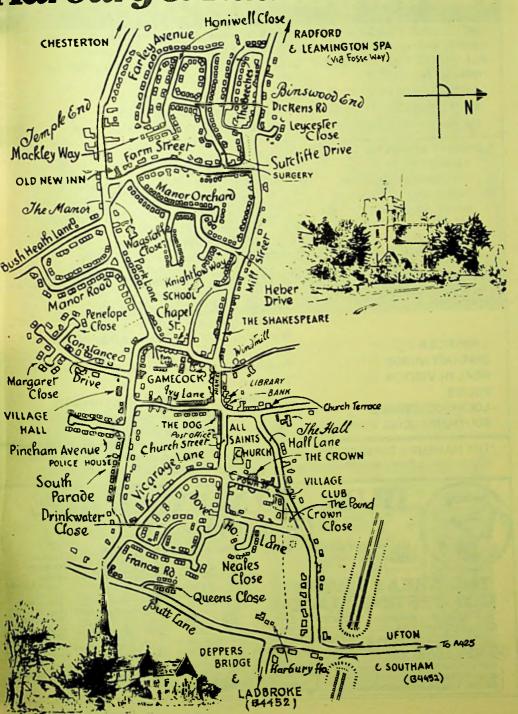
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Family Service 11.30 a.m.)

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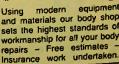


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Retirements - Doug and Mavis Powell (above) and Issa Krayem (below) both about to retire. Good wishes to them from the whole Village.



Mike Bloxham's photographs on the previous page show Doug and Mavis Powell who retire from their long service as licencees of The Dog. They will be sadly missed by their customers, since The Dog has a deserverputation amongst local people for their kindness and the warm welcome they give to all. They will not be leaving the village, since they will be living in Sutcliffe Pastures. The other photograph shows Mr Krayem who is retiring to his native Jordan from the Newsagents Shop. He also will be much missed in the Village, since he has provided a very efficient service, with great courtesy.

The Annual Meeting of the Harbury News was held successfully at the Shakespeare. We were encouraged to see a good turn out of committee and distributors, and this time, a few members of the public. The present officers are to stand for a further year. The Editors would welcome more material from Ladbroke but would contributors ensure that any material goes to Kate Liverton. Remember it is the Harbury and Ladbroke News.

Fund-raising for the Church Extension is progressing - the Quiz was well supported and we are looking forward to Harry Windsor's Car Rally in April - details in this issue.

We wish all our readers a happy Easter. With the spring weather we shall forget that it is early this year - that is unless we have an April snowfall!

# HARBURY DIARY

MARCH 1989

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5th	MOTHERING SUNDAY LENT IV 9am Sung Eucharist & 11.  Family Service with Posies presented at both Services 6.30pm Evensong 7.30pm Young Teenagers
	Crown (Cornor Cottogo)
6th	Wight School Playgroup OFFSPRING Children's Clothe Party at 41 Mill Street 7.30 - 9pm
	Prayer & Praise Hessle Cottage
7th	NWR Book Group 'Murder in the Cathedral" by T S Elliott - meeting at Paddock House, Crown St 8pm 2.15pm Mother & Toddlers Service Horticultural Society 8pm in Village Hall
	6th

8.15pm Lenten Bible Study

Wed 8th Youth Club Video Night in Farley Room with results of Matchbox Fill Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall Thurs 9th W.I. 7.45pm in Village Hall Lenten Service 8pm at Harbury - sermon John Eld Southam PTA 'Likely Lads' Dance at Southam 10th Fri School Holy Communion 12 noon followed by Lenten Lunch Film Show, Spa Centre, 7.30pm "For the Love of Birds" (story of the R.S.P.B.) "Eagles International" & "Northern Flights" (about the birds of Orkney) Harbury Theatre Group meeting 8pm Wight School Southam Ladies Circle Charity Auction at the 11th Sat Stoneythorpe Hotel viewing 10.30am Auction begins at Noon PASSION SUNDAY LENT V 8am Holy Communion, 12th Sun 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 4pm Ecumenical Service preacher Rev Graham Adams Sale of outgrown children's clothes, toys, books Mon 13th & baby equipment, Wight School 10-11.30am NWR 'Wildlife on Your Doorstep" talk with slides and a quiz by Andy Tasker of Warnact at 1 Manor Court, Wagstaffe Close Prayer & Praise 17 Farm Street Village Hall Management Committee 8pm V. Hall Tues 14th Harbury Friends 8pm School Lenten Bible Study 8.15pm Harbury Society AGM followed by Slide Show on Old Leamington by Bill Gibbons at the Wight School from 7.45pm Village Hall Nursery Playgroup Open Morning 15th Wed 9.30 - 12Youth Forum Meeting in Playgroup Room of V. Hall 8pm, Barn Dancing in Farley Room for Youth Club. Unitec training session in Main Hall Julian Meeting 8pm P.C.C. Meeting Whist 7.45pm in Village Hall Thurs 16th Lenten Service at Ladbroke 8pm - sermon Gwynneth Badman ST PATRICK'S DAY Bishop Patron Saint of Ireland 17th Fri 12 noon Holy Communion followed by Lenten Lunch

