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## SUNDAY SERVICES

### HARBURY

Holy Communion 8 a.m.  
Sung Eucharist 10.30 a.m.  
(Except 1st Sunday of month  
Sung Eucharist 9 a.m. only)  
Evensong 6.30 p.m. (except 3rd Sunday)

### LADBROKE

Holy Communion with Hymns 9a.m.  
(Except 1st Sunday of month  
Family Communion 10.30 a.m.  
Evensong 3.30 p.m. (3rd Sunday of month)

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This is not a new 'Dig for Victory' campaign. Mike Bloxham's photograph actually shows a group of volunteers levelling hardcore for the construction of a netball court on the playing fields. It will be very hard for the volunteers to pretend that they can't manage the garden in a few weeks time.

Harbury and Ladbroke can hope that the same spirit of public service shown here - and on many other occasions - will be shown by residents coming forward for the Parish Council elections on May 7th. Harbury and Ladbroke News will publish election statements from candidates, if they are submitted April 26th to the Editorial Office. Statements should be 100 words long.

Our sympathy goes to Pearl Edwards, the distributor for Ladbroke, on the loss of her husband George.

All Editors would like to wish you a happy Easter and they fondly hope that by then you will be surrounded by signs of spring.

APRIL 1987

- Sat. 4th Tennis Club Jumble Sale, 11am in Village Hall.
- Sun. 5th LENT V. PASSION SUNDAY (ASB 521), 9am Sung Eucharis  
(Rite 'B'), 6.30pm The Vestry and the Annual  
Parochial Church Meeting preceded by a short act  
of worship.
- Mon. 6th Praise & Prayer at 15 Pineham Avenue.
- Tues. 7th LAST DAY FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL.  
2.15pm Mothers & Toddlers Service.  
Horticultural Society 8pm in Wight School. On  
Delphiniums.  
Village Hall Committee, 8pm in the Village Hall.  
8.15pm 'Street Level' - a Church Army Documentary  
shown at Harbury School.
- Wed. 8th Young Ornithologists's Club, Science Area, Harbury  
School (7pm Juniors, 8pm Seniors).  
Morris Dancing - First meeting, Wight School 8pm.  
8.15pm Parish Bible Study Group (at the Rectory).
- Thurs. 9th Thursday Club at 2.30pm in the Village Hall.  
8pm a service for Lent with Sermon on the Parables  
Preacher John Stringer - 'The Pearl of Great Price'  
W.I. 7.45pm in the Village Hall.
- Fri. 10th SCHOOL ENDS.
- Sat. 11th Liberal/SDP Alliance Coffee Morning, 10.30am at the  
Manor House.  
PTA 50/50 AUCTION in School Hall. Viewing 9 to 10am  
Auction 11.00am.  
Youth Club Disco at Village Hall.
- Sun. 12th PALM SUNDAY (ASB 526), 8am Holy Communion, 10.15am  
Distribution of Palms at the Village Hall. Pro-  
cession to Church and Sung Eucharist (Rite 'B'),  
6.30pm Evensong.
- Mon. 13th MONDAY TO SATURDAY OF HOLY WEEK SEE SECTION FOLLOW-  
ING RECTOR'S LETTER.  
Word of God at 26 Manor Orchard at 8pm.  
Praise & Prayer 12 Park Lane.  
NHR 8pm Amnesty International. Venue Maureen Darby
- Tues. 14th Harbury Friends 8pm at the School.  
Senior Citizens Cttee., 8.30pm at Village Hall.
- Thurs. 16th Whist in Village Hall, 7.45pm.
- Fri. 17th GOOD FRIDAY.
- Sun. 19th EASTER SUNDAY (ASB 573) 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am  
Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
- Mon. 20th BANK HOLIDAY.  
11am Parish Cotswold Walk.



- Tues. 21st Venture Scouts Camp until Sunday.  
 Thurs. 23rd ST. GEORGE'S DAY AND SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY.  
 Thursday Club, 2.30pm in Village Hall.  
 Parish Council at 7.30pm in Village Hall.
- Fri. 24th No service at 7am.  
 Sun. 26th EASTER I (ASB 602), 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am  
 Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.  
 Songs of Praise at St. Oswald's, New Bilton,  
 Rugby (see separate item in 'Parish Links').  
 Harbury Society ENVIRONMENT WEEK WALK 10am from  
 East End of Hall Lane.  
 ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN MAY HARBURY NEWS TO  
 EDITORS TODAY.  
 Scouts Newspaper Collection.
- Mon. 27th SCHOOL BEGINS.  
 Word of God, 23 Neales Close. 8pm.  
 Praise & Prayer, Mill Cottage.
- Tues. 28th A.G.M. of the Village Hall Management Committee 8pm  
 All Welcome.
- Wed. 29th Coffee Morning in aid of Marijama Village Project  
 (see art.) 10.30-12, Hazebrook, The Pound.  
 NHR Coffee Morning 10.30am Venue Sue Okell.  
 Harbury News Committee, 8.30pm at 23 Mill Street.  
 8.15pm 'Street Level' a Church Army Documentary  
 to be shown at Harbury School.
- Thurs. 30th ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 7.30pm in Village Hall.  
MAY 1987
- Fri. 1st ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES (APOSTLES) (ASB 768) 7am  
 Holy Communion.  
 Theatre Group AGM, 8pm, Wight School.
- Sat. 2nd Southam Flower Festival 2nd-4th May.  
 Organ Recital, Southam Church 7.30pm.
- Sun. 3rd EASTER II . ASB 607. 9am Sung Eucharist (Rite 'A'  
 6.30pm The Theatre Group present the Evening  
 Service "In Praise of Love".  
 Cricket Match v. Stockton, 1st match at Middle  
 Road Ground.
- Mon. 4th MAY DAY HOLIDAY.  
 Praise & Prayer, 17 Farm Street.
- Tues. 5th Harbury Hort. Society Wight School 8pm. Mr.  
 Thacker on 'Garden Planning'.
- Wed. 6th Mothers Union in Village Hall, 2.15pm. Speaker  
 Connie Reid.  
 Julian Group, 8pm Church.

Thurs. 7th POLLING FOR DISTRICT & PARISH ELECTIONS at V. Hall —  
 Prayer for Persecuted Christians, 19 Farm Street,  
 10.30am.  
 7.45pm Men's Group, 23 Mill St.  
 Folk Club at Old New Inn Lounge. 8.30pm  
 Sat. 9th W.I. PRODUCE SHOW AT VILLAGE HALL.  
 Youth Club Disco at 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, 8.30-10pm,  
 Mondays.  
 GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Mondays.  
 BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.  
 TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 10-11.30am 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  
 12.30pm.  
 DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tuesday,  
 Wednesday and Thursday.  
 BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.  
 N.B. Tuesday CUBS now meet on THURSDAYS.  
 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.  
 YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 7.30 - 9.30pm Wednesdays.  
 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.  
 KARATE CLASSES, Village Hall 7pm every Friday.

DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO  
 LINDA RIDGLEY - telephone 612792.  
 For Village Hall Bookings, ring Mrs. Padbury, 613246  
 For Wight School Bookings, ring Mrs. Hayes, 613488

## 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

We were privileged to meet the Bishop of Coventry on Thursday, March 26th when 35 or so of us gathered in Pam Sperling's home to listen to, and to talk and pray with him.

In his short address to us, the Bishop centred on God's love for us and, as part of the Partnership in Mission - and of course as part of our Quest 87 mission - our call to absorb His love and transmit it to others.

