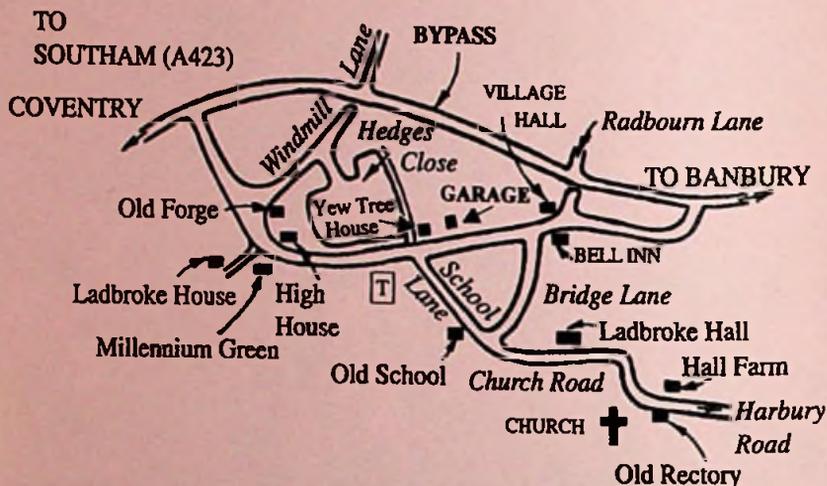


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Editorial

The summer season is bringing successes. Ladbroke's fete was well attended and very successful. Harbury's Carnival benefited from a lovely day and whilst the number of floats was slightly down, the quality of all the entrants was extremely high. On the sporting front, Harbury Tennis Club's Juniors and Seniors are doing well. Three teenagers have successfully completed the level one LTA Coaching Assistant Course, which will be a great help with the junior programme. Down at the Cricket Club the team are winning some very exciting matches.



There have been two recent break-ins to properties in Harbury, and as Alison Abbott advises in her article, do take precautions before leaving your property.

The Theatre Group are recruiting new members for the November production – see article for details.

This month sees Vicki Sharp and Nigel Chapman retiring from Harbury School. We wish them both a long and happy retirement.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Tim Millington, Ethel Sollis, Harry Taylor and Len Wallington.

Harbury Diary

JULY

Sat	5	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Theatre Group
Sun	6	TRINITY VII Sung Eucharist 9.00am First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room Cricket home to Badby Evening Worship 6.00pm
Tue	8	Toddlers Service 2.00pm in Church Holy Communion 7.30pm WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
Thurs	10	Holy Communion 9.45am Bridge 7.00pm in Village Club

- Fri 11 Retirement Party for Nigel Chapman 7.30pm in Village Hall
further details available from school 612656
- Sat 12 Coffee Morning, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke Church
Harbury Street Sale, 9.00am start - Houses in 3 roads taking
part:- Farm Street, Sutcliffe Drive, Dickens Road. Parking is
available at the Old New Inn on Farm Street. Come and grab a
bargain!
Sounds of the Sixties Festival 6.00pm at Harbury Rugby Club
- Sun 13 **TRINITY VIII**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Harbury Society Guided Tour Coventry 10.30am 612860
- Tues 15 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Senior Citizens Benefit Committee 8.00pm in Village Hall
**ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY
5.30pm**
- Weds 16 Tea 3.00pm to 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Mothers' Union Social Evening 6.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 17 Holy Communion 9.45am
Bridge 7.00pm in Village Club
Parish Council 7.30pm Village Hall
- Fri 18 **GREEN WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTION**
- Sat 19 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Cinnamon
Cricket home to Warwick
- Sun 20 **TRINITY IX**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Family Communion Service 10.30am
Evensong 6.00pm
- Mon 21 P.C.C. Meeting 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 22 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Julian Meeting 8.00pm in Church
- Thurs 24 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Bridge 7.00pm in Village Club
**ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY
& EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM**
- Sat 26 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mother's Union
- Sun 27 **TRINITY X**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Cricket home to Hockley Heath 2.30pm
- Tues 29 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Weds 30 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30pm - 4.30pm, 19 Farm Street
- Thurs 31 Holy Communion 9.45am
Bridge 7.00pm in Village Club

AUGUST

Sat	2	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Holiday Club
Sun	3	TRINITY XI Sung Eucharist 9.00am First Light Service 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room Evening Worship 6.00pm
Tues	5	Holy Communion 7.30pm
Weds	6	No Mothers' Union Meeting
Thurs	7	Holy Communion 9.45am No Men's Group Meeting
Sat	9	Senior Citizens Summer Lunch in Village Hall



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From the Rector

Father Craig Grocock

People do and say some daft things?

Why for example when people go out to the theatre, do they put their best clothes on only to sit in the darkness for hours? Why do people stare out of the window on underground tube trains?

Why did Japanese Kamikaze pilots wear crash helmets? Why do you use hand signals when you're giving directions over the phone? And why, when people have written to someone who's recently moved house, do they say "I hope I got the address right?" And why on Earth do people believe in God especially in this day and age?

Well, perhaps belief in God isn't dying off as some would have us believe. In a recent survey, 40% of people in this country said they believed in God. There are alternatives, however; there's the atheist – who says there is no God. Being an atheist though takes a huge step of faith. After all, they have to live with the constant threat of being proven wrong, even if it is after death, it could be a risky business! Then there are the agnostics - those who are not sure whether God exists or not. Problem with sitting on the fence is that you probably have to come down one side or the other eventually. God either exists or he doesn't. The agnostic therefore will always be proven wrong. Then there's the believer – 40% of people in this country who believe that God exists. Maybe a lot of people believe but are not sure why they do – perhaps they've not really thought about it, perhaps you are one of them.

We at All Saints' in Harbury and Ladbrooke would love to see you at one of our services this month. Why not come along and join us and see that we're not all that daft really?

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

May 24 Laurence William Duffy to Joanne Waters

Marriage Blessing, All Saints', Harbury

June 14 Phillipa Chudley and David Walker

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

May 25 Megan Mazurek

June 1 Alfie Miles Otley Latham

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

May 28 Ethel Sollis (89)

June 10 Tim Cunliffe Millington (76)

June 18 Len Wallington (72)



From the Churchwardens

Tony & Fliss

The presentation at the June Family Communion was given by Father Craig. With the aid of pictures, he reminded us that what we believe we see is not always the full story, not always what we get. What we are told about Jesus and about His church is not always what we should see. We must remember that Jesus is the light of the world: He invites us to walk in the light of His truth. At the end of the service, Sophie received a prayer card from Father Craig to mark ten attendances at Funday Club. Congratulations Sophie!



Our seventh annual Art Exhibition, run in conjunction with the Open Gardens Weekend, took place on June 21st and 22nd. As always our thanks go to Bill and Nancy Davies, Anne and John Moore and the whole team who work so hard to make this event such a success. Thanks, too, to Liz McBride for coordinating the catering corps which unites people from a wide spectrum of village life. Despite Saturday's weather, we were all able to welcome a good number of visitors over the course of the two days.



On the evening of June 21st, Father Craig presented five candidates, Kelly, Sam, Charlotte, Daniel and Oliver for confirmation by Bishop John at St Nicholas, Kenilworth. At the Holy Eucharist on Sunday 22nd, Father Craig anointed Kelly, Charlotte and Oliver, gave them their certificates of confirmation and prayer cards, and they took their first Communion. Sam and Daniel were away from the village but doubtless their

confirmation will be marked in the same way on their return. This was the beginning of a truly wonderful service. At its end, Philip was presented with gifts from All Saints' Harbury, notably a baptismal stole, to mark his ordination as deacon and to thank him for all that he has done in God's service here during the past six years. When you read this, Philip will have been ordained at Coventry Cathedral on June 29th, with some sixty of us there to support him. This is an exciting time for God's church in Harbury. Building on the past, we look ahead to the future. Please keep especially in your thoughts and prayers those newly confirmed and Philip, newly ordained, as they begin a further stage in their Christian journey.



STOP PRESS: All Saints' Harbury Holiday Club will take place from Tuesday 12th August to Friday 15th August in the Tom Hauley Room. It will be followed by the Family Communion Service on Sunday 17th August. Registration will take place on Monday 11th August. Please watch this space and your school newsletter and handouts which will be sent out from school for further details.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

This month has given us a variety of interests. On June 3rd, four of us attended the Diocesan Festival Service at St. Nicholas, Kenilworth. Always a special occasion, with all the banners on parade, this time we were addressed by Fleur Dorrell, head of the Faith and Policy Unit at Mary Sumner House. She spoke about Jesus' mother Mary and her

cousin Elizabeth – with the interesting idea – was theirs the first Mothers' Union meeting? She stressed that prayer is the most important activity, and so older members who are no longer able to rush around doing things are essential to pray for those who can.

On June 4th we hosted a quiet morning, reflecting on the spirituality of our membership of the M.U; eleven of our members were present and learned a lot.

In the afternoon, we were delighted to welcome Father Craig who filled us in on his life-before-Harbury. From his childhood in Shropshire, through his Church Army work, his marriage and family life, to his becoming a priest in Harbury, so that we ended up feeling he is already a real friend.

We hoped he would join us again, and indeed he did, for our evening meeting on June 17th. This was to listen to our speaker, Richard Farnell, tell us about the Church Urban Fund. This is being relaunched 20 years after its inception, following the report "Faith in the City". Its aim is to address poverty and injustice; sadly today 1million people, of whom 3.8 million are children, live below the poverty in the U.K. The Church Urban Fund enables churches to respond to a perceived need in their community, by being a facilitator and providing support and a voice as well as financial back up. The Bishop has pledged Coventry Diocese to raise £700,000 – one pound for each person in the diocese. This seems fair as, over the 20 years, the C.U.F, has contributed £1m to 47 projects on 80 occasions.

Saturday July 12th - Tom Hauley Room lunch

Wednesday July 16th - Faith supper 6.30pm

Saturday July 26th - Coffee Morning

There are no meetings in August; we wish all our members a restful and hopefully sunny summer.



First Light

Alison Abbott

First Light is an informal gathering for all ages run by a small team from your Parish Church. We aim to keep it gentle and interactive. No two months are the same so you are never quite sure what will happen.

In June we celebrated the joy of finding something that was lost. We are all made to know and love God and if we are far from God He is constantly searching for us, then when we respond and return to Him, God throws a party to celebrate.

God welcomes us into his family and we become part of the bigger picture, a unique and important part, - which is our focus for July.

Looking forward to August we will examine how God has made each one of us with special qualities and abilities. If you have a job to do you choose the right tool for the job. You would not try to dig the garden with a hammer or knock a nail in with a saw! In the same way, when we know what we are made for and use the gifts God has given us, we can do what we do well and not struggle or get frustrated trying to be something else.

Come along on the first Sunday of the month (July 6th and August 3rd). First light begins at 10.30 but you are very welcome to come earlier for a cup of coffee or tea and a biscuit and chat.



Toddler's Service

Lorna Bedford

At our service in June, Mrs Elizabeth Kitchener told us the story of Noah and how he built a very large boat and filled it with his family and lots and lots of animals, so that when the flood came they would all be kept safe and dry. We also heard how God showed a rainbow to Noah and promised he would never flood the whole world again.

Accompanied by Mr Michael Hare on his accordion, we sang two songs, "The Lord said to Noah: There's going to be a floody, floody", and "Mr. Noah built an Ark".

The children took home a beautiful picture of a rainbow which they had created using lots of different coloured tiny squares of tissue paper.

Our next Toddlers Service is on 8th July at 2pm in the children's corner of the Church. All babies and young children, accompanied by an adult, are welcome to join us.



News from the Tower

On Saturday 14th of June a band of local ringers rang a quarter peal of 1260 Steadman Triples in 45 minutes. This was rung in celebration of the life of Tim Millington who had been a faithful ringer at Harbury for over twenty years.

Alison Abbott

Wedding Day



On the gloriously fine day of April 26th 2008 at 1pm, William Jones and Kelly Coleman became husband and wife at All Saints Church, Harbury. As the guests were arriving, the bells were ringing out and as you might have expected the groom was up there ringing too! Much to the ringers delight, the bride made a point of being on time!

