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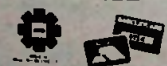
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This, the 120th issue, marks 10 years of publication of the Harbury News, which subsequently became Harbury and Ladbroke News. It is gratifying to the Committee and Editors that the magazine continues to fulfil its original function of providing information about all aspects of our village life. It is of course you who provide the articles for the magazine and it could not exist without this support and the involvement of a great number of people who in many and various ways contribute towards getting the magazine to your door. Our thanks to you all - here's to the next 10 years!



'CAN SPRING BE FAR BEHIND'-----

Gillian O'Sullivan holding new born lambs at
Leycester House Farm. Photo Mike Bloxham.

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Spring cannot be far away because the first article about that great Harbury tradition, the Carnival and Fete appears in this issue! It promises to be bigger and better than ever - see inside.

Thinking of future events requiring much help, there appears inside an article regarding the Summer Playscheme - for which a great deal of preparation has already been done. This very worthwhile event, which the children so thoroughly enjoyed last year, cannot be held without sufficient help. This help is not, so far, forthcoming and unless some helpers offer their services now, the Playscheme will have to be cancelled - which would be a poor commentary on our community spirit which is usually so strong. Do read the article and see what you can do.

HARBURY NEWS DIARY FOR MARCH 1984

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| Sat. | 3rd | Seconds v Woodrush at Rugby Club
NSPCC 50/50 Children's Clothes Sale at Wight School 10 am - 12 noon
Diocesan Synod
Christian Fellowship, Corner Cottage, High Street, - 8pm. |
| Sun. | 4th | <u>QUINQUAGESIMA</u>
8 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Sung Eucharist (Adventurers attend) |
| Mon. | 5th | Confirmation instruction for young people |
| Tues. | 6th | 6.30 pm weekly at Harbury Rectory.
Fifth & Sixth Year Exam Candidates Parents Evening at Southam School.
8pm Horticultural Society, Wight School |
| Wed. | 7th | 8.30 pm Harbury Friends AGM, Gamecock.
<u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u>
9.30am Harbury School Service, 10.15am Holy Communion, 8.30pm Sung Eucharist.
2.30pm Mothers Union, 12 the Beeches
8pm Liberals AGM, Wight School |

- Thurs. 8th 2-3pm Music & Movement, Wight School
 2.30pm Golden Age, Village Hall
 7.45 pm WI, Village Hall, Mr Potter
 'Tea and Teapots'.
 7.45 pm Deanery Synod - Southam
 6.30 pm "No Place Like Home" Lent Service for
 Children
- Fri. 9th Venture Scouts Disco, Rugby Club. (Unit
 members and their guests only).
 Sat. 10th Seconds v Chipping Norton at Rugby Club
 Sun. 11th LENT I
 8 am Holy Communion
 10.30am Sung Eucharist
 2.30pm Free Church Service
 6.30pm Evensong
- Mon. 12th 8pm Christian Fellowship, 77 Mill Street,
 Speaker - Bob Telford
- Tues. 13th 8pm Harbury Friends at School
 Wed. 14th Harbury School Parents Evening
 7.45pm Deanery Lenten Course Basics of Christian
 Prayer with The Bishop of Warwick at
 St James, Southam.
 2-3pm Music & Movement, Wight School
- Thurs. 15th 6.30 pm 'No place like Home' Lent Service for
 Children
- Fri. 16th Tufty Club 2 pm Wight School
- Sat. 17th ST PATRICKS DAY (Patron St. of Ireland)
 Thirds v Claverdon at Rugby Club
 PTA Mad March Disco (Adults) at School
 8pm Christian Fellowship, Corner Cottage
 Hight Street.
- Sun. 18th 8am Holy Communion - LENT II
 10.30am Sung Eucharist
 6.30pm Evensong
- Tues. 20th 8pm Village Hall Committee, Village Hall
 Wed. 21st 2.30pm Mothers Union Deanery Festival in
 Harbury Church.
 7.45pm Deanery Lenten Course Meditative
 Prayer
 8pm Harbury Society AGM at Wight School
 8pm Make-up Evening in aid of Scouts Funds in
 School Hall

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- Thurs. 22nd 2-3pm Music & Movement, Wight School
2.30pm Golden Age, Village Hall
Third Year Parents Evening at Southam School
6.30pm 'No place like home' Lent Service for Children.
St. Nicholas Radford Semele - Sister Gillian of the Community of the Sisters of the Church.
7.30pm Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall.
- Fri. 23rd Southam PTA Spring Dance at Southam School - To Bob Codall's band.
- Sat. 24th ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Lady Day 9.45 am Holy Communion (transferred from March 25)
First & Thirds v Daventry at Rugby Club.
Tennis Club Jumble Sale.
- Sun. 25th SUMMERTIME CLOCKS ON
LENT III
8am Holy Communion
10.30am Sung Eucharist
6.30pm Songs of Praise
All articles for inclusion in April's Magazine to Editors by today.
- Mon. 26th 8pm Christian Fellowship.
- Tues. 27th 2pm Young Wives, Village Hall
- Wed. 28th 7.45pm Deanery Lenten Course Intercessory Prayer
All Saints Ladbroke The Revd Dr David Rake
Anglican Chaplain Warwick University.
- Thurs. 29th 2-3pm Music and Movement, Wight School.
6.30pm 'No place like home' Lent Service for Children.
7.30pm MU 'Spring Fling' White Lion Radford Semele
- Fri. 30th 8pm Theatre Group General Meeting, Wight School
- Sat. 31st Seconds v Old Moselians at Rugby Club.
10am SDP Car Boot and Jumble Sales, Wight School
8pm Christian Fellowship, The Spiers, Chesterton
- Sun. 1st ALL FOOLS DAY
LENT IV MOTHERING SUNDAY
8am Holy Communion
10.30 am Sung Eucharist (Presentation of Posies)
3.30 pm Mothering Sunday Family Service, Preach Revd David Beardshaw (Presentation of Posies) - at LADBROKE.
- Tues. 3rd 8pm PCC at The Rectory

