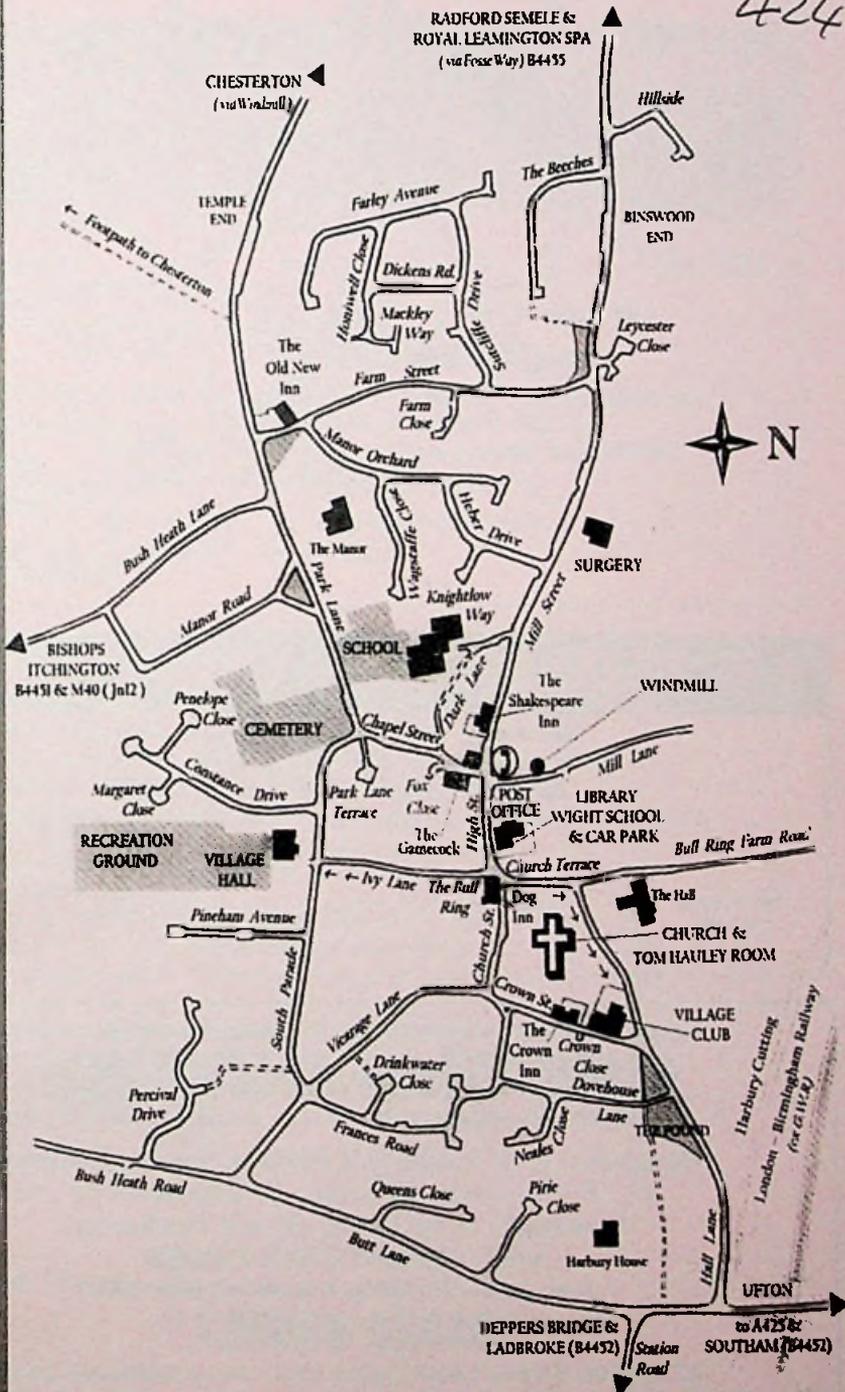


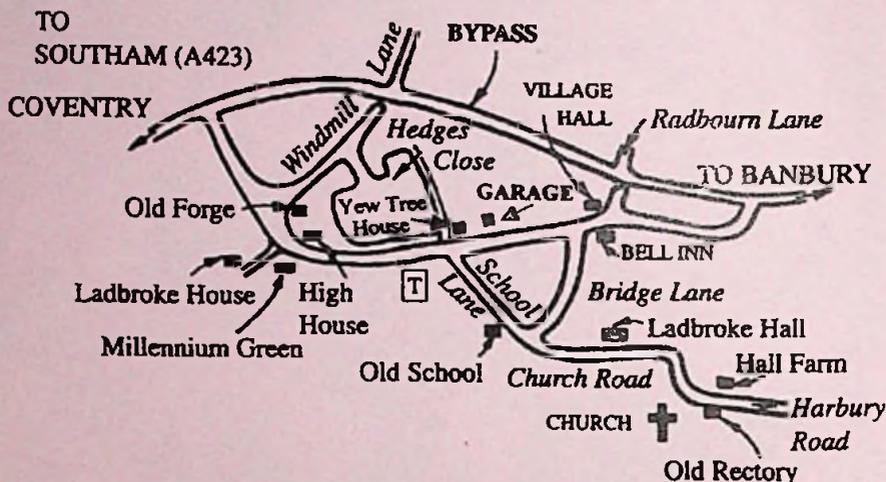
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Editorial



Despite June being a month of mixed weather both Ladbroke's Fete and the Harbury Carnival were blessed with good weather. This helped to ensure that both events were well supported and raised valuable funds.

After being a cause of concern for Harbury residents for many years, the crime of speeding traffic will

hopefully be addressed soon. An exhibition of the proposals to introduce traffic calming measures in Binswood End, Temple End and Butt Lane will be held on Saturday 18th July between 10.00am and 12 noon at the Tom Hauley Room coffee morning.

It is sad to read in the Village Hall update that the building is experiencing anti-social behaviour which disturb nearby residents.

The Editors would like to express their thanks to a number of villagers who have submitted photographs of the Carnival and associated activities and in particular to Anthony Allcock for his wide selection.

Finally we would like to extend our sympathies to the family of Gladys Rose.

Harbury Diary

JULY

- | | | |
|-----|---|--|
| Sat | 4 | Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mothers' Union
Bach Choir Concert in Church
Harbury Society visit to Guys Cliffe House |
| Sun | 5 | TRINITY IV
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room
Service of Benediction 6pm
CRICKET XI home to Stretton on Dunsmore |

Tues	7	Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	8	Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30-10pm
Thurs	9	Holy Communion 9.45am WI Round the World, Pam Parton 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
Fri	10	Tai Chi 7.00pm - 8.30pm in Village Hall
Sat	11	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Theatre Group CRICKET home to Aston Unity Pre-school Race Evening in Village Hall Teenage Cancer Trust - Sound of the Sixties - Harbury RFC Ground
Sun	12	TRINITY V Holy Communion 8.00am Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Tues	14	Toddlers Service 2.00pm in Church Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	15	ADVERTISEMENT TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30-10pm
Thurs	16	Holy Communion 9.45am CRICKET 1 st XI home to Kenilworth 6.30pm start
Fri	17	SCHOOL OUT FOR SUMMER! Tai Chi 7.00pm - 8.30pm in Village Hall
Sat	18	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Tom Hauley Room with display of traffic calming proposals Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am Tom Hauley Room Windmills Summer Ball at Village Hall
Sun	19	TRINITY VI Holy Communion 8.00am Family Communion Service 10.30am Evensong 6.00pm CRICKET 2 nd XI home to Marton 2pm start
Tues	21	Holy Communion 7.30pm Mothers' Union - Skittles Evening Senior Citizens Cttee 8pm in Village Hall
Wed	22	Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30-10pm
Thurs	23	ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM Holy Communion 9.45am Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
Fri	24	Tai Chi 7.00pm - 8.30pm in Village Hall
Sat	25	Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Tennis Club Band Practice in Village Hall CRICKET home to Sheldon
Sun	26	TRINITY VII Holy Communion 8.00am Sung Eucharist 10.30am

- Tues 28 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Julian Meeting 8.00pm
- Weds 29 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30 to 4.30pm at 19 Farm Street
- Thurs 30 Holy Communion 9.45am
BLOOD DONORS IN VILLAGE HALL
- Fri 31 Tai Chi 7.00pm - 8.30pm in Village Hall

AUGUST

- Sat 1 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of CINDI
- Sun 2 **TRINITY VIII**
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room
Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands for Healing & Wholeness 6pm
CRICKET 1st XI home to Snitterfield
- Tues 4 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Weds 5 No Mothers' Union Meeting
- Thurs 6 Holy Communion 9.45am
No Men's Group Meeting
Folk Group at Shakespeare Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 7 Tai Chi 7.00pm - 8.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 8 Senior Citizens Summer Lunch at Village Hall
CRICKET home to Studley

Refuse Collection Rota

	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Refuse Collection Week
July	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	8	9	10	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	15	16	17	Grey Bin
	22	23	24	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	29	30	31	Grey Bin
August	5	6	7	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	12	13	14	Grey Bin
	19	20	21	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	26	27	28	Grey Bin



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HARBURY

From the Rector

Father Craig Grocock

The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel.: 612377

Have a cracking Holy Day!

You may be reading this having just returned from holiday (never mind). Alternatively you might be reading this preparing to go on your summer break (hurrah!). You may of course be on holiday now in which case you won't be reading this (or care either!). Holidays are great aren't they – goodbye to the normal humdrum of our everyday lives as we get away from it all and grab the sun lotion and hit the beach or whatever it is you choose to do on holiday.

The word holiday comes from the words 'holy day'. In ancient times there were certain days of the year that were given to workers as days off so they could go to church and worship. A notable day of course was Mothering Sunday. Other days were given at Christmas, at Easter and on special 'saints days'. Later the 'Holy day' became better known as Holiday and did not necessarily mean attendance at worship. The characteristics of holy day was to rest, to enjoy time with family and friends and to recharge the batteries, pretty much what holidays are meant to be for today. Whatever way we holiday this year, it is so important that we take time for rest. We live in a 24-7 world, it's busy enough, the demands on us are massive and the stress and emotional pressures are considerable. Rest is a holy, Godly principle. Remember the Genesis story of creation? On the seventh day having completed his work, God rested from all his labours. He took time out, downed tools and chilled out (well, perhaps!).

So, whatever you're doing this summer – whether it's basking in the sun somewhere with a good book or getting wet in the Lake District under canvas, enjoy the rest because wherever you are, you'll be having a cracking Holy Day!

God bless, as ever.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

May 31 Felix Banbury

June 14 Lucy Anna Connett

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Harbury

June 6 Dominic Travis to Claire Gardner

June 20 James Bruce to Abigail Cook

June 27 David Iles to Helen Garvin

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

June 25 Gladys Rose (79 years)



From the Churchwardens

Will & Fliss

On Saturday 6 June we had an evening of true celebration when Bishop Christopher confirmed eighteen candidates from the Southam, Kenilworth and Fosse Deaneries. We are especially pleased to welcome Megan, Rob, Elliot, Tony, Millie, Lisa and Rory into the church families of All Saints' Harbury and Ladbroke, and I ask you to remember them in prayer as they go forward in this new stage of their journey with Christ.

Congratulations to those who were inspired with the idea and who worked so hard to prepare for All Saints' entry "The Bible – The Smart Book", in this year's Carnival. They deserved our prize! And thank you to all who joined in the fun and made a proper spectacle of themselves processing through the village!

We celebrated Father's Day at the June family Communion Service when our school, through their pictures, readings, prayers and songs, reminded us of how precious fathers are and impressed upon us that we all share the most precious father of all, our Father in Heaven. Thank you to them, their teachers and families. Thank you, too, to everyone who contributed some splendid artwork for the exhibition in the Children's Corner.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

At our afternoon meeting, our branch leader, Sue Boniface, developed this year's theme "the cost of relationships" with a bible study on the story of Ruth. In four fast moving chapters this Old Testament book

tells a story of famine, emigration, inter-racial marriages, bereavement, partings, return, destitution and finally, a happy ending which ultimately fits into Jesus' family tree. Who said the Bible is dull? Or out of date?

At the evening meeting, we had a discussion on a variety of topics including MP's expenses; voting; whether Mothers' Union members should strike; the modern taboo on discussing death but freedom to refer to sex, and our views on hunting. Who said MU is dull or out of date?

All members are asked to let Sue know if you can come to the skittles evening on July 21st. Please try to support our Tom Hauley Room lunch on July 18th.

As we do not meet in August, the next meeting will be on September 2nd.



First Light

Alison Abbott

Our theme at the June First Light was hypocrisy. With the help of a forged £1 coin, a paper shredder, and a drama we recognised that God isn't taken in by our pretending to be something we are not. He sees our heart and accepts us as we are while seeing the potential for what we can become.

Summer is here and First Light is off to the beach! Well not literally but in keeping with the holiday season it has a seaside theme for July and August.

The Bible doesn't have much to say about the sea. It paints a picture of something chaotic and dangerous and there is a sense that if God can control the sea He can do anything. We, on the other hand view the sea as something we can use and enjoy. In First Light we are going to see how it can also help us to understand and relate to God.

