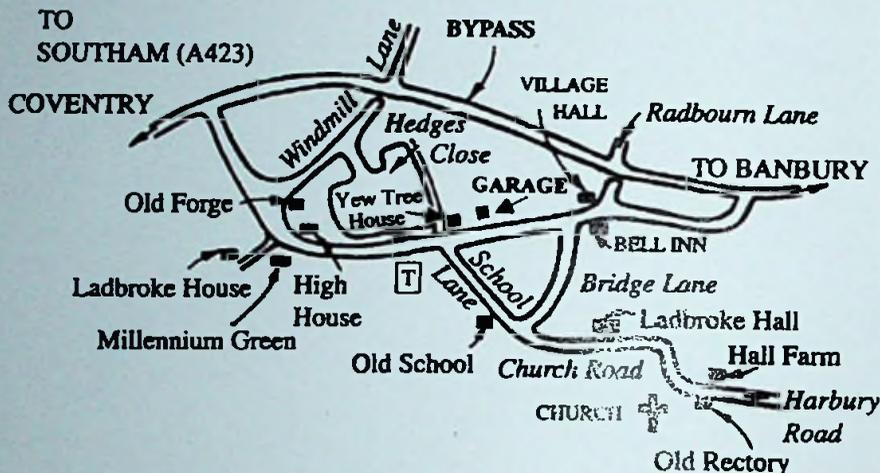


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Editorial

After being boarded up for a number of months contractors have been working inside The Dog Inn and there are hopes that it may re-open in mid-June. All our public houses, the Club, along with our local shops and the businesses that advertise in the News need our custom during these challenging times.

Traditional village events, such as Harbury Carnival and Ladbroke's Fete and Strawberry Fayre, also rely heavily on the support of visitors. We hope for good weather for all these events.

Congratulations to Harbury Albion F.C who this season won the League title and the Cup – well done to all the team.

Due to the number of articles submitted for publication this month, some have been held over to next month.

Harbury Diary

JUNE

- | | | |
|-------|----|--|
| Sat | 6 | <p>Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Junior Football D-Day 65th Anniversary at Galanos House, everyone welcome, contact 812185 for more details</p> <p>Myton Hospice Plant Sale 10.30-1.30pm on Dog Inn Car Park</p> <p>Ufton Village Church Fete 2.00 – 4.00pm at Colbourne House</p> <p>Carnival Week Barbeque and Barn Dance 7.30pm in Village Hall</p> <p>Confirmation Service 6.00pm in Harbury Church</p> |
| Sun | 7 | <p>TRINITY SUNDAY</p> <p>Sung Eucharist 9.00am</p> <p>First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room</p> <p>Evening Taizé-style Service 6.00pm</p> <p>Wheelbarrow Race starts 12.30pm from Gamecock, Chapel Street.</p> <p>Pre-school Cream Teas & Fun Run 2.30-4.30pm at Village Hall</p> |
| Tues | 9 | <p>Toddlers Service 2.00pm in Church</p> <p>Holy Communion 7.30pm</p> |
| Wed | 10 | <p>Ballroom Dancing 8.30-10pm in Village Hall</p> |
| Thurs | 11 | <p>Holy Communion 9.45am</p> <p>WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room</p> |
| Fri | 12 | <p>Tai Chi, 7.00 - 8.30pm in Village Hall</p> |

- Sat 13 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Pre-School
CARNIVAL
- Sun 14 **TRINITY I**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Twining Association Bastille Day event
- Mon 15 **ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY
5.30PM**
- Tues 16 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union Meeting 8.00pm Tom Hauley Room
Discussion on Topics of Current Interest
Senior Citizens Benefit Association 8.00pm in Village Hall
Community Forum 6.30-7.15pm in Village Hall
- Wed 17 Tea 3.00 - 4.00pm Tom Hauley Room
Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30-10.00pm
- Thurs 18 Holy Communion 9.45am
WI Member's Garden Party 7.00pm
- Fri 19 Tai Chi, 7.00 - 8.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 20 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Guides
Open Weekend at Chesterton Church
PTA Beer Walk 11.30am,
Harbury Society Butterfly Walk round Ryton Woods
Moving Pictures in Village Hall. "The Curious Case of
Benjamin Button" Doors open 5.30pm Film starts 6.00pm
- Sun 21 **TRINITY II**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Family Communion Service 10.30am
Evensong 6.00pm
Open Weekend at Chesterton Church
- Tues 23 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Julian Meeting 8.00pm
- Weds 24 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30 to 4.30pm at 19 Farm Street
Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30-10.00pm
- Thurs 25 **ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST,
HARBURY
& EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM**
Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 26 Tai Chi, 7.00 - 8.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 27 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Riding for the
Disabled
- Sun 28 **TRINITY III**
Holy Communion 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 30 Holy Communion 7.30pm

JULY

- Weds 1 Mothers' Union AGM 2.30pm (NB No 2pm Service today)
Ballroom Dancing in Village Hall 8.30-10pm
- Thurs 2 Holy Communion 9.45am
Men's Group AGM 7.45pm Tom Hauley Room
Art Group 10.00am - 4.00pm in Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club 8.30pm at Shakespeare Inn
- Fri 3 Tai Chi, 7-8.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 4 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mothers Union
Bach Choir Concert 7.30pm in Church
Harbury Society tour of Guys Cliffe House
PTA Summer Fayre 2.00pm – 5.00pm at School
- Sun 5 **TRINITY IV**
Sung Eucharist 9.00am
First Light Service 10.30am Tom Hauley Room
Holy Communion 6.00pm with Laying on of Hands for Healing
& Wholeness

Refuse Collection Rota

	Deppers Bridge	Harbury	Ladbroke	Refuse Collection Week
June	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	10	11	12	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	17	18	19	Grey Bin
	24	25	26	Green & Blue Lid Bins
July	1	2	3	Grey Bin
	8	9	10	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	15	16	17	Grey Bin
	22	23	24	Green & Blue Lid Bins

From the Rector

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Father Craig Grocock

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All types of people make real communities

The June elections are just a week away as I write this article and it seems to me that an unusual number of people this time round are unsure which way to vote. It's an interesting time for the country and Europe as we continue to live under the recession and the uncertainty of the future. The recent episode of MP's expenses has dominated the

media in the last few weeks culminating in the extraordinary resignation from office of the Speaker of the House of Commons. There is an increased sense of mistrust of those who serve us and politicians of all persuasions have a lot of work to do to regain that trust.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York made a joint statement last week about the forthcoming elections. They said; "The temptation to stay away or register a protest vote in order to send a negative signal to the parties represented at Westminster will be strong. In our view, however, it would be tragic if the understandable sense of anger and disillusionment with some MPs over recent revelations led voters to shun the ballot box".

I am always mindful at elections that the democratic right to voice our opinions and exercise our vote is a great privilege that each of us should use. Many people around the world have lost their lives and continue to do so in the struggle for these basic rights.

However, for me there is a particularly concerning aspect to this coming election. The Archbishops go on to say; "There are those who would exploit the present situation to advance views that are the very opposite of the values of justice, compassion and human dignity that are rooted in our Christian heritage. This is not a moment for voting in favour of any political party whose core ideology is about sowing division in our communities and hostility on grounds of race, creed or colour; it is an opportunity for renewing the vision of a community united by mutual respect, high ethical standards and the pursuit of justice and peace. We hope that electors will use their vote to renew the vision of a community united by the common good, public service and the pursuit of justice." Comments of course in response to the rise of the BNP.

The Archbishops talk of our Christian heritage. This is a heritage based on Jesus who was love personified. He wasn't divisive, exclusive or prejudicial but valued all people irrespective of gender, class or background. Why? Because all people are made in the image of God and are equally loved by him. Our communities are stronger when all people, irrespective of colour, creed or ethnicity, feel they belong and can live side by side.

God bless, as ever

From the Registers

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

May 24 Lucy Edwards
James Moreby

Burial of Ashes at All Saints' Harbury

May 20 Pam Sperling



From the Churchwardens

Will & Fliss

Our notes this month are driven, quite rightly, by thanks.

First, thanks to everyone who came to the Family Communion Pet Service. We welcomed a wonderfully large congregation of all God's creatures – families, friends and, of course, pets, among which were a pony (possibly the oldest in England), a horse, a chinchilla, three tortoises, (one aged 80), several dogs, numerous gerbils, a rabbit and a very friendly hen who finished the service cuddled inside her owner's jersey.



Lisa with her Pony "Magic"

Everyone behaved beautifully, including Father Craig, who despite confessing to a 'Vicar of Dibley' moment, gave us the morning's most important message: our pets, loving us through thick and thin, remind us of God's greatest gift to us. His unconditional love expressed most powerfully in this Easter season through the sacrificial gift of His only Son.

Thank you to everyone who has organised and taken part in some very happy and successful events during the past few weeks: Mothers' Union Deanery Festival Service; the national family week, spearheaded here by the Mothers' Union; the Christian Aid collection and the renovation of the Church clock face, which is a blessing to us all. All of these are reported on elsewhere in this issue.

Finally, on behalf of you all, Will and I would like to thank Tony, who has stepped down as Churchwarden, for all that he has done in the service of the church during his four years of Wardship. We ask you to join with us in prayers for God's blessing on him as he seeks to develop his role as Lay pastoral assistant.



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

As usual, May had us listening to two interesting and varied speakers. Marion Millington called her talk 'The Soup' – which gave no clue to her

topic! She laid out various vegetables and fruits on a table, and this started her off on a series of reminiscences of her work abroad as a midwifery tutor. In Zanzibar, produce was piled up like that in the market, and woe betide you if you tried to feel it before paying! Woe betide you also if, as a woman, you sat on the wrong side of the church. She did! In Gaza there was a curfew for 4 days, with little to eat but lettuces. That's where the soup making came in handy. In Baluchistan babies were swaddled and almost suffocated under bedspreads. But there they had 99 beautiful names for Allah. What amazing experiences.

Our evening meeting listened to David Benskin, the assistant Chaplain at Rainsbrook Secure Training Centre for Youth Offenders. Whilst not minimising the seriousness of the offences which brought them there, he obviously felt great compassion for them as so often they had grown up with no effective parenting and their only family support was in the gang culture. In the unit they are housed in small groups and learn to respect each other and themselves, and live a structured life with schooling compulsory. Sadly many of them on release return to the same environment so that re-offending and 'graduating' to adult prisons are a frequent result. The social services are so under resourced that they are unable to provide adequate support for young people when released; in many cases not even accommodation.

I'm sure those members who went to the Big Picnic on Bank Holiday Monday enjoyed it. It was great to see so many families with young children – a total of 139 picnickers to join the bid for Guinness Book of Records. Thank you to Gill Guilford for organising it on behalf of Southam Deanery Mothers Union and as part of M.U commitment to national Family Week, a cause very much in line with our remit.

The Deanery Festival was a happy afternoon, with about 50 people and an opportunity to meet fellow members from Southam as well as some of the Diocesan Trustees. We welcomed our two new members Ros Baldwin and Mick Cooper. £103 from the collection was sent to the Literacy and Development Fund.

We are running the Tom Hauley Room Coffee Morning on Saturday 4th July and members are asked to support this on the day and with cakes, bric a brac and raffle prizes.

Mothers Union nationally are supporting a week of prayer for Parliament and Government. Whilst their public image is a bit murky at the moment they are elected by us to do very difficult and vital jobs and need our prayers and support. Sue Boniface has copies of a diary for prayer each day of the week beginning June 7th and there should be some in church.

Advance notice:

The evening meeting on July 21st will be a skittles and supper party at Napton. Please check the date, ask husbands and friends and be ready to give in numbers at the June meetings.

June 16th at 8.00pm after 7.30pm communion, Barbara will lead a discussion evening.