School Finishes

Conservatives Spring Drinks Party 6.30-8.30pm at 18th Sat 11 Church Tce Coffee Morning Watton's Lodge Southam Association for the Disabled PALM SUNDAY 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common 19th Sun Prayer) 10.15am Assemble at V. Hall Distribution of Palms Procession 10.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Stainer's 'The Crucifixion' led by the Windmill Singers SCOUT NEWSPAPER COLLECTION Prayer & Praise 4 Leycester Close 20th Mon Tuesday in Holy Week. 7.30pm Holy Communion 21st Tues Wednesday in Holy Week 7.30pm Holy Communion 22nd Wed NWR Coffee Morning 47 St Mary's Cl, Southam NO YOUTH CLUB MAUNDY THURSDAY 9.45am Holy Communion, 8pm Sung Thurs 23rd Eucharist, 9pm-12am The Gethsemane Watch Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall GOOD FRIDAY 9.30am 'Journey to Calvary' service Fri 24th for young people, 2-3pm At the Foot of the Cross Good Friday Meditation, 7.30pm The Way of the Cross Michel Quoist and Holy Week Music HOLY SATURDAY 7.30pm Blessing of the Paschal Sat 25th Candle and Renewal of Baptismal Vows (at Ladbroke ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN APRIL HARBURY NEWS TO EDITORS BY TODAY PLEASE EASTER DAY 8am Holy Communion 10.30am Easter Sun 26th Morning Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong EASTER MONDAY 10.30am Holy Communion at Ladbroke 27th Mon 11.15am Easter Monday Hike in the Cotswolds (meet at the Church Gate) Word of God 8pm The Spiers, Chesterton Road NO PRAYER & PRAISE MEETING TODAY Tuesday in Easter Week 9.45am Holy Communion 28th Tues BLOOD DONORS in Village Hall 12 - 8.30pm 29th Wed NO YOUTH CLUB APRIL W.I. Jumble Sale llam Village Hall Sat 1st EASTER I 9am Sung Eucharist, 11.30am Family Sun 2nd Service, 6.30pm Evensong Prayer & Praise meeting in Church 3rd Mon THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Tres 4th (transferred from March 25th) Mothers & Toddler 2.15pm School begins

DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO LINDA RIDGLEY - Telephone 612792 For Village Hall Bookings, ring Mrs. Hughes 612716 For Wight School Bookings, ring Mrs. Hayes 613488

# REGULAR DIARY DATES

ARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sundays. UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm, Mondays. SYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7pm(under 7s & beginners 7-8pm(7-10yrs) 8-9pm(over 10yrs) Mondays.

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

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm, Mondays.

BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.

roddler Group, Wight School, 10-11.30am Mondays,

& 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

DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tuesday, 12.30pm

Wednesday & Thursday.

BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening. SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tuesday & Thursday

BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.
HAREURY FRIENDS, School, 8pm, 2nd Tuesday of month. BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2-4pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 7.30-9.30pm Wednesdays.

DANCING CLÁSSES for Children & Adults, Farley Room,

Village Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays.

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS, Wight School, 8pm Wednesdays.

ROSARY & PRAYERS for Persecuted Christians,

4 Sutcliffe Drive, 10am, 3rd Thursday of month. THURSDAY CLUB, Village Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Thursday CUBS, Scout Hut, every Thursday.

W.I., Village Hall, 7.45pm, 2nd Thursdays. POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20pm - 3.30pm every Friday.

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

BELLRINGING PRACTICE in Church 7.30pm every Friday. FFEE MORNING every Saturday Wight School in aid of Church Special Fund 10 - 12.00

# FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

The New Room: progress is being made. At a meeting with the Architect, the Fabric Committee accepted his recommendation that the contract for building the new room be awarded to Leam Castle Ltd - starting this month.

How shall we pay for it? The Special Fund continues to grow thanks to the efforts and generosity of so many. We have been informed by the agents for the executors of Tom Hauley's Will that their appeal against the refusal of planning permission for Tom's land has been successful. This increases the value of the land and in compliance with the terms of Tom's Will, the executors will now offer it for sale. The net proceeds will be divided between the Coventry diocese and Harbury Church and it was Tom's wish that the Harbury share be used to build the room with toilets.

This is an exciting time for us, and will offer a wonderful opportunity for the Church to serve the Paris in many more ways. Do you feel that you would like to get involved? A warm welcome is waiting for you at any of our services.

P.C.C. CONFERENCE - The P.C.C. met at the Arthur Rank Centre, Stoneleigh for an all day conference on Saturday Feb 1lth. Many topics were discussed, mostly of course in connection with the opportunities which will be available once the new room is completed. 'Outreach' in a number of ways was a major theme and ne which we should all become involved.

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B.C. & J.B.M.

# HURCH FLOWER FRIENDS

If you are a supporter of the Church Flower Fund (and even if you have never quite got round to it, why not start now?) perhaps you would like to help to top up the fund, which is flagging a little after the Christmas expenses.

Any donation however small will be welcome. Please take an envelope from the back of the church and put your donation through my letter box. I am just a few yards up the road from the church, 2 Dovehouse Lane.

Many thanks.

Each year the opportunity is given to us to re-enact the happenings of Holy Week. I say re-enact, because Holy Week is not just looking back to another time, another place. It is living through again those dramatic days as disciples or friends of Jesus, recognising that the Passion of Jesus is as much for us in 20 as it was for those in (1. Not only that but taking the trouble to keep Holy Week as fully as possible leads us to discover a quality and dimension of Easter, which otherwise is lost. The Alleluias we say and sing somehow ring more true and the joy of Easter is more deeply felt. From Palm Sunday with the waving of our Palm Crosses right through to Holy Saturday with the bearing of Paschal Lights, there are services every day rehearsing again the detail of those final hours of Our Lord's Life, the culmination of his Ministry to draw all people into the Father's presence.

It never ceases to surprise me the vagueness there is about Holy Week. Maundy Thursday is a title which registers with most people, yet usually merely associated with the Queen visiting a Cathedral somewhere and doling out the Maundy Money to a group of elderly people. That ceremony is a laudable tradition, which it would be a pity to discard, but the major significance of Maundy Thursday is to remember the Last Supper, when Our Lord took bread and wine and gave them to his disciples with the words 'This is my Body, This is my Blood' - thus instituting the Holy Communion. Since a child, I have deemed it not only my duty, but my privilege to be at Church on that day to receive the Sacrament. I cannot comprehend indifference to that day and why it matters little That day of all days, one should want to be there to receive the Communion. Nor can I understand the indifference to Good Friday. In this part of the country, Good Friday has been an

ordinary working day or shopping day for many years but people from other parts of Britain are quite often shocked that Good Friday receives no general recognition. Naturally people are compelled to

abide by their conditions of work, but the day is still capable of being recognised if we have the desire and the will to do so. What also fills me wit regret is the almost total ignoring of Holy Saturday. To many people, the Saturday before Easter Day sees the holiday in full spate, forgetting that for the first disciples of Jesus, it was a time of acute sadness and distress. On Holy Saturday there is a splendid and moving service, which truly brings to an

splendid and moving service, which truly brings to an end the sorrowful season of Christ's suffering and with symbols of Light joyfully ushers in the dawning of Easter and the realisation of Resurrection. We receive our own symbols of Light from the newly lighter Paschal Candle recalling our Baptism, and we hear the Paschal Proclamation and renew the vows which were made when we were Baptised and confirmed.

splendour of the greatest of all festivals is appreciated to the full.