The next First Light is on Sunday 5th of July, and then August 2nd. It begins at 10.30am in the Tom Hauley Room, but come before and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a chat first. We aim to be family friendly, interactive and informal and positively encourage children to join in!



Toddlers Service

Lorna Bedford

At our June service, Mrs Gillian Hare told us the story of how Jesus healed a paralysed man. Jesus was to be found in a house which was full of people listening to him. As the entrance to the house was very crowded, there was no way in for a stretcher, so the poorly man's friends carried him on to the flat roof of the house. Then they lowered him down right in front of Jesus, and Jesus was able to make him walk again. The man who had been paralysed thanked his friends for being so kind to him. To illustrate the story, Mrs Hare had made a cardboard box to resemble a house, and cut a hole in the roof of the house to let down the tiny stretcher she had made.

We sang two songs, one of which Mr Michael Hare had written himself, called 'There's a man on the roof' and he accompanied our singing on the accordion. We said a prayer thanking God for our friends.

As our story was all about good friends, we stuck paper cut-outs of people all holding hands on paper sheets.

Our next Toddler service is on 14th July at 2.00pm in church. All babies and young children, accompanied by an adult, are welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ladbroke News & Diary

JULY

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| Sat | 4 | Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall |
| Sun | 5 | TRINITY IV
Family Communion 10.30am in Church followed by refreshments |
| Fri | 10 | Ladbroke Rockers in Village Hall |
| Sat | 11 | Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall |
| Sun | 12 | TRINITY V
Holy Communion 9.00am |
| Wed | 15 | ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm in Village Hall |
| Sun | 19 | TRINITY VI
Holy Communion BCP 9.00am in Church |

- Thurs 23 ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY &
EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
Women's Institute 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 26 TRINITY VII
Holy Communion 9.00am

AUGUST

- Sat 1 Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 2 TRINITY VIII
Family Communion 10.30am in Church followed by refreshment

Ladbroke Flower Rota

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| July 5 th | Christine Baker |
| July 12 th | Christine Baker |
| July 19 th | Carol Loftus |
| July 26 th | Pat Kennedy |
| August 2 nd | Helen Morten |
| August 9 th | Sue Lord |

Jane Rutherford



Ladbroke Parish Council

Betty Winkfield

Matters Arising – The new notice board is in place. It is by the Millennium Green and is for the use of the villagers and organisations.

The best kept village competition judging takes place this month. The presentations are on July 14th at Warwickshire County Hall.

Planning Matters – The demolition of the existing Village Hall and erection of a new hall is pending. Discussion regarding extensions to Woodcutters Cottage and agricultural buildings at Archer's Rest took place. Planning decisions by District Council are pending with regard to change of use of land and buildings at Old Barn Farm.

Police Report – no police presence. It was reported that we have a new Police Sergeant, Sgt. Fretwell, for six months. He has an extensive area (more administrative than operational) to cover.

Highways and Drainage – The parking on verges in Windmill Lane is a problem. "Synthetic Grass" to cover the area concerned is very expensive. Hopefully, there is a grant available to cover some of the cost – next year.

There have been complaints from the Hall about the smell from culverts and drainage coming from outside the Hall grounds. There are blockages in the brook beyond Farm Yard field, the owner of the land is to be contacted.

Parish Plan – The District Council have commented about the plan and have indicated that they want more mention of the Housing Needs Survey. It needed to highlight the protection of Healthy trees. The countryside between Southam and Ladbroke should be identified. The Village Hall was mentioned but it was required to include more information in support of the proposal. The PC indicated that the Village Hall had done its own survey outside of the official Parish Plan Questionnaire and that this should be published for inclusion in the Plan.

Millennium Green – The Village Fete is on Saturday 20th June and was as successful as previous years. Some of the money raised will hopefully provide for a safer green area beneath the monkey climbing frames.

W.C.C Report – The new Council officially begins work on 22nd June. It contains 50% new councillors. The clerk to the Highways Agency, Patch Bryne, is to remain in the area, which the council were pleased about.

District Council Report – The budget for the coming year – and beyond – is the biggest problem. The district finances come mainly from council tax, investments and the Government. The Government is the one that is lowering its contribution. On a brighter side – we are still a safe area to live in, crime is very low here.

The Blue Lias Ring – This is an organisation involved with public rights of way and footpaths in this area. They have £600 in the kitty and are looking at opening a footpath from Ladbroke to Napton. They wish to close down the organisation and feel this would be a useful way to use up the money.

Dog Waste Bins – The Council chairman has been approached again by concerned villagers. It was suggested that dog owners take offending items home and put it in their black waste bins – (in a suitable plastic bag, of course) – this is quite legal. There is always a

problem about where to site the dog waste bins. A leaflet advising villagers was suggested.

The Telephone Box – BT are to charge us rental of £300+ for the site it stands on!

Complaints have been made to the police about noisy teenagers driving from the village at 4am, obviously intoxicated.

Next meeting – Wednesday July 15th at 7.45pm.



Ladbroke General Section

Ladbroke Village Hall Committee

The Ladbroke Village Hall Committee need volunteers for actors - make-up artists – stage scenery - stage director – script writing - costumes – etc to assist in their attempt to put on a panto on 18th/19th December 2009.

Any interested parties, please contact Alan on 01926 810886 or Christine on 01926 811606.

Christine Baker

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

Janet Goldson

The results of the draw for May were:

£80 Peter Baker	£10 Keith Tancock
£50 John & Heather Wright	£10 Sue Lord
£25 Christine Payne	£10 Geoff & Georgina Middleton
£10 Trish Teverson	£10 Catherine Spence

Ladbroke Village Fete

Ladbroke village came together once again for an enjoyable fete on 20th June. The Millennium Green was full of people indulging their tastes for races and penalty kicking, tea and cakes, beer and skittles, white elephants and books, hot dogs and ice creams and lots more. The pet show started the proceedings in style; the hamsters were



prevented from biting the dogs and the overall winner was a terrier, Pickle, who looked particularly dashing in a red cravat. Talking of names, the highland cow (a toy, not a pet) was awarded the unlikely name Buttercup. If you want to know how plastic ducks can race across a car park, please ask at The Bell. We are very grateful to Jason and the Argonauts for their excellent music; to Learning Curves for their dance display and class; to Alan Lochhead for high quality sound and to Peter Lambert for the tug of war which, as ever, provided the grand finale for the afternoon.



This event always brings out the generous side of the village, whether it is in running stalls and sideshows, organising the events, donating prizes, providing and shifting tables and chairs or just coming along to make the afternoon fun and, of course, spending their cash in the process. The fete is held both to

entertain the whole village on the Millennium Green and to raise money for its maintenance and insurance.

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Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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This was the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council where they elect the officers for the year and allocate places on the Working Parties, except they didn't – that is, there were no changes. Tim Lockley is still Chair, with Keith Thompson as Vice-Chair and everyone kept their previous responsibilities.

The District Councillor Beverley Mann is on Stratford DC Licensing Committee and Andrew Patrick is on Planning. Andrew reported back on queries from the Annual Parish Meeting:-

- The two remaining concrete rubbish stands from Deppers Bridge would be collected but the Grey bin which disappeared cannot be replaced (however Beverley Mann has found some elsewhere).
- Stratford did not know if Verdant were paying lower wages to their refuse collection operatives than Biffa did, but Andrew will ensure the contract is monitored.
- The remodelling of the Bancroft Gardens cost £3,000,000 much to Sharon Hancock's disgust.
- It was true that the Conservation Architect had "accepted voluntary redundancy" and would not be replaced, although there were still two part-time Conservation "Officers". Andrew was concerned at the lack of professional staff and urged the Parish Council to complain about this.

The Parish Council has decided it cannot introduce a concessionary travel scheme for Deppers Bridge at present but will look at it again when they adopt the "power of wellbeing" which gives wider revenue raising powers .

Planning

The Parish Council had no comments to make about plans for the demolition of the existing farmhouse and outbuildings and their replacement with a detached house and garage at Eastfields Farm, Deppers Bridge; the two storey extension at Stickle Rise, Temple End or the conversion of the garage at the Bungalow, Mill Street.

They did, however, have lots to say about the "engineering operations" at the Quarries. They were worried about how asbestos, admitted to be present on the site, would be removed safely and about the potential for flooding there. They complained they were not provided with all the necessary paperwork on which to judge the application and the very short time (two days) they were given to comment on the proposals, which have now been approved.

There were long discussions over the fate of the Dog Inn and the blot on the village caused by it being boarded up. And it was agreed to remove the sign on the Village Hall railings advertising the Farmers' Market. The PC had agreed to its erection but only for a few days before the Market each month.

Bush Heath Lane

The Consultation Event was well attended but there is concern that the County Council is demanding a £200,000 payment (for extra school provision) which is considered excessive and Stratford District wants a Play Area, which the Parish would have to maintain and considers unnecessary, as the development is so close to the Recreation Grounds!

Playing Fields

Janet Thornley reported that David Morgan from the CVS was putting together a rural sports bid and she asked him to include the BMX track, the Swimming Pool, the Tennis Courts and the Village Hall Changing Rooms.

Various repairs to the Play Equipment were needed. Safety inspectors suggested the Rocking Horse be removed but the Council has instead agreed to its repair. Similarly, although the Aerial Runway will cost at least £1,390 to re-commission, it was so well used that it too was saved. Interestingly Alison Baldwin complained that it is only three foot off the ground and when she used it she ended up on the ground.

Burial Grounds

Sharon Hancock had read the revised advice on the safety of memorials but claimed it was incomprehensible and did not give definite advice. It was agreed that the staked stones would be laid flat, giving the advantage that they would then be areas that the moles could not damage.

Street Lighting

Clerk Nicola Thompson has saved us £1,200 by pointing out to Eon

that they had to inform the Parish before they increased their charges for lighting.

Finances

The Council agreed to grant £338.34p to the All Saints Youth Group for equipment for the new Youth Club to be run in the Tom Hauley Room by Father Craig (who Chairman Tim Lockley said, will need the patience of a Saint). The Harbury News thanked the Council for its £170 donation and support for the magazine. Tim Lockley is still peeved that the Parish has to pay Business Rates on their Office and on the Burial Grounds.

Climate Change

Alison Baldwin, inspired by the presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting, said the Parish Council should give more consideration to the impacts of Climate Change. Sharon Hancock thought a good start would be to encourage people to start to walk or cycle into the village centre rather than drive in.

Finance and General Purposes Working Party (F&GP)

Annual Report for 2008 - 2009

The precept for the current year 2009/10 has been increased by £4470 (7.6%) to £63137; this gives an increase of £3.97 per year on a Band 'D' property.

The F&GP working party recommended to the full Parish Council that a 7.6% increase in the Parish Precept would enable the Parish to fully fund its plans for the year 2009/10

This level of Precept will allow the additional spending in the following areas;

Play areas – Much of the existing equipment is reaching the end of its useful life, we proposed setting up a fund to gradually build up sufficient funds to replace play equipment and the needed resurfacing of the basketball court.

Discretionary Spending – While we would have liked to put a figure of £10000 on this scheme, we have set our budget at £5,000 for this year and the Council intends to spend these funds by targeting, not just local groups, but specifically the local youth groups.

Village maintenance – increased by 3% in line with the terms of the contract.

Village Hall Car Park – A budget to cover additional repairs, based on the last 12 months costs.

Village Hall Development – Again this year we have set aside funds to directly support the development plans for the Village Hall, this amount is set at £5,000.

Cemetery – £2000 to cover the on-going tree maintenance and the works required to make the headstones safe.

Street Lighting – £4000 to cover new and replacement columns with an additional £3500 for maintenance.

Parish Website – The development of the Parish Council website is now complete. The intention is to expand the pages available to include more Parish Groups, so that this site grows into a Harbury community website. A summary of last years accounts are shown below. This is well in-line with our planned budgetary control. Copies of the full accounts are included in the Parish Council Annual Report.

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Precepts	58667.00	General Administration	14383.88
Interest Received	1777.49	Purchase of Office Equipment	552.80
Allotment Rents	652.50	Parish Office	4041.52
Burial Ground Fees	1224.00	Section 137	3136.98
Playing Field Hire	200.00	Contribution to Village Hall	5000.00
Wayleave	33.76	Concessionary Travel	42.50
Grass Verge Contribution - SDC	1251.20	Running Costs:	
Grant Funding	3046.69	Allotments	1073.56
Sports Club Additional Contribution	230.52	Burial	5112.77
		Open Spaces	6441.98
		Playing Fields & Car Park	9119.75
		Non-Estate Roads	1589.40
		Street Lighting	11121.60
		Contribution to Sports Clubs Fund	1320.00
		Councillors Allowances	2256.02
		Election Expenses	200.00
TOTAL INCOME	67083.16	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	65392.76

The Harbury Parish Council website provides us all with another means to keep in touch with the Parish Council, giving easy access to the minutes, meeting schedules, quarterly reports and the contact details for the Council.

Current Harbury planning applications can be viewed here along with the details of other village groups. Please note the web address,

<http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk/>

On a personal note I would like to thank our Clerk, Nicola Thomson, for all the help and support she has given to me and all of the Parish Councillors in the last year.