July 1st at 2.30pm is our AGM. Details at the June meetings, or check with a committee member. There will be a bring and buy stall as usual.

**First Light****Alison Abbott**

Last month Oliver was weighed down by a huge rucksack. The stones in it represented some of the burdens which get in the way of our joy in the promise of Easter and God's love for us.

On June 7th we look at Jesus' teaching on hypocrisy – no reference to the expenses scandal intended!

On July 5th, with summer holidays in mind, there will be stories about 'The Sea'.

First Light happens in the Tom Hauley Room every First Sunday. It is short, informal and unpredictable, welcomes everyone and starts at 10.30am. If you come early you can enjoy a cup of coffee too.

**Toddlers Service****Barbara Thistlethwaite**

At the May meeting Mrs Celia Neill told us the story of the wise man and the foolish man who built their houses one upon the rocks and the other upon the sand.

The foolish man wanted to build his house quickly so just found some flat sand and built his house there. The wise man took a long time to find the right kind of rock to build his house on so that it had a good foundation.

We then had some fun instruments to play and we pretended that the noise was a great rain storm that came along. We watched what happened as the houses that Mrs Neill had made from paper, one on sand and one on a rock, were rained on (from a watering can). The one built on sand washed away and the one built on the rock was safe.

She asked us which house we would like to live in and all of us said "the one on the rock" She said the rock was like Jesus's love for us. It was always strong and it did not matter how hard things became he was always there for us and would never let us down.

Katherine Giblin played for us and we sang "the wise man built his house upon the rocks". We had a little prayer thanking God for all he does for us.

We then played with stickings of houses on rocks and sand, had our drinks, and then it was time to go home.

Our next toddler service is on Tuesday 9th June 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 then.

Ladbroke News & Diary

JUNE

- Sun 7 TRINITY SUNDAY**
Family Communion 10.30am in church followed by Refreshments
- Fri 12** Film Night "MAMMA MIA" 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Sat 13** Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 14 TRINITY I**
Holy Communion 9.00am sung in church
- Mon 15** ADVERTISEMENTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END HARBURY BY 5.30PM
- Wed 17** Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm
- Sat 20** Village Fete on Millennium Green – see notices for times
Hog Roast 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Sun 21 TRINITY II**
Holy Communion 9.00am BCP in church
- Thurs 25** Womens Institute 7.30pm in Village Hall
ARTICLES TO HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST, HARBURY & EMAIL ARTICLE DEADLINE BY 5.30PM
- Sun 28 TRINITY III**
Holy Communion 9.00am sung in church

JULY

- Sat 4** Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sun 5 TRINITY IV**
Family Communion 10.30am in church followed by Refreshments

Ladbroke Flower Rota**Jane Rutherford**

June 14th Carol Clarke
 June 21st Laura Taylor
 June 28th Hazel Sharples
 July 5th Christine Baker
 July 12th Christine Baker

**Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.****Christine Baker**

Lt. Col Gerald Lesinski once again visited Ladbroke Village Hall and gave the W.I. his 'State Ceremonial Talk' reflecting on his days as one of the Queen's Ceremonial Guards.

The talk was fascinating and Lt. Col Lesinski faced many questions from his audience and promised to return to Ladbroke with the next edition!

Date for your Diaries;

W.I. Strawberry Fayre will be held on 25th June 2009 at Ladbroke Village Hall. There will be Strawberry Teas – Tombola – Bric-a-Brac – Raffle – and more. ALL WELCOME.

**Ladbroke Parish Council****Betty Winkfield****Public Participation**

A question was asked about the possibility of identifying the two ends of Windmill Lane. Delivery vans are often going up the "wrong end" and bigger vehicles have difficulty turning. WCC Councillor Stevens said that the Parish Council have the power to change the name of a road after consultation with the planning department. The parking on the verges in Windmill Lane (the village end) was still a problem, can anything be done?

Reference was made to the Village AGM. A question was asked about whether the Church, Millennium Green and the Village Hall could raise money jointly in their present financial situations. As they are separate Trusts the Parish Council have no say in their management, nor do they impinge on the local Council Tax.

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Matters Arising

The new notice board is now a fixture and the Chairman expressed his thanks to Cllr. Bennett for his work on this and that he would not be submitting an account. The new notice board which will be sited outside the Millennium Green should be installed by the end of the week. This has received a Public Realm Grant.

Public Communications Grand Scheme – Cllr Clews reported that the Welcome Booklet has been distributed to every household in the village. Three copies have been supplied to Southam Library and Warwickshire County Records Office has requested a copy. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Clews and Kip Warr for their work on this.

Parking in Windmill Lane – The parking on verges in Windmill Lane was discussed. The Highways Agency is trying to determine who owns the land on the right of the road. The Clerk is to contact Patch Bryne. One idea to prevent the grass being torn up was to place perforated rubber on the damaged area and cover it with grass seed and erect bollards behind that.

Best Kept Village Competition – Ladbroke has entered the competition on communications. The website, news, welcome booklet and notice boards have all been included in the submission.

Telephone Kiosk – It was agreed to remove the electricity supply and not to cover the kiosk with extra insurance. The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Malcolm Wray for his help in painting the kiosk and to Cllr Goldson for organising this.

Planning Applications:

The Barn, Windmill Lane - replacement barn – insufficient evidence for use.

Old Barn Farm – Retrospective change of use of land and buildings to allow boat building and associated development.

Woodcutters Cottage – Application for a one and a half rear extension.

Police Report – Warwickshire County Councillor Stevens reported that Sgt Mandy Crust has been transferred to another unit and at present Sgt Nigel Hill is in charge.

Highways and Drainage – There have been complaints about blockages in the brook. Photographs of the problem have been sent to David Tiley. Action urgently requested.

Cllr Bennett commended WCC for the excellent job they made on the resurfacing work on the roads in the village.

Parish Plan – This has now been sent to Stratford District Council for their comments.

Millennium Green – plans are ongoing for a Village Fete on June 20th.

County Councillor's Report:

Meetings are being held regarding the re-organisation of the Highways Department. It is hoped that Patch Bryne will continue to look after this area.

A new Head and Deputy Head have been appointed to Southam College. They will start work in September.

A Business Manager has been appointed to manage the £4 million budget.

Carers – About 80% of carers come from agencies. It is planned to 'outsource' the other 20%. Plans are afoot to give people their own budget for disabled facilities.

Tesco – will start their planning application again. Planning application for Cemex has been postponed. Cemex are required to give further information regarding this.

Next meeting – Wednesday June 17th at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.



Ladbroke General Section

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

The results of the draw for April were:

£80	Richard Walker	£10	Marian Grainger
£50	Janet & Peter Goldson	£10	Alan Lord
£25	Alan Lochhead	£10	M Theaker
£10	Mike Todman	£10	Avril Court

Janet Goldson

Ladbroke Fete - Saturday 20th June

Ladbroke Fete is back by popular demand, starting at 1pm on Ladbroke Millennium Green. There will be lots of familiar features (beer and skittles, sideshows and races, tea and cakes), so please get ready for the day:

Get your pets groomed and ready for their entry in the Pets Corner.

Children start practising for the races.

Everyone prepare yourselves for the Tug-of-War.

Duck Race - Look out for the sale of ducks from The Bell. In fact, don't just

look out - go and get some!

We need donations of crockery suitable for smashing, bric-a-brac, cakes, tombola and raffle prizes. Please phone 812668 Martin Neal or 814715 Carol Lane to arrange collection.

Kip Warr

Ladbroke Quiz

16 Teams took part in this year's Ladbroke Quiz. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. Our thanks to Peter Goldson, who was once again 'Quiz Master'. Profits went to Village Hall.

Congratulations to the winning team 'Lofty Ambitions'.

Christine Baker, LVHC Secretary

Film Night

Film Night on 12th June 2009 at Ladbroke Village Hall 8.00pm.

'MAMMA MIA' £3 a ticket.

Limited number of tickets. To book yours – contact:

Janet Goldson – 817733

Christine Baker – 811606

Alan Lochhead - 810886

Christine Baker

Hog Roast

Hog Roast (Or Veggie Option) at Ladbroke Village Hall on 20th June 2009 at 8pm. Music provided by Alan Lochhead.

Tickets £10 available from:

Janet Goldson – 817733

Christine Baker – 811606

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Christine Baker

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

Chairman's Report May 2009

The past year (2008-9) has been a relatively quiet one for Harbury Parish Council. We have continued with our normal tasks of routine maintenance of public areas, supporting village organisations, and making sure that the Parish's concerns are noted at District and County level. Much of this work goes on quietly, efficiently, and with minimal fuss. Broken things are repaired, areas are tidied up, services are paid for, and we should be extremely grateful that we have such an excellent Parish Clerk who actually makes these things happen. Nicola certainly makes my job much easier than it might be.

The next year, and perhaps the next few years, will be different as the community struggles through tough economic times. The Parish Council will face steep rises in some bills, (electricity for example,) and some new costs will have to be paid when the old mercury street-lights are phased out. The Parish Council was concerned that some village organisations might find themselves in difficult times in the coming months, and we have increased the amount set aside in the budget for grants. We have also recently undergone training on the new "Power of Well-Being" which means that we can spend money on a wider range of activities and act to preserve services in the village were necessary.

The proposed development at Bush Heath Lane has progressed slowly during the year. Parishioners will have their chance to comment on the plans at the open day on May 21st. With the help of our County Councillor, Bob Stevens, we were successful in securing money for traffic calming in the village, and we hope to have some plans for consultation shortly.

Aside from thanking the Clerk, my thanks also go to my fellow parish councillors who help to make the parish council run smoothly.

Dr Tim Lockley,

Deppers Bridge

Last year saw the campaign for a weight limit on Deppers rail bridge. Since then, the limit has been trialled and made permanent. The knock-on effects of this have been a welcome reduction in heavy goods through traffic and an unwelcome diversion of the no. 64 bus route around

Deppers, leaving those who are dependant on public transport without a practical and convenient link with Southam, Leamington or any of the nearby villages. Unfortunately they are the ones who, through age or infirmity, cannot manage to catch the bus from the Great Western. Efforts to restore the service by replacing the 50 seater buses with lighter 30 seat type vehicles which could cross the bridge, have been unsuccessful for various reasons, of which the credit crunch must be one. The coming year will see us working to establish a service to Southam, linking there to the 63 and 64 routes.

Last year also saw EMEB consulting on a plan to replace the existing 33000V grid line on pylons with a 132000V line on tall poles along new route passing through Deppers Bridge. Apparently it was meant to improve the supply to the East Midlands. No planning application was ever lodged with Stratford District Council so perhaps with demise of the eco-towns this application is unnecessary now. We continue to watch for any further activity, which we will continue to oppose unless the cable goes underground rather than on poles.

Cllr Ron Grey

Environment Report 2008/09

Traffic calming - Significant progress has been made on traffic calming during 2008-9. We have got substantial funding from WCC for traffic calming in the village. Proposals for this spend include village gateways and carriageway alterations in Temple End. We hope to have plans to display in the village in the near future.

Streetlights - we are continuing to replace the concrete columns and are currently considering the options for the replacement of all mercury lights in the village by 2015. Because of these ongoing improvements the street lighting budget will be very stretched over the coming 5 years.

Refuse collection - SDC has introduced the new wheelie bins this year, although we are not responsible for this we have been an information point for the new arrangement and have tried to assist in any initial teething problems. The old concrete bin stands are due to be collected from properties during May 2009

We planted 500 native daffodil bulbs in the autumn last year at various points around the village and propose that we do another 500 this year.

The other two ideas that will be investigated are painting the street furniture black and cycle racks in the village centre.

