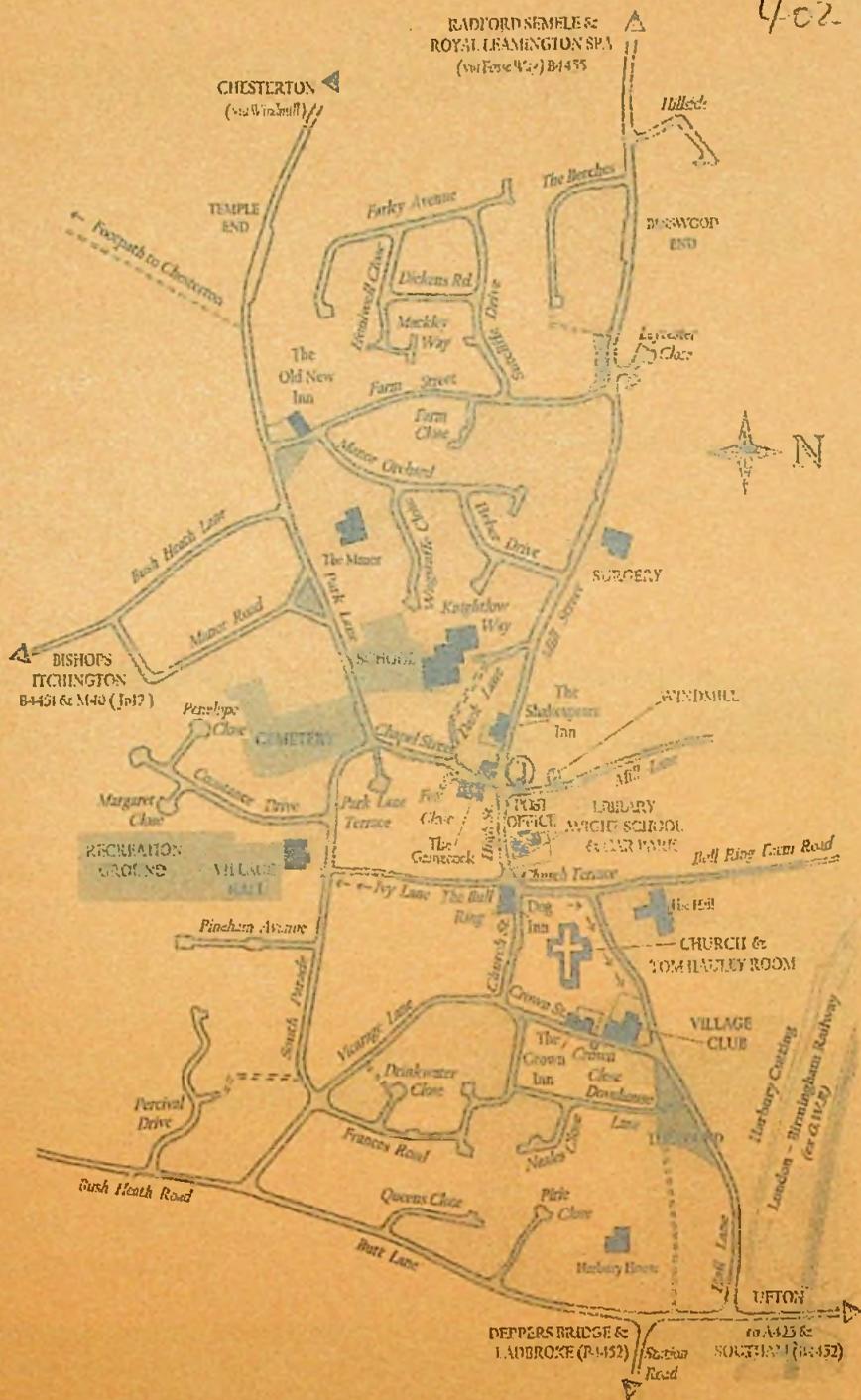


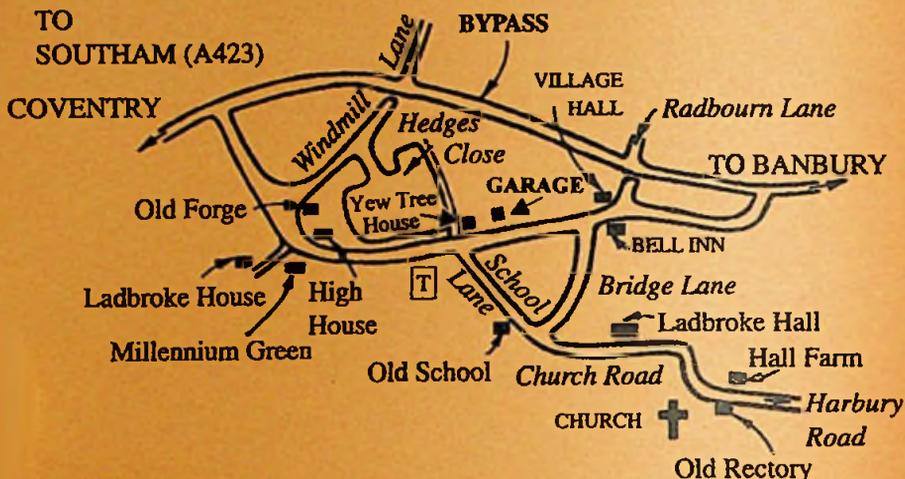
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## Editorial



Harbury Steel Pan Academy enjoyed the Spanish sunshine whilst Harbury had showers. Their visit was highly successful and is well reported in the magazine. Meanwhile, Harbury Theatre Group went north to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and their production was well received.

The WRVS – Harbury Team has been busy following a couple of local incidents, firstly providing refreshments to the emergency services during the floods at Evesham and more locally when the M40 was closed following the motorbike incident.

Motion Pictures are coming to Harbury through the Rural Cinema Scheme. Lana Long has agreed to co-ordinate this scheme locally and she is asking for volunteers to help her. See article in the magazine.

The Crown Inn has re-opened with Tony Nochalls and Diane Cowley as licensees. We wish them well in their new venture.

Would villagers please take care when dialling the Editorial office – 612155. A number of calls have been misdialled to a similar number and that resident is unable to help with enquiries!

Next month subscriptions will be due and your distributor will be collecting them in.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the families of Betty Heaven and Harry Windsor.

# Harbury Diary

## SEPTEMBER

- Sat 1 RECYCLING AND GREEN WASTE COLLECTION TODAY  
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Choice Donations  
BEER FESTIVAL IN VILLAGE HALL
- Sun 2 TRINITY XIII  
Sung Eucharist 9.00am  
First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room  
Evening Worship 6.00pm
- Mon 3 SCHOOL STARTS
- Tues 4 Youth Drop-in Drinks 7.15pm on Field  
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 5 Holy Communion 2.00pm  
Mothers Union 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 6 Holy Communion 9.45am  
No Men's Group Meeting  
Art Group 10.00am – 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room  
Folk Group 8.30pm in Shakespeare Inn  
Clothing sale in Village Hall
- Sat 8 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Bell Ringers
- Sun 9 TRINITY XIV  
Holy Communion 8.00am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 10 Parochial Church Council 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 11 Toddler Service 2.00pm in Church  
Youth Drop in Drinks 7.15pm on Field  
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 12 "Talk it Through" 8.00pm at 33 South Parade
- Thurs 13 Holy Communion 9.45am  
WI 7.45pm Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 14 RECYCLING AND GREEN WASTE
- Sat 15 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am Tom Hauley Room  
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke WI  
ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY  
5.30PM
- Sun 16 TRINITY XV  
Holy Communion 8.00am  
Family Communion for Harvest 10.30am - Presentation by  
Harbury Primary School  
17th Annual Harbury Hash  
Evensong 6.00pm  
CRICKET 1st XI home to UK Blockers

