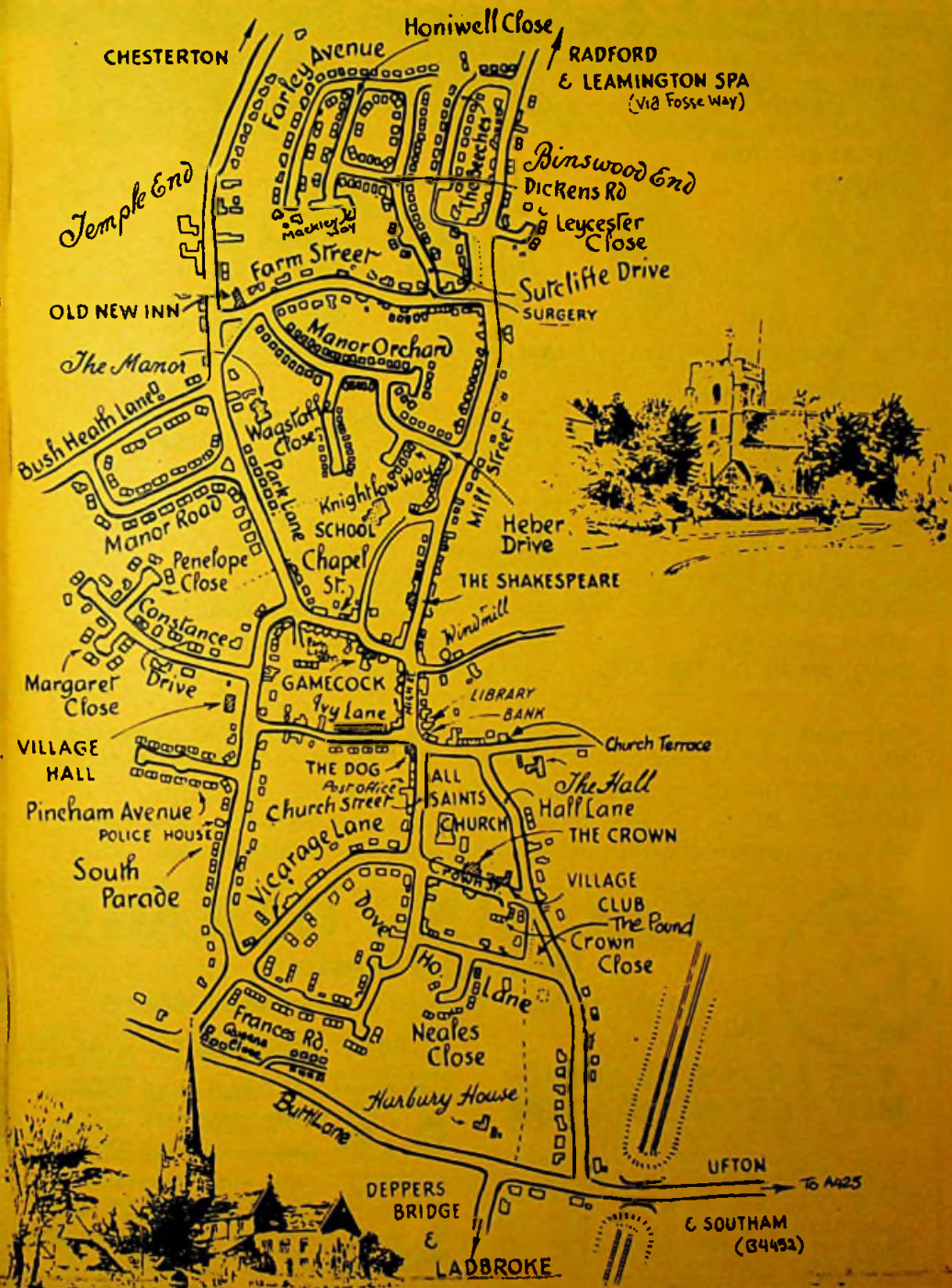


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BUMP?**

The cold weather persists but at least one group of people enjoy it!



Mike Bloxham's picture illustrates how willingly youngsters pull their sledges back up the 'Treens' Hill field, ready for yet another rush downwards - try getting them to put that sort of effort into the garden!

Congratulations to the many people who have been involved in the re-establishment of a Harbury Youth Club - Wednesday March 5th will be the first official evening of the club. From the early indications given by attendance at the coffee bar evenings, which have been held during the last few weeks, it should be a great success. Well done!

There was an excellent response to the inaugural meeting to set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (see Keith Thompson's article) and the Scheme should shortly be in full operation.

We have now had several weeks of intense cold, and icy pavements. If you have elderly neighbours please make sure they are keeping warm, and offer to do shopping for them.



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Sat. 1st

P.T.A. JUMBLE SALE at School, 10.00am,
Youth Club Cake Stall/Bring & Buy Coffee,
43 Mill St. from 10.30am.

Sun. 2nd

LENT III 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung
Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.

Mon. 3rd

NHR Book Night, Discussion of 'War Between the
Tates' by Alison Louri, 11 Binswood End, 8pm.

Tues. 4th

M.U. Coffee Morning, Old Timbers, Ivy Lane 10.30am.
Horticultural Society, 8pm. Wight School.

Wed. 5th

Mothers Union Lenten Service in Church at 2.15pm,
followed by Deanery Report.

Deanery Lenten Service at Ladbroke at 7.45pm, The
Rev. Michael Langrish. *NB wrong date in last
month's News.

Youth Club in Village Hall.

Harbury Society talk on 'B A T S' at Wight School,
8pm with Mick Finnimore.

Thurs. 6th

M.U. Corporate Communion, 9.45am.

Folk Club in the Lounge of the Old New Inn, 8.30pm.
Men's Group SPECIAL VISIT to W. Mids. Police Motor-
way Control Unit.

Fri. 7th

Children's Disco at School, 7-9pm.

One World Link - Talk on Sierra Leone, Leamington
Town Hall, 7.30pm.

Sat. 8th

W.I. Coffee Morning with Cake Stall, Bring & Buy,
10.00am at the Wight School.