A wonderful service led by Rev. Stephen Knight followed. It contained a good mix of light-hearted and serious moments. As we are both members of the Hereburgh Morris side they offered to dance, a special dance with us at its centre. As we exited the church, they made an arch of sticks for every one to walk through. After photographs and more dancing, we went for a circular ride round the village in a carriage and pair thus fulfilling a lifelong dream of the bride; to have horses at her wedding. Harbury is such a friendly village and it was wonderful to be waved at by people in the street, their gardens and even through the kitchen window! On returning to the church we all went through to the church rooms for a wine and nibbles reception. The father of the bride, Geoff Coleman, gave an off the cuff toast and we cut the cake so that everyone could have a piece. During the evening we held a barn dance and buffet for family and friends in the Village Hall, with wonderful music from 'Reel to Reel'. As well as inviting family, friends and work colleagues, we gave out open invitations to people in the various groups we are involved in and also to the whole family of the church. This made for a wonderful "village wedding" as everyone seemed to know and get on with everyone else. We certainly enjoyed ourselves tremendously. We owe such a lot to all those who chipped in to help in whatever way they could – Thank you!

William Jones

Ladbroke News & Diary

JULY

Sat	5	Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun	6	TRINITY VII Family Communion 10.30am in Church

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- Tues 8 **Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall**
 Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Sat 12 **Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall**
- Sun 13 TRINITY VIII**
 Holy Communion 9.00am in Church
- Tues 15 **Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall**
 Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
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- Wed 16 **Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm in Village Hall**
- Sun 20 TRINITY IX**
 Holy Communion 9.00am BCP in Church
- Tues 22 **Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall**
 Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 24 **Women's Institute 7.30pm in Village Hall**
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 Holy Communion 9.00am in Church
- Tues 29 **Aerobics 6.00pm in Village Hall**
 Yoga 7.00pm in Village Hall

AUGUST

- Sun 3 TRINITY XI**
 Family Communion 10.30am in Church

Ladbroke Flower Rota Jane Rutherford

- July 13th Christine Baker
- July 20th Carol Loftus
- July 27th Pat Kennedy
- August 3rd Helen Morten
- August 10th Sue Lord



Ladbroke Church News

Betty Winkfield

If you are wondering why the church clock isn't going or the bells are not rung for the 9.00am service, give a thought to John Davies. He has been doing these "behind the scenes" jobs for several years now. John has to have a heart by-pass operation soon and his wife Betty is also seriously ill. Our prayers are with them constantly.

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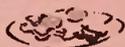
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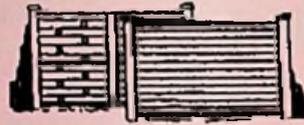
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On a happier note, the wedding of Natalie and David Hart was a really joyful occasion and even the weather behaved. We wish them a happy future together.

Our bric-a-brac stall made a net profit of £90 towards church funds. Thank you to the fete organisers, who did a grand job. Another very happy occasion.

Our next money raising effort is Ladbroke Church coffee morning in the Tom Hauley room on Saturday July 12th 10.00am to 12 noon, please come and support us. The usual raffle prizes, cakes and other saleable items are needed please.



Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

Apologies were received from District Councillor Williams and Parish Councillor Batty – in his absence Peter Goldson was in the Chair.

Public Participation – There was a request for repairs to Radbourne Lane road surface, which is very neglected. The road-side grass cutting was not satisfactory at all. The various road signs were, in some cases almost grown into the grass where the mower had not mown around them. A strimmer was needed. The visibility from roads turning on to the bypass was very restricted where the grass had not been cut properly. The person doing the grass cutting was new to the area.

Matters arising – The notice board – extension or replacement or a second board? Discussions are on-going. Grants (matching funds) available for new noticeboards.

Flood relief grants. The parish discussed the purchasing of water pumps and interlocking barriers.

The removal of the telephone box from the corner of Banbury Road / School Lane - the Council discussed the purchasing of the telephone box. It is a focal point in the village and very useful when giving directions.

Planning applications – Dovecote bungalow, this was discussed at some length. The owner wishes the "agricultural tie" to be lifted.

Ladbroke Hill Farm, regarding the erection of two groom's cottages. An informal meeting is to take place in Stratford regarding an appeal.

Village Hall – The new equipment bought for the Hall will be marked with Smartwater – audio equipment, among other things. The Village Hall committee is organising a Safari Supper, date to be arranged.

The Millennium Green – The fete was a great success, blessed with good weather. Final monies raised are still to be announced.

Website – The website is up and running although there is still some work to do. The £5,000 grant must be spent by September 30th.

County Councillor's Report – The County and District Councillors held their first joint meeting which was very useful. They will be held on a one year trial period. There may well be county grants available for the new Village Hall. The fire service is financially satisfactory but there is a possibility of an amalgamation with Worcestershire.

The Deppers Bridge 7.5 tonne weight restriction is to remain, it seems to be the best option. Finally it appears that the road side signs are again disappearing, and the housing survey questionnaire is being examined.

The meeting closed at 21.10 hours. The next meeting is on 16th July.



Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

Janet Goldson

The results of the draw for May were as follows:

- £80 Alan Lochhead
- £25 Susan Moore
- £25 Jim & Pauline Laidler
- £10 Brian Whitehouse
- £10 Deborah Price & Seth Brown
- £10 Pete Edgar
- £10 Richard Walker
- £10 Mary Coley



Ladbroke General Section

Ladbroke Fete – 7th June

The Millennium Green again provided a great venue for the Village Fete.

The Church Bells heralded the beginning of the afternoon's activities. Throughout the afternoon traditional stalls such as the Tombola, China Smashing, Skittles, Beat the Goalie and face painting provided an afternoon of fun.



A model aeroplane display, table tennis and a flower stall stimulated lots of discussion while also contributing to the fund raising.

During the afternoon there were a number of special events that kept the village excited. The Band "Capulets" kicked off the afternoon with a rousing set while the Pet show judges had to pick the winners from a mixture of household pets including a snail!



The Duck Race down the Brook, which was organised by the Bell Inn provided lots of entertainment as the Commentator kept up a running commentary which was fed back to the Millennium Green Crowd.

The Children's races and the Tug of War pulls provided a great opportunity for everyone to work off the food from the Tea and Cake stall and the BBQ.

Groups such as Southam Lions, the Police and SPEAR with their pony also took advantage of the Fete to meet the Ladbroke Community.

A fun afternoon with everybody already looking forward to the next Fete.

Martin Neal



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Annual Parish Meeting May 2008

There was an excellent turnout for the Annual Parish Meeting. Over fifty people, mainly from the Harbury Society heard their Councillors report on progress over the past year but what they really wanted to get their teeth into was the detail of the new recycling scheme from Stratford DC's Rob Weeks.

With the horror stories emanating from neighbouring Warwick District they were anxious for reassurance and in large measure that is what they got from Rob Weeks who outlined the reasons why a new system was imperative and gave details of how it was intended to function.

Stratford District residents have agitated for better recycling facilities but the existing contract with Biffa did not include plastics and cardboard collections so improvements were both needed and wanted. On top of this, Government and EU pressure is on local authorities to reduce the amount of rubbish that goes to landfill (averaging a ton per household a year). Landfill sites are precious and need to be kept for residues that cannot be dealt with in other ways.

To "encourage" local authorities to reduce residual waste, and recycle more, there are financial penalties for those who do not reach their targets. Stratford DC would be fined £1 million a year. To show what that would do to the Council Tax Rob explained that the 3.5% rise this year generated only £200,000 additional revenue for the District.

So Stratford DC has renegotiated a Contract with Verdant who are working with the existing contractor Biffa during the change-over period. Everyone praised the Biffa staff and it was expected that most of them would move over to Verdant.

Initially every household would use three bins which should all be delivered by 4th August this year. A BLUE lidded bin would replace the black boxes and crates (householders can keep the old ones or take them to Princes Drive for reuse).

The BLUE bin will be for all recyclable materials that were accepted before with the addition of cardboard, plastic bottles and tetra-packs and as before the bins will be collected fortnightly.

The GREEN bins which most households already have are for compostable waste and can also take biodegradable food waste, which can be wrapped in newspaper, paper sacks or compostable plastic sacks (not recyclable ones). These will be collected as the same time as the Blue ones – fortnightly.

The old Black Sacks will be replaced by the new GREY bin for everything that remains when you have recycled all you can. And these things can be put into black sacks in the bin. They will hold the equivalent of three black sacks. Food waste can be put in these bins too, but they will be collected fortnightly on the weeks that the recycling is not removed, so householders may want to put the first week's food waste in the Green bin.

All the bin lids should be kept down so that flies and rats cannot get in. This means they should not be overfilled and no "side waste" that is extra bags will be collected.

The good news is that the contractors will work through all the Bank Holidays except Christmas Day and New Years Day so there should be less problem in remembering which week's collection is for which bins.

The bad news is that the composting plant will not be ready on time so Green Waste will be collected as usual for the first three months (August, September and October) but then will stop for November to March. During that hiatus the Grey Bins will be collected every week so that food waste will be taken away each week.

The Elderly and Infirm who now have help with putting out their bins etc will continue to receive assistance. People whose properties cannot accommodate three bins will be allowed sacks and boxes, but they will have the bins delivered and will have to arrange with SDC for alternative arrangements.

Everyone was urged to watch out for the Stratford Council "Review" magazine which should be delivered to every home. It will have full details of the scheme including which types of plastics are accepted.

There were loads of questions on the details. Gladys Hutchins protested that a new system was unnecessary and bound to cost more, but she was quickly won over by the news that it would actually cost half as much. The street cleaning contract should mean greater care about not leaving rubbish about on bin day, or quickly clearing it up.

Rob Weeks recognised that not everything would go smoothly but hoped that by the end of a ten week initial period, 90% of problems would be resolved. There were five additional staff to deal with phone enquiries and contact details would be in the Review.

Our County Councillor Bob Stevens then outlined what WCC had achieved over the year. He praised the results of partnership working and the delegation of powers down to communities. There would be a new Area Committee system jointly with SDC and Locality Fora with delegated powers.

On Waste, WCC was working jointly with Coventry to replace the Incinerator with a newer one which could take Warwickshire's residual waste and create power. There would be a decision on 22nd July on whether the Biffa application for in-vessel composting at the Ufton Tip would be allowed.

The County's Speeding Review will result in the B4451 Southam, Deppers, Ufton road being 50mph and also the B4452 through Bishops to the M40. Measures would also be taken to help reduce accidents on the Fosse. Bob had managed to reinstate our Traffic Management Scheme with money for a feasibility study. He also covered changes to services for the Elderly, Children, the work of Fire and Police Services and Trading Standards.

District Councillors Andrew Patrick and new representative Beverley Mann reminded the over 60's that they can update their bus passes to give 9am to midnight free travel and advertised the next Councillors Corner on 7th June outside the Post Office and later at the Great Western.

Community Beat Officer Katrina stressed the value of the PACT meetings in Southam where residents can put their policing concerns to the partners (next meeting 16th July 7-9pm at Southam College). The current clamp-down on nuisance youths was continuing and countywide there was an operation against rogue callers.

She was generally pleased with the take up of Smartwater which was still available from Southam Police. There was some concern that not all Harbury residents were offered the opportunity to purchase this property marking high-tech product.

Finally she warned residents they would be out with their laser speed gun again – be warned!

Parish Councillor's reports were brief as there were hard copies for the audience. The Clerk can supply copies to anyone who would like one, (614646)

The Chairman, Tim Lockley mentioned the three recent co-options and the local housing scheme for Bush Heath Lane.

Deppers representative Rob Grey explained the Weight limit trial on the Railway Bridge, the new High Power Electricity line proposed to cross the hamlet and the Quarries Masterplan.

Planning Chairman Jenny Patrick alluded to that too and planning enforcement which depended on local people alerting the Parish Council to unauthorised works. She explained that people could not see all planning applications on the District's Website. There is a link to it on the new Parish website www.harbury-pc.gov.uk

Properties Chairman Sharon Hancock hoped that the installation of Bollards and greater vigilance would prevent a reoccurrence of last year's post Carnival Rave.

Environment Chairman Tim Lockley was pleased with the news of the Village Improvements feasibility study and announced new girl Alison Baldwin was taking over as Chair of the sub-group.

Finance Chair Tony Mancell explained the 2.5% precept rise was in line with inflation and would help fund Youth and Village Hall Projects, and tree maintenance. He thanked the Parish Clerk for her hard work.

There followed reports from the Village Hall where Chairman Geoff Thorpe offered to show those doubting the need to modernise the Hall a tour of the loos, showers etc. and from the Twinning Committee, celebrating their tenth year.

Informal networking of Councillors and residents then continued over wine and nibbles.

