspective on issues that affect them in their daily lives. We'd like them to suggest ideas too.

We hope it will be enjoyable and engaging, with regular social evenings to invite friends. If you would like to help or know a young person who might be interested in coming along, please get in touch. Meanwhile, watch out for more details.

Lesley Jones (613207), Sue Peacock (613754), Chris Rutherford (613757)

Sounds of the Sixties Live Event

It's countdown time to one of the major charity events in the region in support of the Teenage Cancer Trust, which takes place on the Rugby Club ground on Saturday 14th July. There will be just 6 days left after the distribution of the Harbury & Ladbroke News to reserve a ticket for the event, which draws considerable village support, as well as attracting lovers of 'sixties music' from several of the surrounding towns and villages.

As in previous years, there are six bands playing their impressive range of numbers, which are guaranteed to have the majority of visitors on their feet and singing along to all the well known favourites within a few minutes of the start. The event is so well known for its live music that a request to join the 'line-up' never falls on deaf ears. This year's bands include Bob Phillips Street Legal Band, JayBeeKayPees, Jive Crazy, Out the Blue, Reelin 'N' Rockin and the Roadhogs, who are all providing their services in aid of the charity.

The weather has usually held out on the night and there have been some especially warm evenings when visitors have relaxed outside long after nightfall, but maybe the recognition of the event would extend beyond Warwickshire, if 'mud, glorious mud' could be guaranteed as a major attraction - as for the Glastonbury aficionados? Maybe not, as the age range is somewhat different!

The event offers a major raffle and an auction of special items donated by local companies and is backed by local sponsors whose contribution is recognised on a continuous display inside the marquee throughout the evening. There is still time to offer a prize or sponsorship by contacting the numbers below and 'all contributions are gratefully received' by the organisers.

Please call 01926 613151, 07831 405651 or 07787 532945 to reserve a ticket, offer a prize or sponsorship. Many thanks.

Joe Griffin

Blood Donors

The next session at Harbury will be on Thursday August 9th at 1.30pm – 3.30pm and 4.30pm – 7.30pm.

Holiday times are always difficult for donor numbers, though the need is as high as ever. Please make every effort to attend and encourage any young people you know (age 17 upwards) to give it a go.

Gillian Hare

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Harbury Parish Council October 2040

Unusual though this is, for our 800th Edition of the News we are producing a Parish Council report, not through the usual mind-linked internet, but how it used to be done years ago at the beginning of the Twenty-first Century – on paper!

Sexagenarian Tim Lockley, Chairing from his pensioner's pod at Bromson Hill on the far side of the magna-lev tramway, reminisced of the days when green fields separated the villages of Wick-worth-ton megatown.

He was interrupted in his reverie by the acerbic tones of Cllr Janet Thornley, once dubbed "Harbury's oldest teenager" and soon to enter her Centenary! "Get on with it, you old buffer" she impetuously interposed "I want to explain my latest plans for a Zimmer-frame track!"

"Hang-on" said the Middle Biddle (a real chip off the old block), "He's a good old boy!" "Give him time to project his thoughts".

Seizing his chance Tim took up his train again. "From an historical perspective", he transferred, "the development we see today has only been in place for an instant". "The Date Palms weren't here when I first came, nor the acres of photo-voltaics" "Harbury Hydroponics was just a disused Quarry and if you mentioned the methane generator at Deppers Bridge people did not immediately think of a free energy source!"

"Ah!! interposed Tony ponderously, half his neurones still monitoring the real-time revenue stream indicator, "That generator has been a money-spinner for the Parish". "Together with the virtual Harbury Holiday scheme it provides a subsidy that enables us to keep the rates down to £1,000,000 a year".

"But", complained Ann, "Harbury Carnival this year had so many hits we all nearly crashed!" "If I have to go round that Waltzer one more time I shall scream"

"What about us", Karena, Jenny and Janet murmured, "called on for three short acts at any time of the day or night". "Whose idea was it to link Carnival to the Edinburgh Festival?" "I think", thunk the Clerk, "its origins are lost in the mists of time".