- Mon 17** Parochial Church Council Meeting 7.30pm in School Hall  
 Harbury Society talk by Housing Enabler, free to members  
 7.30pm for 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 18** Youth Drop in Drinks 7.15pm on Field  
 Senior Citizens Benefit Committee 8.00pm in Village Hall  
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 19** Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3.00 – 4.00pm  
 Concert – The Sound of Peace – Japanese Music and Dance  
 7.30pm in Church
- Thurs 20** Holy Communion 9.45am
- Sat 22** Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Pre-School  
 Myton Hospice Plant Sale on Dog Car Park 10.30-1.30pm
- Sun 23** **TRINITY XVI**  
 Holy Communion 8.00am  
 Sung Eucharist 10.30pm
- Tues 25** Youth Drop in Drinks 7.15pm on Field  
 Holy Communion 7.30pm  
 Julian Meeting 8.00pm
- Wed 26** Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm 19 Farm Street  
 "Talk it Through" 8.00pm at 33 South Parade
- Thurs 27** Holy Communion 9.45am  
 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall  
**ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY  
 & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM**  
 Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 28** **RECYCLING AND GREEN WASTE**  
 MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room  
 10.00am to Noon  
 WI Harvest Supper in Village Hall
- Sat 29** Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Senior Citizens  
 Disco in Village Hall (run by Lana Long)
- Sun 30** **TRINITY XVII**  
 Holy Communion 8.00am  
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am

## OCTOBER

- Tues 2** Harbury Youth Drop-In 7.00pm – 8.30pm in Village Hall  
 Holy Communion 7.30pm  
 Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 3** Holy Communion 2.00pm  
 Mothers Union Meeting 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 4** Men's Group Meeting 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 6** Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Macmillan Cancer  
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 Myton Hospice Plant Sale in Dog Car Park 10.30-1.30pm  
**HARVEST SUPPER 7pm for 7.30pm in Village Hall**

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

August 18 Simon Mark Peters to Ellen Jane Playdon  
 August 25 Alastair Henry Ian Ball to Kate Elizabeth Morrison

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

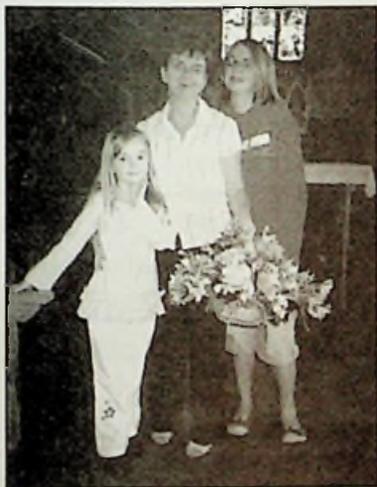
August 12 Mason Keon Jones  
 August 19 Aidan Jason O'Sullivan

### *Funerals at All Saints' Harbury*

August 23 Betty Mary Heaven (84)  
 August 29 Harry Mellows Windsor (75) Service of Thanksgiving

## From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss



Thank you to Alison and her team for running "Friends", this year's All Saints Holiday Club and for giving the children such a happy week.

Thank you to her, too, and to the young helpers and the children who took part in the presentation at the August Family Communion Service. Following the theme of 'Friends', we were reminded through a dramatised version of Peter's denial of Christ on the night of His arrest, that He is our true friend, understanding, forgiving and loving even when we let Him down.

Two dates for your diary:

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm in Church: Concert – "The Sound of Peace": Japanese Music and Dance.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Supper in the Village Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Tickets for both are available from Fliss (612395).

By the time you read this, the completed "Profile of the Future Priest of Harbury and Ladbroke" and the Parish Profile will have been forwarded to the diocese in readiness for the PCC meeting with Bishop Colin and Archdeacon Michael on 17<sup>th</sup> September. We shall, of course, inform you of its outcome.

It is very sad and hard to believe that we have had to say goodbye, in this life at least, to Harry Windsor, our Harry: Churchwarden for seventeen years, bell ringer for ever, devoted servant of his Lord and his church. May God bless him, Joyce and their family.



## Funday Club

Ruth Walton

Funday Club, for any child of primary school age, meets every Sunday during term time, except for the first Sunday of the month. It's from 10.30-11.30 a.m. in the Tom Hauley Room and on the third Sunday of the month we go into church for the Family Service.

We'll be learning about some very special people and the amazing things they have done. We'll be playing games, listening to some exciting stories and making a splash of colour with our pictures!

And on the first Sunday of every month we would love to see children and their families at "First Light" which also starts at 10.30 a.m. in the Tom Hauley Room. The next Funday Club will be on 9<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 a.m. and we look forward to seeing you!



## Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

We hope all our members have enjoyed the summer; if so please tell us where you found it!

Our Autumn programme starts as usual with a communion service at 2pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. This will be led by Diane Patterson and followed at 2.30pm by tea and chat in the Tom Hauley Room.

Our usual evening meeting on Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup> will be replaced by a visit to St James at Southam to hear Rev. Anne Hibbert, founder of 'The Well' Christian Healing Centre in Leamington. Please speak to Anne Moore to arrange transport.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Communion at 2.00pm meeting at 2.30pm.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Betty Heaven, a loyal member of the branch until health problems kept her housebound.

And a thank you to Eunice, who has completed 7 years on the committee. Fortunately for those of us who enjoy cake, she will still be a member of our branch.



**First Light**

**Alison Abbott**

After celebrating Harvest in September, come and hear what Jesus said about agriculture. First Light is a short, informal service for all the family, at 10.30am in the Tom Hauley Room behind the church; on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

And a reminder – this month's is on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, about Friendship.

## Ladbroke News & Diary

### SEPTEMBER

- |      |    |                                                                                                              |
|------|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tues | 4  | Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall<br>Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall                                               |
| Sat  | 8  | Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall<br>Ride & Stride – church open and manned from 10.00am to 6.00pm          |
| Sun  | 9  | <b>TRINITY XIV</b><br>Holy Communion 9.00am<br>Ride & Stride – church open and manned from 10.00am to 6.00pm |
| Tues | 11 | Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall<br>Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall                                               |
| Sat  | 15 | ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM                                                          |
| Sun  | 16 | <b>TRINITY XV</b><br>Holy Communion 9.00am – Book of Common Prayer                                           |
| Mon  | 17 | Table Tennis 8.00pm                                                                                          |
| Tues | 18 | Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall<br>Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall                                               |

Wed	19	Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sat	22	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	23	<b>TRINITY XVI</b> Holy Communion 9.00am – Sung
Tues	25	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Thurs	27	ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM Women's Institute 7.30pm in Village Hall
Sat	29	Race Night 7.30pm
Sun	30	<b>TRINITY XVII</b> Holy Communion 9.00am – Said Service

**OCTOBER**

Tues	2	Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
Sun	7	Harvest Thanksgiving 10.30am & Family Communion – with refreshments

**Ladbroke Flower Rota**

Jane Rutherford

September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Rutherford
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Laura Taylor
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Bleloch
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Clews – Harvest Festival
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Clews – Harvest Festival

**Ladbroke Church News**

Betty Winkfield

We have a new relief organist, Will Morton and he played the organ at our service on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August. Although it was his first time it was as though he had been playing the organ for years. Watch out Kate!!!