Annual Report for Deppers Bridge, Cllr Ron Grey

When I started on the Council this year, replacing Mr Van Spall, there were two main issues running: the formation of a masterplan for future development of the Harbury Cement Works and a search for a solution to the problem with the Deppers railway bridge. I was just in time to see the final polish to the masterplan before it was adopted as County & District policy. Since then the developers have been reviewing their position in the light of the masterplan and their existing permissions and no doubt in the coming year they will reveal their vision for the future of the site when we shall again be negotiating our interests. As a resident of Deppers Bridge, I was already involved with the railway bridge and have been able to link the Council and the residents in getting a trial of a weight limit. This has produced a significant drop in HGV traffic passing through. This year will see a permanent arrangement adopted and we are hopeful that this will be the weight limit.

During the year, two more matters arose: the proposed buildings for a recycling unit plus extension of the landfill site at Ufton and a revival of EMEB's plan for a 132Kv power line on 35 to 50ft timber towers between Harbury and Rugby sub-stations. The Ufton proposal has been resisted by the County, the District and the Parish on the grounds that foreseeable needs during the stated life of the Ufton tip already exist there or elsewhere in the area and the proposed additions will probably result in the importation of rubbish from outside the County, which is undesirable in principle. The application has been withdrawn by Biffa's successors and separate amended versions for the two activities are promised and will need to be dealt with in the next year.

In 2004 EMEB proposed the power line and your Council took the view that it would be acceptable only if run underground in keeping with Government guidelines and the application was rejected on appeal. Now it has been revived, we have taken the same stance but no new planning application has been lodged so far. It will probably be delayed until after August when a new quango set up by the Government will take over the decision on infrastructure matters like this and take it out of Council remit. We will maintain our view but hold no great hope of prevailing.

Altogether, an eventful year, likely to be followed by another.

Chairman of the Parish Council's Report for the Year Ended March 31st 2008

A Parish Council is the smallest tier of local government; Harbury Parish Council has one part-time employee, and yet it is also the tier that is closest to the people. The money raised in the parish is spent in the parish, maintaining assets such as the playground and the playing fields,

and making grants to village organisations. All the parish councillors live in the parish, and hear about the issues that concern people in the pub, at church, on the school playground, or at any number of village events including the regular councillors' surgeries. This flow of information enables the parish council to act effectively on behalf of the village community. Another aspect of the Parish Council's role is to liaise with Stratford District Council and Warwickshire County Council to ensure that the parish gets its fair share of centralised resources. Sometimes dealing with these much larger authorities with hundreds of employees and multi-million pound budgets can be frustrating as the wheels of administration sometimes move very slowly. We are fortunate in that we have excellent working relationships with our elected district and county representatives who intervene regularly on our behalf.

There were several changes to the Parish Council during 2007-8. Dutch Van Spall, Karena Ellis and Kevin Biddle all resigned due to work pressures, and we thank them for several years' service. In their stead we co-opted Ron Grey (for Deppers Bridge), Alison Baldwin and Alan Knowles. All but one of the current council stood for election in May 2008, and were re-elected. Ann Winchester chose not to stand again, and we also thank her for many years hard work on the Parish Council. We will fill the empty place by co-option.

Harbury continues to deal successfully with the challenges it has faced during the past year. A suitable masterplan was agreed for the Bishop's Bowl site; consultation is ongoing about new social housing in Bush Heath Lane; and the Parish Council was able to meet all its financial obligations while increasing its precept only by the rate of inflation. We continue to work on improving the village environment, and hope we will be able to implement some traffic calming measures in the coming year. We entered Warwickshire's Best Kept Village competition and received a Gold Award.

As ever the role of the chairman would be impossible without an effective parish clerk, and we are extremely fortunate that in Nicola we have an experienced person who ensures that parish affairs run smoothly. The work of my fellow councillors also makes my job far easier and is much appreciated.

Dr Tim Lockley, Chairman

Planning Report - May 2008

Members 2007-08: *Cllrs Patrick (Chairman), Winchester, Mancell, Knowles & Thompson*

The planning group of the Parish Council have again been active in the Masterplan for Bishop Bowl lakes site and will continue to be vigilant as to

what happens there. As the Masterplan has been produced, (see the SDC website) there are certain guidelines that will now have to be adhered to and your Parish Council will be keen to make sure that any development is in keeping with a rural location.

There have been numerous planning applications in the village which we have been happy to support as they were within keeping of their situation. Ones that we were unhappy about and where we made representation were: - the mast at the telephone exchange in Mill Street and Harbury Croft. These all went to Dasset Area committee and after discussions were voted through. We were concerned that Harbury Croft was to be demolished and a larger house built on the site. We hope if this does happen that environmental considerations will be taken into account. We can only act to make comments and we do this vigorously.

When any building takes place we rely on the community to let us know if they think it is not being built according to plans. All plans can be viewed now on the SDC website and also on the Harbury Parish Council website www.harbury-pc.gov.uk under planning. The enforcement officer is then informed and investigates the anomaly. This has happened on a number of occasions and has in some cases required a retrospective planning application to be made.

The Parish Council has made an application itself for the BMX track at the playing fields and we hope this will happen during this year.

Some of the planning working party has volunteered to attend training courses during the year to be able to keep up to date with the new planning guidelines. This is a very important part of being a councillor.

I would like to thank all the members of the working group for their advice and support especially to Ann Winchester who is retiring this year from the Parish Council.

Jenny Patrick

The Annual Report from the Finance and General Purposes Working Party, The Properties Working Party and the Police Report have been held over and will appear in next month's issue - The Editors



Councillor's Corner

Andrew Patrick

Saturday 7th June

Here are some of the issues raised by Harbury & Deppers Bridge residents who came to talk to us at the Post Office and later at the Great Western. Much of it was to do with roads, but not all.

Many of you had concerns about roads and footpaths - the footpath from South Parade to Percival Drive, the gullies in South Parade and adjoining streets, the lack of white lines after resurfacing in The Beeches - and about overgrowing grass verges and hedges - in Binswood End, Mill Street, Farm Street and Hall Lane.

All these concerns are being taken up with the Parish Council and/or with County Highways.

We understand the Parish Council has put a separate article on the subject, in this issue. Another big issue was parking - problems for the procession on Carnival Day, the "short-stay" problem in South Parade and Park Lane at the start of the school day, and more generally, the increasing habit of parking half on the pavement, half on the road.

We are discussing these matters with the Parish Council and the Police.

Meanwhile, **if you park with two wheels on the pavement, please ask yourself "Can someone in a wheelchair get past my car?"**

There was concern about the speed of traffic down Middle Road, and about progress with ideas for traffic calming on the western side of the village. On both of these points, the County are sympathetic, and will be reporting to the June Parish Council meeting.

Concerning the weight limit at the railway bridge, Deppers Bridge residents are overwhelmingly in support, and have written letters urging the Highways Department to make the limit permanent.

Apart from roads, residents wanted to know more about the "threat" to GP surgeries of polyclinics. Our Parish Council medical expert reassured us, explaining the polyclinics will only affect towns & cities.

And last but definitely not least, housing. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Turner of Chapel Street on the front-page article about their situation, in the Courier. We all hope that a solution can be found. They've already had to wait far too long.

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Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

We had a very enjoyable day at the Carnival with our display and our Bat the Rat Game; the winner of which was Pam Ireland.

Here's a picture of me explaining our display and my granddaughter Eloise trying her best to Bat the Rat!



It was interesting to note that children seemed to get just as much pleasure writing up their names and scores as they did trying to catch the rodents! We made about £33 profit.

Our next event is the Guided Tour of St Mary's Hall in Coventry and the Undercroft Museum (£2.50) at 10.30am on Sunday 13th July for which there are still a few places left. Call me on 612792 if you are interested.

After that, things quieten down for the summer until the Civic Trust Open Days 11th - 14th September. The details will be available soon on www.heritageopendays.org.uk/

On 23rd September Roger Butler will give us a talk on Local Canals and on 13th October we have invited back David Howe who will recall his theme of "Remembering not to Forget"!



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

Carnival Day was a great success with the weather on our side. Entries in the parade were excellent. Our entry, Harbury WI 90 years celebration, was the usual good effort by the team, coming second in our class and third on the field. The cake stall was well supported and was soon sold out. Many thanks to the members who always support us and help on the day.

The group meeting at Napton was a pleasant evening seeing many friends from other WI's. The speaker was Jill Fraser. She started as a reporter for "Woman's Hour" on Radio 4 and Newsround and Breakfast Time for BBC1. Since having children and settling in the Midlands she has worked as a reporter/ researcher for a number of regional television programmes including "Heart of the Country". For the past 14 years she has lived in an old vicarage and runs the Sunday school and hosts the

village fete. Her book – “More tea less vicar” is how to survive in an English vicarage when you’re not the vicar.

Again, meeting old friends and reminiscing at our afternoon tea get-together was super. The team did a great job.

Celebration Day is on Saturday 5th July at Leamington Town Hall, hoping to attract the public to come and see what WI has to offer. A few of our members have entered into art and cookery sections.

The member’s Garden Party is at the home of Ann Mayer on Thursday 24th July at 7.00pm, entry £1.50. There will be the usual raffle, bring and buy and refreshments. Please bring a chair if possible.

The outing to Althorpe on Thursday 17th July leaves the Village Hall at 10.30am, so please arrive in good time.

Congratulations to Nora Ellis for winning the Denman College Bursary this year.

Good notice to members to say that the WI Harvest Supper is on Friday 26th September at the Village Hall. It is most important that members say if they are going and sign the list for their meal for the organisers to plan.

Mr David Jullien was the speaker on ‘Climate change in your own backyard’. Well, all the things that he mentioned were overwhelming. Global warming, drought, flash flooding, 100 year storms, have now increased. Charts showing up and down of activity from 1900 to 2000, greenhouse effects, carbon dioxide, energy fossil, oil, coal, that can’t come back. Then of course there are China and India who are using so much more fuels. Apparently, a third of what we use is wasted, so we will have to take ourselves in hand. Appliances, insulation of lofts, cavity wall insulation (I can recommend that) modern heating boilers and energy efficient light bulbs all help. Different ways of heating, like windmills and solar were debatable and the firms that were selling them are not all they are cracked up to be. Yes, David Julien covered much more and was very informative. The biggest surprise was telling us that we have more tornados than America, but of course, very small!

July Speaker: Judi Smith – ‘Tips for successful shows’.



Harbury Theatre Group

Trish Donnelly

Autumn Production

Calling all would-be actors and actresses. Harbury Theatre group will be holding a reading for our autumn production at 3.00pm Sunday 13th July at The Scout Hut.

We would like to invite anyone to come along, whether you are interested in acting on stage, being a backstage crew member, getting to grips with the technical side of lighting and sound or a front of house team member.

The production will be performed from 27th to 30th November 2008.

The play has a number of parts for children, so we are hoping to see some younger faces.

If you have been involved before, or would like to try this for the first time, come along you will be most welcome.

If you would like to express your interest, can't make the audition or would like to find out more about Harbury Theatre Group, please contact Trish Donnelly. My contact details: Telephone - 01926 612150; Mobile - 07891106425; email - trish@weatherallk.freemove.co.uk Address -18 Scowcroft Drive, Bishops Itchington, CV47 2YP.



Folk Club

Ted & Sue Crum

The theme was "Meetings and Partings", and all our singers managed to stay within the guidelines, even Ron who is well known for his lateral thinking skills!

Sue began the proceedings with Bold Riley, and the Harbury Chorus Engine fired up straight away with some super harmony stuff in the chorus.

Maureen and Janny then gave us a fine rendition of Kate Rusby's "When the cold wind blows", followed by "Horncastle Fair", which they told us was one of the first songs they ever learned together.

Barbara, a former regular at the club, was next on piano accordion. She broke her journey home to unleash a veritable wall of sound, singing "Fiddlers Green" and following with an instrumental version of The Seekers' "The Carnival is Over".

Rik Middleton sang "Hard Love", following this with a neat little ditty concerning meetings of a carnal nature between a lodger, his landlady and her daughters (Rik says he will pass on the address of the B&B for the price of a pint!)

Pete Mason then sang Mick Ryan's "The Leaving Time", and followed with his version of "All used Up" from the John Wright Band.

We then welcomed a new-comer to the club. Peter Scott let fly with a version of "Arthur McBride" and followed with one of the sooty collier/coal-owner's naughty wife songs, the chorus "Down, down, down derry down" delighting the harmony addicts in the audience.

Ian and Sue finished the first half with "Scarlett Town" (nice song not much heard nowadays), and their own song "Parting of the Ways" which they wrote as a second encore number (now there's confidence for you!)

Your scribe kicked off the second half with a song from Flanders and Swann, titled "Misalliance", concerning the relationship between a bindweed and a honeysuckle.

Summer then produced "Now I'll never see you again", then gave us "The Green Fields of America". She then produced the line of the evening by admitting that her G string had parted, and left the stage to roars of approval and offers of support from all sides.