My thanks also go to my colleagues on the F&GP Working Party, Councillors Tim Lockley, Sharon Hancock, Ron Grey and Alison Baldwin for their help, contributions and commitment throughout the year.

Tony Mancell, Chair, Finance & General Purposes Working Party

Properties Working Party Report

Harbury is fortunate to have a number of open spaces-village greens and an extensive recreation ground and it also owns the Cemetery. All these areas require considerable maintenance and the bulk of this work is done by our contractor, Mr Hall.

The playground equipment has frequent professional inspections and we aim to act quickly if problems are identified. Last summer, the skateboard ramp was severely damaged by fire and required major repairs. The insurance company asked us to look at security and the Council decided to have the adjacent scrub area cut back to improve visibility of the area. The aerial runway had to be taken out of action as it was unsafe and we are investigating getting it repaired at reasonable cost so this popular equipment can be used again. Moles have become a problem and we now have a contract with a pest control firm to deal with them. The paved area between the playground and the village hall has deteriorated and will be repaired shortly as will the picnic table by the tennis courts. In the long term, we are looking at purchasing new equipment for the small children's playground and replacing the bark pits with energy absorbing safety surfaces.

The tennis court fence has been partially renewed and agreement reached with the Tennis Club to increase contributions to the Sinking Fund which pays for the maintenance of the courts.

The garden in Chapel Street had become unsightly with a vandalised seat and neglected shrubbery. The garden has been replanted, and a new bench and litter bin installed and the area looks much better. The cost of this was partially offset by a grant of £730 from Warwickshire County Council. The memorial plaque on the original bench has deteriorated and a replacement is being ordered to fix to the new bench.

We were advised that we had to ensure the memorials in the Cemetery were safe and had them inspected by a specialist company. Before doing this, considerable effort was made to publicise the process. Nevertheless, a number of people were upset when 67 memorials, found to be dangerous were staked. Efforts are continuing to trace relatives so these graves can be repaired. The Health and Safety Executive have now issued new advice on memorial safety and we will not be taking further action until we know what this contains.

The allotments are flourishing and there is a waiting list. At the request of the holders an additional tap has been provided on the Pineham Farm side.

I would like to thank my fellow working party members, Keith Thompson, Alan Knowles, Janet Thornley and Rob Darlison for their work over the past year. Special thanks are due to the Parish Clerk, Nicola Thompson who manages contracts and deals with numerous problems day by day.

Sharon Hancock



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Thanks to generous donations of items for sale both our Coffee Morning and Carnival Stall attracted a good crowd. The beads and jewellery were especially successful and we hope to collect more for next year. If you have any unwanted or broken items please contact Linda on 612792.

This summer we had two tours planned, Guys Cliffe in July is fully booked and the Butterfly Reserve was a great success apart from the Horseflies!

The reserve, at Ryton Woods, was created on an old landfill site, itself part of restoration after sand and gravel extraction. Mike Slater, the reserve manager persuaded the landfill operator not to cover the site

with topsoil but to use poorer soil more suited to butterflies and the wildflowers on which they rely. The Small Tortoiseshell and Peacock butterflies require stinging nettles whilst the White Admiral favours brambles and lays its eggs on honeysuckle.

The area now teems with wildflowers including Bee Orchids, Melliott, Campion, various species of vetch, Cranesbill, Dog Rose and butterflies including Painted Lady, Large Skipper, Speckled Wood, Common Blue.

In the autumn we are holding a **Members' Hobbies Event** on 22nd September and on 13th October in the Tom Hauley Room, Pete Bones will give a presentation on the repairs to Chesterton Windmill.

	<h2>Harbury Women's Institute</h2>	<p>Jeanne Beaumont</p>
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June is always a busy time. Some members helped with refreshments at the Family Day on Bank Holiday Monday.

Carnival Day was excellent. The weather was on our side and the Parade was fantastic this year. The number of contestants taking part and their costumes were amazing. The judges had a hard task as all deserved a mention. We were awarded a 1st



with Harbury Chocoholics and Jo won an award for her best original costume. We also came 2nd on the field. The cake stall is always popular and soon sold out. Thanks to all our helpers and cake bakers.

Our Garden Party at the home of Ann and Philip Mayer was most enjoyable and we thank them so much. The refreshments and wine went down a treat as did the company. As usual the comfort in the marquee was appreciated.

We visited the farm of the Hadley's on the evenings of 17th and 22nd June. We had an excellent tour of their well run farm conducted by Jean, husband John and son Robert, who explained the growing of their grain and the rearing of their lovely South Devon cattle.

Oh the rules and paper work involved, but the results were there to see. Lovely evenings enjoyed by all.

Our speaker was Neville Ellis and we went into the church to hear him tell us about the history of the church with pictures, sketches etc, shown with the help of Philip Mayer.

About 500AD, a pope decreed a church should be built on a pagan site. Iron Age lady chief named Erburga had a camp/bury east of the church by Hall Lane. The Saxons had a priest here and in 1066 the Normans arrived (Domesday Book); Turchill of Warwick was overlord of this area. Monks of Coventry and Kenilworth had care of the church. Coventry Monks held land in Harbury which was laid to waste by the Kings army, (Domesday Book).

The present church was built in the 13th Century possibly the Tower being first. It was expanded over the years to the present size. It would appear that the tower has given trouble from the time it was built with the tendency for the west wall to lean outwards. Consequently massive buttresses were built onto the west corners overlapping the original ones. The top part of the tower was removed and rebuilt in brick in 1800. Earliest records of bells from 1552 when it was recorded Herbury had three bells, a small bell and a hand bell. Another survey in 1750 tells us that Herberbury had five bells, recast in 1811. In 1959 the five bells were removed and three were cracked so they were melted down and recast into four bells and two more were added to make six. In 1981 two more bells were obtained from a redundant church, recast made into the eight bells of today.

We were told so much history of the church and one can recommend Neville to tell you about it.

July Speaker: Round the world – Pam Parton

July meeting: Thursday 9th July at 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room.



Folk Club

Sue Hartland

The theme for the 295th edition of the Harbury Folk Club was 'Towns & Cities'. This encouraged a wide range of songs from smoky Salford to glamorous Hollywood.

The Harvesters opened with 'Spencer the Rover' (Rotherham) and 'The Rigs of London Town'. Peter Mason sang the very moving story of 'Kilkelly Ireland' followed by 'Nana's Song'. Rick sang that song

about Salford and continued with one of my favourites, 'Sweet Thames Flow Softly'. Janny & Maureen baby-sat whilst Summer & Jenny performed 'Johnny Miner' and 'My Youngest Son'. Finally the Bones Family Band concluded the first half with 'Come & Buy' and 'Over the Lancashire Hills'.

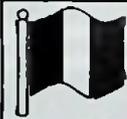
Stuart started the second half with 'O Lancashire' and 'The German Clockwinder', which has a double meaning apparently! The baby sitters were next singing the beautiful 'Horncastle Fair' followed by a Medley of choruses from Amsterdam! The MDs (Mike & Deb) performed 'The House of the Rising Sun' and by popular demand, 'Dirty Old Town' (that Salford song again). Ron followed with 'I Can't Find Coventry' and because it was polling day he sang the Voting Song. Ted & Sue gave us 'The Punch & Judy Man' and 'Marilyn Monroe' and Pete Grassby finished with 'Appleby Fair' and 'The Bell Ringing Song'. Heavenly hammered dulcimer playing on that one!

We had a short third half with Peter Mason singing 'Joseph Baker', Peter Bones singing 'The Streets of London'. We couldn't let the evening pass without that! Ted closed the evening with us all joining in the very amusing 'Rawtenstal Annual Fair'.

The Raffle raised £33.00 for Sue's forthcoming 5k Race for Life for Cancer Research.

We will be doing it all again next month when the hosts are Ted and Sue and the theme is 'Just Deserts & Rich Rewards'.

Be there!



Harbury Twinning Association

Colin Humphreys

May was the month that we in the Twinning Association had been looking forward to and planning for all year.

Towards the end of the month our French friends paid us their bi-yearly visit. This year twenty two families came over and stayed with friends in the village.

On arrival in Harbury we welcomed our guests with a traditional English cream tea, with scones and jam, which was much appreciated as our visitors had been on the go since early morning. After that their hosts took them home for the rest of the evening, many meeting up together to make individual parties.

The next morning, Saturday, there were a number of activities going on in the village which many of our guests went to see. These included an art exhibition in the Wight School with exhibits from both Harbury and French artists. There was also a car-boot sale in the Village Hall car park, and a conference in the Hall on the methods of recycling waste being adopted in Harbury and the French village of Samoie sur Seine.

A ploughman's lunch was provided in the Tom Hauley Room, washed down with draught beer and draught perry to keep to the ploughman theme.

In the afternoon many of us went to the Old New Inn and played a variety of pub games. This was a real laugh, and the French could not get enough of it. (Made a change from Boules)

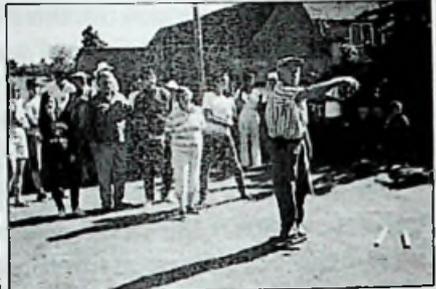
In the evening we had a 'European meal' in an appropriately decorated Village Hall, where each of the hosts provided a homemade national dish from one of the European Union countries. These were really superb, and an idea for future events. This was followed by a Disco and dancing.

A really good evening.

Sunday morning, church for those who had not indulged too much the night before, and then many of us took our guests to Warwick Castle and a picnic lunch.

In the evening, back again to the Village Hall for a lavish 'mediaeval banquet' where the vast majority turned up suitably dressed in a wide array of costumes. Suitable period music and singing between courses added to making this a night that we all will remember.

Monday morning, and all good things must have an end! At eleven o'clock their coach was waiting to take them back to Luton Airport. So



English/French Pub Games



A European Meal in the Village Hall



Ye Olde Harbury Singers

it was goodbye until we meet them again next year in France. But I doubt the weather could be any finer than that which we experienced that week end.



Harbury RFC

Rugby Football Club

Jerry Birkbeck

Awards Evening

On Friday 1st May the Club held its Annual Awards evening. Attended by 55 playing members and Club Officials at the Clubhouse; this event was an excellent affair. Comedian Tony Kay was a star turn and the awards made were fully supported. Full details can be found on the website (www.harburyrfc.co.uk). The principal awards were Player of the Year 1st XV Shane Dunne, Player of the Year 2nd XV Matt Holloway whilst Young Player of the Year was Pete Connon and Colt of the Year Ben Shinkwin. Graham Lewis' 15 year tenure as Treasurer (from which he retired at the AGM) was marked by the award of a Life Membership and Clubman of the Year.

AGM 2009

The AGM was held at the week before the Annual Dinner and a number of changes arose. Not only has Graham retired but also Chairman John French who had spent 3 years in post has also retired as he felt that the pressure of work commitments was over-riding. Both these guys have done an outstanding job and we are eternally grateful to them.

One of our aims was to encourage younger players into the fold to ensure that we keep in touch with all. The full details are on the website but below is a quick snapshot of the principal appointments.

President	Ian Holroyd	Chairman	Graham Foster
Treasurer	Ian Kimberley	Secretary	Dave Jones
Fixtures	Jerry Birkbeck	Facilities	Dave Andrews
Entertainments	Tom Jamieson	Club Captain	Matt Knight
1st XV Captain	Jeff Foster	Vice Captains	Ricky & Steve Alford
2nd XV Captain	Adrian Exton	Vice Captain	Graeme Burgess
3rd XV Captain	Mark Finch	Coaches	Tony Cowley & Steve Dunne
Bar Manager	Jenny Thomas		



Presentation Day

The 10th May saw a beautiful sunny day for Harbury Minis' fun family and Presentation Day which celebrated 30 years of mini and junior rugby at Harbury and raised £432 towards club funds.

After games, time trials and a barbeque, the well contested awards were handed out:

Under 7's

Player of the Year William Banfield **Most Improved Player** Jack Knowles
Clubman of the Year Ben White

Under 8's

Player of the Year Alex Green **Most Improved Player** James Huke
Clubman of the Year Ceallach Welland

Under 9's

Player of the Year Tiernan Welland & Mario Palmer **Most Improved Player** Ryan Curuana
Clubman of the Year Jim Owen

Under 10's

Player of the Year Matt Laity **Most Improved Player** Theo Wakelin
Clubman of the Year Jack Dennis

Under 11's

Player of the Year Henry Steele **Most Improved Player** Joseph Killick
Clubman of the Year James Darlison

Under 12's

Player of the Year Aaron Ward **Most Improved Player** William Rea
Clubman of the Year Sam Cave

Under 13's

Player of the Year George Brooks **Clubman of the Year** Max Brown

A special presentation was made to retiring Chairman, Barry Dutton who has coached at the club for 17 years, seeing two teams all the way through to U17s, a stalwart performance – thank you Barry.

