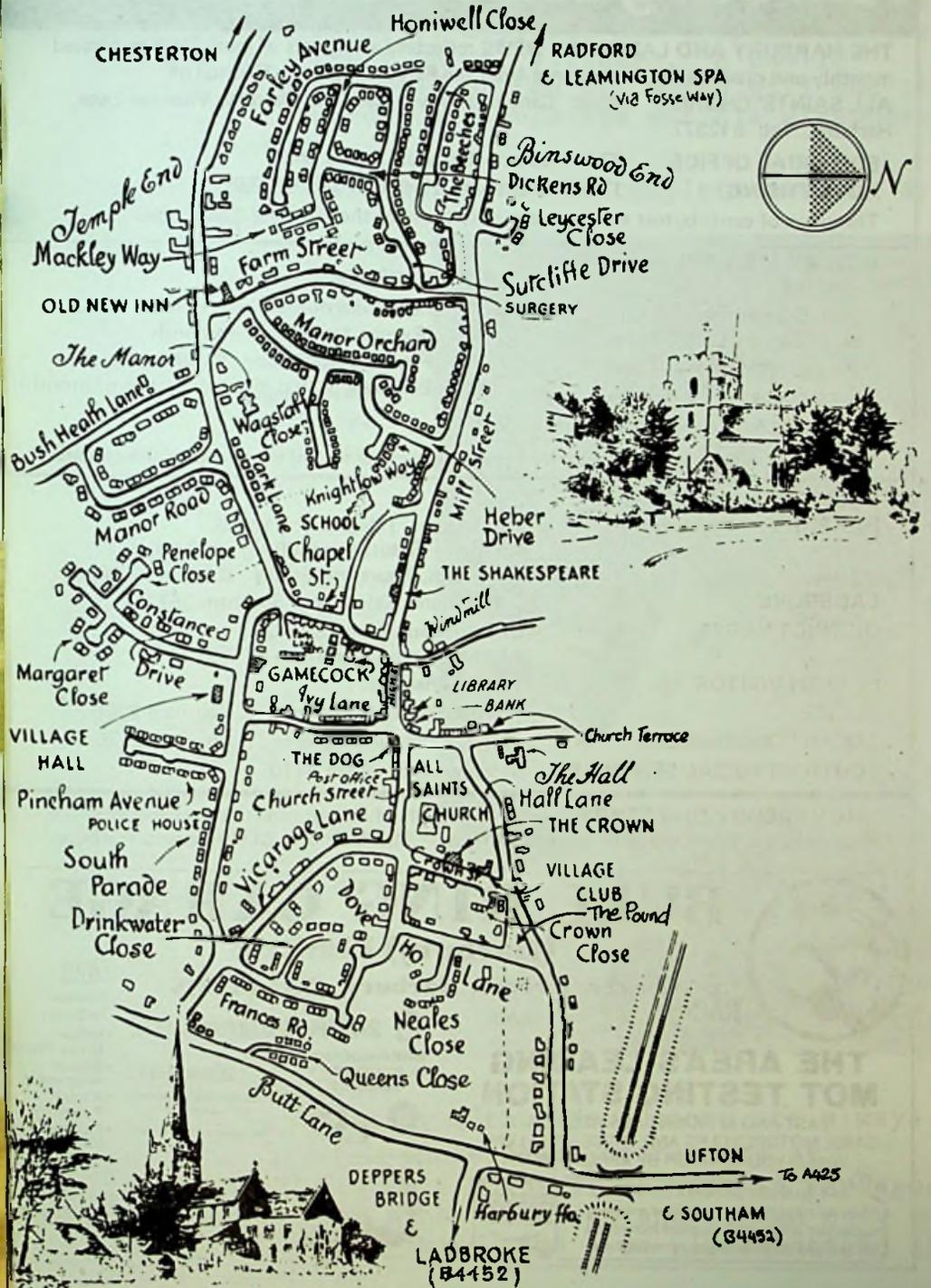


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## SUNDAY SERVICES

### 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)

Please see notice board in Church for weekday services or revised times on special occasions.

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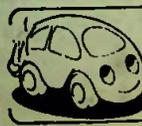
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FEBRUARY 1988

The proposed major housing development on the cement works ground will, if approved and completed, have a significant effect on our villages. A public meeting is to be held on Feb 8th which will put the proposals forward - see separate article elsewhere in this issue.

The Winter season would not be complete without a 'Snow Picture'.

Hopefully this will be the only one of the year! Ricki Neill and his friend look rather more pleased with it all than those of us who had to slither about on the stuff!

Meanwhile snow-drops & polyanthus struggle to flower in the rain and the birds are somewhat mystified as to whether the moment for nest building is here.

The Village Hall seems to have blood-sucking as its February theme - after the Theatre Group's 'Passion of Dracula' the Blood Trans-

fusion service are visiting on February 17th. New donors are always urgently needed - those heart operations at Birmingham Children's Hospital so much in the news often need 20-30 pints of blood and it can only be stored for a very short time - so please attend if you possibly can.



Harbury's dogs it seems are not making visits from Buckinghamshire attractive (see the letters section) — Any information as to how they manage these matters there would be welcome!

### HARBURY DIARY

#### FEBRUARY 1988

- Sat 6th "The Passion of Dracula" Village Hall 8pm  
Sun 7th EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER 9am Sung Eucharist  
11.30am Family Service and Adventurers  
6.30pm Evensong
- Mon 8th Praise & Prayer at 15 Pineham Avenue  
Public Meeting & Exhibition of plans for Cement  
Works Development at Bishops Itchington Combined  
School 7.30pm  
N.W.R. "Musical Appreciation" at Margaret  
Sherrington's home
- Tues 9th Harbury Friends 8pm at the School  
Village Hall Cttee 8pm Village Hall
- Wed 10th Men's Society Annual Dinner  
NSPCC Valentine Coffee Morning & Cake Bring & Buy  
10.30 - 12 noon 17 South Parade
- Thurs 11th Thursday Club 2.30pm Village Hall  
W.I. 7.45pm Village Hall. Lt Bill Davies (RN)  
'A Sailor's Yarn'
- Fri 12th Prayer for persecuted Christians 8pm 5 Church St.  
Under 12's Disco Village Hall 6.30-9pm (see V. Hall  
article)  
Youth Club VALENTINE DISCO at Rugby Club 8-11pm (N  
BAR!)
- Sat 13th Scouts Support Committee Beer & Skittles 4-7pm & 8  
School Half Term Starts
- Sun 14th SEVENTH BEFORE EASTER 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am  
Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong  
Free Church Service 2.30pm All Saint's Church
- Mon 15th Word of God 8pm 26 Manor Orchard  
Praise & Prayer, Lullington Lodge
- Tues 16th SHROVE TUESDAY
- Wed 17th ASH WEDNESDAY 9.45am Holy Communion, Julian Meetin  
7.30pm, Sung Eucharist 8pm  
BLOOD DONORS Village Hall
- Thurs 18th Whist Village Hall 7.45pm
- Fri 19th N.W.R. Winter Social - Skittles Evening
- Sat 20th Village Hall Cttee Under 12's Disco 6.30-9pm V. Hall