Pete McDonald sang "The Shores of Old Blighty" and Jez Lowe's great "Big Meeting Day" concerning the 1871 Miner's Gala.

Ron then produced one of his unique insights into life as lived in Coventry with an Arthur McBride style punch-up on a Saturday night to the tune of "The Captain's Log". He then followed with a rollicking rendition of "Goodbye" from The White Horse Inn, that famous traditional folk pub.

Debbie then sang "Once I had a Sweetheart" and gave us her poem "No Matter" about meeting upon meeting but never the right meeting.

Keith came roaring in with "Running with Scissors" and then caused the normally sophisticated Harbury audience to regress promptly to childhood with his "Little Alien Flying Saucer".

Des brought the second half to a close in his usual resounding manner with "Hey Jolly Broom Man" and the parting song "Deep blue Sea"

The raffle raised £46.00 and the proceeds have gone to the Motor Neurone charity. Celia, Pete Mason and Janny all walked away with fabulous prizes, and then as a special treat, we wheeled Grandad McDonald up to the front to perform his party piece (bless!!) He finished the evening with Tom Paxton's "Leaving London" and the company retired, honour satisfied, to home and bed.

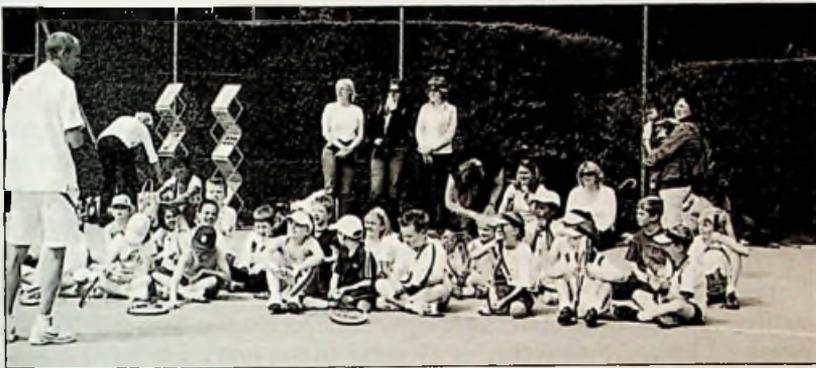
Don't forget, next month's theme is The Great Outdoors, and the date will be July 3rd.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

June was a busy month for the Juniors, on and off the court. A group of our children and parents were invited by Warwickshire LTA to go to the DFS Classic in Birmingham, one of the leading pre-Wimbledon ladies tournaments. The children were able to take part in the Tennis Clinics organized by WLTA. Our coach Linda Casement was involved in the clinics which were very lively and great fun.



Everyone then watched some of the tennis. For many it was their first taste of watching a live professional tennis match and they were amazed at the speed and pace of the matches. They watched Britain's number 2, Katie O'Brien in a thrilling 3 set match and also saw world number 9, Marion Bartoli. The weather was good which made it a memorable day for all.



It has been a good month for the "Green" age group, for 10 year olds and under. Club members Sam Casement, Sam Tutt, Jessica Champion and Alannah Cadwallader represented Harbury School in an inter-school tournament involving Kineton, Moreton Morrell, Shipston, Bishops Itchington and Ilmington. They did really well and came second behind Shipston. Sam Tutt was also in action in a Warwickshire LTA league match at Kenilworth. George McGowan was his partner and they won all matches against Berkswell and Beechwood, an excellent performance!

The adults side enjoyed some excellent strawberries and cream (provided by Eira) in our own pre-Wimbledon tournament. Sue Mercer and David Lauder were the winners and no doubt enjoyed their "trophies" of a punnet of strawberries each!

In the Banbury league Harbury won 1 and lost 2 matches but are still top of the league. The team at Middleton Cheney was Caroline Morland, Tracy Haggan, Jane Durman, Keith Thompson, Geoff Prince and Chris Cousins. There were some close rubbers including 3 tie breaks but the home side were 6-3 winners. The Harbury "scorers" in the first 2 rounds were Geoff and Keith and Caroline and Jane. Caroline and Geoff then took their good form into the final mixed doubles and won convincingly by 9-2.

In the next match, squad rotation was maximized when 6 different players turned out against Deddington at home! Eira Owen, Sue Panton,

Sara Peters, Mark Pavey, David Lauder and Adam Crossling were all in fine form as Harbury romped home to a 9-0 win. In the next match Eira, Sue, Tracy and Geoff were joined by Jon Guy, and Tim Lockley to play against visitors Tysoe. The first round was very close with all 3 rubbers finishing with a 6-5 scoreline. Eira and Sue and Geoff and Jon were winners but Tracey and Tim couldn't quite make it a hat trick. Unfortunately it all went pear shaped after that with only Jon and Tim managing another win so Tysoe went home with 6-3 win and all the points!

The team is finding its feet in the Rugby District league with a 2-2 draw at the Grange followed by a 5-3 win at Kilsby. In the first match Tracy Hagan and Kevin Moffatt lost a tiebreak first set but then won the second 6-2 and went on to win their second rubber 6-3, 6-3. Harbury's second pair Sara Peters and Keith Thompson lost their first match but improved in the second and halved the match to secure a draw. Keith then played in the Club's first win this league, this time playing with Karin Kirk, Colin Mercer and Caroline Morland being the other pair. Keith and Karin were in fine form, winning a close tiebreak first set and then taking the second 6-3. They were unable to maintain that in their second rubber and lost both sets. Caroline and Colin got off to a good start winning the first set but losing the second. However, they got back into winning ways in their second match winning both sets to clinch that first win!

The men's doubles team is now well into the second half of the season and are in fourth place in Division 3 but only 3 points behind leaders Snitterfield with a game in hand.

Finally, congratulations to Adam Crossling, Jon Guy and Dan Ward who passed their LTA Level 1 Coaching Assistant Course which is the first step on the coaching ladder. It's great to have 3 teenagers with this qualification – they will be a great help in delivering our Junior programme.



Harbury Cricket Club

Phil Mugleston

Well it's the height of the season and supposedly the summer, if only someone could tell the weatherman. Since my last report we have managed to have quite a few well-fought games despite the weather, and I'm sure you'll be glad to hear we have been victorious in most of them.

Firstly we had our opening home match of the season a few weeks back against Rugby. Our matches with this side are usually very competitive, and go all the way to the brink, this one was no exception. Now Ed our captain, for some reason, has been on a bit of a roll this season and won

what proved to be a decisive toss and put them into bat! We started off very well with Greg, as always, using our bouncy fast wicket which removed the opener in the first over. After this early breakthrough we kept the pressure on the batsmen, though they didn't want to get out, who does? They weren't scoring many runs either against our quick bowling attack. It was not until Matt Boneham, who continues to improve, came on that we broke the partnership, after that the wickets fell quickly, with Matt the man responsible for the damage taking 4 for 35 in his 8 overs, that's very good if you don't understand the rules! We managed to keep Rugby down to 158 and set about the run-chase brimming with confidence that we could knock off the runs. Now, if you know who Will Russell is you know that he is a top notch batsman, particularly on a Harbury wicket, and he wasted no time in making use of the fast outfield, racing to his fifty. He was well supported by Graham Newport who was dismissed for a well made 28. However, this seemed to have little effect on Will's concentration and got us to the target in double quick time finishing 91 not out. We would have won even sooner if it were not for Stuart Mugleston, batting at the other end, who decided to put his face in the way of a tracer bullet that came off Will's bat. Not only did he "go down like a sack of spuds", as my dad said, he also stopped the boundary the ball was destined for!!! Oh well, at least he could stand up after a few minutes, he even managed a pint or two down the pub.

The next week we travelled away to Kineton, where we have some very tight games and once again it didn't disappoint. Batting first, after Ed again guessed the right side of the coin, we made a solid start with both openers finding early boundaries. However, once this opening stand was broken, we had a bit of a collapse and were left teetering on 62 for 5, not so good. Phil and Greg then assessed the situation and used calm heads in finding their runs by managing to get us to 110 before Greg tried to play a big shot and was bowled by an extremely slow ball, needless to say he was not happy. After this the innings struggled to get going and after Phil was out to a dodgy ball, the innings soon ended on 130 all out. Although a low total we felt confident that if our bowlers put the ball in the right place we could produce a victory, and that's what we did. Every bowler bowled superbly and with some great catches not even their overseas Kiwi player could win it for them and we bowled them out for 94, fantastic. Stuart Mugleston was the pick of the bowlers on the day taking 4 wickets, the Kiwi in amongst them, who certainly knew how to play some shots. However, some good "sledging" and persistent bowling were too much for him to handle. ("Sledging" in cricket is psyching out the batsmen by the way, often by any means necessary at Harbury!)

We were all feeling very good going into our next match having come off the back of two convincing wins, however, after being put in the pools we had to travel away to Harborne, in the middle of Birmingham. We

eventually got there; many of our players were very upset by the fact "I haven't seen a sheep for miles", there were too many buildings for our liking I think. The sun was shining and although we were in the city we knew we had a game to win. We bowled first and although the boundaries were very short, I think some good bowling and fielding kept the total down from what could have been a score of over 300 was only 226, and although frustrated by the heat and nearly every edge going to the boundary, we felt confident of reach the target. Tom McKenzie was the pick of our bowlers, bowling very straight to take 4 wickets. Once again our openers started well, Will hit a fast paced 48 until he was well caught, then his brother got to work hitting the 4's and 6's, one of which went over the dual carriage-way next to the ground. Ed was eventually out, going for one shot too many but his 69 runs were very valuable to the chase. Phil then took over his role at the crease, smashing the ball to the boundary, Greg supported him well for a while until my Dad decided to give him out lbw. To be honest I'm not sure he knows the rules, but he does like to umpire, so we let him do it. Phil then made short work of the rest of the runs required, hitting a big six to win the game, even Will chasing Stu with a stinging nettle in the background didn't distract him from winning this one!!

My final game to report on was last week against Radway. We travelled over there on the windiest day you could imagine, George Bloxham could barely stand up, poor lad!! We batted first, and our wickets tumbled quicker than we had hoped, Will was the only one of the top order to make good runs on a wicket that seemed to like the ball rolling on the floor to hit the stumps. However, some useful runs from Matt Boneham down the order got us up to a respectable total of 126. Once again we bowled very well in defending a low total and wickets fell at regular intervals. However, two of their batsmen got together in the middle of the innings to put on 50 runs and we looked like suffering a defeat, however Tom McKenzie came on and didn't want to let the game go, taking 4 quick wickets!! We were back in it. With the last two batsmen at the crease Phil thought he had won the game for us, whipping the bails off for a stumping, and even though he was out and everyone knew it, the umpire wouldn't put the finger up and he stayed to hit the winning runs. There were a few choice words for the umpire after this game, though we had won the game coming back from a hopeless situation, we definitely deserved it, but that decision cost us.

I hope some of you are learning something about the rules of the game from my reports, but if you don't understand just ask me if you see me in the village. All that remains for me to say if you fancy a game don't hesitate to give me a call on 01926 612382, I'm Phil by the way. Hopefully the next time you hear from me we will have beaten our biggest rivals Southam, and that's sure to be a big report!!



On the afternoon of Monday 2nd June our older children enjoyed a trip to Warwick Arts Centre to see a performance of the Shadow Play. For many of the children it was the first experience of travelling on a coach, so it was with great excitement and anticipation that they waved goodbye to their parents and carers. *"I wanted to go to the play because I had never ever been on a bus. There was a man playing music. The other people jumped and flipped over. They played with a bouncy ball "boing boing" - Katie*

Following our successful Woodland Outdoor classroom sessions, Emma Day, the Forest Schools Advisor and Sorrel our Early Years Advisor, delivered a presentation to parents on Woodland Schools on Thursday 5th June. The evening started with Emma showing parents around Woodland area and then continued with a very informative and inspirational presentation showing photographs of the children enjoying some of the planned activities.

We have welcomed two special visitors into Windmills this month. The first was Miss Maher the Reception teacher from school who came to meet the children, then later in the month the children went into school to see Miss Maher and meet the teaching assistants and familiarise themselves with their new classroom. The children also had the opportunity to join in with the school children at playtime. *"I liked seeing my friends who used to be at Windmills again. We played on the playground"* – Joshua. The second visit was arranged to coincide with Child Safety Week. Katrina a community support police officer from Southam police station visited Windmills to talk to the children about road safety, she also brought her police van complete with blue flashing lights for the children to climb in and explore. *"My daddy puts naughty people under arrest. When I'm grown up and a big strong man - I'll wear a policeman's helmet"* - Sammy C.