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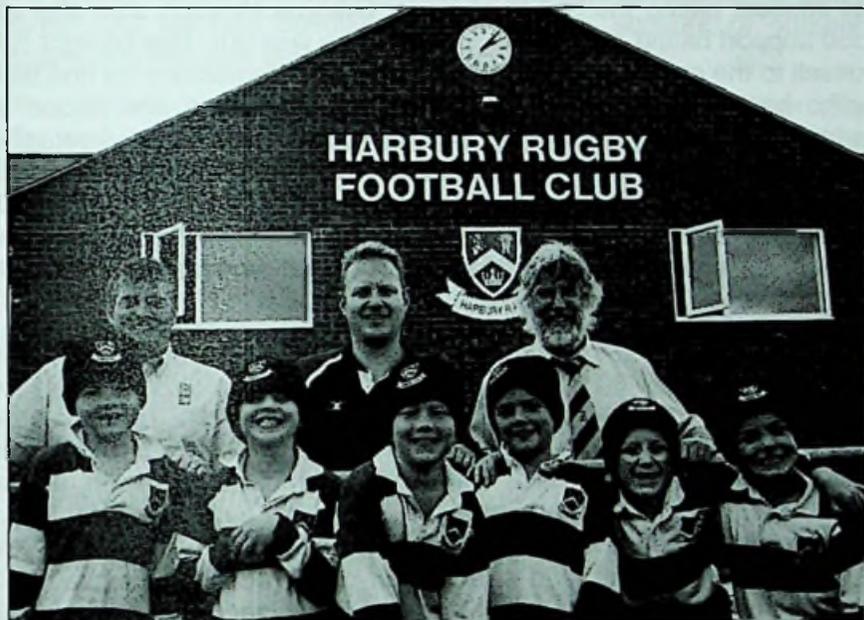
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Michael Steele was also presented with an award from the main club for services to Harbury Rugby Club.

In the photo below Dave Andrews (right) founded the M & J section of the club in 1979, John Winchester (left) was one of our first 7 year olds (and is the Under 10's coach this season) .



Also pictured is Steve Green (current Under 7's coach) with some of this year's under 7's players modelling Harbury RFU beanies which were given to every player to mark 30 years of mini and junior rugby at the club.

Harbury Cricket Club

Phil Mugleston

A broken nose, two black eyes, a broken finger, bruised ribs and Stuart stubbed his toe on Jaime's bat at the weekend. This sums up the injury list of the team so far this year, and they say cricket isn't a dangerous sport. As you can see it has already been a very eventful season, with someone getting hurt one way or the other on the pitch every week. However, in amongst the bloody noses and numerous bandages we have managed to play some cricket, and pretty well too.

We began the season with a home fixture against Willoughby, who always turn out a good side. This match proved to be a nervous start for new Captain Phil Mugleston, who not only flipped the coin all wrong, allowing their captain to win the toss, he also managed to set all the alarms off at the club house. Being put into bat, the Harbury openers started well, Will Russell showing he hadn't lost the form of last season, hitting the ball to all parts. Graham Newport also offered good support hitting a quick fire 18 before he was out. This brought Ed Russell to the crease who began by immediately smashing his first ball to the boundary! The two brothers batted really well and added a partnership of 102 for the second wicket until Will was eventually dismissed for a brilliant 79. Phil Mugleston continued his nervous start to the season, playing the most ridiculous shot I've ever seen and getting out for just 3!! However, Ed continued his innings, and gave Harbury a good final total of 211 to defend, Ed eventually getting out for a well made 59.

In reply, Willoughby were immediately put on the back foot by the deadly swing bowling of George Bloxham who removed the two openers. Harbury continued to take wickets. However, the opposing captain kept his head in amongst the fall of wickets and kept the scoreboard ticking over, his was the prize wicket that would win us the game, and it came in a moment of brilliant cricket by the Harbury lads. Tom McKenzie had come into the bowling attack and was giving the batsmen nothing to hit, and in a shot of desperation their captain hit the ball straight up in the air. It required a spectacular catch by Will which saw him go head over heels, but that was the wicket we wanted and we wasted no time in wrapping up the tail. A winning start, and a great performance.

The next week saw us travel away to Warwick where a rather eventful game took place, Phil again managed to lose the coin toss, and Harbury were asked to bat. It started well with Will hitting the first ball for 4, however the second ball wasn't so good, and he was caught at slip. This was to be the trend of the Harbury innings as most of our batsmen only lasted two balls. It was only Phil Mugleston who played the captain's innings hitting 67 not out, despite his dad's best efforts to run him out off the last ball of the innings. I only wanted to run one and I turned around and my dad was next to me, talk about having to get your skates on!! Chasing 138 Warwick were pegged back by our bowling, not being allowed to score quickly, then came the first disastrous moment of the season. I didn't mean for it to hit him in the nose, but when the ball flew off the batsman's edge, I instinctively

jumped like a salmon to catch it, however was only able to tip it into my slip's nose, whoops! Needless to say, Will was not happy, and I expected a bloody nose in return, but he's not going to let a little injury get in the way of his game, quickly running off the field to clean himself up, then coming back on to bowl his overs. We did managed to take a few wickets as the innings progressed but it was not enough to avoid a defeat, but we had definitely put in a good account of ourselves against the Warwick lads.

Since these opening two matches, the team has continued to progress and we have played some brilliant cricket, only losing one other match so far this season against Stockton, but again that was a close ordeal, with our guys taking the game right to the very end against a strong opposition. So this season, the stand out performances have come from Jaime Newport, who hit a brilliant 54 not out against Kineton, beating his captain to 50 runs. This innings was made in double quick time, including several big sixes, really entertaining stuff. The skipper Phil hasn't done too bad either, despite losing the toss nearly every week, he has managed to hit three 50's leading from the front, the latest one seeing him score 64 in a victory over Radway. This innings showed some great shots, however none were better than a beamer that he smashed for six. For those who don't know what a beamer is, it is a ball that is aimed right at the batsman's head without it bouncing, therefore giving the batsman little time to take up evasive manoeuvres. That was a shot I really enjoyed!! Another star performance this season came from Tom McKenzie, who took 5 wickets for 35 runs against Kineton, a great feat.

Well I'd best be off, so I'll leave you with my usual statement, if you or anyone you know fancies a game of cricket at the weekend, we always welcome new players. Remember it's only a bit of fun, so just give me a bell on 01926 612382, my name's Phil by the way if you didn't know, so if your name is Ian Botham, or you play cricket like him, let me know!! Cheers!!



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

The Club's pre-Wimbledon Strawberry Tournament was held on one of the warmest evenings of the summer and proved very popular although a couple of injuries early on saw the Ibuprofen cream out before the dairy variety! Following the Round Robin stages the final was between Caroline Morland and David Lauder against Sue Mercer

and Jon Guy. It was a very close match with Sue and Jon winning, but only after a tiebreak.

In the Banbury League, Harbury's unbeaten run came to a halt against league leaders Banbury West End followed by a second defeat against Hook Norton, both by a 3-6 margin. The home ladies proved too strong for Caroline Morland, Sue Panton, and Karin Kirk, winning all 3 rubbers. Marcus Sharpe, Steve Stark and Peter Walshe fared better with 2 wins.



Harbury's other success was in the mixed doubles with Sue and Marcus having an emphatic win. For the visit to Hook Norton, Steve Fitzgerald and Chris Cousins replaced Marcus and Peter. Sue had most success, winning with Karin and Steve, with Caroline and Steve winning the final rubber.

In the next match at Byfield, Harbury had to concede 3 rubbers before a ball was hit in anger! This was due to Karin Kirk having to withdraw after injuring a calf muscle in the previous evening's Strawberry Tournament. The rest of the team, Caroline Morland, Sue Mercer, Steve Stark, Peter Walshe and Colin Mercer won 3 rubbers and lost 3, giving the home side a 6-3 win.

We returned to winning ways in the next match at Deddington. Caroline, Sue M, Steve and Colin were joined by Sara Peters and Adam Crossling. Deddington had their noses in front after the first round. Steve and Adam won their rubber but the home team won the others against Caroline and Sara, and Sue M and Colin. Harbury turned the match round in the second round, winning all 3 rubbers. That left Harbury needing one of the final 3 rubbers to clinch the match. Sue and Sara were edged out 5-6 but Steve and Caroline completed a comfortable win. Adam and Colin's rubber was the closest going to a tiebreak which they started very badly and were 0-5 down but staged an excellent recovery to take it 8-6. This gave Harbury a 6-3 win and despite the 3 defeats are holding onto second place in the table.

In the men's doubles, teenagers Adam Crossling, Jon Guy, and Marcus Sharpe have been in impressive form and helped Harbury to some good results including a 4-0 win against HAD Redditch and a 2-2 draw against Shipston. However, the best result has been against

runaway league leaders Ardencote when all 3 played. Helped by the "experienced" Jon Scothern they achieved an excellent 2-2 draw to stop the visitors getting an 8th consecutive win!

Juniors

Visit to the Aegon Classic

A group of our younger Junior members were invited by Warwickshire LTA to go to the Aegon Classic (formerly the DFS Classic), a pre-Wimbledon Ladies tournament held at the Edgbaston Priory Tennis Club in Birmingham. Each child and his or her "adult" was provided with a ground pass to watch the tennis matches and the children also went to the children's Play Tennis Zone for 45 minutes of fun tennis activities.

Luke and Emma had a very enjoyable day. They were able to watch some good tennis matches; saw Sharapova play and felt the day helped them to better understand the rules of the game and the different tennis techniques. They also really enjoyed the tennis clinic, where they went round several different



tennis exercises from aiming a ball into a wall with small holes to test accuracy, playing in a small court against an adult surrounded by blow-up walls, playing in pairs, playing against nets, and serving into a blow-up tent that measured the speed of the serve.

Alice and Edward also enjoyed the day. Edward thought it was "cool" when one of the coaches ran back to chase a lob and played the ball through his legs! Alice really liked seeing Maria Sharapova – especially her outfit! She thought Sharapova's tennis was good too!

Summer Holiday Tennis for 5 – 16 year-olds

In case you missed our June article here is the information again:

We shall be running some fun tennis sessions at the club during the summer holidays. HTC members, non members, beginners, improvers and more experienced players will all be welcome. There will be sessions every weekday in the following weeks:

20th - 24th July, 3rd - 7th August, 17th - 21st August and 24th - 28th August

The times for the different age groups are:

9.00am to 10.15am for 5-7yrs, 10.30am to 12.00 noon for 8-10 yrs

12.45pm to 2.15pm for 11-13 yrs 2.30pm – 4.00pm for 14-16 yrs

Children will be able to sign up for any number of sessions from just 1 to all 20! All groups will be taken by a qualified coach with a qualified assistant for every session. All are CRB checked.

Please email Sue Mercer (sucol-merc@tiscali.co.uk) for more details and a booking form or phone 01926 613284 - and please tell your friends!



Windmills
Nursery School

Nursery School Staff & Committee

Forest School



This month we have held two Forest School sessions in our woodland. During the first session the children became minibeast detectives and then tried to make models of what they found using the natural resources. The second session involved the children visiting the school's willow tunnel to collect branches which they brought back to the woodland. They then used tools to strip the bark and also made crowns to wear. "Spiders have 8 legs" - Carys "Four on each side" - Eleanor "Look I've made a snake, look at the tongue" - Francesca "I'm going to be a monkey, monkeys climb trees" - Ruby.

Other activities this month have included:

- Creating a jungle habitat involving collecting natural resources and arranging them in clay in our small world play area.
- Making a snake book mark and card for Father's Day



- Mrs Kennedy helping them to make peppermint creams to give to their daddies for Father's Day
- Producing beautiful artwork to decorate our Carnival float
- Having group photographs taken on the school field
- Practising for our Sports Day
- Enjoying picnics outside at lunchtime on the school field
- Visiting to the Toddler Service at church.

Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone involved with organisation and the preparation of the Carnival float enabling us to win 2nd place in the children's decorated float section. Special thanks must go to Adam and Haidee Powell, Sue and Wheatley, Jackie Allen, Katharine and Adrian Giblin and everyone who donated bottles or gave up their time to run the tombola stall and of course everyone who bought tickets. We managed to raise a fantastic £253.00.

Windmills now has a wonderful new playhouse, kindly donated by Kate and David Johnston.

Dates for your Diaries:

ZOOLAB visit - Zoolab will be visiting Windmills during the morning of 7th July and bringing their rainforest road show. This is an end of year treat subsidised by the Windmills Fundraising Group.

End of Term Fancy Dress Day - We will be having a fancy dress party for all the children to celebrate the end of another school year on Thursday 16th July.

Summer Ball - Windmills Nursery will be holding their annual Summer Ball in the Village Hall on Saturday 18th July, 2009, from 8.00pm until midnight, featuring local band "The Frets". Tickets are priced at £15 and will include a glass of bubbly on arrival and a fish and chip supper

with pudding, available from Windmills Nursery, Mugglestons or Katharine Giblin on 01926 613084.

Windmills Nursery is also holding a fundraising event featuring local singer Ella Kendrick on 15th August in the Old New Inn. There will be a BBQ and raffle, more details next month.

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 log on to our web site at www.windmillsnursery.co.uk, or call Nicola on 614564 or Tina and Marie on 07906519148.