"If you eat more fibre rather than that expensive fruit" said Sharon, pausing from her eagle putt on the virtual ninth, "you wouldn't be so sluggish in the mornings"

"Now, now", soothed peacemaker Keith Thompson, "let's concentrate on the real problems – nuisance youths, dog muck and speeding solar carts!" "I suggest we install – BOLLARDS!"

Avril Premiere Deux

(Our regular Parish Council Correspondent – on day release from her Nursing Home!)

Warwickshire Child Care Awards 2007



Staff and Directors from Windmills Nursery School were invited to attend a champagne reception, dinner and presentation evening at the Pump Rooms Leamington Spa as they had been short listed for a category in the 2007 Warwickshire Childcare Awards.

They were thrilled, delighted and extremely proud to hear Windmills announced as a Winner, especially as their competition was mainly from larger chain nurseries. The letter informing them that they were one of 3 nurseries short listed stated "this year there has been a very strong field of applicants".

Staff were presented with a cut glass trophy and framed certificate by guest speaker Helen McCarthy, Chair of the SureStart Policy Panel, for Warwickshire County Council.

Linda Casement

Warwickshire's Musical Treasure

A few years ago, after seeing a small advertisement, I went for the first time to a concert at All Saints, Leamington Hastings, and I was enchanted. I have been going regularly ever since, and there is now a small group of Harbury devotees.

The concerts, now in their 36th season, began in a small way when enthusiast Ray Law organised an evening's music played by his music student daughter and her friends. Over the years they developed to attract musicians of international renown such as Evelyn Glennie, Emma Johnson, and John Lill. The acoustics in the church are fantastic and the atmosphere is very special. Many of the players have

commented what a wonderful, attentive and appreciative audience it is - even the dreaded concert-goer's cough is usually absent. In summer, there are usually strawberries in a local garden; in winter, a glass of wine in church.

Ray Law finally retired from organising the concerts two years ago, and deservedly received the M.B.E. for services to music. They are now ably organised by a committee and the Ray Law concerts are to become a registered charity. There have been changes - the car park field is now lit, as is the route to the church. There is now numbered and more comfortable seating so it is no longer necessary to arrive an hour early clutching torch and cushion. What hasn't changed is the quality of the music. There are still four concerts left in this season. The Yehudi Menuhin School Orchestra play on July 14th. This is always a highlight - brilliant young musicians from all over the world playing like angels. The pianist, Leon McCawley gives a recital of Schubert, Chopin, Beethoven and Rachmaninov on 22nd September. October 13th sees the welcome return of the outstanding clarinet player Emma Johnson with a programme of Mozart, Brahms, Arnold and Copeland. The season ends with the choir Laudate giving a concert of seasonal music with readings on 15th December.

If you would like a brochure, ring Peter Ogilvie on 07966 584328.

Sharon Hancock

Steel Pan Academy Barcelona Tour July 2007

And now, the end is near ... or is it the beginning? We have almost come to the end of our Time Bandits Fundraising Project and will be off to Barcelona in the last week of July.

Carnival Teas

A magnificent variety of cakes were on offer in the Village Hall on Carnival Day, thanks to all the donations we received. Everyone seemed to enjoy their tea and cakes and the wonderful steel pan music played by groups from Harbury School and the Steel Pan Academy. We had a taste of what it would be like to run a café, making tea, serving, cleaning and washing up and realised it takes a lot of hard work. Anyway we all pulled together, a big thank you to those who helped us out, we needed all the extra hands we could get and raised £ 357.36.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Penalty Shoot-Out competition that we held at the carnival. We raised £437 overall which goes towards our total for the Barcelona trip.

Congratulations to the winner of the senior competition, Phil Mugleston, who was the only person to score 4 goals. He and the other two winners took home a football each, courtesy of Essential Sports Ltd.