Other activities during this month following our minibeast topic have included:

- * making 3D models of spiders and other minibeasts
- * using our outdoor classroom for story time, music sessions and minibeast hunts.

- * creating a crunching caterpillar display to help the children understand the lifecycle of a caterpillar
- * we also walked to church to make our usual visit to the toddler service.



Unfortunately this month we have had to say a sad goodbye to our resident artist Chris who is no longer able to come and work with our children. Chris generously presented Windmills with a selection of professional watercolour brushes, paper, card and paint as a memento of her time with us and Holly presented Chris with a bouquet of flowers and a box of chocolates on behalf of all the children to say thank you.

Thank you

A huge thank you to the parents who kindly gave up some of their time to help organise and plan our carnival float this year. Particular mention must go to Sue Wheatly for organising a trailer, Adam Powell for constructing the framework for the float to ensure the safety of the children, Jackie Allen for using her car to tow us around the village, and lastly all those creative parents, grandparents and carers for the fantastic costumes.



A big thank you to Blooms garden centre for providing a discount on the plants bought to brighten up our garden area outside our classroom.



Dates

Windmills Sports Day - Wednesday 9th July, 2008 at 11.15.ams

End of Term Fancy Dress Party - Friday 11th July - Windmills will be having a fancy dress party during the morning of Friday 11th July to celebrate the end of another school year.

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



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

Welcome - Jess Kelsey, who has just completed her 'A' Levels, joined us at the end of June for two weeks' work experience. She immediately became part of the team and is very popular with the children.

Summer Outing - Fortunately the wet weather on the day of our outing to the Butterfly Farm in Stratford did not prevent us from having a wonderful time. We saw all sorts of caterpillars, butterflies and moths, as well as all the other insects and mini (or not so mini) beasts that were on show. The children were particularly thrilled when butterflies chose to land on them as the photo of Maddison shows! We were able to picnic indoors and there were lots of happy, sleepy children on the coach on the way home.



Father's Day - Following the Butterfly Farm visit, the children practised their IT skills as they designed and printed very handsome caterpillar Father's Day cards using our computer programme and new printer.

Healthy Eating - We were very fortunate once again to have a visit from the Theatre Group, organised by Stratford District Council, to perform a play about healthy eating. In the play, the children were encouraged to eat their five a day, with sweets in moderation. Effective hand washing was also demonstrated, and the children listened intently with great enjoyment to the message that was being given, while joining in enthusiastically with the songs.

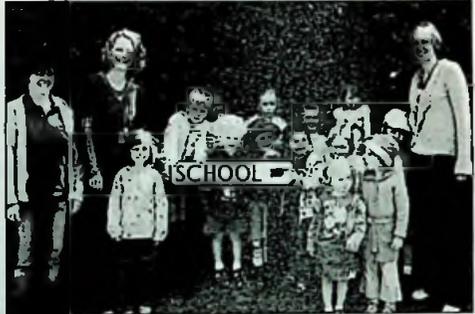
Carnival - This was a great success for Harbury Pre-School. Our Traditional Tales float won the children's float section, with Katie and Harry (1st), Hattie (2nd) and Daisy (3rd) picking up the prizes in the fancy dress competition. Well done to everyone and huge thanks especially to Masa and Ceri Chiba who designed the float, the Hadleys for lending their trailer, Derek Trice for towing it in the parade and all the parents who helped to paint and put the float together. To round it off, the hot dog stall raised an amazing £620.85 and huge thanks are also due to all the parents who organised and ran it so successfully.



Mini Beast Hunt - The children set forth on a mini beast hunt which took them down Mill Lane. They collected numerous woodlice, slugs, snails and

assorted other creatures (all of which were later released in suitable habitats) and, on their return to Pre-School, made wonderful pictures and collages of what they had found. Mod-roc was also used to create snails, slugs, spiders etc. and the children were able to paint these once they had hardened. Many thanks to Mrs Goodman for allowing us to search in her lovely garden and look at tadpoles and baby frogs in her pond, the Jacksons for the use of their orchard and the mums who helped by walking with us.

And Finally - Towards the end of a very busy month, thirteen children went to the Primary school to see Miss Maher and to spend some time investigating what will be their new classroom next term. They had a lovely time in the classroom and were made very welcome by the older children when they joined them outside at playtime.



If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Jacqui Quinney, Chair of the Pre-School Committee, on Harbury 613386.



Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

Mrs Sharp – Mrs Sharp has informed the Governing Body of her intention to retire from teaching at the end of this term. No doubt there will be opportunities in the future to recognise and pay tribute to the wonderful contribution Mrs Sharp has made to the life of the school over a very long time and to wish her a very happy early retirement.

Mrs Karen Rea – I am delighted to inform parents that just before half term the Governors appointed Mrs Karen Rea to the teaching staff of the school from 1st September. We welcome Mrs Rea to the school and wish her every success and happiness in her new post.

Building Work – Over the next few weeks, there are to be some major building works at the school – the staffroom is to be extended, a new main entrance and lobby is to be created and an adult disabled toilet is to be built. This will therefore mean some changes around the front of the school for the next few weeks as the whole of the front of the school and the bottom car park will be fenced off.

Nigel Chapman

One of my first jobs upon appointment as Headteacher at Harbury was to go with Nigel (I'd call him Mr Chapman but everyone in the village knows him as "Nigel") and Mrs Jackson to change the bank mandate for school fund. We were told to bring proof of identity – Mrs Jackson brought her passport; I had my driving licence; Nigel had his coat with his name in it!!! This was my introduction to the world of Nigel Chapman!

After 29 years at the school, Nigel is to retire in July – 29 years in which he has made a colossal contribution to the life, not only of Harbury School, but to the village as a whole. But how do you sum up this contribution?

Do you talk about his ability in the classroom – that's easy – he is, quite simply, the best classroom teacher that it has ever been my pleasure to work with – the parents of the children who had been lucky enough to have been in his class will know that their child has had the best deal possible.

Do you talk about his concern for every child in the school, whether in his class or not – again, that's easy – families with whom Nigel has worked well over and above the normal role of a teacher will appreciate this side of him – I know of one occasion, for example, where a family was having such difficulty with a child in the Christmas holidays one year that they rang Nigel for advice – he quickly dropped everything and went round to give help, advice and support to that family – just one of many such examples.

Do you talk about his role with the PTA; his role with regard to leading the school in the field of ecological awareness; his role as Special Needs co-ordinator; his role as Educational Trip co-ordinator the list goes on and on.

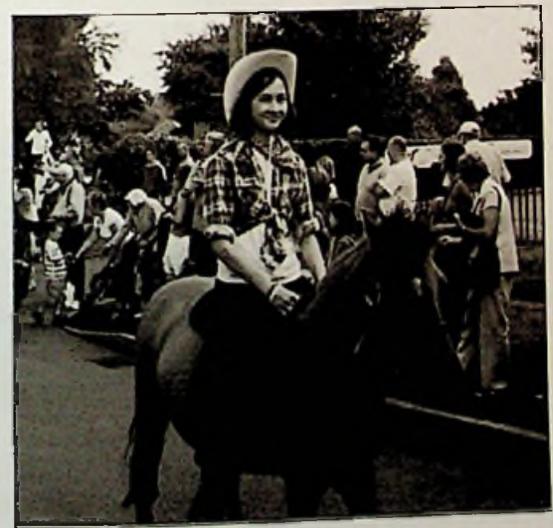
On reflection, I don't think that I can adequately put into words Nigel's contribution to the life of the school – all I can really say is that he is, well, just Nigel – and everyone who has ever had the pleasure of knowing him will know exactly what I mean by that! However, what I can say is that we will all miss him greatly when he retires – pupils, parents and, above all, the staff.

Have a great retirement, Nigel – if anyone deserves it, you do.

And finally ... I have to finish with another "Nigelism"

One dark winter's evening, the school caretaker was working alone when she heard a strange voice. In panic, she ran out of the building, locking the doors behind her. The following morning, she returned ... to find a talking watch in the room next to where she had been working. Guess who'd put it there!!!!

HARBURY CARNIVAL 2008





1st Harbury Scouts

Nick Green

As promised last month, we have a report on the scout camp that took place during the May half-term holiday. The Lakes area enjoyed much better weather than the solid rain falling over Harbury, and this allowed the scouts to take full advantage of the outdoor activities available on the site.

William from the Falcons patrol clearly enjoyed the camp – his report is as follows:

'On Saturday 24th of May we all woke up very early because we were really excited about our scout camp. We were going to the Lake District, staying at an amazing scout site called Great Tower on the edge of Lake Windermere. The journey took ages....

The first thing I saw was an enormous totem pole and an awesome aerial runway! I just knew we'd have loads of fun.

My patrol (Falcons) pitched our tent on top of a hill as far away from the leaders as possible!

The highlights for me were climbing and sailing on Lake Windermere. Most of the troop capsized, but I was safe and sound with an instructor in a wayfarer.



We had to make our own meals, cooking over open fires which was a weird experience. Our spaghetti bolognese was **DISGUSTING!** But the bangers and mash were delicious. We stayed for four days and had a wicked time. I just can't wait for our next camp.'

The Scouts on Wansfell Pike, Cumbria



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

Now that our meetings have ended for the summer all our efforts over the last few weeks have been concentrated on the Annual Walkabout. It takes many hours of the committee's time to ensure that all things are covered. For example there is advertising, local and nationwide papers, local radio, posters in neighbouring villages, garden centres, nurseries, gardens visited in the past and many more places. Thank you Barbara, Margaret and Dorothy for helping with this mammoth task.

Obviously we make contact with the garden owners who have opened in the past and this year as last we had more "first timers". Thank you to Kath, Margaret and Dorothy for all your hard work.

The programme is then put together very ably by Daphne, this is no mean feat. Once we have firm confirmation of which gardens will be open, the garden owners will be asked to describe their gardens then this is entered onto the programme and printed. My thanks once again to Daphne.

We also have to organise programme selling which was again at the school, thanks again for allowing us to do so and thank you to Janice for making sure that all time slots etc are filled. Also programmes are sold from Muglestone, we do appreciate this, thank you.

Then of course there is the catering. As last year, we linked with the Church to offer lunches and teas in the Tom Hauley Room. Once again this proved to be a success albeit it was a struggle to get twelve Horticultural Society members to offer their services. Again the committee stepped in to fill the gaps, thank you to everyone who helped. Also big thanks to all of you who provided cakes, what a superb selection there was. John Clifford distributes the numbers for the gardens and then collects them up once it is all over. This year some of the numbers had to be spruced up and new ones made. Thank you John for so willingly doing this again. We also struggled with the signs indicating the selling of programmes which John Harris so valiantly erected round entrances all round the village. After the very high winds overnight on Saturday these had all come out of the ground and John had to make very deep holes on dry ground to ensure that they stayed upright. Thank you for doing this after I volunteered your services!

We then came to the weekend of 21st and 22nd June. The one thing we cannot control is the weather. After a lovely Friday the next day turned damp but it wasn't cold. Then overnight severe winds but at least the sun shone. This didn't seem to deter our visitors but it was busier on Sunday. I managed to look around a few gardens and the visitors I spoke to had not

only come from Warwick, Leamington, Kenilworth, Wellesbourne and other neighbouring villages but from Leicester, Northampton and Daventry.

Everyone I spoke to was very impressed with all the gardens visited. Each one is a reflection of their owner's personalities and they were all an absolute delight. Did you spot the Japanese gravel effect at the front of one of the gardens? It is characteristics like these that make each and every garden so very special. I have individually thanked the owners of the gardens but would like to do so again. I hope that you all enjoyed the weekend and have recovered by now.

Too early to say how we did money wise but as you know apart from the proceeds helping with the running costs of our society we do give donations to various village clubs and societies. An exhausting build up but I'm sure you will agree that it does bring many visitors to our lovely village and it is nice to share it.

I will cover our day trip to Wisley in my next article. Don't forget that the second day trip is on Wednesday 16th July when we will be visiting Ashwood Nurseries and having a private conducted tour around the owner's garden. After lunch here, it is on to Arley Arboretum and gardens in the afternoon. Leave the Village Hall at 9.00am once again travelling in a Cheney coach. I look forward to seeing you there.

There are some lovely gardens to visit nearer home. If you haven't been to Coughton Court near Alcester you are in for a treat, a lovely garden bordering the river. Ragley Hall also near Alcester is another garden worth looking at. The Botanic Gardens at Oxford just an hour away are holding special events in their Great Growing Picnic Season on 12th and 26th July and 16th and 30th August. These gardens are very special with so much to enjoy. They are situated in Rose Lane near to Magdalene Bridge. Just a few examples of events over the next few weeks. Whatever you are doing enjoy the rest of the summer.

