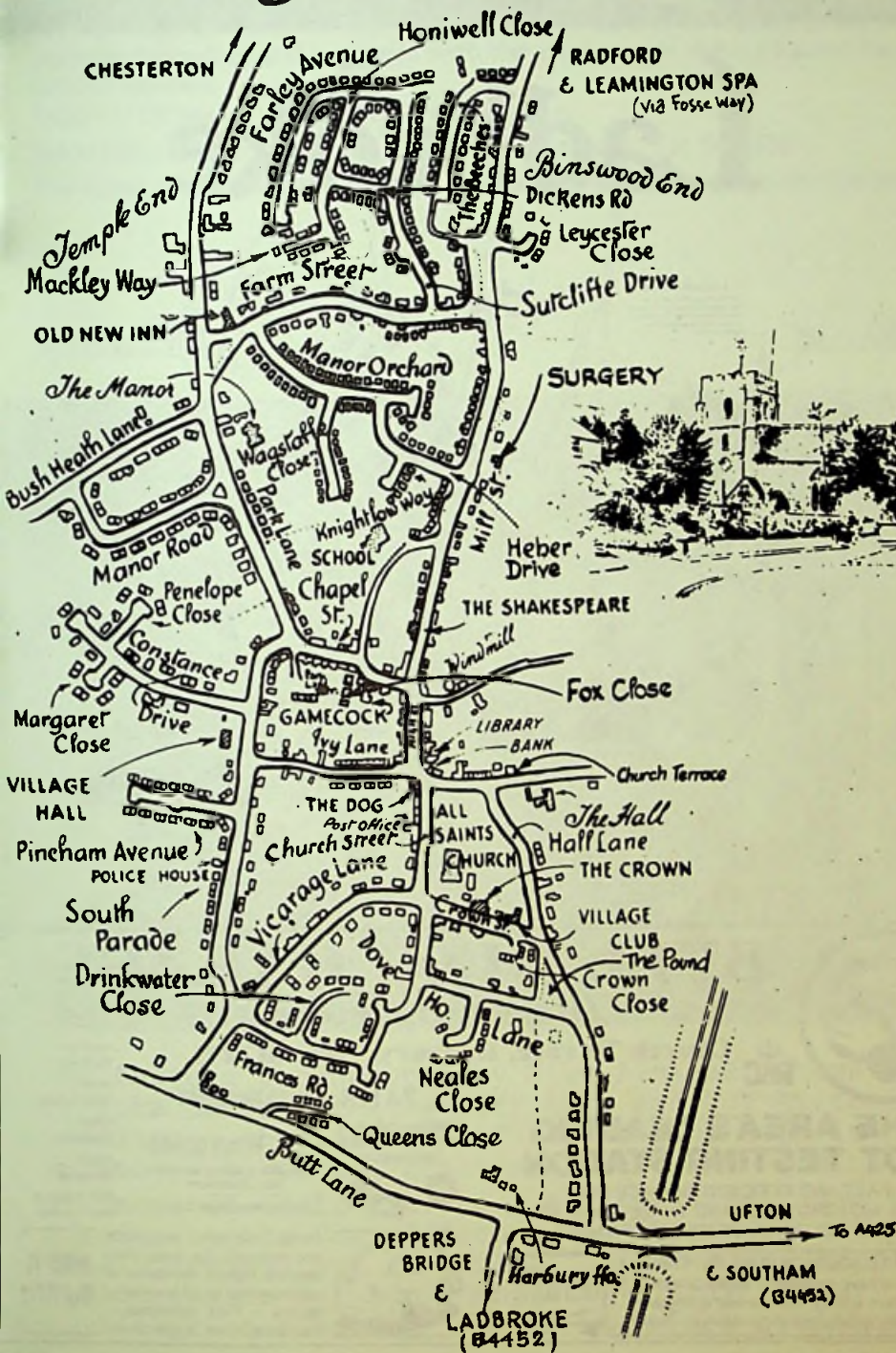


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Our feature photograph (by Mike Bloxham) shows Dr John Hancock taking part in a sad but historic occasion - the last day of the Midland Bank in Harbury. It is sad that rural areas are losing more and more of their services, and the adage used in adverts by the Post Office - use it or lose it - really demands our attention. If we make shopping in Leamington our aim then we will turn Harbury from a village to a suburb. It is therefore exciting to

see the opening of a new shop in Harbury. 'Offsprings' is a childrens clothes shop that has been opened over the Co-op. Everyone who cares about our quality of life in Harbury will wish it well.