I wish you all a very happy and joyful Eastertide and

When we have engaged in such a week, the celebration of Easter comes home with much more force and the

by the way, cast an eye over the programme of services for Holy Week and make the week, Holy indeed.

#### ANTONY ROWE

# CONFIRMATION

Please note that the information given last month was incorrect. The Confirmation this year will take place on Sunday 7th May at 6.30pm. The Bishop of Coventry the Rt. Rev. Simon Barrington-Ward will conduct the service and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. So far, there are very few candidates this year, but if anyone else is considering being confirmed, there is still time to complete the course of instruction. Please get in touch with the Rector straight away.

# CONFESSION

Times for Confession or Spiritual Counsel during Holy Week are given on the notice board at Ladbroke and at Harbury.

# HIKE

The Easter Monday Hike in the Cotswolds will take place as usual this year. We travel to the starting point by cars and set off from the Church gates at 11.15am. A list is on the table at both Harbury & Ladbroke for the names of those wishing to go.

# EASTER LILIES AND FLOWERS

As in previous years gifts towards the Lilies and Flowers at Easter will be welcome. Please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Easter Lilies and Flowers' and hand either to Mrs Bunting at Harbury or Mrs Rutherford at Ladbroke, or if more convenient to the Rector.

# VISIT TO COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

On Sunday April 16th members of Harbury & Ladbroke Churches are invited to attend and take part in the service at 10.30am in Coventry Cathedral. Please add your name to the lists in either church. If enough people are interested, we shall arrange for a coach.

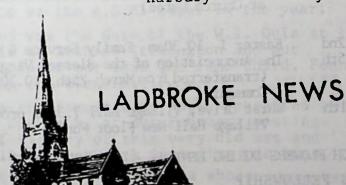
# HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday 19th February at All Saints' Ladbroke DANIELLE FRANCES, daughter of Russell Eric and Carol Moore Eastfields Farm Deppers Bridge

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MARGARET AMELIA HENNESEY, formerly of Neales Close
Harbury 85 years



# MARCH DIARY

Sun 5th

Lent IV (Mothering Sunday) 10.30am Family Service & Communion (Posies)

Lenten Bible Study 8.15pm 7th Tues Holy Communion 10.30am 8th Wed Women's Fellowship 2.30pm at Mrs Elkin's home, Windmill Lane Lenten Service at Harbury 8pm - sermon John Eld Thurs 9th Lent V Passion Sunday. 9am Holy Communion with 12th Sun Hymns (Book of Common Prayer) Lenten Bible Study 8.15pm Tues 14th Parish Council 7.45pm 15th Wed Lenten Service at Ladbroke - sermon Gwynneth Badma= Thurs 16th Jumble Sale at Southam - Friends of Ladbroke Churc Sat 18th Palm Sunday 9am Holy Communion with Hymns. 19th Sun Distribution of Palms 10.30am Children's Church 6.30pm Stainer's Crucifixion - led by Windmill Singers in Harbury Church Monday in Holy Week. 7.30pm Holy Communion 20th Mon Wednesday in Holy Week. 10.30am Holy Communion Maundy Thursday. 7pm Holy Communion 22nd Wed Thurs 23rd W.I. meeting Good Friday. 11am Journey to Calvary - Service Fri 24th for young people. 12 - 1pm 'At the Foot of the Cross' - Good Friday Meditation 7.30pm (at Harbury) The Way of the Cross - Michel Quoist and Holy Week Music Holy Saturday 7.30pm Blessing of the Paschal 25th Sat Candle & Renewal of Baptismal Vows Easter Day 9am Easter Day Communion with Sun 26th Hymns, 12pm Holy Communion, 3.30pm Evensong Monday in Easter Week 10.30am Holy Communion 27th Mon 11.15am Easter Monday Hike in Cotswolds (meet at Church Gates) APRIL Easter I 10.30am Family Service & Communion 2nd Sun The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 5th led (transferred from March 25th) 10.30am Holy Communion Whist Drive, Village Hall 7.30pm proceeds for lues 11th Village Hall New Floor Fund NO CHURCH FLOWERS DURING LENT WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP As our meeting was on Ash Wednesday, the Rector spoke about Lent discipline. He read the commandments from A.S.B., these seeming more relevant to present times.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7.30pm

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Mon

6th

We must not look upon Lent as a miserable time.

We were then very pleased to welcome Pauline Laidler who gave us a most interesting account of the year she and her husband had just spent in Paris. Although living in a village six miles from Notre Dame, it was easy to get around visiting all the interesting places. Our way of life seemed quite different. We were keen to ask about shopping and cooking. She told us that people there were very security conscious and also proud of their Country.

On February 14th we held a very successful Coffee Morning at the home of Hazel Sharples, raising fll3 towards the cost of repairs to the floor in the Village Hall. Many thanks to all who helped and supported us in any way.

Our next meeting is on March 8th at 2.30pm at the home of Jennifer Elkins in Windmill Lane, when Mr Walter Mills will show a film about a trip he took along a canal and birds seen along the way.

## NANCY STUBBS

# LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Organic Farming, Osteoporosis, Deforestation, Closur of Mental Hospitals, Nursing & Residential Homes for Elderly, Consumers and the Single European Market were just 7 of the 12 Resolutions discussed and voted on at the Spa Centre on 30th January when 6 members joined a crowded hall of Warwickshire members, just 5 Resolutions going forward for the National Vote at the A.G.M. later in the year.

February 22nd was the date of the W.I. Quiz at the Memorial Hall at Bishops Itchington and our congratulations to our team who came third, Fenny Compton being the winners.

Quilling was the fascinating topic presented by our guest, Miss Sue Lock, at our February meeting. She gave a brief history of this very old art and showed samples of her work including pictures, cards and decorated boxes, and after a short demonstration told us that we could pick it up after a few hours practice. Heather Tredgold gave the vote of thanks. Beryl Ross organised the raffle which was won by Chris Jerome and our thanks again to Jill Norgate for the use of her home for the meeting.