Don't forget the Village Show on 13th September, Programmes will shortly be available, do consider entering, you never know you could be a winner. Good luck.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

Your local Hardy Plant Specialists

The weather in July over the last two years gave us complete opposites. 2006 was declared a heat wave which caused many of us to flop about and spend any spare time watering our precious plants. Last year we all

suffered from flooding which resulted in an excess of slugs and snails, spoilt flowers and poor yields from the vegetable garden.

I'm sure we would all welcome more moderate weather!

Everything has been growing exceptionally well over the last month or so which means there is no rest to be had:

1. Remove poppies and foxgloves after flowering.
2. Dead head roses and bedding plants
3. Dig up crowded bearded Irises, discard the old middle pieces, cut down foliage and re-plant.
4. Pick sweet peas (to keep them coming), peas, beans courgettes.
5. Harvest early potatoes.
6. Feed tomatoes, courgettes, peppers, cucumbers, and keep well watered.
7. Take softwood cuttings of favourite shrubs.
8. Cut back shrubs that have flowered such as Philadelphus, Weigela.

Wildlife plays a major role at Bridge Nursery. Aphids get eaten by hover flies, slugs are food for birds, hedgehogs, frogs and toads. Rodents are caught by owls and kestrels. We rarely use chemicals and this has resulted in an abundance of creatures living on our 4 acres or seasonally visiting e.g. Fieldfares. The pond is home to a wide range of wildlife including dragonflies, damsel flies, water boatmen, toads, frogs and newts. It's fascinating to sit and watch all the busy activity on and in the water. (Although there is usually too much work to do around the nursery to be able to do much 'sitting')

*"What is this life, if full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare" - W H Davies*



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Our wild orchid flora is extensive; over fifty species having been recorded in the British Isles. Some are common, others very rare and endangered. It is their variability of form, from rather insignificant greenish yellow (Common Twayblade) to startling, colourful, insect mimics (Bee and Fly Orchids), coupled with the uncertainty of finding the plants from year to year, which gives them their attraction; at least to me.

This year at Ufton Fields there seemed to be only one Man Orchid (*Aceras anthropophorum*) in flower. So it is just hanging on in this, one of its most northerly localities. As its name suggests, each floret mimics the

human form with a hooded head comprising fused sepals and petals. The lip is divided, producing the effect of a body, arms and legs. Like many of our less common wild orchids, it has a distinctly southern distribution being a member of the European element of our orchid flora.

Recently, Sharon and I were in Provence for a week. We stayed on a farm in the Dentelle hills which lie some 40kms (25 miles) east of the River Rhone; the largest city nearby was Avignon. The hills are of Jurassic limestone laid down originally in a shallow sea some 200 million years ago. The tops of the hills have weathered into a fretted ridge likened to lace. Hence their name Dentelle = lace and not as I thought small teeth, though one hilltop looked rather like a shattered molar. The size of the hills which rise to a modest 740metres (2,400 ft) are clothed in forest of beech, evergreen oak, pine, box and cypress. The hot weather, which came shortly after our arrival with temperatures of 30C (86F) and above, brought out the resinous smell of pine and wild thyme. Vineyards and olive groves abounded, interspersed with cherry and peach orchards. The area is famous for its wine with the appellation 'Cote du Rhone'. The owners of the farm said that sun was needed from now on to ensure a good vintage.

We heard the cuckoo every day and walked through wooded hills to tiny villages which seemed to be just extensions of the bedrock. Insects were everywhere. Butterflies, some familiar, some I could not identify. Marbled Whites, which belie their name as they are actually in the family Satyridae of Brown butterflies, were well in evidence (get down to Harbury Spoilbank if you want to see them locally). Brown Argus, a small butterfly in the family Lycaenidae (i.e. one of the Blues) was seen sunning itself amongst the stones and low vegetation by a minor road. Large dragonflies and various grasshoppers together with beetles and day flying moths were abundant. Perhaps the 'piece de resistance' so to speak was a scorpion I found one morning on the bed. It was about 5cms (2") long and black in colour. I caught it, as I do with large spiders, in a bowl and put it outside. European scorpions can give a nasty sting but it is the desert dwellers, notably from countries like Mexico, which can be lethal. Scorpions are Arachnids, related to spiders but in the order Xiphosura. They have eight legs, large pincers with which they hold their prey and a sting in the tail.

I can't leave France without telling you of my pleasure at finding the Lizard Orchid (*Himantoglossum hircinum*). It was growing by the side of a country lane mixed with tall grasses. The stem was over 45 cms (18") tall. The flower was divided into florets each with a lip 5cms (2") long giving the appearance of a lizard's tail. In colour it was a greyish purple-green and in fact blended in well with the varicoloured grasses with which it grew. In fact after we saw one, we saw many more during the holiday. In

England it has a distinctly southern distribution. I have never seen one myself but it is said to be quite common on certain parts of Royal St George's Golf Course, Sandwich, Kent. (Wild Orchids of Britain by V.S. Summerhayes, Collins. This is out of print but you are welcome to borrow my copy.)

Now we are entering high summer; fruit picking time. John Stringer, together with Gordon Robbins, have begun keeping bees which has kept them busy tending the hives. These are at the top of John's garden. I have been intrigued watching the techniques they have learned being put into action. At evening time the bees quieten down. To inspect the hives, the beekeepers, fully kitted out, approach with a smoker. This is simply a device burning cardboard. The bees act as if there is a fire and gorge themselves on honey in preparation to fly the scene. This makes them docile and the beekeeper can open the hive and inspect the contents. At some time in the future there may be some honey to spare.

Tony Brunton e-mailed us to say he and Shirley had watched a Red Kite flying over fields near the Rugby Club in Middle Road. These birds, originally released in several areas of the country including the Chilterns and Cambridgeshire, are spreading. Perhaps, as they are carrion feeders, travelling alongside major roads, with their distinctive forked tails, they cannot really be mistaken for any other large raptor. Reports of your sightings in the wild would be much appreciated.



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

The Village Hall had an impressive throughput in June in terms of people using the premises, but the increased numbers who visit the Hall does not result in any greater income, as the hiring costs stay the same. At the AGM, it was reported by the Treasurer that approximately 50% of the income for the maintenance of the Hall comes from the 'hirers' and the remainder has to be raised by the efforts of the committee. Last month, the Carnival Dance, organised by the Carnival Committee will have helped to swell the coffers and ensure that funds are available to pay the essential bills.

On Carnival Day, the plans for the proposed modernisation and development of the Hall were on display with a short questionnaire to assess the opinions of those who viewed the drawings. For those who did not manage to tear themselves away from the Fancy Dress competitions, the Dog Show and the many stalls, it is hoped to mount a display in the Library in coming months and the same set of questions will be made available. Once all the responses are analysed, a feedback will be given in a future magazine.

It was surprising to find that one of the toilets in the Ladies did not survive the demands placed on it during Carnival Day and as with many small items requiring maintenance; this was repaired at no cost due to the attention of the Chairman of the V.H. committee. A similar situation arose following the Carnival Dance when it was noticed that there was a considerable overflow from one of the manholes at the front of the building. Again by the use of personal rodding equipment, extended by borrowing another set of rods, the Chairman toiled for many hours to free the blockage and ensure clean drains. The offending item this time was a tennis ball, which could have gradually moved along the outside channels until it was silted up and could go no further causing the waste materials to block several yards of underground pipes. If the 'going rates' using a Drain Company had to be found for the several hours work, it might have put a dent in the funds. Instead the valiant Chairman put himself to work and the only complainant was his wife when he eventually returned home! It is these selfless acts from members of the Committee over the years, which have ensured that the Village Hall is available for everyone to use at minimal cost. Long may Harbury find volunteers who give their time and energy to maintain the property, as by doing so, they save the community from ever-increasing expense. The Hall is used for a considerable range of functions and members of the Committee do their best to ensure hiring costs are kept as low as possible for all the many groups who utilise the premises.



General Section

Spirit of Harbury Award 2008



Nigel with Andrew and Alison Hunt

Nigel Chapman who retires this month after 29 years as Deputy Head at Harbury Primary School is the winner of this years 'Spirit of Harbury Award', having received an extraordinary number of nominations.

Nigel is a 'Man of Kent' having been born in Chatham, although he moved at the age of 12 to Leamington along with his family when his father took a job at Lockheed. Nigel returned to Kent to attend Stockwell Teacher Training College 'so that he could put London

between him and his parents! His first teaching post was at Telford School in Leamington in 1970.

It was at this time whilst living in a house in York Road, Leamington, that Nigel met his wife, Kath and they married in 1977. Kath is a Lancashire lass who is also a teacher at Clapham Terrace School. In 1979 a colleague at Telford School suggested that Nigel should apply for the post of Deputy Head at Harbury Primary and this began 29 years association with not only the school but the village as well.

Many children who have had the good fortune to have been taught by Nigel will have fond memories of the week long trips that he has taken them on. Nigel got involved with these at Telford School and he brought the idea to Harbury. During these trips, Nigel and his ghost stories became renowned, with someone primed to be outside to tap on the window at the crucial moment. On one occasion when they were staying in the Forest of Dean and were in the room ready for his story to begin, a piano in the corner of the room which had its lid down, suddenly began to be played! No better timing and on lifting the lid, there was a mouse running up and down the keys!!

Other memories he has of his trips include losing a group of children in the Forest of Dean. Of course children when left unsupervised always begin to make a lot of noise and they were found by Nigel listening for their voices. Then during another such trip in the Vale of Rheidol, there was a boy who decided to jump from a ledge into the river – the only problem being there was less than 2 foot of water at that spot. A crunching noise of bones was heard!

Outside of school in Southam, where Nigel and Kath have lived for the last 27 years along with their son Steve and daughter Elisa, he enjoys his garden and is a keen grower of vegetables. To help manage his seasonal surpluses, Nigel began his Gruntfuttocks range of pickles and chutneys which sell in various retail outlets in Long Itchington and Southam. The name Gruntfuttocks comes from the Kenneth Williams character – J Peasemold Gruntfuttock in the former radio series – Round the Home. Nigel is also chairman of the Southam P3 (Parish Paths) Group and in the past co-wrote the Blue Lias Walks book and he also drew the footpath maps for the original 'Cross the Stile' local walks book. He hopes to be able to do more walking when he retires.

Many parents will also be aware that Nigel is a keen supporter of the local pubs!! A few years ago on the last day of the school year, the first pupil into his class put a bottle of beer on the desk as a thank you present. This was followed by every child in the class bringing in a different bottle of beer, 27 in all!

Throughout his years at the school Nigel has always maintained close links with the village, opening the school garden for the Garden Walkabout and keeping the children interested in the village history. Many hours were spent in the County Records Office and Leamington Library researching interesting facts and newspaper articles. His history collection at the school will hopefully be made more accessible to villagers shortly.

Nigel feels that for the last 29 years he has merely been doing his job as anyone would and was initially reticent about receiving the award. Many parents and children will disagree and know that Nigel, as many teachers do, has always devoted many unpaid hours to the benefit of the village and those in his care. He has always preferred hands on teaching to dealing with Educational Bureaucracy which promotion to a Headship would have brought him. The main memories that Nigel takes from his years at the school are, the dedicated staff, the delightful children he has taught and the good feeling that you experience when you walk in to the school. Many colleagues, parents and children will remember him as Mr Chapman - the practical joker!!

John Holden

Carnival Week 2008

Wheelbarrow Race

It was perfect weather for watching; maybe a bit warm for the participants, but still 17 teams entered the traditional wheelbarrow race. This year it was hosted by The Old New Inn – thank you Sandra and Brian. There were 12 entries for the Men's Beer Race, with one no show, which was won by the evergreen Trevor Gibbs and George Simpson in a time of 8 minutes and 36 seconds, faster than last year, even on what is probably the most difficult finish to the circuit. The record time is 8 minutes and 2 seconds, a very fast time but if it can be done once, it can be done again so we hope to see more teams next year having a go at beating the record. Trevor and George were presented with the Scandrett Shield and £25, very well deserved for another impressive effort.

There were 4 entries for the Water Race. The winners, with a time of 10 minutes and 35 seconds, were Ben and Elliot Tawney and they were presented with the Wallington Trophy and £10.

We only had 2 teams in the Ladies Beer Race (is it the beer that is putting you off?), but the winners were Dayle Adams and Julia Berger who were awarded the Gibbs & Simpson Shield and £25.