Sun. 9th

LENT IV (Mothering Sunday) 8am Holy Communion,
10.30am Sung Eucharist (Posies to be distributed),
6.30pm Evensong.

Mon. 10th

NHR Mad March Hare Evening at 14 Manor Orchard, 8pm.
'Word of God' 3 Vicarage Lane.

Prayer/Bible Study, 8pm at 8 The Beeches.

Prayer & Praise, 11 Constance Drive

Tues. 11th

Harbury Friends, 8pm The School.

Senior Citizens Cttee, 8.30pm at the Village Hall.

Wed. 12th

Youth Club at Village Hall.

Deanery Lenten Service at Bishops Itchington, 7.45pm

Thurs. 13th

Thursday Club, 2.30pm Village Hall.

W.I. in Village Hall, 7.45pm.

Dale St. Methodist Church Venture Unit Bo exhibitio
8pm.

Fri. 14th

Scouts Barn Dance at Village Hall, 8-11pm.

- Sat. 15th Liberals Jumble Sale in Village Hall.
- Sun. 16th LENT V. Passion Sunday. 8am Holy Communion,
10.30am sung Eucharist.
- Tues. 18th Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Meeting, 8pm,
Village Hall.
Harbury News Committee Meeting, 8.30pm, 23 Mill St.
- Wed. 19th NHR Coffee Morning at 3 Daventry Road, Southam at
10.30am.
Youth Club in Village Hall.
Deanery Lenten Service at Napton, 7.45pm.
- Thurs. 20th Whist Drive, V.Hall, 7.45pm, Proceeds to Youth Club
- Sat. 22nd Garage Sale of Children's Toys & Clothes at
Temple House, 10am to 1pm. (Proceeds to NSPCC).
Mexican Evening (New Orleans Jazz), 8pm-midnight,
Harbury School Hall.
- Sun. 23rd PALM SUNDAY. 8am Holy Communion, 10.15am The
Blessing & Distribution of Palms at the Village
Hall followed by Procession of Palms to Church
and Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
3pm Sponsored Netball Match, 'Cricketers v.
Netballers', Playing Fields.
- Mon. 24th For Holy Week Services see separate section immed-
iately following Rector's letter.
'Word of God' at the Spiers.
Prayer/Bible Study, 8pm, 77 Mill St.
Prayer & Praise, 12 Park Lane.
- Tues. 25th The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is
transferred to Mon. 7th April.
Young Wives, 2pm, in Village Hall.
Harbury Society AGM and report on Footpaths, 8pm,
Wight School.
- Wed. 26th School Ends.
Youth Club Disco in Village Hall (with Carnival
Queen Competition at 8pm).
- Thurs. 27th Thursday Club, 2.30pm in Village Hall.
Parish Council, 7.30pm in Village Hall.
- Fri. 28th GOOD FRIDAY
- Sun. 30th EASTER DAY 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung
Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN APRIL NEWS TO
EDITORS BY NOON TODAY PLEASE.
- Mon. 31st EASTER MONDAY BANK HOLIDAY
9am Holy Communion.

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Tues. 1st

EASTER TUESDAY 7.30am Holy Communion.

Horticultural Society at Wight School, 8pm.

Thurs. 3rd

Men's Group, 7.45pm, 5 South Parade (Jim Suttie on Aid to the Rural Poor in 3rd and 4th World Countries).

Tues. 8th

Folk Club at 8.30pm in Lounge of the Old New Inn.

Harbury Friends, 8pm in School.

PCC in Wight School.

Thurs. 10th

Thursday Club, 2.30pm in Village Hall.

W.I. 7.45pm in Village Hall.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30pm
2nd Sunday in the month.

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sundays.

UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm, Mondays.

GYMNASTICS, Harbury School. 6-7pm (under 7s and beginners). 7-8pm (7-10yrs). 8-9pm (over 10yrs) every Monday.

SLIMMING & KEEP FIT, Village Club 7-8.30 and 8.30-10pm, Mondays.

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Mondays

BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.

TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 10 - 11.30 am Mondays, and 2.00-3.30pm Wednesdays.

PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings.

NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday a.m.

LUNCHEON CLUB: Village Hall every Tuesday & Friday 12-30 p.m.

DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tuesday.

BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.

HARBURY FRIENDS, School, 8pm 2nd Tuesday of month.

BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2-4pm, 2nd & 4th Weds.

DANCING CLASSES for Children & Adults, Farley Room, Village Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays.

W.I., Village Hall, 2nd Thursdays, 7.45 p.m.

POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20 - 3.30 every Friday.

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

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REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LADBROKE

Tuesday: 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion in Harbury
Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion in Ladbroke
Thursday: 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion in Harbury
Friday: 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion in Harbury

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

'The Peace' will be passed at 10.30am Eucharists commencing on Mothering Sunday, March 9th for a trial period. The Rector, in announcing the change, explained the reconciliation significance of the Peace and felt that it would be a worthwhile addition to our services.

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on April 13th and although some way off, thought should now be given to nominations for the P.C.C. - Nomination Forms are on the table in Church.

Outline thoughts about the development of Church facilities (toilets, room etc) should be available at the Annual Meeting. Meanwhile, Jean Rowe has commenced preparations for her sponsored ride to Canterbury (see photo) in aid of those facilities - in spite of the cold weather - and, conveniently, a sponsor form will be found in this magazine. Do try to give Jean support in this much needed project.



Finally, there are plenty of Lenten Offering boxes still available - this is an opportunity to help causes a long way from these shores.

J.B.M.

FROM THE RECTOR

Every Friday at 12 noon, a small group of people gather around the Altar of Reconciliation in the ruins of the old Cathedral in Coventry and together pray a short Litany. When visiting the Cathedral you may have paused before the sanctuary there and noticed the large charred wooden cross and seen the words 'Father Forgive' inscribed on the stones of the Altar. The Litany is based on the seven deadly sins (not much referred to nowadays) and the response to each petition is 'Father forgive'. Two short sentences from Saint Paul are read, one at the beginning and the other at the end 'All have sinned and come short of the glory of God' and 'Be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you'. The sins are described as hatred, covetous desires, greed, envy, indifference, lust and pride.