- Wed. 4th 10.30am -12noon Harbury Playgroup Childrens
NEW Clothes Sale and Coffee Morning at
9 Sutcliffe Drive.
2.30 pm MU 1 Vicarage Lane "Feasts & Fasts"
- Honor Braithwaite
- Thurs. 5th 2-3pm Music & Movement, Wight School
7.45pm Men's Group at John Barnes', Crown St
7.45pm Whist Drive, Village Hall
- Sat. 7th First ' Thirds v Syston at Rugby Club
PTA Jumble Sale
8-11pm Harbury Club Music for All. (See Ad)

WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LADBROKE

- Tuesdays - Holy Communion, 7.30 pm in Harbury.
Wednesdays - Holy Communion, 10.30 am. in Ladbroke.
Thursdays - Holy Communion, 9.45 pm in Harbury.
Fridays - Holy Communion, 7 am. in Harbury.

(These dates apply except for special festivals and Holy Days)

REGULAR DIARY DATES

- FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30 pm 2nd Sunday in the month.
- HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sundays.
- CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY, First Monday each month.
- UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm Mondays.
- GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7pm (under 7s & beginners)
7-8pm (7-10 yrs), 8-9pm (Over 10yrs) every Monday.
- SLIMMING & KEEP FIT, Village CLUB 7-8.30 and 8.30-10pm
Mondays (please note change)
- GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30 pm Mondays
- BINGO, Village Hall 8pm every Monday
- TODDLER GROUP, Wight School 9.30-11.20 am Mondays and
2-3.30pm Wednesdays
- PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings.
- NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday mornings
- DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tues, Wed, Thurs.
- BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.
- SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm Tuesdays.
- BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.
- HARBURY FRIENDS, School 8pm 2nd Tuesday each month
- BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2-4pm 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
- DANCING CLASSES for children and adults, Farley Room
Village Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays

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GIRLS CLUB, Village Hall, every Thursday evening.
POP-IN Village Hall, 1.20 - 3.30pm every Friday.
TUFTY CLUB, 2-3pm Wight School, 3rd Friday each month
CHOIR PRACTICE, Church 6.30 every Friday

Dates for inclusion PLEASE to Linda Ridgley, Tel. 612792.
For Village Hall bookings, telephone Mr. Picken 612778.
For Wight School bookings, telephone Mrs. Windsor 612504.

From the Harbury Churchwardens

It has been encouraging to see an increase in congregations at the main Services in the past few months but there may be some older or more frail members of our community who would love to come to Church but are unable to do so because of lack of transport. We have a number of very willing drivers who would be delighted to collect those who need transport and take them to Church and home again. If anyone would like to take advantage of this service, please ring the Rector or one of the Churchwardens.

By the time you read this, Lent will be almost with us. There will be many opportunities for additional worship, meditation and devotions with the Deanery Lent Services on Wednesdays (see the leaflets in Church for details) and with our own Services but there are other things we can do personally and individually to prepare ourselves for the great festival of Easter. Lent is not just a time for giving something up but a time of training. The athlete in training for a specific race or event does not refer to the period of training in terms of giving up things but of doing something positive - building up performance steadily by well planned progressive effort - just a little bit further, faster or smoother each time.

Don't forget the Songs of Praise on 25th March, the Rector would welcome suggestions of hymns - choose hymn and come and sing it.

From The Rector

Lent 1984 is about to begin - Ash Wednesday is 7th March.

It is possible that the statement will not be of any major significance to you and even if you are a zealous churchperson, you may accept it in rather a negative way. Sometimes people think Lent is a dreary process, when there are no flowers in church and one is urged to give up something. Of course Lent does lead on to Holy Week, with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and then there is the glorious and joyful festival of Easter Day, which is so thrilling and happy. But Lent seems less attractive. I prefer to think of it as a time of opportunity and of endeavour. It is not just doing without, it is doing something positive. Striving to know more of what Jesus expects of those who turn to him. Achieving something. Making some situation better because of effort on my part. Lent is a time for all Christians, young, middle-aged or old alike - all who wish their faith to be alive, flourishing and increasing - all who really want to respond with heart and soul and strength and mind. Lent is not dull, but is related to the Spring. We all welcome Spring with its promise and hope. Spring which speaks of the bursting forth of new life and growth - the lengthening of the hours of daylight and the incentive to start our afresh. Let Lent be a new beginning - a time to question the extent and the quality of our response to God. Is our worship more than just a regular habit Sunday by Sunday? Is our prayer life as rich and as comprehensive as it should be? Is there more we could offer to Our Lord so that because of us the work of the Church is enhanced and expanded?

