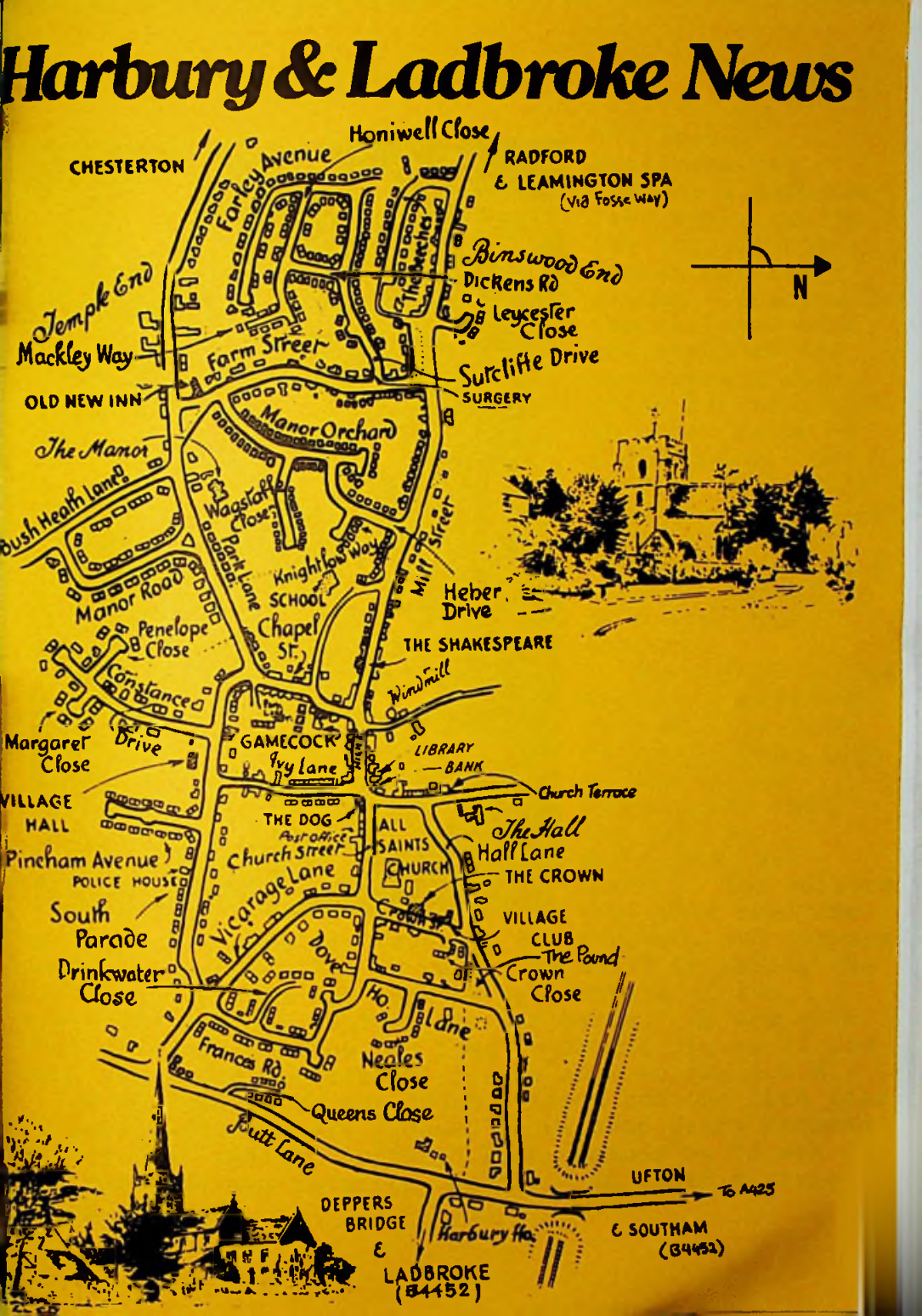


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- Church Terrace
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- Manor
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- OLD NEW INN
- Mackley Way
- Temple End
- Farm Street
- Farley Avenue







The annual hurricane hit Harbury & Ladbroke last week, taking its toll of trees, fences and roof slates. Thankfully the villages have not suffered the extensive damage which has occurred in other areas of the country. Our feature photograph (courtesy M.Bloxham) shows a group of ladies in Dovehouse Lane attempting to hold down some fencing.

The A.G.M. of the Harbury & Ladbroke News will be held on Monday Feb. 12th at 8pm in the Shakespeare (not the 19th as published last month). The editors

feel that the time has come for some new faces to be involved, and perhaps some new blue pencils as well. We shall be asking the Committee to seek and approve new members of the editorial team to replace the old hacks. We are more than willing to allow you time to settle in, so if you feel you could contribute, please come to the A.G.M.

As we come up to our 200th edition and our 16th year of publication we are pleased to welcome Janny Freeman as our new 'relief' typist. That reminds us to ask our contributors to write legibly - to avoid mistakes being printed.

We should have reported in November that Mr. Catterall of Deppers Bridge had died at the age of 80. Mr. Catterall was of course the founder of Catterall's Coaches, and Mrs. Catterall - to whom we extend our sympathy - is a former Parish Councillor.

HARBURY DIARY

FEBRUARY

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| Sat | 3rd | WI Dance with the Hookey Band in the V.Hall |
| Sun | 4th | EPIPHANY V: 9am Sung Eucharist, 10.30am Family Service, 6.30pm Evensong
7.30pm Young Teenage Group |
| Mon | 5th | NWR Book Group 'Behind the Wall' - Colin Thurbon
Word of God, 8pm at 26 Manor Orchard
Prayer & Praise in Church at 8pm |
| Tues | 6th | Mothers & toddlers Service at 2.15pm
Horticultural Soc. in V.Hall. |
| Wed | 7th | Mothers Union 2.15pm in V.Hall
Mens' Soc. Annual Dinner at 7pm in Tom Hauley Room
YOC meeting - New date |
| Thurs | 8th | Thursday Club in V.Hall
WI in V.Hall at 7.45pm |
| Fri | 9th | Holy Communion at 10.30am |
| Sun | 11th | NINTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER, 8am Holy Communion,
10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Scouts, Guides,
Brownies and Cubs Service and 7.45pm New Youth
Group Meeting in the Tom Hauley Room. |
| Mon | 12th | NWR 'The Way We Were' photo memories Pauline
FitzGerald 39 Farm St.
7pm Meeting for Confirmation Candidates in the
Tom Hauley Room
Harbury News AGM, 8pm in the Shakespeare
Prayer & Praise, 17 Farm Street |
| Tues | 13th | V.Hall Committee in V.Hall at 8pm |
| Wed | 14th | Youth Club in V.Hall at 8pm |
| Thurs | 15th | Whist in V.Hall at 7.45pm in aid of Senior
Citizens Benefit Fund |
| Fri | 16th | Netball Disco in V.Hall |
| Sat | 17th | F L E A M A R K E T in V.Hall doors open 10.30am |
| Sun | 18th | EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER (Sexagesima),
8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer),
10.30am Sung Eucharist
SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTION |
| Mon | 19th | Word of God at The Spiers Chesterton Road at 8pm
Prayer & Praise at 15 Pineham Avenue |
| Tues | 20th | M.U. Open Meeting in the Tom Hauley Room, 7.30pm
Speaker Brian Rigden |