Harbury Pre-School

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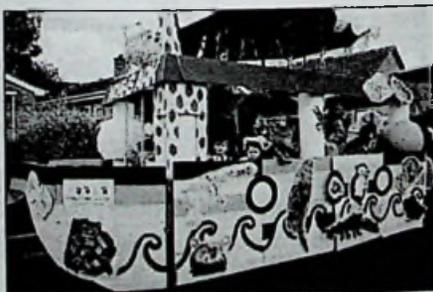
During June we were delighted to welcome Isabelle, who joined us just in time to take part in the Carnival with her new friends.

Fathers' Day: At the beginning of the month, the children designed their own vehicles on the computer, printing off the finished article to be made into fantastic Fathers' Day cards.

Music: Lizzie and Millie – Harbury Primary School Year 6 – and Jo (Charlotte's Mummy) paid us a visit to play the violin and flute. Lizzie and Mille played two pieces each, then talked to the children and let them look at their instruments. Jo played her flute and then the children were given the chance to make a sound with it themselves. Later on the children used our own instruments for music making. Thank you very much to Lizzie, Millie and Jo for giving their time and expertise.

Snails: Our next visitors were African land snails, brought in by Hollie, whose Mummy talked to the children about them and showed what they ate and how to look after them.

Carnival: What a result! Harbury Pre-School's wonderful float, designed, painted and assembled, using lots of the children's own work, by Masa, Ceri and their team of parents, won first prize! Very many thanks to all those who helped to make it such a success, not least



Rob Hadley, who not only loaned us his trailer, but also towed it with his tractor in the parade.

Bear Hunts: A letter from a lost bear led to two bear hunts, during which we followed paw prints down Mill Lane and into the Jacksons' orchard. A number of obstacles were negotiated before the bear was found hidden in his den. The children had a lovely time and we are grateful to the Jacksons for allowing us to use their orchard.



Taxi: Continuing with our journey theme, Martha's Daddy brought a taxi to Pre-School for the children to sit in and experience the 'backward' and 'moving' seats. They even found the special window through which to pay their fare!

Visitors: Our final visitors of the month were Miss Maher and Mrs Johnson who came from Harbury Primary School's Reception Class to meet the children who would be joining them next term.

Garden: Lots of fruit, vegetables and flowers have been planted and, with the care lavished on them by the children, the first crop of potatoes has been harvested and the others are beginning to show signs of producing beans, peas, tomatoes, sweetcorn, strawberries and, eventually, Brussels sprouts.



Fund Raising: The coffee morning, cream teas and Carnival hot dog stand were hugely successful. Many thanks to all those who supported them. Don't forget to get your tickets for the **Race Night** to be held at Harbury Village Hall on Saturday 11th July. Tickets available from Jo on 614672.

And Finally Many thanks to Chris Beaton of FIXIT4U for fitting a new lock on our interior door to give added security.

For further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Jacqui Quinney, Chair of the Pre-School Committee, on Harbury 613386 or log onto www.harburypre-school.org.uk



Southam Area Sports

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in the Southam Sports earlier this month. Special congratulation to Leonie, Kate, Phoebe, Francesca, Jodie, Jade, Sam, Eve, the Year 3, 5 and 6 Girls' and the Year 6 Boys' relay teams, all of whom won their events and have been selected to represent Southam in the Central Warwickshire sports this Thursday, along with George, who was runner-up in the 800 metres.

Tag Rugby

Congratulations, too, to the schools tag rugby team, who finished as runners-up in a highly competitive tournament held in Leamington last week.

Sponsored Skip

May I remind parents that the sponsored skip will take place throughout Friday of this week. Each child should have taken home a sponsor form last week – please send these back with your child on Friday so that they can be completed by staff. As we are so near the end of term, please try and send in the sponsor money as soon as possible. Thanks.

Fathers' Day Service

Many thanks to the children and families who supported the Family Service last week – those children who were able to make it performed excellently – well done. However, the turn-out from our pupils for the service was very low. I do ask that you support these services – supporting Parish events is part of the role of a Church of England school – and I therefore ask you to book into your diaries the next service, which will be the Harvest Festival on Sunday 20th September.

Mrs Jackson

As most of you already know, Mrs Jackson will be retiring at the end of this term after 22 years of outstanding service to the school. I shall, of course, be writing to parents about Mrs Jackson nearer to the end of term. In the meantime, the Governing Body have taken the opportunity to review the administrative support to the school, and have made the following appointments:

Mrs Wilson, who is currently the part-time School Secretary, will be taking over as the main School Secretary from September.

A new post of part-time School Finance Officer has been created, and the Governors have appointed Mrs O'Dell, currently a School Finance Officer at another school in Warwickshire, to the post.

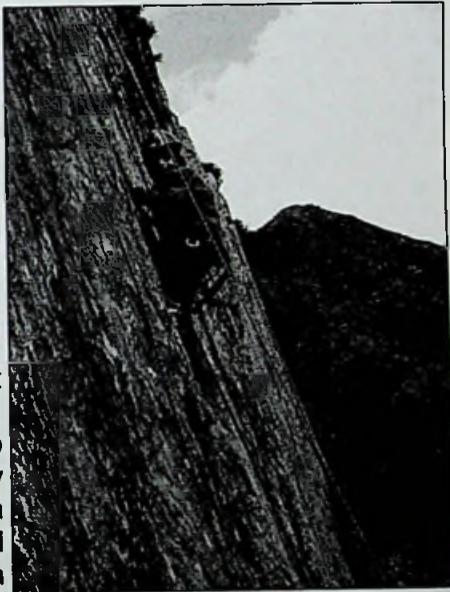
Vacancy

I understand that there is a vacancy for a playworker at Kids Club for the afternoon sessions after the summer holidays – please contact Kids' Club for more details.



1st Harbury Scouts

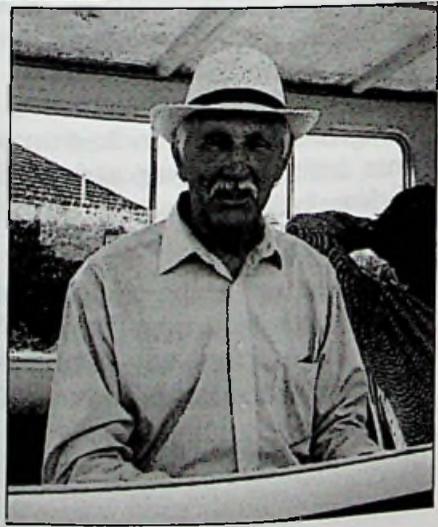
Nick Green



In the May half term 19 scouts went to Wales for a four night camp, where some scouts climbed up Mount Snowdon. We spent a day on a Welsh beach, cooked on open fires, built our own zip wire and had a few brilliant games of British Bulldog!

The best part of the camp for me was when we went rock climbing on a real rock face near Tryfan. We also learned that there is a reason why the leaders say "Don't bring electronics on camp" when one member of the troop left an iPod somewhere in the Welsh countryside!

Eliot (Woodpeckers)



HARBURY CARNIVAL 2009



Harbury Guides & Scouts Group News

Jim Ward



It may come as a surprise to those not close to the world of scouting and guiding to know that here in Harbury we are coming towards the end of our 'year', as (like schools) we take a break for a rest during the summer holidays. So follows a brief note on the groups' situation this year, as you will have heard details of specific events/activities in previous individual section items.



Starting at the most recent event, our grateful thanks to the Carnival Committee for permitting our novel entry this year of a 'car bash'. The original idea was conceived by GASS Chairman Mark Clifton (who'd done one at school!) and accomplice Rob Cooper, both of whom steered the whole thing through to delivery brilliantly without a single mishap, except

ironically to themselves! Never before in the history of car smashes has so much frustration been vented by so many on one innocent white Escort. Thanks to everyone who helped with what turned out to be a very popular activity, proving the sceptics wrong that it couldn't/ shouldn't be done, and raising some valuable funds in the process. A very positive outcome all round, provided nobody 'tries it at home'!

With a membership of around 120, split 50/50 between the scouts and guide sections, the group continues to flourish, so much so that unfortunately there are waiting lists in some areas. This underlines the continued increase in the popularity of scouting, plus the wonderful job that is being done to provide this to our members by the dedication, hard work and enthusiasm of our leaders and their helpers. We are all most grateful for the effort that is put in on such a regular basis.

Although we are well blessed with the adult support that we have at the moment, in certain areas, notably the Guide side (Rainbows, Brownies and Guides) the existence of the sections is very precarious because of the low level of adult involvement. If we could get more adult commitment, we could run more groups, and cure the problem of

waiting lists, so if anyone has an interest in getting involved please get in touch.

This time of year is very busy with summery outdoor activities, and the recent ones reflect that.....scouts and cubs have just returned from their respective camps in Wales and Rough Close, Coventry (cub version of Wales!). Beavers had a wonderful day out at the District's St. George's camp weekend held at Blackwell Court near Bromsgrove in April, have recently completed their first Hikes Away adventure, and are planning a (non!) sleepover later in the year. Guides and Brownies are off on their first camp for a few years in July, with Guides also having recently completed a dance workshop at Playbox in Warwick. Brownies have been having fun at Warwick boat club learning the art of rowing, and are going to Kenilworth Castle for an end of term picnic. Rainbows have been busy with bees, visiting the 'Magic Pony', and creatively cooking. In amongst all this, there have been a number of awards for members connected with badge work, plus leaders for achieving training levels and length of service awards. It would not be appropriate to mention names, but the individuals know who they are and well done from us all.

Our 'new' (since April '08) executive committee, better known to us all as GASS, have not been resting on their laurels following the very successful 'baptism of fire' fund raising events of the Beer Festival and fireworks last year. These and other less stressful fund raisers have provided money in the coffers, and along with a grant and donations have led to further improvements to the scout hut, most notably sound proofing, which has meant that leaders can actually hear themselves speak at meetings now.....probably a rather worrying development! Other work is on going, and with the facility in use seven days a week it is a wonderful asset both to the group and the village, of which we should all be rightly proud. Having a top notch scout hut doesn't come cheap of course, so all the more reason for us to be grateful to the committee for the time and hard work they put in to it's upkeep, along with providing the funds for the needs of the groups, many thanks from us all.

I hope this brief summary gives a passable insight into what's been going on recently with the group. In a village as vibrant as Harbury I'm sure that it is no coincidence that our scout and guide group is one of the liveliest and well supported in the area. Thank you to all those individuals and organisations who have contributed to us in whatever way over the past year, we are most appreciative of your help.

Best wishes from us all for a warm, sunny and happy summer.



I am writing this very early am Thursday so that I can give details of our first trip this season which was yesterday, 24th June to Kew Gardens. Well I did order a good weather day and it duly delivered. It was lovely and sunny and quite hot but a gentle breeze too so just about perfect! We left Harbury at 9.00am and made very good progress to arrive at Kew before 11.00am. After a good walk from the coach (only one space a distance away) we then had the most enjoyable day. I had forgotten just how big it was and really you need about 2 days to see and experience everything but we did our best!

The Palm House is very humid and the palms and other plants obviously have adapted to these conditions, and the range and variation is amazing. Such a good place too for children to learn about all the different habitats. The other glasshouses too were so informative with plants from all over the world and very colourful. We owe so much to those intrepid plant hunters from the 19th Century who braved all sorts of conditions bringing back many of the plants that we see today. The alpine house and rock banks were also spectacular with huge rocks and pools seeming to go on forever. The water lily house houses the giant Victoria cruziana lily with pads almost 3 feet across. I can recall seeing a photo in an old gardening book of one of grand daughters of Queen Victoria standing on one of these pads.

The treetop walk newly opened offered views over the trees - another interesting feature. The famous pagoda is always an impressive sight but sadly Barbara and I ran out of time so we didn't get to go inside. The walled garden had lovely large herbaceous borders and was so quiet and peaceful, hard to imagine the very busy road and traffic nearby. The massive pergola was covered with climbing scented roses, again a secluded place to sit and relax for a few moments. The Wollemi pine was flourishing and is another example of how Kew helped to save this pine from extinction - a modern day version of Indiana Jones!

The list of things to see and experience just goes on and on, and because it is the 250th Anniversary of the gardens this year many displays of plants have been added. The trees though are the main feature, I admit to hugging one or two! They would have many stories to tell as some were dating from the 18th Century. All shapes and sizes and the colours on the bark incredible. Can you imagine the number of

leaves that are gathered up and composted each autumn?

It was a super day and I'm sure everyone will have their own favourite memories. We left there at 5.00pm and despite lots of traffic on the dreaded M25 we got back to Harbury at 7.20pm. Very well done to our driver Martin.

We are now looking forward the next day trip on 8th July and I will report back on that next month.

I am advised by Janice that the Show Schedules are now available; you can get one from Mugglestons. The show is on Saturday 12th September, lets make it another bumper one this year. If you have never thought about entering before, now is your chance, there is something for everyone.

Just a few places to visit and enjoy in July....Wick village near Pershore have an open gardens day on Sunday 12th July when about a dozen gardens will be open. Admission is £5 and the gardens are open from 2 till 5.00pm.

Don't forget that Pershore College is open every day with a great plant centre, they often have events too, for more information go to www.warkscol.ac.uk.