Our church will be opened and manned on Saturday and Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> for Ride and Stride, (the old sponsored cycle ride) and the Heritage Weekend. As usual I need volunteers to do duties, one or two hours either day.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October is our Harvest Festival Service incorporated with our usual Family Communion at 10.30am. Please do join us and bring donations of produce. This, as usual, will be taken to Castel Froma on the following Monday.



## Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

Janet Goldson

The Village Hall Committee is pleased to announce two more, additional, prizes each month due to the increasing number of participants in the Millennium Draw.

If you would like to share in helping to raise funds for a new Village Hall and have a chance of winning substantial prizes, please phone me on 817733.

Here are the results of the Draw for July:

- £70 Andy Bendzak
- £25 Pam Collins
- £25 Colin & Kay Constable
- £10 Sheena Healey
- £10 John & Heather Wright
- £10 Richard Walker
- £10 Carol Lane
- £10 Geoff & Georgina Middleton



## Ladbroke Millennium Green Race Night

Carol Lane

One of the Trustees will be calling on you at the beginning of September to give you the opportunity to 'buy' a horse to run in one of the races at The Race Night on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September. The horses are already named in this year's races for you to choose.

There will be cash prizes for the winning owners and there will be horses in at least 8 races for you to place your bets on the night.

Tickets will be available at £5 for adults and £3 for children. Each ticket includes either chicken and chips for adults or sausage and chips for children. Vegetarian meals are available on request.



## Ladbroke Neighbourhood Watch

Janice Berry

Ladbroke Neighbourhood Watch has received the following email alerts from Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards.

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## 'History Trail' & 'Ride & Stride'

Linda Doyle

This year the "Ride and Stride" sponsored ride between churches is held on the same weekend as the "Heritage Open Weekend" of September 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>. As usual, All Saints Church in Ladbroke will be participating and Betty Winkfield has sponsorship forms, but for those of you just interested in a wander round Ladbroke church and broadening your historical knowledge of it, there will be a small display in the church of old photographs and historical information and someone will be available to chat to you about the church's history. For those who would like an even broader mental and visual challenge there will be a "Church Trail" available, so come along to All Saints on Saturday or Sunday between 10am and 6pm and participate.

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## Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Our first talk of the new season starts on **17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm for 8.00pm** in the **Tom Hauley Room** when Housing Enabler Charles Barlow gives a presentation on his work and provision of affordable homes for village people.

The meeting is, as usual, free to members and their guests.

We should, by this time, have the Quarries Consultation to discuss and all members should take time to consider this important development which will have a significant impact on Harbury's future.

On **30<sup>th</sup> October** at the same time and place, Geologist Jon Radley gives a talk on Warwickshire's Jurassic Past. Then on **19<sup>th</sup> November** at 7.30pm for 8.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room, Alan Winterburn has agreed to give a talk on Little Known Warwickshire.



## Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

There was no meeting in August, but we look forward to afternoon tea at Peggie Middleton's on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm, admission £2.

The activities will start in September. The Bletchley Park outing is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 9.45am. Coach at the Village Hall.

The Horticultural Show is on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September and we hope to see you all there.

The W.I Harvest Supper is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September at the Village Hall, 7.30 for 7.45pm. Please bring your own drink and glass. It is most important to put your name on a list for this at Peggie's on 30<sup>th</sup> August, or at Dorothy Travis's house and certainly by September's meeting – in fact book as soon as possible!

Our coffee morning is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October at the Tom Hauley Room and we have a stall at the Victorian Street Fayre in the evening.

September speaker: Jill Grute – 'Southam's Secret'.



## Armageddon and Fishcakes Goes to the Edinburgh Fringe



**Cast – (L-R) Jenny Hodge, Keith Hayes, Ali Hodge, Trish Donnelly, Ian Donnelly, Andrew Patrick and (front) Geoff Allen**

After the amazing 'World Premiere' in Harbury, this locally written, directed, produced and acted play made its way up to this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe. The advance army of Bob and Alison Hodge went to Edinburgh to promote the play, taking our poster (designed by Ed Patrick, Jenny and Andrew's son), which won second place in the poster competition from all the two and half thousand productions.

The venue was inside Riddles Courtyard, which was a short distance from the impressive hill top castle. We had just one hour for a technical rehearsal, which went very well. Bob and I squeezed into our positions in the technical booth and the actors had the fun of locating their dressing rooms hidden up various flights of stairs.

The first few performances were more nerve-wracking than usual as we had critics in the audience ready to deliver their verdict to the baying crowd. We had reviews in 'The Scotsman' (2 stars!!!) and Three Weeks. On the Wednesday 'The Scotsman' came to our production to do a photo shoot. The photo appeared in the newspaper, along with the review, plus Alison found herself on the front cover of the pullout in the paper! Additionally our internet preview video (credit goes to Chris Hodge) became festival preview of the day on the internet.

Throughout the week our audiences kept coming to see the play. It had been well patronised by festival-goers. Also throughout the week we were all able to go and see some of the festival for ourselves with individual spells of promotion of the play.

On Friday we went to an Italian restaurant to have the traditional 'wrap party'. Here John and Sally Stringer presented members of the company with 'Hamishes' in place of the Oscars. Saturday was our last performance and we went out with a bang to a huge audience. Then after packing up all our equipment we found our way, by automatic pilot, to our 'local' the Jolly Judge, to drink to the success of 'Armageddon and Fishcakes'.

I can remember almost two years ago going to the first Edinburgh meeting, where we had a dream of taking a play up to the Fringe. Now it has happened. This has not only been an incredible adventure for all of us but we have managed to stand comfortably amongst the other shows at the Fringe and hold our heads up high.

Bob's flat pack park bench – our simple stage set - managed to last the whole week. Twenty members of the company came and went having had an incredible time up in Edinburgh. We arrived by plane, train and automobiles. We left Edinburgh exhausted and spent out but it has been a time in my life that I will never forget.

Thank you to Janet Thornley for being my roomie in Scotland. Thank you to Touchwood Theatre Company for making this an adventure that I will remember for the rest of my life. Thank you to Rob Stringer for writing the play in the first place.

Please do keep your diary free for our November production!

**Deborah Ellis**  
**(Sound Technician)**

## **A View from the Stalls**

For those who are not familiar with the Fringe Festival, it is BIG, with literally hundreds of events being staged every day. Professionals and amateurs alike often choose to use the Fringe Festival as a showcase and it is probably the most prestigious festival of its kind anywhere.

With so much to choose from (there were something like seventy other shows clashing with the 'Armageddon' time slot alone) it was thought that, realistically, the size of the audiences could well be small, perhaps even very small. So you can imagine our delight on the opening day when, as we waited for the doors to open, a queue formed behind us

All the hard work, rehearsals and fundraising just to put the play on were rewarded by performances from the cast, which did full justice to the play and to themselves. It was also clear from the way it was received by the audience that it was both enjoyable and thought-provoking.

Word obviously got around because the audience on the following day was a good deal larger than the opening day. A bit of a lull in attendances on Thursday and Friday was followed by another very large audience for the final performance on Saturday. It was a great finale to a very enjoyable week in Edinburgh.

Although much of the focus was on the fortunes of 'Armageddon' everyone from Harbury made sure that they enjoyed as much as they could of whatever else was available throughout the week. It was all there from comedy to tragedy and everything in between. We almost became 'cultured out'. Perhaps the most unusual show was 'Auto Auto' where a car was used as a musical instrument only to be systematically wrecked in time to music. It really had to be seen (and heard!) to be believed.

We would like to thank everyone involved in the production of 'Armageddon' and to congratulate Rob Stringer on writing such a thought-provoking and well-written play.

Finally, we would like to thank Bob Hodge for thinking of the idea of taking a play to Edinburgh in the first place and for masterminding the whole adventure with such enthusiasm and efficiency.