- Wed 21th BLOOD DONORS at V.Hall
8pm Julian Meeting in Church
- Thurs 22th Thursday Club in V.Hall
Parish Council, 7.30pm in V.Hall
- Sun 25th SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER, 8am Holy Communion
10.30 Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN MARCH'S ISSUE TO
EDITORS BY 6PM TODAY PLEASE
- Mon 26th Prayer & Praise, 4 Leycester Close
- Tues 27th SHROVE TUESDAY
Harbury Soc. 'Local History' talk in Wight School
at 8pm
- Wed 28th ASH WEDNESDAY, 9.30am School Service, 10.30am Holy
Communion, 8pm Sung Eucharist
Youth Club in V.Hall
NWR Coffee Morning - Kate Liverton Bridge Cottage,
Ladbroke
Parish Maps Group meets at 7.30pm

MARCH

- Thurs 1st Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn at 8.30pm
- Fri 2nd M.P.'s "Surgery" 4.30-6.30pm, Tom Hauley Room,
Church Street (see advert)
P.T.A. QUIZ & CHIPS at 6.30pm
- Sun 4th FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, 9am Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
Family Service, 4pm Ecumenical Service -
Bob Telford of Leamington
- Mon 5th Word of God, 7 Penelope Close, 8pm
Harbury Soc. Committee at 8pm
Prayer & Praise in Church
- Tues 6th NWR Book Group 'Summers Lease', John Mortimer
Mothers & Toddlers Service at 2.15pm
Horticultural Soc. in V.Hall
- Wed 7th Holy Communion, 7.30pm
8pm 'Turning Points' - 1990 Lent Course in Tom
Hauley Room
Youth Club in V.Hall
- Thurs 8th NWR 'Humour' What makes you Laugh? venue
Sheila Burt, 2 Wagstaffe Close
Thursday Club in V.Hall
WI 7.45pm in V.Hall
- Sat 10th Craft Circle in V.Hall

DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO
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For Village Hall Bookings, ring Mrs. Hughes 612716

For Wight School Bookings, ring Mrs. Hayes 613488

REGULAR DIARY DATES

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Tom Hauley Room, 10.30am Sundays
 UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm Mondays.
 GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7pm (under 7s & beginners) 7-8pm (7-10yrs), 8-9pm (over 10yrs) Mondays.
 GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7pm Mondays.
 BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm Mondays.
 TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 10-11.30am Mondays & 2-3.30pm Wednesdays.
 PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings.
 NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tues to Fri mornings.
 LUNCHEON Club, Village Hall, 12.30pm Tues & Fri.
 DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tues, Wed, Thurs.
 BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.
 SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tuesday & Thursday.
 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, School Hall, 8pm Weds.
 ROSARY & PRAYERS for Persecuted Christians, 4 Sutcliffe Drive, 10am, 3rd Thursday of Month.
 THURSDAY CLUB, Village Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Thurs.
 CUBS, Scout Hut, every Thursday.
 W.I., Village Hall, 7.45pm, 2nd Thursday of Month.
 CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.
 BELLRINGING PRACTICE, Church, 7.30pm every Friday.
 THEATRE GROUP, Wight School, 8pm last Friday of Month.
 COFFEE MORNING, every Saturday, Wight School in aid of Church Special Fund 10-12.00.
 CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU, over Southam Magistrates Court every Tuesday (except Bank Holidays) 10am to 3pm.

FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

After the glorious Christmas Services, January seems quiet by comparison, but there is much going on.

It is delightful to have the Crusaders on church premises at last. They use the Tom Hauley Room to coincide with the 10.30am service.

Jan. 27th saw the retirement of the Archdeacon of Warwick, the venerable Peter Bridges. His retirement service took the form of a simple Evensong at the Parish Church, Leamington Spa, after which presentations were made.

Evensong is not a well-attended service in Harbury, which is a pity, especially as we now have a first-rate organist. On Feb. 11th there will be a special evening service at 6.30pm which the Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies and Beavers will attend, so do make a note of that.

Lent will be upon us soon - Ash Wednesday is on Feb. 28th - and the Rector covers the plan for the Lent course 'Turning Points' in his letter. Just one addition; the course is intended as Ecumenical - so do come.

Beryl & John

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HARBURY - ELECTORAL ROLL

Under laws governing the Church of England, a new Electoral Roll must be made every six years.

This is now due.

The existing roll will be discontinued. If you wish your name to be included on the new Roll, will you please let me have your completed form by SUNDAY MARCH 25th.

Forms may be obtained from me, or from the table at the back of the Church.

What is the Church Electoral Roll?

- It is your parish Church's register of electors.
 - It is the list of those qualified to attend, and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where elections take place for:
 - A. The parochial Church Council
 - B. The parish's representatives on the deanery synod.
- (The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Harbury takes place on April 22nd this year).

By enrolling you become a voting member of the Church of England and so help to ensure that all synodical councils of the church are fully representative of its members.

Moya Waterman
612285

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FROM THE RECTOR

Lent seems to come quite late this year. Ash Wednesday is not until near the end of February - Feb. 28th to be precise. But unless I say something about Lent now, I shall have missed my opportunity to let you know what particular thing we are doing this year, before it all starts. Over the last few years, there have been several National Lent Courses devised, which many people have found very worthwhile. This year the title of the course is 'Turning Points', and has been prepared by Ian Gall, known to many as one of the regular presenters of 'BBC1 Songs of Praise'. The weekly items are 'Turning Around', 'Turning the other Cheek', 'Turning Point', 'Turning Upside Down', and 'No Turning Back'. The new local radio station BBC CWR, which started operating only on Wednesday 17th January will feature this Lent Course on Monday evenings at 8pm beginning on Monday 5th March and finishing on Monday 2nd April, broadcasting on 94.8 and 103.7 FM. The material lasts about fifteen mins. and is followed in the BBC CWR studio by a discussion of some of the issues raised. The intention for us is to use the material at both Ladbroke and Harbury, and then proceed with our own discussion. The first meeting will take place at Ladbroke on Tuesday 6th March (at the home of Violaine Junod, 20 Ladbroke Hall at 8pm and at Harbury on Wednesday 7th March (in the Tom Hauley Room) also at 8pm.