- Sun 21st LENT I 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist  
SCOUT NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
- Mon 22nd Praise & Prayer Hesse Cottage  
School Resumes
- Tues 23rd Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Harbury Society meeting 8pm Wight School  
Lenten Course 'Who on Earth are you?' Introductory  
meeting in Church 8.15pm
- Wed 24th Harbury School Service 9.30am  
Southam School PTA Talk 'In a Suburban Garden' 8pm
- Thurs 25th Thursday Club 2.30pm Village Hall  
Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall  
NWR Coffee A.M. 10.30 Sue Wardle's Home
- Fri 26th PTA 'Quiz & Chips' 7pm Harbury School
- Sat 27th W.I. Dance Village Hall
- Sun 28th LENT II 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist  
6.30pm Evensong  
LAST DAY FOR ARTICLES FOR MARCH ISSUE H&L NEWS
- Mon 29th Word of God 8pm 63 Mill Street  
Praise & Prayer 11 Constance Drive

MARCH

- Tues 1st ST DAVID PATRON OF WALES Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Mothers & Toddlers Service 2.15pm  
Horticultural Society 8pm Wight School 'Lupins'  
Book Group 'English Journey' J B Priestley, venue  
Singleton Dovehouse Lane
- Wed 2nd M.U. Lent Service 2.15pm Church, preacher Rev'd  
Trevor Sykes
- Thurs 3rd Folk Club 8.30pm Old New Inn  
Village Hall Whist 7.30pm V. Hall  
Men's Society 7.45pm Rylands Dovehouse Lane
- Sat 5th Craft Circle Village Hall 10am - 5pm  
Youth Club Disco Village Hall
- Mon 7th 'Sandow Clowns' 2.30pm-6pm Village Hall  
Praise & Prayer 12 Park Lane
- Tues 8th Harbury Friends 8pm School
- Thurs 10th Thursday Club 2.30pm Village Hall  
W.I. 7.45pm V. Hall 'Baking the Old Fashioned W:  
Mr Adrian Flint
- Fri 11th Prayer for persecuted Christians 8pm 5 Church St
- Sat 12th Village Hall Nearly New Sale V. Hall pm  
Dr John Hancock Slide Show Village Hall 8pm  
'My Expedition to the Karakorum Mountains'

LINDA RIDGLEY - Telephone 612792  
For Village Hall Bookings, ring Mrs. Hughes 612716  
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

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.  
HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS, Wight School 8pm  
Wednesdays.  
I.I., Village Hall, 2nd Thursdays, 7.45pm.  
POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20pm - 3.30pm every Friday.  
CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.  
KARATE CLASSES, Village Hall 7pm every Friday.  
BELLRINGING PRACTICE in Church 7.30pm every Friday.

## FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

Evensong for the last year or so has generally afforded the Rector the opportunity to exercise his considerable talent as a pianist - not from choice of course. Good News - we are once again to have regular organ music at evensong thanks to Gordon Haynes who has agreed to be our Sunday evening organist. We are very grateful to him and look forward to the benefit of his expertise. Do come and support this welcome addition to our Evensong Worship.

Those of us who were able to attend the installation at Coventry Cathedral of Canon John Petty as provost were privileged to take part in a remarkable service of worship, pageantry and sincerity, and to hear for the first time Canon Petty preach. I am sure he will be a great help to Bishop Simon and we will be hearing much more of him! Perhaps the most significant testimony to the regard in which Canon Petty is held was the large number of his parishioners who attended from his previous parish at Hurst, Ashton-under-Lyne.

"The Business of Good Government" produced by Mary Shelley and performed on Jan 8th was very well received by a large audience and we are indebted to Mary and all who took part or assisted - see separate report.

Nan and Derrick Thomas are off to Wales this month to their new home. We wish them every happiness there.

J.B.M.

## FROM THE RECTOR

At one time many people observed Lent very thoroughly. It was recognised as a period of fasting and abstinence, a period of sustained effort in spiritual matters, when prayers, worship and reading were taken more seriously. But in an age when we are constantly tempted to indulge ourselves and forever to be searching for something better and more desirable, more comfortable and easier, the things associated with Lent seem unattractive and rather demanding. Often reference to Lent conjures up the question 'What are you giving up?' and nowadays the quick answer is - 'Well I don't really see there

much point in giving up things'. In fact this rather negative idea of 'giving up' is quite inadequate. It offers us an opportunity, in a few short weeks, to become more positive about our Christian profession. Sensing that fasting and abstinence is beneficial to us as a matter of health, but it has also a spiritual dimension to it. We prove that we are in control of our bodies and are not subject to every little whim and fancy which present themselves and every temptation modern life places before us. Moreover we align ourselves with Our Lord, who frequently thought it necessary to set himself this discipline. Then, surely not one of us is satisfied with the extent to which we come to worship. It is so easy to have a rule of Life, which is never examined or revised. Perhaps the fact that we are there at church every Sunday without fail is insufficient and does not allow adequate spiritual development. The commitment to come to a weekday service indefinitely might be unreasonably difficult but it might be managed for a limited duration and could be tremendously rewarding. Maybe we make sure that Bible reading is not neglected and each day set aside a time to read a section of scripture in an orderly fashion, but religious books abound nowadays and are easily obtainable and to take up some additional reading during Lent is very worthwhile (there are, of course, plenty of paperbacks in Church for anyone to borrow). Apart from what I have mentioned so far there remains the important need for us all during Lent, to be even more faithful about our prayers. Time and time again in the Gospel we read of Jesus at prayer and we must realise the importance he placed upon praying. If we would hope to be followers of his, it makes sense to follow whenever we can, his example.

I would not presume to lay down for anyone how they should go about keeping Lent. All I would urge upon you is consider what I have said, note what is listed below and take the opportunities Lent offers to every one to grow in faith and in love for Our Lord.

ANTONY ROWE

LENT 1988

House Group Course

The Church Army during Quest '87 advised us to have

go at the Lent Course this year entitled 'Who on earth are you?' The introductory meeting about this is to take place in church

- a) at Ladbroke on Monday 22nd Feb at 7pm
  - b) at Harbury on Tuesday 23rd Feb at 8.15pm
- Both churches will be well heated.

Lent Course at All Saints' Leamington Spa

A Course on 'Spirituality and Prayer' each Wednesday at 7.45pm.

February 24th	Cardinal Basil Hume
March 2nd	Bishop Stephen Verney
March 9th	The Rev Philip Seddon (principal lecturer in Biblical Studies at Selly Oak)
March 16th	Canon Prof William M Merchant
March 23rd	Bishop Mervyn Stockwood

(If you have any problem about getting to Leamington ring the Rector (612377) and he will arrange transport for you there and back)

Apart from the Sunday services, please remember the times of Holy Communion as follows:

Tuesday at Harbury	7.30pm
Wednesday at Ladbroke	10.30am
Thursday at Harbury	9.45am
Friday at Harbury	12 noon (for Lent only)**

and on Ash Wednesday and Saints Days as advertised in the Calendar dates.

\*\* A simple Lent Lunch will be available after this service.