The cynics like to wag their wise old heads and tell how the Church fails so often to be relevant and to minister to the real needs of the people. To say that in Harbury and Ladbroke would be far from the truth, but at the same time we know that

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our worship could be worthier, our prayers could be fuller and our commitment to the Gospel of Christ could be greater. The opportunity to do all these things is constantly in our hands and time and time again we intend to make a start - but

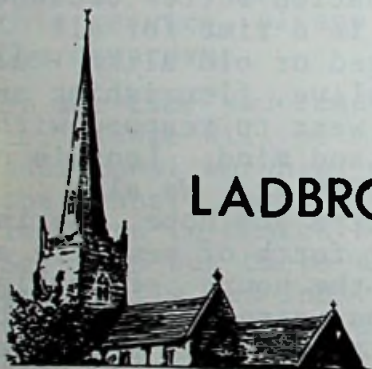
Lent provides the spur to all our good intentions and encourages us to draw nearer to Our Lord and walk more closely with him. The effort of keeping Lent well is not to give us the satisfaction that by doing so, we are better Christians, but to help us to realise what it is to be a disciple, what it means to try to love God and serve him as he deserves.

ANTONY ROWE.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Thursday 16th February at All Saints, Ladbroke

MICHAEL BIELINSKI, Ladbroke Camp, Ladbroke Age 58 years



LADBROKE NEWS

MARCH DIARY

Sun.	4th	<u>QUINQUAGESIMA</u> 9am Holy Communion with Hymns 3.30pm Evensong
Mon.	5th	7.30 pm PCC Meeting
Wed..	7th	<u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u> 10.30am Holy Communion 7.30pm Holy Communion with Hymns Confirmation instruction for young people weekly in Church
Sun.	11th	9am Holy Communion with Hymns.

Mon. 12th 7.30 pm AGM, Village Hall
 Wed. 14th 3.00 pm Womens Fellowship in Church
 Sun. 18th LENT II
 9.00 am Holy Communion with Hymns
 11.00am Matins
 Sat. 24th (LADY DAY) 8.30 am Holy Communion
 Sun. 25th LENT III
 9.00 am Holy Communion with Hymns
 Wed. 28th 7.45pm Deanery Lenten Service at Ladbroke.
 APRIL
 Sun. 1st 9.00am Holy Communion with Hymns
 3.30pm Mothering Sunday Family Service.

No Parish Council so far this month - so there will be a bumper lot of news in the next issue!

BELL RINGING

Interested in learning the art of bell ringing?

Any adult or teenager who would like to ring for the services at Ladbroke Church should contact H. Reeves, 8 Tomwell Close, Southam or come to the Church on a practice night - Thursdays 7.30 pm.

VILLAGE HALL AFFAIRS

The Village Hall committee has been in some disarray at the news that Jim Venn Dunn is leaving the village to live in Southam. Jim has been looking after the Hall for some time and his efforts will be sorely missed. The Committee would like to express its thanks for all his hard work and to wish him and his wife Ruth, the best of luck for the future

N.B. Bookings for the Village Hall should be made through Mrs Maggie Bull, (Harbury 612961) and there are now three key-holders:

Dave Wilson, The Close, Ladbroke, (Southam 2131)
 Ron Smith, Attwood Cottage, Ladbroke, (Southam 3745)
 Alan Stubbs, 16 Ladbroke Hall, (Southam 3891)

There will be a Jumble Sale in aid of the Village Hall funds on May 8th at the Welfare Hut, Southam at 10.00am. Please have you any Spring cleaning chuckouts? Donations (!), please to Irene Bennett at "Woodlands" and John Liverton at "Bridge Cottage".

Oh by the way the February Dance was cancelled due to lack of support!

K. LIVERTON.

LADBROKE WI

February meeting Mr Geoff Thorpe the Vet gave us a humorous talk which was illustrated by slides depicting various animals being operated upon.

Please save your jumble for the jumble sale on 26th March or deliver it to Mrs Laidler.

March meeting demonstration of glass blowing by Mr Fuller.

JILL NORGATE.

LADBROKE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our February meeting started with a service in Church. A short Litany was said and two hymns were sung. Afterwards members went to the home of Mrs Stubbs where they had tea.

Mrs Hedge said that she would like to give up as leader, and Mrs Stubbs agreed to take over. Our thanks are due to Mrs Hedge who has been leader for eight years.

The next meeting on March 14th will start in Church at 3pm with Communion and continue afterwards at 16 Ladbroke Hall. We should be very pleased to welcome ladies of any age, to our meetings which are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3 pm unless otherwise stated.

Nancy Stubbs.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Mothers Union Coffee Morning held before Christmas raised sufficient money to buy two new brass Altar vases. These are not meant to replace the existing ones but, because of their different shape, will give the flower arrangers a choice and scope for variations.

No flowers will be needed during Lent but a box for contributions for Easter flowers will be put out towards the end of the month and volunteer helpers for Easter Saturday morning will be very welcome. Please sign up when the notice appears.

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BIBLE QUIZ FOR THE YOUNG

Re-arrange the initial letters of the answers to the following questions to make the name of an Old Testament character who took to sailing early.

1. A woman sat here by a well.
2. A temple servant with sharp ears.
3. His money collecting made him unpopular.
4. His jealous brother's name was Jacob.
5. They were there in the stable.