Garden Walkabout

Mum suggested that it might be nice to open our garden for the garden walkabout weekend to raise money for our forthcoming Barcelona trip. I think she visualised a hot summer's day, visitors drinking cool drinks and eating ice creams, enjoying the music of our steel pan band – unfortunately the weather had other ideas!! Mum worked really hard on the garden and it looked very nice and tidy but the rain fell and fell, especially on Sunday when we were due to play. But we couldn't play in the wet so the band had to be cancelled. A few people had a go on the trampoline and we sold the odd ice cream but visitors seemed to enjoy the garden. Sadly we didn't raise much for the Tour.

Caribbean Evening

On Friday 22nd June, Harbury Youth were invited to play at the Caribbean Evening in Coventry by Phase One. Harbury Youth played at 7.30 pm until 8.00 pm then later that night Phase One played. After that there was a disco for a few hours then three limbo dancers came and performed – they were really good. Phase One played again after that until the early hours of the morning. Over all it was a great night.

Asda Bag Packing

Last month, Harbury Time Bandits spent a Sunday at Asda, doing bag packing to raise money for our trip to Barcelona. Sam Cheesman and Matthew van Kesteren proved particularly enthusiastic packers! We also took advantage of the sunshine to play the pans outside the store. We raised a total of £164 plus 52 Euros, which is a great boost towards our fund-raising. We are very grateful both to those who donated and to those who took time to listen to our playing.

Kenilworth Show and car wash.

We had a bit of a laugh at last month's car wash throwing sponges and around and getting wet, but we did manage to clean and vacuum 8 cars. Kenilworth Show was good fun and it was sunny so we managed to entertain people without getting wet.

Time Bandits - Barcelona Fundraising

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who has supported us. In June, we raised £437 through running the Carnival Teas, playing the steel pans there and running a penalty shoot-out. We also raised £164 + 52 euros through bag packing at Asda,

£55 through the car wash and £76 through selling the rest of the Glow-in-the-dark jewellery at the Caribbean Evening. Mr Killian also arranged a donation of £26 to us from the skittle night, which is really kind. Sadly, the Solihull Festival and the Garden Walkabout were both cancelled due to the weather so it has been wonderful to have additional donations from Mr and Mrs Killian and from Mlle Mary Zonik to help us on our way. Thank you very very much. In total, we have raised £1328.

We won't be holding a car wash in July but will be concentrating on trying to get significant amounts of money from our last few gigs and trying to get matching funding for the amount that we earned ourselves. If the worst comes to the worst, we will try to get more gigs in September to make up any deficit but this is the end of the Time Bandits

Adios amigos!

Time Bandits

Naomi Bradford, Alex Vincent, Sam Cheesman, Kerry Dorning, Jonathan Guy, Jack Sampson, Ben Tawney, Matthew Van Kesteren, Ellie White.

Friends

Yes, it's happening again this year! The All Saints holiday club runs in the Tom Hauley Room from Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th of August, 10.00 am to 12 noon daily.

If you're between 5 and 11 years old then come along with your friends and help us think about what good friends are like.

We'll be singing songs, listening to stories, acting, making music and cheerleading. We'll be making gardens, puppets, and clay models - and there will be lots of fun for everyone. All for just 50p a session.

Bring your family along to church at 11.30 am on Friday to hear and see some of the things you have been doing during the week and for a short act of worship.

If you want to come ask your parent or whoever looks after you to come along to The Tom Hauley Room on Monday 13th August between 10.00 am and 12 noon to register.

If you want to know more ring me on 612939.

Alison Abbott

Recycling Unwanted Articles

Sometimes you have items that you do not want to sell but are too good to throw away, these can find worthy homes.

Now you can give it away on www.communityfreebay.co.uk. This is a new site designed to pair up "sellers" and "buyers" of useful items that would otherwise end up at the tip. The main rule is that everything must be offered for free.

If you have unwanted things but don't want the hassle of trying to sell them, this website is sure to put you in touch with someone local who can put them to good use.