Lenten Giving

Lenten Boxes are available this year: at Harbury for the work of the Church Army at Ladbroke for the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

The Book of Common Prayer

There are some people who still prefer the Book of Common Prayer services to the Alternative Service Book. Many have grown used to the Rite 'A' and the Rite 'B' Liturgy but in deference to those who appreciate the style and language of the older book we have invariably used the 1662 version for

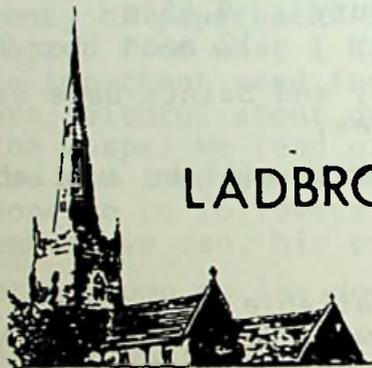
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 Evensong. As Ladbroke usually only have Evensong once a month, for some time now the Book of Common Prayer is occasionally used for Holy Communion as well and this is noted on the monthly calendar with the letters 'B.C.P' after the service entry. It is though possible that some at Harbury would also like to have the Communion from this Rite from time to time and to meet this desire, from March, the service at 8am will once a month be from the Book of Common Prayer. To signify which Sunday this is to happen 'B.C.P.' will appear by the service entry in the calendar as is done by Ladbroke.

### Gifts

We gratefully acknowledge gifts amounting to £50 in memory of the late Mr James Clarke. The money will be placed in the special account set aside for the new Church Room and Toilets.

### Funeral

Thursday 7th January	BERNARD JOHN PARKER Brige Lane, Ladbroke 82 yrs
Monday 11th January	INA MAY SOUTHAM 48 Frances Rd Harbury 70 yrs



## LADBROKE NEWS

### FEBRUARY DIARY

Sun	7th	8th Sunday before Easter	10.30am Family Communion
Wed	10th	10.30am Holy Communion	2.30pm Women's Fellowship at the Old Rectory
Sun	14th	7th before Easter	9am Holy Communion with Hymns (BC)
Wed	17th	Ash Wednesday	10.30am Holy Communion 7pm Holy Communion with Hymns
Thurs	18th	PARISH COUNCIL	7.45pm

- Fri 19th St Valentine's Disco, V Hall 8.30pm to late
- Sun 21st Lent I 9am Holy Communion with Hymns, 10.30am  
Children's Church, 3.30pm Evensong
- Mon 22nd 7pm Lenten Course "Who on Earth are You?"  
Introductory Meeting in Church  
W.I. Skittles Evening 7.30pm Bowling Green Pub  
Southam
- Tues 23rd WHIST DRIVE V. Hall in aid of Church Restoration  
Fund
- Wed 24th 10.30am Holy Communion (Women's Fellowship  
Corporate Communion)
- Thurs 25th W.I. Speaker Eleanor Zonik - subject "Nowt so  
Queer as Folk"
- Sun 28th Lent II 9am Holy Communion with Hymns

MARCH

- Wed 2nd St David, Patron of Wales 10.30am Holy Communion
- Church Flower Rota  
 Feb 7th Mrs Clews: Feb 14th Mrs Wright: (no flowers in Lent)

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting in January started with a short service in church taken by the Rector. He read two poems about Epiphany by W A Auden and Evelyn Waugh during the service. Afterwards we went to the home of Nancy Stubbs for refreshments and a short meeting. It was decided to keep the subscription at fl. Ideas for speakers for the coming year were suggested. We would welcome anyone who would like to join us on the second Wednesday at 2.30pm each month.

Our next meeting is on 10th February at The Old Rectory - the home of Gwladys Gould when we are looking forward to meeting Juliet Bailey who will talk on Conservation.

NANCY STUBBS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Committee was both delighted and touched by the legacy of £250 from the estate of Mr Bernard Parker. This was a typical kindly act from a gentleman who will be sadly missed.

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St. Valentine's Celebration - Sounds of the 60's  
Disco in the Village Hall on Friday 19th February -  
8.30pm to late. Licensed Bar. Snacks available.  
Tickets £2 from Committee members.

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

A busy programme of events was discussed for Spring by the committee on 21st January at Mrs Jill Norgate's home: the first being a "Scrabble Evening" on 4th February. Next is a "Skittles Evening" at the Bowl Green Pub in Southam on 22nd February at 7.30pm. If you are interested but haven't put your name down, along anyway to give your support.

The January meeting was a trip to the Priory Theatre Kenilworth to see "The Haunted Through Lounge and Recessed Dining Nook at Farndale Castle" by the Farndale Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society. 18 members enjoyed the hilarious 'spoof' and tucked into a generous buffet supper in the foyer afterwards.

A talk entitled "Nowt So Queer As Folk" by Eleanor Zonik is our February meeting entertainment on 25th. She is an accomplished speaker who has entertained members in the past.

Dates for the future are:

- 21st March - Spring Council Meeting at Royal Spa Centre - speakers David Shepherd Wild Life Artist & Pauline Brown, Principal Denman College.
- 27th April - A Burton Group Fashion Show at Chesford Grange Tickets £4 (proceeds to W.I. County Funds)
- 23rd May - Trip to Bodnant Gardens, N Wales. Tickets £6.50 Coach 8am from L'Spa. Places may still be available if you ring Gwladys Gould.

GLENYS HALLAM

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Mrs Pearl Edwards is organising a Whist Drive in the Village Hall on the 23rd February. All proceeds will go to the Church Restoration Fund.

Sincere thanks are due to Mr Geoff Timms for singlehandedly planting £50 worth of bulbs at the entrances into the village; if this mild weather continues, it shouldn't be long before we see the fruits of his labours.

#### PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The campaign for weight restriction limit on the road to Deppers Bridge is underway. In order to put their case forward the Parish Council need to be informed of the type of large vehicles using this road e.g. high sided, tippers etc; the names of firms involved and the loads they are carrying also need to be noted. Please report any sightings except for farm vehicles, as it is feared this road will be even more widely used with the planned expansion of Bishops Itchington.

The Post Office have agreed to re-site the village Post Box outside the new shop and it has been suggested that it would be nice to keep the old box rather than have the latest design.

The Ramblers Association originally objected to the change in the position of the footpath, and the new gate at the junction of Windmill Lane and the Bypass, because they thought that the footpath would not be continued on the far side of the Bypass. They are now satisfied with the proposed arrangement so the procedure to make a gate in the Bypass fence will now go ahead. It was felt that the new footpath to the church had not been finished off satisfactorily as infilling and tidying were needed and it was hoped this would be completed before the end of January.

The Parish Council has been asked to deliver and collect a questionnaire in connection with the South Warwickshire Rural Settlement Policy. This is to be a very important survey and it is hoped that the questionnaires will be taken very seriously. More details will be announced in the near future.

It was felt that the chevron and dangerous bends signs on the bend by the entrance to Ladbroke House are now rather excessive and it was thought that perhaps some of them could be re-sited at the other

12.  
exit onto the Bypass by Bell Vue Cottages, where the screeching of brakes is often to be heard.

The Council were informed that if anyone in Ladbroke wishes to oppose the proposed closure of Warneford Hospital they should write Freepost to C. H. C. 38 High Street, Warwick CV34 4BR

Next Meeting: Thursday 18th February 7.45pm

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Finally for this month, it's goodbye to Ron & Anne Smith of Altwood Cottage who are leaving Ladbroke to start a new venture in the Lake District. They have both actively supported all the village events, particularly those in the Village Hall and they will certainly be missed.

KATE LIVERTON

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### SUNDAY COMMUNION

If there are any elderly or sick Roman Catholics living in Harbury, who are unable to get to Mass, but who would like to receive Communion on Sundays, then Father Smith from Southam Parish has made arrangements for this to be possible. For further details please contact David or Jill Winter at 19 Farm Street (61258)

### P.T.A.

At last our Scribe emerges from hibernation to welcome you all to 1988. By now you should have received your P.T.A. Calendar and on the back page you will find a list of Committee Members for this year.