In Warwickshire Coughton Court near Alcester (where as children my brother and I played in the woods and built dens) has a Roses Day on 18th July with talks etc by Peter Beale and a light lunch. Promises to be a good event, for more details contact 01789 762542. Ragley Hall near there has a new rose garden this year plus many more new and exciting events throughout the summer. For more details look on the website www.ragleyhall.com.

Not too far away Sulgrave Manor just outside Banbury is well worth a visit. We went there for an evening trip 2 years ago, the last time I heard a cuckoo sing. The herb gardens are quite a sight now with many new additions. The contact phone number is 01295 760205. Staying in Oxfordshire, do visit Waterperry Gardens and the Oxford Botanic Gardens, both a very good day out. Broughton Castle near Banbury is superb at this time of year. Herbaceous borders within a moated garden with roses and climbers and a stunning view of the surrounding countryside.

Near to Moreton in Marsh on Sunday 12th July both Chastleton House and Chastleton Glebe (owned by the famous cook Prue Leith) will be open under the NGS scheme from 2 till 6.00pm at a cost of £5. Worth

it just to see what a cook's garden is like. In the yellow book the description is a 5 acre garden with a small lake, island, Chinese Style Bridge, pagoda, formal vegetable garden, parterre and much more.

I do hope there is something here you will visit, but whatever you do savour the start of summer enjoy our wonderful countryside and relax in your own gardens.

I look forward to seeing you on 8th July.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

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There has been an unusual and very welcome abundance of flowers through May and June. Many plants seem sturdier this year, perhaps a result of the 'proper' winter.

As I write this article on the 10th June, the first sweet pea flower has just opened. If you have them, remember to pick the flowers regularly to keep the flowers coming.

The 'Charlotte' potatoes I planted in large pots of our compost have been a success. No slug damage, easy to harvest (just empty them out) and a better result than when planted in the ground.

During the last couple of months, many of our customers have asked (with some concern) 'how are we doing?' – meaning – 'has the recession affected us?' Much to our surprise, we are pleased to report that so far (and touching wood!) we have had an excellent season, due, mainly I suspect, to the weather being on our side. Also we have started to supply plants to a National Trust property which involves a regular amount being delivered to them each week or fortnight. The cut flowers are doing well and the garden has had lots of visitors.

Last month the Napton pre-school group visited us at the Nursery. Fifteen children had a happy time doing some potting – taking the results home with them – before going for a walk round the garden and then on the hedgerow walk. They very much enjoyed wading through shoulder high buttercups: all very enjoyable!

Reminders of jobs to be done now:-

- If your Iris are overcrowded and not flowering very well, dig them up, cut down the leaves, throw away the middle bits and re-plant the remainder.

- Cut back early summer flowering shrubs e.g. Philadelphus, Spirea, Weigela, Wisteria.
- Pick peas and beans regularly
- Remove side shoots from tomatoes and feed them regularly.
- Take cuttings of Pinks, Helianthemums
- Dead head Roses



Nature Notes

John Hancock

June has been a good month for growth. Warmth, moisture and daylight at its annual maximum have produced a quite staggering change in the appearance of the countryside. Fields of corn are now a sight to gladden any farmer's heart and the long grass is falling to the hay cutter. We are dutifully cutting our lawns every week but if possible leave a strip or corner to mature and you will soon get a variety of grasses with their different seed heads. They have names of some antiquity such as Cocksfoot, Quaking Grass, Yorkshire Fog and Timothy.

In the area there are some botanically interesting road verges which have been cut sympathetically with wildlife in mind. I biked round our patch recently to see at how many locations I could find the Bee Orchid (*Ophrys apifera*). Perhaps there is no greater thrill, in floral terms, than to find your first Bee Orchid. Whilst not a common plant, it can be found throughout the country. It prefers calcareous (limey) soils so the terrain about Harbury and Ladbroke is ideal. June is the month to see its beautiful flowers. The lip resembles a bumble bee's furry body and must have evolved as a lure to the insect. Attempted copulation helps pollination though in fact few bees are seen visiting the flowers.

I found Bee Orchids opposite Harwoods House on the B4100 at its junction with the Fosse Way. I failed at a previous site, the old quarry land, now rough pasture, north of Lighthorne. The wide limestone pavement bordering Harbury quarry, now Bishops Bowl Lakes, is usually a good site but this year there were only a few. This is typical; in other years perhaps a hundred flowers can be found.

Down at Ufton Fields Nature Reserve with a U3A group on the 22nd June, a good spread of our local orchid flora was on show. They comprised Common Twayblade (*Listera ovata*), Common Spotted

(*Dactylorhiza fuchsii*) in profusion, Bee Orchid (over a dozen in various locations), a solitary Man Orchid (*Acerus anthropophorum*) and many tall creamy white Greater Butterfly Orchids (*Platanthera chloranthera*). These latter have spurs over 3.75cms (1 ½ inches) in length so must be visited for nectar by insects, such as moths, with a long proboscis.

On Saturday 20th June, a group from the Harbury Society met Mike Slater of Butterfly Conservation at Ryton Woods and were shown over the meadows which have been recreated there since gravel extraction and refuse dumping ceased. A series of linked but fenced fields have been partly planted with a variety of wild flowers, Vetches in particular, and partly allowed to vegetate naturally. Lafarge, the aggregate firm, were happy not to recreate farmland using rich topsoil but cover the area with nutrient-poor earth more suited to wild flowers and therefore insects which would follow. Both Lafarge and Butterfly Conservation were winners as the soil was much cheaper and the Butterflies more numerous. On a relatively poor day, in terms of weather, we saw 9 species of Butterfly including Painted Lady (*Cynthia cardui*), Speckled Wood (*Parage aegeria*), Small Tortoiseshell (*Aglais ioticae*) Common Blue (*Polyommatus icarus*) and Large Skipper (*Ochlodes venata*). The Cuckoo hasn't been heard much in and about the villages this year. Roy Lambert told me he heard the bird (it's the male which makes the unmistakable sound, the female has a bubbling note,) frequently but then he lives close to Itchington Holt. He said the sound was almost continuous when he was down in the New Forest. Alan Barr reported hearing a Cuckoo at his allotment on 17th June and Rex Humphreys saw a Red Kite over Harbury during the month.

At a small pool in Ufton Fields Reserve I saw a large amphibian with an orange and white abdomen. It was a Great Crested Newt. As I watched, it proceeded to winkle a large snail out of its shell and devour it. It was rather akin to a person swallowing a loaf of bread. It looked impossible but somehow the animal achieved it and swam lazily on.

Soon harvest time will commence - soft fruit is already ripe. I trust July will bring you some special wildlife moments.



Village Hall Update

Chris Finch

At a time when the Village Hall Management committee is formulating plans for the modernisation of the Hall, which will require considerable fund-raising efforts, it is interesting to reflect on the days in the in the

1950's when a small group of villagers formed the Village Hall Supporters Club (VHSC) in an effort to raise funds for the development of the original Hall.

The minutes of the first public meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 1955 show that 'seven collectors and three members of the public' gathered to discuss the formation of a tote, which would start to raise money for the project. The village was divided up into areas, each of which was served by a collector and it was proposed that one fifth of the money collected would be paid out as prize money. This meant that from a total of £27-13-0, prize money of £5-10-7 would be paid out. Amongst the areas listed, Mr Wilkins is shown to be collecting from the 'factory', whilst Mr Hopkins is responsible for Mill St, High St, Co-op Terrace, Ivy Lane and Childyke. For those who do not recognise two of these roads in the village, Co-op terrace is Ivy Lane Terrace and Childyke was a row of cottages – now long gone, which were situated at the end of Mill Lane on the path leading to the railway line.

At the second public meeting held in the Wagstaffe (Senior) School, in December of the same year, it was noted that the 'licence to run a tote with Warwickshire County Council was still in abeyance', but Mr Wilkins pressed on suggesting that various organisations in the village should be contacted for support. By the AGM held in November 1956, it was agreed to obtain information about the Betting and Lotteries Act 1956 from H.M. Stationery Office, which was duly received by the time of the next meeting in December. At this meeting, Commander Godwin was proposed as the 'Promoter of the club, which was now registered under the Act' and several rules of the VHSC were set out, including that a quorum for an AGM would require 6 people, whilst there should be a minimum of 4 at a Management Committee meeting. From these early beginnings, fund raising started in earnest and it was agreed that a draw would take place each Tuesday with 50% of the receipts paid out in prize money and 50% given to the Harbury Village Hall Trust, after a small amount was deducted for expenses (stationery and posters). By May 1957, the Tote was well under way with everyone registered as members of the VHSC and two members of the Club were appointed to supervise the accounts instead of paying auditors to oversee the transactions. The last entry of the committee shown on 16th July 1957 in the old minute book, states that Commander Goodwin was still Chairman and other members included Miss Allen and Messrs Carol, Davis, Gurden, Keeling and Marshall. After this time, the records are held in the main minute books of the

Harbury Village Hall Management committee records, which are retained by the current secretary.

After 7 years of continuous effort through the tote, the £12,000 needed for the building of the Hall by Mr George Marshall had almost been raised and the premises were opened by Mr John Profumo M.P and his wife Valerie. In his speech, Mr Profumo commented that 'the happiness and strength of the country had in the past come from its villages' and he saw 'the opening of the hall as a rededication of the principles of democracy - community life and local enterprise'. Let's hope that all present villagers assent to his sentiments, as the current Management Committee embarks on its own challenge of raising the funds to pay for those improvements which are desperately needed after the lapse of over 45 years. The original supporters of the VHSC should be applauded for what they started, but all their efforts cannot be allowed to falter in the 'straitened times' we now face. John Hancock, chairman of the fund raising committee feels that the village will get behind the proposals once the project gains momentum.

Village Hall Update – July

This month's update is all aboutUPDATES! At a recent meeting, David Johnson (Treasurer) and Kate Johnson (Booking Secretary) reluctantly tendered their resignations due to pressure of work and family commitments. In consequence, there will be a transition time, whilst **Celia Neill (612819)** takes over the booking requirements; whilst the search for a new Treasurer to follow David's excellent work is still on-going. In the meantime, two members of the committee, Doug Freeman and Keith Thompson have made a sterling effort to review the **Health and Safety aspects** of the premises and have compiled an H&S users guide for the Hall. As a result, the Village Hall now has three designated notice-boards, which clearly set out important details for Hirers of the Hall with information about the lighting, heating and water services, as well as contact details on the committee and forthcoming events.

A decision was made recently to lock both the gates to the Village Hall at night when it is not in use, as there has been **anti-social behaviour** from several youths who are creating a noise nuisance. Local residents are being disturbed by loud music and cars revving into the late evening in the grounds in front of the Hall and fast food litter has to be removed on a regular basis.

Some time ago, it was reported that several water jugs and wooden trays had disappeared and in recent weeks, one of the electric kettles

has 'gone missing'. If anyone knows the whereabouts of these items, their return would be much appreciated.

Fortunately, there is some good news to counter the problems and there was a good turn out for both the Carnival BBQ and Barn Dance and more recently for the Moving Pictures evening. Many thanks to Pete Bones and 'Reel to Reel' who 'called' the dancers into position for the many formations and to all who turned up to assist with the preparation of food, which was very well received. The fish and chip supper, during the interval of 'The curious Case of Benjamin Button' also went down well.



General Section

Wheelbarrow Race

The day dawned dark and very wet, and the rain continued until about noon when the sun came out and created perfect conditions once again for the International Harbury Wheelbarrow Race - see later! This year the race was hosted by The Gamecock, thank you Carol and John. There were 7 entries for the Men's Beer Race, down on last year but perhaps this was due to the earlier cloudburst. However, what was lacking in numbers was made up for in enthusiasm and once again the race was won by George Simpson and Trevor Gibbs in a time of 8 minutes 51 seconds. It is difficult to compare the timings this year with previous years as we had to amend the usual route due to The Dog being closed and being substituted by The Village Club. However, it was still a very fast time with the record on the previous route of 8 minutes 2 seconds held by George and Trevor who were presented with the Scandrett Shield and £ 25 - very well done.

There were no ladies entered for the Beer Race - come on girls you can't let the chaps get away with this - let's have some entries next year.

There were 10 entries for the Water Race with two teams from Spain (hence the International flavour) and a couple who were married the previous day (to whom we wish every happiness in their future life together) whose race commenced with the wedding guests throwing rice! The winners of this race were Ben and Alex Tawney with a time of 11 minutes 7 seconds and they were presented with the Wallington Trophy and £10.

**Oldest Combined Age
Winners
Brian Young & David**

With a combined age of 86, David Johnson and Brian Young were presented with the Rollason Tankard which is for the team completing the Men's Beer Race in the fastest time with a combined age of 80 or over.



Newly Weds - Ed & Katy Lea

As there were no ladies taking part in the Beer Race, it was decided to present the Gibbs and Simpson Shield and £10 to the winning girls' team in the water race who were Jodie and Nikki Simpson - well done girls.

As always, we are very grateful to all the licensees who provided beer and water, the volunteer scrutineers, the magnificent crowds of spectators, but - especially - all those who participated in the races, we couldn't do it without you and look forward to seeing you next year with, hopefully, more entries.