A very busy season is ahead with a Yoga Class starting after Easter (details to be finalised) and outings to Windsor and Kew during April & May, but first is the Spring Council at the Spa Centre on March 9th.

"Leamington 1930" is the title of the talk by Mr Bill Gibbons for our March 23rd Meeting.

GLENYS HALLAM

# VILLAGE NEWS

Congratulations to Tim and Gabie Norgate on the birth of their second son Benjamin on December 10th. Welcome to Steve and Kate Marshall who have recently moved into the "Old School House". K.L.

## FAMILY REUNION

Ladbroke born John Griffin, a regular visitor to the village, was browsing through the visitors' book in the church, when he spotted a request for help in locating the birth place of Thomas Griffin Bird, made by his son Thomas Bird of St Abbs, Berwickshire.

John, who has done some genealogical work on the family, wrote off to Tom enclosing a copy of the family tree. Tom has now been in contact with his cousin John and his two sisters, and a copy of the family tree has found its way to Tom's nephew in Australia.

Tom hopes to revisit Ladbroke in 1989 and see some of his long lost family, all of whom are descended from the twelve children of John Curnock Griffin of Ladbroke Hill Farm, who died in 1899 and is buried in the churchyard.

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Council began by expressing its sadness at the tragic death of Mr Alan Wickham, Area Superintendant of Warwickshire County Council, who had been a great friend to Ladbroke.

There had been no further progress on the Windmill Lane Bypass gate, so it was decided to write another letter about this; the Council was also awaiting further news over the rather confused situation with ard to Southam Swimming Pool's future. The

updated list of Ladbroke's Listed Buildings had been received.

There followed some discussion on road-sweeping in the village. It transpires that only curbed roads can be swept (because mechanical sweepers destroy the grass verges) and this happens five times a year. The Council decided to request a yearly "spring clean" for roads such as Bridge Lane, which are still clogged up with last autumn's leaves.

Notice was given of the Stratford upon Avon District Local Police Consultative Committee Open Meeting, to be held at 7pm on March 8th at the Community Hall, Southam. This is a chance for members of the public to address questions to members of the constablulary.

Finally the "Best Kept Village" competition: the Councillors felt that there was not sufficient interest and support throughout the whole village to make entry this year a realistic proposition but if there was a strong communal wish to enter, please let them know!

Next meeting: Wednesday 15th March, 7.45pm.

KATE TODMAN

# THE M40 IS COMING TO HILL HOUSE FARM

We started our project in September 1988. First of we explored the farmyard at Hill House Farm looking interesting things to draw and write about. The nex time we went, we were allowed to explore the fields. Later, back at the classroom, we drew maps which shot that most of the fields were pasture. Another time went, it was all misty and the fields looked really strange. Afterwards we wrote some poems about them.

The last time we went, we found that there were post: put in, marking the route of the motorway. There we different coloured posts that meant different things Yellow posts were drainage, red posts were permanent fences and red and white were temporary fencing.

We have put all our work into a booklet called "The M40 is coming to Hill House Farm". We have had a lo of help from sponsors. We will launch the booklet or March 3rd at Harbury School at 3-5pm + 7.45-9pm. It contains a selection of work done by the children of

class 8 such as maps, poems and descriptions. It will be on sale in local shops price £1.95.

by MARK RICKETTS & DOUGLAS PUTNAM

# VILLAGE HALL NURSERY - PLAYGROUP

Our group caters for pre-school children from the age of 3 years. We are open from 9.15am - 12.15pm Tuesdays - Fridays during term time.

If you are interested in finding out more about our sessions, you are warmly invited to an OPEN MEETING betwem 9.30am and 12 noon on WED MARCH 15th. This is particularly useful if you are wondering whether or not to send your child to playgroup in the future.

M. WATERMAN Supervisor

# HARBURY FOLK CLUB

February's Folk Club featured a rather different line up of singers from usual. There was no Jug Band, no Havesters, no Phil & Drill and no Peter Bones. Instead, we had a debut and many rare performances and partnerships.

Making his first appearance at the Club, Sean sang a song which claimed to give us an insight into the composition of the water in the Harbury tower. The facts were disputed by an official but the audience joined in with feeling! Then we had the new pairing of Tony and John (B) which worked very well. They finished the evening for us and included a song by Buddy Holly, who was also remembered (on the day before the 30th anniversary of his death) in my medley of four of his songs. Janet and John (K), that well-known reading scheme, got together to bring us "We shall overcome", (featuring John's autoharp.

It was also an evening for encouraging wives to sing. Mike was joined by Molly on his latest song while I persuaded Margaret to sing the "Marilyn Monroe" song. Steve made a rare appearance with his harmonica, Liz sang delightfully on her own, and Gerda accompanied one of her songs with the concertina. In fact, about the only predictable feature of the evening was the size of the audience.

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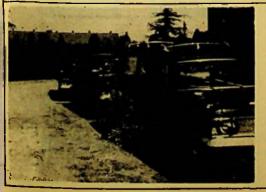
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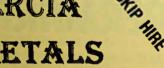


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## PETER McDONALD

## CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Your 1989 Canival Committee are well on the way to finalising this year's event. It will take place on June 17th

Those of you who use the Village Hall regularly will know that thanks to recent Carnivals we have a new heating system and new, more comfortable chairs. The Village Hall Committee have had to replace the windows because the frames were rotten and this year's proceeds we hope, will pay for this work.

The first event for the Committee will be the selection of our 1989 Carnival Queen who will lead the procession. The competition is on Wednesday 15th March at 8pm, at the Youth Club. It is open to all Harbury girls between the ages of 14 and 18 years. This year the winner will get £15 and the two runners up will get £10 each. The judging panel will be made up of Committee representatives and other Harbury residents.

Organisations will shortly be hearing from our stall organisers John Kemsley and Gordon Bennett. If you would like to run a stall, or have a new idea for a stall please ring them on 613556 or 612203.

Don't forget: Carnival Queen Competition March 15th Carnival Day Saturday June 17th

# SUE ANDREWS

# WINDMILL SINGERS

The Windmill Singers are celebrating their Jubilee this year. During the last 25 years concerts and sho have been performed in many venues at home and abroad to thousands of people.

s part of our celebration we are <u>inviting all singers</u> to come and sing with us in Harbury Church on Sunday 9th March when Stainer's "Crucifixion" will be performed.