Our first P.T.A. event this term is a rerun of last year's "Quiz and Chips" though not the same questions! All the family are welcome Date Friday 26th February 7pm at the School.

We also have plans underway to sell sweatshirts and Jogging Suits with the School Motif printed on them, (children's & adults sizes). Further information will be coming from School soon.

Saturday 19th March will see the Jumble Sale and

Popular White Elephant Stall at the School. Your donations will be very welcome nearer the time.

Looking forward to support from you all for a successful year ahead, thank you.

JOHN BLACK

### SOUTHAM SCHOOL SKI TRIP - LES DEUX ALPS 88

The new resort had been chosen for the 88 ski trip, which is an annual event in the school calendar. In previous years Austria had been the trips host, however this year we went to Les deux Alps in France. We left school on the 11th January at 4.30am and before we knew it we were eating breakfast on the Britannia flight from Luton to Lyons. When we arrived in France it was raining, however it did not prevent us from enjoying the scenic coach ride through Grenoble and up into the French Alps.

When we arrived at our hotel - Hotel Aster, we could see the snow high up on the mountains, but none in the village. This was disappointing, especially for the beginners as it meant the nursery slopes would be very poor. However, our first day's ski - was far from disappointing. The ski-ing got better throughout the week. Fortunately there was only one casualty and no broken bones.

Ski-ing wasn't the only activity in the week - we also had a go a poly-bag sledging, eating crepes, Forfeit Fondue and a fancy dress disco, where Emma Finch had a very novel idea and won first prize.

The wonderful weather and the superb ski-ing was bound to make the holiday a success. However there would not have been a ski trip without Mr Savage, Mr Fearn, Mr Brown and Mrs Easom. I'm sure I speak on behalf of all the pupils when I say thank you to all of them for such a memorable holiday.

JANE HANCOCK

### SOUTHAM SCHOOL P.T.A.

The Committee have decided after consultation with the School that our efforts this year will be devoted to raising funds to replace the stage lighting, which has now been deemed too unsafe to use!

Our next event is a gardening evening presented by Clows Garden Centre at 8pm on the 24th February in the School Hall. Tickets at £1 (including coffee and biscuits) can be purchased from school or on the door.

Tickets will soon be available for the Annual Spring Dance with the Likely Lads on Friday 11th March, and don't forget the Fun Run on Sunday 8th May.

SHARON HANCOCK

### HARBURY SCOUTS AND GUIDES SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Thanks to all who contributed in any way to our Jumble Sale on January 16th. The net proceeds were £130 and will be put into funds for the purchase of additional camping equipment for the group.

A reminder that the Skittles event will be held on Saturday 13th February. An early session for the younger members of scouts, guides and cubs will be held between 4pm and 7pm: the later session will be between 8pm and 12 midnight for adults and older children. There will be light refreshments for the early session and the cost per child will be 75p. The later event will cost £2 per head and will include licensed bar, raffle and supper. Tickets can be booked through me or any committee member.

The next newspaper collection will be on

SUNDAY 21st FEBRUARY

BRIAN INGRAM (612418)

### HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

1988 has begun with an explosion of ideas enthusiasm and commitment. The survey results have inspired new confidence and the new Youth Forum is setting such a dynamic pace it is hard to keep up! One of the first outings - Dry Slope Skiing - has sold out before formal printed information could be compiled! We look forward to a year of action, community work and fun for all.

### FEBRUARY DIARY

Wed 3rd Feb - Kenilworth Y.C. visiting to play Unihock.  
Football coach to visit.  
Youth Forum Meeting  
Carnival Float Meeting

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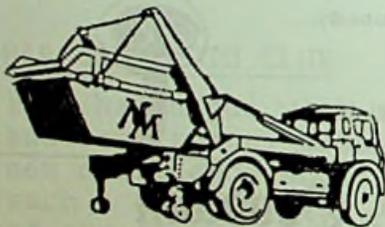
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- Mon 8th Feb - Central Area Youth Council Meeting  
at Kenilworth Youth Centre 8pm
- Wed 10th Feb - Duncans Adventure Evening at Burton  
Dassett "Wide Game", campfire, hot  
dogs, drinks, transport. Dep V. Hall  
7.45pm return 9.30pm Cost 50p  
Regular Clubnight at Village Hall
- Fri 12th Feb - VALENTINES DISCO at Rugby Club 8-11
- Wed 17th Feb - NO CLUB - Half Term Week  
Ten Pin Bowling trip dep 6.30 V.Hall  
return 9.30 approx cost £2.50(max 13)
- Wed 24th Feb - Quiznight - lighthearted fun quiz  
for members.
- Wed 2nd Mar - Clubnight  
Dry-slope skiing trip
- Sat 5th Mar - MAD MARCH HARE DISCO V. Hall 8-10.45  
75p members/£1 non-members

### YOUTH FORUM ACTION

Many projects are planned through the year, some to help the club and many to help others and the community. All ideas are from the Forum and members with each member masterminding a special project enlisting the support of all club members. Claire Critchley has set up the Comic Relief Disco for Oxfam, Duncan Williams has organised the Burton Dassett adventure evening, and with Martyn Taylor is planning a "Beat the Goalie" stall for the Carnival. Other Carnival Week activities are in the planning stages, including the Carnival Queen Disco and the float (thanks to Pat and Mr Taylor).

May we thank the Forum members for their help generally and in all the planning and events to follow and their responsible understanding of management issues.

### DISCOS

Thanks to members and Forum's willingness to take responsibility for keeping the Discos fun and trouble free, they have been fully re-instated. new card system works well. We warmly welcome to the adult team and thank him for his much

appreciated presence. May we also thank Tim Perciva for his equally warm, firm and reassuring visits. We have a record of happy trouble free discos, and will not tolerate any nonsense from one or two idiots who wish otherwise, and we are supported by the Police in this aim.

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### HARBURY & DISTRICT N.S.P.C.C.

The Committee of the N.S.P.C.C. would like to thank all those people who supported them during 1987 and helped to raise over £2000. We hope you will continue this support during 1988. Here are some dates for your diary. Valentine Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Cake stall 10th February 10.30 - 12.00 at 17 South Parade. Your Annual Fun Run will be on 7th May at 3.p.m. Dress up, down or not at all(?!!) as the fancy takes you. Wimbledon Coffee Morning followed by an Al Fresco Luncheon, 6th July. Safari Supper on 11th June. Ceilidh on 1st October and the Christmas Card Sale in October. A new event for Young League Members will be a Members Fair in the Wight School on 26th March, run by the children, with our help. The proceeds to go in the children's own boxes to help get their badges.

### N.S.P.C.C. Young League

The N.S.P.C.C. have been working since 1884 to protect children from neglect and cruelty. Nearly all the money to continue the work comes from the public; from people who feel that children deserve a better start in life. Your child can help the N.S.P.C.C. help needy and ill-treated children to a happier life by joining the Young League. They will receive a membership badge, membership card, a blue egg savings box, a newsletter twice a year, and the chance to earn a set of Blue Beggan badges. Blue egg savings boxes are distributed annually in March, and the children are then invited to a party in May for food, games and the presentation of badge.

If your child or children would like to join Young League please contact either Jenny Waggott, 612554

or Anne Greenwell, 613623. To be awarded their first badge, a child only needs to save 50p so please join soon to have the chance to come to this year's party.

S.M.I.