John Sutcliffe, the Religious Producer of BBC CWR in a letter to churches about the course, says: "'The Way', was the earliest name the disciples gave to the life together in Christ. 'Turning Points' is a chance to explore together what 'The Way' is for the churches in 1990".

Thus I hope this will be fully an ecumenical experience and that anyone from either village will feel free to join in. I would be grateful if those who intend taking part, would let me know please or sign the list on the table in both Ladbroke Church or Harbury Church, especially because I wish to provide everyone with the accompanying leaflet to the course.



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If you find that Tuesday is not convenient, but Wednesday is, or the other way around, then do not hesitate to opt for the course on either night, wherever you live. There is one adjustment I am having to make, so that this course can be put on in both villages, and that is that the Tuesday evening Communion at Harbury will, for those dates be transferred to Wednesday. The time 7.30pm will remain the same, only the day altered.

Naturally this deals with only one aspect of Lent. I shall be finding time to say more about Lent in church before then. But it is an important aspect and I believe a golden opportunity for people to come together locally to examine our Christian Faith as we enter the 'Decade of Evangelism'.

I hope you will accept my invitation to be a part of its process.

Confirmation Instruction

Meetings for instruction are to commence this month. For young people at Harbury, a preliminary meeting will be held on Monday 12th February at 7pm in the Tom Hauley Room and one at Ladbroke on Tuesday 13th February at 7pm in the church.

If there are adults considering the possibility of Confirmation, the Rector would be pleased for them to contact him and arrangements will be made for meetings.

To remind everyone of the dates of the Confirmation this year: it is to be on Sunday 13th May at 6.30pm by the Bishop of Coventry.

Antony Rowe

L O S T

Gold Cross & Chain in Harbury on Monday 15/1/90.
A reward offered - please contact ISOBEL CLARKE on 613600 if you can help.

8.

HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday 10th December:

ALICE ELIZABETH, daughter of Patrick George Edward
and Julie Clarke, 32 South Parade.
(correction).

Sunday 14th January:

THOMAS DAVID, son of Jason Hill and Lynn Anne Jackson,
36 Francis Road.

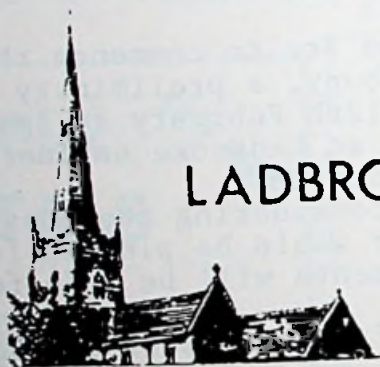
Sunday 21st January:

JOLENE, daughter of John Henry and Karen Taylor,
27 Farley Avenue.

FUNERAL

Monday 22nd January

MARJORIE MARGARET HODKINSON, 2 Park Lane 78 years.



LADBROKE NEWS

FEBRUARY

Sun	4th	Epiphany 5 (Presentation of Christ in the Temple) 10.30am Family Service & Communion
Wed	7th	10.30am Holy Communion 7pm Men's Society Annual Dinner
Sun	11th	NINTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER. 9am Holy Communion with Hymns
Tues	13th	7pm Meeting for Confirmation Candidates (in Church) 7.30pm Parochial Church Council Meeting
Wed	14th	10.30pm Holy Communion 2.30pm Womens Fellowship

Sun	18th	EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER. 9am Holy Communion with Hymns, 10.30am Childrens Church, 3.30pm Evensong
Tues	20th	10.30am-12 noon Friends of Ladbroke Church Coffee Morning at the Old Rectory House
Wed	21st	Parish Council, 7.45pm in V.Hall
Thurs	22nd	WI Meeting
Sun	25th	SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER, 9am Holy Communion with Hymns
Tues	27th	7.30pm Village Festival 1990 - Meeting in V.Hall
Wed	28th	Ash Wednesday, 10.30am Holy Communion, 7pm Holy Communion 7pm Ladbroke Church Youth Group

MARCH

Sun	4th	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, 10.30am Family Service & Communion
Tues	6th	8pm Lent Course - 'Turning Points' at 20 Ladbroke Hall
Wed	7th	10.30am Holy Communion

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Feb. 4th & 11th Mrs. Frost
Feb. 18th & 25th Mrs. Sherriff

LADBROKE CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

CAROL SERVICE

A special thankyou to Jennifer, Simon, Zoe, Nicola, Alice, Sloane and Abigail, who sang at the carol service and provided a beautiful and unusual reading for the evening. Everyone was very pleased to see the young people of the village participating.

Wed 28th JANUARY - Games and origami evening
- with games coaching and paper plane races.

Wed 28th FEBRUARY- Suggestions please!

Sun 25th MARCH - Mothering Sunday.

EASTER - We will be planning a visit out.

10. CHOIR

Several members would like to form a choir for special services, but since we do not have any suitable choir gowns, the Group will be raising money to make some - hopefully in time for Easter!

We will therefore be holding a Car Boot Sale or a stall at a Car Boot.

I am therefore asking everyone between now and the end of February, to let me have any bric-a-brac, nearly new clothes (not jumble), knitted items, gloves, toys, etc., or odd balls of wool for someone else to knit, (has anyone a knitting machine?), anything crafty, or an item we can sell for you for a % of the price?

TOKENS and STAMPS

From now on we will be collecting ANY food tokens or offers, coupons, petrol tokens, etc., which we will be able to put together, (how often do you never reach the number required before an offer closes!), and use these free offers as prizes, children's gifts, etc.

A reminder that I collect used postage stamps for the church restoration fund.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please can we have all your unwanted christmas cards.

Linda Doyle
0926-814214

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On January 3rd eight of us joined Harbury M.U. at the their Christmas Tea which was delicious and thoroughly enjoyed by all. This followed the singing of some favourite carols. Our thanks to them all.