The spring is on the way, although the 'Blackthorn Winter' is with us at present. The sporting seasons change and cricket and tennis will soon replace rugby, football and netball. Elsewhere in this edition there is an article about Mick Kane and Ann Brunt who will be taking part in the London Marathon. We wish them every success and hope they get plenty of sponsorship money for cancer research and Myton Hospice.

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Thursday April 25th in the Village Hall. This is your opportunity to question your Council on their management of the Village. There will also be a speaker from the Rural Housing Trust, who try to provide low cost housing in villages. Recently attendances have been very poor - do try to go along if you can.

Recently we have received a number of 'articles' for the magazine which are in fact just advertisements for future events - these should really be paid for. The Harbury News is not exempt from financial pressure and in future we will have to be stricter about asking for payment.

# Harbury Diary

## MARCH

- Sat 30 HOLY SATURDAY: 7.30pm (at Ladbroke) Blessing of the Paschal Candle  
Coffee in Tom Hauley Room in aid of the Bellringers  
CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR
- Sun 31 EASTER DAY: 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist  
6.30pm Evensong

## APRIL

- Mon 1 ALL FOOLS DAY: EASTER MONDAY BANK HOLIDAY:  
Word of God 8pm at 46 Farley Avenue



- Tues 2 TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK: 7.30pm Holy Communion  
Horticultural Society 8pm in Village Hall
- Wed 3 M.U. Speaker Shirley Keir - Oberammergau
- Thurs 4 THURSDAY IN EASTER WEEK: 9.45am Holy Communion (M.U.)  
Men's Society 7.45pm  
Folk Club 8.30pm in Lounge of Old New Inn
- Fri 5 Mothers Union Holy Communion 10.30am
- Sat 6 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room for Flower Festival  
Young Teenage Group 7.30pm
- Sun 7 LOW SUNDAY EASTER I: 9am Sung Eucharist, 10.30am  
Family Service, 6.30pm Evensong, 7.45pm New Youth Group
- Mon 8 Bible Study Meeting 8pm (Fortnightly) Tom Hauley Room  
Kitchen Committee 8pm in Village Hall
- Tues 9 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN (transferred)  
2.15pm Mothers & Toddlers Service, 7.30pm Holy Communion  
Village Hall Committee 8pm in Village Hall
- Wed 10 Youth Club in Village Hall  
NWR Coffee Morning 57 Mill Street
- Thurs 11 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall  
W.I. in Village Hall at 7.45pm
- Fri 12 Harbury CARNIVAL QUEEN COMPETITION at Rugby Club  
7.30 - 10.30pm  
N.S.P.C.C. Fondue Party in Village Hall
- Sat 13 Tennis Club JUMBLE SALE in Village Hall
- Sun 14 EASTER II: 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist  
6.30pm AGM preceded by Act of Worship
- Mon 15 Word of God 8pm at 26 Manor Orchard  
Prayer & Praise 4 Leicester Close
- Tues 16 Harbury Society visits the Manor 7.30pm  
Senior Citizens Committee 8.30pm in Village Hall  
M.U. Christian Aid Video
- Wed 17 N.W.R. Evening Meeting 36 Binswood End  
Youth Club in Village Hall  
Offspring Sale of childrens clothes 10.30am-1pm at 7 Park Lane  
Poverty Lunch at 19 Farm Street Christian Outreach
- Thurs 18 Whist in Village Hall 7.45pm
- Sat 20 Coffee in Tom Hauley Room for Mothers Union  
7.30am Men's Prayer Breakfast  
Southam Rotary ANTIQUES ROADSHOW in Village Hall
- Sun 21 EASTER III: N.B. 9am Sung Eucharist with Parish  
Breakfast - breakfast in Tom Hauley Room  
SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTION  
Cricket Starts - Harbury 1st XI v Long Itchington(A)