**Two of the 'groupies' – Alan & Betty Barr**

## The Director's Cut

Perhaps I should explain that for the Edinburgh Fringe only, Harbury Theatre Group became Touchwood Theatre Company!

A huge thank you is due to so many people – our sponsors – The Door Store and Miles of Tiles; all the group members for their enthusiasm whether or not they made it to Edinburgh; all the fund-raisers who ensured that we could pay for our venue and publicity; all the actors and stage crew, who cranked up their performances way beyond the village premiere to make each show memorable; those who came and pushed publicity for the show on the streets; and especially Bob Hodge, who drove this whole project forward from the very beginning, and fulfilled a dream.

More about the play at: [www.touchwoodtheatre.co.uk](http://www.touchwoodtheatre.co.uk)

And a review of Saturday's performance at:

<http://www.viewfromthestalls.co.uk/2007/08/armageddon-fishcakes-edinburgh-fringe.html>

**John Stringer, Director**



### Folk Club

**Sue Hartland**

I thought that the 273<sup>rd</sup> Folk Club might be a quiet one as the holiday and Folk Festival season is upon us but we can compete with all that! The theme was 'Favourites' and we had some new and old favourite performers singing and playing some new and old favourite songs.

The Harvesters opened the evening with 'A Cut Above' and 'The Southern Cross'. Des followed with 2 songs we could all join in with. Rick sang the beautiful song 'Skylark' and then amazed us all by performing the Les Barker poem 'Shih-Tzu' better than the man himself! Summer then gave us 2 of her favourites and then Ted and Sue closed the first half with 'Sovay' and 3 of Ted's tunes named after his favourite people, 'Susie's Stomp', 'Matthew's March' and 'JoJo's Jig'

The second half opened with Peter Mason performing 'Idle Time' and the ever popular 'The Band played Waltzing Matilda'. Janny & Maureen sang 2 of my favourites 'Two Brothers' and 'Cupid's Garden'.

Pete & Liz sang 'The Fox' and then played some tunes with Ted. Ron gave us 'The Jolly Apprentice' and then a taste of the Foreign Legion! We were then treated to some sublime singing from Ruth, who is everyone's favourite. She sang "Feels like Home" and 'A Taste of Honey' both accompanied by Ian.

We had time in the third half for the performers who were still around to do another one. I particularly liked Pete & Liz singing 'The Trees they do Grow High' and also I love Ted's hilarious performance of "She loved a Portugese". To finish the evening I invited everyone to join in singing "Will ye go Lassie Go?"

The raffle made £32 for Macmillan Nurses. We will do it all again next month when the theme is 'From the sublime to the ridiculous'.

See you then.



## Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

As I was away for the August deadline I'll start this month's contribution with some "old" but nonetheless worthy news!

The development of the Club's juniors and links with Harbury School received a boost when the school competed in an end of term inter-school mixed double tournament at Southam College with 5 other schools from Long Itchington, Southam (2), Stockton and Bishops Itchington. Sixteen Club members represented Harbury. Alisha Long, Joshua Savage, Daniel Heydon, Elle Scothern, Sam Casement, Phoebe Brown, George McGowan and Hannah Baldwin played in the morning session and Robert Rollason, Alannah Cadwallader, Jessica Champion, Sam Tutt, Thomas Conway, Taisa Shuttleworth, Becky Casement and Corey Cadwallader took part in the afternoon. Both squads were winners with the years 3 and 4 group particularly successful scoring 17½ points out of a possible 20. Well done to all and many thanks to Linda Casement for organising the Harbury contingent.

The Junior Autumn programme gets underway during week commencing. Make sure you check your email for details!

On the senior front the men's doubles team edged out closest rivals Studley to become champions of Division 4 of the Prudden Road Surfacing League in an exciting final week of the season.

Harbury went into their last match, away at third placed Henley, three points adrift of Studley. In a very close match they eventually overcame the home team to win 3-1 giving them 3 points. Harbury were then declared champions on the basis of their 5 rubbers to 3 advantage in the two head to head meetings with Studley.

Things aren't quite as rosy in the Banbury league with both teams hovering above the relegation zone! However, both the "A" and "B" teams have recently won matches against other relegation contenders and hopefully have secured their places in Divisions 1 and 4 respectively. The "A" team comprising Gill Thorpe, Angie Dean, Kate Young, Andrew Rendell, Geoff Prince and Jon Scothern went to Byfield "B" who were one place below them. The team was in good form and secured an excellent 7-2 win collecting the bonus point as well.

The "B" team achieved an identical result in their trip to Tysoe on a rare warm evening! The team that evening was Caroline Morland, Eira Owen, Tracey Haggan, Colin Mercer, Jonathan Smith and David Lauder. Unfortunately they couldn't maintain the momentum at Kings Sutton and lost by the narrowest of margins 4-5 with 4 of the 9 rubbers going to tie-breaks! Jane Durman and Keith Thompson came in for Eira and David.



**Harbury RFC**

**Rugby Football Club**

**Jerry Birkbeck**

Harbury Rugby Club suffered during the recent floods and over the last three months have been flooded on four occasions. Most have been resolved without too much problem. However, the most recent caused significant difficulties. Dave Andrews had taken major measures to hopefully minimise the problem through sandbagging the side door and clearing out flotsam and jetsam from previous heavy downpours. He even went beyond the call of duty by clearing out water after the rain on the Friday! However, the outcome was still silt in the changing rooms and a river that passed through the sandbags along the corridor and emerging out of the main access door to the changing rooms. Chairman John French took some remarkable footage of the new River Harbury.

Much work has been done and measures have been undertaken to minimise the effects of any future violent weather.

This month has seen the Club's training nights changing to Tuesday and Thursday and a major recruiting initiative by the Rugby Football Union - *Go Play Rugby* - which is aimed at encouraging former players between the ages of 17 and 35 back into the game. This is linked to the forthcoming Rugby World Cup which begins in September and England plays their first match against the USA on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. The Club will be showing these matches on their big screen and offer an invitation to anyone who would like to enjoy some of these games.

Details of what we are doing are on our website - [www.harburyrfc.org.uk](http://www.harburyrfc.org.uk)

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August the second Annual ALAN PADBURY TOURNAMENT will be played at Harbury.

This a 15 a side tournament between sides drawn from Harbury, Old Leamingtonians, Shipston, Southam and Warwickian kicking off at 2.00pm. The memory of Paddy will be close to everyone's heart.

The Season begins on 1<sup>st</sup> September and on the 2nd Registration for Juniors and Minis begins at 10.00am.

Here are the details of forthcoming matches/events at Middle Road in September:

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Junior and Mini Registration – 10.00 am

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> - Harbury 1st X v V Trinity Guld – 3.00pm ko

Harbury Colts v Shipston Colts – 3.00pm ko

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> - Harbury U17's v Old Leams (League) -11.00am ko

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> - Harbury 2nd XV v Upton on Severn – 3.00pm

Harbury Colts v Rugby St Andrews – 3.00pm

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Harbury 1st XV v Coventrians – 3.00pm

Harbury Colts v Dudley – 3.00pm

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Harbury U17's v Old Covents (League) -11.00am ko

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> - Harbury 1st xv v Tenbury (league) – 3.00pm

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> - Harbury U17's v Earlsdon – 11.00am ko

Harbury's Mini Festival is on Sunday 7th October.



## Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

We are now beginning a new school year. In addition to the learning taking place at pre-school, much goes on when we go out for visits. Here are a few photographs which illustrate the 6 areas of learning covered whilst the pre-school children are out and about!