The aim is to re-home over 4000 tonnes of unwanted things in Warwickshire and Coventry this year. Please help stock it up and by telling your friends and family about this site - you will be helping to save our countryside by keeping valuable resources out of landfill sites. You can phone Action 21 on 01926 456067.

Janice Berry

Chesterton Heritage Weekend

On the weekend of July 7th and 8th, between 10.00am and 4.00pm, there is an opportunity to see and learn more about Chesterton's heritage and its surrounding area. Being held in the grounds of the historic church, you will be able to view Roman and medieval artefacts found during excavations within the parish, watch a preview of the film 'A Journey Through Time' and learn about the history of the Chesterton landscape.

Everyone is welcome, admission is free and refreshments will be available throughout the day. We look forward to seeing you.

Humphrey Collis and David Adams

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.

You, your family and friends are welcome; there will be farm walks and rural crafts, attractions for children and a cooking demonstration from Ladies in Pigs, all in the heart of the beautiful Kingston estate.

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

"Bob Tail Cat"

Do you have a black cat which has lost part of its tail? Is he not very hungry lately? Does he rarely come home?

Bob, as we refer to him, is residing in our kitchen and garden as he has made "friends" with Jazzy Jasmine. So we thought you might like to know, in case you wondered where he goes!!! One day he may even let us give him a hug!

Ellis-Greenway Family, 31 Manor Road



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Harbury News

Thomas and I would like to thank everyone for making our wedding day on 26th May so special.

Harbury and its residents make the village a real home for us and the CCC Girls.

We were so pleased to be able to ask, and enjoy, local companies to provide food (Grosvenor catering), Wine etc (Cana Import), Disco (Tony) as well as the Village Hall, Tom Hauley Room and of course the fantastic Harbury Church along with Father Roy, Bell Ringers and Organist.

But what made it even more special were the friends that wished us well both inside and outside the church - you all made our day.

To the Harbury Girls (Jo, Jane, Lisa, Sarah T & Sarah B with honorary Norma) - you really did us proud. Thank you so much. I look forward to organising the next wedding with you all! Wonder who that is for eh, Jane????

And Ricky - what a star you are! Thank you - you made many people feel very special that day and for that you are worth your weight in gold!

Lots of love to you all,

Thomas & Karena EA Ellis-Greenway

Dear Editors

I would like to say a very big "thank you" to everyone who supported my coffee morning last month to help raise funds for my Namibia trip. Thank you to those who worked so hard in the kitchen, on the raffle and selling cakes, and also to those who kindly donated cakes and raffle prizes; and of course, thank you to all who bought the coffee, cakes and raffle tickets! I was amazed by your generosity. The morning raised a fantastic £200 towards my trip, for which I am extremely grateful.

I have promised to give a talk and slide show on my return!

Again, many thanks,

Harriet Randall

Dear Editors

Many thanks to the organisers of this years outing to Poole. We know a lot of hard work goes into making a day like this go to plan and this it certainly did, even the weather was kind to us!!

Our thanks also go to our drivers for looking after us so well.

Barbara Thistlethwaite and Lorna Russell

Dear Editors,

We would like to thank everyone who supported our coffee morning on Saturday June 16th in aid of the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. You all made it such a success that we have been able to send a cheque for £283 to this very worthy cause.

Air Ambulance Group

Dear Editors

We would like to say how very much we enjoyed the carnival and fete.

Such a turnout of floats and walking entries, such a happy day, helped by the sunshine.

As new residents to Harbury we would like to thank everyone who has welcomed us to the village, and a special thanks to Harbury Theatre Group.

June and Peter Tudor

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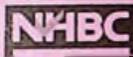
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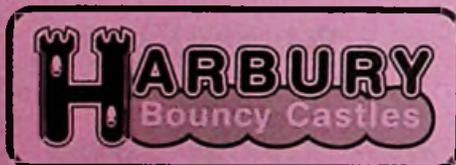


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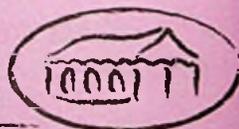
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Dear Editors

How glorious Bush Heath Lane looks at this time of year with its swathes of Cow Parsley and boughs of May Blossom; the epitome of an unspoiled country lane. It is daily enjoyed by dozens of villagers for recreation and exercise; walkers, runners, horseriders, dogwalkers and cyclists can be encountered at all hours of the day enjoying this valuable village amenity.