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4.30 - 5.30pm 5.30 - 6.30pm

6.30pm

Please phone Southam 2554 or 3900 or Daventry 77831 to let us know if you are coming. Any non-singers are of course very welcome to attend the performance at 6.30pm Also venues already booked for this year are: 2nd April Songs of Praise - Napton Church: 27th May - Paignton, Devon: 28th May Evensong - Exeter Cathedral: 17th June Concert - Burton Dassett Church: 1st July Concert - Chipping Norton Church: 17th October - Jubilee Party: 28th October Evensong - Coventry Cathedral: 8/9th December Christmas Show.

Our Rehearsal night is Thursday at Napton Village any person wishing to join the group please telephone Southam 3900 or 2554 or Daventry 77813.or Harbury 612533.

CONGRATULATIONS to Victoria Butler, Julie Whatcott, Lucy Kemsley and Julie Bennett who raised £76.80 at a Jumble Sale held recently in the Wight School in aid of the Children in Need Appeal.

# MOTHERS' UNION

Our February meeting was not according to plan. Unfortunately our Mencap speaker had confused the date but Mrs Churchill stepped nobly into the breach with a talk on her first year as a clergy wife. Many thanks!

I hope that our March luncheon with Muriel Thomas as a speaker will have passed off successfully.

In the event our February evening meeting was changed from a discussion on the Media to attendance at church to hear Joyce Windsor. Afterwards several members met for coffee. We hope that more people will attend our next evening in April. It will be towards the end of the month and more details will appear in next months Harbury News Joan Smith will be giving us her impressions of ir key.

Our April afternoon meeting will be as usual in the Village Hall on Wed 5th April when we will be hearing Mrs Joan Redgrave talking on the 23rd Psalm.

MARGARET RIGDEN

# MOTHERS & TODDLERS SERVICE

Welcome to all mothers and toddlers to our short service on Tuesday March 7th at 2.15pm. Please come! M.U. helpers will also be appreciated.

# HARBURY W.I.

Our February meeting opened with the sad news of the death of Agnes Salter, a former National Chairman, she will be sadly missed by so many.

The Barn Dance held recently was enjoyed by all who attended and a repeat performance was planned for next year.

Delegates were sorted out for the Spring Council Meeting next month - Mrs Monica Davis, and the A.G.M. in June when Mrs Eve Hailey will represent us.

On <u>April 1st</u> we will be holding a <u>Jumble Sale</u> in the Village Hall starting at llam. Please contact any committee member if you need any jumble collected.

The talk for the evening was called "You are what you Eat" given by Mrs Cuthbert. Many of us had very guily consciences!! We were told to increase our fibre intake, drink plenty of fluid and reduce the fat content of what we eat each day. In other words sensible eating can prevent us getting overweight which sometimes ends with illness. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Deirdre Dunbar.

The competition for the evening was a Simnel Cake won by Mrs Peggy Middleton, who will now represent us at the Spring Council meeting when all Warwickshire W.I's are invited to enter a competition for a Simnel Cake. Good luck Peggy!

Next month's meeting is a talk given by Miss Jacquie Davis about the Stock Exchange. S.G.

P.S. Please remember the Jumble Sale on April 100

ARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1989

nomes for the village's young people.

our Parish Council looks at planning applications or extensions to existing houses; it sees applications or large houses, like Mr Nakkar's at Bishops Bowl, the modern 'Manor' complex on Chesterton Road, and the plethora of plans for Greenhill; it gets developments of large detatched houses that it does not want (like the Church's scheme for Tom Hauley's land) imposed upon it, but what it does not get are 'affordable'

Sharon Hancock went to the County's Rural Housing Conference and came back convinced that the Parish Council must take action. She has recommended her colleagues to read through the WRCC's Housing Action Pack and to give serious consideration to undertaking a survey to determine the real need for housing in the

colleagues to read through the WRCC's Housing Action Pack and to give serious consideration to undertaking a survey to determine the real need for housing in the village.

All the Councillors were in agreement that the Government's policy of selling-off and not replacing rural Council Houses was the root cause, and that any action they took could make only a very little differed but they wanted to do what they could. Sharon Hancock

said that she was hearten\_ed that some Warwickshire villages were managing to get low-cost housing schemes

started. She suggested that as well as Mr Waters of SDC Housing Department, they invite Gareth Lawes of the NacRT to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting and that 'Affordable Housing' was made an Agenda item.

The Council agreed to support Lighthorne and Chesterton application for an evening session of the Inquiry into the siting of the Council agreed to the Session of the Mon which Clerk

application for an evening session of the Inquiry into the siting of the Service Area on the M40 which Clerk to Chesterton, Marion Bal 1, claimed would open the floodgates to development if it were sited at Barn Hill.

The Council agreed Mike Coy's plans showing where weight restrictions on Harbury's access roads would be placed. Iory Davies relayed complaints about people coming the wrong way up the One Way System and suggest that when the Church Room was built, the system should be extended to Crown Street and Church Street.

The Council discussed the Church's informal request to be allowed to take contractor's vehicles over Pump een, into the Churchyard to build the Church Room, instructed John Drinkwater to tell the Church,

informally, that it was not on. Everyone agreed that coming across the Paddock was the best and safest solution.

A letter from Joyce Quin M.P. eliciting support for her Public Safety Information Bill, was immediately followed by one from the Environmental Health Officer requesting information on old waste tips. A fascinating discussion ensued on where Bill Marlow used to dump the night-soil, but the up and down of it was that the oldest inhabitants did not think anything nasty was going to reveal itself. That means that the Clerk can enter the village for the Best Kept Village Competition with supreme confidence, and as the Parish is going to take over the maintenance of the County's grass areas (in return for £205 a year) then Harbury stands a good chance of winning.

A public spirited resident of Deppers has offered to renovate the Play Area seat, and Iory Davies exhibited a can of preservative he had bought for the job. Iory reported with pride that he had pruned the tree there so that 'the old Oak tree is looking very spruce!'

LINDA

# A.D.S.A. (Association for Disabled Southam Area)

Coffee Morning at Wattons Lodge, Southam - Saturday 18th March.