At our meeting, we listened to Violaine Junod telling us about her time in Africa. It was most interesting hearing about her travels in Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. She returned to these places after many years away and met many old friends and colleagues - also, members of her family. Particularly nostalgic for her was the return to

Maputo - her birthplace. The outcome of her travels was the decision to return to Africa for good later this year.

Subscriptions are now due, and it was decided to raise them to £2, as they had stayed at the same figure for some years.

Our next meeting is on Feb. 14th at 2.30pm at the home of Pearl Edwards, 4 Bridge Lane, when we are looking forward to hearing Mr. Holmes of Deppers Bridge talking about Bee Keeping.

Nancy Stubbs

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Mr. Leech from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution gave us a most interesting talk and film show at the January meeting. Funded entirely by voluntary contributions the RNLI does indeed a magnificent job and the film highlighted the strength of the organisation, in particular the courage and fearlessness the Lifeboat men/women have in the rescue and saving of human lives.

Gwynne Badman gave a vote of thanks.

The raffle was won this month by Mrs. Dot Wright.

Our Guest speaker for 22nd February meeting will be P.C. Percival with a talk on Community Policing.

Kay Constable

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LADBROKE

CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

Total Contributions and Pledges to Date (26/1/90):

AMOUNT TO £46,346.

A.C.S.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 17th JANUARY 1990

There was now absolutely no chance of the 30 m.p.h. signs in School Lane, being moved back to beyond the church. The criteria for such a move had changed and speed checks had not revealed excessive speeds.

Officials from Warwickshire County Council were still negotiating the problem of access onto Windmill Lane across the Bypass and it was hoped to have more positive news by the February meeting.

It was noted that the 'Poultry Farm' had still not complied with the conditions under which they are allowed to operate in a residential area, and the Parish Council had been asked by the District Council to substantiate villagers' complaints.

Severn Trent Water Authority have announced plans to build a new pipeline from the reservoir at the top of Windmill Lane to Bishops Itchington. The main effect on the local landscape will be a Booster Station on a green field site along Harbury Lane. The Parish Council felt that this would be better situated nearer to existing buildings, rather than in open countryside.

The Gas board is at the moment conducting a feasibility study on the viability of bringing a mains supply to Bishops Itchington and Ladbroke. They propose to announce the estimated cost per household in 1991.

The Parish Council were delighted that Mrs. Gwynne Badman had volunteered to be the village representative for the new BBC Radio Station. Please ring her on 812187, if you have any events that you would like published.

The new white lines on the Banbury Rd. will in fact be painted out and the cats eyes removed. The double white lines on the bad bend and the usual broken white line in the centre of the road will remain.

Following another suggestion for low cost housing development, this time in Butchers Close, the Parish Council decided that there was a need for a new Parish Survey to determine exactly what the residents of Ladbroke feel the need is for low cost affordable housing.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st February at 7.45pm in the Village Hall

Kate Liverton

HARBURY



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MYSTERY AT CHAPEL ASCOTE FARM

Workmen digging drainage channels in the garden of the main farm house, recently discovered bones buried in a fairly suspicious manner, under some concrete rubble. It was felt advisable to consult the police, as the bones were definitely not recognisable as a farm animal.

The police called on the expertise of a local vet, who decided that the bones were from a large bird, probably a swan. The mystery is not how the poor creature met its untimely end, but how the 'Courier' got hold of the wrong end of the stick and described the mysterious remains as those of an ostrich! - as far as I know there aren't many ostriches in Warwickshire!

It is not the first time that bones have been in the news on Chapel Ascote Farm. Back in April 1981 the farmer Mr. Brian Allman, discovered two human skeletons buried side by side in a field known as Chapel Field. The bodies had been buried in an East-West direction, with their feet facing east, suggesting a Christian burial.

This find helped to confirm the location of St. Helen's Chapel, which was used until about 1600. The farm is on the site of the deserted Mediaeval village of Chapel Ascote; it is thought that changes in the agricultural pattern and the Black Death wiped out the village in the 14th Century.

Kate Liverton

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER & DANCE

On the night of 31st December 1989 Ladbroke Village Hall, decorated in a highly festive manner welcomed a capacity crowd of villagers. A delicious four course meal was enjoyed and bouquets were presented to Mrs. Mary Briscoe and Mrs. Sheila Eaton for their work throughout the year. Dancing followed to one of Warwickshire's finest discotheques. The climax came all too soon with the cascade of balloons and many choruses of Auld Lang Syne. Book early for next year to avoid disappointment.

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL - FORTHCOMING EVENTS 1990

Fri	23rd	March	- Race Night
Sat	21st	April	- Rummage Sale
T.B.A.		May	- Social Evening
Sat	2nd	June	- Car Boot Sale
Sat	16th	June	- Village B-B-Q
Wed	5th	September	- Village Hall Quiz (V. Festival)
T.B.A.		Sept./Oct.	- Social Evening
Fri	26th	October	- Steam Night
Sat	3rd	November?	- Bonfire Night
Mon	31st	December	- New Years Eve Dinner/Dance

Janet Jay

MOTHERS & TODDLERS



The toddlers in Church last month following in the steps of Jesus. Come and join the fun and the learning! Our next meeting is on Tuesday Feb. 6th at 2.15pm in church. The service is followed by refreshments in the new lobby and there is ample time for getting away to meet other youngsters from school. We are very grateful that some of the mothers are now frequently taking an active part in planning and presenting the service. This is evidence of the growing strength of the meeting

and we assure you that a good time is had by all, especially the toddlers.

HARBURY SCHOOL

Would you like to try these tongue twisters written by Y4?

Griselda Grey grows green grass.

Green grass grows in Griselda Grey's garden.

Great Grandpa Grey grows green grass.

Green grass Grandpa Grey grows.

Anthony adores apples always around August.

Daredevil Dan does difficult deeds diving down deep drains.

Auntie Annabel adores arithmetic always after afternoon activities.

Keith Kicker kicked Ken.

Pick Pocket Percy pinched Peter's pencil pot.

Class Y4 age 8-9 years.

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CROSS COUNTRY 1989-90

I am pleased to report a very satisfactory end to the season. Although the support from children dwindled a little towards the end, the final league race at Priory Park on Saturday 20th January saw Tim Wurr improving on his final finishing places yet again, and so was able to secure for himself an improvement medal. (These are medals awarded to ten children who have shown an improvement in placing during the four races). Well done, Tim!

Our outstanding girl runner was Joanna Hancock who improved in three out of her four races. Well done, Joanna!

Thanks to Mr. Wurr for his help at Priory Park.

