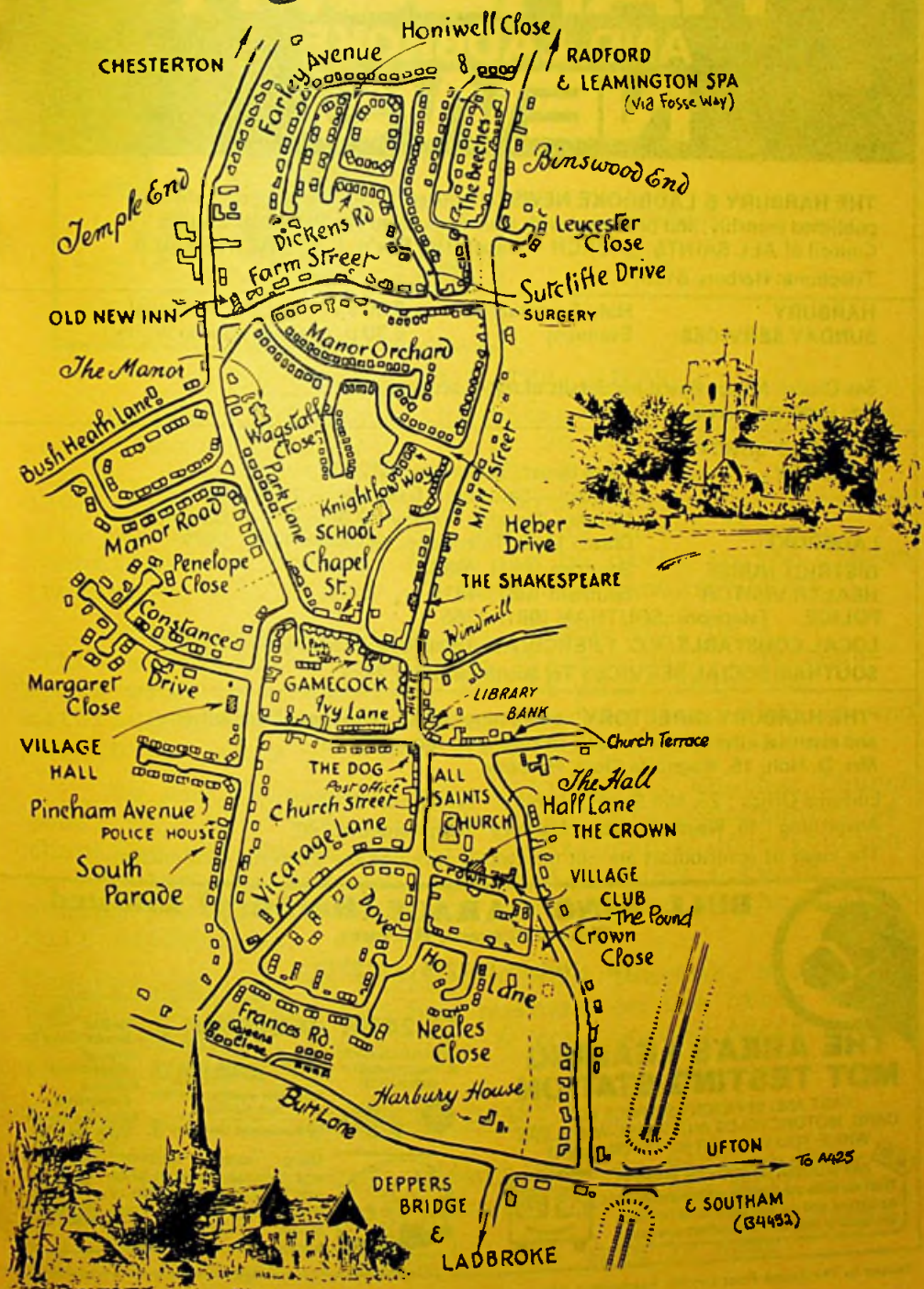


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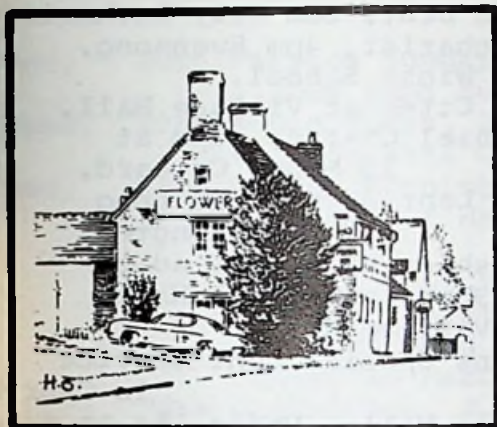
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FAREWELL TO THE VICAR

As you will know, the Vicar is to retire at the end of April this year, after 26 years as our Parish Priest. His last Sunday will be 24th April, and after the 10 a.m. Eucharist on that day a presentation will be made to the Revd. Mackley in the Church. Contributions towards this can be given to the Church treasurer, Ken Clarke, 1 Vicarage Lane (612406).

After the presentation, there will be a 'farewell gathering' in the Village Hall. Refreshments will be available, and it would help the catering arrangements if you could please fill in and return the slip enclosed with this magazine.

We are sure that many villagers - whether Church-goers or not - will wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for his immeasurable contribution to the life of the village, and we look forward to seeing you all at both the service and at the Village Hall afterwards.

Congratulations to Harbury School teacher, Mrs. Catherine Eastaff and her husband on the birth of their daughter, and to Dr. & Mrs. Gordon Avery on the birth of their son.

HARBURY DIARY

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Sat. 5th Tennis Club JUMBLE SALE at Village Hall
Christian Fellowship, 8pm, Old Mill House,
Mill Lane.

Rugby v Woodrush. 1st team at home.