SPECIAL SERVICES

It is now three years since Tracey underwent an operation for the removal of a brain tumour resulting in severe brain damage. Since then the whole family has been blessed by the Grace of God and the help and support of many, many people.

In recognition of this a family service of praise and thanksgiving will be held on Sunday 18th March at 3.00pm.

All are invited to share in this time of thanks for what has been achieved so far for the progress yet to come. The Service will be led by Canon Antony Rowe, the preacher will be Rev. Graham Dow and a group from Brand Hall Church Birmingham will lead the music.

HWP

HARBURY SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 1983/84

We have almost reached the end of the school's cross country season. At the moment it is congratulations to Wendy-Kate Ottewill, Dayle Summers and Darren Board who, on Saturday 4th February won selection for the Central Warwickshire team to meet the rest of Warwicks in the County Championship on March 10th at Nuneaton.

The first meeting was last September when we went to Priors Field, Kenilworth where the children had to run through two streams in their cross-country event.

October saw the meeting held at Southam High School when the children had to run against continual driving rain - somehow the weather is always cruel

to us at this meeting! Our children didn't do so well here but undeterred they took on the Campion Hills for the third league race. The start and finish of this race was St. Paul's School, Leamington.

During November the children were invited to take part in a race at Kineton High School. The weather was good and the children did very well but the ground was rather muddy! In fact one young lady finished in her socks, having stepped out of her pumps in a muddy field, and one boy left one of his shoes in a stream.

One cold, frosty morning, for the first race after Christmas - but the last of the league meetings - everyone headed for Priory Park - a beautiful setting on such a bright day but the races were very, very tough. All was forgotten an hour or so later when the boys were awarded a trophy for finishing in fifth place in the final league placings.

The final meeting was the Central Area Championships which were held at Priors Field. You may remember that this is where the children have to run through two streams. At this meeting we almost needed life-savers! The water in the streams was knee-deep - on adults! Imagine what it was like for our third year children, in particular, Dayle Summers, Roy Coupe, Stephen Reid Steven Thompson and Simon Grinnell. All these children did exceptionally well and together with Darren Board, Ian McDonald, Vincent Crossan, Simon Waddell, Philip Mancel and Maxwell Summers managed to gain fourth place for the team in the final placings. It was at this meeting that the three children qualified for the County Championships. Also well done to Adrian Taylor, Shaun Christopher and James Playdon who have taken part in the league races but were unable to take part in the final race.

Children are not chosen for the school team. Anyone from the third and fourth years may take part provided they can run up to $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles (girls) and

2½ miles (boys). The first four from the school to finish make up the team.

We haven't had a girl's team this year but our two girls have run as individuals and won certificates (finishing in the first 20) in most of their races.

MRS D L WALLINGTON

HARBURY P.T.A.

Our 'Hot Gossip Evening' brought out a wide cross section of Harbury inhabitants to view the interesting exhibits and varied displays provided by various village clubs and societies. A very enjoyable wine testing was provided by Woodward and Liggins and Mrs Thompson won the 100 club draw. The winner of the previous draw, at the Under 12's Disco, was Mrs Kay Pallot.

Our next undertaking is a 'Mad March Disco', please see advert for details, on 17th March from 8pm to 12pm. Tickets are now available from Committee members and school and we hope that you will come along and dance to the R & B Disco.

April sees our annual jumble sale so a garage and cupboard clearout are in order before the 7th and on 11th April Mr D Howe will speak on 'Helping your children to read'.

Do come along and join us and perhaps renew your P.T.A. membership if you have allowed it to lapse.

May we take this opportunity to thank Mr Ted Coupe for his work on this committee in past years. He has resigned from the committee because of pressure of work but we hope that he and his wife Muriel will still be able to attend our functions.

HARBURY PLAYGROUP

Harbury Playgroup are holding a coffee, Bring and Buy Cake, and clothes morning at 9, Sutcliffe Drive, on Wednesday 4th April 10.30 till 12 noon.

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The clothes are "Offspring", which are a range of childrens clothes from birth to approx. 10 - 12 yrs old at very reasonable prices. All welcome.

HILARY NEALON.



Mike Bloxhams photograph shows a recent Pre-School Play Groups Association bring and buy.

1ST HARBURY SCOUTS AND GUIDES FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

On Wednesday 21st March in the School Hall Mrs Jean Morris of Boots No. 7 will be giving a Beauty care and Make-up talk and demonstration at 8pm. This should be a most interesting evening and everyone is invited. Mrs Morris will be answering your questions and will bring samples for you to try. Tickets are £1 each and refreshments are included. Please do come. Tickets from Sue Jones 613261, Anne Mayer 613314, Rosemary Ottewill 613402, Jean Dunn 613576, Wendy Stubbs 612782 or any other member of the Committee or Leader.

JW

HARBURY CUBS IN GANG SHOW

Congratulations must go to four local cubs, Ross Bastin, Adrian Exton, Christopher Smith and Guy Taylor for their splendid performance in the recent W.A.G.S. Gang Show held at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre.

A very memorable occassion for them, as it was attended by H.R.H. Princess Anne, particularly for Ross and Chris, as she stopped and spoke to them both.

There is a lot of very hard work involved in Gang Shows, and all the boys proved themselves to be a credit to the 1st Harbury Cub pack.