Alison Baldwin

Planning Report 2008/9

As everyone is now able to access the planning applications through the SDC website reviewing applications and getting comments together is a much quicker process for the council. Several councillors have again taken advantage of the training in planning offered by SDC especially with regard to new regulations that came into force in October 2008. These allow for permitted development that does not require planning permission and means that officers from Stratford can decide without a full planning application coming to the Council. The Clerk has all planning applications and these can be viewed at the Parish Office for members of the public who wish to see the hard copies. Anyone can make a comment on a proposed plan but the comments that will be taken into consideration by the officers at Stratford will be to do with design, effect on the street scene and its appropriateness in development given the site it occupies, this applies especially in the Conservation Area. The County Council are concerned with any highways effects that a building or extension might have on traffic movement.

Some main plans this year have been for the Village Hall and the BMX track, more floodlights for the courts and offices at Bull Ring Garage. Cranford on Chesterton Road had many people making comments; this council took these objections to the area committee which then voted to allow the plans as they stood. We were asked to comment on the Tesco Store plans at Southam and while we were not keen for a large store we commented that it would provide job opportunities and cut down transport for people who would go to Leamington for their weekly shop. Another application at the cement works brought our severest criticism as we felt it did not take into account the plan set down by the authority for the area. This has still to be decided and may eventually in the current economic climate not now take place. This is an area that demands our careful vigilance. Currently a mast has appeared but this may be within permitted development and does not have anything to do with the owners we understand.

We would ask the public to always inform the clerk if they have concerns regarding any development and if they consider that planning permission has not been sought and is required. This is the only way we are able to protect our village and environment from unwelcome and unsympathetic development, you are our eyes and ears, we cannot know everything. Even removal of hedges and trees also require planning permission!

Thank you to all the team who help to monitor any planning applications that we receive.

Jenny Patrick

Editors - Finance and Properties Working Party Reports to follow next month.

Harbury Annual Parish Meeting

As Alison Hodge, Warwickshire Association of Local Councils' Secretary had to point out to the PC Chairman, this is the Annual Meeting of the Parish – NOT the Parish Council's Annual Meeting.

It is a time for the parishioners to hear what the Parish Council and other bodies have contributed to Harbury during the year. It was therefore sad that more people did not attend.

The invited speaker was Dr. Jacky Lawrence, Chair of Warwickshire County Council's Climate Change Partnership who explained that government targets and the County's Climate Change Strategy demand that we make an 80% reduction in Carbon Dioxide emissions by 2050. (At present here we produce 4.6 million tonnes a year)! We will each have to reduce our Carbon footprint by one tonne per person by 2011.

Capital investment to achieve this would cost £54,000,000 but as Jacky does not have this the only way forward is to support communities who want to make changes. She admitted when questioned that she has a revenue budget of only £9,000 for this year.

The Climate Change Partnership already has 326 people on its database and the website has 150 hits a month from people eager to learn more about Energy Efficiency and Generation, Transport, Communication and Education and Climate Change Adaptation (put Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership into Google to see the extent of the information available).

On the website there are links to community groups who are actively participating.

- Leamington is the County's first Transition Town looking at how to deal with Climate Change and Peak Oil (its fall in production and increase in price). They are focusing on community resilience; for instance, how will we feed ourselves?
- Kenilworth is working on Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Fairtrade with the School Children.
- In Warwick Action 21 has a renewable energy club, has undertaken wind turbine trials and is looking into other sustainable methods of energy generation.
- Snitterfield Action on Climate Change is working towards being carbon neutral as a community and has been chosen to be one of ten villages in England to be showcased for the EU's "Villages without borders".
- Wolvey had turned its increasingly difficult to drain cricket field into a wetland habitat, so increasing biodiversity.

Jacky asked the Chairman if Harbury had a Parish Plan and what it was doing to mitigate the impacts of Climate Change. Tim explained that the Council was currently looking to make the street lighting more energy efficient.

Questioned closely by members of the public and Cllr Rob Darlison, who is part of a group working to refurbish the school swimming pool in an eco-friendly way, Jacky explained the research that she and members of the Partnership had already undertaken. She highlighted the extremely successful "Switch it off Campaign"; the initiative to create Community Champions and the Eco-schools project which has included 90% of Warwickshire's schools.

She believes that any lifestyle changes that people make help to raise awareness of the need for us all to make our lives and our communities more sustainable. There is an argument that some things are not as beneficial as they seem at first sight, but it is a learning process and taking the first step is important. The Climate Change Partnership is a way for everyone to learn from others and to energise their communities.

County Councillor Bob Stevens spoke of the Deppers Bridge weight limit; the County's 50 m.p.h. speed limits; the grant for traffic calming in Harbury and the reduction in the County's budget which is expected to continue for the next five years, causing a reduction in staff and services. Asked about the Library review he said there had to be savings but nothing was yet agreed.

District Councillor Andrew Patrick was concerned that some people who had recently moved into the Parish might have been left off the Electoral Roll, if they had tried to register on-line. He thought the introduction of the new refuse system had gone reasonably smoothly and he had helped to arrange for the old concrete stands to be collected. He publicised the Recycling Event and the Car Boot Sale to be put on whilst the Samois sur Seine visitors were in the village.

It was difficult for the public to quiz the Parish Councillors about their Annual Reports as the Chairman left little time for the audience to read them. However, David Winter asked about the boarding up of the Dog Inn and I asked if the Death Slide was to be resurrected and what would happen if at the promised public Consultation on Traffic Calming residents had objections to the plans.

Chris Finch, representing the Village Hall, agreed to the Chairman's insistence that there was no need to read Geoff Thorpe's report and then proceeded to paraphrase it at some length!

Alison Hodge suggested forcefully that the Annual Meeting of the Parish should contain reports from other venues, such as the Tom Hauley Room, and other groups such as GASS (the Scouts etc).

Everyone then partook of the Council's refreshments and kissed and made up!



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

Our April speaker cancelled and we were very fortunate to substitute with "An Evening with Elias Gruntfuttock" aka Nigel Chapman.

It started well with people reluctant to leave their examination of the photos, reports, press cuttings and estate agents details, Nigel brought from the School Archives. After a digression into Round the Horne and "I'm Sorry I haven't a clue" with Samantha's adventures in the gramophone archives, we learned now Nigel himself started to collect the amazing treasures now at the school. Some material was donated by residents; some he had conned the kids to collect; some he transcribed himself from old Newspaper reports such as:-

The 1888 fire at Knight's Store, Church Street. Started at 9pm. 10pm Southam Brigade arrived but emptied the shallow wells and did not have hoses long enough to reach the deep wells. 11pm telegraphed from Deppers Station to Leamington. Then six men hauled the manual engine as far the Oak Inn on Radford Road before horses caught them up. 12 midnight arrived in Harbury when the fire was burnt out!

Nigel warned that records could be misleading and then completely fabricated for us, the history of the Southam Pickle works including the dubious intelligence that Southam Recreation Ground was built by the Romans as an amphitheatre for galleon races!

For such a beautiful sunny day, the evening of our walk round Priory Park was bitterly cold, but we were warmed in spirit by the infectious enthusiasm of Steven Falk, Senior Keeper of Natural History at Warwickshire Museum. If you want to get a glimpse of the breadth of his knowledge download the latest Wildlife News which he produces – www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rings

The parkland had been associated with the 1109 Priory of St Sepulchre. The Priory building was dismantled amongst much controversy and shipped to America in 1925.

Steven showed us the native Common and the Swedish Whitebeam; the hybrid "London" Plane; the "Common" Lime; Grand Fir; Scots Pine; Weymouth, Maritime, Austrian and the Monterey Pine with huge cones which need fire to germinate.

He showed the difference between a Beech and a Hornbeam (more fluted bark); Sycamore, drooping flowers and Norway Maple with more upright panicles. We saw several Rowans and Maples; the Wych Elm with an asymmetric leaf base and points at the end and on the sides and the "English" Elm, introduced by the Romans.

We saw some rare and wonderful trees too. A gnarled old Robinia ; a Gingko, the Maidenhair tree; a Tulip Tree; a fine Southern Beech, with small leaves on weeping branches and an amazing Paulonia – the Foxglove Tree - with intense violet foxglove flowers.

As well as exotics we were also treated to some very traditional and useful flora too. Priory Park has huge swathes of raspberries! There are Sweet Chestnuts and two types of Walnut. It has apple trees and several types of pear. It was a lovely introduction to the Park and we thoroughly enjoyed our very cold evening.

Our Carnival Stall on 13th June will be selling Bric-a-Brac and on 20th June there is a Guided Walk round Ryton Woods to see the Butterflies.



Harbury Women's Institute

Jeanne Beaumont

Our coffee morning was successful and we thank everybody for attending and also the helpers.

Twenty five members attended the Group Meeting at Long Itchington with entertainment by the Three Amigos. Peggie's cracker of knotted recycled plastic carriers was super in the competition. She did not win (she should have!) and it was not easy to do. A few choice words were used in the making, I feel sure.

Our visit to Hardwick Hall was very pleasant and interesting. Bess certainly knew how to plan and build her home in a beautiful setting. Thanks to Jo and Chris for organising the trip. A reminder not to forget to order calendars and diaries, also bulbs.

We have been invited by Jean Hadley to visit her farm on June 17th. Please remember we ask for cakes etc, on Carnival Day to be brought to the stall for 12 noon. For the member's Garden Party at the home of Ann Mayer on Thursday 18th June at 7.00pm, there will be a bring and buy and a raffle.

As it was Resolution Evening, Peggie gave a résumé of the serious situation about the bees worldwide and their importance. We cast our vote for our new representative to take to the Albert Hall in June. We finished the evening with a beedrive (not beetle) and had fun. By golly some were determined and keen.

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Next meeting at Tom Hauley Room is on Thursday 11th June.

Speaker: Neville Ellis – History of Harbury Church



Folk Club

Des Patalong & Debbie Ellis

The Great Outdoors was the theme for the 294th Folk Club and, even though we were inside the pub, the great outdoors was brought inside with great abundance. Des began the evening, setting us out on a fantastic compass bearing for the delights in front of us. Summer was joined by Jenny (whose birthday it was) and Jenny had brought along the latest addition to the folk family, baby Freya, who was 9 days old. They sang about a "Fine Felt Hat" and their next had us all joining in with the chorus "Arise, Arise!". Peter and Liz Bones added a Cuckoo and an "English Meadow" into the musical scenery. Ron told us that there weren't any songs on muck-spreading but he introduced us to scree-running in the rain and a song about a Manchester climber. Rik performed a song by two yanks called "Skylark" and another, "Throughout the Shires of England", that told us of a rigorous form of outdoor exercise beginning today. Maureen and Janny brought in a May sub-theme and also "What shall we do if we have no money?"

After stopping to enjoy the view and refill our glasses, the second half was opened by The MDs (Mike 'n' Debs) with "Where have all the flowers gone" and the "Skye Boat Song". Once again the Harbury Folk Club chorus engine did not disappoint us. Peter Mason sang a song about an Australian farmer and "Lord Deliver Me" about a man going from place to place to find work. Stuart's first song was about canals, "No use for him anymore", and his second had a historical meaning and had a catchy repeat of "manure, manure". This was the only song that managed to bring in outdoor smells into the night's theme. Richard Collier, who last performed to us back 18 months ago, entertained us with a song about the River Derwent from Yorkshire and "Where Ravens Feed". Peter Grassby brought "My Loves Left the Station" and "Brock the Badger". Keith Donnelly finished the second half with "Down the Road" and "Little Miss Jekyll and Hyde". He always accompanies his slot with his very witty repartee.