A stimulating evening which left with me a sense of optimism about the opportunities in front of us. We are grateful to the Bishop for the time he spent in Harbury and Ladbroke, and to Pam Sperling for her hospitality.

A short article from Captain Andrew Smith, regarding Quest 87 appears elsewhere in this issue. Preparations are being made and a list of planned events will shortly be posted in the Church. The Church Army are particularly keen on small house groups (8-12 people) which give the opportunity for discussion. They have asked us to keep them busy during their 12 days with us and so we do want to take them at their word and have plenty of events. Generally there will be 4 of the Church Army team available in Harbury which means that 4 events can be taking place simultaneously. If you can run an event at a date and time when less than 4 events are listed for Harbury, write your name and the type of event on the list (which will be up-dated from time to time - so don't be reluctant to scribble on it).

The Mothering Sunday service was delightful. The Adventurers came along and the Rector provided daffodil posies for the children to give to all the ladies.

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Don't forget the last of the special Lent service on Thursday, 9th April at 8pm - when John Stringer will preach.

JBM

### Church Flowers

Flower Friends. The system is working well and I am sure you will have appreciated the results. Some contributors paid for a short period only. I have put their envelopes in a box on the table and would gratefully receive the next instalment. New Friends would be very welcome and you will find blank envelopes awaiting you!

Easter Flowers. As the Rector has mentioned, some people like to give specially towards Easter lilies. One spray is usually about £2 so we would be very happy for any help. We are hoping to decorate the Church with lilies and daffodils on Easter Saturday. Gifts of any flowers or greenery, and flower arranging skill very welcome. We will be starting at about 9.30am.

Margaret Rigden.

### FROM THE RECTOR

Gethsemane is of great significance and provides for in the keeping of Holy Week a source of deep spiritual meaning. Gethsemane was a place of peace and quiet, restful and suitable for prayer. Yet for Jesus purposely going to that place to prepare himself for the demands of the next day, it meant a time of great mental agony and conflict, it provided the occasion of betrayal, it brought him the experience of desertion by his friends and a realisation of being left alone to face his captors and enemies. The New Testament implies that it was a place of beauty - a garden, but in it, Jesus found bitterness and came to know that there was no turning back.

'Abba, Father', he prayed, 'all things are possible to thee: take this cup away from me. Yet not what I will but what thou wilt'.

He has asked his disciples to share with him that time of prayer.



'My heart is ready to break with grief - stop here and stay awake'.

But again and again they fell asleep.

For many years churches all over the world have been accustomed to keep a vigil on Maundy Thursday night, with people coming a few at a time to spend a period in silent prayer before the altar, meditating upon Our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane and offering an intention of love and devotion to him. As far as I know this has not been done in Harbury or Ladbroke, at least for some years, but I have been encouraged at Harbury to introduce this practice. Elsewhere very often such a vigil is maintained throughout the night, but for this first year I propose to limit it to the few hours up until midnight from the end of the evening Eucharist on Thursday, 16th April. A chart will be put on the table setting out the times in half-an-hour periods and I hope that quite a number of people will sign up to take a share in the vigil. The church will not be cold and plenty of material for prayer and meditation will be available.

For Christians, there is no other time in the year more important than Holy Week and it is when we try hard to follow through these dramatic events one by one that we come closer to Our Lord and understand a little more of what the Cross is all about. It is the identifying ourselves with the Passion of Christ that eventually enables us to identify with the joy of the Resurrection and makes the 'Alleluias' we sing on Easter Day authentic and heartfelt.

I wish you a very happy and joyful Easter.

Antony Rowe

### Link Parishes

A report in February gave information of the linking of parishes in 1987 in connection with the Bishop's call to Mission in Partnership. Since then representatives of Ladbroke and Harbury have now met representatives of Ryton and Bubbenhall and of New Bilton. Together we have agreed to participate in some special occasions in our parishes during the year.

The first link service is to be on Sunday 26th April at St. Oswald, New Bilton, Rugby when we shall be visiting them at 6.30pm for 'Song of Praise Plus', and we have been invited to provide several hymns and it of our choice for the occasion. Arrangements for getting over to New Bilton will be announced in church in good time, so please book the date now.

HOLY WEEK 1987 MONDAY 13TH - SATURDAY 18TH APRIL

Please note that on certain days some services are shared by the two Parishes. You are welcome always to services in either Parish. If transport is a problem to you, arrangements can be made easily by phoning (Harbury 612377) or by telling the Rector.

MONDAY 13th APRIL

7.30pm Holy Communion (at Ladbroke).

TUESDAY 14th APRIL

7.30pm Holy Communion (at Harbury).

WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL

10.30am Holy Communion (at Ladbroke).

7.30pm Holy Communion (at Harbury).

THURSDAY 16th APRIL MAUNDY THURSDAY.

9.45am Holy Communion (Harbury).

10.30am Holy Communion (Ladbroke).

7.30pm Holy Communion (Ladbroke).

8.30pm Sung Eucharist (Harbury).

Followed by 'The Gethsemane Watch' until

12 midnight.

FRIDAY 17th APRIL GOOD FRIDAY

9.30am 'From Gethsemane to Calvary' - a service for children and parents (Harbury).

10.30am 'From Gethsemane to Calvary' - a service for children and parents (Ladbroke).

12pm-1pm An Hour at the Cross (Ladbroke).

2pm-3pm An Hour at the Cross (Harbury).

7.30pm 'The Day of Calvary' - a Devotional Service with Music and Readings (Harbury).

SATURDAY 18th APRIL HOLY SATURDAY

8pm The Blessing of the Paschal Candles (Ladbroke).



## Times of Confession During Holy Week

MONDAY	6.30pm-7.15pm	(Ladbroke)
TUESDAY	12pm-12.45pm	(Harbury)
	6.30pm-7.15pm	(Harbury)
WEDNESDAY	11.15am-12pm	(Ladbroke)
	6.30pm-7.15pm	(Harbury)

Or at other times by arrangement.

## Easter Flowers and Lilies

Donations towards the cost of lilies and other flowers at Easter are always gratefully received. It is the custom for some people to make a gift at Easter in memory of some dear relative or friend, such gifts can be handed to Mrs. Jane Rutherford (Ladbroke) or Mrs. Margaret Rigden (Harbury) or to the Rector. Decoration of the churches will be on Saturday 18th April (A.M.) and help appreciated.

## HOLY BAPTISMS

- Sunday 1st March. Leanne, daughter of Michael and Judith Rose Farnsworth, 7 Penelope Close.  
 Craig Damian, son of Jeffrey Leslie and Sylvia Olga Youngman, 39 South Parade.  
 Nicholas and Simon John, sons of Thomas and Barbara Sheila Anne Henderson, 'High Thorn', Fosse Way.
- Sunday 22nd March. Oliver Robert, son of Andrew Nigel and Angela Margaret Cook, Binswood Cottage, Harbury.
- Sunday 29th March. Roger Peter, son of John Mark and Patricia Mary Teverson, The Poultry Farm, Ladbroke.

## HOLY MATRIMONY

Saturday 21st March.

Stephen Robert Wilkins, 5 Walford Grove, Woodloes Warwick, and Sarah-Jane Baily, 9 South Parade, Harbury.

## FUNERALS

- 4th March, Enid Esther Bayliss, 11 Dovehouse Lane, Harbury, 84 years.
- 18th March, Florence Emily Bevan, 57 Deppers Bridge, 76 years.