Daphne Wallington

HARBURY RUGBY CLUB

The last three months has seen a remarkable transformation in the Club's performances. The 1st XV had, until early November won only six matches out of 14 starts. However, the turning point came at Rugby

St. Andrews where, although they lost, the spirit was very much more evident. In a league match they beat Old Warwickians 20-6 and have won 8 out of 10 of their subsequent matches. Notable victories include a defeat of Leamington Extras, under floodlights, a further league win (24-7) at Earlsdon and a dramatic 13-12 win over neighbours Southam.

The Club's league action is represented only by the First Teams of all Clubs in the Courage Club's Championship. Coventry, as a first class club, play in National Division 2, Harbury, in Warwickshire Division 2, play some seven leagues beneath them!

The position in Harbury's Division is fascinating. Two clubs are automatically promoted and runaway leaders GEC, are already champions. However, the expulsion of Lanchester Polytechnic, for failing to honour a fixture has thrown the whole league into minor chaos. At this stage any one of four clubs could fill in the second berth and Harbury is one of those sides.

Our next league match is on SATURDAY MARCH 31st - kick off 3pm when we are at home to Atherstone - come and give your local club support - we would be delighted to see you. All could rest on our last match on the final day of the season - APRIL 28th at COVENTRIANS.

Of the other sides, the seconds have had a difficult time whilst the thirds have played some excellent rugby. We have had a fourth team out on a number of Saturdays - if anyone feels like some fun come along and join us - just give Ian Holroyd a ring on 612527.

The Juniors and Minis have made a special contribution to the Club. The under 16's are a well organised and effective side, the Under 14's have lost only one match whilst the U13's have come together very much as a unit. We are always looking to strengthen our squads - and if your son is interested please phone me on Leamington 424053.

The Minis have once again carried the name of Harbury far and wide. The under 12's - ably coached by Steve Chaplin - are unbeaten since October 1988 and are probably the best side in their age group in the county. All the other sides are performing well - and we have seven girls in our younger age groups who thoroughly enjoy themselves. The under 8's and 7's who play touch rugby are excellent. A thanks to all our coaches Ted Mazurek, Mike Szolnoki and Tony Munton,

Bob Gregory and John Davy in the Juniors and Steve Chaplin, Pete Rowell, Dave Andrews, Vince Butler and George Ridgway in the Minis plus all the helpers.

Jerry Birkbeck

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

May I take this opportunity to wish everybody a belated but Happy New Year on behalf of the football club I would like to congratulate Rick Evans on the honour of being awarded the M.B.E.

Well, this season has seen the 1st team competing in the Premier Division of the Leamington League and on the whole they have adapted well to the higher level of football. The season started promisingly with several good results in the league and cup competitions giving confidence to all the players, but a run of poor results, ending with the dismissal from the last cup competition by Napton on 28/1/90 has left the 1st team with the only incentive of avoiding relegation, but, with the commitment from the players, as shown at the beginning of the season, this will be successful.

The Reserve team has seen several changes on the management front, with Brian Wallington taking over the responsibility of guiding the team through their remaining matches. In contrast to the 1st team the Reserves started slowly. Although several results could have gone their way, but the last few matches have seen a change in their fortunes and now they are holding their own after promotion to Division 3 this season.

The tour this year takes the club back to Brighton for the weekend of the 27-29th April. Anyone wishing to take part should contact A. West-Latham (613683) for details and a deposit of £10 is required by February 11th.

Thank you to everyone that supports the club in one way or another, and I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Successful 1990.

A. West-Latham

Mr. A.C. Over has written to say than you to all for his Christmas cards, which came from all over the country.

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HARBURY CRICKET CLUB - by Ian Holroyd

Mid-Winter report on the 1989 season

1st XI RESULTS: (Cap & League) Played 32, Won 13
Lost 11 Drawn 8

AVERAGES: (Kindly compiled by Ian Jackson)

BATTING:

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Inns</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
J. Wilkinson	25	5	595	88	29.8
I. Lowe	13	1	260	40	21.7
J. Clifford	16	1	282	49	18.8
D. Davies	8	0	139	39	17.4
G. Lowe	27	7	326	56	16.3
R. Humphries	7	3	61	30	15.3
B. Wallington	16	6	146	29	14.6
R. Carr	15	0	204	66	13.6
J. Greenwell	15	1	180	36	12.9
D. Grey	13	0	155	37	11.9
L. Sollis	25	4	225	33*	10.3
J. Winchester	17	5	124	27	10.3

BOWLING:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>M'dns</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wkts</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
I. Lowe	155	34	437	41	10.7
R. Humphries	75	13	305	22	13.9
G. Lowe	126	10	413	25	16.5
S. Clifford	42	6	170	10	17.0
D. Grey	67	4	249	14	17.8
B. Wallington	240	51	865	44	19.6

Batting Cup - John Wilkinson
Duck of the Year Award - Gary Lowe
Young Player of the Year - John Winchester

N.B. A total of 39 players represented the 1st XI
(Sunday & Evening).

2nd XI Played 14, Won 4, Lost 8, Drawn 2.

BATTING:

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Inns</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
B. Holloway	12	3	236	50*	26.2
S. Clifford	4	2	45	32	22.5
M. Tanner	5	2	60	27*	20.0
J. Ward	6	0	103	51*	17.1
W. Russell	10	1	145	70*	16.1
M. Daniels	11	1	155	47*	15.5
R. Wright	6	1	72	36	15.4
N. Humphries	8	2	61	31	10.2
I. Jackson	11	1	98	33	9.8
I. Holroyd	6	0	37	21	6.2

BOWLING:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>M'dns</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wkts</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
J. Lapraik	72	10	259	27	9.6
S. Clifford	22	1	126	9	14.0
R. Lowe	133	16	422	25	16.9
W. Russell	118	14	361	19	9.0

2nd XI - Player of the Year - Bernard Holloway.

N.B. A total of 32 players appeared for the 2nd XI.

Summary

Overall a very satisfactory season with some very notable performances. Again the more mature members of the club showed us young'uns how to do it - namely Messrs. Wilkinson, Wallington, Holloway and Lapraik. As I tell my fellow youngsters we must practice more and I look forward to the pre-season practices with master coach Les Sollis and his mentor. Gary Lowe must organize.

The first game of the season is booked for Sunday April 22nd, so get the blades sharpened Bunny - it won't be long!

The AGM will take place on Thursday 1st March at the Rugby Club - all members to attend - any new members will be very welcome.

The club again looks forward to fielding 2 Sunday teams plus a mid-week XI playing in the Evening league. Contact any club members if you ever want a game - standards are very varied!