Then we began the last leg of our journey in the great outdoors. The Laners (Albert, Dave, Martin and Derek), a quartet from the Black Country, gave us four very enjoyable tunes. The first was "Four Jovial Fellows" followed by "The Sailor Ain't a Sailor" and "Sing Out His Name" plus "Shine On". These were four fabulous songs by four fabulous folksters. Peter Bones sang about "Wild Mounting Time" and Ron sang

"Go, Lassie Go". Then as we were about to finish our journey along came Somerville (Jem, Phil and Ted) who have regrouped after 18 years. They brought to the folk "Horace Boggs", "Wanton Seed" and "Wayhill Fayre". Along with fourth member Martin they will be found at this year's Warwick Folk Festival, which is another great outdoor event!

During the night £80 was raised for the charity Shelter. Next month's session will be run by Sue Hartland and the theme is "Towns and Cities". Look forward to seeing you there.



Harbury RFC

Rugby Football Club

Jerry Birkbeck

A Review of the Season

This season has been excellent with some outstanding rugby played at all levels from U7's -U12's, 1st and 2nd XV's.

Mini Rugby

I can recall watching the Minis and Midis at the HARBURY FESTIVAL at the beginning of October. They fared reasonably well but there was room for improvement.

Seven months later the U10's and U11's are age group winners in the prestigious Barker Butts Festival at the end of April. The Under 8's are runners up and the U9's and 12's record more wins than losses.

The transformation has been outstanding and owes a huge debt to the coaches, players and the Mini and Junior Committee. The lads and lasses have really enjoyed their respective tours and the Fund Raising Committee, which I attended, is enthusiastic and creative well done to all concerned.

We now have over 120 in the Mini Section with all age groups from U7-U12. Next season we will be aiming to put out all ages at Mini level and 15 side rugby at U13 and hopefully U 14. These form our players for the future.

1st XV

At the end of last season the 1st XV eventually won enough matches to remain in Midlands 5 West (South) it was tight but worth it and the final match at Manor Park saw a dramatic 13-12 win which saw us staying up and MP condemned to the drop (although subsequent re-structuring saw MP retaining their place.

This season involved absorbing the Colts players who have been with the club since the age of seven. Their progress has been guided during that

time by Sean Comerford and Steve Dunne and both were key in helping with a smooth transition between Colts and Senior Rugby. The contribution that these lads have made to both the 1st's and 2nd's has been immense. It is their enthusiasm and commitment that has been harnessed by Club Captain Matt Knight, 1st XV Captain Jeff Foster, Vice Captains Ricky and Steve Alford and 2nd XV Captain Adrian Exton and his v/c James Broomer.

After winning the pre-season Paddy Tournament the 1st XV won their opening match against Redditch 21-5. This began an impressive winning streak only to be de-railed with a very poor match at home to Manor Park who won 7-6. However, Harbury got back onto the winning trail immediately with a win the following week at Evesham.

Whilst this was going on Harbury were also notching successes in the EDF Junior Vase (a competition open to all clubs across England at our level and below over 500 in total). The eventual outcome, following an outstanding 22-13 victory over Redditch, was a quarter final place at home to Lowestoft and Yarmouth for a place in semi-finals.

Sadly a dream of a Twickenham visit was dashed by a comprehensive victory for our visitors. However, it was a huge plus and credit for such a small club to get this far.

The injury count had its toll as Harbury went back to the League programme and suffered a 15-5 reverse at Coventry Welsh – a day when we had the backs but lacked six forwards who had been injured the week before. Although a win at Dudley put us back on the track a rather muted display at Redditch saw the hosts record a 19-0 victory to overtake Harbury at the top of the table. The threat of Evesham, who had enjoyed a rich vein of form with an unbeaten run following their home defeat by Harbury, looked an awkward match. However, on a Vice President's Day at the beginning of April it was Harbury who ruled the day with a 25-8 win and some stunning defence to regain the lead at the top of the table. Three more victories saw the League season completed and it was all down to Redditch to win at Evesham to become Champions – which they did by a single point.

Midlands 5 West (South)

Harbury and Redditch are promoted to Midlands 4 West (South) which will be a far harder league. Opponents will include local rivals Old Leamingtonians, Southam and Shipston with trips to unknown grounds at Ledbury and Pershore.

We will be actively recruiting over the summer to help meet the new challenge.

Final Table (Top 2)

	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	PDiff	POINTS
REDDITCH	20	16	2	2	+229	34
HARBURY	20	16	1	3	+229	33

2nd XV

The 2nd's entered new territory in the 2nd XV Warwickshire League. The county has been broken down into four divisions of 12 clubs. Harbury are in Warwickshire 3 and did well to finish in 5th place above Kenilworth. This was an encouraging start. The 2's also defended their Floodlit 40 Don Robbins Cup which they won in 2008 with a narrow victory over Stratford. The same team were their opponents in 2009 and they gained revenge in the Final with a 17-5 win.

Editors – Reports on the Awards Evening and AGM have been held over to next month.

**Harbury RFC****Harbury Mini & Midi Rugby**

Mike Steele

Barkers Butts Festival – 26th April

This was Harbury's most successful festival for many years. The under 8's finished runners up on their first outing at Barkers Butts. The under 10's and under 11's overcame opposition from much larger clubs proving that David can still beat Goliath.

Under 8's – FESTIVAL RUNNERS UP

Harbury v Barkers Butts	6-4 win to Harbury
Harbury v Heaton Moor	5-3 win to Harbury
Harbury v Earlsdon	3-4 loss to Harbury
Harbury v Old Conventrians	4-7 loss to Harbury
Harbury v Belgrave	5-3 win to Harbury

U8's had a squad of 9 players for the festival, all of who gave it their all, superb try scoring by Alex, Tim, Dominic, Hugh and Peter supported by excellent tagging and team effort from Katie, Ceallach, Jacob and James. The U8's finished as runners up to Barker Butts which was a fantastic result. Well done everyone.

Under 9's

The U9's had mixed results with 1 win (15:10 v Earlsdon), 2 draws (0:0 v Barkers B and 5:5 v Old Coventrians) and 2 losses (5:25 v Walsall and 0:30 v Barkers A). Mario Palmer was our Player of the Tournament scoring all 5 tries.

Under 10's – FESTIVAL WINNERS

A fantastic day of sunshine. Alcester and Earlsdon did not show, so two down and three to go! Barker Butts first. 1 try each. Belgrave next, which we lost 3 tries to 2. Belgrave admitted to fielding at least one 12 year old and were disqualified. Down to the wire; all down to try difference.

We had to win by 4 tries, clear, against Old Coventrians, to win. Half time saw us at 4 tries to 0, full time saw us at 8 to 0. Victory, and in style! Cream rises and Harbury under 10's surprises.

Hard games. Hard fought.

Under 11's – FESTIVAL WINNERS

Harbury v Barkers Butts	5-0 win to Harbury
Harbury v Old Leamingtonians	5-0 win to Harbury
Harbury v Earlsdon	0-5 loss to Harbury
Harbury v Old Coventrians	15-0 win to Harbury
Harbury v Walsall	25-0 win to Harbury

Harbury had a slow start but still managed to win their first two matches. They fought hard against Earlsdon, unfortunately conceding a try in the last play of the game. The boys saved their best for the last two matches when other teams seemed to be flagging. Harbury piled on the points to take the trophy from runners up, Barkers Butts. As always team spirit shone through. Special mention should be made of Connor Gladwin, injured for half of the season, who scored 4 of Harbury's 10 tries.



Harbury U11's

Well done boys, a fantastic finish to the end of the season.

Under 12's

Barkers Butts	10v0 Harbury
Walsall	15v5 Harbury
Earlsdon	0v15 Harbury
Old Coventrians	20v5 Harbury

Old Coventrians won the Under 12's tournament but Harbury were the only team to score against them. Unfortunately we lost 3 out of 4 games. A good performance against Earlsdon looking more like the team we have been all season. Well done for the determination and effort put in by all. Aaron Ward scored 4 tries and Sam Cave finished a great move to get Harbury's other score.

Editors – The report on the presentation day has been held over to next month.

	<p>Harbury Junior's Football</p> <p>Mike Jones</p>
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Season 2008-09 review**Presentation Evening - 9th May 2009**

With over 100 players registered with the club between the ages of 6 – 13 it was quite a 'push' to be able to present everyone with their medals, the trophy winners with their awards and for the coaches to summarise the season in as few words as possible to ensure that all those who needed to be thanked and congratulated were. Some coaches managed it better than others but all of the children who were there enjoyed coming up on stage to receive their awards from Leamington Brakes FC Championship winning captain, Guy Sanders.

I'd like to thank all of the coaches, committee members, parent helpers and supporters, and players for the enthusiasm, effort and achievement for last season. In as few words as possible let me summarise the season by age group.

Under 13-14

For these guys it has been a challenging time as they were the defending league champions of the previous season and the league was not able to provide enough teams this year to make a competition viable. Inevitably, some players have either moved on to other clubs or simply decided not to play. However, we have retained a core group of players, several of whom have developed through the club from the ages of 6 and 7, who have continued to train, practise and play the odd friendly match through

the last 9 months. It's a credit to the coaches, Neil Murray and Andy Dickson, that so many boys have turned up each week to continue to learn and develop their skills. We hope that some of the boys will start to think about helping some of the younger players next year.

Under 12

As above, there was no U12 '3 Counties League' this season but in order to keep the team together coach Malcolm Tanner moved them into the Central Warwickshire, an FA accredited league we were allowed to enter only just on the basis of Harbury being the radial distance of 15 miles from the M40/M42 interchange! (Alex Ferguson never has these problems). The season has proved challenging with some long journeys to parts of Birmingham but we have re-entered the league for next season, retained a core group of players and will start a couple of divisions lower, which I'm sure will lead to better results, more confidence and more players wishing to join.

If you had looked in a copy of the Sunday People on Sunday 10th May this year you would have seen a photo of our team who were playing the 'People's' boys team of the week. Following our TV appearance on CBBC some three years ago we've now made it into the national press.

Under 11

Manchester United may be champions for the third season in a row but anything they can do this team has matched in becoming champions for the third season in succession. Congratulations to the team and to Coach Tony Chamberlain who, after 5 seasons in charge, is 'hanging up' his coaching boots. The team only lost one match all season and the league title came down to the final match of the season, with Harbury prevailing.

Under 10-11 girls

This season we entered an all girls team into a previously boys only league under the managerial tutelage of Judith Woodfield. The team has shown a massive improvement in the quality of their football, some of them never having played in an organised competition before this season. In the league 'end of season' tournament were they were runners-up in the Supplementary Cup final, playing the whole tournament with makeshift goalkeepers due to injury, they were a good match for many of the teams they came up against. One coach was heard to comment that his lads had never met a team that tackled so hard. Next season the team has received dispensation for the Year 7 girls to play in the U10-11 league so I'm sure they will post some impressive results as the team continues to develop.

Under 10-11 boys

Under Coach Carolyn Dorning, the boys' team won more matches than

they lost and competed well at the end of season tournament. They will be in the same league next season so should have a good chance to compete for the top places.

Under 8

This was the first season in a league format for all of these players, including 4 girls in a squad of 17 players. Coach Richard 'Woody' Woodhead, therefore, has addressed selection issues all season long but the team recorded some creditable wins and draws and improved against teams a year older in every game. Next season they will be one of the 'older' teams in their league and, after 'Woody' and assistant coach Marcus Riley have returned from investing a couple of weekends earning their FA Level 1 coaching badges, we expect them to push for further honours to go with their League Cup runner up trophy.

Under 7

We were delighted to welcome back Steve Darby this season, after a 3-year break from the club, to support Steve Burnell in developing our youngest squad members. Given the numbers of parents standing in the school grounds every Saturday morning these sessions have obviously proved popular and we're lucky to have two such dedicated coaches guiding our newest players. This is probably the most important age group as recruitment here helps to ensure continuity for the club with its most vital asset – players!