All cakes & gifts would be welcome - please give these to Mrs: Ruscoe, Hawkins, Bugg, Washbrook or Ottewill. All money raised by the organisation is used to help with transport for the disabled in the area.

R.O.

# LUCK OF THE DRAW

First winners in the Church Men's Society 100 Club monthly draw for prizes of £30 were:

January - Brian Rigden, Hazebrook, The Pound
February - Mrs C Iacaruso, 8 Penelope Close.

The club was formed to raise money for the Harbury Church Room Appeal.

# Church Special Fund



# QUIZ EVENING

A lively and well attended quiz evening was held at the Village Hall on Saturday 18th February. Teams consisted of four persons and after two sessions the team of Rosemary Ottewill with Andrew Harley and Shirley & Tom Pilkington (256 points) emerged triumphant by one point over Brian & Tricia Harrison with Tony & Wendy Stubbs (255 points). The younger generation was well represented and a team of Charlotte & Alexander Wade with Elizabeth & Dominic Travis were given generous applause for a splendid effort to take a consolation prize.

The proceedings were admirably controlled by Ken Hughes, an effervescent quiz master in spite of some humourous barracking from the floor.

5 correct entries were received in the recent written Quiz from Mr H Collis, Chesterton, Mr & Mrs S Roderick Bishops Itchington, I Bennett Ladbroke, Miss R Rathbone Coventry and Mrs & Mrs Turner Harbury. After a draw the winner was Miss R Rathbone. We are indebted to Mrs G Watts for the clues.

The next event in the series will be a car rally, details of which are elsewhere in this edition.

See you all there!

J.B.

# MOTOR RALLY - April 8th

This is an event where cars follow a set route, and are required to maintain a set average speed, and at the same time answer a number of questions. The whole family can take part to drive, navigate, spot the answers to the questions etc. You do not need to stop or get out of your car, or ask the local inhabitants. The experts can bring their calculators, and the novices can have an afternoons fun! Tea will be available at the finish during which the results will be worked out, and a small prize presented to the winners.

Entry fee £5 per car (four or five people). Entry forms available from Joyce or Harry Windsor. Please return them early, as we have to notify the numbers to the RAC before the event.

Please return your entry forms early to Joyce or Harry Windsor at 5 Park Lane.



Martin Revitt and Leon Byles with their stall in Frances Road raising money for the Church Special Fund.

#### HARBURY SOCIETY

Our Social in the Old New Inn on Up Helly Ay eve was a cosy affair with fantastic food and an unusual presentation from Pete Grasby which with sound and pictures sought to evoke the mood of the night of celebration for the passing of the old year in the far north, in the Shetlands.

It takes stamina to go through the night singing dancing, eating and performing and Pete Gransby counted himself singularly fortunate to have been invited to take part, for participation in the

procession is usually limited to those MEN who have been resident for at least four years, but then Pete Grasby is a most unusual man. He is an enthusiast. He is Bagman for the Harbury Morris and now makes his living repairing and restoring Accordians!

The AGM will take place on Tuesday 14th March in the Wight School and will be followed by a Slide Show by Bill Gibbons of Leamington Spa from the 1860's to 1900 The AGM will start at approximately 7.45pm and the Slide Show after 8pm.

Anyone interested in helping to produce a Parish Map should contact the Secretary. Surveying of the Village will begin in the Spring, and for Environment Week (22nd April to 1st May) we hope to list eyesores too so that the Parish Council can arrange a tidy up before the start of the Best Kept Village Competition.

We have been given a grant by the WRCC and will be reprinting our history of the Village 'Hungry Harbury'.

# LINDA RIDGLEY 612792

# HARBURY CRICKET CLUB - THE WINTER SEASON

In December the Club held its Annual Dinner at The Dog. It was a festive and happy evening, enlivened by the wit and wisdom of Ian Holroyd.

More recently the Club held its AGM at John Wilkinson's home. The various reports were made to a packed room. In fact it was so packed that the Treasurer managed to collect ten subscriptions before the rush for the door was successful. The major decision was to confirm that the club would run a Second XI and an evening team in the local league. Most of the officers were re-elected - Dave Perry (President), Bernard Holloway (Chairman), Rex Humphreys (Treasurer) and Ian Holroyd (Secretary/Fixture Secretary).

In recognition of a successful season and their great abilities as leaders of men, Gary Lowe and Les Sollis we re-elected as Captain and Vice Captain of the First Xl. They will also act as Captain and Vice Captain of the Second XI. Their reluctance was purely because neither of them can comprehend how the First team will ever manage without them.

Club will continue to rent the facilities of the

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Rugby Club, which are now very much improved.

Running two teams is an ambitious proposition, but the Club believes that there are young players wishing to take up Club Cricket, and perhaps a few veterans who would wish to take up their bats again in Harbury. Both Gary Lowe and Ian Holroyd would be very pleased to hear from anyone interested. The Club would also very much welcome support from local people for its matches. The facilities are good, the atmosphere is friendly, and the cricket is always entertaining.

I.T.J.

# RUGBY CLUB

The Rugby Club is having one of the most successful seasons for several years. The 1st XV have recorded more wins at this stage of the season than since before we moved to the new ground. Also the team has scored over 60 tries - top try scorer being a Harbury resident Graham Lewis. The team is also well placed in Division II of the Warwickshire League and even though it may not win promotion can look to the future with plenty of optimism. The 2nd and 3rds are also having successful seasons and if all the players were available at the same time we'd have had a fourth team. It's also good to see Greg Taylor and John Winchester giving a good account of themselves in the 2nd XV; the Juniors and Minis are now beginning to pay dividends as they progress through the Club. The weather has been exceptionally kind to us this winter and no games have been cancelled so all teams have enjoyed themselves as well as produced some good results.

There are two end-of-season tours; the Under 17's are being (ably) escorted to Amsterdam by Paul Jenkins and Bob Taylor, who looks after who is debatable but many thanks to the 'fathers' for both running a most important part of the club and arranging the tour.