HARBURY VENTURE SCOUTS

As part of the District Venture Scout program we invited other units to join us on our annual night hike and camp at the Dassett Hills. This year it was soggy but this didn't put anyone off. About thirty venture scouts from four local units left the scout hut between 9.0 and 10.0pm on the evening of Saturday 6th January. The classic route via Mr. Thwaites Estate and through Itchington Holt to the Salt Way was followed by most teams. Thereafter the bridle way connecting the Salt Way with the Gaydon Northend Byroa is usually followed.

This year work on the M40 made this route, especially at night, a matter of blundering from muddy wallow to glutinous furrow as some bypassed the scene.

Tents were pitched on arrival in a sheltered spot 200 metres from the beacon. Most were tired and turned in after a hot drink. Some - were they from Harbury? kept up our reputation for night games!

The effort was worthwhile for next day dawned bright with mist filling the lowland all about. Higher ground such as Shuckburgh and Napton Hills seeming like sunlit islands to the north east. I have had some very favourable comments from other units since the event, perhaps we can make it an annual get together.

The gale on Thursday 25th shut 'Ackers Trust' ski slope and climbing wall. Coventry sports centre prove a good alternative venue and the unit enjoyed an hour's swimming and diving before pushing bodies to exhaustion on the climbing wall. Thanks to Bob Hodgkiss for hiring and driving Southam Lions Minibus.

We are making use of this transport again when we hold our Easter Camp (17th-22nd April) at Hafodydd Brithion, Nant Gwynant, Beddgelert, Gwynedd. Be there

John Hancock

TENNIS

Congratulations to Jennie and Michelle Waggott from the Beeches who have just fought their way through to the final of the Remington British Mother and Daughter contest.

In the hot Spanish sunshine in La Manga they beat the No. 2 seeds Pauline and Sarah Longbottom from

Yorkshire in the first round after a gruelling two and a half hours. They followed this by beating Sylvia and Lisa Cartwright of Lancashire in the quarter final 3-6, 7-6, 7-4, 6-4 after a two hour battle, but went on to dispatch Brenda and Nicola Entract from Dorset in 49 minutes 6-3, 6-1. Their place in the final secure.

Sadly for Jennie and Michelle they lost to two Essex lefthanders, Avril and Caroline Petchley 4-6, 6-1, 6-3 after a struggle of 1 hour 42 minutes.

A great tribute was paid to Jennie and Michelle by Avril Petchley, when she said: "If we had to be beaten by anyone this year, we wouldn't have minded losing to the Waggotts. They were a pleasure to play against and a credit to Warwickshire. I only wish they were going to Florida with us".

Gladys Hutchins

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

January 4th was not just the 62nd meeting of the Folk Club and the first in 1990. It also featured the very first F.O.N.I. (Folk at the Old New Inn) Awards ceremony. And what a glittering event it turned out to be! Many members of the audience had entered into the spirit of the occasion and were wearing evening dress of various types (and from various periods in history!) in an attempt to match that of the comperes. No fewer than 20 awards were presented in recognition of various contributions to F.O.N.I., both musical and non-musical. By a fortunate coincidence, every singer present received an award in some category or another.

The big surprise of the evening was that George (the parrot) hopped away with no fewer than 3 awards in the categories of "Best heckler", "Best excuse for not singing" and "Best performance by an animal", even though all of these categories were hotly contested by many worthy nominations. Other notable awards went to Chris Burnham ("Most consistent absentee"), Bob Hodgkiss ("Best bird") and John & Mary McLaughlin ("Best landlord and landlady").

Each award winner received not only an impressive certificate but also a tasteful model windmill (hand-crafted by my co-comperes, John and Brian),

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symbolising the distinctive Harbury landmark and the Jug Band's considerable experience with wind. The full list of winners has been recorded for posterity in the Folk Club Album which is normally available at our monthly sessions (on the first Thursday of each month in the Old New Inn at 8.30pm).

During the first two halves of the evening (which were shortened to leave more time for the awards ceremony), we had relatively normal contributions from most of the singers, namely the Harvesters, the Jug Band, Phil & Drill, Pete & Liz, Tony (making a welcome return after a long absence), Roy, Steve, Bren, Sean and me. The raffle raised £25 for the Romanian Red Cross appeal.

The next meeting of the Folk Club is on March 1st.

Peter McDonald

YOGA CLASS

Any ladies interested in forming Yoga Class in Harbury please contact Betty Wren, 9 Binswood End, Tel. 613114.

HARBURY YOUNG ORNITHOLOGISTS CLUB

Will members please note that the next meeting of the Y.O.C. will be on Wednesday 7th February, and not the date given at the last meeting.

A. Barr

HARBURY W.I.

President Mrs. Barbara Sutton welcomed members and the new committee to our first meeting of the year. She then introduced the speaker for the evening, Alan Hods, who gave a most interesting and enlightening talk on 'The Origins of Nursery Rhymes'. His many years of research for a book on the subject, to be published later in the year, revealed that the original rhymes were all written as satirical ballads between 1626 and 1686 to ridicule both Royalists and Parliamentarians. These original versions were quite different from the ones we now teach our children, which are much more suitable for young ears!

Mrs. Nancy Davies gave the vote of thanks to Mr. Hodge.

Secretary, Mrs. Celia Barrett explained the proposed revision and up-dating of the Constitution of the N.F.W.I., followed by some discussion on the subject. As the constitution hasn't been changed for many decades it would seem highly necessary to do so.

Members were reminded of details for the forthcoming Barn Dance, on February 3rd. Apologies to anyone who left it too late to get tickets.

An outing to the Priory Theatre was arranged for February to see Alan Ayckbourne's 'Relatively Speaking'.

The speaker for the meeting on Feb. 8th will be Neil Vann talking about 'Environmental Health'.

The raffle this month was won by Mrs. Kath Mancell and Mrs. Sylvia Burdett.

Diana Buck

MOTHERS UNION

The January Party was much enjoyed and we were very pleased to welcome once more a contingent from Ladbroke Womens Fellowship. We all feel that we gain a lot from our contacts and intend to keep them up.

The February meeting is a talk on Church Embroidery from Mrs. Honor Braithwaite of Upton. It is on Wednesday Feb. 7th at 2.15pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

EVENING MOTHERS UNION

Our January Social was extremely well attended. Thank you, Wendy, for welcoming us. Our February meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 20th at 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room, will be open to anyone interested, gentlemen included. It is to hear about recent legislation and its impact on Worship in schools and the teaching of R.E. It will be given by Brian Rigden, Chairman of Coventry's Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education. There will be opportunity for questions and discussion. The subject would be relevant to parents and school Governors. You are very welcome.