The coaches and committee – thank you

The beginning of the season saw Alan and Kathy Sampson step down as joint treasurers after 4 years in the financial 'hot seat'. We're also grateful to Kathy for preparing final accounts for previous seasons that has saved the club several hundred pounds each time. Lesley van Kesteren admirably stepped into the breach and has moved over all of the paperwork this season.

Also, a big thanks to Lynda Murray, who designed the logo for the club badges and typeset for the jackets and any 'club documentation'. Lynda also provided a great newsletter for a number of seasons and co-ordinated monthly articles like this one to keep people up to speed with what is happening at the club.

After 5 years I would like to step down as Chairman, having started out thinking I'd offer 1 evening a month as Secretary back in 2004; I've had a great run in helping to build and secure the finances, providing a secure storage area, ensuring continuity of age groups, getting coaches qualified to FA accredited levels and providing more and better kit and equipment.

It really is time for someone or a group to come in and to move the club on another level and in order for this to happen the existing people need

to step aside. Bobbie also wants to stand down as Child Welfare Officer, although for next season we will remain registered with the FA on behalf of the club until a new team is ready.

Bobbie and I are very grateful to all who presented us with gifts at the recent Presentation evening.

From a satisfaction point of view there is a lot to be gained from 'driving' the club forward and working with a lot of talented people who coach and run the teams on a weekly basis.

Many of those mentioned above are moving on after a similar length of service and we all started with younger children and have seen them develop as people, as well as footballers, with the ethos of the club being about everyone taking part, no trials and a culture of 'all those who train will play' some part in matches. The joint Bishops Itchington and Harbury approach, with additional boys and girls from Warwick Gates and Leamington, has helped to ensure that the club has a good number of players, good finances and a good reputation in the leagues in which its teams compete. Anyone looking to help support and run the club will be taking on one with cash in the bank, decent training pitches thanks to the Parish Council and Harbury School, a good set of coaches and players at a young age that will carry the club for a few seasons. So all the indicators are good and someone who wants to help move the club forward will be coming in to a good structure with an opportunity to choose the direction.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss. Many thanks to all to numerous to mention who have helped the club this past season.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

It's been a very busy month on all fronts! First, the Clubhouse got its annual lick of paint and the weeds were blitzed between showers by an enthusiastic working party! Some of the motley crew are captured on film!

On the playing side the summer leagues are now in full swing and by the time you read this the Men's



Doubles team playing in Division 2 of the Caveney Road Surfacing League (aka Stratford League) will have completed half its fixtures! In the last month the team has won 1, drawn 1 and lost 2 but it could have been very different if we'd won more of the many tie-breaks played. The first match was at Ardencote where Jon Scothern, Geoff Prince, Adam Crossling, and Jon Guy pushed their opponents very hard despite losing 0-4 with 3 of the 4 rubbers being lost in third set championship tie breaks and so went down 4-0! Geoff and Jon S continued the trend in the next match against Stratford. They lost both rubbers in the third set, the final tiebreak being a marathon 14-16 score. Fortunately Colin Mercer and Adam Crossling fared better winning both rubbers to give Harbury a 2-2 draw.

We have made an excellent start in the Banbury League, Division 4. The first match was away against newly promoted Kings Sutton. In the first round of rubbers Steve Stark and Tim Lockley lost the first of the evening's four tie breaks but Eira Owen and Caroline Morland won their rubber as did Karin Kirk and Steve Fitzgerald. Harbury effectively wrapped up the match by winning all the next 3 rubbers enabling them to relax in the third round. Steve S and Caroline, and Steve F won theirs and only a tiebreak defeat for Eira and Karin prevented an even more emphatic win but 7-2 will do nicely for the first match!

The second match was at home on a very windy evening against Tysoe with 4 changes in the team. Steve and Caroline were joined by Sue Panton, Peter Walshe, and Colin and Sue Mercer. In the first round Steve and Peter overcame the visitors in the closest match of the evening in a tiebreak. Sue M and Colin lost but Sue P and Caroline won to put Harbury in a good position. This was consolidated in the second round with wins for Steve and Colin and Sue and Peter. Sue M and Caroline lost leaving Harbury needing one rubber in the last round to secure the win. Things looked tricky for Colin and Peter at 1-3 but they came back strongly to take the rubber 8-3. The two Sue's were edged out in a close rubber but Steve and Caroline had a comfortable win to give Harbury a 6-3 win.

Ladies Coaching

There has been a good response to the new Ladies Coaching groups with 9 ladies already playing on Wednesday afternoons and 3 more so far starting after the half term break. If there are any more ladies out there who are interested in playing tennis, but can't make Wednesdays, please give Sue Panton a ring (01926 614800) as she may be able to start another group on a different day.

I'm very pleased to report that Sue Panton and Jon Guy have qualified as Level 2 Community Coaches, the second step on the coaching ladder. This follows attendance at 5 days spread over 3 weekends at the LTA

organised course, with 10 hours of mentored sessions at Harbury. This will really help us to improve the coaching opportunities we can offer our Juniors, ladies and other adults too.

Juniors

On Saturday 9th May Harbury hosted a Tournament for 7 – 10 year olds from Harbury, Byfield and Banbury Town Tennis Clubs. 16 boys and girls took part. They were divided into 4 groups with 4 players in each group. The format for the matches was a tie break to 7 points. The top 2 players in each group went into the finals and 3rd and 4th went into a "plate."



The tournament winner and runner up were Tommy Ablett and Jamie Head (a Harbury player) and the plate winner and runner up were Ethan Hinks and Toby Morland. All the children played really well, many of the matches went to 6-6 and there were many children who came close to winning.

Summer Holiday Tennis for Juniors

This year we shall be running some fun tennis sessions at the club during the summer holidays for youngsters aged 5 to 16. HTC members or non members, beginners, improvers and more experienced players will all be welcome. We are planning sessions for all weekdays in the following weeks of the school holidays:

20th – 24th July, 7th – 11th, 14th – 18th and 21st- 25th August, the times for the different age groups being as follows:

9.00am - 10.15am for 5–7yrs,

10.30am - 12.00 noon for 8–10 yrs

2.45pm – 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 one to all of them. All groups will be taken by qualified coaches and assistants.

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!



Forest School

This month we have held 3 Forest School sessions in our woodland. During the first session the children made journey sticks from the natural resources they found on a journey through the woodland. The second session involved the children collecting items which reminded them of their favourite areas in our woodland to create a 3D natural resources map of the area. The third session encouraged the children to use their senses as they guided each other through a nature trail while blind folded, stopping to touch, smell and listen to the sounds, textures and fragrances of the woodland.



Gemma Harold a student at Southam College has just completed her two weeks work experience placement at Windmills. The children and staff really enjoyed having Gemma around to help with various activities including helping the children to create a fantastic 3D model of a bus.

Other activities this month connected with our journeys and transport theme have included:

- Completing a traffic survey from the school field gate.
- Investigating tracks made by the wheels of different vehicles when run through paint on to paper
- Drawing maps of their journey to nursery
- Using the Beebot programmable toy to try and follow a course around the nursery classroom
- Creating an Aladdin's cave complete with magic lamp, treasure and a magic carpet inspiring some wonderful vocabulary as the children described where they would like the magic carpet to take them. The children then created their own magic carpet by weaving collage materials. *"I want to go into space on the moon to see the aliens, they would be green"* - Max



- Visit from local farmer Andy Moore with his John Deere tractor. *"It had 4 wheels they were big and small"* – Keira, *"The big ones were at the back"* – Carys, *"I liked the engine - I saw it through the wheels"* – Gethan.
- Visit to the Toddler Service at church when the children particularly enjoyed accompanying the singing with the musical instruments.



Dates for your Diaries:

Group photos: Tempest photography will be visiting Windmills during the morning of Tuesday 16th June to take a group photo of the children.

Windmills Sports Day - we will be holding a sports day on the school field on Tuesday 30th June at 11.15 weather permitting.

ZOOLAB visit - Zoolab will be visiting Windmills during the morning of 7th July and bringing their rainforest road show with them featuring a selection of creatures including a tarantula and snake. 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 available from Windmills Nursery, Mugglestons or Katharine Giblin on 01926 613084 are priced at £15 and will include a glass of bubbly on arrival and a fish and chip supper with pudding.

Please note Windmills Nursery School will be closed on Monday 22nd June, 2009 for a Teacher Training Day when our Early Years Advisor will be delivering staff training on 'Letters and Sounds'.

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 windmillsnursery.co.uk, or call Nicola on 614564 or Tina and Marie on 07906519148.

Joyce Windsor - A Farewell

Felicity Harris



It is difficult to believe that Joyce has left Harbury. We all know how much we shall miss her and how much we owe to her and to her beloved Harry.

All her family were there for her farewell lunch on Sunday, 26th April in the Tom Hauley Room which was crowded with all her many friends. In paying tribute to all that she and Harry had done over the years, Father Craig added that this was a bittersweet occasion: bitter for her and for us because she was leaving; sweet for her and for us because she was beginning a new life in Suffolk. Will, giving his own personal thanks to Joyce and Harry, presented her with an orchid and a cheque. Joyce cut the cake, made by Pino and Caroline.

The monthly Tom Hauley Room tea group, initiated by Pam Brown and Joyce, also marked her leaving. We had a tea party at which she was guest - and agreed to it: surely a first! But, again, Joyce presided over cutting the cake, this time made by Jane.

For those of you who may not have seen it, Joyce has sent us a card thanking us, saying that Harbury will always have a special place in her heart and sending us her love.

She is now in her bungalow. We send her our love and wish her every happiness in her new home.



Clock Face

William Jones

You may have noticed that the Church tower has a new clock face mounted on it. When the clock mechanism was refurbished in 1994, the wooden boards of the face were painted and gold leaf numerals applied. It didn't take long, however, to begin to peel and relatively soon became unsightly. Rather than spend more money on more gold leaf it was decided



to take a different course of action. At the time there was opportunity to have the numerals screen printed in gold epoxy based paint onto a suitable surface, essentially for free. It was a bit of an experiment since it was not known exactly how long the paint would last in such an exposed condition. For the cost of a sheet of steel and black powder coat paint, the Church gained a new clock face. That face has lasted 'till now, however for the past couple of years it has been pretty much illegible. At the funeral of Harry Windsor the donations made were split between the Coventry Diocesan Guild of a Church Bellringers and Harbury Church. Joyce Windsor had expressed her desire at the time to see the money used to refurbish the clock face since Harry was heavily involved with the replacement of the old one and had a life long fascination in clocks and time keeping, amongst many other things. Yet another method of face construction was chosen this time, in an effort to find longevity. The dye used in anodising aluminium has long been recognised as having good colour fastness properties against light. This is essentially what did for the old face. As it turns out, black and gold are the best of the lot, fortunate for us. The new face therefore, is constructed from 5mm thick 5015 grade aluminium with a 25mm angle sub-frame. The wooden frame replaced 10 years ago is still in good condition so, with a little sprucing up from Tony Stubbs using exterior semi-gloss woodstain, it was re-used. In order for the numerals and minute markers to be gold whilst the background is black, it was necessary to have them separate. A water jet profile cutter in Coventry cut them out of another piece of the same aluminium material. They are attached using M3 stainless steel screws through from the rear of the face. This gives the face an embossed look and if the colours do fade over time then the numbers will still stand out thus avoiding the

situation we were in before. Anodising was carried out by a company in Walsall, who incidentally were responsible for anodising all of the silver domes covering the Selfridges building in The Bull Ring, Birmingham. Transport kindly provided by Mike Morris. Help erecting the scaffold tower, from Priory Tool Hire, and the face was provided by Jeff Bedford, John Moore, Brian Jones and John and David Peacock. Thus the Church has a new clock face made possible through donations to Harry. We are pleased that Joyce was able to see the face up on the wall before leaving the village. My thanks to all those who helped out.



