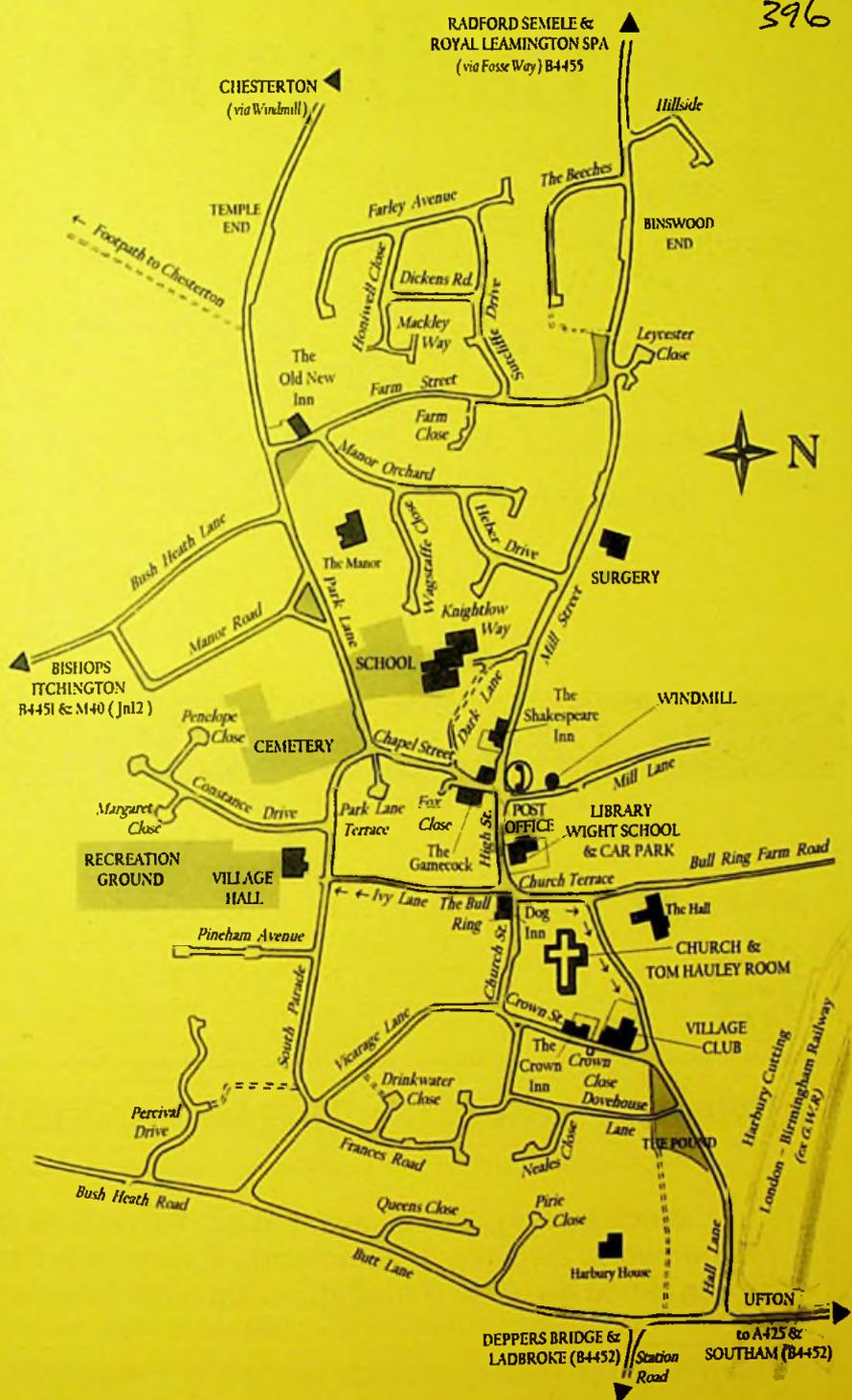
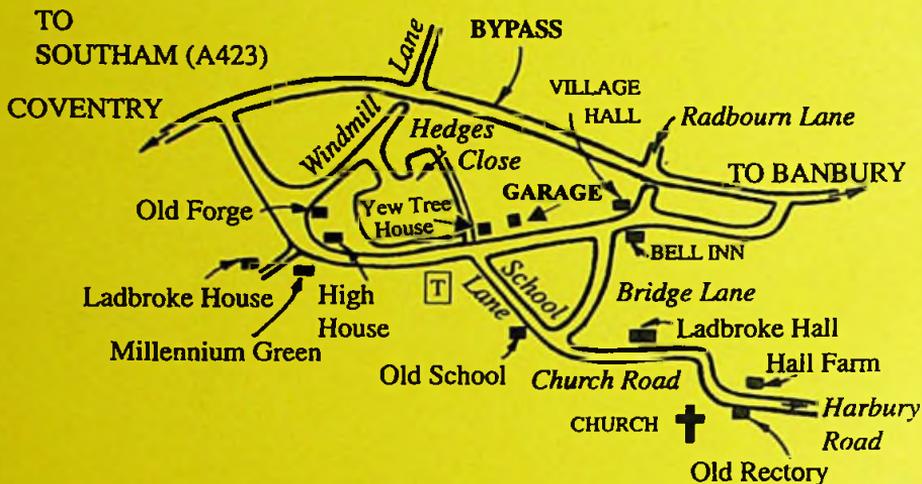


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Editorial

The Beavers and the Youth Drop-In are both looking for reinforcements. The Beavers are looking for a new leader to replace Bud Jackson. Beavers is the youngest branch of the Scouting Movement, for boys aged between 6 and 8 years. The Youth Drop-In is doing well and they are appealing for a 'young man or two to help on Tuesday evenings between 7 – 9pm'.

Congratulations to Harbury Pre-School on achieving a successful OFSTED report. This recognises the hard work which the staff and committee put in.

A group of schoolchildren who first learnt to play steel pans at Harbury School have been invited by a professional group to go to Barcelona in the summer holidays on an educational visit. Their first fundraising concert will be on 28th March.

We welcome Father Martin Wright and Father Stephen Knight who will be taking services for both villages.

We invite villagers to come to the Harbury and Ladbroke News AGM on Tuesday 27th March at 8pm in the Shakespeare Inn.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Cecil Bloxham, David Gulliver, Jessie Rolfe, Eric Snelson, and Elsie Stone.



Snowy weather

Harbury Diary

MARCH

- Thurs 1 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Men's Group 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Folk Club at Shakespeare Inn 8.30pm
 Harbury Art Group 10.00am – 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 2 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
 LENT LUNCH
 Women's World Day of Prayer, Service 2.00pm in Church
- Sat 3 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of NSPCC
- Sun 4 **LENT II**
 Sung Eucharist 9.00am
 First Light Service 10.30 on Tom Hauley Room,
 Evening Worship 6.00pm
- Mon 5 "Love Life, Love Lent" coffee and chat 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 6 Youth Drop 7.00 – 9.00pm in at Village Hall
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Extending the Season (July-October) Christine Dakin
- Wed 7 Holy Communion 2.00pm
 Mothers Union 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room Lent Talk by Brenda Moss
- Thurs 8 Holy Communion 9.45am
 W.I. 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 9 Short act of Worship 12noon in Church, followed by Lent Lunch 12.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 10 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Junior Football Club
- Sun 11 **LENT III**
 Holy Communion 8.00am
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 12 "Love Life, Love Lent" coffee and chat 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 13 Toddlers Service at 2.00pm in Church
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Youth Drop 7.00-9.00pm in at Village Hall
- Wed 14 "Talk it Through" 8.00pm at 33 South Parade
- Thurs 15 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Harbury Society AGM 7.30 for 7.45pm followed by talk on Chedham's Yard at 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM

- Fri 16 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**
Short act of Worship 12noon in Church, followed by Lent Lunch
12.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
Round Table & Tangent Club Dance Instruction Evening
- Sat 17**
Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Toddlers
"Councillors Corner" Surgery 10.00am – 12noon outside Harbury
Post Office. Also, Deppers Bridge Surgery to be held at The
Great Western, Deppers Bridge from 11.00am
Lunch in the Tom Hauley Room 12noon to 2.00pm
Pre-School Barn Dance in Village Hall 8.00pm. For tickets call
614744
- Sun 18 MOTHERING SUNDAY**
LENT IV
Holy Communion 8.00am
Family Communion 10.30am
Evensong 6.00pm
- Mon 19**
"Love Life, Love Lent" coffee and Chat 8.00pm in Tom Hauley
Room
- Tues 20**
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers Union Meeting 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Julie Cartwright Primary Care Trust Chaplain
Youth Drop in at Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm
Senior Citizens Committee 8.00pm Village Hall
- Wed 21**
Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3.00-4.00pm
- Thurs 22**
ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY &
EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Farley Room in Village Hall
Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall (Parishioners may attend
the meeting and speak. Please contact the Parish Clerk on
614646)
- Fri 23**
Short act of Worship 12noon in Church, followed by Lent
Lunch 12.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 24**
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of PCC
Abba Tribute Night in Village Hall 8.30pm – midnight. Tickets
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- Sun 25**
LENT V
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Short Act of Worship at 6.00pm in Church followed by the
Church AGM in Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 27**
Youth Drop in at Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Harbury & Ladbroke News AGM, 8.00pm at Shakespeare Inn
Julian Meeting 8.00pm – joining with "Love Life, Love Lent"

- Wed 28 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm Street
 "Talk it Through" 8.00pm at 33 South Parade
- Thurs 29 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 30 SCHOOL ENDS
 RECYCLING & GREEN WASTE COLLECTION
 Short act of Worship 12noon in Church, followed by Lent Lunch
 12.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 31 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of St Dunstons

APRIL

- Sun 1 **PALM SUNDAY**
 Sung Eucharist 9.00am
 First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
 Evening Worship 6.00pm
- Mon 2 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Stations of the Cross 8.00pm
 Village Hall Committee 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Tues 3 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Stations of the Cross 8.00pm
 Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room, Private
 Gardens for Public Enjoyment – Judy Berrow
- Wed 4 Holy Communion 2.00pm
 Mothers Union Meeting 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Diane Griffiths, Shoe Boxes etc
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Stations of the Cross 8.00pm
- Thurs 5 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Sung Eucharist 8.00pm followed by Watch at the Altar of Repose
 N. B. Men's Group transferred to Thursday 12th April
 Folk Club 8.30pm at Shakespeare Inn
 Harbury Art Group 10.00 – 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 6 **GOOD FRIDAY**
 Children's Service in Church 10.00am
 Devotional Hour 2.00-3.00pm
- Sat 7 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke Church
 Easter Ceremonies in Church followed by refreshments in Tom
 Hauley Room
- Sun 8 **EASTER DAY**
 Holy Communion 8.00am
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am

FORTHCOMING EVENTS**MAY**

- Fri 18 Auction of Promises, run by Harbury School PTA 7.30pm in
 School Hall



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From the Rector

Father Roy Brown

My Dear Friends

Over the past few months, as retirement approached, I have wondered what to say today – how to combine a thousand sermons into one – and yet keep it short, as I've always done. There are so many words – too many to bore you with – and yet I want to leave you with a message that will mean something to you all.

Naturally my mind has travelled again my own spiritual journey and to where it really began at St. Oswald's in Birmingham. I went there as a young teenage boy and was immediately welcomed into what seemed a large, loving family – and this has been something I've always tried to foster wherever I have ministered – the sense of the 'family of the church', which was so much part of my early experience.

In families large or small, there are different personalities, ages, skills and talents, likes and dislikes, disagreements, joys and sorrows, good times and bad, meetings and partings. In good sound families the thing that shines out and keeps them 'together', however far distant, is LOVE – not sloppy or sentimental, but strong, caring unselfish love – and that is what I learned in those early days – our Lord commands us to "love one another".

There have been many times in my life when these words have echoed in my heart and spurred me on, particularly if things have been difficult.

I remember being particularly moved when a coach load of us from St Oswald's went to Evensong at Fr. Thompson's church – he had been a well loved parish priest who had very much founded the 'family love' feeling and who had just returned from Australia. He began his sermon with words from St. Paul "These are my people whom I have loved" I've never forgotten that or the look of joy on his face.

Another occasion was my first Mass – and the anthem chosen by the organist, without my knowledge was "Love one another with a pure heart fervently". Then of course at Harbour, we were privileged to share in Fr. Roy Churchill's ministry and his ideal of "Loving people into the Kingdom of God", which we adopted as Harbury's mission statement. Priests have a unique role within the sacramental life of the church and by the nature of their calling have the privilege of being

close to many people, but I am aware that when we move on, be it into retirement or to another parish, we leave behind the people who are THE CHURCH in a particular place – and it is they who continue year after year, to keep the church going and by lives of prayer and worship enrich its life. It is particularly important during an interregnum that everyone works together - every single person has a role to fulfil – none more or less valuable than another, although naturally some are more high profile than others – each tiny piece makes up the whole and works for the good of the other. Then and in all life, the one over-riding thing you will need is LOVE.

And so I make no apology for repetition, my message to you all is "LOVE ONE ANOTHER" and then with God's Grace you will be able to 'love' people into the Kingdom of God. I thank you all for the love and care shown to me and with St. Paul I can truly say, "These are my people who I have loved" and I thank my God with every remembrance of you.

I will carry you all in my heart, just as I do all those from other places I have served – my prayers will always be for you, that you will love one another and will always know God's love; to feel that the Church is a family that welcomes all who come to share in its life; inclusive not exclusive; truly loving people into the kingdom of God.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

February 18 Ruby Mae Young

Funerals at Oakley Wood

February 5 Jessie Rolfe (78)

Funerals at All Saints Harbury

February 7 Eric Snelson (78)

February 8 Cecil Bloxham (82)

February 12 David Gulliver (64)

March 1 Elsie Stone (89)





From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

Sunday 28th February was a day of mixed emotions: one of sadness at having to say goodbye to Father Roy, Pam and their family: one of celebration and thankfulness for all that they have given to us. Most importantly, in his sermon, printed in this issue, Father Roy gave us a message which will carry us through the interregnum and beyond, one which may be summed up in All Saints' Mission Statement: "Love people into the Kingdom of God."

When you read this, we shall have begun upon Lent and the interregnum. It is our intention to keep the pattern of services as they have always been. Please keep an eye on the diary and on the pew sheet for services and events during Lent and beyond, the Easter card will reach you as usual.

During the interregnum we'll be praying at every service for Father Roy and Pam in their retirement and for Roy's health: for God's guidance during the interregnum and for all who will minister to us during it: for Roy's successor. Though you may not always be able to be at services, please do join us in thought and prayer so that we may build on all that Father Roy and his predecessors have done for the growth of the Church in Harbury.

We know that the whole parish is deeply concerned about the future. It is not the practice of the Church of England to make an immediate new appointment. There is a legal process to be followed – but no secrecy. When we have anything to report, we shall inform you. We are here to help in any way we can, so please don't hesitate to contact us. (Tony 612782) and Fliss 612395). Despite the sadness and uncertainty that we all share, we do want to help to make this interregnum a positive time in the life of the village.

As if to encourage us all, John Stringer's excellent presentation on the topic of what heaven will be like, assured us that we'll all be welcome and God will sort us out and find us a place whatever.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

At our afternoon meeting, members shared their memories of past holidays. It was such a happy time, and notable that some of the most

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vivid memories were of very simple occasions in the days when package holidays abroad were not even a dream.

In the evening we met Steve Clarke from Thare Machi Education (formerly Starfish). In a really inspiring and encouraging way, he explained this scheme for providing education and information to disadvantaged people in many countries. Using interactive DVD's, with sound in their own language (no need to read or write) they can learn about HIV, childcare, clean water, healthcare and a growing programme of other topics. With the simple example of asking if we knew the emergency telephone number in Europe, (most didn't – it's 112), he showed how a minimum of knowledge can be literally lifesaving. We were impressed by his positive and practical approach, and the minimum of administrative costs of his enterprise.

On a similar note, we are now collecting items of haberdashery for 'Tools with a Mission'. If you have anything, for example, needles, thread, buttons, zips, dress lengths of fabric, etc. please bring them to the April afternoon meeting or give them to a committee member before then.

March 13th - Sharing and Learning Together at Finham
 March 26th - Lady Day Service at Bilton 11am
Transport is available for both

Next meetings:

March 7th - Lent talk by Brenda Moss, following 2pm Communion.
 March 20th - Meeting at 8pm following 7.30pm communion
 Julie Cartwright, Primary Care Trust Chaplain



First Light

Alison Abbott

**NOISY SCENES ON THE OLIVE TREE HILL
 TREES DAMAGED AS CROWDS GREET PREACHER
 WHO IS THIS MAN?**

For further information, press the red button or come to First Light on Sunday April 1st (no fooling!). Back in the Tom Hauley Room, this short and informal service starts at 10.30am, after coffee from 10am; all are welcome.