HARBURY HELP LINE

For confidential assistance of various kinds, either drop in a note or telephone the following people:-

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And if you would like someone to call and visit you or you are caring for an elderly or sick person and would like a little time off, contact:-

Betty Knappe, 4 Leycester Close - 612679

or Sue Dormer, 12 Park Lane - 613254

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Good wishes to Vicky Macgowan - a stalwart of Harbury & Ladbroke News - now recovering from an operation, get well soon!

HARBURY NETBELL CLUB

The 'A' and 'B' teams emerged from the changing room on January 9th after the pre-match pep talk from Captains Jean and Theresa with a glazed look in their eyes. Was this the effects of inspiration? - or lack of training over the holiday period? - or something in the drinking water?

The visiting cat from Pineham Avenue watched in disbelief. Mr Rabey was speechless in admiration .. because BOTH TEAMS WON THEIR MATCHES.

The 'A' team have not played a match since, so I can truthfully report that they have a 100% success record so far this year! The 'B' team have lost their other 3 matches played in January but always after close hard fought games. They have a squad of 12 registered players and changes in the team each week to keep everyone happy have not made for a consistent playing standard. Shirley, Vicky and Ann have been "resting" to let other team members work out a pattern, but Ann's umpiring skills are being missed. With only 9 games left in the season, a repeat of January 9th's inspiration needs to be found or the 'B' team will be heading for the next division down.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Harbury's attractive  
Carnival Queen  
Lisa Tebaldi empties  
a bottle full of money  
collected for Senior  
Citizens at the  
Shakespeare Inn.

£84.07 was raised -  
well done !

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

By the time you read this Count Dracula will have been destroyed forever and inhabitants of Harbury can once again sleep peacefully in their beds! We were very pleased to have 4 new members involved with this production, 3 acting and 1 helping backstage. We would, however, still like more new blood!!!(sorry). If you are interested please contact our Secretary Alison Hodge (Tel:612029).

Our next exciting undertaking will be a Mediaeval Banquet to be held in the Village Hall on 2nd July. This evening of good food, drink and entertainment is bound to be very popular so watch the Harbury News for details regarding ticket sales etc.

G.H.

VILLAGE HALL FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone who supported us last year and helped us to raise over £100 towards new chairs. As each chair costs about £7 we still have some way to go before we are able to renew all the hall chairs. To help boost our present total we have three more fundraising events taking place at the Village Hall in February and March. They are:-

<u>February 20th</u>	<u>Under 12's Disco</u>
6.30 - 9.00	Admission 50p
	Refreshments available

<u>March 12th</u>	<u>Nearly New Sale</u>
Afternoon: We are in need of clothes toys books etc. (in good condition please) Ring Jean Champ 613698 for collection.	

March 12th

Evening:	Dr John Hancock will give a slide show and talk entitled "My Expedition to the Karakorum Mountains". There will be cheese & wine afterwards. We hope for a good turnout for what promises to be a very enjoyable night.
8pm	

For more information about all events look out for posters around the Village or ring Jean Champ on 613698.

JEAN CHAMP

### THE NATIONAL WOMENS REGISTER

Harbury and District N.W.R. is the local group of this national organisation, which provides a forum for women to meet to discuss anything but the kitchen sink!

We meet monthly in members' homes, and over the next few months our programme includes a talk by the Samaritans, a skittles evening, "It'll be alright on the night", "musical appreciation" and monthly coffee mornings.

If you are interested in joining us then please phone Anne Greenwell 613623 or Angela Cook 612393.

### THE MOTHERS UNION

The March meeting will be our Lent service in Church on Wednesday 2nd March at 2.15pm. The preacher will be the Rev'd Trevor Sykes Vicar of Ryton-on-Dunsmore & Bubbenhall - which is one of our linked parishes, so it will be a particular pleasure to welcome him. Following the service there will be a few minutes of business to hear reports from Diocesan Council and the Deanery Committee. I look forward to seeing you then.

ESMÉ CHURCHILL

### HARBURY W.I.

Our first meeting in 1988 was very well attended. After the business we were given a demonstration of Scottish dancing by 8 talented dancers 4 of them from Harbury. After demonstrating several different types of dance all members were invited to 'have a go'! What fun we had although I'm sure very few of us are light enough on our feet to make "Scottish dancers"!!!

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Jean Cowan and the raffle was won by Mrs Nancy Davies.

On January 28th a group of members visited Kenilworth Priory Theatre where we were entertained by  
 the Avenue Townswomens Guild Dramatic Society

followed by a buffet supper.

Our next meeting on Feb 11th will be "A Sailor's Yarn" by Lt. Bill Davies.

S.G.

### WHAT DOES JAM & JERUSALEM REALLY MEAN?

The 65 Harbury W.I. members are an active cog in a big National Wheel of 350,000 members, affiliated to the International Countrywomen of the World.

We are sometimes accused of being 'all jam and Jerusalem' and why not? We make excellent jam! and still believe that cooking is a worthwhile art. Proof of this is evident at our W.I. markets, locally held at Wellesbourne and Leamington.

Jerusalem stands for our care and interest in 'England's Green and Pleasant Land'. So what part do we in Harbury play?

We speak on resolutions at our County and National Council meetings, which include important subjects affecting national and family life - the fact that every village has a phone box is a direct result of one such resolution.

At the request of Warwick Museum we recently did a survey of tombstones in local church yards. We also compiled a village scrap book which was part of a National W.I. project resulting in a modern Domesday Book; and at present are engaged in a County Competition for a village scrap book.

The level of W.I. Craft work is high, as each year at the Royal Show there is national competition involving several members from the same county contributing the crafts involved in a particular theme. When Warwickshire recently won the cup, 3 out of the 6 members were from Harbury W.I. We have also been first at County level in flower arranging and for having the best programme of speakers.

The W.I. has its own residential college near Oxford and Harbury offers an annual bursary for a member to attend the course of her choice which can range from crochet to computers and from agriculture and the arts to economics. A few of us enter for the Denman Cup which is for Creative writing.

We have a strong drama team which takes its productions round the district and has twice won the Cup in the County drama festival.

We regularly enter a float in the Carnival and last year took first prize for the best stall at the Advent fair. We also take part in the Village Quiz and the W.I. Scrabble contest. On the activity front we participate in most of the W.I. organised sports, badminton, tennis and swimming and hold ten pin bowling evenings and dart matches!

Or you can just come to meetings and listen to a good talk. We cater for all tastes. E.D.Z.

### HARBURY FOLK CLUB

The first Folk Club session in 1988, on January 7th, provided an excellent opportunity to appreciate the wealth of local talent that Harbury can boast.

The highlight of the evening was surely Mike's and Doug's performance of the "Ballad of Idwal Slabs". We have heard Mike do this monologue before but this time the story of romance and villainy, with a mountaineering theme, was graphically illustrated with an animated display, operated by Doug, lying on his back! A classic performance which we must see again soon.

While Bonas gave us the last song of Christmas 1987 - the "13 days of Christmas" from the village of Trunch I claimed to offer the first for Christmas 1988 with "Jogging along with my Reindeer". The animal kingdom was further represented by "Nigel the Nightingale" and "Kenny the Kangaroo".

The Jug Band were in a nostalgic mood with "Singing the Blues" but back to their more usual silly mood for "Shaky Pudding". In contrast, the Harvesters took us for a romantic trip down "Sweet Thames" and Gerda gave us a lovely rendering of "The Blacksmith".

I hope that's everyone - there will be a village scandal if I've missed anyone out! By the time you read this, we will have had our special Comic Relief evening on February 4th, so the next meeting is on March 3rd. Same time (8.30pm) same place (Old New Inn lounge).