Harbury Toddler Group

Julie Young & Hilary Riemer

Carnival Day is nearly upon us and preparations for our float are well underway. The children have been busy painting, sticking and glueing props in our sessions.

But we still need volunteers to help out with putting the float together and on the day itself so please sign up on the lists which will be available in sessions.

As well as Carnival preparations we have been having lots of the usual fun in sessions with outdoor play and plenty of painting and drawing to entertain the little ones.

Our singing time is becoming a real hit especially on Mondays and the Hokey Kokey gets everybody up for a wiggle!

New Treasurer

We are pleased to welcome Jemima Balcarn as the new treasurer - She takes over from Haidee Powell. Our thanks go to Haidee for all her hard work during her time as treasurer and beyond.

Don't forget

Toddler Group is open throughout the summer holidays with a number of activities planned including the annual summer trip and visits from a storyteller and a Morris Dancing demonstration as well as the usual crafts and painting.

And finally...

If you haven't been to Toddler Group yet, please come and give us a try. Sessions are held every Monday morning 10-11.30am and Weds afternoon 1.30-3pm. With exciting activities and the opportunity to play alongside friends for the toddlers it gives you the chance to meet other parents and carers and enjoy a well earned cuppa! Please feel free to come and join us-you really will be most welcome.



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

During May we were delighted to welcome new starters, Nuala, Josef and Abigail, who have already settled in very well with their new friends.

The Jungle – Our theme for the half term continued apace, with two visits to the Kemptons' beautiful garden. The children found a wonderful jungly trail through the garden, complete with partially hidden animals ready to be spotted and identified. We would like to thank Hilary, Pam, John, Maureen, Anne and Janine for accompanying us and we are very grateful to Jane and her children for getting up extra early to set the trail before school and for providing picnic rugs and refreshments at the end. This story about the visit by Hana and Martha says it all:



"Our Jungle Story"

The children were looking for animals in the jungle. They found a lion who was looking for his tea. So the children said, "Hello Lion. Goodbye Lion." They went to see a parrot and they said, "Good morning parrot." And the parrot said, "Hello, I want to have some dinner." They saw a monkey... and a leopard. They weren't scared because the animals were friendly. The children and the animals, they were supposed to step over the log. Suddenly they heard a monkey – "ooh, ooh, ahh, ahh" – and they said, "Hello." At the end they saw a crocodile snapping, snapping. They screamed and ran to Pre-School. So the children had a drink. The animals went to sleep and they were tired. The End

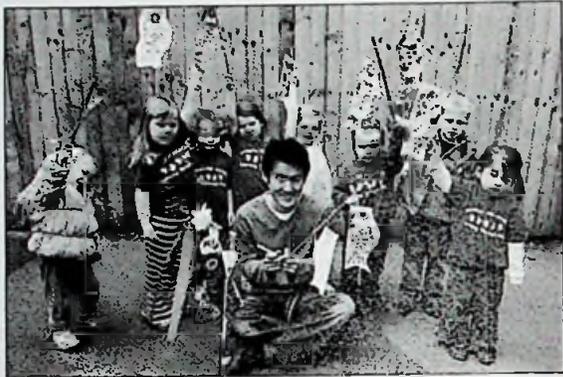
Role Play – The role play area changed from the domestic scene to a jungle theme, with re-enactments of the story "The Tiger Who Came to Tea" and the puppet theatre being used by the children with great enthusiasm for the "Dear Zoo" story. Later on, a stage was built and the story of Noah's Ark retold using a variety of soft toy animals and dressing up clothes. The book area also took on the look of a jungle, with a camouflage canopy, animal paintings by the children on the walls, soft toy animals and topical stories in the bookcase.



Noah's Ark – To round off the theme, the children learned the story and songs about Noah, including Makaton signing for some of the animals in the songs, and they created wonderful animals in paint and collage for the carnival float.

Japanese Children's Day

We were delighted to welcome Masa Chiba to Pre-School to talk to the children about Japanese traditions and customs and to work with them to create carp streamers as well as listening to a traditional Japanese song.



Summer Outing – This year, the Pre-School outing

took us to St John's Museum in Warwick. The children travelled there on the coach, had a play in St Nicholas Park and then went to the museum. Nick: 'We were swinging in a dish!' Charlie: 'I liked the books – they were in the play area that happened in the museum.' Oliver: 'Daddy put a helmet on and I put on a costume.' It was all timed to perfection, as the children had time to enjoy a lovely picnic in the gardens, before the rain started as they boarded the coach to return home.



Date for the Diary – Race Night to be held at Harbury Village Hall on Saturday 11th July. Full details to follow.

And Finally Many thanks to the Tawneys of 'Green Scheme' for providing great compost for our garden areas. All the plants are now growing really well and the garden is looking much more established.

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



Harbury Primary School

Denis Daly

Carnival – Saturday 13th June

The PTA is inviting children (and accompanying parents) to participate in the walking tableaux in this year's Carnival. The theme is 'Harbury School Goes On Holiday'.

Please can you inform us of your child's intention to participate so we can get some idea of numbers involved? There is a list in each class for the children to sign up. We would like to stress that the PTA is acting as co-ordinator of the school's input in the Carnival and participating children remain the responsibility of parents throughout the procession.

Summer Fayre – Saturday 4th July 2-5pm

This is one of the biggest fundraising events of the year and we hope you will be able to come and join in the fun. We will be asking for support in the form of donations for stalls, the raffle etc and offers of help to set up, run stalls and clear away will be gratefully received.

We will be putting out requests in due course but we look forward to a warm, dry day (fingers crossed) which will enable us all, the children, parents and friends of Harbury School to enjoy a thoroughly good day, while raising valuable funds.



1st Harbury Rainbows

Lisa Irons - Unit Helper



A good time was had at 1st Harbury Rainbows on Tuesday 19th May when we invited local beekeeper Joe Van Hoorbeek to 'show and tell' about bees. After showing us 'close-up' photographs of bees and their queens in hives, Joe

demonstrated a smoking machine; we had an open 'question time' then Bobbie gracefully modelled a real beekeeping outfit and hood. Finally Rainbows had a honey 'tasting' session, which proved very popular. Joe even provided a raffle prize of a 'bee house' which was won by new rainbow 'Keanna!'

Thanks to Joe for a fantastic presentation.



1st Harbury Scouts

Nick Green

This half-term's meeting report has been written by Ted from the Hawks patrol.

'This half-term Harbury Scouts have done many different activities.

Firstly we practised putting up our tents for this month's scout camp in Wales on the 23rd May. Once we had all done this we had a tug of war, which my team won.

The following week we learnt how to cook on open campfires, it was a really exciting experience.

Week three we were set the task of making a short video on Scout instructions, these were really funny the way some scouts filmed them. The following week we had to work out fire escape routes for our own houses by drawing a plan of the house and all the exits. Nick Tawney our leader spoke to the patrol leaders to be distracting to encourage the younger scouts to take responsibility.

Lastly we had two work parties to help clear some of the public paths. Some were sent to Ufton and the other to Harbury Primary School to help tidy the grounds of the School, when all the work was done we had a rounders match, which was great fun.'



Horticultural Society

Judy Morrall

Another packed house for the last meeting of the current season. What a finish it was too! Our speaker Stanley Lampard who has been a Horticulturist and Biology teacher for over 30 years was such a joy to listen to. The topic was 'Venezuela, Plants of the Lost world'. His sense of adventure and the wonder of making fantastic discoveries were much in evidence. He has been trekking to vast areas which have been undiscovered, mostly in South America.

He took a party of teenage students, very brave of him, to Venezuela and it was obvious from his slides that they enjoyed every minute. The scenery was so diverse, from vast rock formations, some of the oldest in the world through to The Andes and large Table Mountains to Rainforests and huge waterfalls. He did show us a slide of Angel Falls which looked absolutely amazing with rainbows bouncing off the cascade of water. Unfortunately there was no crock of gold at the end of the rainbows.

A lot of the journey was on foot and catering was quite basic and they spent evenings in tents. When they reached the top of one particular mountain they were in fact above the clouds and the landscape took on a different perspective. The plants some of which were familiar, such as orchids, were so vibrant and colourful. The Bromeliads that grow in hothouses here were just growing as wild flowers as were pitcher plants. In the Rainforests the mosses were hosts to cloud orchids the colours of

which I have never seen before. Many new varieties of orchids have been discovered and the butterflies in these habitats just had to be seen to be believed. Large ones with huge wingspans in all the colours of the rainbow.

One slide showed the students leaning over a very high and steep cliff to see the scenery below, just like being on the highest point of a roller coaster but without safety harnesses! What an experience for these lucky students who had to fund themselves, many by doing menial jobs, but it was certainly worth it. The enthusiasm of our speaker was obvious and he intends going on more expeditions in the future. It is difficult to describe the stunning colours and scenery we were privileged to see but I know that everyone did enjoy the whole experience and we look forward to welcoming Stanley back in the future.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this last season so enjoyable, from the ladies who made tea and coffee to the members who gave votes of thanks, to David and Judith for selling Raffle Tickets and to all our members for making all of the speakers so welcome. I do hope that you all enjoyed 2008/9.

No meetings now until October, but 2 outings to look forward to. The first is on 24th June to Kew Gardens when 50 of us will enjoy visiting these fabulous gardens which are celebrating 250 years this year. Cheneys Coaches will again be transporting us and we will leave from the Village Hall at 9.00am. Then leaving Kew at around 5.00pm. I hope to be able to report on our visit in my next article. I will be away for a week then on my return it will be our second trip, more of that next month.

I have just enjoyed a lovely day at The Chelsea Flower Show. I thought that it was much better this year with less large gardens and more delightful smaller gardens and courtyard gardens. The floral marquee is always a mass of colour and it certainly didn't disappoint. It just went by so very quickly; do go if you have never been; it is such an experience. You may have noticed lots happening at the surgery with new plants on the fence and trellis etc. Last weekend John and I finished planting up the garden near the entrance. It took over 10 hours to remove the very old shrubs then get the soil level and enriched for planting. I hope that the results will soon establish mainly herbs in the style of a knot garden.

There are many gardens to visit in the area; these are just a few suggestions. On 26/28th June there will be a plant finder's fair at Cottesbrooke Hall & Gardens from 10.0am to 5.30pm, admission £7.50, for more information look at www.cottesbrookehall.co.uk. Garden Organic at Ryton have an event called Introduction to Biodynamic Gardening on 11th June from 2.30 to 4.0pm for more information contact 02476 217717. At Pershore on Saturday 6th June there will be group gardens open at

8 High Street/tiny courtyards tucked away behind the elegant facades of Pershore's Town Houses. Maps & tickets available opposite at the Angel Hotel, admission is £5 and teas will be available at various locations. If you have never visited Stone House Cottage Gardens near Kidderminster, do go on 14th June when they will be open for the NGS. A Victorian garden undergoing restoration with herbaceous borders, rockeries, terraces, woodland areas and much more. Admission is £3 with parking nearby. If you are interested I can give you directions etc.

There are more group gardens open not too far away at Middleton Cheney just outside Banbury on Sunday 21st June, 11 gardens will be open from 1.00pm to 6.00pm and admission is £5 with home made teas at one of the Gardens. Also group openings at Sibford Gower, also near to Banbury on 14th June from 2.00pm to 6.00pm admission is £3 and 4 gardens will be open again home made teas available. Just shows what good value our Walkabout is over the course of 2 days, roll on 2009!