- Mon 22 Bible Study Meeting in Tom Hauley Room  
 Tues 23 PATRON OF ENGLAND ST GEORGE'S DAY - SHAKESPEARE'S  
 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: 7.30pm Holy Communion  
 Flower Festival Meeting 8pm in Tom Hauley Room  
 Julian Group 8.10pm in Church  
 Wed 24 Youth Club in Village Hall  
 Village Hall Playgroup open morning 9.30am  
 Thurs 25 ST MARK THE EVANGELIST: 9.45am Holy Communion  
 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall  
 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 7.30pm in Village Hall, speaker =  
 Ian Swift of the Rural Housing Trust on AFFORDABLE  
 VILLAGE HOMES  
 Fri 26 PTA Quiz & Chips at School 6.30pm  
 Theatre Group A.G.M. 8pm Wight School  
 Sat 27 JUMBLE SALE in Village Hall 10am for Netball Club  
 Coffee in Tom Hauley Room for Parish Maps Group  
 Sun 28 EASTER IV: 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
 10.30am Sung Eucharist (Cross of Nails Project)  
 6.30pm Evensong, 7.45pm New Youth Group  
 Cricket 2.30pm Practice Match (all welcome) Middle Rd  
 ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN MAY HARBURY NEWS TO  
 EDITORS BY 6PM TODAY  
 Mon 29 Word of God 8pm at The Spiers, Chesterton Rd  
 Tues 30 EVE OF ST PHILIP & ST JAMES: Holy Communion 7.30pm

### MAY

- Wed 1 MAY DAY: Youth Club in Village Hall  
 Cross of Nails Project meeting in Tom Hauley Room  
 NWR Evening Meeting 1 Manor Court, Wagstaffe Cl.  
 Cricket - League Match v IBM (H)  
 Thurs 2 Folk Club 8.30pm in Lounge of Old New Inn  
 DISTRICT & PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN VILLAGE HALL  
 Sun 5 EASTER V - ROGATION SUNDAY: 9am Sung Eucharist,  
 10.30am Family Service, 6.30pm Evensong  
 PTA CAR BOOT SALE on School Fields  
 Cricket 1st XI v Flavells (A) 2nd XI v Kenilworth(H)  
 Mon 6 MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY: Bible Study Meeting 8pm  
 Tues 7 Horticultural Society 8pm in Village Hall - OWLS  
 7.45pm Archdeacon's Visitation to the Deanery at  
 Harbury church  
 Wed 8 Youth Club in Village Hall  
 Cricket League Match v Long Itchington (A)



## REGULAR DIARY DATES

HARBURY CRUSADERS, 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 Tuesday & Friday  
DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tues, Wed, Thurs  
BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening at 6.15  
SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tuesday & Thursday  
BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday  
HARBURY FRIENDS, School, 8pm 2nd Tuesday of month  
BABY CLINIC, New Surgery, 2-4pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
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 Wednesdays  
ROSBARY & 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 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, in the Tom Hauley Room,  
10am-12noon  
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU, over Southam Magistrates Court,  
every Tuesday (except Bank Holidays) 10am - 3pm  
TENNIS CLUB (April - September) Tues & Thurs 6.30pm onwards  
(6pm for April) Sats 2-5pm, Mon & Weds 1.45-3pm  
  
DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO:  
LINDA RIDGLEY - TELEPHONE 612792

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion 8am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

(except 1st Sunday of month: Sung Eucharist 9am  
Family Service 11.30am)

Evensong 6.30pm (except 3rd Sunday)

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## FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

The Stewardship Renewal Week has come and gone, and although the results have not yet been analysed the number of replies was very heartening. To maintain confidentiality, only the Treasurer and the Envelope Secretary open the replies, and we hope to give you the results of your offerings both financial and in time and talents, next month.

The special Lent services have been excellent. We were delighted to welcome the new Bishop of Warwick the Right Reverend Clive Hanford, to the final one of these special services on March 20th. At the Ecumenical Service on Mothering Sunday the Rev'd David Beardshaw conducted a very lively service and this was followed by tea and Simnel Cake in the Tom Hauley Room.