### Creative Development



Using creative skills at Compton Verney.

### Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Feeding the calves at Chesterton Farm.



### Communication, Language and Literacy



Using listening spheres on the autumn walk.

**Physical Development**



Climbing a stile and crossing the stepping stones at the Bear Hunt.



**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

Sharing snack time in a local garden.



**Mathematical Development**



Paying for fruit on a shopping trip.

We are looking forward to welcoming old and new faces back to Pre-school when the new term begins on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

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



## Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

By the time you read this the Village Show on 8<sup>th</sup> September will be imminent. Don't forget that entry forms and fees must be handed to Janice, Ron or Dorothy no later than 6.00pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. There is something for everyone including categories for children. I know that this year has been difficult for growing and nurturing many fruits and vegetables but I'm sure we will enjoy the usual high standard of entries that we have come to expect. Good luck to everyone who enters. Janice works so hard to ensure that the Show goes like clockwork, many thanks to her and her band of willing helpers.

Our new season begins on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 8.00 pm in the Tom Hauley Room. Our first speaker will be Barry Locke who will be talking about 'The Gardens of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust'. He will also be mentioning his experiences about constructing the award winning show garden of the Birthplace Trust which won Gold Medal at the Gardeners World Show two years ago. In November I have been lucky enough to book our speaker Keith Orchard Robinson, as he is in much demand, to talk about 'The Derbyshire Custom of Well Dressing'.

I have also booked some very interesting speakers and topics for 2008, including a welcome return visit from Duncan Coombs who lectures at Pershore College. I hope that there will be something for everyone to enjoy. The cost of speakers these days averages at £80 each and we have seven speakers a season, plus hire of the venue. As mentioned last month, our only source of income is the annual Walkabout and due to bad weather this year our income was greatly reduced. At our last committee meeting we all agreed reluctantly to increase annual membership subscriptions to £7.50. Visitors, who are always welcome, pay £2 on the night.

I'm sure you will agree that this is still very good value as it averages at less than £1 per meeting plus we supply refreshments after each talk. In addition we get discount at local nurseries and subsidised coach trips. I have researched the cost of other local Horticultural Societies and we are still cheaper than all of them. So I look forward to welcoming existing and new members on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. It will be nice to see some new faces, a lovely way to get to know everyone and hopefully pick up some advice and tips as well.

I hope you have managed to visit some of the gardens in Yellow Book in Warwickshire and Worcestershire in between the showers. There are some lovely gardens nearby still with much to display. September can be a very colourful month and of course the asters at Upton House are not to be missed. Hope to see you there.



## Nature Notes

John Hancock

There is an autumnal feel about some early mornings now. After the deluge of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July we had some summer weather, but it came in fits and starts. Bringing our granddaughter Millie up to stay with us for a few days in late July we stopped for a picnic and a paddle in the sublime Cotswold village of Lower Slaughter. The River Eye, a tributary of the Windrush, had obviously inundated part of the community adjacent to the river, especially on the east (left) bank, witness sandbags and some furniture and carpets in front gardens. Now the river was its usual charming self with several stone bridges making an ideal playground for a child. After a game of pooh sticks, we potted by the ford looking for wildlife. As well as snails we found an apparently dead crayfish and then another. I picked them off the bottom to show Millie these freshwater lobsters. Then they moved but, as they were rather sluggish and failed to use their pincers on me, I reasoned they didn't have long for this world. Perhaps they had received a battering during the floods. As Millie and I were looking at them, we were joined by a couple of Chinese tourists and a local who told us they were not native crayfish but a larger American variety which had escaped from a fish farm. He told us to leave them on the bank to die which seemed a bit hard for a child to understand but we did as we were told. Apparently the imported species are eating up our crayfish, already endangered, in the watershed of the Thames, Cotswold tributaries.

Leapfrog a month ahead and I'm cycling towards Newbold-on-Avon on a pleasantly warm Friday morning (17<sup>th</sup> August). I had picked up a leaflet on Newbold Quarry Local Nature Reserve printed by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust (tel. 024 7630 2912) and decided to take a look. The reserve is basically an old limestone quarry, now flooded and surrounding woodland with some open grassy areas. The quarry is one of many connected with the cement industry. It's a very industrial landscape with a large cement works, railway lines and the

Oxford Canal. The abandoned quarry is a peaceful haven, an island of tranquility in an area of human habitation and activity. Although I was destined not to see one, the reserve is noted for its colony of white-clawed crayfish, our only native variety. A notice warned not to introduce Signal Crayfish, the American rival already mentioned.

As I wandered around the graded paths, some connected by steps to the higher levels (the quarry is like a miniature Bishops Bowl, with the advantage that it has public access at all times), I was struck by the richness of the invertebrate kingdom. As well as the delicate Common Blue Damselfly, I had a stunning view of a Large Brown Hawker dragonfly which is 10cms in wingspan. Dragonflies are the most ancient of winged insects, dating back in the fossil record to the Carboniferous forests 300 million years ago. In those times, the wingspan of one group, the Meganeuride, reached a colossal 70cms (28") making them the largest flying creatures of their time. For more information, see Steve Brooks' book, 'Field Guide to the Dragonflies and Damselflies of Great Britain and Ireland', (British Wildlife Publishing). Beneath the water, the voracious larvae of these insects develop for several years going through as many as 15 moults as they grow. Each phase is known as an instar.

At the pool, I was also lucky enough to see a fine specimen of the Broad-bodied Chaser dragonfly, a first for me. (Map reference of Newbold Quarry - OS sheet 140, Leicester and Coventry GR 497770). Small nature reserves pose a real dilemma. Species need to be numerous and widespread to have a large gene pool and therefore drive genetic change to aid survival, otherwise a relatively minor alteration of the environment can cause extinction. That is why linking nature reserves with corridors such as canals, hedgerows and other linear wildlife havens is important in this crowded island.

I saw an interesting example of survival earlier in the month. I was walking home from school with the grandchildren in Bath, when a bronze coloured snake-like creature was disturbed by a passing car. It began writhing about in the road and fearing it would be run over, I attempted to scoop it up into the undergrowth. It then detached its tail which separately moved conspicuously. The children were intrigued. It was a juvenile slow worm, in fact a legless lizard, which feeds on earthworms, insect larvae, spiders, slugs and snails. They grow to 30 - 50 cms (12-20") in length. Cats are their chief predators.

On the Thwaites estate as I write (August 18<sup>th</sup>), the crops are in apart from the beans which now appear black, matching the surrounding ploughed fields. On other farms some wheat is still standing awaiting

the combine and grain dryer. Unlike last year, the Dasset Hills are still an emerald green after all the summer rain. Jean Geary reported an unusual sighting earlier in August. She saw a Kingfisher flash by on the footpath running into farmland alongside the surgery. Perhaps it had followed the water courses and transient lakes, formed by the rain, looking for food. Hedgerow fruit such as blackberries and damsons are now ripe and repay, with their flavour, the effort involved in picking them. Bon appetit.



## Village Hall Update

Keith Thompson

We reported last month on leaks in the roof. Our intrepid Chairman has now traced them, the Theatre Group has cleared part of the loft and repairs to the leaks are in hand!

We are delighted to report that we have a new cleaner. He has started work and users of the Village Hall will see evidence of his hard work!

The Rural Cinema Scheme, a new initiative within the Stratford on Avon District Council area, is coming to the Village Hall. When we first received notification, both the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee registered an interest but we needed someone to take on the project. We are therefore delighted that Lana Long has kindly agreed to progress this exciting community opportunity. Further information is included within a separate article in the edition. Our thanks to Lana for her commitment and support.