I hope that some of these will appeal to fellow volunteers and I did the Bluebell Walk recently. The bog garden is looking a picture as are the smaller gardens and when you do visit hopefully the newly refurbished squash court will be an added feature.

Enjoy your garden and I look forward to seeing you on one or both of the trips.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

Your local Hardy Plant Specialists

Now is the time to enjoy the fruits of all your hard work earlier in the year. Too many flowers to mention will be blooming now including the much-loved roses. We have some lovely old fashioned shrub roses in the garden at the Nursery; come and smell their wonderful scents.

All your tender plants can go outside now: e.g. bedding plants, tomatoes, courgettes, runner beans.

I hardly dare mention how dry it's been in the first part of May for fear that we shall have yet another soaking wet summer. If it remains dry, don't forget to water in any newly planted plants. Hanging baskets can dry out particularly quickly in windy weather.

The long term forecast is for a warmer than average summer, personally I think "they" don't know 2 days ahead, let alone months ahead! That news was probably put out to offset all the other gloomy news dominating the headlines.

On 6th May, Philip and I plus Pat Priest drove over to Bedford in a large hired van stuffed with plants for a special new garden outside the main entrance to Bedford Hospital. Bridge Nursery had been contracted to supply the plants for this and to do the planting work. Once there, we met up with the three other members of our team. Work started shortly after 8am and by 3.30pm all 750 plants had been laid out, planted and watered in. The design was created by Graham A Pavey and it represents a dry river bed – lots of gravel and cobbles together with lots of different ornamental grasses, some hostas, roses and three special silver Birch trees. The focal point is a sculpture of a pair of swans which appear to have just taken off. We were all pretty shattered by the end of the day but were also very pleased that the job had gone so smoothly, thanks mainly to the experience and efficiency of our helpers. We very much appreciated the hard work put in by Pat, Carol, Lizzie and Joe. The build up to the day had caused us a considerable amount of anxiety beforehand but in the end it was a satisfying experience.

Now – back to normal work.....Mowing, Weeding, Deadheading, Trimming back shrubs which have finished flowering. And gosh! The hedges will need trimming soon!

Greenfly: - I tend either to squash them by hand or simply leave them – in time ladybird larvae, hoverflies or birds will eat them.....

Have a great summer!



Nature Notes

John Hancock

The weather over Spring Bank Holiday has been warm and generally sunny with the temperature on Sunday rising to 22°C (72°F). Now, we have every tree in leaf and can marvel at the variety of the colour green. The pale Oak green of May is totally different from the heavier, deeper green the leaves will become as summer reaches its zenith in July. Young leaves on certain species are not green at all. Poplar could be described as yellow and Walnut red. As green chlorophyll pigment is brought into the leaves via the tree's 'plumbing system', the varied spring colours turn to a more uniform green. The leaves of Copper Beech still contain chlorophyll needed for photosynthesis but the green colour is masked by other pigments notably anthocyanins and carotenoids. Look at a Copper Beech in shade and the leaves will be seen to be rather greener than those of a tree in a sunny position.

Earlier in May, I visited Draycote Meadows (GR SP 448706 OS Map 140, Leicester and Coventry). There, two large fields of ridge and furrow give a hint of what our pastures must have looked like before chemicals became

widely used to manipulate the vegetation and produce uniform fields of grass. Buttercups, Cowslips and Yellow Rattle were much in evidence but the real reason I had come was to get my annual 'fix' of hundreds of Green-Winged Orchids. In some years there are thousands and for a few weeks the ground, especially where it's sunny, seems to shimmer with the colour purple. Look more closely and you will find some albino specimens and every colour from there to deep purple; the pink variety being especially eye-catching. It's a short step along a bridleway and over a golf course to the village of Thurlaston. From there take a footpath onto the circular road around Draycote Reservoir and return to your starting point via Sustrans cycle route no 41 (Leamington to Rugby). Other rarities at Draycote Meadows are the enigmatically named Adders Tongue Fern and Moonwort.

Rex Humphreys reported seeing Swifts in the village on May 5th and now these aerial acrobats with their raucous call are making themselves at home. While on a walk in the Chilterns on April 28th, I missed the path and cut across a rough pasture to regain it. A hare came out of its form at my feet and while stopping to examine the spot, I caused a bird to fly up. It was a Skylark, and by good fortune, there was its nest with three small eggs within.

Back home recently we had a pair of Blackbirds building in a Clematis ten feet from the kitchen window. We looked forward to seeing the fledglings in due course. Unfortunately something has gone wrong and the nest is empty. Perhaps the female came to grief, cat or car being the most likely assassin. Now, a nest box in the apple tree halfway up the garden has a resident pair of Great Tits so perhaps they will raise a family. Our special bird of the month was a Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*). It was pecking at the lawn in a hotel garden near the Pyramids on the western edge of Cairo. A Hoopoe is about the size of a Great spotted Woodpecker. It has a sandy body with bold black and white wings and crest. It uses its long curving beak to find ants and other insects. These birds breed in Southern Europe having crossed the Sahara. They occasionally reach the British Isles. Once seen never forgotten.

Later, whilst sailing in a felucca, we had a grandstand view of Pied Kingfishers as they dived for food. With a population of nearly 80 million and a country which is 96% desert, Egypt relies on the Nile Valley, its delta and some fertile oases to produce the crops it needs. Building the Aswan High Dam (completed 1971) has proved a mixed blessing. Whilst curtailing the annual floods and providing half the country's energy needs, the silt, which once fertilised the land below Aswan, is now trapped. Farmers have to use chemical fertilisers and soil salinity is difficult to combat. With no silt deposits to replenish it, the Delta coastline is being eroded by the Mediterranean.

Back home, butterflies and moths are much in evidence. At Bishops Hill, the old cement works site with its vegetated spoil heap, the smallest British butterfly has one of its few Warwickshire strongholds. The Small Blue is nationally scarce as being so small it is easily overlooked. It requires areas where the thin soil is rather crumbly and the plant cover sparse and warm. Despite its name, there is little blue to see, the predominate colour at rest being black with a white fringe. In flight, the blue colour becomes more obvious. Without management, Bishops Hill will gradually become wooded and this will jeopardise the survival of this very attractive insect. I was shown the Small Blue (*Cupido minimus*) by David Brown who led a University of Warwick Open Studies group on Lepidoptera to the site on the 18th May. It was a rather unpropitious day with heavy showers and a stiff breeze. In fact, this enabled us to see the insects at rest as they sheltered in clumps of grass. Other butterflies seen were the moth like Grizzled and Dingy Skippers together with a single Painted Lady. On 23rd May, on a perfect early summer day, I returned with Margaret and Peter McDonald. Peter took some excellent photographs that I'm sure he will be willing to share with you.

Now, an advertisement. Harbury Society has planned a visit to Ryton Woods Butterfly Reserve on Saturday 20th June. This is open to all on a first come, first served basis. It will be led by Mike Slater of Butterfly Conservation. Start time is 11.00am and the visit will last about 2 hours. Contact me on 612860 if you would like to come. Transport can be arranged. I hope you all have a summer to remember.



General Section

Record Breaking Success!

On Bank Holiday Monday, village families came together at the Village Hall for a record breaking event.



The first ever National Family Week was opened with a picnic, timed to start together at over 100 locations around the country. Each picnic was judged by Guinness World Record regulations –



everyone had to sign in and be counted! Thanks to Cllr. Janet Thornley and Dr Helen Garvin for being our judges. The count took place at 1pm and numbers had to be texted into the head office.

Our picnic, hosted by Mothers' Union (Southam Deanery) brought together the Women's Institute, The Children's Society, All Saints Church, Harbury Youth Group, Harbury Choir School, Harbury Preschool and Windmills Nursery and Toddler Group. There were refreshments from the WI and various stalls from the other groups for picnickers to enjoy; including face-painting, biscuit decorating, tombola, cards, fudge and jams.



The official count for our picnic was 139 – the national total is expected to be around 10,000 but finalised numbers will be confirmed shortly – we will provide an update in next month's issue.

Once all the counts are in, everyone who took part in the day can download their 'World Record Participation Certificate' from:

www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk

Mothers Union, Southam Deanery

Carnival Week Pub Games

Sunday 7th – Thursday 11th June 2009

A unique tradition kicks off at the Gamecock on Sunday 7th June with the WHEELBARROW RACE and carries on via various games throughout the week at various hostelrys to herald the Carnival itself on Saturday 13th June.

Sunday 7th June - Wheelbarrow Race Hosted by the Gamecock

(Includes non-alcohol race) Winners Trophy for these, plus winning ladies team and fastest team with combined age over 80years!

Entry form from: Danny Killian 612265

Monday 8th June	- Aunt Sally	The Shakespeare
Tuesday 9th June	- Horseshoes	The Crown
Wednesday 10th June	- Skittles	Old New Inn
Thursday 11th June	- Quiz Night	The Village Club

We hope you join in the week of fun and get in the mood for a great Carnival!

Submitted by Peter Walshe, On behalf of the Carnival Committee

Harbury Carnival

Saturday June 13th, 2009

It's nearly here! By the time you see this, you will just have a day or so to get your float and costume finalised, finish preparations for your stall, comb the dog for the Dog Show or get your pennies out to throw into the Carnival Parade buckets!

Support the Village

Proceeds from all Carnival events go to a wide range of village organisations and charities. All Parade money is used to support village causes.

The Parade & Floats Judging

All entries to be in place at Sutcliffe Drive by 12.30pm. After judging of entries at 12.45pm, the Parade moves off at 1.30pm to arrive about 1.45pm onwards at the Field.

Rosettes & Certificates

A reminder of the categories for the Parade: Trade Float, Independent Float, Children's' Float, Decorated Bike/Pram/Car, Horse Drawn/Mounted/Led, Walking Tableaux: 2-8 Children, More than 8 Children, Family, Adults. Walking Adult, Walking Child.

Then there are the Best Costumes: Children Under 5, Children 5-7years, Children 8-10years, Children 8-17years, Adult Group, Adult Individual.

Events and Entertainment

Alongside the many stalls with their games and things to buy, there are a series of Arena Attractions including the Fancy Dress Competition, Punch and Judy, Royal Leamington Sparklers (cheerleaders) and, of course, the Dog Show.

The Steel Pan Academy, who will lead the Parade, supported by the Royal Leamington Sparklers, will also be playing throughout the afternoon in the Village Hall where refreshments will be available.

There will be Pony Rides, an Inflatable, Balloon Tying, some Classic & Vintage Cars on display and Roundabouts, not to mention the Victorian Fairground Organ.

(There may still be time to book a stall but please contact Mike McBride on 612421 as soon as possible.)

The King & Queen

It may be H.M. Queen Elizabeth's Official Birthday, but we have our own 'royalty':

Queen Kira and King Harry



Queen Kira writes:

'I like to go to the park to meet up with my friends most days. I love my two rabbits called Blue and Pepsi, they are cute and fluffy. I enjoy playing the violin and steel pans. I also play lots of sport including football, tennis, cross country and netball.'

King Harry responds:

'My hobbies are playing sports, particularly Rugby and Football. I like to go to the park with my friends where we play football or just chat and have fun. I have a dog called Bramble, she is a border terrier.'

Congratulations to them both! And make sure you give them a big wave when you see them in the Parade.

Many thanks to our Sponsors

You can read the ads from our generous Sponsors in the Carnival Programme (only 50p which admits 1 Adult or 2 Children):

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Have a great day!

Submitted by Peter Walshe, On behalf of the Carnival Committee

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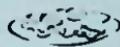
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Harbury Choir School has Busy Month Ahead

June is set to be a very busy month for The Choir School, as we have several big events to prepare for.