Are you interested in joining in a Bible Study? We



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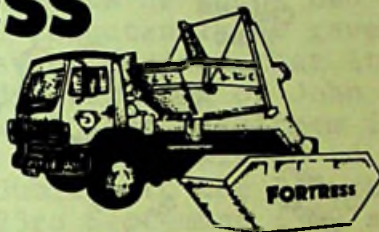
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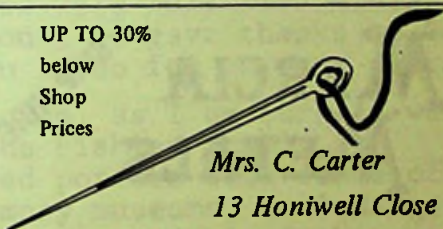
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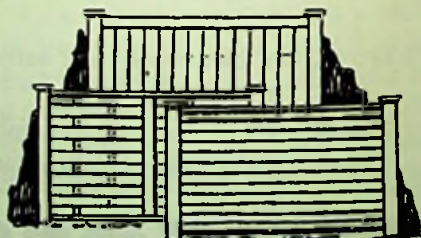
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We wish you a happy and blessed Eastertide.

BERYL AND JOHN

### FROM THE RECTOR

Everyone who knew Canon Ben Fishley, was sad to hear of his death. For the last few years or so he had looked very frail and last year reluctantly he gave up his home in Warwickshire, having decided that it was sensible to accept the kind persuading of John & Jo, his son and daughter in law to live with them in Yorkshire. One thing above all else, he wished to reach and observe his Diamond Jubilee to the Priesthood and happily he did so on 23rd September 1990 at All Saints' Ladbroke. It was indeed a joyous and splendid occasion and he was thrilled, as we all were to celebrate such a long and well fulfilled ministry - and humbly, as was his wont, he gave thanks to God for all God had enabled him to do for so many years.

It was of great interest to me, as I am sure it was to others, to learn that the Fishley family in previous times were renowned potters with items of their work to be found in many museums, including the Victoria and Albert. However, Ben's father was more drawn to the railways than to pottery and at the time of Ben's birth in 1904, was Station Master at Lapford in Devon. Later he moved to Bodmin Station and consequently Ben attended school at Bodmin Grammar. He was a bright lad and early went off to Exeter College where he obtained his degree at 19. Then he began teaching at the Royal Orphanage, Wolverhampton and it was during that time he managed to receive training for the priesthood with Wells Theological College. He was ordained Deacon in 1929 and Priest in 1930 and remained at the Royal Orphanage still teaching but with the additional post of Chaplain. It was then too that he met his dear wife Enid (she was Matron at the school). She also will be remembered with great affection. When

they eventually married, they moved to Winwich Mental Hospital in Lancashire where Ben was Chaplain and after several years there, to the Highcroft Hall and Erdington Cottage Homes. It was in 1950 they came to this diocese when Ben was appointed Chaplain of Weston Hospital and Vicar of Hunningham and of Wappenbury with Weston-under-Wetherley. In 1957 he was chosen as Director of Religious Education in the diocese and three years later became Rector of Ladbroke. He was made an Honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral in 1965, Rural Dean of Southam in 1967 and in that year too was given the further responsibility of Canon Theologian. In the diocese at large he will long be remembered for the vast amount of work he covered as Director of Religious Education and his advice was sought far and wide and tremendously valued. Many a Headteacher and Governing Body was greatly indebted to him for wise counsel and sound guidance. But equally he was appreciated in all the parishes where he served and all knew what a kind, understanding and wise priest he was. He had the ability of getting to know all his people, of getting alongside them in good days and in bad, of really caring for them and truly loving them. In return he was rewarded by finding a permanent place in the hearts of his parishioners. Wherever he went he was recognised as a man of prayer, of discipline and of spiritual discernment.

In Ben Fishley we have had the privilege of knowing a quiet, modest and scholarly man and one whose whole life was dedicated to serving faithfully his Lord. No one could have been a better parish priest and no one could have given more than he did to the work of the Church in education throughout this diocese. We thank God for his life and ministry and recommend him to God's everlasting peace and love.

ANTONY ROWE

### BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS

At the meeting in March, it was decided unanimously to continue with further meetings. It was felt that the study was very worthwhile and most helpful.

The next meeting is planned for Monday 8th April at 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room and it was agreed to meet



fortnightly from that date. It was also agreed to study the Epistle of St. James.

### FLOWER FESTIVAL 1992

The meeting called to discuss the possibility of holding a Flower Festival again in 1992, enthusiastically agreed to go ahead. The Flower Festival will be held in conjunction with the Harbury Walkabout on the weekend on 12th July. A further meeting is called for Tuesday 23rd April at 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room, and as a first event to help towards the cost a Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room will be held on Saturday 6th April.

### HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday 17th March:

HELEN JULIA & LOUISE ELIZABETH, daughters of Anthony Louis and Shirley Christine Brunton, 33 South Parade, Harbury.

### FUNERALS

Friday 8th March at All Saints' Harbury:

MAURICE AUBREY CENEY, 20 Vicarage Lane, Harbury 78 yrs

Thursday 14th March at All Saints' Ladbroke:

GEORGE REUBEN FISHLEY, PRIEST 86 yrs  
formerly Rector of Ladbroke

Wednesday 27th March, Interment Service at Harbury

JAMES LESLIE MANN, formerly of Harbury 82 yrs

### THE STEWARDSHIP REVIEW

Firstly I want to thank all those who accepted my invitation and were at church on Sunday 10th March, Mothering Sunday. It was good to see so many people there and it was, as I had hoped, a very happy occasion.

Secondly I wish to express my gratitude to all those who have responded so far to the letters sent out after that service. Of course the replies are still coming in and it will be some time before these are properly assessed and analysed. When it is completed

in a few weeks time, a full report will be given and an acknowledgement made of all that has been promised.

It is important that regularly, we take account of all possible resources available to the Church in this parish and use them wisely for God's purpose and to further His work.

Thank you for all the support and encouragement you give to the Church and to me.

ANTONY ROWE

### EASTER

At Easter we think about Jesus and how he died and rose again and about Judas Iscariot hanging himself because he had betrayed Jesus. Children look at it in a more different way. We think of it as about eggs, chocotate and treats. The Sunday before Easter is Palm Sunday.

### SPRING

At Spring most of the flowers come out and it's warm and all the trees are blooming. New life is born like lambs, bunnies, chicks and calves. I like it at Spring.

KAREN DANIELS  
age 9 Y4 Harbury School

### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Harbury Parish Church may shortly introduce at Sunday Eucharist the practice of having the celebrant facing the congregation from behind the altar. The Parochial Church Council on March 19 felt that it would be favourably received. Now the practicability of moving the altar forward, leaving sufficient room behind for the celebrant, is to be ascertained.

As replies in response to the Stewardship Renewal campaign were still being received the results will not be known for a little while. The sub-committee will meet on April 15, by which time the returns will have been analysed. Consequently the appointments of church representatives to the Harbury and



Ladbroke News management and editorial committees was deferred to await the response to the appeal for time and talents.

As Southam Deanery Synod is required to vote on the draft legislation appertaining to the ordination of women to the priesthood by the end of July, Harbury PCC will consider the matter at its next meeting in order to brief its delegates. A Warwick Archdeaconry meeting to hear speakers on the subject will be held at Myton School, Warwick, on Saturday April 20, starting at 9.30am. The meeting is open to all with an entrance fee of £1.00.

Satisfaction was expressed that the parish had met its Urban Fund quota of £1,644.00 in full. It had been achieved in two years.

The hope often expressed for greater involvement of the Crusaders in the life and worship of the church has led to the decision that once a quarter they will attend a simplified form of Eucharist in church. The first will be on Sunday June 23 at 10.30am. A plea was made for more members of the PCC and congregation to support special services for young people's organisations.

The next step towards introducing a Cross of Nails Ministry of Reconciliation in the parish, a tape-recorded message from the Bishop of Coventry will be played to the congregation on Sunday April 28.

In view of the high cost of heating the church and the age of the system, installed about 1870 with a replacement boiler in 1960, a feasibility study into ways and means of installing a modern low-pressure gas-fired system is to be carried out.

The parish breakfast will be on April 21, the Archdeacon's Visitation on May 7 at 7.45pm, and Confirmation on May 19 at 6.30pm when Matins will be at 10.30am.

JOHN ALGAR

MOTHERS' UNION

We were very happy to welcome back the Rev Viv Agget to lead our Lent Service in March. She chose the theme of Motherhood. It was an enjoyable afternoon.

As our advertised speaker was unable to be with us for our evening meeting, we changed the subject to "Who's left holding the Baby?" Starting with a playlet of that title, we went on to discuss the issues raised by the characters portrayed, all connected with the problems of parents who need help with looking after children. We considered questions such as "Should grandmothers be expected to look after children when mothers work?" We discovered that some members are looking forward to caring for at least a dozen grandchildren while others are more cautious. The discussion was wide-ranging. The general conclusion was that children should always have first priority and that parents who wish to stay at home with small children should be given financial help. Members also felt that pressures on young families are increasing and that M.U. members should be ready to help them in any way that we can.