The Rollason Tankard is presented to the team completing the Men's Beer Race in the fastest time with a combined age of 80 or over and this year was won by Steve Harrold and Kevin Burgoyne with a combined age of 84!

Once again, very many thanks to all the licensees who provided beer and water, the volunteer scrutineers and to the marvellous crowd who came out to cheer on the runners in their ordeal.

Just a quick thank you to the participants who completed the entry forms before the day. It really does help us in the administration of the event. We also had several promises from people who said they would like to run next year – so we are looking forward to a bumper entry list in 2009.

Pub Games



There were 7 teams entered this year, namely Shake, Rattle and Roll (aka The Shakespeare), The Twinning Association, The WCs (aka the Wednesday Club), The Gamecock, The Old New Inn, The Crown and Girls R Loud. The winners of the individual events were as follows:

Aunt Sally - WCs

Skittles – The Crown

Table Skittles – The Gamecock

Quiz – Shake, Rattle and Roll

At the end of the competitions the winners were The WCs.

2 – Shake Rattle and Roll, 3 – The Gamecock, 4 – Old New Inn, 5 – The Crown, 6 – Twinning, 7 – Girls R Loud.

The winners were presented with the Pub Games Shield and the congratulations of the Carnival Committee. The WCs were a new team to the games this year, so if there are any more groups out there who want to join in the not so serious fun next year please get in touch. You only need 4 people for each event out of a maximum 12 players per team – and they could be the same 4 who enter them all. It is good fun and gives you a chance to meet many fellow villagers and to visit our well known establishments!

Details will appear in the Harbury and Ladbroke News and we look forward to seeing old and new faces next year.

Finally, our thanks must go to all the teams for taking part, the licensees for letting us use their premises and to all the loyal supporters – without you there wouldn't be any events.

Danny Killian and the Carnival Committee

Harbury Carnival June 14th, 2008

I say this every year but it was, again, another great Carnival Day. The procession was excellent, and although somewhat reduced in numbers this year, the creativity and enthusiasm of those that did take part more than made up for this. The afternoon's activities were well supported, with the



dog show again proving to be a big hit with everybody. All in all a grand day. Thanks to everybody who participated and supported the event in one way or another and to the weather for behaving itself!

William and Heather were fabulous as our King and Queen and our special thanks to them.

The prize winners on the day were:

Procession

Decorated Float

- 1st The Darlison Family and friends "St Trinians"
- 2nd The Bull Family "Sheila's Wheels"

Children's Float

- 1st Harbury Pre School "Traditional Tales"
- 2nd Windmills Nursery "A Woodland Classroom"
- 3rd Year 6 Harbury Primary School "Harbury Snipers"

Decorated Bike/Pram/Car

- 1st Harbury Odd Bods "The Addams Family"
- 2nd Thomas "The Headless Horseman"
- 3rd Cliftons & Coopers "Carbon Footprint"

Horse Drawn, Mounted or Led

- 1st Charlotte "Cowgirl"

Walking Tableau Children (2-8 persons)

- 1st Amy, Megan and Annabel "St Trinians"
- 2nd Ella, Lucy and Jessica "Pink Ladies"

Walking Tableau Family

- 1st The Rollason Family "Gordon Brown's Political Tuck Shop"
- 2nd The Hunt Family "Narnia"
- 3rd The Winchester Family "Noah's Ark"

Walking Tableau Adults

- 1st John and Linda Ridgley "George and the Dragon"
- 2nd Harbury WI "Harbury WI Comes of Age"

Walking Child

- 1st Megan "Girl Power Shower"
- 2nd Bethany "Belly Dancer"
- 3rd Adam "Soldier"

Child Best Original Costume in Parade (Tim Percival Cup)

Megan "Girl Power Shower"

Adult Best Original Costume in Parade (Sue Andrews Cup)

Peter Rollason "Northern Rock"

Fancy Dress**Under 5yrs**

- 1st Harry & Katie "Hansel and Gretel"
- 2nd Harriet "Rapunzel"
- 3rd Daisy "Puss in Boots"

5-7yrs

- 1st Dominic "Scientist"
- 2nd Lauren "Rapunzel"
- 3rd Chloe "Cowboy"

8-10yrs

- 1st Kate & Millie "Wind in the Willows"
- 2nd Megan "Girl Power Shower"
- 3rd Darlisons "St Trinians"

11-17yrs

- 1st Thomas "The Headless Horseman"
- 2nd Hunts "Narnia"
- 3rd Robert "Gordon Brown"

Adult Group

- 1st The Rollason Family "Gordon Brown's Political Tuck Shop"
- 2nd The Bull Family "Sheila's Wheels"
- 3rd Harbury WI "Harbury WI Comes of Age"

Adult Individual

- 1st Kary Hunt "Ice Queen"
- 2nd Moira Rollason "Credit Crunchy"
- 3rd Rob Darlison "Miss Fritton"

All the entries were so good we owe our thanks to the judges for a difficult job well done, so thank you to Craig and Su Grocock, Felicity Harris, Steve Dolley, Janet Thornley (Procession) and Barbara Thistlethwaite and Eunice McCracken (Fancy Dress).

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

We expect to have had another good year in the fund raising department and I will give you the details next month. In the meantime, if your organisation/charity is in need of some funds, please contact me by July 23rd (614258) and we will see what we can do to make a contribution from our proceeds.

There were a few items of lost property:

Child's jacket, Toy racing car, 2 pairs of sunglasses

Please contact me on 614258 if you think they might be yours.

John Broomfield, On behalf of the Carnival Committee

Expecting a baby?

Most of us think we will cope brilliantly when that bundle of love arrives; not many realise just how we will feel when short of sleep and everything is strange and new. If we're lucky, our mothers are on hand to help. If you are not so lucky, did you know that there are members of Mothers Union who would really love to be stand-in mothers (or grannies) to help you in whatever way?

Like to know more? Phone me for a chat - Gillian Hare 614809.

Oh - if you know a new mum-to-be who may not see this magazine, do please show her. Thank you.

Gillian Hare

Neighbourhood Watch

The holiday season is here so it seems a good time to remind you of some of the things you can do to discourage a break-in while you are away. Most burglaries are opportunistic, that is someone looking to break into a house will look for the easiest pickings. If your house is obviously empty then you become a target. The good news is with a bit of thought and planning you can avoid your house looking obviously empty and discourage a potential burglar.

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- * Don't put your home address on luggage labels and if you are leaving a message on your telephone answering machine take care to word it so that it doesn't tell people you are away.

Alison Abbott

Lovers of Art

Lovers of Art are in for a good time again.

In conjunction with the Warwickshire Artsweek, from July 5th to 20th, Harbury artists are opening their studios and inviting the public to view, enjoy and possibly buy their work.

Katherine Barker (painter and textile conservationist), Libby January (pastels), Moira Lamont (print maker), Avril Moore (painter), Andrea Thorpe (jeweller) and Ruth Daly (painter) all offer you at their various sites, a warm welcome and hopefully a stimulating experience.

Please pick up a free brochure from the Library, Country Fayre, the Co-Op, Chemist etc and see what excitement is in store for us all.

Libby January

Summer Lunch in aid of Harbury Senior Citizens

The rain that was forecast for the Weston-super-Mare trip did not materialise, however the windy conditions allowed for some bracing walks around the town. The coaches returned to the village shortly before nine o'clock in the evening and a lot of people have said how much they enjoyed the trip and how they were looking forward to next year, regardless of where they might end up.

Now that the summer outing is a very enjoyable memory, we would like to remind you that this year's Summer Lunch, in aid of the Harbury Senior Citizens, will be held in Harbury Village Hall on **Saturday 9th August**. This is a fund raising event in aid of the senior citizens of Harbury and as such the lunch is available to anyone who wants to come, subject to ticket availability. For ticket enquiries, please contact either Marie Wallington on 613205 or Margaret Taylor on 612903. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Senior Citizens Outing



Photograph of Weston-Super-Mare supplied by Terry Nockalls

With dire weather forecast, the annual outing to the coast was looking rather ominous; but we are a generation of hardy folk assembling outside the Village Hall well prepared with macs and umbrellas ready to face the day.

Leaving Harbury just after 8.30am we arrived at Weston-Super-Mare around noon, having made a stop at the Michael Wood services on the M5, and the only rain we saw during the journey was the spray on the driver's windscreen!

The weather in Weston was dry but cloudy with a breezy but warm wind. Stretching our legs after the journey was a walk along the seafront - ignoring the road train that makes regular runs along the front; we were able to watch the work in progress to improve the sea wall defences. The pile-driving of large metal piles into the sand could be viewed from behind the mandatory safety curtain that has been erected, (Health and Safety no doubt!) along this section of the front.

The town's hostelries and taverns provide plenty of choice for the obligatory fish and chips and a pint to satisfy the most discerning. The fine weather still held and just before our return time the sea came.

At 5 o'clock we left for home. Tewkesbury was our stop on the return journey where we found the town's shops and other premises decked out with decorative flags. On enquiring of a local, we were told this was to celebrate Tewksbury Medieval festival in July, the largest medieval event in the country surprisingly. The flags were very symbolic with armorial arms insignia, crosses, fleur-de-lis, etc all very colourful. Again our thanks must go to the Senior Citizens Committee and their hard working helpers who make these outings such an enjoyable occasion.

Ralph Swadling

Village Services

How often do villagers throughout the U.K. hear the phrase 'use it or lose it'? It's been used in connection with local pubs, shops, transport and most recently Post Offices. Harbury is still fortunate to be able to sustain all these local services, but it remains the responsibility of all

current families to ensure that these facilities are retained for future generations and do not disappear one by one. There will be many long-time Harbury residents who can remember when the village supported its own butchers shop, cobbler, dress shop, (in part of the Shakespeare pub), a haberdashers (in the Co-op building), newsagents, designated Post Office and shop and a further grocery store (Hunt's in Chapel Street). Today, Harbury still has many services, which do not exist in other villages - 5 pubs and the local Club, a chemist, two food shops and general stores, a greengrocer and florist, a petrol station and a Post Office operating inside one of the 'general' stores. In addition, there are numerous businesses, which offer local employment, including a 'working' garage in the centre of the village.

The most recent service which might have been under threat, if Harbury wasn't sustainable, was the Post Office. Fortunately, as the majority of people now know, 'our' P.O. has not been threatened with closure along with many other offices in rural situations. However, it is known that an E.U. directive stipulates that the British service should be 'streamlined', which inevitably means more closures sometime in the future, somewhere in the country. At present, there are many villages which are continuing to fight closure, so that they win back the service they see as essential for a local community. It is vital, therefore, that all residents make as much use of the available services, which means ensuring that some money is 'put over the counter' at each of our local businesses, as often as possible.

It is possible that some people in the village are unaware of all the services available at the Post Office Counter in the village and still only think of buying stamps, collecting parcels and pensions and sending recorded or registered letters. There is, however, the opportunity to pay most bills, including council rent, council tax, electricity and gas bills, as well as telephone bills and the water rates. The greater the range of these **PAY POINT** services used on a regular basis; the more likely it is that 'our' P.O. will remain viable in the years to come. Some villagers may not be aware that it is also possible to use the counter services to make **deposits** into a number of major banks, including Alliance and Leicester, Barclays, the Cooperative Bank and Lloyds T.S.B., whilst **withdrawals** can be made from the following accounts, Alliance and Leicester, Barclays, Clydesdale, the Cooperative Bank, Nationwide, Lloyds T.S.B. and the Yorkshire Bank. Withdrawing cash from these accounts saves using the 'hole in the wall', which can cause problems to unsuspecting users unaware of identity fraud and cloned cards and does save a journey into town just to withdraw money for the week's / month's needs. A greater number of people are also realising that **foreign currency** can be obtained in the Harbury Post Office – euros are always available and other currencies can be ordered within 24 hours, which matches any 'in-town' service.

Harbury continues to be one of the best places to live because of everything which is offered within the community. Hopefully future generations will not be saying, 'we lost' all the vital services, because the villagers of the 'noughties' did not 'use them.

Chris Finch

Are You Stuck for Transport?

If so, the Community Links social transport scheme may be just what you are looking for.

Community Links operates a small fleet of vehicles, each with full disability access, offering a 'door-to-door' service for people stuck for transport to get to and from their nearest town or village for shopping or visiting friends.

The service is for people who have a genuine need for local transport and cannot access public transport because of mobility problems and/or who live in a rurally isolated location with no other form of transport available.

The Community Links service operates between about 9.30am and 2.30pm on weekdays in each part of the District three days a week. The fare system is a simple flat rate of £1.20 per single journey, i.e. £2.40 return 'door-to-door'.

