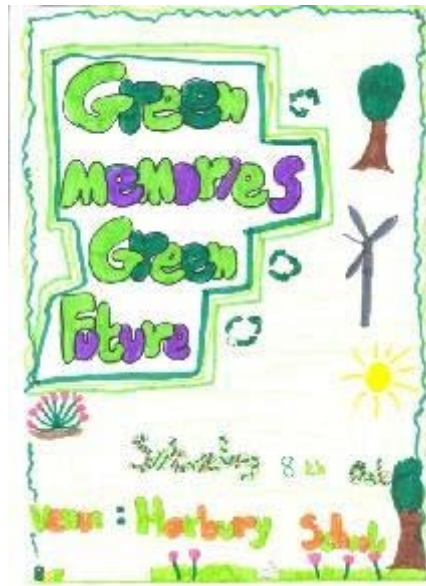


GREEN MEMORIES - GREEN FUTURE EVENT



In October Harbury School and Harbury Energy Initiative put on an all day event. Hundreds joined in celebrating our past and looking to a green future at the *Green Memories - Green Future* exhibition opened by our MP, Jeremy Wright. The archive photographs showed images and



faces from a simpler time, green by default as we had fewer electronic gadgets. There is no doubt that new technology has transformed our lives for the better in terms of efficiency, comfort and convenience but it has also brought threats and complications as our environment suffers from too much carbon release.



underestimate the contribution to the solution through the aggregate of many individual actions. The display of stunning pictures from *Earth from Air* was enough to show us what we have to lose. What worked well was the exchange of information between people who know and

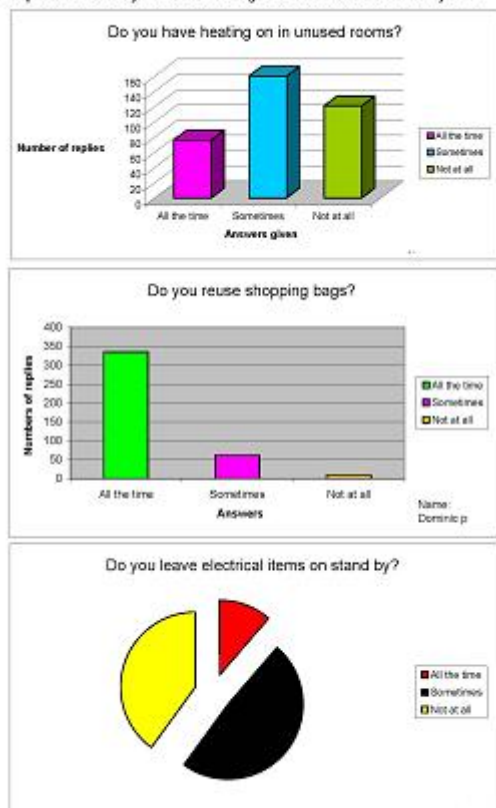
Technology, we wanted to show, will undoubtedly have a part to play in solving those problems but we should not

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trust each other backed by exhibits that explained what can be done. Having people there who have already invested in change to share their experience was invaluable.

We had both an electric bike and an electric car to demonstrate We have to acknowledge that the Year 6 children from Harbury School were real stars. Not only did they produce an impressive display of potato clocks and solar powered vehicles, but earlier in the year they produced with our support a sustainability survey. This was delivered to every house in the village. We received over 400 replies, a terrific result. The children then analysed the information and displayed it at the *Green Memories - Green Future* event in pride of place right behind the head of MP Jeremy Wright as he opened the day. The produced some fabulous graphs - here are some examples.

Graphs from Harbury Children Showing the Results from their Survey 2011



From the survey replies - assuming that everyone was being honest! - it seems that Harbury residents are setting a quite a good green example. Nearly everyone reuses shopping bags and recycles through the fortnightly collections and most of you turn off the tap when cleaning your teeth. Some people go to the trouble of catching the first run off of cold water when you turn the hot tap on for watering plants; others recycle cooking oil and many walk or cycle rather than drive relatively short distances. And there was no shortage of ideas of what else people might think of doing in the future. Many people want to grow their own food!