Our speaker on April 3rd is Shirley Keir on Oberammergau. At the evening meeting on April 16th we have a Christian Aid video and discussion. Anyone interested is very welcome.

Please support our Saturday Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on April 20th. As well as the usual cakes and produce stall, there will be a competition needing your skill and judgement.

C.M.CATT

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## LADBROKE DIARY

### APRIL

Thurs	4	Men's Society 7.45pm
Sun	7	EASTER I: 10.30am Family Service & Communion
Tues	9	Bring & Buy/ Coffee Morning 10am Old Rectory House
		Annual Vestry Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
		Annual Church Meeting 7.45pm Village Hall
Wed	10	10.30am Holy Communion
		2.30pm Women's Fellowship
Sun	14	EASTER II: 9am Holy Communion with Hymns
Wed	17	10.30am Holy Communion
Fri	19	Village Hall Social Event (Motoring Films)
Sat	20	Footpath Volunteers 10am Churchyard
Sun	21	EASTER III: 9am (at Harbury) Sung Eucharist and Parish Breakfast, 10.30am Children's Church, 12 noon Holy Communion, 3.30pm Evensong
Wed	24	10.30am Holy Communion
Thurs	25	ST MARK THE EVANGELIST: 7pm Holy Communion Women's Institute
Sat	27	Diatonic Choral Ensemble 7.30pm All Saints' Church Ladbroke
Sun	28	9am Holy Communion with Hymns

### MAY

Wed	1	ST PHILIP & ST JAMES APOSTLES: 10.30am Holy Communion
Fri	3	Village Hall 60's DISCO/DANCE
Sun	5	EASTER V (ROGATION SUNDAY): 10.30am Family Service and Communion

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### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LADBROKE

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### SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion with Hymns 9am

(Except 1st Sunday of month: Family Communion 10.30am)

3rd Sunday of month: Childrens Church 10.30am

Evensong 3.30pm (3rd Sunday)

Please see notice board for weekday services.

## CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

March 31 (Easter Day) Miss Allington: April 7 - Miss Allington  
April 14 - Mrs Spence: April 21 - Mrs Cooke:  
April 28 - Mrs Hallam

## CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

Total contributions and pledges to date (22/3/91)  
amount to:-

£54,764

Alan Stubbs

## LADBROKE CHURCH

The Wednesday evening services held during Lent at Ladbroke & Harbury have been so enjoyable and those who have been unable to attend have missed an hour of good fellowship

GWYNNE BADMAN

## FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

We are holding a Bring & Buy Coffee Morning on Tuesday 9th April 10am-12noon at Olde Rectory House, courtesy of Gwladys and Alan Gould. Please come along and give most of your all, as this is for the Church Restoration Fund. Come with your friends, your goodies and your money and buy everything you see!!

GWYNNE BADMAN

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Rector began the meeting by reading a Prayer by a French Priest, Michel Quoist, entitled "Lord Make Me Laugh". Jesus knew how to laugh and we should try to laugh more.

We were very pleased to welcome our speaker, Jeanne Clarke, who told us about the work done by the Mothers' Union in the Media Department, starting as long ago as 1912. She is the Media Representative for the M.U. in the Coventry Diocese, and visits groups encouraging them to use the media in a positive way.

She told us about the - Media Awareness Project. This is an ecumenical project, enlisting the help of all mainline Christian denominations. It aims to increase the awareness of the Media, and provide information on how to use them. If we have any