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 Sun. 6th Third Sunday in Lent. 8am Holy Eucharist,
 10am Sung Eucharist, 4pm Evensong.
 Tues. 8th L E N D 8pm at Wight School.
 Playing Fields Cttee at Village Hall.
 "Healing"- Michael Chaffey, 8pm at
 13 Manor Orchard.
 Wed. 9th 7.45pm Deanery Lent Service at Long
 Itchington.
 Southam PTA Fashion Show (see ad.)
 Thurs. 10th Golden Age, 2.30pm in Village Hall.
 Girls Club in Village Hall.
 6.30pm Children's Special Lent Service
 in Church.
 Fri. 11th Disco in Village Hall - Under 16s, 7.30pm.
 Sat. 12th Rugby v Chipping Norton. 1st team at home
 Sun. 13th Mothering Sunday. Fourth Sunday in Lent.
 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist
 and Mothering Sunday Cards, 4pm Evensong.
 Coffee Morning 11.15-12.45, 23 Mill Street
 for Church Funds.
 Mon. 14th Christian Fellowship, 8pm, 11 Constance Dv
 Bottle Bank on Wood St. Car Park, Southam-
 until March 20th.
 Tues. 15th Tufty Club, 2.15pm at Wight School.
 S.D.P. Jumble Sale, 10.30-12, The Hut,
 Craven Lane, Southam.
 Liberals AGM, 8pm at Wight School.
 Labour Party AGM, 8pm, 32 Mill St. At 9pm
 Talk on "LEND" by Hugh Pidgeon.
 Wed. 16th Deanery Lent Service, 7.45pm, Harbury Church
 PTA Maths Evening, 8pm, School.
 Thurs. 17th St. Patrick's Day.
 6.30pm Children's Special Lent Service
 in Church.
 Girls Club, Village Hall.
 Southam School 3rd yr Parents Evening 7.15
 Fri. 18th Green Mountain Breakers Dance, V. Hall.
 Sat. 19th Stage Up in Village Hall.
 Venture Scouts Treasure Hunt.
 Local History Day, Clarendon Hall,
 Warwick St., Leamington, from 10.30a
 Harbury & Dist. Labour Party Jumble Sale,
 Bishops Itchington Youth Centre, 2.15pm.
 Rugby v Claverdon. 1st team away.
 Harbury & Southam S.D.P. Buffet Supper,
 8pm, 20 Ladbroke Hall.,
 Christian Fellowship, 8pm, 11 Constance Dve.

- Sun. 20th Passion Sunday. 8am Holy Eucharist,
10am Sung Eucharist, 4 pm Evensong.
- Tues. 22nd Young Wives, 2pm, V.Hall, Acupuncture Talk.
Village Hall Cttee, 8pm, V.Hall.
- Wed. 23rd Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy Cake Stall,
in aid of Harbury Scouts, Phoenix House
10.30-12.00
Deanery Lent Service, 7.45pm in Marton.
Harbury Society, 7.45pm, Wight School,
AGM followed at 8.15 by Talk by Reg
Sharp on Harbury during 1st World War.
- Thurs. 24th Golden Age, 2.30pm in Village Hall.
Conservative Coffee Morning, 10.30am at
36 South Parade (note changed date).
Children's Special Lent Service, 6.30pm
in Church.
"HOBSON'S CHOICE" by Harbury Theatre
Group - 8pm, Village Hall.
- Fri. 25th Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
School and Playgroup end.
Southam School PTA SPRING DANCE.
"HOBSON'S CHOICE" as Thursday.
- Sat. 26th "HOBSON'S CHOICE" as Thursday.
Rugby v Daventry.
- Sun. 27th PALM SUNDAY. 8am Palms & Holy Eucharist,
10am Palms, Procession & Sung Eucharist,
6.30pm Evensong.
2.30pm Free Church Family Service with
Rev. Peter Clarke.
COVENTRY MUMMERS. 11.15am Church,
12.15 Crown, 1pm Dog, 1.40pm Gamecock.
- Mon. 28th Christian Fellowship, 8pm Corner Cottage,
High Street.
- Tues. 29th 7.30pm PCC Communion (all welcome)
followed by meeting of P.C.C.
- Thurs. 31st MAUNDY THURSDAY.
Holy Eucharist at 9.45am and 7.30pm.
Whist Drive in Village Hall, 7.45pm.
Parish Council, 7.30pm in Village Hall.

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- Fri. 1st GOOD FRIDAY. 9am Mattins and Litany,
10am Children's Stations of the Cross,
12 to 3pm The Three Hours.
6.30pm Evening Service.

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 Sat. 2nd Rugby v Syston. 1st team away.
 Sun. 3rd EASTER DAY. 8am Holy Eucharist,
 10am Procession and Sung Eucharist,
 6.30pm Evensong and Procession.
 Mon. 4th EASTER MONDAY. BANK HOLIDAY.
 Wed. 6th No M.U. Meeting. Postponed to April 13th
 Thurs. 7th WI 7.45pm, V.Hall. Mrs. Newport on Canada
 and Stoney Creek.
 Skittle Evening at The Swan, Kineton,
 in aid of Harbury Scouts (see ad).
 No Men's Group. Postponed to April 14th..
 Fri. 8th Disco at Village Hall.
 Sat. 9th Rugby v Pershore. 1st team away.
 Scout Hut Clean-up Weekend.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Church, 9am Sundays.
 FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30pm, Last
 Sunday in the Month.
 HARBURY ADVENTURERS, V. Hall, 11.30am Sundays.
 UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4 Mondays.
 GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Mondays.
 GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7pm (under 7s & begs)
 7-8pm (7-10yrs), 8-9pm (over 10yrs) every Monday.
 BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.
 TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 9.30-11.20 Mondays,
 and 2-3.30pm Wednesdays.
 NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tues-Fri mornings.
 BROWNIES, Village Hall every Tuesday evening.
 BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.
 DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-5.30 Tuesday:
 4-9 Wednesday: 4-5 Thursday (beginners).
 SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45 Tues (1st troop) Wed (2nd troop)
 BABY CLINIC, V.Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.
 VENTURE SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 8pm every Thursday.
 POP-IN, V.Hall, 1.20 - 3.30pm every Friday.
 CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

Dates for inclusion PLEASE to Linda Ridgley, 612792

N.B. All articles for inclusion in April Harbury &
 Ladbroke News to editors by Sunday 27th March.

For Village Hall bookings, ring Mr. Picken, 612778.
 For Wight School bookings, ring Mrs. Windsor, 612504.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

What a joy it was to me to welcome our Bishop to celebrate the Eucharist and administer Confirmation on the morning of Quinquagesima! Ten of our people were confirmed (8 youngsters and 2 adults). Five youngsters from Southam (presented by the Revd. Alan Metcalfe) and three from Radford Semele (presented by the Revd. Laurie Parsons) were also confirmed.

Pray "Defend, O Lord, these Thy servants
with Thy heavenly grace,
that they may continue Thine for ever,
and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more
and more,
until they come unto Thy everlasting kingdom."



On 13th March (Mothering Sunday) at the 10 a.m. Family Eucharist, the children will receive Mothering Sunday cards to present to their mothers.