March 4th : Making a difference
 April 1st : Palm Sunday

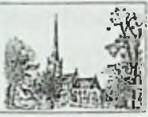
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MARCH

- Sun 4** **LENT II**
 Family Communion 10.30am followed by refreshments
- Mon 5** Table Tennis 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 6** Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall
 Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Wed 7** Lent Lunch 12.30pm at Walworth Farm
- Sun 11** **LENT III**
 Sung Communion 9.00am
- Mon 12** Table Tennis 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 13** Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall
 Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Wed 14** Lent Lunch 12.30pm at Chapel Ascot Farm
- Thurs 15** ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY
 5.30PM
- Sun 18** **MOTHERING SUNDAY**
LENT IV
 Holy Communion 9.00am, Book of Common Prayer
 Mothering Sunday Service 3.00pm with music prayers and
 readings
- Mon 19** Table Tennis 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 20** Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall
 Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Wed 21** Lent Lunch 12.30pm at Hall Farm
 Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 22** ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY
 & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
 Women's Institute Meeting 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 25** **LENT V**
 Sung Communion 9.00am
- Mon 26** Table Tennis 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Tues 27** Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall
 Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
 Harbury & Ladbroke News AGM, 8.00pm at Shakespeare Inn
- Sat 31** Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall

APRIL

- Sun 1** **PALM SUNDAY**
- Thurs 5** **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
- Fri 6** **GOOD FRIDAY**
- Sun 8** **EASTER DAY**



Ladbroke Church News

Betty Winkfield

It is good to see our Sunday Services so well attended. Thank you all so much for your continued support. It must hearten the Reverends Knight and Wright to see a good congregation.

Every six years we have to renew our enrolment forms for the church electoral roll. If you support our church and worship here and would like to become a member of our electoral roll, please fill in one of the forms now at the back of the church.

In case you have forgotten, Mothering Sunday is on Sunday 18th March. We are planning a really "jolly" service at 3pm on that day. The choir will be present and the readings and prayers will be family led, not forgetting the posies - of course.

The Lent Lunches are in full swing. They are at 12.30pm each Wednesday throughout Lent.

March 7th – Lent Lunch at Walworth Farm

March 21st – Lent Lunch at Hall Farm

Everyone is most welcome.



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Christine Baker

I am writing this as our Press Secretary is busy sunning herself on the Canary Islands!

Our first meeting of 2007 was an exceptionally busy one. It was lovely to see everyone and a special welcome to our new members.

Our speaker was Lt. Col. Lesinski, 'the Master' from Lord Leycester Hospital, who gave a wonderfully detailed and inspiring talk on the day to day life living in this 15th Century building which still fills the original criteria from Robert Dudley, Earl of Warwick's day. Everyone enjoyed the evening and we are planning a visit later this year.

The raffle was won by Betty, Pauline (one of our new members) and Sue Rayner.

Next Month - British Artisan Cheeses.



Matters Arising

Footpaths – Work has not started to clear overgrown bridle way 6M92. Warwickshire County Council has not been in contact with our Parish Council or our footpaths representative. Permission for the work to be carried out was given last October. The money from the Countryside Commission for this type of work has “dried-up”. The department at the Council offices are to be contacted.

Planning Matters

Bishops Lake Bowls – Folletts, who own Bishop Lake Bowls and are also the developers of the site, held a very long meeting about their plans during February, which Councillor Berry attended. Folletts stated that they had sent questionnaires to all the households in Ladbroke about the development of Bishop Lake Bowls. They say that only 28% replied – who were these people? No-one seems to have received the questionnaire in the first place. No master plan has been sent to the County or District Councils who must give their approval. Folletts are not co-operating with the Parish Councils involved. Permission has been granted for fishing huts.

The work on the brook has been completed.

The planning application for stabling and barn facilities on Kineton Road has been withdrawn.

New House Farm Ladbroke has been granted permission to fell two Wellingtonia trees, which are very close to the house, providing that they are replaced at a safer distance.

Highways and Drainage - The ditch has been dug out in the field opposite the Forge and seems to be working well.

Parish Plan – Thirty-four people attended the Open Day on 28th January. There were many comments about the 15 issues highlighted. The committee now have to decide the “core” issues. The report will be about 30 – 40 pages long. The Parish Plan must be a resource for viable action to achieve the object of the exercise.

The Millennium Green – Because the Trustees own the Green they must apply for Planning Permission to site any new equipment they wish to erect on the green.

Neighbourhood Watch – There is a group of con-men in the area, who have already “done” Wellesbourne, Kineton and Fenny Compton. They claim to be from the Waterboard, but are actually conning the elderly into gaining access to their homes.

They are white but not British and they certainly don't dress like Waterboard workmen. Initially people are going around selling dusters etc as a ruse to target likely candidates for their scam. It is going to be highlighted on Crime watch.



Warwick & District Councillor Reports

Betty Winkfield

The bridge at Deppers Bridge will, at some stage, be closed for 6 to 8 weeks for repairs. There is to be a meeting to discuss various options on traffic regulating across the bridge.

The annual budget is 4.9% up on last year – this is lower than originally thought. Warwickshire plan to give value for money.

2008-9. Championships at the Polo ground.

£2 million to be spent on roads in the County this year – The Parish Council will get their application for work on Church Road in quickly!

The police are keen to know what our main concerns are in our area; disturbances, intimidation, crime, etc. They are planning to visit Parish Councils. We didn't have police presence at this meeting, it is not obligatory that they should attend; it is a courtesy call only.

Post Office Closures – Surveys are to look into the viability of post offices – even Southam is not safe. They are subsidised – so they must be viable.

Power-cuts – A handy kit for recharging phones etc during a power cut. All Parish Councils have been sent a sample kit. This will be on display at the Parish AGM in case you want to buy one.

Nominations for Council elections must be in by March 27th.

The next Parish Council meeting is March 21st at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.





Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

Official minutes can be viewed in the Library or obtained from the Parish Clerk

You could be forgiven for thinking that the Parish Council had a down on the County Council and the Highways department in particular, with Dutch Van Spall their biggest critic.

It wasn't just the wobbly kerb in Church Street, the broken drain cover at Cemetery Corner, the lack of progress on traffic management, and the County's inability to explain why there are so many accidents at the Bendigo Mitchell Crossroads after "improvements" were made, there was much more!

Dutch started it off. He complained the County had not sent him papers for a meeting the following day about the Rail Bridge at Deppers when he was convinced they were available two weeks ago. He was angered at the way the County had widened lanes by "tarring over the verge" and to top it all the Bollards in Deppers had still not been repaired!

Like the rest of us he is wound up by the Quarries Developers, Folletts, just not playing the game. Their latest play for planning permission, for a Watersports Scheme includes road improvements but Dutch has regularly been quizzing the Council on whether they have had "informal talks" with Folletts and the reply has always been negative. So where he asked did this application which claims to have been drawn up "in consultation with WCC" come from.

County Councillor Bob Stevens was able to supply an answer which put the County in a much better light. The road improvements had been a condition of a previous application years ago. County Highways had objected to the present application as the road improvements were inadequate to meet today's standards. Moreover, like other objectors, the County pointed out they were for both sides of the road, whereas the application related only to the Harbury side. The eastern improvement would have to be subject to a separate application.

This news really cheered the Councillors who were further inclined to look on Highways in a more friendly light when they heard that Meryvn Hancock had stepped in to help resolve the long standing struggle of resident Mr Berger to widen an access on South Parade which should allow him to get his vehicle off the road.

This in turn would allow the Co-op lorry to get down Vicarage Lane without mounting the verge!

The Parish Council has just paid for the verge there and at Binswood End to be reseeded and temporary bollards to be erected to protect the area. Some meetings seem to be all Bollards!

PLANNING

Stratford Granted:- a replacement barn at Pineham Farm, the repositioning of a caravan at Bridge End Farm and extension at 19 Farley Avenue, 24 Pineham Avenue and 3 Farm Close.

Parish Council made no representations on: extensions at 14 Park Lane and 4 Fox Close, Wind turbine at 10 Greenhill Farm, removal of hedge at Burnside Lane Deppers Bridge, and the widening of the Rugby Club Entrance.

They commented on the piecemeal applications for extensions at Sharmer Fields and asked for a whole site plan; they pointed out 9 Farm Street is in the conservation area and requested appropriate materials be used; they were concerned the new garage proposed for 26 Binswood End might take light from its neighbour; they agreed to object to plans for a 40 foot high mast on the telephone exchange and had lengthy objections (which you can read on the website www.harbury-parish.co.uk) to the changes to the permissions at the Quarries for a Fisherman's Clubhouse and to increase in size the "Fisherman's" Lodges to make them "Leisure Lodges" and allow extensive road improvements.