Naturally the Litany is recited, especially on Fridays, because each Friday is a remembrance of Good Friday and we remember the words spoken by Jesus as he hung on the Cross,

'Father forgive them, for they know not what they do'.

Thinking about the world as it is today, perhaps it is not so silly or so outdated to consider from time to time, the evil which is about in the world just as in Jesus' time and to realise that the sins referred to earlier are just as deadly as they ever were.

Each of those sins helped to kill Our Lord and yet it would be a very confident person (or probably deluded person) who could claim that he or she was faultless or innocent. They are killing or deadly sins because they penetrate almost unnoticed into our daily lives and it is better to see how they affect us and to recognise that we do need to amend our lives, and do need to be forgiven for falling short of the glory of God.

Among those seven sins is what the Litany refers to as indifference, which we may think not so deadly possibly as anger or pride or lust or any of the others. Yet,

that people just did not care that he was crucified, were indifferent to his suffering, could glance at him on the Cross and go away unmoved, must have caused Our Lord as much agony as any of the others, if not more.

Holy Week is not a time for indifference (no week is, or day or hour), so as the drama of the week unfolds perhaps we ought to think more seriously of that entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, and want to be included in the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, and not fail to stand before the Cross on Good Friday - to convince ourselves that we are not indifferent to Jesus and do need his forgiveness.

Studdert Kennedy's poem written many years ago, still challenges us when it comes to Holy Week and our keeping of it. Incidentally Birmingham is interchangeable with any other place, large or small, town or village.

When Jesus came to Birmingham they simply passed him by,

They never hurt a hair of him, they simply let him die;

For men had grown more tender, and they would not give him pain,

They only just passed down the street, and left him in the rain,

Still Jesus cried, 'Forgive them, for they know not what they do',

And still it rained the wintry rain that drenched him through and through;

The crowds went home and left the streets without a soul to see,

And Jesus crouched against a wall and cried for Calvary.

And after Holy Week, and Easter Day comes, may it bring you great joy in your heart and a love, which Jesus wants to convey to you.

ANTONY S.B. ROWE



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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday 24th March - Saturday 29th March.

Provision is made for services on each day either at Harbury or Ladbroke or both. We hope parishioners will use the opportunities at either church.

The evening service on Good Friday and Holy Saturday alternates at Harbury and Ladbroke from year to year and each service is intended for both parishes.

Monday 24th March, 7.30pm Holy Communion (Harbury).

Tuesday 25th March, 7.30pm, Holy Communion (Harbury).

Wednesday 26th March, 10.30am, Holy Communion (Ladbroke).

Maundy Thursday 27th March, 9.45am Holy Communion (Harbury);

10.30am Holy Communion (Ladbroke);

7.30pm Holy Communion with Hymns (Ladbroke);

8.30pm Sung Eucharist (Harbury).

Good Friday 28th March,

9.30am 'From Gethsemane to Calvary' - Children's Service (Harbury).

10.30am 'From Gethsemane to Calvary' - Children's Service (Ladbroke).

12pm-1pm Good Friday Devotional Hour (Ladbroke).

2pm-3pm Good Friday Devotional Hour (Harbury)

7.30pm 'To the Cross' A sequence of dramatic poems and music for Good Friday evening (Ladbroke).

Holy Saturday 29th March,

8.30pm The Blessing of Paschal Candles and Vigil of Easter (Harbury).

Times of Confession during Holy Week:

Monday 6.30pm-7.15pm (Harbury)

Tuesday 6.30pm-7.15pm (Harbury)

Wednesday 11am-11.30am (Ladbroke)

Thursday 6.30pm-7.15pm (Ladbroke)

If anyone has not received this Sacrament before and would care to know more about this form of penitence, the Rector would gladly discuss the matter with you.

Easter Lilies and Flowers

It is the custom at Ladbroke to donate the cost of an Easter Lily in memory of some dear relative or friend. Your gifts can be handed to Jane Rutherford, Margaret Garner or the Rector. At Harbury, contributions to the Easter Flowers would also be greatly appreciated and a box is placed on the table in Church at the time of services, or alternatively contributions can be handed to Margaret Rigden or the Rector. The decoration of Harbury Church will take place on Easter Saturday - a list for volunteers to help will be at the back of the Church.

Cold Comfort

The Parochial Church Council have been greatly perturbed by the coldness of the Church for regular and occasional weekday services. It is very costly to heat a large building in any case, but particularly uneconomical for short periods. However, weekday services in the past year have been better attended and to prevent any decline in attendance because of the cold, the Council have decided unanimously to provide additional heating whenever necessary.

Holy Baptism

2nd February, Nicola Jane, daughter of Andrew and Ann Brunt, 9 Ivy Lane.

2nd February, Gemma Louise, daughter of Gennaro and Tina Louise Varriale, 1 Heber Drive.

Funerals

3rd February, Arthur George Freeman, 26 Frances Road
70 years.

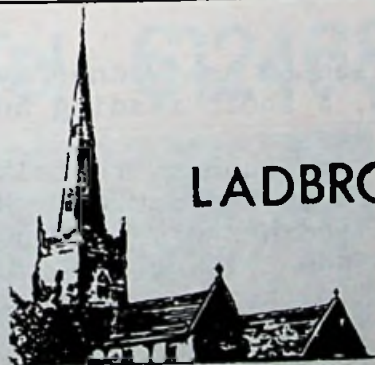
10th February, Ivy Mary Alexandria White, 16
Leycester Close, 70 years.

11th February, Florence Maria Austin, 39 Vicarage
Lane, 88 years.

William Arthur Wilkins, formerly of
Harbury, 68 years.

12th February, Phyllis Elizabeth Hawkins, Harbury
Heath Cottage, 83 years.

18th February, Ellen Gardner, formerly of Harbury,
86 years.



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Sun. 2nd LENT III. 9am Holy Communion, 11am
Family Worship.