When British Summer Time begins our Sunday Evensongs will again be at 6.30 p.m. instead of 4 pm. But when does it begin? My pocket diary says March 27th, but my desk diary says March 20th! No doubt we shall have an official announcement nearer the time.

6. Holy Week will soon be here (my last one with you). On Palm Sunday (March 27th) there will be the blessing and distribution of Palm crosses at both the 8 a.m. and the 10 a.m. Eucharists, - and the Palm Procession at 10 a.m. On each of the days from Monday to Maundy Thursday there will be an evening Eucharist at 7.30pm in addition to the usual morning ones. The Good Friday services will include the Three Hours' Devotion from 12.0 to 3.0 (people may enter or leave the Church at any time during this service).

Easter is the Queen of Festivals, and it is a time when all who have been confirmed should receive Communion. I would be very pleased, if asked to do so, to give Communion in their own home to any who are housebound. A list of times when confessions can be heard and Absolution given before Easter will be found on the notice board inside Church.

We mourn the loss of Mr. Len Austin at the great age of 89. We commend him to God's loving care, and we pray for those who mourn.

With every blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
F.R. Mackley.

Holy Baptism

February 13th - Susan Elizabeth Watkin, 10 Penelope Close.

February 27th - Gemma Louise Roberts, 38 Temple End.

Confirmation

February 13th - Timothy Benjamin Harrison, Walnut Tree Cottage, Hall Lane.

Daniel Kenneth Hughes, "Leamington House", 9 Church Street

Martin James Padbury, 21 Frances Rd.

Alfred Albert Morgan Smith, 1 Margaret Close.

Anna Margaret Catt, 16 Dovehouse Lane

Deborah Louise Ellis, Chapel Street.

Michaela Jane Sedgley, "The Emms", Fosse Way.

Andrea Jane Stowe, 14 Pineham Avenue.

Tracy Marie Taylor, 5 Ivy Lane

(Mrs.) Gillian Marjorie Winter, 19 Farm Street

Funeral Service

February 17th - Leonard Job Austin, aged 89 years.

From the Churchwardens

Elsewhere in this issue of the Harbury and Ladbroke News, you will see a "Thought for the Month". We hope that a Thought or Prayer will be included each month. If any of our readers have favourite prayers, verses or quotations please do submit them to one of the editors or to Viv Aggett for inclusion one month.

We have quoted on previous occasions, the Ella Wheeler Wilcox phrase "Build on resolve and not upon regret, the structure of thy future" but it is difficult not to think, with regret, "that was the Vicar's last Confirmation in the parish", "This will be his last Lent - his last Easter--" and so on. Of course we are full of regret, but let's be full of resolve too. Resolve to show the Vicar our appreciation of his ministry - resolve to make these "last" services and events truly memorable. Perhaps one of the best ways of doing this will be to share with the Vicar in the Services of the Church in Harbury. Throughout his ministry in the village he has daily been ready to celebrate the Eucharist but has often had no one present to share the celebration. How wonderful it would be if there were someone at each of the daily Celebrations between now and the time he leaves. If 7.30 a.m. (7am on Wednesdays and 9.45 on Thursdays) isn't convenient for you, tell the Vicar and he will alter the time on one day a week to accommodate you.

Please note that the Church Annual Meeting will be after the 10 o'clock Service on Sunday 17th April. It will be a very special AGM as it will be the Vicar's last one in the Parish!

Those who helped at, or attended the Christmas Fair will be glad to know that a donation of £100 was made to the Village Hall committee to help with the cost of the new roof.

FLOWER ROTA

Many thanks to all those who have responded and helped to make the Church beautiful over the last few months.

More help will be needed for Easter - and

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afterwards! Please do come and decorate your favourite corner.

There will be a box in the back of the Church during March and perhaps some people would like to contribute towards buying the Easter flowers.

MARGARET RIGDEN.

FREE CHURCH SERVICE

The monthly Free Church service was held on Sunday 27th February at All Saints Church. The service was led by the Rev. David Clarke of Spencer Street United Reformed Church, Leamington. Mr. Clarke preached on Matthew Chapter 4 with reference to the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. He related this to the temptations that face us in every day life, and the strength that faith can give to all of us. Next month, March 27th at 2.30 pm in All Saints Church the service will be led by the Rev. Peter Clark of Warwick Street Baptist Church, Leamington. Please come and join our fellowship.

I.T.J.

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Sunday 6th. LENT III. 8.30am Holy Communion,
11 am Matins.

Tuesday 8th. W.I. "Knit-In" at the Bell Inn.

Wednesday 9th 3pm Women's Fellowship Corporate
Communion in Church - afterwards tea at Hall
Farm.

7:45pm Deanery Lenten Service at Long
Itchington.

Thursday 10th Deanery Synod at S.James' Schl, Southam.

Saturday 12th SCOUTS EASTER FAIR.

Sunday 13th. LENT IV (Mothering Sunday) 11am Holy
Communion with Hymns & Sermon, 3.30pm
Ecumenical Mothering Day Service with posies
for childrenpreacher Mr. David Gill.

Monday 14th Brassware Party at "Woodlands".

Wednesday 16th 7.45pm Deanery Lenten Service at
Harbury.

Sunday 20th. LENT V (Passion Sunday).

8.30am Holy Communion, 11.0am Matins.

Wednesday 23rd Deanery Lenten Service at Marton.

Thursday 24th W.I. in Village Hall.

Friday 25th Annunciation of the B.V. Mary (Lady Day)
7.30pm Holy Communion.

Sunday 27th. LENT VI (Palm Sunday) 11am Holy Communion
with Hymns & Distribution of Palms, 3.0 pm
Holy Baptism.

Tuesday 29th Parish Council.

Thursday 31st MAUNDY THURSDAY. 7.30pm Holy Communion.

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Friday 1st. GOOD FRIDAY. 2.0pm Holy Hour.

Saturday 2nd EASTER EVE. 2.0pm Church Decoration

Sunday 3rd EASTER DAY. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11am
Holy Communion with Hymns, 6.30pm Evensong.

Tuesday 5th. Sick Communion.

Sunday 10th. EASTER I. 11am Holy Communion with Hymns
& Sermon.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

I was pleased to welcome members to my home for our last meeting, and especially Mrs. Stubbs who has recently come to live in Ladbroke and has joined our Fellowship.

Our next meeting will be on March 9th at 3pm in Church for Holy Communion, followed by tea at Hall Farm at the invitation of Mrs. Winkfield. C.H.