## FUNERALS

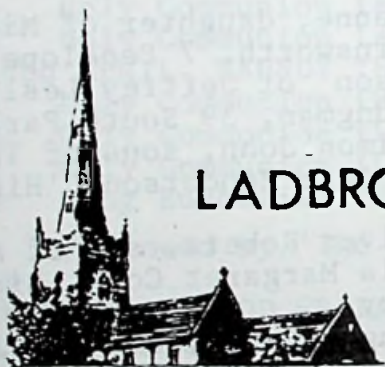
19th March. George Thomas Charles Edwards, 4 Bridge Lane, Ladbroke. 72 years.  
30th March. John Elliott, 1 Hall Lane, Harbury. 69 years.

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## PARISH HIKE

A very attractive hike has been organised for Easter Monday, 20th April. It is a Cotswold route, passing through open farmland and wooded hillsides. The distance is just five miles. When the recce. was made there were deep drifts of snow about and plenty of mud, so please take suitable footgear. Don't forget your lunch. Initial assembly point for directions - the Rectory, Harbury at 11am. List for names of those wishing to go in church at Harbury and Ladbroke.

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## LADBROKE NEWS

### APRIL DIARY

Sun. 5th Lent V. Passion Sunday (ASB 521) 10.30am  
Family Communion.  
Wed. 8th 10.30am Holy Communion.  
2.30pm Women's Fellowship (at Church).  
Sun. 12th Palm Sunday (ASB 526) 9am Distribution  
of Palms, Holy Communion with Hymns.  
Mon.-Sat. 13th-18th April HOLY WEEK. See Separate  
section following Rector's Letter.  
Tues. 14th Parish Council.



Sun. 19th EASTER DAY (ASB 573) 9am Holy Communion  
with Hymns. 12 Noon Holy Communion,  
3.30 pm Evensong.  
Mon. 20th 11am Parish Cotswold Hike.  
Wed. 22nd St. George M. (Anticipated) 10.30am  
Holy Communion.  
Thurs. 23rd W.I. Meeting.  
Sun. 26th EASTER I (B.C.P.) 9am Holy Communion  
with Hymns. 6.30pm 'Songs of Praise'  
New Bilton, Rugby. (see separate item  
'Parish Links').  
Wed. 29th 10.30am Holy Communion.

#### MAY DIARY

Sun. 3rd EASTER II (ASB 607) 10.30am Family  
Communion.

#### CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

April 19th - Mrs. Darkes (Easter).  
April 26th & May 3rd - Mrs. Rutherford.

#### Ladbroke Church

On Thursday, 26th March, Bishop Simon came to Ladbroke, when more than 20 of us met at the home of Violaine Junod, to listen to, and talk with, him. This was a very happy occasion when we were able to exchange views and thoughts with the Bishop.

#### Mothering Sunday

A service was held in the afternoon when posies were distributed and the occasion was further enhanced by the christening of Roger Peter Teverson. All of our good wishes to him for the future.

Gwynne Badman.

#### Women's Fellowship

The Rector began our meeting in March by reading to us from 'Meditations for Lent'.

Mrs. Irene Bennett who had invited us to her house, then told us about the time she had spent with her husband in Bahrain. We were shown slides and scrapbooks giving us a very colourful idea of life there. Irene was thanked for the warm welcome and hospitality which she gave to us.

We were sorry to hear of the death of the husband of Pearl Edwards, one of our members, and offer her our love and sympathy.

The next meeting is on April 8th at 2.30pm when there will be a service in church taken by the Rect. Afterwards we are going to the home of Mrs. Betty Winkfield.

Nancy Stubbs

#### LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Committee members met at Mrs. J. Norgate's home for the meeting on March 19th to discuss events planned for the following months. The Spring Council Meeting was on the Agenda and eight members were looking forward to attending, including secretary Mrs. J. Norgate. President Mrs. G. Moore, three committee members and one other W.I. member. It proved to be a most interesting and thought-provoking day with 800 ladies from all over Warwickshire packing the Avon Hall in the Spa Centre. The programme started with "Jerusalem" and then a speech of welcome to delegates by the town's Mayor, Councillor Ward, and went on to a report of the last Annual and Spring Council Meeting; the adoption of standing orders, Annual Report, and Budget etc. until we came to the guest speaker Mr. Glynn Christian of TV fame who gave a most fascinating illustrated talk entitled "The Fragile Paradise" - Pitcairn Islands, where his famous ancestor landed after the Bounty Mutiny. After a break for lunch, awards and presentations were made including one for flower arranging when our close neighbour Harbury W.I. were runners-up in what was a very professional and well supported competition. Congratulations! The speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Anne Ballard, Gen. Sec. N.F.W.I. who gave a very interesting and amusing account of Headquarters in London and how hard her staff work for us all. A discussion entitled "Has the W.I. outlived its usefulness" followed with views from the delegates in the Hall; the consensus of opinion being that it had not, but it would be a very good thing to recruit new members especially young ones, as membership was deteriorating all over the country. The day was ended with a "Mini Music Hall" which had several of the older members in the audience joining in the old songs.



The W.I. meeting this month had as guest speaker Mrs. Barnes-Hughes who gave a very knowledgable illustrated talk on Wedgwood ware with several items on display for close examination by the audience. Mrs. Irene Bennett lent a hand by loaning and operating a projector and screen to show the slides. Mrs. Gwladys Gould gave the vote of thanks. There was also a bring and buy sale and a raffle which was won for the first time by Mrs. Gwynne Badman.

The next meeting will be on April 23rd and will have as guest speaker Ms. Barbara Yorke, Assistant Purser on the Queen Mary, with "Welcome Aboard".

Glenys Hallam.

### PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting was held in the Committee Room of the Village Hall on the 17th March, and as six members of the public were present it was quite a squash. The Council were delighted to report that the lock had at last been removed from the footpath gate at the top of Windmill Lane. This means that this ancient route to Priors Hardwick is now open, but it does need walking to keep the footpath open, and if there are any hindrances to walkers, the council would like to know.

The Parish Councillors would like to know if J.C. Waste lorries are still using the route through our village from the Ufton Tip. Our local Policeman Mr. Percival explained that the Police could not help in this matter, as there is no weight limit on the road, and he also explained the Local Police force's policy about mud on the road. Recently "furniture and house clearance" salesmen have been knocking on local doors, on the look out for an unscrupulous bargain. IF You report any suspicious behaviour to the Police, please let our local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator know, as he has to keep a record of local incidents (Mr. F. Badman, Tel.2187).

The Council thought that they should have been notified about the newly updated Listed Building Survey, which took place in the village last year and they decided to write to the architects concerned for a copy of the report.

Ladbroke have been offered (at a price) a Domesday Plaque to commemorate all the villages mentioned in the original survey and it was decided to order the plaque, probably to be displayed in the church.

There was some discussion about whether to enter the Best Kept Village Competition this year, Ladbroke has not enjoyed success in this venture in past years but it was decided to have another go and I was instructed to work up enthusiasm amongst my readers! - So could everyone tidy up their frontages, cut the grass, trim hedges etc. I am of course, excepted from this, because I have the bridge building team camping in the front garden and they aren't very scenic!

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th April, any interested villagers are always welcome to attend.