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Wed. 5th 10.30am Holy Communion, 7.45pm Deanery
Lenten Service at Ladbroke (N.B. Wrong
date given in last edition).
- Sun. 9th LENT IV. (Mothering Sunday), 9am Holy
Communion with Hymns, 3.30pm Mothering
Sunday Service (Posies to be distributed) -
- Mon. 10th 7.30pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting at
Village Hall.
- Wed. 12th 10.30am Holy Communion, 2.30pm Women's
Fellowship at Mrs. Hagard's home,
Radbourne Lane, 7.45pm Deanery Lenten
Service at Bishops Itchington.
- Sun. 16th LENT V. (Passion Sunday), 9am Holy
Communion with Hymns, 3.30pm Evensong.
- Tues. 18th W.I. Jumble Sale, The Hut, Southam.
- Wed. 19th 10.30am Holy Communion (Women's Fellowship
Corporate Communion), 7.45pm Deanery
Lenten Service at Napton.
- Sun. 23rd PALM SUNDAY. 9am Holy Communion with Hymns
(Blessing & Distribution of Palms).
- Mon. 24th- Sat. 29th March
(For Holy Week Services see separate section
page 8).
- Tues. 25th The Annunciation of the Blesses Virgin Mary
is transferred to Monday 7th April.
- Thurs. 27th W.I. Meeting, V. Hall (Dr. Hancock).
- Sun. 30th EASTER DAY. 9am Holy Communion with Hymns,
12 noon Holy Communion.

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- Wed. 2nd 10.30am Holy Communion.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our February meeting being on Ash Wednesday, the Rector opened it with a poem, a short reading and prayer for Lent.

Miss Jane Durrell came from Banbury to talk to us her subject being Women's role in the Church. Her official title is Lay Accredited Worker. She held our interest for over an hour as she told us about her training and work in Banbury in the team ministry there. We all very much enjoyed her talk.

Our meeting on March 12th is at 2.30pm at the home of Mrs. Ida Hagard in Radbourne Lane, when we shall be very pleased to welcome Mrs. J. Rutherford who will tell us something of her work as a J.P.

Nancy Stubbs



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LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Our February meeting which is the Potato Marketing Board, comes too late to be reported in this edition of the Harbury and Ladbroke News, but I hope to tell you all about it next month.

A Jumble Sale is to be held on March 18th at the 'Hut' in Southam. The sale will commence at 10.00am and we would be very grateful for any gifts of jumble or white elephants. Please ring me or any committee member and we will be happy to collect. This is a good opportunity to have a grand clear out before you start your spring cleaning.

Our March meeting will take place at the Village Hall on Thursday 27th March when we look forward to welcoming Dr. Hancock.

Gwladys Gould

LADBROKE VILLAGE FESTIVAL 1986

An open meeting was held on Thursday, 20th February to discuss the above and it was decided that a Festival should definitely take place, end of June or July. Actual date to be fixed. Main events to be a Flower Festival in the Church, a gymkhana, a treasure hunt, local arts and crafts exhibition and a concert. Other events are to be considered. A committee of five has been appointed to decide dates and timetables. They are: The Rector, Jill Norgate, Nancy Stubbs (for Betty Winkfield), Mike Todman and Alan Gould. Watch out for information in the near future!

LADBROKE VILLAGE YOUTH CLUB

An initial meeting was held to discuss the setting up of a youth club in the village hall. A lot of youngsters were present, plus a few parents, and an organising committee was formed. It was agreed that there are difficulties to be faced in keeping the interest going in such a small village, but young people from other villages would always be welcome. It was suggested that the club could enter friendly local competitions, visit places of interest, go iceskating, orienteering or even try for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Equipment such as snooker tables, dart boards etc. was badly needed, but also the involvement of more local adults. The date and time of the next meeting is to be announced on the local Notice Boards.

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Finally, good luck to the Cucknell family, who have moved a few yards into the High House. How nice it is to see lights at the windows after the house has been empty for so long. Welcome to the Hallan family who have just moved into 'Langford Cottage', School Lane. What terrible weather for all this house moving!

Kate Liverton

SOUTHAM SCHOOL

The Headmaster of Southam School wishes to compile a register of qualified teachers who are currently not in full time employment. Extra supply cover may be required when certain members of staff are absent through illness or released for courses, interviews etc. The one problem with the system is that sometimes those on the register might be called upon at short notice, for example it might be necessary to contact a teacher at 8.30am in an attempt to get cover by 9.20am. This is not always the case and often the needs are known well in advance. The work would usually demand little or no preparation in that it would involve supervising groups who were engaged in work already set by the department concerned. Applications from teachers of all subjects would be most welcome and in the past staff with middle school training and experience have been able to help.

Applicants should write to Mr. R.M. Peake, Deputy Head, or telephone him at Southam 2560.

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IARBURY P.T.A.

A Children's Disco is arranged for Friday, 7th March, 7.00-9.00pm, in the School Hall. Send your children along to this popular event, John (Kool Kat) Kemsley is once again 'spinning the discs' as D.J. for the pre-teeny-boppers.

Tickets for the MEXICAN EVENING are going very well. Perhaps the mix is right, New Orleans Jazz, bar, buffet raffle and optional fancy dress, who knows, but if tickets are wanted then reserve yours without delay - Pedro will be there!

Ken Stephenson

LADBROKE CHURCH FLOWER ROTA: Mar.30th & Apr. 6th,
Mrs. Darkes; Apr.13th, Mrs. J. Timms; Apr.20th,
Mrs. J. Hanscomb.

SCOUT & GUIDE FUNDRAISING

Many thanks to all who helped and supported our very successful Grand Jumble Sale in January. We raised over £200 which will be used towards purchasing canoes.

Thanks also to those who helped wash down and paint the scout hut interior. Having the hut re-wired, the main outstanding work now is to replace the double doors on the front of the hut.

Our next fund-raising event is our popular FAMILY BARN DANCE to be held in the Village Hall on Friday March 14th, 8-11pm. Please come along with the family and join in. No-one needs be a Wayne Sleep!! to enjoy the evening.