Our thanks also to several volunteers who responded to our previous request in the Harbury News for specialist help and support for our on-going project to improve the Village Hall. Work continues on the project.



## General Section



## Harbury's Moving Pictures

Stratford District Council are due to launch their new Rural Cinema Scheme, 'Moving Pictures', during October. The scheme has the financial backing of Screen West Midlands, Warwickshire County Council and Stratford District Council.

The main aims of the scheme are to provide a cinema experience to those towns and villages within the district that don't currently have a cinema, and to increase the usage of community venues. Harbury Village Hall Committee has expressed an interest in joining the scheme. The scheme will, to start with, show blockbuster movies that have just been screened at the cinema, but are not yet available on DVD.

If you are interested in getting involved with Harbury's Moving Pictures project, be it selling tickets on the door, organising the refreshments or helping with the projection equipment, please get in touch with Lana Long on 01926 613311. This is an exciting opportunity to enjoy great films at an affordable price without having to get in your car! Watch this space for further details.

**Lana Long**

## **Public Footpaths**

The Harbury Parish Paths Team has been asked by the County Council to carry out a survey of all the public rights of way in the parish, so over the next few months you may see us out and about with our clipboards. We will be noting the condition of the stiles and gates, the waymarking signs and the surface of the routes, and identifying obstructions caused by crops, vegetation or ploughing.

A pilot survey suggests that a number of the disc waymarkers showing which direction to walk are faded or damaged and that some are missing. We will replace these as soon as we can and we will contact all landowners if it is necessary to install new posts.

The County Council has told us that we can no longer repair stiles. Their new policy is to replace damaged stiles with gates so that maintenance is reduced and people can use the paths more easily. If landowners wish to retain stiles they must repair them themselves. Most of our stiles are in good conditions but if we do find any that need repair we will be contacting landowners to see if they will accept a gate or even a gap.

One of our farms has recently expressed concern about cyclists using footpaths and dogs straying off the path. If you want to cycle off-road please use the bridleways and green lanes. Your dog can join you on your walk but should keep to the line of the footpath and be under your control. Remember - footpaths are for walkers.

**John Ridgley, Harbury Parish Paths Partnership**



## Ballroom Dancing

### Autumn Term - All Change

Change of evening to Wednesday. Change of venue to the Village Hall. Change of time to 8.30-10.00pm. This will be a 6 week term starting **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Annie will again be our enthusiastic teacher.

Costs will have to be paid for the whole 6 weeks in advance please, and they will be £25 if we get 10 and less if we get more joining. We may be able to extend the term or have another 6 week term after Christmas. **SO** get out your shoes and get ready to Tango.....

If you have not been before don't be shy, come along and join in the fun. We are a friendly group who just want to improve or learn new steps.

Further details from Jenny Patrick tel. (01926) 614359 or [jenny@patrick.spacomputers.com](mailto:jenny@patrick.spacomputers.com)

Jenny Patrick

## Harbury Youth Drop-In

We will be starting our sessions in the Village Hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 7pm until 8pm. Admission is 50p and young people from school year 6 and secondary school ages are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lesley Jones and Sue Lawrence

## Xplore>>

- What?** - A new weekly event for young people.
- When?** - Sundays between 7.00pm – 8.00pm.
- Where?** - Tom Hauley Room.
- Who?** - Open to anyone of secondary school age.
- Why?** - To meet friends, explore ideas, discuss, do stuff, have fun....

Xplore>> is put on by a team from All Saints Church. We invite any and everyone (11 – 18 years) to come and explore some of the issues that matter to you – do they matter to God? And who is he/she anyway? We have some ideas and we would like to hear yours.

Interested? Come to our opening night on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**. There will be activities, illusions, dips and shakes..... oh, and it's free!

Lesley Jones (613207), Sue Peacock, Chris Rutherford

## Summer Lunch in aid of Harbury Senior Citizens

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to support our fundraising event. We think that it was probably the highest number of lunches that we have catered for and even managed to cater for some extra visitors that included guests from Australia. We hope that you all enjoyed it. Thanks must also go to the "extended committee" – to those who helped with serving and tidying up on the day, a real team effort. On an occasion like this, many hands really do make light work.

A photograph taken on the day shows many of the early starters tucking in.



We look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas party – details will appear later in the year.

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

## Blood Donors

Congratulations to all of you!

Last month's session yielded a record number of 106 units and this included 9 new donors so a special thank you to them.

The next session will be a chance to escape the left over turkey on 27<sup>th</sup> December!

**Gillian Hare**

## All Saints Holiday Club

Our theme at this year's Holiday Club was 'Friends', and we had a fun filled week meeting up with old friends and making new ones. Each day a guest storyteller illustrated an aspect of friendship. We thought about loyalty and patience, about false friends and how friends are there when we need help.



The children made some beautiful miniature gardens and stunning glove puppets, not to mention getting very creative with play dough. Each day a group produced a short play about that day's story, or played tunes on the chime bells. We were fortunate to have the services of a cheerleading coach so a number of the children enjoyed learning the basics of cheerleading and then entertained us with a short display.

On Friday all the parents were invited to church where we had a short service which included a lot of the things we had done during the week. The Holiday Club finished with many of the children taking part in the presentation at the family communion service on Sunday.

I think a good time was had by everyone involved, children and adults alike and I would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work, and the children for making it all worth while.

**Alison Abbott**

## Harbury Victorian Street Fayre

### In Aid Of The Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance

We have a few requests for help as follows:

1. Does anyone have or know someone who has a trailer that can be used as a stage or a stage suitable for the event?
2. Does anyone know where we could obtain a street organ?
3. We would also like volunteers to sell raffle tickets in their street or road — if you are able to help please give me a call.

We still have stalls available - please ring me on 612265.

Dan Killian

## Harbury Fishing Contest - 12th August 2007

Despite a disappointing turnout and the lake failing to live up to its expectations, nevertheless Martin Lambeth weighed in 42lbs.6oz to win first prize of £25 and the Shearsby Shield. Second prize of £15 was won by Doug Hanson with 9lbs.15oz and third prize of £10 was won by Rob Cookes with 8lbs.15oz.

Following the contest the participants enjoyed an excellent buffet at The Gamecock during which the prize-giving took place and Martin Lambeth was presented with the Shearsby Shield by Emily Welsh.



Mick Killian

## **WRVS Emergency Services (Harbury Team)**

In Harbury, there is a group of volunteers who are prepared to be called out, in case of an emergency, to provide refreshments for the emergency services and to help at rest centres. We have assisted at police events: then during the floods were asked to go to Evesham and recently to the incident when a biker was killed on the M40.

For our "Emergency Box" we need two hot water pump jugs. We will be holding a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, in the Tom Hauley Room.

Please put this date in your diaries and come and support us.

**Rosemary Harley**

## **World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support**

We are holding a coffee morning on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September in the Tom Hauley Room 10.00am – 12 noon. Please come and support this very worthy cause.

There will be a raffle, bring and buy and cakes. So please come and have a coffee and a chat with your friends and try to help us beat last year's donation that we sent to Macmillan cancer support. We would be very pleased to see you there, everyone is very welcome.

**Mary and Friends**

## **Children's Society**

I have agreed to take over collecting the Children's Society boxes from Pam Brown. Please forgive me if I don't quite get things right the first time! I know I can ring Pam if anyone does have any queries.

The boxes need to be collected in September so if you are able to bring your box to the 10.30am Harvest Service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September that would be a big help. If you would like me to call on you to collect your box please contact me on 01926 614514.

If anyone hasn't got a box and would like one please let me know.