The Inquiry into Follett's plans for a Distribution Centre at the Quarries will take place at SDC Offices on 15th May at 10am.

Anita Reading for the Police was able to report that nuisance youth problems round the Bus Shelter and Village Hall had abated and that letters had been sent to four families about their teenage children congregating on private land behind the Wight School. Since then there had been no complaints. She had also talked, at length, to Mr Bloxham about damage to his gatepost.

She was pleased that Southam had got a speed camera again and **warned it would be in use round the village**. With assistance from the County and District Councillors she explained the new Partners and Communities Together initiative which should see the Police available for the public to talk to at the beginning of the Parish Council meetings.

Smartwater was to be made available to Sutcliffe Pastures as the next area, but anyone in urgent need of this property marking chemical should contact Alison Abbott who was co-ordinating the project.

The Clerk was given permission to organise the replacement of the broken stained glass at the Cemetery Chapel. The ageing lights on the Manor Orchard estate are in need of replacement which means the Council will not be able to afford the £3,500 necessary to erect a new one in Hall Lane.

The drainage work on the Playing Fields arranged by Cllr Biddle does not seem to have worked. The ditch is still full of water and the Parish Council will not pay the bill until the problem is rectified. The Council will ask its contractor to fill in the ruts on the field. The isolated holes have been repaired.

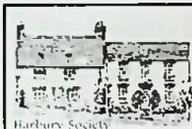
Now for the good news! Paul Eccleshare from Warwickshire Rural Housing Association and Charles Barlow from Warwickshire Rural Community Council presented the first draft layout of the local needs homes planned for Bush Heath Lane.

Charles explained that they showed the whole potential site, split into three phases. There would be homes to rent, for shared-ownership and some for owner occupiers. All should be limited to those with a strong local connection.

Our Housing Need Survey had shown almost 50 homes were needed in the next five years. The first phase, which could take another 18 months or more to complete would provide 17 of these.

Paul Eccleshare urged the Councillors to examine the plans and give their views on any changes. He was keen that there was plenty of landscaping and open space, explaining that government guidance had demanded a high density of 30 dwelling per hectare. This guidance was now being slightly relaxed and the Council might wish to press Stratford District to allow a more generous site plan. There would be 20 metres of soft landscaping to the south of the site to help the development blend into the countryside.

Dutch Van Spall moved that the Council record a vote of thanks for their input and especially praised Charles Barlow for his contribution to the debate over Follets Housing Needs claims at the Quarries Masterplanning meeting.



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Two misfortunes befell the Society at the beginning of this month – first our speaker failed to arrive for the talk on Energy Efficiency in the Home and then our beloved Life Member, Cecil “Bonzo” Bloxham died. We made a donation in his memory to the Air Ambulance.

Our missing speaker has pledged to make recompense by coming out here whenever we have a space and bringing the promised free energy efficient light bulbs! Our apologies to all the dedicated members who came out on a very unpleasant night and were disappointed. Their ordeal was further compounded by the Secretary's rambling discourse on the progress (or not) of the Masterplanning process at the Quarries site.

It looks as if the earliest date for the rescheduled Energy Efficiency talk will be in the autumn so here are just a few points about what householders can do both to make their homes more energy efficient and to save themselves money.



Assuming you have no form of insulation, the average home will lose up to 35% of its heat through the walls and 25% through the roof. Extra loft insulation is a very cheap way to cut heat loss and there are grants from most energy providers to cover the cost of installation. Similarly cavity wall insulation (providing you have a

cavity!) can make a big difference and doing both will see a pay back on the amount spent in two years. Double glazing is more costly and takes much longer to save the costs of installation.

Each low energy light bulb you have will save you £10 a year or £100 in its lifetime. Turning down your thermostat one degree can save £40 and a condensing boiler cuts heating bills by a third. Leaving your TV on Standby costs £45 per annum.

A talk on **Chedham's Yard** 8pm follows our AGM - Hauley Room on **15th March** 7.30 for 7.45

Our **Coffee Morning** in the Tom Hauley Room is on **Saturday 14th April** 10 – 12 noon

Ed promises us a **Pub Walk** for May and we will have a **Carnival Stall** in June.



Harbury RFC

Harbury Mini & Midi Rugby

Mark Easton

Harbury v Alcester – 28th January 2007

Under 7's

Lost narrowly 35 - 30 to an Alcester side short of personnel but with one or two large more experienced players. Jamie Head and Beth Mancell played well scoring 2 tries each.

Under 8's

A good result for Harbury (35 - 20) on a very muddy pitch. The lads passed the ball well and Alcester were no match for their running game. James Robinson scored 3 good tries with Saul Dyson, Luke Winchester, Nicholas and Sam Britton getting the others.

Under 9's

Drew 20 each with Alcester in an entertaining game with Connor Gladwin scoring 2 tries, Sam Tutt and Ben Steele adding further scores.

In a 2nd game Harbury brought on some less experienced players and lost 25 - 5 with Harry White scoring his first try. James Darlison's tackling was again outstanding.

Under 10's

Fought out a hard earned draw 5 each with William Winchester getting the Harbury try, a good team performance with Finn Toner and Sam Cave tackling well to keep Alcester out. In the 2nd game Alcester moved up a gear but only won narrowly 15 - 10 with Bradley King scoring twice.

Under 11's

The U11's suffered a heavy defeat against a very strong and talented Alcester side. However the scoreline (47-0) masks what all observers agreed was the best performance of the year - particularly when it is appreciated that the game was a full 40 minutes on a heavy, strength-sapping pitch. The forwards showed real grit and determination, with some notable tackles and mauling by Bradley Sheasby and Ben Darlison. The backs continue to improve led by in-form Ben Lavelle at scrum-half and some sniping runs by Ralph Henry and

Ellie Justice. The team, several of whom are novices this year, came off the pitch deservedly proud of their performance. Well done everyone.

Harbury Under 10's Three way tie at Rugby Lions – 4th February 2007

Rugby Lions 5 - 5 Harbury

A really great team effort where Harbury dominated the first half with constant forward play putting Rugby Lions under pressure eventually scoring a try by Aaron Ward.

The second half was as exciting as the first with some good runs from Simon Fisher, Edward Easton and Robert Rollason. Tackling was excellent from Finn Toner and Callum Panton.

Rugby St. Andrews 10 - 10 Harbury

An exciting game with end to end rugby, rucks and mauls with good support play from Harbury, tries in each half from Robert Rollason and Sam Cave resulting from pressure with a real push from the forwards. Bradley King made his presence felt with some excellent runs unlucky not to score. Finn Toner was outstanding with his tackling again.

Harbury v Broad Street – 18th February 2007

Under 7's

Harbury 40 - 40 Broad Street

Harbury fought back well from 15 - 0 down to earn a draw, we struggled defensively with the opposition getting some easy scores. James Bath tagged well and scored one try. Robin Leaper kept Harbury in the game with his speed scoring 4 tries. Jamie Head played some good rugby in the second half sidestepping and swerving scoring 3 times in the corners despite some good defence from Broad Street.

Harbury 25 - 25 Broad Street

Robin Leaper and Jim Owen were outstanding going forward scoring 5 tries between them.

Harbury Under 8's

Harbury 4 - 4 Broad Street

Harbury 6 - 6 Broad Street

Harbury Under 9's

Harbury 10 - 5 Broad Street

Harbury played outstandingly well as a team to beat Broad Street in a tight first game. Harbury try scorers were Sam Casement and Henry Mancell with James Darlison and Morgan Hickman outstanding in defence.

Harbury 5 - 30 Broad Street

In a more open second game Broad Street used their superior size and speed to run out easy winners, Henry Steele getting Harbury's consolation try.

Harbury Under 10's

Harbury 20 - 10 Broad Street

A great flowing match to watch with all round team work, some excellent tackles, good passing and support play noticeably by Finn Toner.

Some players were trying new positions and the whole team were watching out for each other. William Rae and Robert Rollason put in some excellent runs.

Try scorers William Winchester, Finn Toner (2) and Aaron Ward.

Harbury 15 - 10 Broad Street

Again another fast game with end to end rugby. Passing and support play was excellent. Pure determination lead to the tries by Bradley King, Finn Toner and Robert Rollason. An excellent flowing game.

Man of the Match Willem Davies

Under 11's

A 49-0 defeat to a very strong Broad Street side shouldn't mask the marked improvement the U11s have made in recent weeks.