As I won't be writing the Council Report next month, I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of us all, to thank Mr. Francis Badman and his colleague for all the hard work they have done for the village over the past few years. Not all members of the Council are standing for re-election in May, so to those who are leaving, thanks for doing such a marvellous job, and to those members who are standing for re-election, carry on the good work!

Kate Liverton

On behalf of all the people who live in Ladbroke, who knew George Edwards, and there can't be many who did not know George, could I just say how sorry we all were to hear of his death and that our thoughts are with Pearl and all his family.

Last month a considerable amount of the material published in the Ladbroke section of this magazine was reproduced with additional comments the following week in the Leamington Spa Courier. I should like it

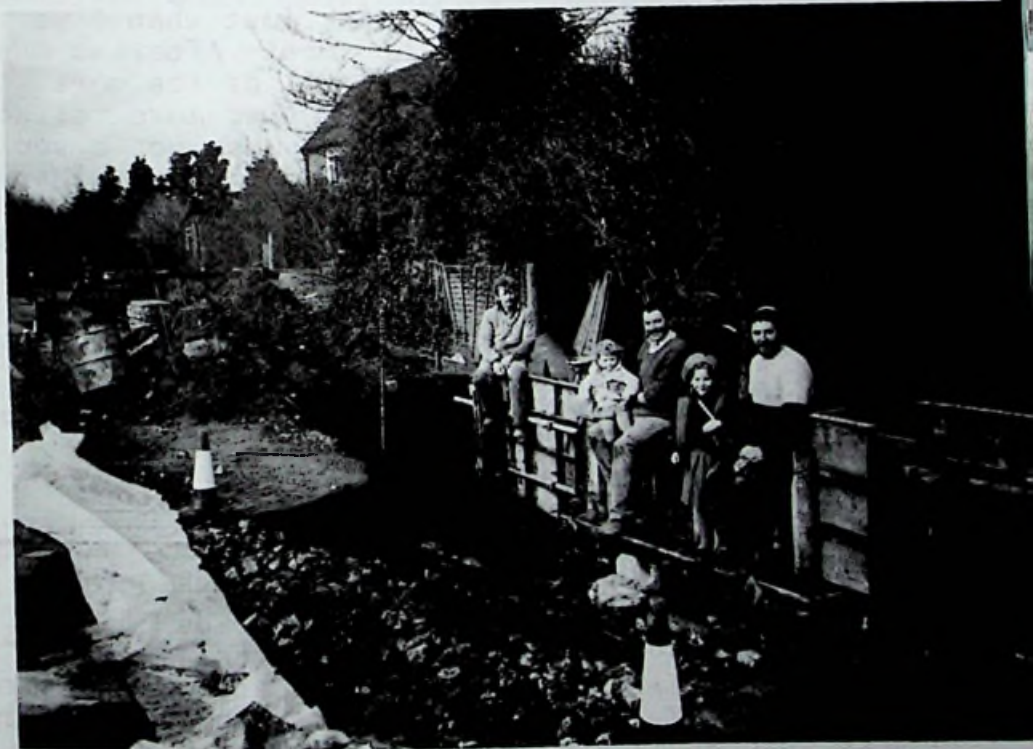


to be known that I do not write the Ladbroke section in the Courier, and have no intention of doing so, as I feel that it seriously detracts from the news value of our local magazine. The Village section of the "Courier" is an ideal place to publicise forthcoming events and perhaps to report on items of general interest in South Warwickshire, but I do feel that the minute details of very local affairs, look rather foolish in a newspaper designed for a general readership.

Kate Liverton

I shall be unable to collect the material for the Ladbroke News in April, so please will contributors take their offerings to Kate Todman at Quince Cottage, Tel.4365.

The Bridge (or shall I call it the toad underpass!.



My mutterings about the hazards of living in the midst of a "road improvement scheme" seemed to have

caused some interest locally. In fact the lads concerned got hold of a copy of last month's magazine at lunchtime in the local hostelry and having read about themselves, they opened up the bridge for local traffic by the end of the same afternoon: could it be coincidence I wondered! I have been asked to provide an update on the situation; well, in case you haven't noticed, the new bridge is not yet finished, in fact to the casual observer, it may well seem that not a lot is happening! This in fact is not the case, Martin the boss and his various band of assistants have been working very long hours (including weekends - no peace for the wicked!) building the end walls of the bridge and this major part of the project is now completed. By now I am quite an expert in Civil Engineering, in particular the intricacies of reinforced concrete, but have not been able to work out why they always pour in the concrete making more noise than the local low flying aircraft, just when I've decided to put my feet up on the sofa! After so many weeks of relying on the 7a.m. arrival of the work force to wake me up in the mornings (far more reliable than my alarm) there was one morning when not a soul turned up, the deserted bridge looked like the 'Mary Celeste' we all overslept and were late for school. I had decided that this lack of action was probably due to over exuberance on Saint Patrick's Day, but was assured that this was not the case!

There's a lot more bridge building to do: my rabbit is depressed, the cats live under the spare bed, only the goldfish seems unaffected. P.S. The date of the grand opening ceremony is to be announced!

Kate Liverton

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### Southam School - Sixth Sense

Thursday 5th March was the day of the Trade Fair at Leamington. It took place in the Town Hall and all the Young Enterprise companies of the area were there with stalls ready to be judged. A team of judges were round to each stall and asked the company members a



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lot of questions about their experiences of running such an enterprise. After much conferring between the judges, the results were announced: 1st with 89% was Hi-lites from Myton School; Joint 2nd with 88% was Sixth Sense (our company!) with Top-Notch from Myton School. After this close finish a Buffet was laid on for everybody. We then had to pack away our stall into several parent's cars. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents.

J.B.

### P.T.A.

A great atmosphere was created for the Mad Hatters' 20s Night held in the Village Hall last weekend. Chris (the artist) Costigan produced excellent posters and decoration to complement the mood of 20s Jazz to the music of the Dene River Jazz Men who played throughout an entertaining evening. Many took to their fancy of fancy dress which added to a party atmosphere. The Wyburns collected a prize for the best dressed couple whilst Janet Thornley and her flashy outfit were both outstanding to clearly win the individual prize.



Mike Bloxham's photographs show the winners and a

bevy of flappers. A 'well done' also to all those



other costumes as they were very good. The buffet also deserves a special mention, as judging from compliments received, this must have been above the P.T.A.'s usual high standard - a thank you to those involved and keep up the good work! The usual raffle was held and some of the 'usual' winners won!

#### 50/50 AUCTION (in the School Hall)

We have already received many items for auctioning, why not bring along those items of furniture, toys, bric-a-brac having some value worthy of auctioning. The P.T.A. will auction these for you on a 50/50 share basis of profit made. A reserve or minimum price will be fixed if you require. The event will be advertised and a letter sent out from the school.

The Auction will be held at the school from 11.00am, Saturday 11th April, viewing from 10.00am on that day. You can deliver your items to the school until 7.00pm on Friday 10th April or between 8.45am/9.30am on



auction day. Alternatively, Ann Woodward (Tel. 613536) will receive 'anytime' at Flecknoe House (next to Mugleston's shop) or arrange collection.

### 100 CLUB

Fewer places are now remaining, we would like to see more parents of new children join, please apply at school or Chris Costigan (613536). At the Mad Hatters 20s Night, chairman John 'the dentist' Black drew the following prize winners

£10.00 Pete & Chris Costigan

£10.00 Sue & Brian (1/3 Jug Band) Ingram

Ken Stephenson

### MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

The Group meets at the Wight School (behind the Library) on Mondays 10.00-11.30am and Wednesdays 2.00-3.30pm during school term time. There are lots of different play activities for the children, a break for a drink and biscuit, and the cost is 40p for a mother with one child, 60p with two children.