At the risk of being boring, can we once again ask you to enter before the actual day of the race, it does help us a lot with the pre-race organisation and to know approximately how many teams there will be on the day (this year we only had 2 entries prior to the race and if we didn't live in hope we could have cancelled). **SO PLEASE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENTER IN 2010 LET US HAVE YOUR ENTRY FORM AND FEE PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE RACE - MANY THANKS.**

Pub Games

The 'Games' take place at various hostelries in the village on four evenings in the week prior to the Carnival and are open to everyone - village organisations, societies, friends, neighbours, etc. The maximum number in each team is 12 with 4 of the team taking part in each evening's game (you can play more than one game) and you don't have to have a full 12 in the team but the more the merrier. The

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games are played mostly outside and in an atmosphere of friendly rivalry but a lot of fun. Do try and get a team together for next year, we would love to see you.

Now, back to this year - we had 6 teams: The Gamecock, The Crown, Twinning Association, WCs (Wednesday Club) Girls R Loud at the Shakespeare and the Old New Inn and the winners of the individual events were as follows:

Aunt Sally (played at The Shakespeare):	Twinning
Horseshoes (played at The Crown):	Crown
Skittles (played at The Old New Inn):	Old New Inn
Quiz (played at The Village Club)	Crown

The scores are accrued during the week to arrive at an overall winner, which this year was Twinning who were presented with the Pub Games Shield and many congratulations. 2nd: Gamecock, 3rd: Wednesday Club, 4th Crown, 5th: Girls R Loud at The Shakespeare and 6: Old New Inn. The Crown and Old New Inn did not field a team for all the events.



The Games Winners -Twinning

As mentioned earlier, we have a lot of fun on these evenings but to make this possible we must thank all the teams who took part, the licensees for providing the premises and all the loyal supporters. Thank you all and hope to see you again next year with, hopefully, some new teams - we would be very happy to see you!

Dan Killian and The Carnival Committee

Car Smash at Harbury Carnival!



A record turnout on a wonderful sunny day was made even more perfect by a car smash. GASS provided one of the most unusual events in the midst of the greatest number of stalls ever seen at the Carnival. A carefully battered car was further damaged by a series of determined wreckers – one of whom can be seen at work in the photograph.

The day started with floats and walking tableaux of all shapes and sizes cramming in to be judged in Sutcliffe Drive. Fairly chaotic, because of the numbers, and a new 'stand where you like' system for the procession, the judges nevertheless managed to assess the winners who were introduced onto the Field by our usual MC, Tony Ceney.



Parade Winners

Decorated Float - Trade

- 1st Mary Poppins – The Old New Inn
- 2nd Credit Crunch Boat Race – The Dog
- 3rd The Shakespeare does the Leam Raft Race

Decorated Float - Private Children's Float

- 1st Harbury's Got Talent – Harbury Football Club
- 1st Noah's Ark – Harbury Pre School
- 2nd Around the World in Eighty Days – Windmills Nursery School

Decorated Bike/Pram/Car

- 3rd Mamma Mia – Harbury Horrors
- 1st the Living Bible – Harbury Church
- 2nd The Hairy Biker – Debbie Ellis

Horse drawn/Mounted/Lead

- 1st Maid Marian - Ellie
- 2nd Dr Gillie – Georgia and Gillie
- 3rd 1st World War FANYS – Southam Cardall Collection

Walking Tableau Children (2-8 persons)

- 1st Toy Story – Leyton and Mia
- 2nd Water Babies – Connie and Jo
- 3rd Harbury Cheerleaders – Year 4 Harbury School

Walking Tableau Children (more than 8 persons)

- 1st St Trinians – Harbury Village

Walking Tableau Family

- 1st The House of Commons – The Rollason Family
- 2nd Willy Wonka – The Hunt Family
- 3rd Bob the Builder – The Ridgley's

Walking Tableau Adults

- 1st Chocoholics - Harbury WI

Walking Child

- 1st World Piece - Megan
- 2nd Sandcastle - Daisy
- 3rd Indiana Jones – Thomas

Walking Adult

- 1st Penny Farthing - Graeme Allcock

Sue Andrews Cup (Best original Adult costume)

- Jo Spurr – Cadbury's Fruit & Nut

Tim Percival Cup (Best original Child costume)

- Robert – Homeless Duck

Robert, the Tim Percival Cup winner, hoping his Dad does his expenses soon so he can have an island to call his home:

The parade took 15 minutes longer than usual because of the extra numbers participating and was led by the Steel Pan Academy and the



Robert and his Dad

Royal Leamington Sparklers, both of whom went on to perform during the afternoon.

World Premiere

The Sparklers had even gone to the trouble to create a special routine which was premiered in the Ring causing many gasps and much applause as they threw each other about, balanced in a human 'tower' and tumbled like the talented acrobats they clearly are.

It's a dog's life

The ever popular Dog Show was directed by Geoff and Gill Thorpe with great humour and admiration for owners and pets alike. I particularly liked the moment in the Owner-looks-like-Dog competition, when Geoff asked for 'the one with the bandy legs please step forward', and then added 'also bring your dog with you'.

Fancy that

The Carnival Chairman, John Broomfield, led the judging of the Fancy Dress Competition and had to make some tough choices:

Under 5's	1 st	Crocodile - Nuala
	2 nd	Bumble Bee - Jessica
	3 rd	Clown - William
5 - 7 Year Olds	1 st	Aeroplane - Saffie
	2 nd	Sandcastle - Daisy
	3 rd	Seahorse - Lauren
8 - 10 Year Olds	1 st	World Piece - Megan
	2 nd	Umpa Lumpa - Joe
	3 rd	White Witch from Namia - Alicia
11 - 17 Year Olds	1 st	Sheriff of Nottingham - Megan
	2 nd	Indiana Jones - Tom
	3 rd	Maid Marian - Ellie
Adult Group	1 st	The House of Commons - The Rollason Family
	2 nd	Chocoholics - Harbury WI
	3 rd	Weather Girls - Gael Conway, Lisa Helliwell, Angie Clifton
Adult Individual	1 st	Jelly Fish - Anne Stanton
	2 nd	Fileas Fogg - Bob Heath
	3 rd	Joseph - Martin

Thank you!

To all of you who attended, supported and took part, as well as to Mike McBride, who was the key organiser on the day and who ensured everything went smoothly. We are still counting the money raised for the village organisations and charities....

Many thanks, of course, to our Sponsors:

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See you next year!

Submitted by Peter Walshe, On behalf of the Carnival Committee

Summer Lunch in aid of Harbury Senior Citizens

One hundred people went on the trip to Windsor on 17th June and have told us that they thoroughly enjoyed it. There was much to see and do; visit Windsor castle, boating on the river, open top bus tours and even some who went on the "big wheel" to get even better views. There was a stop at Kidlington on the way back where some of the travellers opted for a fish and chip supper and a drink before continuing the journey back to Harbury. We hope to see many of you again next year.

The next planned event is the Summer Lunch, in aid of the Harbury Senior Citizens, that will be held in Harbury Village Hall on **Saturday 8th August**.

We would like to remind you that this is a fund raising event in aid of the senior citizens of Harbury and as such the lunch is available to anyone who wants to come, subject to ticket availability. Look out for the posters around the village giving more details about it nearer the time, but meanwhile, make a note of the date in your diaries. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Senior Citizens Outing

Leaving Harbury Village Hall just after 8.30am, weather warm and overcast but the Ascot forecast was promising. After a comfort stop at Beaconsfield we arrived at Windsor at a quarter to eleven, just in time

to join the large crowd of visitors to witness the changing of the guard at the Castle.

Royal Windsor, a town that has given its name to the Royal Family, owes its existence to this great fortress, the largest inhabited castle in the world, standing high above a bend of the River Thames. Castle guided tours were available on producing proof of identity, but rather expensive, but with six hours to enjoy our visit, we were spoilt for choice for other attractions.

The Windsor Wheel at Alexander Gardens next to the coach park, was a popular attraction giving spectacular views of the castle, river and surrounding countryside.

The open top 'Hop On-Hop Off' bus was a convenient way to reach some of the out of town attractions and river cruises were a leisurely way to see the many historic landmarks, on the contrary side, the continued noise from planes landing and leaving Heathrow was a most annoying intrusion.

The fine weather held and after a spasmodic exit from Windsor in rush hour traffic we headed for home and after the obligatory stop for sustenance at a convenient hostelry, where nearly a hundred senior citizens descended on the two manned bar for service, the contents of the brown envelopes were in evidence.

Again our thanks must go to the Senior Citizens Committee and their hard working helpers who make these outings such an enjoyable occasion, and the generosity of the villagers who subscribe to these events.

In these credit crunch times it was most appreciated to find the brown envelopes had survived.

Ralph Swadling

Neighbourhood Watch

There have been several occasions recently when thieves have taken advantage of doors or windows left open when the occupants of the house have been in the garden. It is a natural thing to do this in warm weather, but just be aware that you may be making it easy for someone to nip into your home and steal whatever they see.

Also with many people going away at this time, just take a moment to think about security while you are away. Try to avoid things which make it obvious that the house is empty. A few simple things that you can easily do:

- Cancel milk papers etc, ask neighbours to remove free newspapers and post or push them right through the letter box.
- Set some lights on timers to come on at dusk and go off late evening.
- Ask a neighbour to park their car on your drive.

Alison Abbott

Upcoming Events for Harbury Pre-School

Harbury Race Night: All the fun and excitement of a day at the races on a giant screen. Shout, cheer or gamble on various types of races then pray that that your horse wins.

Better still-sponsor a horse for just £5 and see your name in print! When else are you going to get the chance to be a Race Horse Owner without losing the shirt off your own back?!

When: Saturday July 11th - 8 till late at Harbury Village Hall. Tickets Available at £5 each from Jo Johnstone on 614672 or Julie Young 614050 or £5.50 on the door. Refreshments Ploughman's Supper with one glass of wine for £5. Licensed Bar supplied by Cana wines.

(Please note that food has to be pre-ordered by Weds 8th July.)

Summer Garden Party: A chance to relax and enjoy a cup of coffee and a slice of homemade cake or a cream tea in the garden of Saddlers, Chapel Street. Activities and fun for all the family!

When: August 2009 - to be confirmed

Annual Barn Dance - YeeHah! Dust off those cowboy boots and dig out your hats! This brilliant and very popular night out with Reel to Reel is coming soon!

When: Friday Oct 9th - 8 till late Harbury Village Hall

FINALLY - A huge thank you to all who attended our Cream Teas afternoon on the opening day of Carnival Day. It was a great success and we are very indebted to the Hereburgh Morris Dancers and Jo Johnstone for the fabulous entertainment.

Winners of the competitions were as follows:-

Colouring Competition - Lauren Stanton

Princess Quiz - Abigail Banbury

Adult Quiz - Terry Timms

Balloon Race - Lily and Rose McElfrick (whose balloons were discovered in Leamington Spa and Warwick Gates respectively).

Congratulations to all our winners - to claim your prize please contact Julie Young at Saddlers, Chapel St., Tel 614050.

For further information on all events please contact Jo Johnstone on 614672 or Julie Young 614050.

We look forward to your support! Thank you!

Jo Johnstone & Julie Young

Bush Heath Lane – Housing Consultation

The consultation on proposed housing at Bush Heath Lane went ahead on the 21st May in the Village Hall, hosted by Warwickshire Rural Housing Association, Warwickshire Rural Community Council and Linfoot Homes. There was a good turnout of people interested in seeing the plans and talking to the representatives there with approximately 250 people attending in total of which 61 provided written comments. Of these, 28 were broadly supportive of the scheme, 13 were opposed and 20 raised specific points of concern. The comments have been compiled into a report which will be considered carefully by the Housing Association, the developers and the Parish Council before the scheme can be considered for the next stage. A summary of the report can be downloaded from the Parish Council website www.harbury-pc.gov.uk, by contacting the Parish Clerk on 01926-614646 or by calling in to the Council office at Unit 2, Bull Ring Business Centre, Church Terrace, Harbury (office open Mon – Thurs 9.00am – 12.45pm).

Harbury Parish Council

Harbury Choir School



On Sunday the 7th June Annabel, Helen, David and I went to St Martin-in-the-Bull Ring parish church in Birmingham. This was in honour of the new Lord Mayor of Birmingham. We sang “Turn Back O Man”, and “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”, this song will be sung at David and Helen’s wedding. We also sang many others including the National Anthem. Many people turned up to hear the choir sing. It turned out very well and I really enjoyed myself. The Lord Mayor was wearing a lot of gold and silver (a lot of bling!!) and was wearing what looked like a pirate’s hat.

The choir school have also recently sung at St Giles church in Chesterton, this was because the church was open for a whole weekend so that people could be shown artefacts and history. We sang lots of different music, singing Mamma Mia from inside a tree in the break time! I enjoyed it especially because we all got to sing our own bit and we pleased many people with our "angel voices".



Megan Cooper, Senior Leader

Sparkling Revelations

The following article featured in the March 9th, 1968 edition of the Leamington & District Morning News, the newspaper cost 2d. It was recently found pushed inside a door frame in a house in South Parade, whilst the owners were doing some renovation work.