Many thanks

**Karen Ellis**

## **17th Annual Harbury Hash**

This event for all the family will be held on **Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>**. The Hash is for walkers and runners and is loosely based on a paper trail, but the trail is marked in flour. It is for all ages, levels of fitness, or lack of, and short cutting is actively encouraged.

The start is from Itchington Holt (access via Thwaites Estate) and there will be signs on the day from the village to the start location (where to park cars and bikes). **Registration** is from **1.30 to 2.00pm** for a **start time** of **2.15pm**.

There will a BBQ afterwards, so please bring your own meat, veggie, drinks, salads, etc. We will provide bread plus some drinks for the down downs (penalties). Dogs on a lead with well-behaved owners are most welcome. The cost is £2 an adult or child, or £8 a family, and any profits will be donated to Harbury GASS.

<http://www.actionability.co.uk/hh/>

**Doug Freeman (612002) and Mali Murphy (613063)**

## **Draft Masterplan for the Harbury Cement Works site**

The Harbury Cement Works is a significant site and its development could have a major impact on the local area. It is therefore important that local residents are involved in shaping the framework that would be used to determine the suitability of development proposals on the site.

You will be aware by now of the on-going work to prepare a Masterplan to guide development at the Harbury Cement Works site. An important and integral part of this process is public consultation; hence the Draft Masterplan has been informed by a large body of stakeholders including local Parish Councils and community groups.

A public consultation exercise is planned to start at the end of August and run into September to give everyone an opportunity and adequate time to comment on the Draft before it is adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document. The consultation exercise will involve advertising in local newspapers and direct letters to people and organisations who are on the Council's database. Parish Councils will be consulted directly and copies of the Draft will be deposited at all local libraries and Area Offices of the Council. It will also be on the Council's website.

The Masterplan is only the start of the development process. Local people will be given further opportunity to comment on specific proposals as they come forward for development at the planning application stage.

A Masterplan for such a complex site requires a great deal of balancing to meet its objectives. Given the complexity of the issues to be addressed, the outcome of the Masterplan may not meet the specific expectations of everyone. You can only gain a complete understanding by considering all its elements and how they interrelate.

In considering your response to the Draft, you should be mindful of the policy context and the site's planning history within which the Masterplan is prepared. It needs to be stressed that the Masterplan is not an avenue for formulating new planning policies. Its provisions should be in general conformity with the current District Local Plan.

Your response will be considered by all the relevant committees of the Council before the Masterplan is adopted. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to prepare the Draft Masterplan and to all of you for responding. Your comments will go a long way to enrich the quality of the document.

**Ernest Amoako**

## **Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service**

Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service is offering electric blanket testing free of charge to Warwickshire Over 60s. Electric blanket tests will take place at several venues in October.

Monday 1st October	<b>Nuneaton Fire Station</b>
Tuesday 2nd October	Leamington Town Hall
Wednesday 3rd October	Kenilworth Library
Thursday 4th October	Rugby Library
Friday 5th October	Stratford Pop in Centre, United Reformed Church, Stratford-upon-Avon

To book an appointment call **01926 736477**. This number will be staffed between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday and an answer phone will operate at other times.

Tests will be conducted by appointment only and bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis. The number of appointments is limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

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## **Barcelona Tour 2007**

Dear Harbury,

After your support helping us raise the funds to subsidise the Steel Pan Academy Youth to Spain I thought you may like a report on our tour.

We left amidst floods in pouring rain. Packing the bus had been difficult, some of our party coming from further afield had difficulties travelling from flooded areas. Stephon from Phase One discovered he had left all his family's passports at home in Coventry just before we left! Ben's Dad came to the rescue and Nick Tawney jumped on the coach with us, while Lisa and Victor from Phase One made a mad dash to Coventry to get the passports. Floods hampered them and they did not catch the coach until we hit the M25 when they jumped on and our hero Nick drove their car back to Harbury.

Our coach driver was, for this first leg of the journey, great, though we discovered no DVD player, which turned out to be the case for our entire journey to Coma Ruga and back. Having no entertainment did not deter our merry crew and despite a hard start, no DVD and missing our ferry, the 35 on board played rhythm games, made up songs and generally laughed most of the long journey to Spain.

We arrived on Sunday afternoon at the Casa Marti Hotel, and after unloading and sorting rooms had some fun in the pool before rehearsal and evening meal. Hotel was great. Clean, friendly, used to school groups and had good food. It was Ben Tawney's birthday so I used my best Spanish and got the restaurant staff to do him a special Happy Birthday display and we all sang songs.

On Monday we chilled on Coma Ruga Beach before lunch and an afternoon at Rodo de Barra where we were later to perform our first gig in Spain. A stage had been set up for us opposite cafes which the Phase One crew set about making safe and secure for us to perform on while the rest of us hunted for shops or chilled on the beach. Some of us discovered an excellent beach bar where some of us indulged in Sangria. Our first performance was great; a good audience, some Euros in our bucket and some great dancing, especially by David Bradford, who with some Sangria inside him, got everyone up and going.

On Tuesday, we set off early for Barcelona. Here the group split up according to interests. We dropped some off at the new football stadium, (Johny Guy amongst this group of course). While the rest of the group took a picnic to the Gaudi Park, to have a walk, enjoy the views and of course, Gaudi's work. Some then went on to Familia Sagrada, Guadi's Cathedral, while the rest of us went on to Plaza Catalunya to walk the Ramblas, enjoy the entertainment, and shop. Here I have to give a personal well done to Susie Tawney for producing a boy who is good at shopping. I had Ben in my group and he really is a top and expert shopper to have along.

We all met up at the port and then took the bus ride up to the Tibidabo Cathedral that overlooks Barcelona. We didn't have the biggest audience there and it was some effort to get the pans up the steps but it really was the most beautiful setting. For my part it was the best performance Steel Pan Academy Youth have ever given and the atmosphere between the groups was electric and magic that night with all the youth playing



percussion and dancing with Phase One Steel Band. If I was to pick a magic moment of the tour, it would be watching the proud, happy and sun-kissed youth supporting Phase One. We were one big musical family and at that moment we all knew why it had been worth working so hard to fund this trip.

We had our supper in a local restaurant by the Tibidabo that did us proud and created a real part atmosphere to end a perfect day.

On Wednesday we dropped some of the group off in Tarragona to enjoy the Roman Ruins and some more shopping (Bev!!) while the majority of us headed to La Pineda for a great day at the Water Park. The Water Park was great and for the first time I really relaxed, knowing the group could have some fun and freedom in a safe environment. And boy did I relax, the Vincents kindly fetched me some lunch, Paula Hall and Carolyn Dorning brought me some Sangria and some of the crew even queued for me so the one ride I lazily got off my sun bed to go on I didn't even have to queue for.

Our final gig that evening was in front of the water park, with a pond and the beach and palm trees behind us, and a lovely large seated audience. It was a perfect setting and finish to our performances in Spain. After the concert we did a mad dash back for our supper at the Hotel and then all spent an evening having fun and enjoying our last evening together before our long journey home.

That is our tour but what I can't express in the report is the joy and pride in watching the groups bond, support each other and melt together into one big family. Sam and Matthew were top babysitters for 4 year old Hayden and Lisa is ready to take them both on any trip she ever does. All ages mixed with all ages, all became good friends and were highly supportive of each other. I cannot speak highly enough of the Academy Youth on tour, not only of their musicianship but of their behaviour, joy and support of each other. Many of Phase One Steel Band came with some hesitation on going on tour with a "bunch of kids" and by the end of the tour ALL of them stated without doubt that they would not want to do a tour without the youth now.