We urgently need more support as many of the existing toddlers are leaving for Playschool. Please ring Ann Brunt on 612867 if you would like to know more or just turn up at one of the sessions. Everyone is welcome.

### HARBURY BABY CLINIC

May I thank all the kind people who responded so generously to my request for books and toys. We now have a lovely assortment, bringing great delight to all the young children attending the clinic.

P. Riding

### Happy Birthday

The Editors send Birthday Greetings to Mr. A. Over, a long time supporter of the magazine and one of our senior distributors.

## Playscheme 1987

Once again it is time to cast the net in search of volunteers to help with this year's summer playscheme. Anyone can help - no need for special skill

We need folk to play games, help kids with craft, play with or amuse the little ones, accompany outings (OFFERS OF LIFTS PLEASE), even make coffee. Are there any older boys who can organise football or cricket? How about someone to organise a really great BMX track this year? Has anyone any special skills or hobbies they are prepared to share with us?

If you can help in any way, or, if you are not sure if you are wanted (we will soon convince you), ring Jean Champ 613698 or Jill Cadogan 613503 as soon as possible. Then we can make an early start at making this year's playscheme better than ever.

J.C.

### Harbury Scouts and Guides Fund-raising Committee

The Committee would like to thank all those who attended the Village Disco on 13th March. The event raised a useful £40 towards scout funds.

The newspaper collections each month are currently bringing in an annual income of over £600 per year, even though the waste paper rate is rather low at the moment, and I would like to thank all those who assist in this worthwhile enterprise. The April collection falls on Easter Sunday, so the date for collection of newspapers has been changed:

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### Harbury Venture Scout Unit

On Sunday 22nd March the unit laid on a ten mile circular incident hike for other Venture Scouts in the District. Six teams took part. They left the scout hut at intervals and hiked, mainly on footpaths, to Southam, Bascote and Ufton.



To add some interest and give a scouting flavour, various incidents were manned by Harbury Venture Scouts. These included a 'deadmans' crawl in Stoneythorpe Park, blindfold tentpitching, cooking, map reading and a simulated minefield.

The winners were 8th Leamington (Dale Street) by just half a point from Southam A. Altogether over twenty venture scouts in six teams took part in what is hoped will become an annual event. Thanks to all from Harbury Unit who manned checkpoints on one of the colder March weekends.

J.L.H.

### SCOUT SUPPORT COMMITTEE

#### The Valentine Young Farmers' Club and Orphanage, Cameroon, West Africa.

Col. Leslie Valentine, British and 72, went to Cameroon in 1959, and is still there. Leading a rescue party to a crashed 'plane, in 1963, he fell, breaking his back and losing his sight. His sight was restored, but his back injuries remain an affliction. In 1966 he started this Club, to teach local, under-privileged boys the rudiments of Agriculture and self-sufficiency. He adopted two of them: one now being a local teacher, whilst the other is still with him as his chief assistant. In 1974 he retired from Gov't service, bought the present site, and built a 2 bedroomed house and dormitory block.

There are now 15 boys, from 6 to 14 years of age, mainly orphaned, abandoned, or from very poor, fatherless homes. There is no piped water, or electricity, on site and during the dry season, the boys have to 'trek' with a handcart some  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles to fetch water.

'Dignity of Labour' is the Colonel's motto, and his boys are in great demand because they are taught to become good, practical, all-rounders. Honesty, loyalty, hygiene, obedience, domestic science, and love of animals and of the land, are his beliefs.

The main project facing them is to either bring in pumped water, or to sink a borehole, at estimated costs of £2000 for either system. We think that this Orphanage is worthy of our support, and want to help in some tangible way, but the water project is too expensive for us to tackle alone. We are, therefore, asking if other Clubs and Youth organisations in this area would care to join us on fund-raising, and would welcome anyone who has suggestions.

Please contact Brian Ingram (612418), Ken Stephenson (612537) or Joe van Hoorebeck (613419). More detailed information can be obtained from either Joan Smith (613680) or Ken Hughes (612273).

K.L.H.

### Harbury Albion Football Club

The first team are currently a shaky second in Division One. Cup matches have not been very successful - Coventry Continental having tied with minutes to go, won by 6-3 in extra time! Colin Sheasby has scored 6 goals in the last few games so defence is our main problem.

The reserve team are now matching up to expectations. They are third in their division and only Kenilworth Wardens have conceded fewer goals. The new combination of the return of Alan 'Gilbert' Merrick and the move of Martin Perry is highly successful. Only 1 goal conceded in 10 games!

Congratulations to Steve and Sarah Jane Wilkins on their marriage!

Winners of the 200 Club were Peter, the new landlord at the Crown, Ian Lowe, Roger Fermain, Dave Delin and Colin Sheasby. Next social event is the Presentation Dance on the 15th May at the Woodhouse Hotel.

### Harbury Cricket Club

Harbury Cricket Club are preparing for the 1987 season and looking forward to taking up residence at the Rugby Club Middle Road ground, where they have a brand



new square. The Club has a full fixture list as follows:

May	3	Stockton	H	Aug.	2	Mollington	H
	10	Mollington	A		9	L.Itchington II	H
	16	Kenilworth	A		16	Flecknoe	H
	17	B.Itchington	H		23	Lighthorne	A
	24	Bourton	H		30	B.Itchington	H
	31	L'ton Lemmings	A	Sept.	6	Stockton	A
June	7	Claverdon II	H		13	Farnboro'	H
	14	Kenilworth	H	Oct.	4	Offchurch	A
	21	Weedon	H				
	28	Flecknoe	A				
July	5	WCC Staff	H	<u>Evenings</u>			
	12	Farnboro'	A	May	12	Flavells	H
	18	V.P. Select	H	June	3	Myton Staff	H
	26	Lighthorne	H	Aug.	4	Flavells	A

The Club would welcome new players. Please contact Ian Holroyd. Friends, visitors, and spectators are very welcome at the Club.

### HARBURY CARNIVAL '87

The Carnival Committee are busy planning for the big day on June 6th. Proceeds will be given to the Village Hall Trust for the new heating system and for new furniture. The Village Hall celebrates its Silver Jubilee this year, and it would be wonderful to raise a record amount this year to fund improvements and to enable us all to sit in comfort for the next 25 years!

Last year for the first time, a Grand Carnival Draw was held which was extremely successful. This year, we have received many splendid donated prizes (thanks to Midge Keen and Gill Gurden for their hard work) and books of tickets will be available early May.

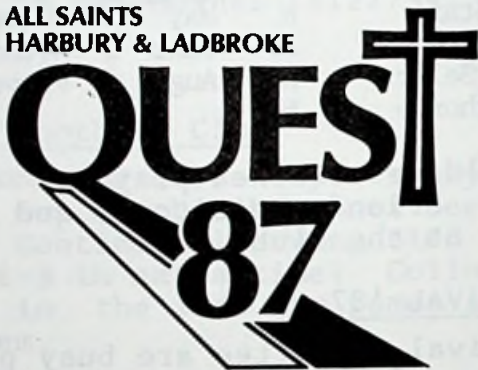
On the 6th itself, we have many attractions booked to appear - Bands, Tiddington Majorettes, Morris Men, Karate Demonstration, a Stiltman, Hammer Machine, Punch and Judy, Steam Train plus a variety

of stalls and sidewhows. Full details of the day, plus details of the fancy dress classes will be in the programme, available Mid-May.