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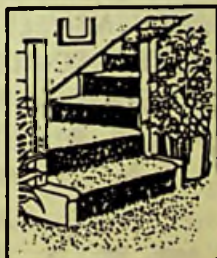
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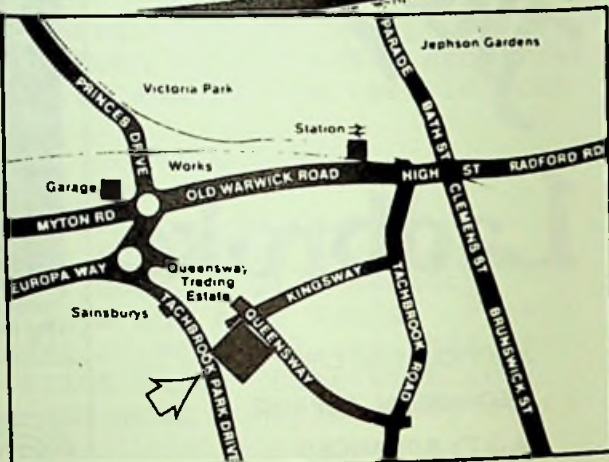
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complaints about - or praise for - a particular programme the ideal course of action is to write to the television or radio station involved. A lively discussion followed on the merits - and otherwise - of certain programmes.

Our next meeting is on the 10th April at 2.30pm at the home of Gwladys Gould, The Olde Rectory, when we shall be pleased to welcome Father Snow who will answer "Any Questions".

NANCY STUBBS

### CONCERT AT ALL SAINTS' LADBROKE

The DIATONIC CHORAL ENSEMBLE, together with the Haseley Clarinet Quartet, will be giving their second concert at All Saints' Ladbroke on the evening of Saturday April 27 at 7.30. Michael Short will be at the organ. Their programme will include Haydn's Heiligmesse, madrigals and songs interspersed with contributions by the Quartet. The whole evening promises as good and enjoyable a fare as their last. Tickets will be £3.50 for adults and £2.00 for children. Proceeds will go to the Church Restoration Fund. Tickets available from the Rector, Gwynne Badman 812187, Gwladys Gould 814515 and Violaine Junod 813507.

A.R.

### LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

We all enjoyed our February meeting, Mrs Lonsdale was very interesting on Colour Analysis, Irene being her model. It was fascinating watching the effect of the different colours on Irene's skin. The only problem is that now we're all going through our wardrobes with more critical eyes. The Raffle was won by Helen Dowdeswell. On March 12th several of our members went to the Spa Centre for the Warwickshire Federation Spring Council. There were two speakers, who were very good, but the highlight for us was that we had done the flowers! A large pedestal arrangement and a small one for the speakers table. They looked super, well done and thank you to Gill Moore and Gwladys Gould. March 19th some of us went to Cadbury's World in Birmingham, it was

AN INTERESTING TRIP, with some sampling along the way. Personally I'm not sure that it was worth the £3.75 admission fee, especially as at the trips end you walk out through the shop. A word of warning though - this was a Tuesday in March and by 11.30 it was very busy - so I should imagine at weekends and later on in the year it will be seething. But definitely worth a visit.

Our April meeting is on 25th, Mrs L McWinnie on Extra Sensory Perception.

#### GABIE NORGATE

#### LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1991

Fri April 19	Social Night with motoring films
Fri May 3	'60's Disco/Dance
Sat June 8	Car Boot/Rummage Sale
Fri June 21	Midsummer Madness (Barbecue & much much more)
Fri Sept 6	Quiz Night
Fri Oct 25	Magic Lantern/Social Night
Sat Nov 2	Bonfire Night
Tues Dec 31	New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

#### LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The meeting took place on Wednesday 20th March. Mr Teverson's Appeal concerning the apparent contravention of Planning permission at the Poultry Farm, is to be heard at 10am on the 15th May. The Post Box had been re-sited near the entrance to the Bell Inn Car Park. The Chain of Office for the Chairman of the Parish Council, although ordered for some time, had not yet arrived. The N.A.C. Rural Housing Trust was liasing with the District Council, in order to find an appropriate site in the village on which to build four low cost starter homes.

Planning permission had been refused for a house to be built on 'Butchers Close' and also for external alterations to 'The Croft'. The Yew tree in the 'School House' had been inspected and was in a healthy condition. Concern was expressed about the large hole in the verge and road outside 'Crown Cottage', due to work recently done by the Water-Board. Complaints had been received about road



gulleys blocked by leaves, pedestrians are being splashed!

P.C. Tim Percival announced that there had been a spate of "theft from unattended vehicles", lock your cars, or better still put them in the garage!

The Council had been informed that both grass cutting and gully emptying were to be much less frequent due to County Council cuts. Everyone is asked to cut their own verges as the Council will now only trim "visibility splays". Complaints had also been received about hedges encroaching on footpaths - forcing pedestrians to walk on the roads. Please note it is the responsibility of the owner to cut back hedges to the satisfaction of the local authority. Hedges should not be allowed to lean over the footpath.