EASTER LILIES: Will all those who wish to give lilies in memory of departed relatives or friends please make their contributions, either to Mrs. Rutherford or to myself by Sunday 20th March? It is impossible to forecast price of individual flowers but I suggest contributions of 50p or multiples thereof! G.R.F.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Mr. & Mrs. Mark Teverson on the safe arrival of their baby daughter.

ALTAR FLOWERS: April 3 and 10 - Mrs. Darkes.

LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS

I was unable to attend this month's Parish Council meeting, but I understand from the Department of Transport in Birmingham that there were four objections to the proposed of the Ladbroke Bypass. Three of these objections have been withdrawn, which unfortunately means that one still stands. Because of this one uncooperative individual, a Public Enquiry will have to be held, with all its attendant

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and the entire scheme could well be in considerable jeopardy. Perhaps it is just as well that the objector will remain anonymous!

It is not often that we hear news of the Ladbroke Scouts, but apparently four village boys are hoping to go to Haarlem in Holland to the Jambor-ette, and are helping to raise funds for this venture. Please support their Easter Fair which is being held in Southam Youth Centre at 10.30am on Saturday 12th March. The Scouts are also cleaning cars in the Wood St. Car Park in Southam, every Saturday between 9.30am & 1.30pm - at the very moderate cost of 50p per car. However some of our village scouts are willing to provide this service at your home - so if you are interested please ring Southam 4541.

Finally some newcomers to welcome to the village - Hello to the Pearson family, Andrew, Ros, Danielle and Alex, who have just moved into Windmill Lane - and congratulations to Mark and Tricia Teverson, whose daughter Melanie was born on Feb.13th. At this rate the Playbus, which is due to start next week, will soo be filled to capacity when it visits Ladbroke!

p.s: The next Village Event is Friday 15th April, when the "Flying Dogs" will be providing musical entertainment in the Village Hall - details next month.

K. LIVERTON.

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

'Tombstones' was the title of the talk given by Mr. Dave Morris at the Feb. meeting. Those who feared a gloomy history of our churchyards soon found themselves enjoying a humorous and lighthearted evening while Mr. Morris showed slides taken all over Britain and some from continental countries. In some continental countries there is a time restriction on how long a monument may remain, but the slides demonstrated the wide variety of tombstones used throughout the ages in Britain, and often gave an insight into family life centuries ago, including one tombstone declaring the resting place of a mother of 41 children!

Events for March will be a sponsored knit in aid of charity on Tues. 8th March at 8.0pm and a Brass Ware Party on Monday 14th March at the home of

Mrs. Irene Bennett in aid of W.I. funds. Further details of both events from committee members. The next meeting will be on Thursday 24th March when we will welcome the return of Mrs. Linda Doyle who will demonstrate the art of cheesemaking.

Finally, a reminder that the competition for March is a decorated egg. PAULINE LAIDLER.

HARBURY SCHOOL

Our School Secretary, Mrs. M. King, goes into hospital at the beginning of March and we shall be happy to welcome her back at the beginning of the Summer Term. Her temporary replacement is Mrs. H. Bennett.

Mrs. Angela Goldsbrough, class teacher of Class 4, leaves at the end of term because she is expecting her first child in June. This increased activity on the natal scene must be something to do with the Harbury air, I presume. If this is so, it will no doubt ease the problem of falling rolls!

P.T.A.

Mr. & Mrs. Ingram were the winners of the last 100 Club prize which was drawn at a very successful and enjoyable 'Homemade Evening' on 4th February. For the first time since its innovation the P.T.A. 100 Club actually has 100 members. P.T.A. membership has also increased considerably due to publicity at the beginning of the year. New members are still welcome and details can be obtained from any committee member or from school.

Forthcoming attractions are a Maths Evening at school on 16th March and a Jumble Sale on 16th April. Perhaps some of the Easter holidays could be spent clearing out the garage or cupboards in preparation for this event. J.P.

HARBURY PLAYGROUP

Our Playgroup wishes it to be known that we are losing our present Supervisor, Mrs. Celia Neill to a very good cause - she is expecting a baby in the summer. Mrs. Ann Allan has been elected as her successor by our committee. We do, ofcourse, wish them both every success in their chosen careers!! Our grateful thanks to Celia for her many years of

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loving work with the children - she will be missed by everyone when she leaves us at the end of this term.

Would anyone wishing to send their child to our Playgroup in the future please contact our Membership Secretary, Sue Chaplin on 612758.

Also, please make a note of our next fund-raising event, a Disco on Saturday 23rd April at the Village Hall. More details later.

TERRY WADE (Committee Chairman)

HARBURY MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

Times: Monday 9.30-11.30am; Wednesday 2 - 3.30pm

Place: Wight School

The Mother & Toddler Group aims to give mothers and toddlers a break. It provides toys and activities for young children and encourages them to mix socially.

Each session is run by two mothers, accompanied by their own toddlers. These 'leaders' are responsible for setting up and putting away equipment and for making drinks. Each mother is responsible for her own child and is encouraged to guide the child's behaviour and play.

Toddlers range between one and three years, but younger or older siblings are welcome. Our large toys allow boisterous toddlers to let off steam, and messy activities - such as painting - provide creative outlets. Toys such as lego and jigsaws provide quieter activities.

If you would like further details ring Molly Putnam, 613853 or Pat Southam, 613981

MOTHER & BABY GROUP

The Mother & Toddler Group are setting up a Mother & Baby Club, in conjunction with the Clinic, held every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, in the Village Hall. The aim is to provide mothers with young babies with an opportunity to exchange ideas and share problems, in an informal setting:

We will be there to provide tea & biscuits for mums and toys for young ones. Second-hand baby clothes will be sold.

VICKY TANNER and LYNN WATKIN.

The Coffee Morning held on 10th February at Hill Cottage, Farm Street was most successful and raised £55. We would like to thank all who came on such a cold morning, and for all the lovely cakes you brought and bought!

Raffle prize winners were Mrs. D. Halford, Mrs. L. Watkin, Mrs. M. Waterman and Mrs. K. Pallot.
E. BUNTING (Hon. Sec.)

YOUNG WIVES

Our last meeting with Mrs. Payne on the work of W.R.V.S. was very interesting and made us all realise the worthwhile work W.R.V.S. does and the number of projects it becomes involved in, from running play school schemes to assisting the disabled.

The next meeting will be on 22nd March on the topic of Acupuncture.

VANDA BALL.

VANDALISM IN SCHOOL POOL

At sometime towards the beginning of the half-term break some persons entered the school pool environs and proceeded to throw a variety of objects in, e.g. netball posts, wood and concrete benches and assorted debris.