VENTURE SCOUTS

Meetings are now being held at the hut on a for nightly basis (1st, 15th, 29th March.) The programme thrashed out by the committee has been adhered to so far with commendable enthusiasm (glue on the pants?) Despite the absence of heating a crowd (not rented) attended Mick Chick's talk on disaster planning. The subsequent heat generated by discussion went some way to make up for the Arctic conditions. On a more sombre note, Mick pointed out that Home Office figures of deaths and injuries in a nuclear attack were way below figures issued in the U.S.A. The truth probably lay between the two. We all fervently pray it will never be put to the test.

Those that read the Courier may have seen the picture and caption covering the Units pioneering exploits on Sunday 12th February. With a rope strung across a lake at Bull Ring Farm some members did intrepid things to get themselves over and are even dropped in. Sanity was restored by tea at Kay and Mike Pallot(s) (The Group Scout Master has a function).

The annual pilgrimage to the Dassett Hills was blessed by fine, if freezing, weather on Friday and Saturday (17/18th February). The moonlit hike to the hills was enlivened by various songs to keep our spirits up. Well, some of the party

thought they were singing, others would not put it so charitably. I was informed that Vango Force 10 tents were designed for two but quite cosy for three. Cosy is a euphemism for cramped and we took note in planning the equipment for Easter camp. The hike back after reveille at 6.00am was something of a retreat and I'm told on good authority that I missed all England's rugby union scores in the afternoon by cat napping (well they won anyway).

On Friday 9th March we are holding a disco at the Rugby Club for unit members and their guests. Money raised will go to group funds. Several unit working parties are planned to improve the surroundings of the hut and make a start on decorating the committee room. Deposits of £2.00 for Easter camp in North Wales are due by 1st March.

JLH

N.S.P.C.C. FOLK EVENING

On Friday 3rd February the Harbury NSPCC ventured into new ground and held a Folk Evening at the Rugby Club. The evening featured many local singers, namely Peter McDonald who did a splendid job not only singing, but keeping everything together, John Kemsley John Black, Mike Putman and Peter & Liz Bones. There was also the well known group from Kenilworth Romany Pie, and the distinctive Phoenix Singers from Rugby. The audience enjoyed all the different singing and joined in whenever they could. The raffle prizes were generously donated by the local shops - Country Fayre, Drugstore, Supermarket and the Newsagent, and at the end of the evening we were able to add £116 to our funds. Many thanks to everyone.

We also held a very successful COFFEE MORNING at Stone House Mill Street on 14th February. Our thanks are due to all who came to support us, and to those who kindly sent donations. A profit of around £60 was made which was marvellous. We are making a good start to our Centenary Year!

The children have also been working hard; Young League members Trudy Waggot and Kirsty Allan held a sale recently of sweets and biscuits they had made

and raised about £9 for their saving boxes. Any other children interested? Why not see if you can beat Trudy and Kirsty.

E BUNTING (HON. SEC.)

HARBURY CARNIVAL 1984

This year, the Carnival Procession and Fete will be held on Saturday 9th June. As usual, in the week leading up to Carnival Day, we hope that Village Groups will organize open meetings and events for all to join in and enjoy - please let us know if you are planning an event for Carnival Week.

After much thought, it has been decided that there will not be a specific theme for the Carnival this year - anything from Orwellian to Olympian will be welcome for your float entries! If you would like to enter a float, please see Tim Percival. Lack of suitable transport has deterred some groups in the past - can YOU offer any help with this?

Brian Wade, our intrepid Stalls Organizer writes, "Thankyou to the many people and organizations in the village who have volunteered to run stalls. If anyone has been missed, I apologise, it was no intentional - if you would like to run a stall, please contact me at 9 Wagstaffe Close, (612831)".

Many old favourites have been invited back to the Carnival - jolly band music throughout the afternoon, Traction Engines, Rugby's Town Crier, and those lovely Shire Horses. We also have some new ideas for this year - Keep Fit Display, Pony Rides, Six-a-side Football and an Under 5's Portrait Competition, courtesy of John Wright Photography. An advertisement and feature article in the Courier publicizing our shops and businesses has been organized by the committee to promote the village in June. If you would like to join in this venture please contact Helen Taylor (612408).

Our first event for the year is the Carnival Queen Competition to be held in April - watch for details in the next issue and on local notice boards.

Carnival Committee: Chairman - Keith Thompson;

Committee - Sue Andrews, Midge Keen, Steve Chaplin, Sally Townsend, Tim Percival, Neil Roden, Brian Wade Jean Cox, Jean Champ, Helen Taylor, Gill Gurden.

ALADDIN

Harbury Theatre Group had obviously put a tremendous amount of work into their traditional pantomime, Aladdin, (written by Diana Holt) which received four performances in the Village Hall.

The show got off to a slow start and the first night audience was equally slow warming up, but Caroline Holt who appeared between scenes throughout the evening, managed with energy and talent to get things going.

The stars of the evening were undoubtedly Caroline, Anthony Gulliver as a splendidly 'camp' genie, and Gordon Robbins confirming the promise of his debut in the 'Ghost Train', as Uncle Ebenezer.

Keith Hayes and Carol Percival as Widow Twankey and Aladdin gave their usual good performances and it was good to see two youngsters like Tracey Gulliver and David Megeney tackling the difficult art of slapstick comedy.

There was great potential for comedy in the characters of the Emperor and Empress of Peking (Ken and Annette Hughes) but the script didn't really bring this out to the full.