PETER McDONALD

HARBURY CRAFT CIRCLE

Our Spring Fair has been arranged for Saturday 5th March (a week before Mothering Sunday). This seems a long way ahead at this moment, but will be upon us before we know it. Already, as many stalls as we had a Christmas have been taken - if you have not returned your booking form please do so immediately.

Just a few of the crafts represented which I know are old favourites are the hand carved walking stick paintings, jewellery, lingerie, toys, pottery, painted fabrics, real flower paperweights and many more. Do please put this date in your diary and come along. Morning coffee, lunches and teas, will, as before, be provided by the Village Hall Committee to whom we are most grateful.

If you have a craft which you think may not duplicate one already booked, and which you would like to sell at our fairs, please telephone me on Harbury 612603.

JANET WATTS

HARBURY SOCIETY

The recent Social at the Crown fulfilled all expectations. The food was excellent, the entertainers a refreshing change and everyone socialised, which was the whole point of the evening! Paul Elliott, a robust, bearded Irishman sang unaccompanied and, with guitar and double bass ('In the Clergy' and 'It's grand being a Vicar' went down very well) and dainty Anna Ryder sang Folk and Blues Classics to the guitar and most surprisingly played an antique French Horn!

Despite the mud we are making progress with the checking of the routes for the footpath book and I would like to thank those who have squelched their way about doing this important work. It seems that we stand no chance of Grant Aid for the publication until the new financial year in April but we are still hoping to have the book on sale by this summer

We are hoping to have a Talk on the documents held by the County Records Office for the end of February so look out for posters.

Tim Millington and I went to a Seminar at Warwick University on 'The Parish Map' which is an initia

by Common Ground to encourage villages to think more carefully about their surroundings and identify the commonplace everyday things that go to make up the character of their area. They say, rightly, that it is often quite small details that we take for granted that make our villages individual and that we only really appreciate when they are gone. So pinpoint these, map them in some way and make sure the authorities know that these are the things you love and will defend.

There were lots of exciting examples of what different groups had achieved in this line: one group of school children had produced a map of their village highlighting a leafy lane along which they had their Nature Walks and they had illustrated this by indicating it on their map with photocopies of the leaves they collected on their walks; another group of children loved their village's slide and gave this prominence on their map; the ladies of Up Lyme have made a delightful watercolour map of their area annotated with historical detail and bordered with natural history illustrations (they got a grant for the printing and have already sold a thousand copies!); the most beautiful and ambitious map is an exquisite topographic quilt of a village on the borders of the New Forest with different coloured silk for fields and hand embroidered hedge lines and appliqued trees, the whole padded to show the shape of the land - like the Bayeux Tapestry it must become a treasured historical document.

We are fortunate in Harbury to have already Joe Bamford's map which goes some way to showing what our village is and what in it we value, but there is scope for other projects should anyone feel inspired to try. I can give more details and encouragement if you want to have a go. Our village is changing and needs all the help it can get to keep its identity.

The plans for development at the Cement Works have been displayed at the Library and will go on show soon in Bishops. There is to be a public meeting there on 8th February and I would urge everyone to go. An extra three hundred houses, industry and recreational facilities is bound to have an impact on the surrounding villages and needs careful

consideration. If you want to see what can happen to sleepy villages when a motorway comes through go to the east of Reading where whole farms disappear daily and villages become swamped with suburban housing.

LINDA RIDGLEY

HARBURY GIRLS COME HOME

A return trip to their home village for sisters Mrs Frances Poupard and Mrs Gillian Falconer, who travelled in from Western Australia to stay a few weeks with their brother David and his wife at Ivy



Before marriage their maiden name was Mann, an old Harbury name. For Gillian this year will mark her 20th year in Australia for sister Frances 2 years. People of yesteryear will probably remember Frances being involved in drama before Harbury Theatre Group when productions were performed in the Wight School, the stage loaned from cement works.

Gillian served with the Police before emigrating. She hoped during her visit it would snow  
Picture shows Gillian holding a snowball with sister Frances by the original playing field swings they used when children.

'THE BUSINESS OF GOOD GOVERNMENT'

A Nativity play revolving round Herod the King and called somewhat clumsily, 'The Business of Good Government', with the continuity in the hands of an Angel imbued with human feelings as well as the gift of prophecy - this is what John Arden's play turns out to be.

Presented in Harbury Parish Church on January 8th, time-honoured scenes, angled here to comment on the internal and external affairs of an occupied country, unrolled in a way which more than justified producer Mary Shelley's choice. There was no doubt of the audience's enthralled involvement; the time passed all too quickly - what more need be said?

Keith Hayes provided a strong focal point as the king juggling desire for approval with neurotic fears. Janet Thornley's beautifully-spoken Angel expressed a wide range of emotions without ever losing authority. Joseph and Mary are not given too many opportunities in this version: all the more credit then to Brian Jones for his down to earth carpenter, and to Jacquie Page for a Mary full of grace indeed, expressing in symbolic poetical phrases her perception of suffering ahead.

The Three Wise Men and their unhurried dignity; the shepherds and their homespun humour, always enjoyed; Samantha Neill's flute; a group of other roles all well differentiate (with a lovely cameo of the farm-girl from Lorna Bedford); imaginative staging for the massacre of the Innocents; the singing of the choir and the use of the organ - these all remain in the memory and do credit to producer and players alike.

The play was preceded by arrangements of appropriate carols sung by Shirley Keir, Isobel Russell, Bryan Harrison and Clive Watts. This did more than provide a prelude: it had a competent professionalism as well as musicality.

E.M.A.

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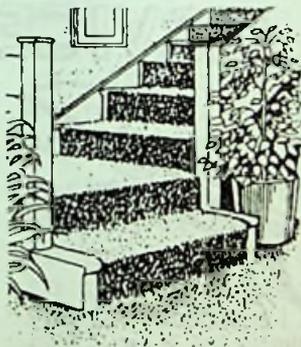
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We would like to make this an even greater village event than the Flower Festival in 1985, so we really do need all of the help we can get.

There will be a reminder of this date in the next Harbury News.

S. BURDETT (613497) B. KETTLE (613878)

### HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Your Parish Council postponed making comment on the plans for the development of the Cement Works to give everyone time to study them and attend the exhibition and the public meeting (7.30pm 8th Feb at Bishops Itchington), but they devoted less than 10 minutes to discussion on the confines of the village!

Stratford District Council gives your Parish Council the opportunity to say where it thought the limit of the built-up area of Harbury should be. The District will produce a development plan for the village showing this line and there will be a presumption against any development outside it. So the Parish Council has had its chance to say where it does and does not want new building.

Fortunately Stratford also intends that everyone should receive a questionnaire which will be used to gauge opinion on this and other matters relating to the proposed Rural Structure Plan, but Harbury Parish Councillors were not happy that they were the intended vehicle for its distribution and collection. So, unless some other way is found to get the forms to the people, Harbury may have lost this chance to have a say in its future.