The protective cover was submerged and has been damaged. We are not sure if any permanent damage has been done to the structure of the pool because it was not possible to empty it during the water strike, and maintenance to swimming pools is at the moment on a 'stop' list from County Architects due to the economic situation.

Such mindless vandalism by, as yet, unidentified persons, is most disappointing in a community like Harbury, especially when one remembers the hard work entailed by so many people in providing a pool for the children in the first place.

If anyone can give me any information at all about this matter I shall be more than interested!

N.C.O.

HARBURY 'MINI' & JUNIOR RUGBY

The mild weather in January and February enabled three out of our four matches still to be played; only the game against Solihull having to be cancelled.

(pto for results)

Results:-

	<u>v Rugby RFC</u>	<u>v Earlsdon RFC</u>	<u>v Kenilworth RF</u>
Under 8's	Lost 4-16	Won 16-0	Lost 0-20
9's	Lost 0-8	Won 12-0	Drew 8-8
10's	Won 26-6	Won 24-0	Lost 0-8
11's	Won 16-0	Won 32-0	Lost 4-12
12's	Won 8-4	Won 42-0	Lost 0-16

The Junior under 13 and 14 teams continue to notch up successes against all their rivals.

Under 13's

v Earlsdon Won 16-4
v S. Leicester Won 28-6

Under 14's

v Earlsdon Won 58-7
v Banbury Won 40-10
v Cheltenham Won 12-10

The result of the Under 14's game against Cheltenham was particularly satisfying. When one considers that a team comprising lads mainly from this village and Bishops Itchington is able to take on a team representing a top town side of the calibre of Cheltenham, it says much for the standard of rugby pursued at the 'Mini' and Junior section of the Club and is a great pointer to the future of our club.

Diary Note: 'Mini' teams will be representing Harbury at Leamington RFC Festival on April 24th.

50/50 AUCTION, April 30th

The P.C.C. of Harbury Church is running its third 50/50 Auction in the Village Hall on Saturday 30th April.

In next month's magazine you will find a slip for you to send to us, listing items you wish to sell. We will accept antiques, bric-a-brac, household and garden items, large toys, in fact almost anything EXCEPT CLOTHING, LARGE FURNITURE (e.g. beds, 3-piece suites, wardrobes) and JUMBLE. The price realised is divided 50/50 between the donor and the Church (or you may donate the whole price to Church funds). Lower value items will be sold, not auctioned.

Further details from John Stringer (613214), or Bryan Harrison (612533), and in the advert at the back of this issue.

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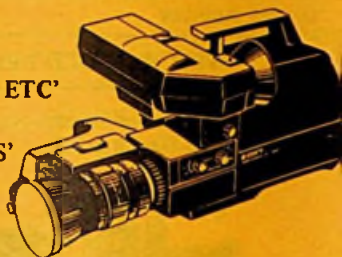
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President Mrs. Julie Ellis welcomed quite a good number of members to the February meeting in spite of the bitter weather. After the business had been attended to we enjoyed a very pleasant evening. Mrs. Lewis brought her team of 8 Scottish Dancers, plus an accordionist to entertain us. After performing 3 dances they then invited members to join them causing much hilarity but at least everyone was warmed up on such a cold night. The team finished off their programme by dancing Jigs and Reels.

Certainly a very nice change from our usual meeting.

Mrs. Ellis won the Raffle.

B.E.T.

1st HARBURY GUIDES

HELP! We are in urgent need of help on a Monday evening from 7.30 to 9pm. We have a company of 20+ girls aged between 10 and 14 and would like a unit helper (Non Uniformed). Experience is not needed but a loud voice helps!

If you have time to spare on a Monday please give this some consideration. You can contact me on 612543 or at 5 Wagstaffe Close. **BRENDA CHRISTOPHER.**

FOOTPATHS

Some years ago we published a series of footpath walks in Harbury. The Editors and committee feel that it would be useful to have these walks updated, since footpaths do change, particularly in relation to stiles and hedges. We would hope that if there is enough interest, the republished walks could be put into a booklet with redrawn maps. It seems possible that the Harbury Society might become involved in such a booklet, and David Winter - who keeps an eye of footpaths for the Parish Council - has expressed a willingness to give advice.

Offers of help would therefore be very welcome - perhaps over the next few months - from anyone who feels they would like to be involved, to the Editorial Office please.

I.T.J.

THANKS are due to Geoff Healey who raised £65 by taking part in the recent Non Smoking Day and donated this money to the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust.

POETRY AT EVENSONG

Evensong at Harbury Church on February 13th was followed by a poetry reading on the theme 'What a Wonderful World' organised by Mary Shelley. The poems were interspersed with music on record and 'Any Dream Will Do' from 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' sung by the choir.

The poems reminded us first of the beauties of nature 'Glory be to God for dappled things' and then turned to the infinite variety of animals - the pathos of Blake's 'Lamb' and the humour of Harvey's 'Ducks'. In the final section we considered the creation of man himself, most movingly in Shakespeare's 'What a piece of work is man'.

The final poem, a modern one 'Extravagance' by Phil Streeter, summed up perfectly the theme of the evening.

The excellent group of readers were the Vicar, Beryl Checkley, Vivienne Aggett, Tony Thomas, Matthew Shelley, Diana Holt, Howard Petch, Gillian Dodds, Samantha Neill and Jill Winter.

This was a delightful idea, and perfectly suited to Evensong. I'm sure the congregation hope that it is one to be repeated in the future. M.S.H.

SUMMER PLAYScheme

WANTED: Paid play leader to run scheme for two weeks during August.

WANTED: Volunteer helpers especially for sporting activities - including Dads on vacation.

WANTED: Toys, games, sporting equipment, plastic containers, fabric, paints, paper, scissors, reusable junk of all kinds - loo rolls and cereal packets especially.

WANTED: Children to attend playscheme.

Contact Mrs. K. Pallot, 613270 with any queries and offers of help or equipment. Thank you.

THEATRE GROUP

An influx of new members has indeed been a 'shot in the arm' making possible plays previously impossible for us because of our small membership. John Stringer has for some time wanted to produce Harold Brighouse's "Hobson's Choice" with it's cast of twelve - at last he can and his production takes place on 24/25/26th March.