The Choir School are going on a singing trip to Chesterton Open Weekend, where we will be holding an 'open rehearsal' between 12pm and 2pm on Saturday 20th June. We will be singing songs from the wide variety we have learnt over the year. Hopefully, this will allow different people to see how we work and what we do.

Two choristers are also learning some extra music - as they have been chosen to represent us at the Birmingham Civic Service; as the new Lord Mayor is inaugurated on 7th June at St Martins-in-the-Bull-Ring.

This will be a great opportunity for them, as they will be singing with an all-adult choir, including members of The Birmingham Conservatoire.

All of the youngsters are now working towards singing awards. Those who have already gained their light blue ribbon have started towards their dark blue; all the younger choristers are working towards light blue. They are enjoying having a sticker chart for their progress in different sections of the syllabus. Interactive sessions, with their music theory workbook, are a fun way to learn musical notation and some challenging concepts of music.

Some of you may also know that there is another extra-special event next month that we are working hard for. David and I get married in Harbury on June 27th and it looks set to be a musical extravaganza!

The Choir School have their part in it. We very much look forward to sharing our day with them, as the music will be a very personal, meaningful, central part in the ceremony.

Helen Garvin, Harbury Choir School www.harburychoirschool.org

Harbury Support Group for Myton Hospice

50's & 60's Night



Harbury Support Group would like to say thank you to everyone who attended the 50's & 60's Night at Harbury Village Club on 25th April 2009. We trust you had as much fun as we did!

Thank you also to everyone who donated raffle prizes and to everyone who helped to organize the night. The evening generated £400.00 for Myton Hospice.

Just Walk

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who sponsored me for the 40km Walk across the South Downs on the 9th May 2009.

Also, a huge thank you to Tracey Turner-Smith who completed the walk with me and managed to keep me motivated! Thanks mate, I couldn't have done it without you!

We set off from Goodwood Racecourse at 8:30am and crossed the finish line some 9 hours later! It was tough in places but was an experience that we both enjoyed and was a great achievement.

Thanks to my generous sponsors I managed to raise a further £500.00 for Myton Hospice.

Tracey was walking for the Stroke Association and raised £400.00.

Dates for your Diary!

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

Casino Night – Saturday 17th October 2009

We are currently looking for sponsors for this years Casino Night. There are several options available. Please contact me for further details.

Harbury Craft Fair – Saturday 14th November 2009

We are always looking for new exhibitors for the Craft Fair. If you would like to book please contact me.

Proceeds from both of these events will go to Myton Hospice.

Fiona Cadwallader - ficadwallader@btinternet.com



The Spirit of Harbury Award for 2009

The Spirit of Harbury Award for 2009 will be presented on Saturday 27th June at the Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Rooms.

Andrew Hunt

Harbury Knitwits



The ladies of Harbury Knitwits meet every Monday Afternoon for two hours to chat, drink tea and above all TO KNIT.

They knit prayer shawls for Myton Hospice, baby clothes for the premature baby unit at Warwick Hospital and hats for The Mission to Seafarers.

On Monday 11th May, Stig Graham, the Chaplain from Myton Hospice, bravely joined the ladies of The Knitwits for a cup of tea and a chat. He thanked the ladies for all the work they do for the Hospice and had a chance to meet with them.

The Knitwits have an ongoing appetite for wool, particularly BABY WOOL. If you have any wool you would like to donate please contact Barbara Thistlethwaite on 01926 613555.

Barbara Thistlethwaite

Harbury Macmillan Cancer Support Footpath Collection

Very many thanks to everyone who generously contributed to the Macmillan footpath collection this year. I am delighted to report a best ever result. I have sent a cheque for **£641.79** to our Macmillan Cancer Support Regional Office. In spite of the recession the result was an increase of 12.6% over last year. Thank you all for your donations.

A special thanks also to those who willingly gave their time monitoring the line of coins along the footpath in the centre of the village on Friday and Saturday.

Ann Mayer Harbury, 612708

N.S.P.C.C

We had an interesting talk on 'our colours' by Susanne Savage at the NSPCC luncheon held on 22nd April in the Tom Hauley Room. A grand total of £421.57 was raised, so a big thank you to all the ladies who supported us.

Our next event will be a Wine Tasting Evening to be held on Friday 26th June in the Tom Hauley Room. Tickets are &15 per person, £30 for double and are available from Elaine on 614664 and Sue on 612286. Starts at 7.30pm and there will be a two course meal served.

NSPCC Committee

Choral Classics in Harbury

The Royal Leamington Spa Bach Choir, conducted by Nigel Stark, are coming to All Saints' Church, Harbury on Saturday, 4 July, 2009.

The concert will start at 7.30 p.m. with two glorious Coronation Anthems, "I was Glad" by Parry, and "Zadok the Priest" by Handel. The concert includes Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer", featuring the well-known solo, "O, for the Wings of a Dove". There are also three Motets by Stanford and five English Folk Songs, arranged by Vaughan Williams. "Song for Athene", which became very popular after being sung at Diana, Princess of Wales' funeral, will be performed, as will another Handel Coronation Anthem "The King shall Rejoice".

Colin Druce will be playing two organ solos, Mendelssohn's "Organ Suite No. 4" and Stanford's "Fantasia and Toccata" besides accompanying the Choir.

Tickets can be obtained from Presto Musical, Park Street, Leamington Spa, at the door, or from local member, Bryan Harrison, Tel. 01926 612533.

Wine and canapés will be served in the interval. Ticket prices are: £10 (Seniors Citizens £9), Students under 25 and Children, £2.

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Harbury to start a new Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

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We plan to start in September 2009. If you are interested in doing the Duke of Edinburgh Award come along to the Tom Hauley Room at 7.30pm on 19th June to find out more. There is also plenty of information on www.dofe.org

Kathy Sampson [613490], Caroline Hill [613780], Nick Tawney [614062]

Nick Tawney

A reporter's notebook on the Sound of the Sixties event - 2009

Who? This year there will be five bands at the annual charity event –Bob Phillips Dylan Rhythm Band, Jive Crazy, JayKayPees, Phil King and the Royals and the Roadhogs.

What? The Teenage Cancer Trust event, organised by local volunteers, who raise money in memory of a local girl treated at Birmingham's Q.E. hospital. So far, £50,000 has been raised and the organisers hope to add at least another £5K to the total this year.

When? Saturday July 11th with gates opening at 6.00pm

Where? At the Harbury Rugby Club grounds on Middle Road, Harbury. Free parking is available and visitors to the event will be guided into position by stewards who also take the tickets for the evening. This year tickets (for over 16's only) will be £10.00 purchased before the event or £15.00 on the gate.

Why? It's a very enjoyable evening, which takes place in a specially erected marquee. Visitors can either, sit and listen to a nostalgic repertoire of Sixties music or can dance the night away in the 'tent' or under the stars.

How? Tickets can be purchased from Joe on 613151 / 07831 405651 or Michelle 07787 532945. Any donations / raffle prizes or auction items can also be pledged to Joe and Michelle on the telephone numbers provided. It's a great night for all 'movers and shakers', so if you want to experience one of Harbury's celebrated events, contact the organisers as soon as possible.

Joe Griffin

Footpath Volunteers

The clearing season is upon us and we have been out cutting back vegetation on the public footpaths in and around the village. Last month Mike was our strimmer operator and June wielded the garden shears.

Ted invented a wheelbarrow mounted hedge trimmer especially for the job but he and Peter decided that in the end a hands-on



approach was better. We thank the two groups of scouts who helped out one Thursday evening by cutting back vegetation round stiles.

We are still battling with Severn Trent. Water from their Mill Street pumping station site now regularly floods the footpath running down the side of the Surgery. Fortunately recent events have just involved water off roads, drives and roofs but before Christmas it was sewage and we can't let that happen again.



If you see anything that needs attention on our public rights of way please let me know. If you would like to join us, we usually work on the first Saturday in month and meet at 9.00am outside the Cemetery. With the current weather it looks as if we will be cutting back vegetation for several Saturday mornings over the next three or four months. We could do with some extra hands.

John Ridgley, Harbury Parish Paths Partnership, Tel 612792

Have you heard about Community Forums?

The Community Forums are an advisory body, which act as a key vehicle for community engagement within the locality. Members of the public can raise issues of concern and wherever possible, together with relevant agencies, solutions to those concerns can be worked out. The next forum meeting in your area is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 16th June 2009 at Harbury Village Hall, South Parade, Harbury CV33 9JE.

If you have a specific concern or problem, then come along to the local surgery from 6.30 – 7.15pm where you will be able to speak to your local Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Team, Warwickshire County Council or Stratford-on-Avon District Council Officer.

If you would like to suggest an issue for a future Community Forum meeting, or get involved, please contact the WCC Stratford Area Office on 01789 290784 or email: stratfordoffice@warwickshire.gov.uk

Alison Mainey

JULY EDITION - HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS

Adverts to	31 Binswood End	by 15th June
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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

The Christian Aid Quiz raised £162.90 for the charity. Thank you very much to all who contributed and helped to make the evening a success.

Yours sincerely

C. Mary Catt

Dear Editors

Monica and John invite friends and neighbours to join them at no. 16 The Beeches to celebrate 40 years of the work of the PARKINSON'S DISEASE SOCIETY. Tea/coffee and biscuits, walk around the garden, bring and buy or simply sit and chat.

June 19th or 20th at 11.00am – 4.30pm. All proceeds will go to the society.

Please acknowledge

Monica Rowell

Dear Editors

If you have read the article for The Horticultural Society you will have seen that there have been many changes to the outside of the Surgery in Harbury with lots of new plants and trellis. This has been possible due to the kind donations made on behalf of the late Mr & Mrs Linnett of Harbury. Included in the herbs in the Knot garden are some Rosemary plants, which of course are for remembrance, so that they will not be forgotten. We would like to thank the family and all who made the donations and hope that the results will be enjoyed for many years to come.

From all at the Surgery

Dear Editors

After 4 years of trying to remember to water hanging baskets and failing we decided to buy some nice "grass" balls at great expense to hang outside the house to make it look nice all year round.

They had been up for about four weeks and so many people had remarked on how nice they looked together.

So it was disappointing and saddening to find that over the Easter break one had been taken. They are fastened on with heavy duty wire which would have needed pliers to remove.

If you have seen it or know where it is, please put it back. It is missed by its brother who is lonely.

Thank you

Sue Panton, 13 Binswood End

Dear Editors

MISSING

'Wheelie Green'

Last seen with his wheelie mates on the drive.

Has he gone on 'Garden Leave' or gone to find Miss Wheelie Green?

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From his Wheelie mates at Hauley House, Mill Street

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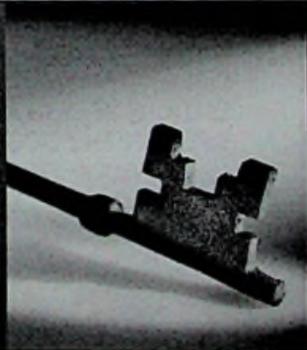
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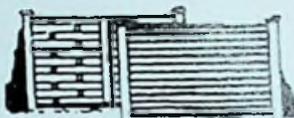
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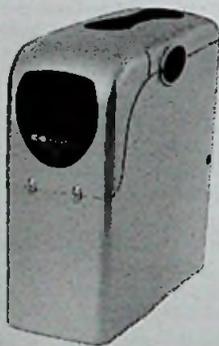
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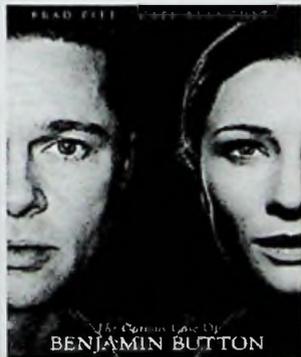
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