In terms of organisation and defence, the Harbury team were unrecognisable in comparison to the last time they played Broad Street in November. Bradley Sheasby put in some storming tackles once again and was player of the match. There were also notable performances from the back line including James Wilkinson, Becky Casement and Max Brown who all had their best games of the season.



Harbury Toddler Group

Emma Legg

March 2007

Can you believe we have already had half term? Nuts, I know. The year is already speeding along, there is blossom on the trees and the park is almost dry enough to play in. Of course at toddlers we are always ready for play, indoors or out. We have been making some smashing valentines cards during February with glitter, glue and red tissue paper and enjoying our selves playing with the toy garage that Pre-school so kindly donated.

Thanks to everyone who turned up for the toy shed spring clean, it's a tough job but someone has to do it. There was a bit of a cross over between 'many hands make light work' and 'too many cooks' but we got there in the end and made room on those crammed shelves.

We are also due to host our annual coffee morning at the Tom Hauley room on Saturday 17th March. This Year we will be holding a raffle with some superb prizes, and selling books, cd's, dvd's, videos, bric-a-brac and of course delicious home made cakes and biscuits. Raffle tickets can be purchased during toddler sessions, Monday 10 - 11.30am or Wednesdays 1.30 - 3pm or on the day with all proceeds funding this years toddler summer outing. If you have any donations for prizes or items we can sell on the day to raise funds then please bring them along to the sessions or donate them on the day.

If you have any queries about the coffee morning or anything else related to toddlers then please don't hesitate to call me, Emma, on 01926 814687.



Windmills
Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

On Thursday 9th February our resident artist, Chris, concluded our topic on shapes by bringing in clay for the children to explore. She explained to the children that shapes do not have to be regular, but can also be irregular as in nature. She showed the children photographs of Henry Moore's sculptures and Antonio Gaudi's wonderfully designed architecture as examples. The children were then encouraged to squeeze their fingers into the clay making their own irregular sculptures.

After snack time the children designed clay tiles carefully cutting the clay into a square and pressing objects into it to make patterns.

As Valentine's Day fell during the half-term break the children made individually designed heart themed cards and decorated little gift boxes to give to the person they love. Mrs Kennedy helped the children make chocolate truffles to put in these boxes. Our circle time discussions on people we love, and why, prompted the following comments:

"I love mummy because she loves me and Daddy loves me" Euan. "I love my daddy because I like his name Ian, I love mummy because she is so beautiful" Morgan J. "I love Ellie my baby sister. She hugs me when I come back from school" Sophie M.

This half term we will be talking about 'people who help us' and spring. We returned to Nursery after the half term break to a visit from a real soldier, Harry's dad John who is in the R.A.F. based in Hampshire. He arrived wearing his camouflage uniform, much to the delight of the children. He explained that he works repairing the helicopters, and sometimes wears a helmet, which he brought for the children to try on, and also his beret with his R.A.F. badge. He talked to the children about the difference between the Army, the Navy and the R.A.F.

The nursery classroom was transformed into a Chinese restaurant on Tuesday 20th February when we celebrated Chinese New Year with a party. The children all had the opportunity to cook and taste Chinese stir-fried vegetables and noodles, using authentic Chinese utensils. We were all very impressed by the



children's ability to use chopsticks to eat. The children brought in lots of interesting and colourful Chinese items to show and tell, which have enhanced our wonderful Chinese display. The children also made Chinese lanterns and hats and the older children experimented with Chinese writing. Joshua B told us that he had been with his family to celebrate Chinese New Year in Coventry where he saw a Chinese dragon dance and heard firecrackers.



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The children practising their Chinese writing

We have talked to the children about the meaning of Ash Wednesday and Lent. To reinforce this we gave out envelopes for each child containing statements one for each day of lent.

Thank you - A very big thank you to the people at the Harbury Supermarket for holding a raffle and donating the proceeds to Windmills. They managed to raise just under £70.00, which was gratefully received and has been used to purchase new toys and equipment for our 2 year olds.

Thank you also to everyone who helped at our coffee morning held on Saturday 10th February at the Tom Hauley room and also those who donated raffle prizes and made cakes. Despite the inclement weather, we managed to raise £152.00. Thank you to everyone who turned up and braved the weather to support Windmills at this event.

Dates - Wine Tasting Evening – Friday 21st April, 2007 in the Tom Hauley Room

Spring Coffee Morning – Wednesday 2nd May 2007 in the Tom Hauley Room

Casino Night – Saturday 23rd 2007 in the Village Hall

Windmills Nursery School is situated in the grounds of Harbury Primary School. We have a limited number of places available. 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

February was a short month at Pre-School, with half term falling in the middle. Nevertheless, we managed to pack a great deal into it. The thick layer of snow that fell on Harbury on the Thursday before half term could not have been timed better, as the children were able to finish off their winter theme by investigating and playing in the snow in a real Winter Wonderland.

Staff training – Gael attended a course on creative development, held at “Trees are Green” and run by CREATES, Creative Recycling Enviro-Arts Training and Education Service. She came back full of ideas and enthusiasm and we look forward to stocking up with and putting to use some of the wonderful resources available.

Shops – During February, the role play area was transformed into a shop, where the children could develop their ideas and experiences gained during their trips around the village in January. A wide variety of items were on sale and the children loved making lists and using a basket to collect their shopping before paying for it. They then changed roles and took their turn at being the shop keeper operating the till – a role at which Carmen and Lone were particularly efficient.

Modelling Clay – The children had great fun using clay to make models of their own choice. The addition of small sticks, buttons and other sundry items produced a lovely variety of models for them to take home.



Free Expression! – Putting different coloured paints in the builders' tray and allowing the children to use just their hands to explore it, proved enormously popular. Most had paint up to their elbows within a few minutes, as they experimented with mixing the colours, while Rhian and Spencer had a wonderful time with paint up to the armpits and beyond!



Village Collage – Following their trips, the children made a lovely painting and collage of scenes that they had noticed in the village. They then went on to make models of their homes or other buildings, using various cardboard cartons, cylinders and copious quantities of sticky tape.



Shrove Tuesday – The combined efforts of twelve children in measuring out the ingredients for and mixing the pancake batter produced a remarkably good result. Later they enjoyed eating pancakes with a choice of filling at snack time.

Chinese New Year – During the remaining part of the month, we have focussed on the Chinese New Year, talking about it, practising songs and using lots of red and yellow streamers as we make a lion's head for the lion dance.

And Finally Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Barn Dance on 17th March. It is an occasion not to be missed and there are only a few tickets left, available from Lisa on 614744

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



Congratulations – To the members of the school choir who represented the school in the recent Central Warwickshire Schools' Choir Festival. Comments from the judges included, "A lovely, clear opening", "Good, strong actions done by all – well done", "Well done soloists", "Excellent ensemble singing" and "Two well prepared performances". Following the festival, the school has been invited to take part in another choir festival in Leamington in July. Well done everyone.

Congratulations - To the Cross Country teams, who performed wonderfully well in the Central Warwickshire Relays held at the Village Hall Playing Fields a few weeks ago. All of the teams ran exceptionally well, with the Girls' "A" team starring by placing a brilliant 4th (a performance made even better by the fact that our top two runners during the league season were unavailable) while the Girls' "B" team finished as 2nd of all the "B" teams in 9th place out of the 27 teams. The girls' performances were matched by the boys in their race, with the "A" team finishing 6th and the "B" team winning the "B" teams competition by finishing in 8th place overall. We had a total of 22 runners in the main races – well done to everyone who took part.

The relays were followed by a fun run which was open to anyone in the school. Again we had a good turn-out and saw some children who are obviously going to be our stars of the future! Well done to everyone who took part in the fun run and got round what was starting to become quite a muddy course.

Finally on the relays, many thanks to the parents who came and helped on the day – a number of schools have since contacted me to say how much their children enjoyed the morning.

Congratulations – It gives me great pleasure to inform parents that Mrs. Johnson and her husband are expecting their first child in June. Mrs. Johnson is planning to take maternity leave during the second half of the Summer Term – I shall inform parents about the arrangements for covering her teaching assistant role nearer the time. On behalf of all at the school I offer the couple our warmest congratulations.

And Finally – Thanks to the parents who gave the willow tunnel its annual haircut last week-end – as usual, a wonderful job was done, making a real difference to the appearance of the school. Thanks.