The MEN of the village are being very reticent about offering to help 'put up' and 'dismantle' equipment needed for the day, i.e. ropes, tables, stalls, train tracks, straw bales. COME ON! THIS IS WHAT VILLAGE LIFE IS ALL ABOUT - show the Harbury Spirit and please offer some help, even if it's only an hour to Andy Cowan (613120) or Brian Wade (612831).

J. COX

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Dear Friends,

I welcome this opportunity to write a few words about the forthcoming Church Army Mission to Harbury and Ladbroke, entitled QUEST 87. In the coming weeks you will be hearing and reading about it. But what is it and what is its purpose?

Basically it is a 12 day campaign (1st to 12th July) aimed at helping us all to look again at the fundamental truths of the Christian Faith. We shall be looking especially at the person of Jesus. Who was He? What was so special about Him? What possible relevance can He have for me today?

Activities are being planned for all age groups in both communities. A full programme of events will be delivered to you much nearer to time. We hope that these activities will prove enjoyable as well as thought provoking.





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Captain Leroy Stephenson, Captain Leslie Tennant, Captain Neil Thomson, Sister Joan Hudspeth and I look forward to coming and leading QUEST 87. We hope that you will feel able to come to any of the activities and we look forward to meeting you.

Captain Andrew Smith

### THE THURSDAY CLUB

At our last meeting we enjoyed a talk about "Old Dolls and Toys" by Mrs. Hilary Kennelly of Coventry, who brought along many beautiful old dolls, teddy bears and toys to show to us. We were also privileged to have a visit from the Bishop of Coventry!

We meet in the Farley Room of the Village Hall every second and fourth Thursdays of the month, at 2.30pm and our meetings end at around 4 o'clock. We usually have a speaker, then tea and home-made cakes and a friendly chat. Contrary to rumour, the Thursday Club is not a club for old people, but for the young-at-heart of any age! So do come along - you will be sure of a friendly welcome. By the way, we have recently started a magazine library, so when you have finished with your magazines will you please pass them on to us? - bearing in mind that we have gentlemen members as well as ladies. Thank you!

Beryl Checkley

### HARBURY W.I.

At our March meeting we were pleased to 'welcome back' our secretary, Mrs. Jean Cowan after her absence, and to learn her husband is now 'on the mend!'

Dr. Hancock then gave us an interesting talk on First Aid/General Practice. After the talk our knowledge was tested with a quiz and a demonstration of Mouth to mouth resuscitation and heart massage. I'm sure now our members are better prepared to face an emergency if needed! A vote of thanks was given by Dorothy Groves.

On March 10th a group of members enjoyed a visit to Stratford Theatre to see 'Half a Sixpence'.

The raffle was won by Mrs. Mancell and Mrs. McDonald and at our April meeting we look forward to a visit by Church's China.

S.G.

### Harbury Theatre Group

Following the successful production of Pinocchio, it was decided at the meeting held on 27th March to donate a percentage of the income from the play to the following charities: Action Research, Cystic Fibrosis, N.S.P.C.C., Save the Children and Warwick Hospital Children's Casualty Waiting Area.

The Group's A.G.M. will be held on 1st May at 8.00pm in the Wight School. If you would like to join this prestigious, talented, friendly group of everyday village folk, this is your chance!

G.R.

### MORRIS DANCING

Do you fancy leaping around, waving handkerchiefs or sticks and wearing bells? If you are interested in either dancing or providing the music (both men and women), please come to the first meeting on Wednesday, 8th April at 8pm in the Wight School. Please phone me if you haven't already received more details from me.

PETER MCDONALD (613730)

### HARBURY FOLK CLUB

We had some younger blood at the Folk Club on March 5th when Sarah Williams was the guest - her outstanding voice and competent guitar playing make for a very mature performance. Sarah has been to the Club before but this was the first time that we had seen her in the guest spot.

A pleasant surprise was the appearance of "Kashmir", alias Lesley and Steve Davies from Glossop, visiting the village. Their performance had a professional



quality, with Lesley's beautiful voice and Steve's tasteful electric piano accompaniments. No wonder they sold several of their records. I hope they will come again soon.

With these two 'star turns', the supporting singers had to be very understanding. Nevertheless, we couldn't survive without their support. On this occasion, we heard from Gerda and Roger, the Jug Band, John & Nick (as the "3D's" - Dynamic Dental Duo), Gary and Mike and me.

There will be more good music at the Folk Club on May 7th, at 8.30pm in the Old New Inn Lounge.

PETER MCDONALD

### WHEELS FOR VERITY

Thank you - to everyone who supported the 'wheel for Verity' coffee morning on March 7th. Despite the snow storm we managed to create a reasonably West African atmosphere with a display of Sierra Leonian arts, crafts, clothing and photographs.

Verity Smith, who left Harbury 7 months ago, is working for V.S.O. on a 2 year contract in Eastern Sierra Leone. She is working with women's groups helping with such things as small farming projects, new cooking and craft ideas which can be sold in the local markets, and in training local teachers to teach basic sewing and mending skills.

Verity and her fellow workers need to travel from village to village and so decided they must raise funds to buy themselves a bicycle - hence the 'wheels for Verity' scheme. We were very pleased to receive and send off £120 towards this. Interestingly, in her latest letter, Verity said she had priced bicycles in Freetown and including padlock, pump and repair kit it would come to £120. This news was received before she knew what we were sending and after I had already sent it! So thank you again to everyone who helped.

Elizabeth Bones

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Don't forget - April 10th. Selwyn Eels.

## ATTENTION STEAM TRAIN FANS!

Many people have asked for dates and times of steam trains passing through the cutting. It is planned for trains to run from Stratford to Marylebone via Warwick and Banbury on April 12th, May 10th, May 24th and May 31st. The trains leave Stratford at 5pm and should come through the cutting at around 5.30. Our informant tells us they may be altered without notice, hauled by diesel if the Steam fails, and subject to delays for the Banbury Power Signalling Installation!!

### PLACES TO GO

Shuckburgh Park - a pleasant walk for children and adults. We saw sheep, rabbits, geese, ducks, pheasant and a peacock. Leave the car on the Southam-Daventry road near Shuckburgh church. Cross the main road and a stile, beside the stone cottage leads to a path crossing diagonally over the field. Through 2 gates, past 2 elm-stumps, through 2 kiss-me gates and you reach the gap between two woods. A man-made pond lies on your right and further on, to your left, behind a high hedge is the private estate church.

Don't miss the view of the house and church before you turn right to follow the edge of the wood, past the pheasant-rearing pens. A triangulation point lies to your left on the top of the rise, but keep to the wood edge and at the angle turn right. Go down to a couple of barns where a stile leads through - yes, through not round a cornfield. Follow the further hedge down to the road, from Priors Marston, turn right down to your starting point at Lower Shuckburgh. More ambitious walkers can follow the way-marked route which lands finally higher up the road to Priors Marston.

This is a variation of a walk from a collection of 6-County Walks (20 in all) by local authors Joe Taylor and Chas Cook. Well worthwhile, price £3.50, Thornhill Press.



PROFILE - ALAN KNOWLES

Alan Knowles is a familiar and often welcome figure in the village - a burst pipe a radiator not working, a washing machine on the blink and a call to Alan is a guarantee of rescue! Alan is a highly qualified City and Guilds plumber and a member of the Institute of Plumbing and that makes him the best man for the job as so many of us can testify!