Tickets will be available from Sue Jones 613261, Ken Hughes 612273, Ann Mayer 613314, Ken Stephenson 612537, price £2.50 per adult, £1.50 per accompanied child - incl. supper.

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HARBURY VENTURE SCOUT UNIT

The unit started preliminary work on footpath SM185 on Tuesday, 18th February. As you may know a sub-committee of the Harbury Society is looking at the footpath network in the area with a view to producing a guide. Some of the footpath stiles and bridges need an overhaul. That's where the unit came in! A tree (elm) had been brought down, in the winter gales, falling across the bridge leading to Chesterton Church and breaking the main span. Incidentally have you noticed the damage to the parapet of the church tower at Chesterton? First Peter Bones took a chain saw to the tree, then the unit moved the pieces and temporarily renovated the bridge. In May it is hoped we can have a weekend camp at Chesterton and complete the job.

Over the weekend 22nd/23rd February eight unit members and two leaders are caving in Yorkshire. Watch this space for an on-the-spot report.

J.L.H.

HARBURY YOUTH CLUBCoffee Bar

The three weeks of being open have been well supported by the teenagers and many parents, as we establish patterns of work, play and setting up procedures etc. The 70-80 young people have been enthusiastic, well-behaved and have fully justified the 6 months preparation, planning and meetings. They have been helpful and joined in all the activities so far offered. Thanks to all the many who have contributed in so many ways to make the youth club possible.

Youth Club - Officially!

Wednesday, March 5th is day one of the official Youth Club, complete with membership cards and forms! Full programme of events planned.

Staff

Wendy Knowles and Thelma Gulliver have become treasured leaders as have Andy Cowan and the many parent leaders who have given their time and support. Please stay with the Club. Teenage leaders have worked very hard and we look to them to continue and develop their leadership roles - Stephen Phillips is currently undergoing the W.C.C. "Approaches to Leadership" course at Honiley Hall where he is very highly thought of.

Equipment

Thank you to:

1. Southam Lions and all concerned with a generous anonymous donation which made the cassette radio possible and helped with setting-up costs.
2. Warwick Coten End Centre for a splendid table-tennis table.
3. All who have loaned equipment to make the coffee shop possible.
4. All who are planning to help in any way.

Events Away

Unihoc, 5-aside football matches and the Central Area Teen Quiz were well represented by Harbury teams, reserves and supporters who were a credit to the Club and the village with their enthusiasm, good behaviour and humour. Thanks to Wendy Knowles and Jane Knight for transport and support.

HELP PLEASE!

1. Board games - any kind, Scrabble, Cluedo, Trivial Pursuit etc. dominoes, cards - anything!
2. Sponge balls - all sizes welcome.
3. Balls - for outdoor games.
4. Arts & Crafts materials - ANY KIND of felt tips, pencils, paper, straws, scissors, glue, card, clay.
5. Can we buy or borrow any other suitable equipment?

NB Don't forget the Carnival Queen will be selected at our DISCO on Wednesday 26th March - the competition takes place at 8pm in the Village Hall.

KP

YOUTH DRAMA GROUPBelgrade Theatre Workshops

The current drama members revealed their talent, imagination and confidence at a 2-day workshop in Coventry under the direction of Adrian Bean (first producer of "Diary of Adrian Mole Age 13³/₄" now in London). The topics raised in the "characterisation" and "comedy" studies provided bases for in-depth discussion and analysis of one's prejudices and attitudes; but the emphasis was on fun and working with others through drama.

London Weekend Trip to see drama awards and museums

Regretfully this is currently under threat due to unexpected last minute increase in costs, however every option will be checked to prevent cancellation of this stimulating and educational trip.

March 1st Coffee Morning in aid of Youth Drama Group,
43 Mill St., 10.30am. Thanks in advance to all who will have helped with and supported this event.

Regular Meetings

We welcome and thank Mrs. Beryl Sheasby to the group. She hopes to help achieve a regular meeting time for rehearsals and workshop exercises.

THE HARBURY NETBALL CLUB

As you may know, the Netball Club are presently raising funds for a new netball court situated behind the tennis courts. It will not be fenced in and will therefore be an asset to all children as an extra playground area. The Club must raise at least 25% of the total cost which will eventually be over £5,000, before the Sports Council will offer financial help. Obviously to raise this amount means a great deal of work put into fundraising. One such event is a sponsored netball match against the cricketers, who are also raising funds for a cricket pitch at the Rugby Club. This match has been postponed until Sunday 23rd March, due to the weather. It is hoped very much to be a spectator event, particularly if the cricketers can be persuaded to wear the regulatory netball skirts! Please go along and support them on Sunday afternoon and help them on the way to achieving this much needed village sports amenity.

HW

FOLLOWING IN FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Congratulations to Stephen and Jane Hancock of Mill St., who have both been selected to run for the Warwickshire Schools Cross-Country Team. At the Warwickshire Championships in Nuneaton, held in better weather conditions, Stephen placed 4th in the Senior Boys race, and Jane placed 3rd in the Intermediate Girls race. Jane is to run in the English Schoolgirls Championships at Weymouth on March 1st and Stephen will run in an Inter-County match at Princethorpe on March 8th, after which a team will be chosen for the National Championships in Durham.

HW

CARNIVAL '86 NEWS

Plans for this year's Carnival are progressing well - we hope to provide an enjoyable day for all, with a combination of old favourites and new attractions to keep everyone entertained.

Tim Percival is coordinating float entries for the procession round the village - please contact him if you require help. Brian Wade, Stalls Organiser, would

like to thank all those who have already offered to run stalls or sideshows - if you haven't been asked, and would like to volunteer this year, please let Brian know at 16 Park Lane (612831).

To boost the funds this year, a Grand Carnival Draw will be held, with some very special prizes - more details will be revealed next month!

Remember, all profits will go towards the provision of a new heating system for the Village Hall, so please support us.