The newly pruned willow tunnel

Southam Area Sportshall Athletics Championships

On Wednesday, 21st February, our class competed against 7 other schools in an indoor athletics championship at Southam College Sportshall. We aimed to run, jump and throw past the opposition and into the finals in March.

The events included standing triple jump, 4 x 1 lap relay, speed bounce and chest push. The girls were up first in the obstacle relay, which includes jumping hurdles and rolling over a mat.

The whistle blew and they were off! The girls worked really well, and they finished a brilliant FIRST!!

A few events later and it was my turn – I was doing the standing triple jump – I was quite surprised when on my first jump I cleared the board! They then had to move me back a metre and --- I won!

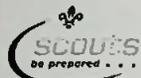
My next event was the 6 x 2 lap race, where me and my friend James each ran three laps. James started; I was full of adrenaline, my heart pounding. It was my turn – I ran as hard as I can, and James and I finished 2nd. Next was the javelin, 4 x 1 lap under/over race, and the vertical jump – and then the results.....

The Sportshall was full of tension; we were to be called out at any moment! I was expecting maybe 4th, but it had reached the top 2! "In second placeSt. James!" which meant WE'D WON!!! We would now go and represent the Southam district in the finals (after a bit of recovery though!)

Elliot - Year 6

HARBURY IN THE SNOW - 8th FEBRUARY 2007





Harbury Guides & Scouts Group News



Girlguiding UK

Scouting Centenary Year Jim Ward, Group Scout Leader

2007 is a momentous year in scouting throughout the world as we are celebrating the centenary of the organisation's founding. Since Baden-Powell took that first group of scouts on camp to Brownsea Island on the 1st August 1907, much has changed in the world and Scouting, but our principles of encouraging a spirit of adventure and youth development remain as strong as ever.

With over 500,000 members in most countries across the world there are many national and international events taking place to celebrate this, but the organisation is particularly keen to ensure that at a local level everyone has a chance to get involved. Consequently, the current members and leaders are going to a district Centenary Camp at Charlcombe Park on Friday 4th to Sunday 6th May, and a county fun day at Warwick Castle on Saturday 23rd June. We are also in the early stages of planning the following village orientated activities: -

Being involved in Harbury Carnival

Family BBQ/Open evening on Friday 13th July at the scout hut

Wednesday 1st August at 8.00a.m. 'World renewal of Promise Event' – Chesterton Windmill?

For these events we would like to include as many people as possible that have connections, either past or present, with the organisation. So please, we'd love to hear from you (through Jim Ward contacts below) if you want to get involved, so that we can make the Scouting Centenary Year one that will be remembered in Harbury, as well as the world.

Jim Ward Tel: 612401, E-mail: jamesward@wardio.gotadsl.co.uk,
Mobile :07795221305

Don't forget the Harbury Guides and Scouts Support Group (G.A.S.S.) Tribute Night on 24th March. "The Right Stuff" will be performing three sets of fantastic music from Abba and covers from the 50's to the 90's in the Village Hall. Please contact Lana on 613311 to book tickets at £12.50 each.



1st Harbury Beaver Group

During the first half of the term, Beavers have been busy with their topic "Animals" and working towards their Animal Friends Badge. They have looked at, made, learned about and talked about pets, working animals, wild animals, bugs and, of course, beavers. George was invested, Owen and Daniel were awarded their Outdoor Badges, while Adam, Sam, Ben, Jon-James, Dominic, Danny and Peter earned their Explore Badges. William, Ryan and Oliver joined Beavers and we said our sad farewells to Ben L as he and his family left the village. After half-term we will be joined by Finn, taking us back up to our maximum of 15 members.

Beavers is undoubtedly thriving in Harbury, but we now need a new Leader to take us forward into the second half of this centenary year of Scouting. Bud Jackson took it on twelve months ago when it was on the verge of closure for want of a leader, but she is unable to continue after the Easter holidays due to other commitments. A detailed programme is already established and just needs extending into its second year.

WANTED URGENTLY

To start after Easter. Friendly, fun person or people to take on the role of Leader(s) of 1st Harbury Beaver Group. Besides enthusiasm, all that is needed is a few hours each week and a commitment to organise and guide 15 willing and energetic youngsters between six and eight years old through a wide variety of challenges within the ethos of the Scouting Movement.

This must be one of the most enjoyable and fulfilling voluntary "jobs". We need you! Please contact Jim Ward on 612401 for more details.

Bud Jackson



1st Harbury Rainbows

1st Harbury Rainbows five newest members took their promise recently in the presence of our District Commissioner Mary. Having eaten plenty of pancakes, and talked about the meaning of Shrove Tuesday, all the girls were happy to receive their badges and certificates, Well Done!



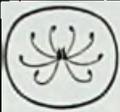
L-R Jasmine, Rosie, Sophie, Chloe & Caitlin

The remaining girls were all awarded their Rainbow 'Roundabout' badges for participation in a variety of activities over the last few months. These included blindfold sandwich making, food tasting, sketching and finger painting. Congratulations to Eva, Claudia, Alice, Evie, Gwyneth, Elizabeth, Meredith, Jessica, Eleanor, Eve and Jo.



If anyone would like any further information on Rainbows please contact me on 614040.

Bobbie, Unit Leader



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

We all enjoyed a superb talk last month from Roger Turner about William Kent and the Rococo Garden. Roger introduced the topic by giving a brief history of the evolution of gardens from Elizabethan times when they were mostly formal with geometric designs through the various centuries to the time that William Kent stamped his mark on garden design.

The slides represented many formal gardens including Hampton Court, Blenheim, Wilton House, (more about this later) and Hatfield House. The influence of William Kent can be seen at Rousham House which is the only complete garden of his now in existence. He brought back his memories of his stay in Italy with his patron Lord Burlington by the introduction of rills, temples, statues and open views. Something to tempt the garden visitors around every turn. Also he had much input into Stowe Landscape Gardens, the slides of these were so informative and we have much to thank him for. If you haven't been to either of these gardens I recommend a visit - you will not be disappointed. Roger has written several books including one about Capability Brown which I bought and is most interesting, although my hero will still be William Kent! The day trip this year will be on Wednesday 20th June and we will be going to Wilton House, the seat of the Earls of Pembroke. About 30 acres of gardens and a house full of treasures, lunch there then onto Heale Gardens where we can get tea etc if needed. Plants for sale at both properties too. Cost for this including all admissions and coach is £20. Leave Village Hall at 8.30am.

Evening Trips are as follows: Thursday 17th May. I have arranged a guided tour of Sulgrave Manor (home of George Washington's ancestors) then we are free to wander around the newly restored gardens which have some very fine herbs. Cost including tea and coffee etc on arrival is £8, leave Village Hall at 5.45pm. Then a further evening trip is on Thursday 7th June to Spetchley Gardens, owned by Berkeley Family. I have booked a guided tour of these magnificent gardens but you can wander around the gardens on your own if you prefer, cost is £6.50. Leave Village Hall at 5.30pm. Much to look forward to you will agree. Jean, our Treasurer will be happy to take payment for these trips at the next meeting and up until our last meeting this season on 1st May.

You will already have read that the dates for the Walkabout are different this year mainly so that we do not clash with other local activities and in response to everyone who opens their gardens. Which brings me nicely to this subject. If you have never opened your garden before it is a very rewarding experience and nice to get comments from visitors. We are looking out for new gardens this year; you do not have to belong to the Society to do so. Please think about it and let any committee member know if you are interested. Hopefully we will all be able to get into our gardens in the next few weeks to tidy up, replant, trim and weed. Don't forget to use your discount when buying plants. I can recommend Farnborough Nurseries, there is always a very good choice of plants and gardening products to tempt you.

We look forward to welcoming Christine Dakin from Bridge Nurseries at our meeting on 6th March and she will be bringing plants too.

The speaker at the April meeting on 3rd will be Judy Berrow whose talk is entitled Private Gardens for Public Enjoyment. This will be about the NGS scheme and the famous Yellow Book. Judy is the organiser for Worcestershire gardens which are included in the book and is a very busy lady. She finds time to write to various Garden magazines too, in fact look out for her letter in March edition of Gardens Monthly. When I spoke to her it turned out that she used to live in Cubbington.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Perhaps we've had our winter. Some frosts, a lot of rain, and even a reasonable fall of snow, but such changeable conditions that no sooner are the boots and heavy coats broken out than they are put away, and something lighter becomes necessary. Local children rejoiced on Thursday 8th February when we got our second snowfall of the year. This one was more substantial than the transient snow of Wednesday 24th January, and justified a morning on cross-country skis. Mine are 20 years old and rather worn. In fact, when I produced them in front of a ski instructor in France some years ago, he politely said 'Sir, here we nail those to the door of a hut'. Oh well, they suit me and with Peter Rollason on a rather slicker pair, a great time was had sliding over the fields to Chesterton Church via Humblebee. We stood, looking down a slope over which a hare was running. On arrival at the spot, the animal's track could be clearly seen.