The senior club are taking a party of 35 on an ambitious outing to Czechoslavakia for 5 days at the end of April. An interesting choice of weekend away; the club chairman is busy preparing a speech

The cricket club, now well established in its new home also enable the club to be used throughout the summer. Forthcoming events Rugby Club A.G.M. - Wednesday 19th April 8pm Rugby Club Annual Dinner - Friday 19th May Annual Summer Barbecue - Saturday 8th July with another top 60's band 'The Merseybeats Disco, Steak Barbecue etc etc Particulars regarding any of the above or any rugby

IAN HOLROYD

The 1st team's season continues to be successful, with the opposition's net being found on 18 occasions in the

games played. Lee Williams is the leading marksman with

The reserve team continue to consolidate their mid-table

position in Division 4 with the welcome addition of some experienced players who are to blend in with the

last 4 games. The whole team is playing well, and remain the only unbeaten team in Leamington Sunday League football, quite some feat for the amount of

season.

club matter contact

younger members.

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

15 goals so far this season.

sights of Prague, visiting a local brewery (!) and are promised a social and entertaining evening by the loca A full report in a summer edition of the Harbury News. Off the field the club house extension (upwards) heads towards completion - likely by the end of the season. The end product will prove a big asset to the club; hopefully attract more players, provide a much larger and better social environment and will also provide a venue for outside functions. If anybody wants to hire the club and its facilities please contact me; I will be pleased to show them round - once completed! is also hoped to open the club more than the twice a week, again social membership will be available next

matches, seeing the

Harbury Albion Football Club wish the Church Appeal Fund success and have contributed £50 to the appeal, hich has been gratefully received, and the 1st team main unbeaten!

# Results for February:-

#### 1st Team

HARBURY 5 (L Williams 2, A Hopkins,

J Sheasby, R Davis)

HARBURY (P Willams)

WHITNASH '69'2

BEARLEY

HARBURY 6

HOPE TAVERN 1

(G Wilkinson 2, S Horner L Williams 2, P Williams

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HARBURY 6 (K White 3, F Davis, P Williams 2)

Reserves

GREEN MAN 3

HARBURY 3 (J Sheasby 2, K White) HARBURY

SPORTS DMB

(T Bastin) PUNCHBOWL 3

# HEALTH MATTERS

"March winds do blow and we shall have snow ...."
so goes the well known rhyme. A little snow fell
in February but was quickly replaced by rain, however if the weather becomes colder it is extremely
important for our elderly members of the Community
to KEEP WARM.

Information on Hypothermia is given out by Age Concern and through many channels. It is very important for those not so mobile to make sure that their houses are adequately heated. A well balanced diet is extremely important for the elderly.

Advice and support can be given by our Health Visiting and District Nursing Staff and referrals can be made to other agencies for help.

It is Community care and concern that should prevail so do make contact on Southam 7377 for Health

Visitors and Southam 4319 for District Nurses.

HOT HEALTH TIP - What is best, a cost VEST
After that, a cosy HAT!

MRS. J M NEWELL

# 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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Everyone in the village knows Mrs Eaton's horses. As they munch peaceably in the field by the Church or opposite the Pound, the current young generation is held up to admire. Polly - the one with the winter coat (or coats) and the racing name Osaka - is 32. For a thorough-bred race-horse this is a great age. She has never raced but would have been capable. She was bred at Home Farm, Bishops Itchington by Mr Parke: and has belonged to Mrs Eaton since she was 18 months old. Mrs Eaton broke her in herself, rode her regular and hunted her. She was a birthday present from fathe - as a result the whole family had to forego that year holiday - making Polly and her owner somewhat unpopula

She has had 8 foals - the first when she was 6 and Sherry her present companion, her 8th, at the advanced age of 24. Sherry is also broken but no longer leaves the field as Polly is very nervous and can no longer bear to be separated.

Basically they spend the winter and the wetter weather in the paddock by the church which is drier and where the walls offer considerable shelter. Polly is very

averse to living under cover and having reached 32 can hardly be said to have suffered from her outdoor life.

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Stories from their past include the loss of a foal -born during the night but vanished without trace. However a lucky look under the barbed wire fence onto the railway embankment revealed not the remains of a fox's dinner but a massive thriving foal stuck in a bramble bush - so big that ropes had to be used to haul it back away from the railway line. Reuinion with Polly was traumatic, the foal refused to recognise its relationship with the huge beast intent on coming close - an introduction was required.

Then there was a foal, Bruno, who turned film star jumping fences in a film called "Champions". There is also a sad tale of Mr Eaton's attempts to ride Polly - "if she goes fast, lean back" - good advice but not one's first reaction. A bolting Polly with Mr Eaton's arms round her neck, pursued by his wife on the bike, the end of the road coming up fast and Mr Eaton disappearing over her head led to a permanent refusal to take to the saddle again.

Now in these less exciting times the horses stand patiently being admired and waiting for tit-bits. Unfortunately Sherry has developed a huge appetite and pushes mother away. However apples, carrots, mints and sugar are gratefully received and can always be thrown past Sherry to her deserving Mum. Mr Taylor announces a rise in sales of the above commodities when the horses are in the Church field.

Long may we all enjoy their company!

M.W.R.

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# A TULIP TIP FROM AMSTERDAM

To prevent cut tulips from drooping, pierce a hole through the stem about 1 inch below the head, before placing in water.

You'll be amazed at the difference it makes!

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MARIAN MILLINGTON is spending a year working in Zanzibar and has sent us this interesting report:-

Sultan Seyyid Majid gave his house on the shore near Zanzibar town to David Livingstone in 1866 to use whilst he prepared for his last mainland expedition. It is a traditional Arab house, lofty rooms, shuttere windows and massive front doors 10ft high and perhaps 7ft wide each with brass studs as big as hens eggs, t lintel and frame elaborately carved. The house overlooks three palm crowned coral islands about a mile off shore.

The islands of Unguja and Pemba which form Zanzibar were ruled by the Sultan of Muscat and the town itsel was the centre for trade in slaves and ivory. It was the Arabs who established the clove plantations which have provided the islands' wealth and they who brough fruit and trees from all over the Arab world to flour on the island paradise.