Pressure on land is already growing and will accelerate as the M40 nears completion. As well as the ambitious plans for 300 homes, an industrial estate, hotel, golf course and recreational facilities on the Cement Works land, we have had an application approved for four houses with TRIPLE

GARAGES at Greenhill! The usual crop of applications to extend existing dwellings continues; 16 Honiwell Close, 10 Penelope Close, 17 Manor Orchard, 10/11 Chapel St, 45 Farm St; Mr Thwaites is to build a staff house and make alterations at Roseleigh and Hurdis Farm; Mrs Kelsall can build a house at 7 Vicarage Lane and Harbury Hall Stud can convert an old stable into accommodation. Mr Harrison's proposed new dwelling at Walnut Tree Cottage was refused as too cramped and contrived and the Parish Council objected to plans by Mr Thornicroft's son-in-law to build a bungalow with access off Darkie Lane behind the old Baker's house in Chapel Street.

Severn Trent can't get permission to build at the Pumping Station Site (the PC has told them they pollute and silt up the ditch with the overflow from the Station - they must pipe the ditch), but Dr Wilne wrote to the PC saying that it was one of the sites he was considering for the new Surgery but he insisted the spilling of sewage would have to stop.

The Doctors have been given an ultimatum by the Health Authority. They have to find bigger premises for the Main Surgery and Dr Wilne warned that with the extension of Bishops Itchington it might have to go there if nowhere in Harbury could be found. He suggested four sites including the Pumping Station. The Cllrs rejected the idea of building on Tom Hauley's land at the end of Farm Street because of the dangerous access and were not happy to see the allotments in the Paddock of Hall Lane developed but they were enthusiastic at the prospect of a surgery on the Playing Fields near the Village Hall. It could share the soon to be improved Car Park.

The Parish Council agreed to match Stratford's grant to the Village Hall for heating improvements and congratulated the Committee and Brian Ingram in particular for the professional way they had tackled the problem. Brian explained that electric storage heaters had been chosen in preference to a 'wet' Gas fired system (which was marginally cheaper because it was easier to install and trouble free

to run. Gas would have involved large tanks, the disruptive installation of yards of vulnerable piping and the remote possibility of explosion or fire.

The Parish Council accepted the contractors quote for Green mowing next year and will cut the WCC's grass at Dovehouse Lane/Vicarage Lane too. They will appoint a contractor to undertake remedial work on the trees at the Burial Grounds where the Yews especially have been damaged by the recent snow. Fifty pounds is to be sent to the Fletcher family towards the cost of marking the graves from which Curbstones were removed in accordance with the facility granted by the Diocese. Burial charges will be reviewed for April 1st and the PC re-iterate that it does not buy back burial plots.

The Zig-zags at the School seem to be doing their job but the state of the road after the STWA contractors have finished has incensed the Cllrs. They had a catalogue of complaints (noisy generator pot holes; unprotected materials heaped everywhere, pedestrians forced into the road, and a Dumper constantly driving the wrong way down Church Terrace) The contractors had managed at various times to cut off the water, the electricity and the phones, and the PC well remembered that the last STWA work (on the Mill St sewer) resulted in a lamp standard being decapitated.

There was even greater fury at the state of the road passing the Ufton Tip. Cllr Hancock wanted to know 1) when the other side of the road would be curbed? 2) did WCC really think there had been any improvement? and 3) if the wheel scrubbers at the Tip were being used? The white lines on the road were obliterated and in fog the road was a death trap. Pc Percival urged the Parish to complain to the County and Cllr Middleton said that mud and rubbish from the lorries using the Tip extended along the Southam Road as far as Ufton.

There were complaints about the poor road surface within the village where gravel from the recent top-dressing had collected in the gutters. Water was standing in many places especially along Middle Road, (John Drinkwater put this down to the demise of the lengthmen - one of his hobbyhorses), but at least

pressure from the Parish Council, Mrs Bidwell and 'inaccurate' press reporting had caused the County to change its mind about postponing work to remove water from the roadway in Deppers. Mrs Bidwell was asked to use her influence to get British Rail to repair its broken fence there. Overhanging trees and bushes will be pruned back from the street-lights. The Parish Council is to erect an additional lamp at Leycester Close but Queens Close is deemed more than adequately lit, however it might as some compensation get a footpath to Vicarage Lane.

Tim Percival, with some ceremony, announced that lamp No 82 on the B4451 (in Deppers) had now been 'out' for eighteen months!

John Moore passed on a very worrying report from Whitegates Farm that an axeman had been spotted heading towards the newly refurbished stiles on the footpath from Temple End to Beggars Lane. Marjorie King bravely volunteered to investigate this middle-aged, middle-class vandalism.

There was still no joy for Harbury's one other faithful Parish Council watcher - there was no news on the provision of Bus Passes for the elderly.

LINDA RIDGLEY

### THE CEMENT WORKS DEVELOPMENT PLAN

It has always been inevitable that the proximity of the M40 would bring changes to the area, and predictable that plans would eventually be submitted to develop the virtually derelict cement works.

The majority of the site is within Bishops Itchington but some of it is within Harbury Parish. By the time you read this some of you will have seen the exhibits in the Library of Blue Circle's plans for the site. This includes 300 plus houses, a business park and a substantial hotel and leisure complex.

A public meeting with the developers has been arranged by the Parish Councils of Bishops Itchington and Harbury on Monday February 8th at 7.30pm in Bishop Itchinton Combined School. There will be plenty of opportunity to see the plans and ask questions. This is a real opportunity to be involved at a very early stage of the project so it is hoped there will

be a good number of villagers at this meeting

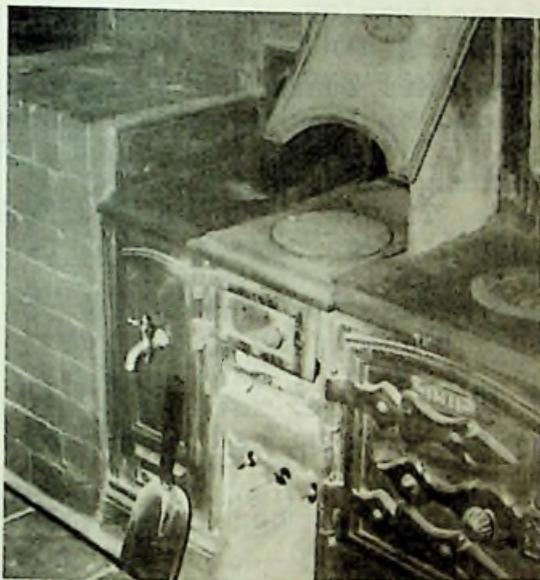
M.S.H.

### HARBURY ASSETS

During alterations to the Chemist's shop in the High Street, discovered behind a bricked up wall a unique cast iron black leaded kitchen range complete with its hot water system dated about the twenties period, being part of the original house where the Governor of the Co-op lived, until the house was built in 1936 next door. The late John Honiwell came to live there with his wife called the house "Duston" (Honiwell Close was after him). He served the Co-op, village and Harbury Church well.

Pictured below part of the unique kitchen range together with an old advertisement discovered

M.B.



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### FEBRUARY IN THE GARDEN

The wet open weather has generated a great deal of lax green growth, especially on the clematis. This should be pruned back to about two thirds, except of course Macropetela, alpina and armandii which are all early flowerers. Buddleia should be chopped back to almost ground level.

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Weeds too have enjoyed the mild weather. An all out attack on them now will save trouble later. Bare soil under roses can be sprayed with a solution of Jeyes fluid to kill off the spores of black spot.

An early sowing of parsley in a sheltered spot is worth risking. Remember to wet the ground with boiling water before sowing the seed, this does quicken germination. Parsley does especially well near roses.

It is not too early to put down slug pellets above dormant lilies and delphiniums. Keel slugs attack them below soil level. Digging of open ground should be continued as long as it is workable. Sow parsnips and summer spinach.