Carnival Queen

The Carnival Queen Competition will be held during the Youth Club Disco on Wednesday, 26th March. If you live locally and would like to enter, please come along to the Farley Room at 8pm. Prizes of £10 and Carnival Dance tickets for the winner, and £5 each for the two attendants, plus the privilege of leading the procession on Carnival Day.

J. Cox

Harbury Luncheon Club

The recent spell of wintry weather has prompted us to remind readers in this caring community of the existence of a Luncheon Club in Harbury. This Club, which is run by WRVS in conjunction with the Meals on Wheels service, meets twice a week (Tues. & Fri.) and offers a hot meal at reasonable cost in a friendly social atmosphere. It is usually possible to arrange transport if required. If you know of someone who might benefit from this service, please get in touch with either F. White (612163) or L. Edwards (612762) for further details.

Blood Donors

In spite of a cold and wet day, 139 donors gave their blood at the Village Hall on January 29th, and on behalf of the Birmingham Regional Blood Transfusion Service I thank them very much indeed.

Barbara Farley

POP-IN CLUB

The Pop-In Club meets on Fridays, following on from the Luncheon Club until 3.30pm, and more members would be welcome.

As can be seen from Mike Bloxham's photo, the cold weather deters neither members nor organisers.



HARBURY FOLK CLUB

High technology came to the Folk Club on February 6th with our guests, Jim Andrews and friends. In addition to the more usual guitars, violin and whistle, their instrumentation included an electronic keyboard driven by a Yamaha computer! However, their music wasn't at all outrageous and their varied programme was appreciated by the capacity audience. We are particularly grateful to Jim's friends for braving the snowy conditions from the depths of Northamptonshire.

Low technology was amply represented by the Jug Band who this month featured the unique sound of paint brush on tambourine! With this sort of innovation, I am convinced that there is no danger of the Folk Club getting stale, even after seventeen meetings.

It is always nice to welcome new performers to the club and on this occasion we had three songs from Moira, ably accompanied by Martyn. Bonas started and finished the evening in distinctive style while Gerda, John and I completed the list of singers.

This Thursday, March 6th, we are fortunate to have the Harvesters as our guests, back from a very successful but hectic tour in the Falklands - definitely an evening not to be missed. The Folk Club meets on the first Thursday of every month, in the lounge bar of the Old New Inn, starting at 8.30pm.



"Many of the regular singers and musicians playing together at the Folk Club in January".

Peter McDonald (&13730)

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MOTHERS UNION

Our February meeting commenced with a most enjoyable lunch, and our thanks are due to the hard work of the committee and helpers. This was followed by a very interesting talk by Rev. Staunton "In the Steps of St. Paul" - illustrated by numerous slides.

Ten of our members accepted the challenge of a sponsored knit to raise funds for M.U. Overseas Relief and raised the magnificent sum of £80.

Our next coffee morning will be on Tuesday, March 4th - 10.30am-12 noon at 'Old Timbers', Ivy Lane, by kind permission of Mrs. Hogben. This money goes to our Altar Frontal.

On Wednesday, March 5th at 2.15pm our meeting will be in Church (Lent Service).

THURSDAY MARCH 6th - 9.45am, M.U. CORPORATE COMMUNION.

E.W.

HARBURY W.I.

After the usual business of the evening, Mrs. Toor presented slides and gave a talk on the 'Life and Customs of Indian Women'. The slides were excellent, showing some beautiful scenery, illustrating the vast differences between the rich and poor people of India. We do hear about these differences, but it makes it more real, somehow, to hear it said by an Indian lady. She had many funny anecdotes to tell whilst the slides were being shown, e.g. a picture of an Indian river with many people at the edge of it - apparently they do their washing, bathe, brush their teeth plus other unspeakable things in this river. When Mrs. Toor visits India, she is asked to join in these things and her reply is 'No fear, thank you!'. When the slide show had ended, Mrs. Toor sat down and spoke about how Indian women cope with life in Britain, explaining that elderly, uneducated people who came here 30 years ago to work in factories etc., who could not speak English. Mrs. Toor seemed very liberated and did not approve of the fact that even now most Indian women calmly accepted their role as a lesser person than their men - she encouraged them to be strong and stand up for themselves.

Mrs. Mary Entwhistle brought along an appliquéd picture which is to be our entry in the competition at the W.I. Spring Council Meeting in March. This was beautifully done and we wish her luck with it.

Please record in your diaries everyone: W.I. is holding a Coffee Morning, Cakes and Bring and Buy Stall in the Wight School on Saturday, March 8th at 10.00-12 noon. Come and Buy your Mothers Day cake and perhaps even a gift!

At our March 13th Meeting, Mr. Hall is to give a talk entitled 'The Roadside Letterbox' - everyone welcome.

Terry Wade

The Windward Islands

Part of the parish Lenten Offering is to go to help provide a priest for Canouan - this article, from the Ingrams, explains:

The tiny island of Canouan is part of the Windward Islands and as such has not had the services of a resident priest. Canon Roy Parsons served as Hon. Canon Missioner to these islands for ten years and on one of his visits landed at Canouan. He set himself the task of building a new church and a parson's residence. He raised all the money (or nearly all of it), spent much of his private money on it, all this at an age when lesser men would have long since retired to their armchairs - he was then in his middle seventies.

The Church is now complete and one of its additional features is the water tank underneath which collects water during the rainy season. When the rain ceases to fall each local family is allowed a bucket of water, every other day, for domestic use. During the dry season the animals are released into the hills to fend for themselves.

Frank Garroway, as a non-stipendiary Deacon, has looked after this parish and some others for the past eight years. He was ordained Priest on the island of St. Vincent on December 15th 1985 and is now responsible for Canouan and one other island.

The aim is to raise £3,000 to invest so that a stipend can be paid to Father Frank Garroway of £30 a month.

Canon Roy Parsons died on December 26th 1985, aged 81. He had a dream for this tiny Christian Island - we can help it come true.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

It was encouraging to see over 40 people at the inaugural meeting of Neighbourhood Watch on 11th February. Sergeant Joyner, Crime Prevention Officer, assisted by P.C. Percival, explained in detail the many benefits of the scheme, and suggested ways in which the scheme could be started in Harbury. See also the enclosed leaflet!!