However, I wonder how many people are yet aware that this idyllic state of affairs is under threat'. South Warwickshire Rural Housing Association have plans to build up to 50 dwellings on prime agricultural land beyond the current built boundary of the village in Bush Heath Lane. They have been working on this proposal for some considerable time and plan to hold a public consultation in the Autumn prior to submitting a planning application.

Those of us who value our countryside and wish to see it protected from the sprawl of development need now to take action by lobbying our District Councillors and the Parish Council to make our opinions clear well in advance of the Public Consultation.

Yours faithfully

Patrick Tanner

(This letter has been reprinted as last month some of the text was transposed.)

Dear Editors

On Saturday 23rd June, my husband Geoff and myself went as usual to the coffee morning to get raffle tickets and cakes. Whilst there we went into see the paintings inside the church. They were all very nice but unfortunately out of our price range, but again very nice.

Whilst there in the morning at approximately 10.15am there was a gentleman playing his organ/keyboard of all the older tunes. We didn't see music, so he must have been playing from memory and what a really delightful sound, calm and serene, it made our morning listening to his playing. We believe his name was Mr Hare (we are not certain). Well played Sir we could listen all day to your playing.

Pam and Geoff Cleaver

Dear Editors

I would like to say a big thank you to the Senior Citizens Committee for organising the day out to Poole.

A lot of money is raised to enable this outing to take place and it is most appreciated. It is hoped that everybody will help in some-way to keep the funds active.

Yours sincerely

Jeanne Beaumont

Dear Editors

Thanks to everyone who generously supported the Southam and District Blind and Partially Sighted Club coffee morning at the beginning of June, we raised £177.70. If anyone would like to know more about the club feel free to contact me 01926 612808.

Yours sincerely

Marian Millington

**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

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

If you would like to become a member or find out more about the Tennis Club, please contact Colin Mercer (Chairman) on 613284.

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For up to date information, please contact Sue Mercer

(613284 or email: sucol-merc@tiscali.co.uk)

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

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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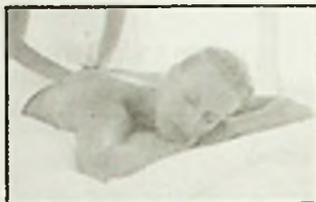
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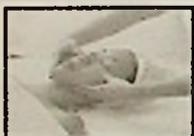
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Dr Panting 9.30 - 11.30 am	Dr Hill 3.00 - 5.00 pm		
Tuesday morning	Tuesday evening	Tuesday morning	None
Dr Snowdon 8.45 - 11.30 am	Dr Snowdon 3.45 - 6.00 pm	Dr Panting 9.30 - 11.30 am	
Dr Wilkinson 8.45 - 11.30 am	Dr Panting 2.00 - 4.30 pm		
Wednesday morning	Wednesday evening	Wednesday morning	Wednesday evening
Dr Hancock 8.45 - 11.30 am	Dr Snowdon 3.45 - 6.00 pm	Dr Snowdon 9.00 - 11.20 am	Dr Hancock 3.45 - 6.00 pm
Dr Hill 9.30 - 11.30 am			
Thursday morning	Thursday evening	Thursday morning	None
Dr Panting 9.30 - 11.30 am	Dr Wilkinson 3.30 - 6.00 pm	Dr Wilkinson 9.15 - 11.20 am	
Dr Hill 9.00 - 11.30 am	Dr Hill 2.00 - 4.30 pm		
Friday morning	Friday evening	Friday morning	None
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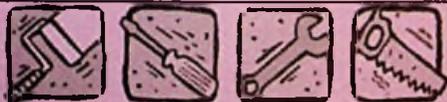
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