Margaret Rigden

MOTHERS' UNION RELIEF FUND

The M.U. holds a special fund that can be used to give immediate relief in the face of disasters and emergencies. This fund has recently been depleted by £10,000 given to Ethiopia. The coffee morning to be held on St. Valentine's Day by Mrs. Alice Wilkins at 5 Dickens Road will be principally to benefit this fund. A small amount will go to stabilise our own funds. It will be a Bring and Buy.

Please come and bring a friend.

Margaret Rigden

HARBURY SOCIETY

The Parish Maps Group is looking for photographs which show the Carnival Floats and Fancy Dress. They want them as models for a Map border to illustrate the community involvement in Harbury. If you can lend the copies they can sketch in the ideas they show. Prints to Linda at 16 Farm Street.

To get some working capital together the Group is to have a Stall on the Flea Market in the V.Hall on Sat. February 17th. You can support it by donating bric-a-brac or better still buying something.

The next Society event will be on Tuesday 27th Feb. 7.30pm in the Wight School when there will be a talk on Local History. The AGM is on Tuesday 20th March (same time, same place) when Paul Booth from the County Museum will give an update on the Archeological Finds along the M40.

On Saturday 28th April for Environment week we have arranged that Eric Davies the retired County Architect will be a Chesterton Church in the afternoon to explain how he has organised the work to renovate the historic gateway there.

Linda Ridgley

HEREBURGH MORRIS

Although we are now in the grips of winter, and traditionally the closed season for Morris Dancing, we braved the wind and rain to dance around the village on January 1st. The event, which finished off with soup and mulled wine, was both enjoyable and enlivening. The sum of £100 was collected for Ethiopia.

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Also, during the Christmas period, we joined forces with the Folk Club and went carol singing around the pubs and clubs of Harbury. On that occasion £88 was collected for Myton Hospice. Many thanks to all those who contributed to either or both of these events.

This year our calendar is already getting quite full. We have been invited to dance at numerous events such as folk festivals, carnivals and fêtes, both locally and as far away as Glasgow, Teesdale and Scarborough. Who knows how far we'll be going in 1991.

Once again I would like to encourage anyone who may be interested in Morris Dancing to come along to a practice to see what happens. We meet at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evenings in the school hall and I think you you'll find a warm welcome.

We are an equal opportunities Morris Side - we welcome everyone irrespective of age or sex, and also welcome members of minority groups such as the PTA, Parish Council, Jug Band and even members of the editing committee of Harbury and Ladbroke News!

Peter Bones 612832

HARBURY VILLAGE HALL

'F L E A M A R K E T'

The Village Hall is organising a 'Flea Market' for Saturday 17th February, (Please see advert elsewhere in Harbury News).

There are sure to be lots of bargains, so please come along and support the event. Of course, you might well be interested in having a stall yourself, in which case contact Sally Townsend on Harbury 613420.

Alan Barr

SUB POST OFFICE OF THE QUARTER AWARD

On the 3rd Jan. 1990 a "Certificate of Merit" was presented to the staff of Harbury Sub Post Office for the quarter ending Sept. 1989 by Mr. Clive France Area Manager (East) Post Office Counters Ltd. It was presented to Brian Taylor Sub Postmaster and assistants Mary Ceney and Gill Carter. They won the award out of a total of 146 Sub Offices in the Eastern area of the South and West Midlands.

The Certificate is awarded to the office with the best all round performance of efficiency and accuracy in dealing with all aspects of Post Office work. This includes prompt efficient and friendly service to customers, together with good balancing and accurate accounting procedures.

WANTED - 3 PIECE SUITE AND OIL AND WATER LAMP

Harbury Theatre Group's next production will be "ABIGAIL's PARTY" by Mike Leigh. For it we need a 3 piece suite preferably a 'leather look' one, but this is not essential. Also wanted is one of those lamps which contained moving coloured oil and water; all the rage in the 70s. If you have one hidden away that we could borrow, please contact me on 612029. Even if you haven't either of these do come to see what happens at "ABIGAIL's PARTY" on the 29, 30 and 31 March. I think you will be amused and surprised. Watch out for details in March Harbury News and on posters.

Alison Hodge

PIANOFORTE SUCCESS

Kathryn Tye, aged 7, a pupil of Adrian Moore was successful in achieving Grade I of The Associated Board of the Royal School of Music December examinations. She passed with Merit, having gained 127 marks out of 150.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR JANUARY 1990

Bill Middleton told his colleagues they should 'Grasp the Nettle' and do something about the neglected plots on the allotments, and our hero has also shown great courage over problems with footpaths.

He will take action over a complaint about the Mil Lane path, for the Council feels that a personal approach will be much better than an official letter. Indeed the County Council has been encouraging Parish Councils to be more active in dealing with obstructive and footpath maintenance. Harbury is one of the innovators and has for some years been re-imbursed for work on the network.

Richard Wells was press-ganged into being the Parish Footpaths Co-ordinator and Sharon Hancock volunteered her husband to report defects to him.

The Highways in general caused concern. The Parish has asked for the Station Road/Butt Lane priority to be changed; for the Give Way sign at Ivy Lane to be illuminated; and for the Engineers to consider putting double yellow lines from the Shakespeare to Back Lane. Pc Percival had done his best to route Tip lorries away from Harbury but reported that as fast as he repositioned the Beggars Lane, Ufton Landfill sign, the wind blew it round to point to Harbury.

Penelope Close residents asked that their road be advertised on the Constance Drive sign.

Whilst the Parish Council has been deliberating on the cost of a noticeboard for outside the Village Hall, decay has felled the one at the Wight School! Further quotes will be obtained and the boards put up as soon as possible.

Similarly the Councillors are agonising over the cost of safety matting for the Recreation Grounds. It could cost over four and a half thousand pounds, so they are having a scheme put together for new equipment and matting and in the meanwhile will renew the present safety surfaces.

The Council made plans for the issue of Travel Tokens. Applications forms will be available from village shops and the distribution will take place in the Village Hall from 2pm to 5pm on 2nd & 3rd April. Pensions books must be produced by those who have applied at the time they collect their tokens.

Planning continues to be most vexing. The applications flow thick and fast. Many are simply for unexceptional extensions to existing properties but some are contentious.

The Council tried to balance the advantages of exchanging an industrial site for housing at Dovehouse Lane with the traffic implications and decided that they were not opposed to the scheme in principle but asked for it to be reduced in size.