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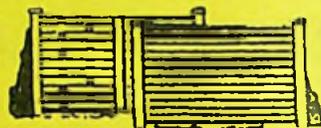
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By Saturday, the snow had gone and the local rivers were in spate. When I cycled to Temple Balsall on Monday 12th February, my route took me across the Avon in St Nicholas's Park. The footbridge was well above the river, but on the south bank, the cycle path was covered by at least 18" of water for a considerable distance. Temple Balsall, near Knowle lies on the headwaters of the River Blythe. As its name suggests, it was a focus for the Knights Templar. This group had its origins in the early 12th Century and was formed to protect pilgrims making their journey to Palestine. Roger de Mowbray, a Norman knight who changed his name from d'Aubigny on the order of King Henry I, was a great benefactor. Others transferred land in Warwickshire to the sect, at Cubbington, Tysoe, Wolvey and Harbury to name a few. The Harbury site was where Temple House now stands.

The U3A Naturalists' Group met at the car park opposite the primary school in Temple Balsall and visited the Nature Reserve (GR 203760 OS sheet 139, Birmingham). This is quite small but full of interest. The mixed woodland with marshy areas has been colonised by Snowdrops and they were fully out in some areas. Leaves of Lily-of-the-Valley were conspicuous and I promised myself another visit in March. We saw a Great Spotted Woodpecker and heard the distinctive laughing cry of the aptly named Yaffle or Green Woodpecker. A Treecreeper was observed spiralling its way upwards on a deciduous tree foraging for insects. On reaching the top it flew down to the base of another tree and started up again. Unlike the Nuthatch it seems that Treecreepers are not adapted to move down a trunk; another aid in identification. Goldcrests were also seen. Several overgrown ponds were likely habitats for frogs which again will draw me back in March.

Taking a by-road home, I was struck by the tranquil setting of St John the Baptist Church at Honiley. Above the entrance, in Latin, is written 'John Sanders Esq, Built 1723 at his own expense'. The church is said to have been designed by Christopher Wren who owned nearby Wroxall Abbey.

Sharon and I enjoyed a really glorious weekend's weather on 17th/18th February. We stayed, along with friends, at Cockenskell Farm which is hidden away in a fold of the hills south of Coniston, on the Cumbria Way. Walking up Coniston Old Man from the Walna Scar Road, we passed heaps of stone and the rusting remains of machinery used in the extraction of slate from inside the mountain. Later, as the day warmed up, two dark butterflies flew by. They were probably Peacocks tempted out of hibernation by the strength of the sun. That night, with a clear sky, the temperature plummeted. We had as good a display of

stars as I've seen in this country. Certainly, the southern half of Britain is now so light polluted that the wonders of the heavens are largely obscured. Sunday began frosty, but was warm enough by midday for a Bumble Bee to be flying, looking for food.

I saw my first lamb locally on the Dasset Hills on the 3rd February. The same day, as the sun went down, I saw an extraordinary sight towards Warwick when viewed from the Thwaites Estate near Itchington Holt. A dark cloud seemed to be moving rapidly on the horizon. It then broke apart and both parts continued to move. I realised I was looking at an enormous flock of birds- thousands I would estimate. Rex Humphreys was sure they were Starlings. That is somehow reassuring in these times of diminishing bird numbers. Some feedback (if you'll excuse the pun) from readers on their bird flock sightings would be welcome.



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

Last month saw meetings of both the Village Hall Management committee, as well as the Steering Group committee. The former reported on the funds received over the past months, including the profit made on both the Quiz Nite and the New Year's Dance, as well as the regular payments from weekly hirers of the premises. The majority of organisations ensure that the invoices are settled promptly, but the Treasurer had felt it necessary to chase up one group which had failed to respond to a number of reminders.

During February, two members of the Steering Committee went to a Big Lottery presentation in London to hear, at first hand, all the 'rules and regulations', which would need to accompany an application for BL funding. The Conference, attracted over 200 people, which indicated the scale of interest from Community Buildings in the 'South East', which were seeking to apply for funds. As the presentation would also be on offer at a later date to the S.E., N.E. and N.W. regions of the country, the scale of the competition for support was brought home to the Harbury representatives. However, the Steering Group remains undaunted and is completing the application on behalf of the Village in time for its submission in April. Each village organisation has been asked to provide a letter of support about the proposals to improve the building for 'future generations' and most groups have already responded. Any outstanding returns can be sent to the Secretary of the Village Hall who is co-ordinating the responses.



General Section

Steel Pan Academy Barcelona Tour July 2007

The Steel Pan Academy has been running grouped steel pan lessons at Harbury Primary School for primary students (juniors), secondary students (seniors) and adults of various ages.

The senior and adult groups have been invited by a professional pan group named Phase One to support them on an educational tour to Barcelona. This will take place in the first week of Summer Holidays. It will cost £570 per member but as that is a little on the expensive side we will only be paying £400 of that cost, therefore we are trying to find ways of raising the other £170 per member. We have found various ways of funding that extra cost, but the only solution that will involve the whole group involves getting our hands dirty (or wet!). We are hosting a car wash on the first Sunday of every month -with adult supervision- from 9am-12noon starting in March through to July. Bookings will be taken by ringing Sam on 01926 613362 in the evening or 01926 612037 in the daytime. The minimum donation for this service is £3.50 for an outside wash plus an extra £2.50 for the valet service.

We are also hosting our first fundraising concert (!) on the 28th March in order to raise money starting at 6.30pm at Harbury Primary School. There will be a raffle, refreshments and cakes as well. So please come along and let us entertain you. There will be a donation plate on the door, please give generously. We are also looking for sponsors, so if you do have any contact with possible sponsors, please let us or Diana know - it would be most appreciated.

We need the experience of playing in front of groups of people, so if there is anyone who would like to book us for an evening of entertainment please email our teacher and organiser of the tour Diana on diana@steelpanacademy.com.

Time bandits!

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We are a group of ex-Harbury now High School students aged from 11-15 who learned to play steel pans at Harbury School. We are trying to raise funds to support a trip by our steel pans group to Barcelona.

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

Temporary Road Closure – Middle Road

Harbury Parish Council has been notified that the above road will be closed to through traffic from the junction with the Fosse Way to the speed limit signs at Harbury for approximately two weeks between 5th March 2007 and 27th April 2007 for carriageway resurfacing works.

Access to properties and land adjacent to this length of road and for pedestrians will be maintained at all times. If you have any queries regarding these works please contact the Engineer for the works, Mr Carl Johnson on 01926-736578

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Neighbourhood Watch News

Just before Christmas last year we had a spate of unwanted doorstep sellers. As a result I have obtained some door stickers from trading standards. On the side visible from outside they say, "Doorstep sellers beware! You are not welcome." and the reverse (visible inside) give a checklist to the householder and the telephone numbers for Warwickshire Trading Standards and Warwickshire Police.

I have put a supply in the library. They are FREE so please take one if you can make use of it.

Alison Abbott

Harbury Carnival June 9th, 2007

Well, same message as usual for this time of the year - please think about how you can participate and help us continue the great carnival tradition. Get together with your local organisation, pub, street or friends and see what ideas you can come up with for either a float or a walking group for the procession. The more participants we have the more fun it is for everybody and I promise that you will enjoy the experience. Here is the list of categories:

Trade Float

Independent Float

Children's' Float

Decorated Bike/Pram/Car

Horse Drawn/Mounted/Lead

Walking Tableau Children 2-8 persons

Walking Tableau Children more than 8 persons

Walking Tableau Family

Walking Tableau Adults

Walking Adult

Walking Child

The Carnival Dance is on! It will be Friday June 1st at the Village Hall, with music provided by the "Likely Lads". Full details will be available soon but in the meantime, please make a note of the date.

If you would like to book a stall/pitch on the field, please call Mike McBride on 612421 and, if you have any questions about the carnival, please feel free to call me on 614258. I will be happy to provide whatever help I can.

John Broomfield, On behalf of the Carnival Committee

Blood Donor Session

Can we reach 100 units this time? The session is on Thursday April 5th in the Village Hall, from 1.30pm – 3.30pm and 4.30pm – 7.30pm.

Donors can start at age 17, so if you know a youngster, maybe home from college, perhaps you could bring them along!