The British proclaimed a protectorate in 1890 and slavery was officially abolished in 1897. The Anglic Cathedral was built on the site of the old slave mark the high altar stands where the slaves were once tethered and the font marks the place where the babie were killed. There are photographs in Livingstone House (now the tourist headquarters ironically) and t Afro-Shirazi Party Political College of Manacled Slav kept in the caves. English Doninance ended in 1964 when the islands of Zanzibar joined Tanganyika to for the Republic of Tanzania. The Arabs have left some beautiful buildings, almost all in great need of repa or reconstruction and their clove plantations are now old and trees diseased. The common words in Kiswahil of Arabic origin illustrate their former status 'silv 'money' - fedha 'horse' - farasi and two greetings 'shikamoo' - 'marahaba' - I kiss your feet (the reply always) delightful.

What did the British give? - Roads, the Town plan, th harbour buildings and some words you can pronounce if you assume a frightfully posh Edwardian accent.
'Motokaa' - Motorcar, 'Betri' - Battery,
'Baeskel(i)' - Bicycle.

The Cathedral bookshop sells slim volumes still - revolutionary party tracts now, not lives of saints or coloured texts. The old British Club on the waterfront is renamed the Africa House Hotel. The huge rooms and staircase are now chipped and dusty, but from the Verandah Bar there is still the best sunset in East Africa (3.30pm Harbury time).

Part of life here is like a Sunday Supplement travel feature - white coral sand, soft like talc; warm clear water, beautiful shells and palm fringed shores. In the country - the 'Shamba' - there are little gardens where women grow yams, bananas, pineapples and mangoes. By day there are bright flowers and lots of glorious butterflies, at night the fireflies dance madly in the gloom. Everywhere except the centre of Zanzibar town there are cattle and goats, always tethered, there are no fields or hedges or gates to restrain them. And all the cows are differently coloured - black/brown brown/grey brown/cream, spots, speckles, blotches and they all have calves with them. They are quite beautiful small animals, pony sized. The goats and kids are mostly brown/black and are dog sized (a collie dog).

But the other side to life is the ragged clothes, the shortages - water, fuel, electricity, flour, sugar, have all been short or unobtainable at some time in the past six weeks. Malaria is a big problem - the major cause of death in all age groups - despite a 7 year USA funded Malaria project

My worst experience so far? I suddenly became 6ft tall and very ugly! One Sunday I went to the Cathedral in good time for the Kiswahili service and sat on the back row against a pillar on the right. The church pews filled rapidly - 4 men sat in my pew, and 3 in the row in front, only men in all the rows in front. Then they turned to stare, that is when I felt so big and ugly. All the other women (all Zanzibaris) sat on the left. Even little boys left mother to sit with the men. But, hard against the pillar I could not escape. Halfway through the first hymn the man beside me offered to share his hymn book (not many people had books).

e is my friend now - his name is George and his fe is Lucy.

# MARCH IN THE GARDEN

Roses have made so much growth they will have to be pruned now, rather than later in the month. Summer flowering clematis should also be cut back to encourage them to start flowering low on the stem. Buddleia should be lowered almost to ground level and will still grow six feet tall by the summer's end. This is also the time for cutting back hardy fuchsias, but as some of them have never been to sleep this winter, a light trim would probably be better.

Herbaceous plants can be lifted and divided. Replant separated clumps at the same level. Coral spis apparently more severe than it was. Keep a loo out for it on trees and shrubs and cut away below affected wood.

Cover your rhubarb with a strong wooden box to force early delicate stems. Most vegetable seeds should be sown when the soil is warm enough. Broad, runneand french beans, beetroot, brussels sprouts, cabbicarrots, cauliflower, onions, leeks, parsnips, spinnach and turnips. If they are covered by sheet of opaque polythene it will get them away to a good start. Remove on germination.

Short pieces of thin care can be used as dip-sticks in pots of indoor plants, to show how wet or dry thare.

E.D.Z.

# HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Last month's meeting was valuable as Mr Pudwell, in his richly illustrated talk on fruit growing in a restricted area extended his subject to include soft fruit. He was most knowledgeable about new varieties; everybody learnt something and mouths watered at the unseasonable portrayal of succulent strawberries.

On 7th March - again at the Village Hall - at 8pm we shall welcome Joe Elliott again. This time it will be mainly Alpines but no doubt other things will crop up, to coin a phrase.

reliminary plans are afoot for a visit on 14th June to see Mrs Hancock's garden near Northampton. Book the date and keep ears open for further details.

Any more volunteers to open their gardens on 8th July??? PLEASE!!!!

B.A.R.

# CORRESPONDENCE

# DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Eleanor and John Hunter of 1 Constance Drive, Harbury on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of their marriage on 15th March.

lots of love

STELLA & JOHN SMALL & FAMILY

Dear Editors.

Mr & Mrs Ernest Merriman wish to thank everyone for their kind enquiries and cards during Mr Merriman's recent illness.

These have been much appreciated.

# ANNIE AUSTIN

Love and Best Wishes for your 92nd Birthday on February 28th from all the Family plus the Monday afternoon clan.

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank organisers, collectors and the people who gave so generously towards my retirement present.

My colleagues of the P.O. past and present, the Top Shop past and present, for the beautiful gift they gave me. I would also like to add, many sent me cards and money, also presents. I hope to purchase a new bike soon. Thanks Cynth for poem.

Once again Many Thanks it was all much appreciated.

"What a send off I had"

Yours sincerly,

E. SOLLIS

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I would have started my request by saying 'please' but I don't feel like being so polite, so I am saying 'Stop depositing your empty Special Brew Beer cans in the plastic carrier bags on the grass verge along Butt Lane, Harbury. On two occasions recently I have taken the trouble to collect some and carry them away.

B.K.

Could anyone donate a strong secure hampster cage for the youngest class in Harbury school please? We would be very grateful indeed.

Please telephone Harbury 612656.

J4.

Dear Editors,

Over the last month I have been carrying out a survey for my Geography 'A' level, studying migration patterns in Harbury. This meant I had to visit 130 randomly selected houses in the village with a short questionnaire. It was quite a task, but one I achieved in a relatively short period of time owing to the willingness and co-operation of the residents of Harbury to supply me with answers to my questions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who were only too pleased to help me with my survey. Many people also expressed an interest in the eventual outcome of the project, which accounts for 20% of the 'A' level mark. I have not quite finished yet, but its coming along well, and should be completed within the next few weeks!

Many thanks again.

SARAH BURNHAM Upper Sixth, Southam School

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