Successes of the scheme to date include:

Over 25,000 passenger journeys completed since launch in April 2006

Over 1000 people now registered with the project

A fifth vehicle to join the scheme sponsored by Stratford Town Trust starts April 2008

Overall satisfaction rating of 96% in a recent survey of service users

98% of Community Links users rate the service 'value for money' and a lifeline to them maintaining their independence.

"It's an absolutely wonderful service; without it I would be housebound and this has opened up a whole new life for me," says Mrs D from Bidford.

If you need this service, or know someone who does, phone Community Links on 01789 264491 for more information

The Community Links social transport scheme works in close co-operation with the Volunteer Centre Medical Journey Scheme for doctor, dentist and hospital and medical related appointments. For this 'medical journey' scheme contact Clarissa Roberts on 01789 296344.

Community Links is a partnership project between Warwickshire County Council, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Stratford-on-Avon Volunteer Centre and Stratford Upon Avon Town Trust.

Call for Action

Proposed Changes to Dispensing Services

A Government White paper published last month proposes a radical overhaul of the way you can collect your prescriptions. Up to three million NHS patients could lose the right to obtain prescription drugs from their GP under proposals to boost the development of rural pharmacies in Britain.

Ministers are proposing to change the rules which determine where patients living in a rural area obtain their drugs. Currently patients who live more than 1 mile from the nearest chemist are entitled to get their drugs from their GP. Under the new rules, patients would have the right to receive their drugs from their GP only if the surgery is at least 1 mile from the nearest chemist. As most GP surgeries are located in towns or villages, the number of dispensing doctors in England is expected to fall dramatically, cutting access for their patients.

How these proposals will affect our Patients?

At present we provide a dedicated team who know our patients well and with whom you can discuss any changing needs or problems.

Dispensing by Doctors is safe, convenient, efficient and hugely appreciated by patients.

If these proposals are enforced we would lose our right to dispense to the vast majority of our patients and you would need to go elsewhere for your prescriptions.

We feel that as patients your choice of where and by whom your prescriptions are dispensed is being limited by these changes.

How can you help?

If you are pleased with the service we provide and want to ensure the future of the dispensing facilities at Harbury and Bishops Itchington Surgeries

Write to your MP, Mr John Maples and South Warwickshire Primary Care Trust expressing how much you value the service provided by your local GP Surgery and the importance of the dispensing service provided

Sign our petition in the surgery or log-on to <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/dispensaries/> or follow the link on our web page www.harburysurgery.org.uk (PCT address and www slip available at dispensary).

Tonya Coleman

Harbury's SOUND OF THE SIXTIES Festival

If this Summer is going to be one of 'discontent' because of inflated prices and spiralling transport costs, why not head 'down the road' to the Rugby Club and enjoy a night which will transport you back to the 'good old days'? The Sounds of the Sixties night (July 12th) promises, as always, to be a night of excellent music at an unbelievably low entrance fee and all in the name of charity. Where else could you hear six top notch rock and swing bands for £10.00 and enjoy over five hours of entertainment for less than the price of a pint for each hour of music?? The event takes place in a marquee erected on the RFC grounds and FREE parking is available beyond the pitches for those who want to save 'stretching their legs' until the music starts. Two of the bands will be long-time favourites of the SOTS event – JBKP and Out of the Blue. This year's line-up, however, promises to be a vintage year with the Likely Lads; the nine piece swing band, Robby Darin and the Kings of Cool and the revival of Woody Allen and the original Challengers. Apart from the local well known bands who are putting in an appearance, the Harbury Festival is going international, as a German group, Friends of Friends want to be 'part of the action' and are coming over especially to support the charity event. The Group from Lower Saxony have arranged for a free-lance TV reporter who works for German T.V. stations to record the 'Festival of Sound' and copies of the film will be made available for future promotion of the TCT Sixties evening.

As usual, there will be a grand Raffle and the Aston Martin Draw, which offers the chance to visit the manufacturers of 'James Bond' cars at the Gaydon site. Tickets (for over 16's) can be purchased prior to the night by calling 01926 613151, 07831 405651 or 07787 532945 and the gate will be open at 6.00pm prompt. If anyone wishes to donate raffle prizes for the Grand Raffle, please call the numbers above – all proceeds are donated to the Teenage Cancer Trust and used to develop facilities in support of teenagers undergoing cancer treatment.

Joe Griffin

Annual Napton Bike Ride

The 28th Annual Napton Bike Ride is on the Sunday 13th July 2008. Start time is 11.30 am on the green and you can sign in from 10.30 onwards. This year we are raising money for Motor Neurone Disease and to improve access to St Lawrence Church.

This year's theme is 'Superheroes' and there will be a prize draw for anyone turning up in costume. Entry to the ride is £6 per adult, £3.50 per child (under 13s) and £18 per family. The Crown pub will be opening for barbecue, there will be a ceilidh and also a DIY B-B-Q on the village green. For more details, visit www.naptoncycleride.co.uk

NEWSFLASH – an unidentified superhero has sent a message that he will be passing through the area on the 13th July at 11.30 am and will be formally starting the race for us.

Tim Coker

Save the Children Charity Event

'Charity begins in the home' and Harbury's Save the Children group of fundraisers are seeking to assist children who need extra help. With this aim in mind, the group has organised 'Dinner at the Dog Inn' on Wednesday July 9th to raise funds for the charity organisation. A three course meal, with coffee to follow, is on offer for £15.00 and all proceeds will go to **Save the Children**. The tickets are available from Sallie Humphries, 22, Mill Street 01926 612315.

'We SAVE THE CHILDREN will you??

Please call in or phone to book your evening meal – we'll be delighted to see you and somewhere children will benefit from your support.

Sallie Humphries

Fun in the Sun

St James, Southam, along with other churches in Southam, are organising a fun day for the community on Saturday, 12th July entitled "Fun in the Sun." This will take place from 2-7pm on the recreation ground in Park Lane, Southam. There will be stalls, live entertainment for all and a funfair. Enclosed is a flyer giving more information.

The Southam churches warmly invite all Harbury and Ladbroke residents to join in the fun!

Bryan Pratt

South Warwickshire Relate Services

South Warwickshire Relate would like to inform all Harbury and Ladbroke News readers about a new service and also give an update on the existing services.

The new service, funded for 3 years by the Big Lottery, offers free relationship counselling if a person (or someone within their family) is aged over 60, is a carer (including a young carer), is disabled or is from an ethnic minority. We are in the process of rolling out a 'Telephone Counselling Service', which will be invaluable to clients who are unable to leave their homes. Counselling is offered to individuals, as well as families and is an invaluable tool to empower and support them.

As part of the Big Lottery service, there are FREE life-skills workshops for those meeting the above criteria about issues such as Basic Counselling, Building Self Esteem, Confidence Building, Stress Management and Taking Charge of your Life. Workshops are offered in English and Asian Languages, whilst other languages may be catered for with the use of translators or sign language. Currently, these workshops are offered from our base in Pageant House to groups of 6-8 people and will alternate between daytime and evening sessions. The Warwick office has a counselling room and toilet facilities which have been adapted for the needs of disabled users. The Counsellors are also able to 'outreach' and will meet clients at other venues which may be easier for them to access.

RELATE also offers training to professionals and for Prison courses, some of which offer an OCN qualification. There are four therapists, who offer Psycho-Sexual Therapy, for which referrals often come from G.P.s. Some Counsellors are trained to work with a whole family and their aim is to help resolve conflicts and problems that might be causing stress and pain. Family work is a charged-for service (normally between £39-£42), but subsidised sessions may be available where clients are unwaged or experiencing financial difficulties. There are currently FREE sessions at Lillington Children's Centre and at the Ken Kennet Centre, Stratford on Avon. The TIME 4 YOU Counselling service, offered within some Warwickshire schools, for 11-19 year olds is also available as a new 'out of school' service, which is free of charge.

For further information, ring 01926 403340

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

Our thanks to the neighbours and friends for their prayers and kindness during Tim's long illness and since his death at the end of May.

Pete is arranging for us scatter Tim's ashes at Shelesley Walsh Hill, a track where Tim drove, his mother held the speed record and Pete has raced.

Marian, Pete and Chris Millington

Dear Editors

We would like to say a huge thank-you to all the friends and family for their kind words, phone calls, flowers and cards following the sad and sudden loss of Len. We will miss him so very much.

Many Thanks

Pip, Mary, Linda, Darren, Emily, Sarah, John and Lilli xx

Dear Editors

May we through the Harbury & Ladbroke News, thank everyone for their messages, cards and donations, on the death of our mum, Ethel. It was nice to know she was so well thought of, once again many thanks.

Leone, Fran and families

Dear Editors

On Sunday June 22nd, a person or persons unknown let their dog off the lead in the field behind our house – (Yew Tree Cottage, Mill Street). The dog owner knew that the dog had chased a chicken and notified our neighbour instead of coming to us. Not only did the dog chase our chicken, but it killed it and left it for us to find on our return home. I'm only glad that my grand-daughters, whose pet it was, were not present at the time to witness the sickening sight of the dead bird. As yet, no-one has had the decency to apologise for the action of their dog. This is the second time that dog owners have proved irresponsible by letting a dog off its lead so close to our property – first it was our pet cats, which were terrorised, now one of the chickens has been destroyed. If people cannot control their dog, they should not have one. Please abide by the Country Code and keep your dog on a lead when crossing fields close to pets and farm animals.

Pat Griffin

Dear Editors

Thank you to all who supported the 'Smart Alec' quiz in May. We raised £109.80 for Christian Aid. Watch out for news of next year's quiz - even bigger and better we hope.

Yours sincerely

Mary Catt

Ann Evans

We would like to thank the committion of the Senior Citizens for organising a really great day out to Weston Super Mare.

We hope that we are sure we speak for everyone who was lucky enough to go, had a great time and we would also like to thank our coach driver for a safe and comfortable journey.

Wendy, Barbara and Lorna

Dear Editors

I along with my husband Geoff thank all the people who have cut the hedges back off the pavements.

It is very much appreciated not only by myself (wheelchair user), but all the mums with pushchairs and toddlers who have got scratches and stung by nettles or have had to walk on the road because the pavements are being encroached with the bushes - trees - weeds.

Mind you, the inconsiderate car/van owners insisting parking on pavements, should try using a pushchair or wheelchair, then perhaps they would know just how it feels for us unfortunate adults and children.

Thanking you.

Pam and Geoff Cleaver

Dear Editors**Missing**

Does any resident know the whereabouts of our large, grey, heavy, PVC ground sheet which was accidentally left in a large carrier bag outside The Dix Inn on Tuesday 3rd June between 9.30am and 1.30pm?

If you have seen it or have it in your possession, please inform Harbury Police Station (behind the Library) as it is a much missed piece of equipment.

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**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO:
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Bookings for:

Scout Hut	Caroline Hill	613780
Tom Hauley Room	Liz Bunting	612450
T. Hauley Room Coffee Morning	Sally Stringer	613214
Village Hall	Kate Johnson	613087
Wight School	Lin Hayes	613488

AUGUST EDITION - HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS

Adverts to 31, Binswood End by 15th July
Articles to Harbury Pharmacy by Thurs 24th July

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)
BRIDGE CLUB: Thursday in Village Club at 7.00pm (612714)
BROWNIES: Scout Hut, Mondays 5.45pm - 7:00pm (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)

GUIDES: Scout Hut, Mondays 7.15pm - 8.45pm

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

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HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: Wight School (behind Library), High St. Monday 12:30pm - 3:00pm, Tuesday to Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm (613386)

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

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Saturdays (Winter only): 2.00pm – 4.00pm

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

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

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

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

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

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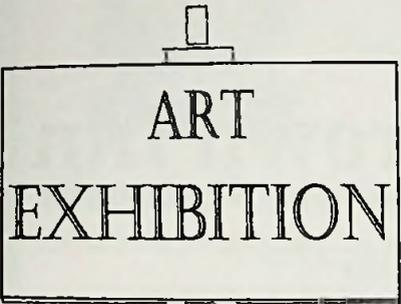
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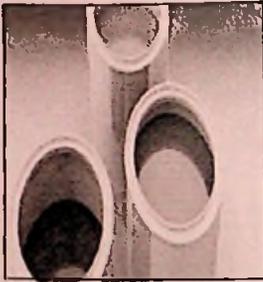


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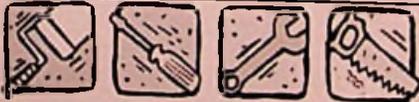
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