The Key people are the co-ordinators, whose role is to act as liaison between the residents and Police, and to observe the area they serve, looking out for suspicious happenings, vehicles etc.

We are grateful to the 13 people who volunteered as Co-ordinators, these cover approximately half of the village, but to obtain full cover we need approximately 30. Ideally, 30-35 houses per co-ordinator is the aim, and it is beneficial if co-ordinators are at home during the day. The outstanding areas are:

Dickens Rd./Honiwell Close/Mackley Way;	
Manor Orchard (Wagstaffe Close to Farm St.);	
Mill St. (Heber Drive to Farm St.);	
South Parade (Pineham Av. to Vicarage Lane);	
Heber Drive/Knightlow Way;	
Queens Close/Butt Lane;	Manor Road;
Hall Lane (Club End);	Sutcliffe Drive;
Bush Heath Lane;	Frances Road;
Temple End;	Park Lane;
Ivy Lane;	Church Terrace;
Pineham Avenue;	Farm Street;
Leycester Close;	Wagstaffe Close;
Dovehouse Lane;	High Street;

While we have enough co-ordinators to start the scheme it would be more effective if we can cover the whole village, so if you wish to help and become a co-ordinator please ring me as soon as possible.

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Thank you to everyone involved so far, the initial response so far is encouraging, but please contact me if you can assist with the areas listed.

PLEASE NOTE - there will be a meeting of co-ordinators at the Village Hall (Farley Room) at 8pm on Tuesday 18th March at which Sgt. Joyner will assist in formally launching the scheme.

KEITH THOMPSON - 612050

More About BO

You will have read in last month's Harbury News that part of the Church Lenten Offering is to be given to help a village project in Bo, Sierra Leone, with which the Mid-Warwickshire area is twinned in the One World Link. Several people have commented that they do not even know where Sierra Leone is! - well, it's in West Africa, on the coast, North of Liberia and South of Guinea. It's a small republic with an area of around 28,000 square miles and a population of almost 3 million. The capital is called Freetown because it was originally founded by returning slaves, who still form a distinct group in the population. Bo is an inland province of Sierra Leone, and the town of Bo is a regional centre. The coast of Sierra Leone is swampy but inland the land rises to a wooded plateau. The main food crop is rice. The main exports are palm products, iron ore and bauxite.

Harbury's link with Bo is teacher Johannes Mallah who trains teachers at the College in Bo. His home village is called Manjama, and he writes;

'We have formed the Manjama Improvement Association and we aim to build toilets, wells, a community hall, health centre and a school. Our first project is the building of toilets. The only way we can generate funds is to harvest palm fruits and sell the oil. We are going to need all the support we can get.'

If you would like to hear more about Bo there is a meeting in Leamington Town Hall at 7.30pm on March 7th. Some of the Leamington Venture Scouts who

recently went to Bo will be speaking, as well as Jos Lemmers from the International Coalition for Development Action which is based in Brussels.

On March 13th, Dale St. Venture Scouts are putting on an evening about Bo at the Church to which all are welcome and on 15th March at 7.30pm in the Jephson room at the Spa Centre there will be a Slide-talk on Sierra Leone by Andy Barber who recently spent a month there.

There seems to be a great opportunity here for a comparatively well-off village like Harbury to forge a meaningful link with a community struggling to achieve the most basic facilities. It would be nice to think that we could get a party together to follow the lead of the Leamington Venture Scouts and go there and actively help. In the meantime, practical help can be given through the Lenten Offering boxes which can be found on the table in Church (if you particularly want your offering to go to Bo, mark your box so).

M.S.H.

Memories of Old Harbury

In Service - one of the employment possibilities, especially for girls, was to go into service, either to one of the farms or to one of the better off households in the neighbourhood.

Memories are "The first thing you were given was an alarm clock". No excuse for not being up at six to do the hearths, throughout the house. You were at the beck and call of your employer's bell until you went up to sleep in one of the attics.

One half-day off a week and every other Sunday was your lot.

It was easier being a general maid away from the infighting of a number of servants, each with their position to defend. Go into the kitchen when cook was preparing one of her secret recipes and "she would throw a knife at you" - Assorted memories from Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Ruscoe.

Can anyone add to our collection?

M.R.

Harbury Poms Down Under

Bon Voyage and good luck to the three members of the village who are visiting Australia this month - Mrs. Bloxham, Mrs. Heydon and Peter Towell.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. & Mrs. F. Manners of Pineham Avenue who celebrated their Golden Wedding on Saturday February 22nd. We wish them many more happy years together.

FOUND: sitting on tree-stump in copse near footpath between the Beeches and Chesterton Road: one small Smurf, now in care at 8, The Beeches (612354).

ALSO FOUND: in field beside same copse - one watch, still working (also at 8, The Beeches).

E.M. Algar

T A K E H E E D

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GET THE MESSAGE?

HARBURY SOCIETY

The next public meeting is on Wednesday 5th March, 8pm in the Wight School when Mick Finnimore will give a talk on B A T S. All are welcome and the meeting is free.

You will remember that our last meeting was on Listed Buildings and Mr. Clews has promised to send us a copy of the List when it is published. We intend to hold a village walk based on the List when the weather improves.

It seems that not everyone has realised the consequences of the re-listing and the adoption of the Conservation Areas; so let me explain.

CONSERVATION AREAS

Harbury has two: one based on Farm Street, Binswood End and Temple End, and a much more extensive one stretching from Chesterton Farm in Mill Street, including all of Chapel Street, High Street, Mill Lane, the western side of Ivy Lane, Church Terrace, Church Street and Hall Lane, parts of Vicarage Lane and Dovehouse Lane, Crown Street, Harbury Hall and the Station Road corner.

The first important consequence of these designations is that applications for planning permission within the areas have to be advertised and are subject to higher standards of design; hence the notice in the Courier about the proposed development at the Engineering works in Chapel Street. This requires Listed Building consent to demolish the workshop and there should be careful consideration of the building proposals.