The greatest triumph of the evening was the lighting and special effects by Peter and Andrew Holt and Bob Hodge. Mention must also be made of the costumes all of which were made by Lin Hayes, the excellent music performed by Keith Burford, and the dancing by pupils of the Bayard Academy. Once again thank you Harbury Theatre Group for an enjoyable evening of family entertainment.

S.H.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Harbury Theatre Group's next presentation 'Habeas Corpus', has been described as a 'deliciously vulgar' comedy. It tells the story of a family and its

friends and acquaintances, for whom the determination to put sex and satisfaction of the body (or corpus) before everything else, is the ruling passion of their lives.

The lively cast includes Janet Thornley, Keith Hayes, Trevor Grundy, Gordon Robbins, Peter Ball, Sue and Keith Dormer as well as newcomers Alan and Betty Barr and Pam Nurser.

Definitely for adults only, but a play that promises to be one of the funniest you'll see in 1984, and not to be missed.

17th, 18th and 19th May.

M.H.B.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

I've started so I'll finish We would like establish a Mastermind contest - hopefully with a trophy to be competed for annually by residents of Harbury and Ladbroke. If you would be interested in being a contestant, please let us know what specialist subject you would choose. If there is sufficient interest, (and if we feel able to assemble suitable questions for you!) we would hope to stage the first contest in the autumn. Names please to Robert Waterman, 13 Manor Orchard, (612285).

A Stitch in time is what we're looking for! You will have admired the super costumes made for "Aladdin" by Lin Hayes and her team. After many years as our Wardrobe Mistress, Lin has decided to take a back-seat for a while, so we urgently need to find someone to replace her, able to design and co-ordinate costumes for our productions, and someone who enjoys experimenting with various materials- ie curtains of all descriptions!!! There's help available for the actual sewing - it's someone who can see the overall picture and plan the costumes for us. If you think you're interested - or even if you only think you think you're interested!- please get in touch with any of the

following - Lin Hayes (613488) Carol Percival (612175)
or Diana Holt (612790).

HARBURY R.F.C. MINI AND JUNIOR RUGBY

In the last month our Under 12's scored a record victory over Leamington Under 12's (42-0), and our under 15's beat Leamington Under 15's by an outstanding 30-4.

Honours were fairly even in our matches against Stratford, our Under 11's scoring a fine victory, and our Under 14's winning 76 to 0 against a weaker and younger side.

£50 was raised at the successful Disco in January, and "Dave's Mad March Disco" is coming soon!

If you are a Rugby fan come to the Clubhouse on a Sunday morning and watch some superb Rugby by some of the finest young players in Warwickshire!

SAVE OUR TUFTY CLUB!

There are a large number of children who attend the two playschools in Harbury, but unfortunately, this term only 2 or 3 have been coming to the Tufty Club.

This is very disheartening because the Tufty movement was started specifically for children of playschool age - to teach them about safety. (Not only on the road, but also in the home, shopping, swimming etc.)

All of the people who help in the Tufty Club, have been working very hard to make it a lot of fun for children and their parents. But if more children don't start coming soon, we will have to close - because of the lack of funds.

As please, save our Tufty Club and bring your children along to the next meeting - the 3rd Friday of the month, from 2.0pm - 3.0pm in the Wight School.

Because, don't forget, the next life saved could be your child's!

CORN DOLLIES

It is several years now since we had corn dolly evening classes in the village run by Mrs Eileen Dronfield. If enough people were interested in

taking part, Mrs Dronfield would be prepared to run four or five full day sessions - 10.00am - 3.30 pm at her home in Bishops Itchington during May. Anyone would be welcome, whether complete beginner or more advanced. If you are at all interested please telephone me on Harbury 612603 so that we may have an idea of numbers.

JANET WATTS

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..... plus many more possibilities.

All children welcome to apply to join the June Harbury Carnival Playscheme float.

Outings awaiting confirmation to - Moreton Morrell Agricultural College, Burton Dassett, Ufton Fields St Nicholas Park, Police and Fire Stations etc.

Already booked - Hall and amenities, Fundraising Committee, Playscheme Management Committee, Grant in pipeline, First Aid Officer, Lost Property Officer.

But it may all have to be CANCELLED. We cannot go any further unless we can be sure of more help and support. All we ask is that you (particularly fathers) pledge your help - for as little as one

session - with one of the groups. If the work can be spread over many helpers, no one need be over burdened. Surely, helping children to enjoy themselves - and maybe learn as well - is not so onerous a task. So please 'phone or write NOW before it is too late.

Contact: Mrs Jean Champ - 55 Mill Street, 613698
or Mrs Kay Pallot - 31 Manor Orchard, 613270

THE ADDITIONAL CURATES SOCIETY

Once again, we should be grateful to anyone who would take an ACS collecting box into their home for Lent. The Additional Curates Society exists with the purpose of training young people for the ministry and without this work the future of our Church would be bleak indeed.

Last year Harbury came high on the list of giving for the whole Coventry Diocese - please help to make the Lent contributions a record amount again this year.

The attractive, new design boxes, are available in Church or from Mrs Anne Moore (23 Mill Street, 612427)

HARBURY FRIENDS

Our annual AGM this year is our March 6th 8.30pm at the "Gamecock". We hope that you will participate in Darts and Dominoes, as well as the usual drink and a chat. There will be a small charge of 50p towards the cost of food, which will include a donation to Jan & Jim's Charity bottle.