So some thank yous, firstly to Mr Daly and Harbury School who have so fully supported the Steel Pan Academy and the tour. Thank you parents, those that came with us I regard as firm friends and were brilliantly supportive, those that did not, thank you for all that you did to help us get there - your support was invaluable. Thank you also for your amazing children and encouraging them to take part in this tour. Thank you to Harbury for all your support of our fund raising efforts,

we raised nearly £4000 of the £5100 we had to raise and much of that is thanks to you. We still have £1200 to pay back so keep a look out for our efforts! Thank you Carolyn and the Time Bandits – your efforts were amazing and we were so glad you were there to share the experience. Finally, a thank you to Steel Pan Academy Youth @ Harbury, (though I know you are not all Harbury locals). You were all a joy to be with, a joy to play pan with, a joy to travel with and you have made every single minute, every bit of time and effort more than worthwhile. Roll on Steel Pan Academy/Phase One tour 2009!

Diana Hancox



## Steel Pan Academy – Barcelona Tour 2007

First of all, on behalf of all the steel panists who went on the tour, I would like to thank everyone who supported us by donating any amount of money that sent us on the trip. My personal favourite moment of the tour was 'Las Ramblas', walking down the beautiful street and watching all the amazing street artists. All of the performance venues were spectacular, especially the breathtaking Basilica Church, and I would just like to finish by thanking our fantastic leader Diana, and Carolyn for all the hard work they put in to the tour preparations that made our trip possible.

**Ben**

On the first week of the school holidays I went to Spain with the Steel Pan Academy and Phase One (steel pan group from Coventry). Whilst there we played at three different venues which were great. The hotel

was great with a swimming pool which was brilliant. We had such fun playing at all three gigs and on the last day we went to a water park and it was the best thing ever. Phase One were a fantastic bunch of people and we had such fun travelling with them on the coach and from Spain. I hope all those that went on the trip had as good a time as I did. Also thank you to everyone who made this trip possible and to the people who organized it.

**Alex Vincent**

I enjoyed Nou Camp a lot. The sheer size of the stadium was incredible, and the museum and tour were also very enjoyable. The water park was pretty intense as well – it was like a theme park but in water. Playing percussion with Phase One and just watching them was a really valuable experience for me as well, because now I know the standard that can be reached on Steel Pans. Phase One were all really nice, and we got along like a house on fire. I'd definitely do it again – I wouldn't want to change a thing about the whole holiday.

**Jonny Guy**

I loved every minute that I spent in Spain but my favourite bit has to be getting to know everyone in Phase One (the group we toured with). We all got on really well from the moment we got onto the coach. I hope to see them all soon. I'm missing them already!!!

I wouldn't have had such an amazing time without the support of the community. I'd particularly like to thank Harbury Primary School for putting up with our car washes. We wouldn't have been able to do it without you!!

**Ellie White**

The most memorable part of our tour to Barcelona, for me, was the coach journey on the way there; not because anything really special happened but because this was where we got to know Phase One (the other steel pan band we were travelling with). I'm not very good at remembering other people's names but we played a game called 'Concentration' where we had to say others' names. This helped me to learn and remember everyone's names on the tour. By the time we had arrived in Spain I didn't need to ask anyone what their name was again!

**Naomi Bradford**

I enjoyed all of the trip, but the best bit was when we got there and seeing Spain for the first time. I also liked playing with Phase One.

**Matthew Van Kesteren**

The best part for me was the second day. We went to Gaudi Park, which had a few weird sculptures and some cute little jewellery stalls. Then we went to Las Ramblas, a famous massive shopping street. It was filled with hundreds of stalls, shops and street entertainers.

Their costumes were amazing and we had a few photos taken with them. It had an endless choice of souvenirs, bit and small. Then we headed up to Tibidabo on the top of a big hill overlooking Barcelona, and played right next to the Cathedral. The sound carried magnificently and you could see for miles. I got a lot out of the trip and it has boosted my confidence with pans.

Kerry Dorning

## Lighting up Southam

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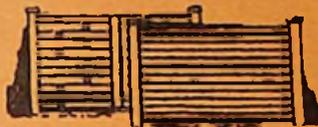
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To book any event please ring me on 613003. Some events have limited places so please book early!



### LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

#### *Dear Editors*

*John and Mary McLaughlin would like to thank everyone who sent cards and condolences after the death of John's mother, Joyce on 13<sup>th</sup> July 07. She spent many years in Harbury and always enjoyed meeting and having a chat with our friends in the village.*

*Many thanks to you all.*

*John and Mary (Hightop)*

**Bob Tail cat** - he has two beautiful kittens that have been born if his owner wants to see them.

**Ellis-Greenway family - Tel; 01926 614462**

**Dear Editors**

*On behalf of the Rotary Club and Inner Wheel Club of Southam thank you everyone who supported our coffee morning on 4<sup>th</sup> August. £144 was raised to be split between the two clubs for International and Local Community charities.*

*For information about Rotary International and your local club, contact Gwenda Gaffney on 01926 811028.*

**Bob Stevens****Dear Editors**

*We would like to thank everyone who came to the coffee morning for the Multiple Sclerosis Society on 11<sup>th</sup> August, also everyone who helped on the day. The gifts of cakes, raffle prizes and donations was greatly appreciated. It was good to see members of the local M.S branch too. We were able to send a cheque for £365.00.*

*Again many thanks.*

**Doreen Bloxham & Brenda Turner**

**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

**OCTOBER EDITION - HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS**

**Adverts to 31, Binswood End by 15th September**  
**Articles to Harbury Pharmacy by Thurs 27th September**

## 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)

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

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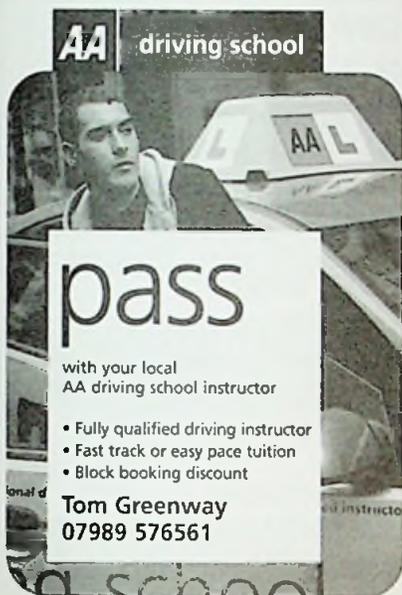
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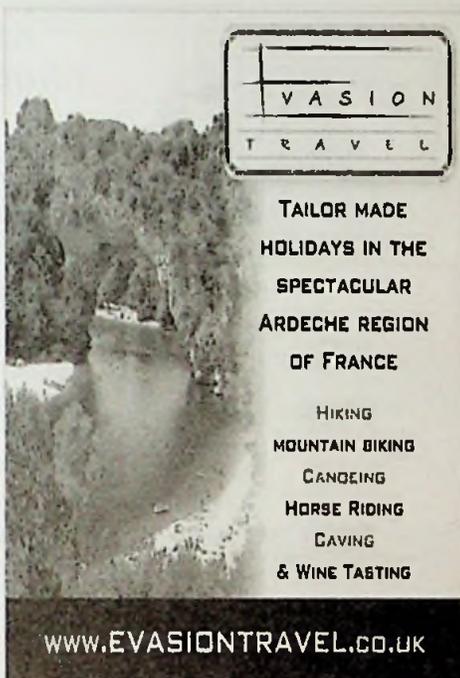
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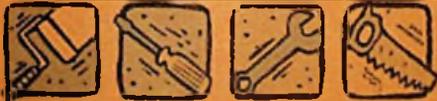
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