All of the new members are involved and some will show their abilities 'on the boards'. Marie Brown, who began by organising props for 'Blithe Spirit', has the large and difficult role of Maggie (Hobson's eldest and headstrong daughter - the cause of all the bother!) She is handling the role with great enthusiasm and no doubt children will enjoy seeing this "other side" of teacher. New members Alison Hodge, Peter Ball, Sue & Keith Dormer and Fiona Hall are also making their stage debut in Harbury. Among the several familiar faces in the cast are Keith Hayes, always capable of a convincing performance, playing Hobson and Carol Percival and Trevor Grundy, fresh from their success in Blithe Spirit, also playing leading roles.

"Hobson's Choice" promises to be most enjoyable with a good story, lots of humour and all in late Victorian costume (which reminds me - we would be very grateful to hear from anyone who has any black laced or buttoned boots, collarless shirts or antimacassers which we could borrow for this production):

Don't miss this chance of a good evening's entertainment - get your tickets early from Phil Lindop at the Drug Store or Theatre Group members.

ANN MEGENEY, Chairman (612745)

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

DO NOT LOOK FORWARD to what might happen tomorrow; the same Everlasting Father who cares for you today, will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings.

St. Francis de Sales.

chosen by Viv Aggett.

HARBURY SOCIETY

What would life have been without water? How could you cope without a flush toilet?

Harbury has been very fortunate to escape the effects of the Water Dispute yet modern amenities are a relative novelty here anyway.

Piped water didn't arrive in the village until the 1950s and it took the Council a long while after that to persuade people to install 'inside lavatories'.

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The unwillingness to change held back 'modern development' for over a decade, but when it did come it swept away a great deal of the old village and its way of life.

What was life like before the great influx of the sixties? One man who remembers well is Reg Sharp who lived here as a boy during the Great War. He remembers the people and the place and he will tell all at the next Harbury Society meeting at the Wight School on Wednesday 23rd March, starting at 8.15 after the AGM. Non-members are welcome to come after the AGM which begins at 7.45pm.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

LEND Supporters Group

Our February meeting was well attended. We talked with Sid Rawl from the Upper Heyford Peace Camp. Donations of food, blankets and paraffin were thankfully received and taken to the camp next day.

Our March meeting will include discussion with James Hinton of National C.N.D. who will be talking about the campaign in the next few months and the issues involved.

VICKY TANNER (Tel: 613507)

PARISH COUNCIL

The problems over buses have not been resolved. No decision has been made over the cheap fares scheme and Cllr. Winter reported that the 7.45 am bus will not be replaced by a double-decker until June.

Cllr. Thompson had received two tenders for roof repairs to the Village Hall. The council agreed to accept the lowest tender which was submitted by D.W.A.G.

Conservationists will be pleased to hear that a mobile Bottle Bank is to be parked by the District Council in various specified areas for a period of one week on an experimental basis. The dates for Southam will be posted in the village but as Cllr. Hancock observed the posters are not particularly eye-catching so residents will need to keep a sharp eye open for dates when empties can be deposited. The first week is March 14th - 20th.

The Council agreed to support a thorough and comprehensive report on buildings and areas for conservation made by the Harbury Society. A previous

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report had been submitted in 1977 but was rejected by the District Council.

Cllr. Ellis had received a quote for the repair of the Deppers Bridge street light and hoped that its long awaited repair would soon be completed. All current conversions on Harbury street lights had been carried out. There are four different types of light and the Council have decided that all lights should eventually be converted to one type which would prove more economical.

The siting of the proposed new seat in Vicarage Lane has been agreed by the County Council.

Repairs to the kerbs in Vicarage and Hall Lanes would be carried out next year. As no date was fixed for the repair of the Farm Street sets, Cllr. Winter proposed that the sets should be put into store for safety. If they should be damaged they would be replaced by a concrete kerb.

The residents of Queens Close may take heart in the revelation that the County Engineer was amazed that the road had not been completed and the developer would be requested to do so.

Several road signs and finger posts would be repaired, as would the seat in Bush Heath Lane. Quotes for repairs to the play equipment would be requested locally.

Plans for erection of new buildings by Mr. Trice of Chesterton House Farm and the Blue Circle company were submitted. Plans for alterations to the Old New Inn had been rejected by the Council.

Cllr. Thompson had arranged for the Fun Fair to visit the village from April 11th to 18th. An application from an Old Time Steam Fair was received with enthusiasm as an attraction that would be widely welcomed. The details will be forwarded to the Carnival Cttee which may be able to fix a date for the Fair to come either this year or next.

The summer holidays may well be blessed with an oasis of peace for harassed mothers. The Playing Fields Cttee are proposing to organise a two-week Playscheme for which they will appoint professional leaders. Kay Pallot is planning a variety of activities to suit all weathers and has offers of help and materials from several sources. The Council applauded the well-planned scheme and thought that

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some funds may be available from the District Council and the Playing Fields Association. S. JACKSON

PENSIONS and the POST OFFICE

In last month's piece about changes at the Post Office, we stated that fortnightly pensions might be introduced. Brian Taylor has pointed out to us that this is incorrect - it was considered at one time, but pressure from the National Federation of Sub-Postmasters ensured that the idea was abandoned.

It is that same Federation which now seeks to halt the scheme to pay pensions and allowances through other outlets, which could eventually lead to the closure of small Post Offices like ours.

I apologise to Mr. Taylor, and to others who may have been misled by our article. D.M.H.

FINCH FAMILY ROBINSON

With luck, by now, Stan, Chris, Clare, Emma and Roanne should be settling in at Geneva on the Finger Lakes in Upper New York State in the U.S.A.

The intrepid travellers left last Monday for a year long stay in the States not certain that they will have a roof to go over their heads, or furniture but they travelled hopefully, complete with camping gear.

Stan Finch, who is a Doctor of Entomology at the Wellesbourne Research Centre, is on an academic exchange visit to the American University where he will study the Onion Fly. Both he and Chris, who teaches Biology at Southam School, have been deeply involved in village affairs, particularly the Horticultural Society, Senior Citizens Benefit Cttee, Harbury Society and Football Club, and they will be missed by their many friends.

HOWEVER Chris has agreed to send the occasional 'Letter from America' giving her impressions of life in a small community there and as she intends to make the most of her stay by travelling coast to coast during the holidays, there should be an interesting travelogue too.

Chris has taken with her slides of the village and other notable Warwickshire localities and intends

to while away the winter introducing unsuspecting Americans to the beauties and eccentricities of the rural English life. ----- LINDA RIDGLEY.

COVENTRY MUMMERS will be visiting Harbury again on Sunday March 27th:-

11.15am outside Church; 12.15pm The Crown Inn;
1pm at The Dog and 1.40pm at The Gamecock.