Alan was born and educated in Whitnash and wanted to be a plumber from the age of 12. His father, a carpenter, could always find the young Alan on a building site watching the plumber at work, and as soon as he left school he became apprenticed to a firm in Leamington, later briefly working for a Coventry company, and then at the age of 21 he set up in business with an old college friend, doing mainly sub-contracting work for local builders. He moved to Harbury in 1968 to the house he still lives in Mill Street, which he has converted and extended into a beautiful home, and began his own company. At first he was still mainly sub-contracting in those days before we all had central heating, washing machines and dishwashers!

Alan met his attractive wife Wendy at the Whitnash Sports and Social Club when he was a young lad, as she was then a near neighbour. They later married and had David on Christmas Day 1965, Craig coming along in 1969. Wendy worked at the Playschool for many years when the boys were older, and then joined Kathleen Craig, the hairdresser, later becoming a full-time fixture when Kathleen Ellis came to the village five years ago.

Alan is a keen trout fisherman, travelling to lake over the country and has the usual fund of stories the monster 'one that got away'! He's also a crack target rifle shot and also enjoys field sport shoot and he spends many happy hours motor cycling when the pressure of work allows, although anyone running their own business knows how weekends and evenings are all too often taken up with endless paperwork! David shares many of his interests and was in fact apprenticed to Alan for four years, leaving to work first Lockheed and now at AP and continuing his Tech studies at night.

Meanwhile Wendy, always interested in sports and admitting to 'not being very domesticated', travelled the country with younger son Craig who is well-known for his athletic triumphs and he was rated fourth in the country in the All-England Schools Amateur Athletics at high jump. Craig is currently doing well at College in Business Studies but maintains his interest in sports and is a popular lad in the village, causing great concern over his recent motor cycle accident from which he has now happily recovered.

Two dogs, Ben and the puppy Sam complete the family, and Sam is quite an attraction at the Salon during these early days while Wendy trains him - and doesn't get much sleep as a result! As she says, "the men in the family bought him and then handed him over to me to raise!".

Alan and Wendy have many friends and are a popular couple, their efforts with the youth club where Wendy is a founder organiser are invaluable and Alan often helps out too as men are always needed at events and there are always far too few volunteers! Wendy is the confidant of the youngsters who go to her with their problems and always find her sympathetic and ready to help, and she's a popular asset in Kath Ellis's Salon. Alan is a business man living and working in the village and a cheerful, welcome friend on the doorstep in times of crisis, always doing a thoroughly professional job, and both he and Wendy are an undoubted asset to Harbury, where the Knowles family are respected and regarded with affection by all who know them.



## Snake Keeping

The Natural habitat of a garter snake is trees and rocks but they like water, so always give them a big dish full so they can drink and bathe in it. They are related to the water snakes. They have to have a certain temperature, it is supposed to be 75°F but it varies. If you want it to be around 75°F use a 60 watt bulb but do not exceed that temperature. They eat chunks of meat, fish and are very fond of frogs and worms. If they are big they should take fledglings and young mice, and they might take toads. Young snakes will take small worms and tadpoles. My snake was pregnant when we bought her and she gave birth to 14 live young, but some were dead at birth. Sadly they died of a disease called blackmouth which is a fungi which grows in the mouth. You should offer food every 2 or 3 days. The shedding means they lose their skins to be able to grow because their skin does not stretch like ours.

Matthew Ross, aged 10

## HARBURY'S LETTER BOXES



It is unusual to find excitement surrounding posting boxes. Warwick managed national media cover last

year when its Victorian letterbox at Eastgate was threatened. Now Harbury's letter boxes hit the news the Harbury and Ladbroke News. Mike Bloxham's photograph of the box opposite the Post Office shows the front of the box as it now isn't. The George Rex Post Office Letter Box name plate has recently disappeared. It may be small and battered but it is part of Harbury's heritage. Please can it be returned?

Mike's other photograph shows the new letter box on the Old New Inn Green. Naomi Tanner is posting a letter. The box has replaced the small one outside the Surgery in Farm Street. Opinions on the shape and appearance of the new box seem to vary widely, but few are particularly complimentary. However, it could be that the Victorian citizens of Warwick felt the same when a cast iron box first appeared outside Eastgate.

ITJ

#### HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Ex-lighting Chairman, Mike Ellis had written indignantly that he had not snaffled Parish property when he departed. There never was a stencil, the EMEB numbered the lamps! Cllrs. were determined a retraction be printed so that his 'good name was no longer in jeopardy'. Dennis also got a gem of a letter from the Planning & Transportation Dept. referring to the 30mph limits being enforceable by virtue of the Street Lighting. (It's FOOTWAY Lighting), claiming that the restriction was illegal in Bush Heath Lane, because the sign was positioned beyond the last street light, and to remedy the situation the County would be obliged if the PC would arrange for the erection of a further street light in line with the sign! Sharon Hancock suggested the County be asked to clarify the Law for if the existence of lights created a 30mph limit, then Deppers Bridge should have one, and the County and Police had consistently refused this.

County Councillor Mrs. Bidwell reported that Mr Herbert had furnished her with a plan of the improvements to the barriers round the Quarries.



John Moore complained that sacks put out on the roadway by dustmen were being wrenched open by the turbulence of passing cars and refuse was strewn about. Mr. Harkell agreed to bring this to the attention of the relevant District Council Committee. Marjorie King reported that the stiles on the footpath from Temple End to Beggars Lane had disappeared or were dangerous. Iory Davies will investigate getting them repaired.

Remedial action will be taken on the Manor Orchard Play Area wall. The Cricket Club can remove the netting surrounding the defunct Cricket Practice strip at the Playing Fields. The Pony Show can take place on June 21st. Councillors agreed to allow the Tennis Club to erect a notice board at the Courts and were distressed to learn that a resident who demonstrated with a ghetto-blaster playing child at the Play Area had been subjected to abuse. They agreed to ask the Environmental Health Officer for advice on the abatement of noise nuisance.

Dave Andrews championed the cause of Harbury Ladies Netball Team who are currently building a Court on the Parish's Playing Fields. The court will be the property of the PC, and it was agreed it would be acceptable for the Council to settle the bill for the tarmacadamming and be reimbursed by the Netball Club when the Grant is paid by the Sports Council, and the loan is granted them by the District Council. Part of the soil will be used to construct an earth mound round the Court to protect it from vehicles and to form a viewing area.

The Pillar Box has been erected on the Old New Inn Green but it's not the traditional type, it looks like an unexploded bomb and there have been numerous complaints about it.

There is to be an appeal on the refusal of permission for two houses at the old Sewerage Pumping station in Mill St. Permission has been granted for extensions at 15 Farm Street, 1 & 2 Church Terrace, and there was no objection to the reconstruction of a garage at 37 Deppers Bridge. Cllr. James Turner sent word explaining how the Courier had mistaken the

amount of money spent on the Drinkwater Close bungalow (£26,000) for the number of houses to be built in Harbury.

PC Percival reported he had put in a detailed report on the running of the Tip at Ufton Hill Farm and the state of the B4452. The police sent word that the landfill site had no wheel-cleaning facilities in contravention of the site conditions but wheel scrubbers had been installed. County Councillor Mrs. Bidwell said that when the Planning Sub-Committee visited the site it appeared well run, but some of the lorries were not using the cleaning facilities properly. The police also pointed out that the lorries using the Tip were carving up the verge and spreading mud about. They wanted the County Council to enforce the conditions of the Planning Permission, one of which states that tipping should cease in very inclement weather!