The present committee are prepared to stay for the next year, but we would welcome a fresh face if there is anyone willing to join us.

May I take this opportunity to thank my fellow committee members, for their help and support during this last year, and of course to all our regular members who join us each month.

PAM TAYLOR - CHAIRWOMAN

MOTHERS' UNION

We were very pleased to welcome Mrs May Smitheram to our February meeting and to hear her most interesting talk on 'My Linen Cupboard'.

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The Deanery Service this year will be at Harbury Church on Wednesday 21st March at 2.30pm. Tea will be served afterwards at the Village Hall. Our 'Spring Fling' will be at 'The White Lion' Radford Semele on March 29 (Thurs) 7.30pm.

Our April meeting will be at 1 Vicarage Lane - where Mrs Honor Braithwaite will speak on "Feasts and Fasts".

E.W.

HARBURY W.I.

Mr Thurber, a Veterinary Surgeon from Rugby, was our speaker in February on some of the varied jobs that Vets called on to perform, which makes it a very interesting profession.

After coffee we were entertained by the Fenny Compton Drama Group.

Some members went to Napton to the Museum of Mechanical Music. A fantastic collection of instruments which have to be seen and heard to be believed. Upstairs there is a tiny cinema where a Compton organ rises from the ground, played by Graham Whitehead, the owner. We had a silent film, old news bulletins and we ended with a sing song accompanied by the organ and a mechanical piano. A lovely evening. Next Meeting - March 8th Mrs Potter - 'Tea and Teapots'

There is a competition for 'Your Favourite Cup and Saucer'.

BT

HARBURY LIBRARY - "TO BE OR NOT TO BE"

"Once upon a time" - how many times, as children, have we read those words at the start of a well-loved fairy tale. "Once upon a time Harbury had a library". That could be the opening sentence of a future article to be written for the Harbury News. Because of the falling number of books being issued at Harbury Library, it is highly probable that the hours of opening will be out from 14 hours to 11½ hours per week. This will, in effect, mean closing on one morning (probably Monday).

It does seem a pity when we have this facility in our village that it is not used enough. Put away those computer games and videos, even turn off the television and try a book. As Francis Bacon said "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested". May I urge you all to continue to use the Library. Books are seldom harmful but, one word of warning, they can become addictive!

"A good book is the best of friends, the same today and forever." If you want to know who said that, come and look it up in the Library.

SHIRLEY KEIR

CONTACT GROUP

This group is made up of a number of volunteers who are prepared to listen to, and offer a sympathetic hand of friendship to fellow villagers in their time of need. The areas we can cover include:- serious physical and mental illnesses, operations, bereavements and family problems. Whenever possible, we try to send someone along who had to cope with a similar problem. If you would like help, or alternatively wish to become one of our volunteers, please telephone one of the following numbers:-

Diana Holt - 612790, Rosemary Eld - 613340, Moya Waterman - 612285
Jill Winter - 612585.

RLE

MIKE & JULIE ELLIS

Mike and Julie Ellis are shortly leaving the village to begin a new life running a Post Office and general stores in a village near Bridgewater in Somerset. They have both made a great contribution to the life of our community. Mike has been a tremendously hard working Parish Councillor- in particular, as Chairman of the Finance Committee. Julie has been very active in the WI of which she was Secretary and Voluntary work with Meals on Wheels and the Luncheon Club. She has also served on the PTA Committee. We wish them and their family, Mark, Susan Sally-Anne, and Samantha, every happiness and success in their new life.

MSH

HARBURY SOCIETY

Our AGM will be at the Wight School, 8pm Wednesday 21 March when there will be an Environmental Film Show to tempt members

to attend. Subscriptions will then be due (£1) which may act as a deterrent!

In February we enjoyed an excellent illustrated talk by Mr Peter Westmacott and his wife on Canals. They showed the build up and decline of the network together with the idiosyncrasies that make the canals so fascinating.

Mr Westmacott's photographs were superb, and best of all I liked the small scale details of brick built bridges, steps . . and locks.

The Society will make a donation to the Stratford Canal Society in lieu of a fee.

We recently staged an exhibition at the Harbury PTA Social Evening. On display was a copy of our letter of objection to the plans to demolish the three Sussex Cottages in Vicarage Lane together with the sympathetic reply we received from the Planning Department.



[Mike Bloxham's picture shows Mr & Mrs Alf Gurden at their front gate] It would seem that they are well aware of the danger of the cottages being demolished to free the site for development and would attempt to prevent this happening if Planning Permission was refused.

There has been a spate of Planning Applications recently for many of the remaining areas of open land within the village. Often it is the sense of space that gives the village its character. Some of these spaces are Village Greens and are safe from development, but others are not and are very vulnerable. Do you want all the gaps filled in? Come to the AGM on 21 March and give your views.

LINDA RIDGLEY

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Planning matters are assuming greater importance at the Council's monthly meetings, and Chairman Sharon Hancock protested that Harbury does not want every space filled in with housing. Cllr Bruce Hannay presented his colleagues with the relevant parts of the Draft Structure Plan. In particular, Cllrs were pleased with the statement that development in villages should contain a 'mix of properties', but they wanted this to have 'teeth' so that it could be enforced to give Harbury more small inexpensive houses.