Those who saw the mummers when they performed here last October, thoroughly enjoyed the experience, so do try and find time to join the audience at one (or more!) of the above mentioned venues.

----- STRATFORD-UPON-AVON FESTIVAL

The Chairman of the Amenities Committee of the District Council has written to ask for wider participation in the Stratford-upon-Avon Festival, and in particular in the Carnival on Saturday 30th July. The Festival cttee hopes that Parishes or organisations within the Stratford District might consider providing floats or parades.

----- THE SERMON OF FEBRUARY 20th

After his sermon on February 20th the Vicar asked the children present if they would like to write a brief account of his address. The following account is by Gail & Carole Moore and Caroline Holt:-

Most children know what they want to be: Jesus knew what he had to be. He spent thirty years preparing for what his father had prepared for him. Eventually when he was ready for his work, he went into the wilderness for forty days. He spent the whole time praying and he fasted, so he would be more prepared to give up the rest of his life spreading the word of God. Jesus was tempted by Satan, but Jesus did not give way to it. This was because Jesus had been praying so he said no to himself and would be able to say yes to God.

In Lent we should remember what Jesus did and try to say no to ourselves by refusing everyday temptations such as lying in bed when we should be up and helping people; and eating more than we need to.

Secondly we should concentrate on praying

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properly and listening to God. To pray properly we should be alone with God.

Thirdly God gave everything for us, so we should try to give ourselves to God. Maybe we should give up something for Lent, and give to those less fortunate than ourselves.

So, we should:

1. Say no to ourselves and yes to God.
2. Concentrate on praying
3. Give up something for God.

Daniel Hughes also wrote the following outline of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness -

After Jesus had been fasting in the desert for forty days and forty nights, he was very hungry. Satan came to him and tried to tempt him saying, "If you are the son of God, turn these stones into bread". But Jesus said, "Scripture says that man should not live on bread alone, but on every word that God utters".

The devil then led him to the city and took him to the highest point of the temple and again tried to tempt him. "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself off the temple, for it is written that God will command his angels to catch you and lift you up in their hands to stop you from cutting your foot on a stone" he said. But Jesus replied "It is also written 'You should not put the Lord your God to the test'".

So Satan took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and said "I will give you all this if you only bow before me and worship me". But Jesus said angrily "Be gone Satan! For the scriptures say 'Worship the Lord your God only'".

Then the Devil left him and the angels came and looked after him.

THE ALTERNATIVE TOULOUSE!!

I'm a student at York University, Harburian and wine taster extraordinaire, spending my year abroad in the depths of France learning about the people, their language and their culture (in theory, anyway!)

Toulouse University, "Le Mirail" (wasn't it called Colditz during the war??) is my place of study,

and French and Linguistics my subjects. Both courses are very interesting but with no obligation to take or pass exams. University residence in France leaves a lot to be desired: beds which squeak in time to your breathing, strictly no cohabitation, except with the cockroaches, hot water which works only when it wants to, and cleaners which function on the same basis!!

The university restaurants must also be avoided at all costs if you intend to survive the year. However, cooking for oneself can be somewhat difficult as there are no facilities provided. With the aid of an electric ring obtained from the local ironmongers I've managed, even though most meals tend to be done 'au vin' to disguise any suspect flavours. Eating out locally can also be fairly cheap and gives you a chance to try some speciality dishes and if all else fails there's always the Macdonalds in the town centre!

There's plenty to do and see in and around Toulouse. The Pyrénées, just on my doorstep have been the scene of many an enjoyable day skiing (when I've managed to stay in a vertical position for more than 10 secs!) Albi - birthplace of the famous painter Toulouse-Lautrec is well worth a visit as are Castres, Carcassonne and Lourdes - for those in need of physical healing. Spain is just around the corner and there are day trips every Saturday to Andorra, home of the duty free - for those who prefer a bit of "spiritual" healing!!

The weather is of course a distinct advantage although we have not been without the odd snowfall in the past few weeks. I was still wearing T shirts in November and will probably be donning them again at the end of March. The people in Southern France possess a very different mentality from those in the North, which you would no doubt discover if you could understand them! They speak a dialect called Occitane - sounding almost like Spanish and very confusing when you first arrive.

I'm coming to the end of my 2nd term in Toulouse and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of living among the French and learning their language and customs. However it is not home and returning to England, Harbury and York university is certainly something I'm looking forward to.

Born in 1923 in Gateshead, Mr. Marshall's early memories include the first talking picture, horse-drawn trams and the R101 airship. Holidays were often spent at Whitley Bay, where he was suddenly struck down with spinal trouble which kept him bed-ridden for 2 years as a child. He was brought up with all the strict discipline of a Salvation Army family, but when he joined the forces he put religion behind him - for a time.



He learnt to drive a tank, and went into Alamein in an experiment to see how much punishment a Churchill tank would take. It took 28 hits to disable Mr. Marshall's tank, at the same time landing him in hospital. During his time with the 7th Armoured Division he was twice rescued from the Mediterranean by the Royal Navy, and was blinded and deafened by a V2 bomb in France. These afflictions lasted one week, and he still vividly remembers the horror of that total isolation. Finally, he was pulled unconscious and badly burned from his bombed tank by Eddie Trewick, a fellow soldier, and as the two lay critically injured a young enemy soldier shot them both. The treatment he needed for his terrible injuries finally brought him to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, and on his eventual recovery (having been discharged with a full disability pension) he met his wife Isabella, and came to live in Harbury in 1948.

His memories of his early days here include 'old Mrs. Overton' pushing a 3-wheel pushchair to Leamington, the Fish & Chip shop owned by Mr. & Mrs. Lowe, the W.I. dances, and many still-remembered old friends - Harry Frost and his sons, Edgar Hamer, Sid Enefer (the blacksmith), 'Nobby' (the Co-op baker), Mr. Honiwell (the Co-op manager), Mr. Wyatt (last man to work the mill) and Jack Wyatt (the milk man).

His life was good then, with his two children and all his friends, but the recurring nightmares of his war-time experiences caused him (by his own admission) to drink and smoke excessively. This took its toll and he again came close to death. During this period of his life, Mr. Marshall says "God took hold of me, and guided my steps". Suddenly, with great clarity, he realised why God had brought him through all the crises of his life - so that he could serve Him in the Salvation Army.