Gillian Hare

Harbury Thursday Club 2007

For many years now a Club has met in the Village Hall on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays but as their Secretary resigned without a replacement the Club disbanded at the end of 2006.

We felt it a great pity if the members became deprived of being able to meet on a regular basis therefore we decided to give it a try and continue in a similar way even if a speaker was not available or affordable on every occasion, but meeting on each 4th Thursday only. In January we had a game, a natter and refreshments and it seemed to go down very well. On 22nd February we were fortunate to have Dr John Hancock to speak to us and show slides on his cycle ride from Lands End to John O'Groats in 2004, followed by refreshments and a raffle. What had been envisaged by John as a recreational trip turned into a fund raising effort and, thanks to donations from friends and villagers, over £2000 was raised for Asthma Research. This was a most interesting talk much appreciated by our members.

Our next meeting will be on 22nd March in the Farley Room of the Village Hall. Why not come along and see if it is for you.

Peggie & Bill Middleton

Spirit of Harbury Award

We have many special people in Harbury who have gone that extra mile to enhance our lives.

Nominations please for the 2007 award to Alison Hunt on 01926 613598 or harburyspirit@thehunts.eu.com

Andrew Hunt

PACT – Partnership Approach To Partners and Communities Together

PACT is a new Government initiative designed to tackle policing and safer neighbourhood issues within communities. The Safer Neighbourhoods programme was officially launched in Warwickshire on 21st November 2006. Safer Neighbourhood Policing involves working with partner agencies (e.g the Parish, District and County Council and other bodies) to create safer and more confident neighbourhoods where the police and their partners understand the

issues that concern local people and are able to tackle them together.

What this means in practice is that any resident can contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team via their e-mail address – southam.snt@warwickshire.police.uk to report any issues that may concern the community. This is generally for those “non-urgent” matters that no one feels are important enough to report – minor vandalism, dangerous parking etc. There is also a website www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk where the SNT team have their own web pages.

The Police have also given an undertaking to attend (where reasonably practical) every Parish Council meeting to listen to any concerns from the general public. If an issue is considered significant enough, it can be taken on to a PACT PANEL MEETING. At these meetings, the issues will be voted on to establish the top three and those three will benefit from a multi-partnership approach i.e. all the bodies involved, the police, the District and County Councils etc will pool resources to try to get them solved.

The next Parish Council meeting takes place on the 22nd March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Meetings are held monthly except for August and December; please check the village notice boards or our website www.harbury-parish.co.uk for details. If you have any issues you wish to raise with either the Council or the Police please do come along. To contact the Parish Clerk, phone Nicola Thompson On 614646.

Harbury Parish Council

Love Life Live Lent

We often think of Lent as a time to give up things, but LOVE LIFE LIVE LENT takes a different approach. It is a booklet of 50 positive activities to be done during Lent. (one for each day.) Sometimes the world can feel rough but small acts of kindness and generosity can make a difference. If you want to know more or take part pick up a booklet from the back of church. You can work through the activities alone, but it good to encourage each other; so you are also very welcome to come to the Tom Hauley Room at 8pm on Monday evenings (5th, 12th and 19th of March) when we will enjoy a cup of coffee together and the chance to talk about the activities and how it is going.

Alison Abbott

Harbury Knitwits



We knit hats, jackets and blankets for the Special Care Baby unit at Warwick hospital. We make prayer shawls for Myton Hospice and hats for the Missions to Seafarers. We are always looking for donations of wool, particularly baby wool.

Barbara Thistlethwaite

When is a Tree not a Tree?

It's a pity for the active wildlife (with reference to the trees in the churchyard), which have recently been pollarded, (another word could be butchered). You might describe them at the present time as being not tree like. Some people say they will recover, yes maybe, this will not happen overnight, that will take a little longer.



There are thirteen Lime trees in the churchyard, which help enhance and also frame the Parish Church and have done so over a period of many years. Both together make a good feature for Harbury village.

Do take another look from the Church, walk particularly towards Crown Street, and notice the gaps among the trees caused by one tree being sawn down. From close quarters the tree stump was healthy and full of life so why remove it? Could the situation be on a parallel with green bottles stood on a wall or is there a cunning plan afoot? With ear to the ground would some good folk around like the trees to disappear, to make life that bit easier?



It would be nice to think that the remaining Lime trees be left in peace, but will they? Remember the Horse Chestnut!!

Mike Bloxham

Dog Fouling

Recently there has been a spate of "DOG DIRT" on the pavements of Vicarage Lane and Butt Lane. This new outbreak would suggest that the animal(s) concerned, or their owners, have recently moved to the village and are happy to show a total lack of respect for other people or for public hygiene.

Please clean up after your dog because we can assure you that if the "foul deed" is witnessed it will be reported to the relevant authorities and appropriate action taken.

You have been warned !!

The Residents of Vicarage Lane and Butt Lane

Wanted: Young Men

We have our ups and downs and, on the whole, the Youth Drop-In is doing well.....BUT we really do need a young man or two to help on Tuesday evenings 7pm – 9pm at the Village Hall.

We have a lot of young lads in their mid-teens, full of energy. Some are happy just to chill out with their mates, play pool or table tennis. Others want to do more physical activities that will engage their energies and enthusiasms. Recently John Moore came to talk about his passion for motor racing and how he built his own racing car, which they found interesting.

There must be young men in the village who could give up a couple of hours a week to help out. Perhaps you have been to a youth club in the past or benefited from someone else's willingness to get involved. Perhaps you're keen on a sport or good at enthusing people? Please consider lending a hand at the Drop-In. Either call in to the Village Hall one Tuesday to see what we do, or contact either of us to find out more.

Lesley Jones (613207) and Margaret Commons (613963)

Take Time Out - Ufton

Batik - Waxing Lyrical - Friday 16 March 10.00am - 12.30pm at Ufton Village Hall

Experiment with wax and dyes onto a range of materials, including papers and fabrics. Heather Koumi of The Batik Guild will help you produce decorative pieces which can be used in appliqué, collage and cardmaking. Batik is a fascinating craft and this event is especially designed for beginners. Cost £7 includes workshop and materials.

A Picture in Pastel - Friday 27 April 10am - 1pm at Ufton Village Hall

This workshop is for you if you like to mess about and have fun creating a picture using powdery pastels and charcoals. No experience or drawing skills necessary as Fiona Peart, back by popular request, will show you everything you need to know. Bring along, any type of pastels and charcoals (stick or pencil type), A3 smooth white paper, aerosol hairspray, craft knife, thin card - cereal box, pencil, eraser and pritt stick. Cost £12.50 includes refreshments.

To book any event please ring Karin Kirk on 613003, some events have limited places so please book early!



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

The Late David James Gulliver

Following the recent sad loss of Dave, a much loved husband, dad and grandad, we would like to thank all those who have sent kind messages of sympathy.

Special thanks to both Rev. Stephen Knight and Father Roy Brown for their words of comfort and support at this difficult time.

Thelma and family.

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who made the coffee morning in support of the Myrtle Ellis Fund (Demencia) such a success. A total of £135 was raised - which I (Karena) was so pleased with considering I had 4 days to arrange it!

A BIG thank you to those who donated great raffle prizes and cakes but also to those who support the coffee mornings in the Tom Hauley Rooms. You are very generous people.

Karena Ellis & Diane Garfield

Dear Editors,

We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone for their support and thoughtfulness following the sudden and unexpected death of Cecil. Their words and deeds have given us all great comfort.

Special thanks go to Father Roy and all who contributed to a special and moving service.

The generous collection in memory of Cecil was donated to the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

With love and once again sincere thanks,

Betty Bloxham and family.

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)

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)

TENNIS CLUB: CLUB MEMBERS PLAYING TIMES

SENIORS

Tuesdays: 6.00pm – 10.00pm

Thursdays: 6.00pm – 10.00pm

Saturdays (Winter only): 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Sundays (Summer only): 10.00am – 12.00 noon

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.

JUNIORS and MINIS (Reception to Year 11)

Coaching sessions take place throughout the Summer and Winter.

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 (613284) 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)

YOUTH DROP IN: Tuesdays 8:00-9:00pm in Village Hall (613207)

**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
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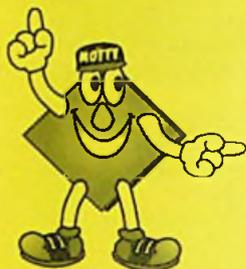
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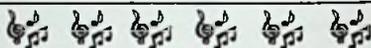
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