Peach trees should be sprayed with dithane to prevent leaf curl.

E.D.Z.

#### HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Now how it came to pass that Mrs Zonik was transmogrified into Mr Thacker and Mr Thacker metamorphosed into Mrs Zonik is a great and unresolved mystery. The programme announced at meetings and publicised in Harbury News was authentic. It was regarded as correct until about 7.45 on Tuesday 5th January at which time Mrs Zonik's astonishment at finding herself transubstantiated into Mr Thacker was marvellous to behold. Her bewilderment was shared by attentive members of the Society and readers of Harbury News. Only Mr Thacker remained unperturbed, secure in his identity and patently unaware that he had ever been Mrs Zonik.

Investigations have been carried out but it is likely that the mystery will stay unresolved. There were strange things in the air, that day: what else could explain Mr Thacker's strange misapprehension that the Chairman (your journeyman correspondent) was Rector of the Parish or something very like.

All these goings-on and off did not prevent Mr Thacker giving a scintillating talk on clematis and climbers, full of wit, wisdom and good humour.

Fingers crossed, Mrs Zonik will have talked about Herbs by the time this comes out and then, on 1st

March it will be Lupins not, as announced with Mr Jones who will be a continent or two away, but his colleague Maurice Woodfield.

Meetings this year have been well attended, but there is space for a few more members and anyone interested will be very welcome. It costs fl for the year. Of course, all existing members have paid up. Haven't they?

B.A.R.

HERE WE GO AGAIN.....

The Editors were somewhat doubtful about printing this final part of 'Old Moore's' Almanac Localised. The forecast was actually intended to be a joke - in case you had not realised it, but a burst water main in Mill Street in January has given rise to considerable concern. A further anxiety is that apparently Ian Holroyd and Les Sollis have left the country rather than get involved in further internecine struggles in the Cricket Club ...

1988 - The Future for Harbury & Ladbroke

or OLD MCORE'S ALMANAC LOCALISED (continued from last month)

OCTOBER 1988

Sewage pumping plant breaks down. Water board submit planning application for Motorway Service Station on Mill Street land on the basis that this is infilling. Accepted by District Council with proviso that it should be a Starter Service Station. Cricket Club still trying to complete fixtures under Captaincy of Ian Holroyd. Uproar at Parish Council following reports of youths cycling round the top of the Church Tower.

NOVEMBER 1988

Sewage pumping station in Mill Street does not break down. Water board submits plan to build sewage pumping station on sewage pumping station site. Supported by Parish and District Councils but rejected by Whitehall in the national interest. Residents of Ladbroke complain that village is too quiet since construction of bypass - several decide to move to Harbury in view of motorway plans

and presence of 200 rally cars still unable to find their way out of village.

DECEMBER 1988

Harbury and Ladbroke News taken to the High Court by the Government as a result of breaches of National Security in reports on Horticultural Society meeting. Senior Editor accused of being economical with the truth. Extraordinary General Meeting of Cricket Club - Les Sollis elected as Captain of newly formed second team. Crackdown on drink driving causes complaints from Harbury residents who can actually get out of their drives unimpeded by parked cars. Lack of cars on pub car parks produces flurry of planning applications for Executive Starter Homes infilling. Terrace Cottage in Harbury fetches £750,000.

OLD POSTCARDS OF HARBURY & LADBROKE



There has been an exhibition of photographs of old Harbury in the Library in the recent past. 'Hungary Harbury' also has a selection of old pictures, and some Harbury residents have good collections. It

would be interesting to print some of these in the Harbury & Ladbroke News! Mike Bloxham's picture of the High Street in snow was taken recently but there must be a number of old versions of this scene.

It would also be interesting to print photographs of old football and cricket teams or other groups.

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#### CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

Colin & Jennifer Ingram and family wish to thank all friends and neighbours for their helpful cards and letters of condolence and encouragement during a very difficult time.

Dear Editors,

I would like to register my pleasure at seeing so many of the young (and not so young) people of Harbury enjoying themselves on New Year's Eve. The atmosphere was 'carnival' and it shows what a great village we live in and what efforts will be made to enter into the spirit of things.

Some of the fancy dress costumes were superb and congratulations must go to all those whose 'hand-made' creations were so good. It is heartwarming to live in a community where everyone can enjoy themselves without causing any trouble.

Well done, yet again Harbury.

D. L. KILLIAN



Dear Editors,

I have had the pleasure of visiting your lovely village on many occasions over the past years. I do quite a deal of travelling round this lovely land and see many changes, some good some bad. Harbury, regretfully, is among the bad.

In the past you have won prizes for 'The Best Kept Village' - surely not now. It could still be one of the loveliest villages in the country but you would have to organise Bye-Laws

- a) Stop animal owners allowing their pets to foul footpaths, greens and public places, and
- b) Stop vehicle owners from parking all over the village on paths, on corners and in most dangerous places.

With regard to (a) I have seen owners stand by their dogs whilst the animal fouls the path or grass verge. Children and adults enjoy walking round the village but it is getting to be extremely dodgy.

With regard to (b) I notice that although a great number of houses have garages, very few of them are used to house cars. They are used as warehouses. In most cases the owners are contravening the Road Traffic Act.

Could not the Council, or even the H & L News start a campaign to clear up the village. A few notices around regarding dogs would be a start.

Lets hope that when I next visit your village someone has done something to make it a winner again.

Yours sincerely,  
H. B. PENNY (Aylesbury)

Dear Editors,

We noted with surprise the personal attack in January's H & L News from Mr Winnifrith jr., who is, we believe, an officer of the Liberal Party, and a resident of Leamington.

We do not think the parish magazine is an appropriate place for political propaganda, whether or not thinly disguised as a letter.

Yours sincerely,  
County Cllr. P. BIDWELL  
District Cllr. J. SHARP  
District Cllr. J. TURNER

Editors Note The Harbury & Ladbrooke News Editors printed Mr Winnifrith's letter since it contained comment and information on a matter of considerable concern - concessionary bus

fares for senior citizens - for many Harbury residents. The Editors would have been very pleased to have printed a reasoned letter in reply from the Councillors addressing the significant issue.

The Editors from time to time print letters from people who live outside Harbury & Ladbroke, but who have links with the villages or who wish to comment on some matter of concern to the villages as another item of correspondence shows.

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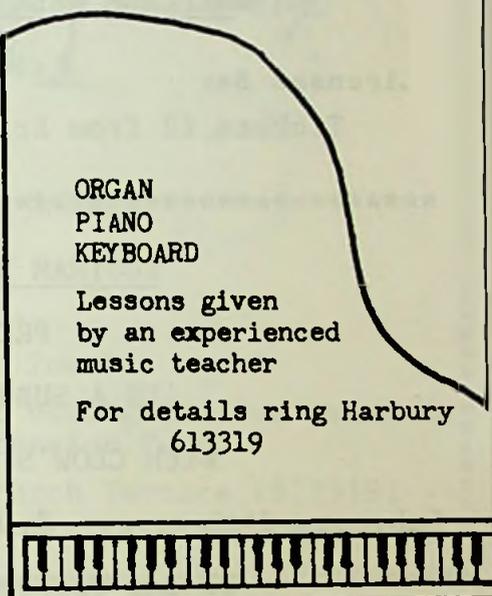
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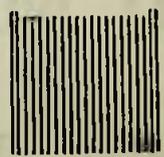


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