Since then, Mr. Marshall has devoted his life to this work, in personal counselling and in making and distributing tapes of Bible stories and Christian music to disabled and disadvantaged people in this country and overseas. Another of his concerns is a clinic in Indonesia run by Major White of the Salvation Army. Mr. Marshall lends tape recorders to those who don't own one, and he has letters from children and others around the world showing the high esteem in which they hold him, for all the care and time he devotes to sending them the tapes they have come to value so much.

The Tenants' Association, British Legion, Working Men's Club, Village Hall Committee, Football Club, Mrs. Herbert's dancing shows, darts and dominoes, the Dog B team singers, riotous New Years' Eve Parties, Dave Perry, the late Mrs. Robbins and Gerry Sheasby - as he goes about his Salvation Army work all these memories go with him. Memories are important to Walter Marshall - as he told us, "When I walk through the village and see some of the old friends my heart glows with joy. I may not remember their names, but their part in my past will always be remembered."

IN THE GARDEN

As February has been a cold and frosty month it is advisable to delay planting of most of your seeds until the end of the month or better still leave it till April. But in the meantime, start your potatoes by placing them in boxes in the light away from any frost. Rhubarb should be given a good dressing of Farmyard manure and covered up to keep out the frost. The most important job is to see if you have all the seeds and bulbs available to sow as soon as the ground is dryer and warmer.

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Spring cabbage should be given a small amount of Nitro Chalk or Growmore to encourage growth.

Out of doors at the end of the month sow garlic, broad beans, early peas, shallots and onion sets.

Check all your cuttings of geraniums and chrysanthus to see if they require any watering.

W.F. LINES.

BEATRICE MARY MALLABONE

Miss Mallabone was born in Nuneaton on August 15th, 1898. Her mother died when she was a few days old, and she was brought up mainly by a couple who had no children of their own and whom she called 'Uncle' and 'Aunt'. She was devoted to them, and looked after them in their old age until the last. In early life she was apprenticed to the tailoring, and became an expert tailor-



ess. From an early age she was a regular and keen worshipper and worker at St. Mary's Abbey Church, Nuneaton, and did good work as a Sunday School teacher both at the Abbey Church and at the new Church of St. Mary and St. John at Camp Hill. When I was bombed out in a war-time blitz on Nuneaton (while I was at the Abbey Church), Miss Mallabone and her aunt kindly took me in, and I lived with them for the rest of my time in Nuneaton until I went to Burton Dassett in 1948. When I was in need of someone to keep house for me in 1960, Miss Mallabone very kindly came, and has been a tremendous help to me and to the Church in Harbury. In return, people of Harbury have been a great help to her in recent years, particularly during my time in hospital. She who has given so much care and attention to others is now in need of care and attention herself, and she is expecting shortly to go into the 'Sycamores' Home on the

Sydenham estate, Leamington. She has no relatives living, but has many friends, and I hope that some of you will visit her from time to time. F.R. MACKLEY.

LET'S GO MEDIEVAL.....

.....on JUNE 11th

Are you racking your brains for inspiration about your costume for the Carnival, which this year is to have an historical theme? From royalty to peasants, politicians to court jesters - the possibilities are endless! We hope to have Maypole Dancing, maybe jousting, wife auctions, and anything else we can think of to create a Medieval atmosphere - so do please help us by entering into the spirit of the Carnival and dressing up - or planning your stall or float - to represent something from days gone by. There will be prizes for the best-dressed stall or sideshow, and stallholders. There will also be "spot prizes" for children in costume spotted during the afternoon.

Help is needed by organisations and individuals in running stalls. Any offers of assistance (or advice on historical costumes or themes) please to ANNE GLAZE (612333) or KAY PALLOT (613270).

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

We would like to thank everyone in the village who has wishes us well for our year in America.

We have been overwhelmed by the kindness of the Football Club and would like to say "thank you" to them and all our friends at the Old New Inn who organised a delightful farewell evening.

Emma and Roanne will keep in touch with Harbury School as they have promised to describe their life in an American school and Clare intends to write to her friends at Southam.

We know we will miss the life of Harbury, but we shall be kept informed of all the village happenings as the "Harbury News" is being forwarded to us each month.

Harbury will be a difficult place to leave - even for 12 months, but we wish everyone a good year in our absence - especially the Vicar as he embarks on his retirement: STAN & CHRIS FINCH,

CLARE, EMMA & ROANNE.

Dear Editors,

Regarding the article on the Tear Fund in the February Harbury & Ladbroke News, and without wishing to detract from the good work of the Fund to alleviate the appalling conditions of the workers on certain tea gardens in India, it is, nevertheless, very misleading to generalise that all workers involved with the tea industry are exploited, poorly housed, and paid miserably low wages. This sort of misinformation does a disservice to countries like Africa, Indonesia and Malaysia who also provide leaf for our blended teas, and where real efforts have been made to provide the workers with decent living conditions, and where tea is also produced by successful smallholder schemes and co-operatives.

JIM SUTTIE.

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GRATEFUL THANKS to Ann Roden for stepping into the breach at extremely short notice when bad weather caused the cancellation of a make-up demonstration in aid of Church funds, at Diana Holt's last month.

Ann provided a most instructive and enjoyable flower making demonstration and everyone had a chance to make a paper rose for themselves (with a little help!) During the coffee break Ann made a delightful flower arrangement which she donated to the raffle.

It was a shame more people didn't brave the wintry weather - they certainly missed a treat!

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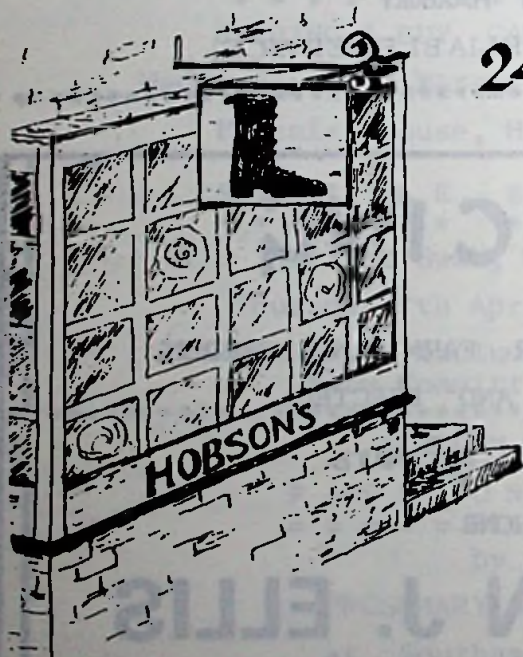
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