Secondly there are grants available for improvements to buildings within the Conservation Areas and these grants are more generous in Conservation Areas than the ordinary Improvement Grants. The District Council is also willing to provide financial help for what it terms the 'enhancement' of Conservation Areas.

Trees in Conservation Areas have the same protection as those which have Tree Preservation Orders. Anyone intending to do any work on a tree involving cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting must give six weeks notice of their intention to the local authority.

The aim is not to stifle development but to allow more care and thought to be given to alterations and additions so that they are harmonious. There is even a provision to allow the yellow lines painted at the kerbside to be narrower and thus less obtrusive!

The Harbury Society is holding its AGM on Tuesday 25th March, 8pm in the Wight School when the Footpaths Subcommittee will report on its progress. We hope to have some of the walks ready to be tried out with guides for Environment Week in May.

Do not forget any old jewellery and beads for our Carnival Stall and the Talk on B A T S on 5th March.

Linda

Disastrous Fire at Harbury (1888) - your Feb. issue

So the Leamington Fire Brigade had no horses. Not surprising, really. It would have been too much to keep a team of horses in constant readiness for an occasional emergency, with all that that entailed.

No, in the last century, even the brigade of a large town did not keep horses: they commandeered them from anywhere they could; bearing in mind that many firms kept horses for the normal requirements of their business.

A.M.

ROMANIA

Romania is in Europe. Imagine living in a country where the average wage of £125 a month has become sufficient only to procure the essentials of life. A country where rationing commonly includes such items as meat, sugar, oil and flour. Petrol is rationed. it is impossible to buy aspirin or vitamins to supplement a diet which, according to our standards is deficient. A country where contraception is illegal and by 1983, the illegal abortion rate exceeded the number of live births.

Romania has degenerated from being the "Orchard of Europe" to a nearly bankrupt country through mismanagement of finances and ill-considered planning. The country is attempting to pay off its huge debt to the West. Its people are suffering, especially the old.

Medical supplies are lacking - those that can only be bought from the West are either exhausted or diminishing fast, only medical items produced in the Eastern Block are available.

A friend and I are aiming to take a van full of medical supplies into Romania before the summer. We are in contact with charities very concerned with the East, and receive much helpful advice and information from them, although we are not working directly for them. We have been asked to take in basic needs:

aspirin, multivitamins, sutures and needles, antibiotics. Should you wish to help to fill the van or lend a van (one in which we can sleep!), please leave any contribution c/o 77 Mill Street, Harbury. The request is for money as we can buy medical supplies wholesale and thus, very cheaply.

Our first delivery of the simplest goods, such as aspirin, was welcomed as it gold nuggets had arrived. People are very moved to know they are not forgotten in their isolation from the West.

ERICA ROBB

IN THE GARDEN

As spring is drawing near the present topic is "what is organic gardening?" There are so many different ways of looking at this subject; my opinion is to treat the garden with farmyard manure and the compost you have made, also a moderate dressing of fertiliser of Rock formation. The main thing is to cut out all sprays and week-killers but keep hoeing. As soon as the ground is workable give your spring cabbage a dressing of Growmore or nitro-chalk. Should this crop have failed then try planting in a good frame a quick growing cabbage such as Hispe or Greyhound.

Early potatoes should be placed in boxes away from frost and in the light so as to be well chitted for planting out in April. It will be at least a month before the ground is ready for planting.

W.F. Lines

HARBURY HORITCULTURAL SOCIETY

At the last meeting, Dr. Gear gave a very interesting talk about Organic Gardening. The controversial subject gave rise to a lively discussion. No-one knows the long-term effect of chemicals - you can't get away from that. No more, on the other hand, can you get away from slugs, snails, greenfly, blackfly whitefly or especially from the carrot fly which, we were told, can sniff out a carrot at 7 miles. (How do you actually find out things like that?).

Dr. Gear comes from the Henry Doubleday Trust which has recently moved its operations from Essex to Ryton. It

will shortly be open to visitors so the arguments will doubtless continue on our very doorstep.

Bangers and mash were pleasurably consumed on the 14th, Mr. and Mrs. Zonik having again extended their generous hospitality.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 4th March, 8pm at the Wight School. A talk on vegetable growing with a speaker from the National Vegetable Research Centre.

Woodpeckers,
Church Road,
Long Itchington,
Rugby.

Dear Parents, Children and friends,

I would like to thank you all for the lovely presents I received on my "retirement" from Harbury School. The Edinburgh crystal whisky glasses and the Wedgwood bowl are really beautiful and a lovely reminder of the happy years I spent in the school. I don't know if I really ought to use the bowl for sugar as was suggested by a member of class 1 when I showed the school the presents, but I can assure you that the whisky glasses will get fair use in this house!

I must apologise for not writing sooner, but I have been extremely busy since I retired and the days still don't seem long enough for me. I am beginning to wonder how I managed to go to work and still get the things done that I seem to spend all day doing now. The nice thing is that I have slowed down and don't dash around at nineteen to the dozen any more. The awful thing is that this will probably encourage me to put on even more weight, but it will probably be of some good to my overall health.

I must admit I read the Village News in the Courier every Friday just to see what is going on in the village, and have noticed several interesting reports. I shall miss the school and also the social life associated with the PTA. We do intend still coming

to the Folk Club on Thursday evenings, and will no doubt see some of you there.

Thank you again for the presents, and do accept my apologies for being so tardy in writing my thanks to you all.

Yours sincerely

Eleanor M. Blair

Many sincere thanks to our Family and Friends for our wonderful Surprise Ruby Wedding Celebration - slightly belated but so very much appreciated. An evening full of laughter, surprises, beautiful flowers, gifts and cards - our Grandchildren who kept the secret so well. Thank you again.

NESTA and DENNIS BLOXHAM

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank everyone who attended my Husband's funeral and also for the lovely service the Rector gave and I thank everyone for the lovely cards, letters and flowers I received.

Yours sincerely,

Hilda Freeman (Mrs.)

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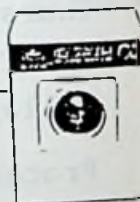
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