The application for 4 detached dwellings on Wagstaffe Close was rejected by the Councillors. They queried the ownership of the frontage, felt that the development would be detrimental to the Grade II Listed Manor House, and did not want extra traffic on the narrow cul-de-sac which is a pedestrian access to the School.

Mr Mrs Hodgkinson told the Councillors of their horror at hearing of a Planning Application for a fast food outlet at 2 Park Lane. They live at 2 Park Lane! In fact the Application relates to the Old Forge next door, and Councillors reassured them that they were wholeheartedly opposed to the change. There is no parking on the junction. The School Crossing Patrol is sited there and the shop would overlook the Burial Grounds, which would be most undignified. The litter, noise and odours generated would also be offensive.

The cost of burial is to rise as part of 'an ongoing' three year plan to increase rates in line with inflation. The Cemetery mower has been repaired and a new Strimmer purchased.

The Council has decided to defer replacement of the Allotments hedge until it has contacted the Manpower Services Agency, for Cllrs who attended a meeting on the range of work it undertakes are keen to put together a package of jobs around the village.

Not only would the Parish gain free labour for these tasks, but there is also grant aid available for the materials used.

Mr Wilkinson of Field House, drew attention to the damage done to the Pound by cars, either parked there or running onto it when passing other vehicles.

Cllrs complained about mud spread on the highway by vehicles using the entrance to the industrial estate on Harbury Lane, but Whitnash Parish Council was reported to be taking action on this.

Nothing has been done to stop the seepage of water on Temple Hill which on frosty mornings resembles the Cresta Run so the Parish Council has asked the County Highways Department to investigate and decide who is responsible.

The Divisional Engineer is to be asked for the specification for the Deppers Playbus hardstanding because Cllrs feel that by community efforts they may be able to construct it for less than his £840 estimate.

Iory Davies was pleased to report that Mr Smith, the School Crossing Patrolman, is on the mend, and will resume his duties when fully fit.

The School Managers regretted that the Education Committee had decided that Harbury must lose 0.9 of a teacher. It has not said how, yet.

Stratford District Council's new Sponsored Litter Bin Scheme was received with some scepticism. It allows local businesses or individuals to sponsor a bin, which then carries a small plaque with their name or logo on it. But Sharon Hancock did not think it would be of use here for as she said "The ones we've got don't get emptied!".

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on April 19.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

LOST IN HARBURY

Substantial Reward for any information leading to the recovery of a large dark brown leather wallet 12" x 6" lost in Harbury on Valentine's Day. Personal belongings and cheques of vital importance. Please telephone Harbury 612427 or 612175."

IN THE GARDEN

In the Midlands March is a month which is unpredictable, consequently do not be in a hurry to sow small seeds in the garden, should the ground dry out, weed your Jap. Onions and Spring Cabbage but do not disturb the roots, also lightly fork the ground at least three inches from the roots and apply a small amount of Growmore so as to give the plants a start. Where gentle heat can be provided Chrysanthus cuttings can be taken, also pot your Begonia and Gloxinia Corms. Early potatoes should be brought into the light. Shallots can now be planted out on prepared ground. The pruning of your fruit trees should be finished this month. In a sheltered part of the garden early peas and Broad Beans can be sown. Why not start a few lettuce seeds on your window sill ready to plant out under cloches.

WF LINES

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The speaker in February was Mr Cook from Morton Morrell, on pruning Fruit trees and shrubs. The next meeting is on March 6th when Mr Andrew Tasker will be talking about wild flowers. Do come along, we welcome new members - I think you will find us a very friendly society and you can always learn something.

Our Annual Garden Walkabout this year is July 14th. If anyone feels they would like to open their garden do let me know, and remember it doesn't have to be a large perfect garden, our visitors get so much pleasure walking round.

E.P.L.

Last month, I appealed to the person who took my baby buggy to take it to the school office. It did not appear, so would they consider leaving it outside my front door at 11 Binswood End.
Fiona Pidgeon

Dear Editors

I would like to thank the many people who have been so helpful during my recent spell in hospital, and for their messages and cards.

Also a special thank-you to the doctors and nurses for all their care.

Freda Turner

Dear Editor

Mr & Mrs Alfred Smith would like to thank everyone for their kindness following Mr Smith's recent accident, particularly those who took Mrs Smith to the hospital to visit him every afternoon.

We are pleased to report that Mr Smith is well on the road to recovery.

Dear Editors,

DISCOS

We would like to explain why we have decided to cancel our March Disco.

At our February Disco it seemed most Disco Attenders had come to enjoy themselves, but a small number thought it was a good place to start a fight, although this was quickly under control, and everyone was calmed down, it did spoil the rest of the Disco for the younger children and we the organisers.

We hope to have a Disco in April but this will be STRICTLY UNDER 16'S ONLY.

We understand that it is not all the older ones who caused the trouble, just a small number who have now spoilt it for everyone.

We are sure most children enjoy the Disco's and we are so to have cancelled our March one, but we feel that under circumstances this will be for the best.

Norah Bastock, Lou Thornicroft, Di Evans, Andy Dale, Lynne Turner, John and Phillipa Birnie.

[Norah Bastock and her colleagues provide a valuable facility - completely voluntarily - it is a shame that the bad behaviour of a few, spoil it for so many. EDS]

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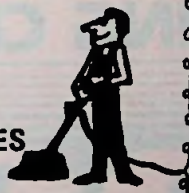
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