They did not object to Mr. Nakkar's plans for a Fisherman's Club at Bishops Bowl because it was well designed and the venture provided local employment. They were not, however impressed with the proposed development of the land at the top of Constance Drive

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and objected to it on the grounds they had used previously that it was outside the confines of the village.

Mrs. Noden had applied for development on land she owned on Chesterton Lane and this had been refused for similar reasons. The District Council had turned down plans for houses at Lower Westfields Farm, Lullington Lodge and Harbury Hall but allowed Barn conversions at Lower Westfields and on Bill Russell's land on the Fosse.

Mr. Durrant at Deppers Bridge had gone to Appeal and Mr. Turner's Appeal for 11 Church Terrace had been dismissed.

There were general principles involved in the determination of most of these decisions, for instance Barn Conversions are permitted but generally building in the open countryside for purposes other than those associated with farming are not allowed, and the Parish Council understands them. It is as well to remember that the Parish Council has only an advisory role and that the District Councillors make the decisions.

Linda Ridgley

CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL TOKENS

It will soon be time for the 2nd issue of Travel Tokens. The new issue will be for the period 1st April 1990 to 31st March 1991, and will be available to any Senior Citizen resident in Harbury or Deppers Bridge aged 65 yrs or over (men) and 60 yrs or over (Ladies). As previously they will be issued to Senior Citizens on proof of identity and age (PENSION BOOK NUMBER).

If you wish to receive Travel Tokens you must obtain a registration form from one of the following:

R. Carter, 5 Binswood End	Harbury Post Office
K. Thompson, 4 Manor Orchard	Harbury Newsagents
W. Middleton, 27 South Parade	Lindop's Drug Store, Chapel S
M. Coy, Fairview, Dovehouse Lane	

You should complete the form and return to any of the above before 28th FEB. 1990. Any application received after this date will not be considered.

Tokens will be issued at the V.Hall (Farley Room) on 2nd and 3rd APRIL BETWEEN 2pm & 5pm. The cost will again be £10 per person, but please remember that the scheme was compiled for 2 yrs only. It will therefore be reviewed by the Parish Council in 1991. If you wish to participate, please get your registration form.

fill it in and return it before 28th FEB. If you have any queries please contact any Parish Councillor.

Keith Thompson
Harbury Parish Council

NOT ANOTHER!

Now here's a poem for Severn-Trent
Who came, and dug and dug ... and went.

They made a hole with cones around
Beside the sign that marks The Pound.

The hole's now full of cones and water
And those round here all feel they oughter

Come again with a van one day
And take the wretched hole away.

Will someone, please, tell Severn Trent
Who came ... and dug ... and dug and went?

Brian Rigden

ROMANIA RELIEF

I don't imagine anybody will have missed the dramatic happenings in Romania over the last few weeks. However, it is possible that not so many of you will be aware that a small group of us, based in the village, have been involved with people in Romania for the last 3 or 4 years. As a result of Romanian laws and regulations, our help has been, of necessity, low key and restricted.

Now, all that is changed - at least for the time being. Aid is being accepted with open arms. We have been offered space on a large van which will be going to Romania in the latter half of March, and we should like to fill this with clothing and medical supplies. If you would like to be part of this, we should be pleased to receive gifts of clean, good quality clothes (not jumble) and contributions toward the cost of medical goods and transport. But before we can start collecting properly, we need somewhere clean and dry to store and sort all this - can you help?

All offers or enquiries to:

John and Rosemary Eld 613340, or
Joanna Watson 613861

as soon as possible please, so that we may start planning.
Further details next month.

John Eld, "Romania Relief"

HARBURY BRITISH LEGION

Confirmation at last. Thank you all - Residents of Ufton, Chesterton, Bascote, Deppers Bridge and Harbury for the magnificent effort of helpers and givers during the Nov. Poppy Appeal for reaching a grand total of £1077.77.

We would also like to thank most sincerely, Mrs. Bastock, her helpers and those that participated for the super donation of £49 to the Harbury British Legion, as a result of the Whist Drive.

Mick Bishop

FEBRUARY IN THE GARDEN

If the mild winter continues hardy perennials will have survived and will only need trimming instead of cutting down to ground level. Viola Cornuta, which have grown leggy should however be trimmed back to the crowns from which they will shoot again.

Now is the time to deal with Clematis - St. Valentines' day is favoured! It seems heartless, -two of my summer flowering varieties have flower buds on them- But we may still have snow and they are too far advanced for their ultimate good. With the exception of Alpina and Armandii, all should be cut back to 12" from the ground, given a feed of general fertilizer and their roots protected with large stones. Make sure that they are deeply planted.

Take soft wood cuttings from Chrysanthemums using vigorous basal shoots. Trim off lower leaves to reveal 1" of stem, dip into rooting powder and insert in compost. Prune Buddleia back hard, and when it has finished flowering Winter Jasmine by 2/3rds.

Start chitting potatoes. Set them up in egg cartons in a cool well ventilated place. Apply general fertilizer to top and soft fruit, to encourage root growth. Trim Hawthorn and Lonicera Nitida hedges.

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M.P.s S U R G E R Y

Alan Howarth CBE, MP. will be holding a "Surgery" for constituents in the area on Friday March 2nd between 4.30 & 6.30pm, at the Tom Hauley Rooms, Church St. Harbury.

To book a private interview (by appointment only) please contact his Agent at the Constituency Office, 3 Trinity St., Stratford on Avon
Tel. 292723.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Mr. Watkins, of the old Watkins Roses, was the speaker at our last meeting. He described the lengthy and skilful processes that precede the appearance of roses available for sale and his slides reminded us of the wealth of variety and colour which is around. It was somewhat on the nostalgic side, too, and Mr. Watkins must feel some sorrow at seeing his working Nursery turned into the "Jardinerie" (ugh!) from whose list so many of the famous varieties are missing.

The next meeting on Tuesday 6th February will again welcome Mr. Porter who will talk about propagation - no doubt we shall learn how to save ourselves pounds that, otherwise we might have spent at Clowes.

Advanced notices: The Walkabout (Open Gardens) is planned for 14th July and the Village Show for 8th September. Put them in your diary.

B.A. Rigden

Dear Editors,

Through your pages may I sincerely thank all those kind friends who have given me their loving support during Marjorie's illness. I would especially like to thank Dr. John Hancock and his nurses for their sympathetic and unstinting kindness and Canon Rowe for the most beautiful service.

Sincere and sound friends are precious.

God bless you all

Jim Hodkinson

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