District Councillor Harkell had brought to the meeting County Councillor Williams who explained that he belonged to a group of Councillors deliberating on the issuing of a licence to tip Asbestos at Ufton Hill Farm. He was anxious that the County retained control over what happened on the site, and said there were no good planning grounds for rejecting the application. There would be two new inspectors available and he could guarantee the site would be visited by them at least once a week. He would not be in favour of anything other than 'inert waste' being tipped at the site but 'the floodgates were opened' when the tip was first allowed. Iory Davies expressed no confidence in the fact that the tip was functioning at present. Lorries weren't cleaned, and if there was more traffic and noxious wastes the problem could only get worse.

County Cllr. Patricia Bidwell made an impassioned plea for the rejection of the application. If Mr. Ma had asked for asbestos tipping in the first place or even builders rubble the County would have refused him. If there were not good planning grounds for a refusal 'THERE OUGHT TO BE' she said.

Keith Thompson, Chairman, agreed with her that the whole weight of local opinion was against the tipping



of asbestos. Sharon Hancock said that if the Cllrs. thought it was wrong for asbestos to be tipped there, then they should say so. They should not be intimidated by the fear of an Appeal and Dave Andrews agreed that they should fight right from the start. Cllr. Williams pronounced himself satisfied with the useful airing of views that had resulted from his visit to Harbury.

The Parish Council has ordered a copy of the new Domesday Book for Warwickshire for the village. The Harbury Charities and the PTA will contribute to its cost. The book will be lodged at the School for all to consult and will probably be transferred to the Library for the long summer holiday.

L.R.

### HARBURY SOCIETY

Tim Millington gave the Chairman's report at the AGM. The Committee had discussed the Motorway Service Area at Barn Hill, Chesterton. He asked for Society support for the decision not to oppose, but to seek assurances on suitable materials and styles. The Secretary reported on a range of problems including the future of the Paddock and the Ufton Tip. Linda announced an Environmental Week Walk on April 26th and other events for the summer. John Lapraik gave the Treasurer's report.

The AGM was followed by a talk by Nick Palmer on the emergency archeological dig at the abandoned town of Chipping (Burton) Dassett. He gave details of the excavation of a town which was once the third largest in Warwickshire.

L.R.

### One World Link With Bo, Sierra Leone

As many readers will recall, the Leamington area is linked with Bo, a province of the very poor Western Africa Country Sierra Leone. Some of us are in contact with Johannes Mallah, a teacher who is trying to improve facilities in his home village, and money was sent out from a collection made by members of our

Church congregation. I recently received a letter from Johannes (communications are often difficult and unreliable) and an extract is printed below:

'Please allow me to express my heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to the Church and the people of Harbury who were so generous to send £86.87 to my people in Marijama. When I got the money I arranged with Peter Pool, the British Council Maths teacher at the college here to accompany me to the village so that I could present it and explain its purpose. Unfortunately we couldn't make it for two reasons: the fuel shortage which was acute and a broken culvert on the road. Nevertheless I went there with my family for Christmas. I made the presentation and they were quite happy and grateful and asked that I should take their pictures and send them with a thank you letter but I was quite unable to borrow a camera. The priority areas for the village are toilets, wells, a community hall, and a school. We got estimates for the erection of 3 toilets at strategic points in the village, each with 4 compartments. It came to £600. We also got estimates for 3 wells with pulleys - £400. The pit diggers have been given an advance to start the work.

The people have asked me to write and tell you, and plead with you for more help. They hope to receive a visit from one of you. I hope your people will warm up to the link because the expectations of my people are quite high. Please extend my best wishes to all friends in Harbury. Yours, Johannes

Coffee Morning - Bring and Buy in aid of the Wells & Toilets for Johanne's village will be held on April 29th at Haze Brook, The Pound, 10.30am onwards.

#### APRIL IN THE GARDEN

Spring is officially here. I hope it's got the message! Cut back winter Jasmine branches by two thirds, lightly shear winter heathers. Protect budding pear trees from frost, by covering them with netting.

Complete sowing of hardy or half-hardy Annuals. Move previously sown or pricked out seedlings into cold frame as weather warms up.



Increase watering for houseplants and feed regularly. Before giving the lawn its first cut, treat it with Lawn Sand to kill moss and flat weeds. Sow under glass, celery, ridge cucumbers, savoy cabbage and sweetcorn. Sow outside onion sets, leeks, peas, early lettuce. Start feeding your pond fish. If you have unwanted frog spawn in your pool let me know. W.A.R.N.A.C.T. will be delighted to have it. Phone 612365.

E.D.Z.

### HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At the last meeting, Mr. Anthony Davies from Luddington gave an excellent illustrated talk on vegetable growing. He was entertaining and informative.

On April 7th at the Wight School (8pm) we welcome Mr. Jones from Leek Wootton to talk about Delphiniums and on 5th May, Mr. Thacker on garden planning. A visit has been planned to the Henry Doubleday Trust gardens at Ryton on 16th June arriving at about 10.45am. Anyone interested, please contact Mrs. Zonik (612365). Entry fee is £1 (OAP 50p) and there will be a guided tour and facilities for lunch. Shared transport will be arranged.

Plans are also well in hand for the Walkabout on 11th July. If you are willing to open your garden, please contact Mr. Bristow (612941) by 27th April. Gardens not previously open are particularly welcome. You do not have to be a member of the Society. As usual teas, refreshments and ice creams will be available. We need more volunteers to offer these facilities or to help out with the catering. Please flock to let Mr. Bristow know if you can help.

B.A.R.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

My sincere thanks to all my friends and neighbours for their prayers and support during George's hospitalisation and your expressions of sympathy since his death.

Thank you to my neighbours for the beautiful flowers, and to all of you who have generously donated to Myton Hamlet Hospice.

God Bless you all for your continuing love and support.

Nadine Brown

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In reply to the nice letter in the February edition of the Harbury News we say thank you to Janet Thornley in return. The reason we tried so hard to get through the snow, was because Harbury is worth the struggle to get into. The people make it all worthwhile.

We would like to thank everyone concerned with the 'Harbury Theatre Group' pantomime 'Pinocchio', the producers, Mr. Burford, the dancers, ladies and gentlemen behind the scenes. Congratulations to Kathryn Percival and all the cast, they were fantastic. I would love a Fairy Godmother like Beryl Checkley and a conscience like James Stringer. I think Harbury is very lucky with all the entertainments available to them. Thank you all. Roll on the next production.

E. Lindop

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Dear Editors,

I would like to say thank you to all those who sent me flowers, cards and get well wishes during my recent spell in hospital. They were much appreciated.

Many thanks also to everyone who has taken the time to visit me, in hospital and at home, helping to make my convalescence so much more enjoyable.

I am pleased to say I am making a speedy recovery and will soon be back in action.

Once again, many thanks,

Barbara Andrews



HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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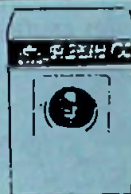
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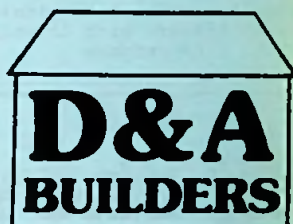
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