Harbury 'fireworks' when cable dropped

Sparks were flying in Harbury yesterday morning after a power cable came adrift and fell across other cables in South Parade. "There was a tremendous flashing and it looked like a firework display," an eye witness told the Morning News. Every time the loose cable moved and brushed the other lines, lights in the houses over a wide area flickered, although their supply was not cut off. A spokesman for the East Midlands Electricity Board said that the cable was the normal distribution cable for a village and its power was 240 volts.

An advert which also appeared was: **Country Style, Harbury** (next to "The Shakespeare"), can supply your needs for Casual Clothes, Costume Jewellery etc. Spring fashions now in!

The Editors

National Family Week Picnic Update

At the time of writing this article, the National Family Week Office in London, were busy checking through paperwork, photos, and video clips of events across the country, ensuring everything is in order before forwarding to the Guinness World Records. We have been informed that this can take up to 2 - 3 months before we hear final confirmation. So we wait in anticipation.

We have heard that 15,000 attendees across 102 picnic venues in the UK took part, so working on these figures Harbury did very well with 139 picnickers attending our event.

In the meantime if you look on the website www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk you will see the photo gallery of events and, we are there amongst them and, for those that took part, you can download your National Family Week's participating certificate.

For any further information on above please contact Gill Guilford 614206.

Mothers Union Southam Deanery (Harbury and Southam Branches)

Advance Notice

Flu Clinics for 2009 will be held at Harbury Surgery and Bishops Itchington Surgery during September. Dates to be confirmed as soon as possible – please check surgery and village notices. Please note that letters will not be sent out inviting eligible patients to attend.

The Department of Health strongly recommends that the following patients should be vaccinated:

- all those aged 65 and over
- 'At Risk' groups

Respiratory Disease	Heart Disease	Diabetes
Asthma	Kidney Disease	Liver Disease
History of stroke	Weakened Immune System	

Drs Snowdon and Wilkinson

Rules of the Harbury Schools (1), 1852

Books, slates, maps &c will be provided free of any charge.

Copy books, and books used out of school hours will be an extra charge. And no books allowed in the school but what are there obtained (2).

The school payments are as follows:

Farm Labourers' children; one child 2d, two children 3d, three children 4d. (3)

Mechanics' children; one child 3d, two children 5d, three children 6d

Tradesmen's children 4d

Professional men's children and those in affluent circumstances, ten shillings per quarter.

An extra charge for children not living in the parish. (4)

No contracting of debts will be allowed. All payments to be in advance, and any child not bringing his pence on Monday morning, will be sent back and refused admittance until the money is brought.

Any child coming to school dirty or with uncombed hair will be sent back.

Any child found guilty of dirty habits(5), bad language or any improper conduct, and persisting in such conduct after having been duly admonished will be expelled from the schools.

The school will be open at a quarter before nine in the morning and at a quarter before two in the afternoon. A singing or drilling (6) lesson will occupy the time till nine in the morning and till two in the afternoon. And as the lessons will begin punctually at nine and at two and any child coming after would render it necessary to recommence the lesson, a child coming after nine or two will be liable to be sent back.

Any complaints about the school must be made to the Vicar. And to secure the school from interruption no person will be allowed to visit it, without an order from the Vicar, who daily inspects the schools himself.

Parents must bear in mind that strict compliance with the above rules is necessary to ensure the efficiency of the school.

Notes:

1. Includes both Wagstaffe School (the big house behind the Crown), and the Wight School which had just been opened and is now the Library.
2. This could be a good scam.
3. Know thy place, farm labourer. This was about 20 years before Joseph Arch of Barford started the movement leading to fairer wages.
4. No riff-raff?
5. Could have done with a list. I wonder if it applied to the staff as well?
6. Nothing to do with Technology lessons. We call it P.E.

Nigel Chapman

Return of the Harbury Hash

After a 2 year break, the 17th Annual Harbury Hash returns on the afternoon of Sunday September 20th.

This event for all the family is for walkers and runners and is loosely based on a paper trail, but the trail is marked in flour. It is for all ages, levels of fitness, or lack of, and short cutting is actively encouraged.

The cost is £2 an adult or child, or £8 a family. There will be a BBQ after the event. Details of the start location will be advertised nearer the date.

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

Doug Freeman (612002) and Mali Murphy (613063)

Have Your Say on Traffic Calming in the Village

The Parish Council has been successful in securing over £20,000 of funding from WCC in order to carry out some traffic calming measures in the village. The proposed measures are: bollards at Binswood End to prevent cars from mounting the pavement, 3 village "gateways" at Binswood End, Temple End and Butt Lane to inform drivers that they are entering a village environment and a small "traffic island" in Temple End, again to help break the speed of traffic entering the village. The plans for these proposals will be on display at the **Tom Hauley Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12.00pm Saturday 18th July**. All are welcome to come along and take a look at what is proposed for our village and to make comments. A representative from Warwickshire County Council will be on hand to answer any questions.

Harbury Parish Council

Beauty Training for young ladies in Harbury this Summer

Looking for something to do with your girls during the summer holidays? One of our local beauticians, Rosina Pettipher-Rigby, has come up with a way of keeping them occupied during the long summer days. Rosina has been a qualified beautician for 7 years and runs a successful studio in Harbury as 'Visage a' Visage'. One of her specialities is pampering parties for ladies of all ages and is often asked "How can I become a beautician" by her younger clients.

So this summer she is setting up introductory training sessions for would be technicians of any age, to give them a taste of what it is like to be a beautician. She can cover many subjects such as manicures, nail art, pedicures, massage, make up and other items. Courses last for 2 or 3 hours depending on the number of treatments covered.

Normal courses are for two girls who will be taken through the various stages of treatments and have the opportunity to practise on each other. All taking part will be given a certificate of attendance.

Of course if the girls just want to be pampered, Rosina has a special summertime offer, to keep your young ladies busy during the day. Normally pamper parties are for groups but during the summer months, Rosina will do a mini pamper session for just pairs of girls or perhaps just you and your daughter.

Rosina's normal pamper parties are for 4 to 6 girls at her studio in Harbury, where there is free use of the garden Jacuzzi (under cover) followed by a selection of beauty treatments including massage, facials, manicures, pedicures, nail and body art and lots more. Pamper sessions can last between 2 & 4 hours depending on how many girls are in the party and how many treatments they require.

While waiting for treatments, the girls can play their favourite DVDs on the home cinema giant screen in the lounge or use various foot and back massage mats. They can also bring party food to eat in the garden or inside.

If you and a friend would like to use the Jacuzzi while the girls are being pampered, that's no problem. Or why not have a pamper session yourself along with a few friends one evening. Choose from a wide range of treatments including airbrush spray tans.

For further details of courses, pamper parties for all ages, gift vouchers or any other beauty and holistic treatments, please ring Rosina on 01926 612403. Evening and weekend appointments available.

Chris Rigby

Blood Donors

Our last session produced a record 106 donations. Can we match it or beat it? Please come to Harbury Village Hall on Thursday 30th July; sessions 1.30pm – 3.30pm and 4.30pm – 7.30pm. New and lapsed donors, aged 17 – 60, are very welcome. And the good news for established donors is that 70 is no longer the finishing age.

If you wish to make an appointment you can phone 08457711711 or visit www.blood.co.uk but this is not essential. The afternoon session is not normally too busy. Any queries? Phone me on 614809.

Gillian Hare

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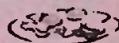
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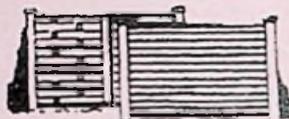
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Nick's Walking Challenge



While most students are looking forward to a long lazy summer one teenager is taking on the biggest challenge of his life to raise money for charity!

When he set out on the 20th June, 15 year old Nick became the youngest person to walk the 2,000km from Lands End to John O'Groats solo, accompanied only by his trusty husky Jaz. His target is to complete the journey in 50 days of walking and raise £10,000 for MacMillan and Barnardo's to help support Cancer sufferers and children living in poverty.

Nick has been preparing himself since last year and goes to the gym 3 times a week and is on a special diet. He will be keeping a blog and you can follow his progress on www.jogleduo.com.

A couple of years ago he set the record for most money collected on the sponsored Church cycle ride; this time he hopes to collect at least £10,000.

Please support Nick on his heroic journey by giving generously. You can do this by putting money in the collection boxes at the Bull Ring Garage in Harbury, Betty Winkfield's at Hall Farm or the Bell in Ladbroke. Alternatively you can donate money online at www.justgiving.com/jogleduo

Daniel and Jane Steenstra

Village with a Vision

It has been a concern for quite some time that, when our elderly residents need to go into a Care Home, they have to be uprooted from their own community, and are moved away from family and friends. We know that this has caused great unhappiness at a time when they are no longer able to stay at home.

We are looking into the possibility of providing a Care Home for residents of Harbury and surrounding villages, a place where friends and neighbours can pop in while shopping, or just out for a walk.

At the Open Day regarding the Bush Heath Lane development a questionnaire was put out concerning the Care Home idea, and the response was extremely encouraging.

We plan to hold an Open Meeting in September where you can discuss ideas and thoughts. In the meantime you can let us know how you feel about the idea, either by writing, or by phone, or by email:

Tony Stubbs
5 South Parade
612782

Green Chameleon
612121

e-mail - villagewithavision@hotmail.com

Warwickshire Walks

There's no doubt about it, walking is good for you. It's good for your heart, it's good for your lungs, it's good for the muscle and bone growth of your children and it's good for your feeling of wellbeing! Strong scientific evidence now supports the many benefits to health of regular walking – it is recommended that we take at least 10,000 steps a day.

Studies show that walking can:

Reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke

Lower blood pressure

Reduce high cholesterol

Reduce body fat

Enhance mental well being

Walking offers a great way to help kids get the active habit. If parents express excitement about the prospect of a walk in the countryside, they are more likely to transmit this feeling to their children. It's important to treat the walk as an exploration or adventure and to go at the child's pace, no matter how often they want to stop and look at things; take treats to eat and plenty to drink; and head for some landmark that will appeal to them such as a castle, a playground, an ice cream van or a boating pond. If children experience walking as part of a fun activity they are more likely to want to go again.

So, how do you find out what is on offer? John Harris, a keen walker, got fed up with the lack of information on walks that were going on in the County. So, he decided that if he couldn't find what he was looking for – he had better create it! So www.walkinginwarwickshire.co.uk came into being, this will give you all the information you need for the best walking in the County.

Details of more than 90 walks are available to download and print free, details of all the Warwickshire walking groups, maps and walk books – plus loads more information.

So check out the website and get walking!

John Harris

Ufton Festival 14-26 July

The Ufton Festival is on 14th – 26th July at The White Hart.

Programme includes bands, drama, Chinese and Indian nights, Tudor banquet with Musica in Mascera, children's ballet exhibition, Morris dancing, belly dancing, a car boot sale, Quiz night and display of art and crafts in Ufton Village Hall.

For further details please see website:

www.thewhitehartinn-ufton.co.uk or phone the organiser Brian Loring on 01926 612976.

Gillian Ingham



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

Geoff and I would like to express our thanks to everyone that has enquired and offered sympathy, especially Karena and Tom Greenway for supporting us with their help, phoning various people and offices and taking us to various places on our return to the village on Monday 22nd June after vandals set fire to our Reliant Robin Estate. It happened whilst we were on holiday at Hayling Island in Hampshire.

Just thank you very much. Geoff and I are still in shock as driving licence, MOT insurance, Blue badge and car tax disc were also burnt.

Pam & Geoff Cleaver

Dear Editors

The Gamecock would like to thank everybody for the generous donations made to the auction on June 5th and for the very generous customers who came along and bid for them. We raised a total of £368 for the local Air Ambulance.

Special thanks to our auctioneer for the evening, Mr Colin Siddle. You did a great job Colin.

Carol Edwards

Dear Editors

Thank you to all who gave so generously to Christian Aid this year. The total collected was £ 1290.86.

Mike Hare

Dear Editors

I was interested to view the plans for the proposed new housing on Bush Heath Lane in May, but was disappointed that there appear to be so few bungalows, and that not only is the site itself too far from the village centre for the elderly, but the bungalows proposed are a long way into the estate itself making it an even further trek to the shops. The Housing Needs Survey on which the development is based is now 4 years out of date and is due for renewal. It also failed to enquire about Sheltered Accommodation needs despite this being one of the objectives of the survey. Having since spoken to planners involved in the current development it seems that sheltered accommodation is out of the question for Harbury and therefore it is likely that the need for bungalows is even greater than the previous survey suggested. Anyone in need of a bungalow may wish to contact the council or developers to ensure their needs are heard, and if the need is great enough then perhaps a more central site would be considered.

Jemima Balcam

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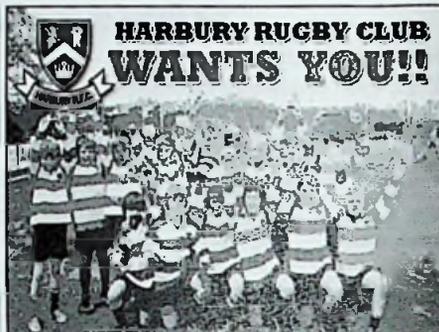
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