Next meeting Wednesday 24th April 7.45pm.

KATE LIVERTON

### BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Ladbroke has once again entered this competition, posters advertising this Annual Event are now on prominent display. Before reminding everyone to make the supreme effort (yet again!) I thought I'd make enquiries about how we had scored last year.

The lady in charge of organising the competition was a trifle reluctant to reveal such classified information, but when pressed she admitted that Ladbroke had in fact come last in the Southam small village section. What can we do to improve?:- She suggested the exterior of the Village Hall, state of notice boards, exterior of any public places, the telephone box and of course all the verges, gardens, hedges etc, would all come under the judges eyes. Slightly crestfallen I enquired when the judges would be coming?.... throughout May and June was the reply - so we'd better get started now! - I thought that since I've been given the Post Box I'd give it a bit of "spit and polish", and I must say its rather nice the way it matches my car!

KATE LIVERTON

LADBROKE PARISH PATH VOLUNTEERS

A provisional date for the first working party of the group has been set at Saturday 20th April. It is hoped to start work on repairing stiles on the footpath to Southam (SM33). To all those people who have volunteered, and any others that might be interested in helping with this worthy cause, please support this first working party by meeting at 10am at the South eastern corner of the church yard. Tools, advice and instruction will be provided by David Arscott of Warwickshire County Council.

JOHN LIVERTON

FROM OUR LADBROKE CORRESPONDENT ---

It appears that we in Ladbroke need to be extra vigilant in our neighbourhood watch scheme. Recently £2000 worth of damage was caused to a visitor's car parked in Ladbroke Hall, and Church Cottage has had part of its fence ripped down, (although the two incidents are not linked). Let us ensure that vandalism does not rear its ugly head in our village.

KIM ABBOTT

POVERTY LUNCH

There will be a poverty lunch on Wednesday April 17th from 12 - 2pm at 19 Farm Street. Proceeds will go to Christian Outreach for their work for Famine Relief in the Sudan, where they have been working for several years. They are now appealing for extra funds to help in the present dire situation here.

JILL WINTER

MARBURY W.I.

At the meeting on March 14th members heard about various forthcoming county events including a light-hearted badminton tournament at Princethorpe on April 17th, a walk from Bishops Itchington on April 28th, a shopping and bowling day in Leamington on May 9th, visits to gardens at Frogmore on May 1st and Wisley on June 24th and a camping and caravanning meeting at Edge Hill at the end of August. It looks



a busy summer!

President Barbara Sutton read thank-you letters from Joan King and Pat Simpson. We wish Joan happiness in her new home in Whitnash and hope that Pat will soon be well enough to join our meetings again.

Barbara gave a colourful account of the Spring Council Meeting at the Spa Centre and expressed thanks to Jan Hamlin and Vera Card for their super entries of homemade jelly and wine for the competition.

The Group Meeting is at Southam on April 18th when the competition will be a spring flower arrangement not exceeding 12 inches.

The speaker for the March meeting was Mrs Powell-Tuck from "Relate", formerly the Marriage Guidance Council, who gave an interesting talk about the work of the group who are nearly all voluntary workers but by no means amateurs. Sadly the number of people requesting interviews is rising annually and there are long waiting lists. Thank goodness there are such gentle and understanding people as Mrs Powell-Tuck who spare the time to listen to couples' problems.

This month's competition for the oldest coin, was won by Helen Johnson.

The speaker for the next meeting will be John Kemsley from the Water Board. The competition is for the largest number of objects beginning with the letter "P" in a matchbox. Don't forget the sales table.

DIANA BUCK

## HARBURY C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

### "Mad March Fair"

This was held at the school on the evening of Friday March 15th. The school was alive with a whole range of stalls, many varied and interesting competitions, as well as an Easter Island Cafe which contained many fierce and exotic animals!

We are most grateful to all the people who supported this event in any way. We are delighted to be able to report that we made a profit of approximately £550 which will be used for the benefit of all the children.

Earlier in the day many of the children took part in a number of "Easter" competitions, namely, Easter Bonnets, Decorated Eggs and Miniature Easter Gardens. The winners were:

	<u>Easter Bonnets</u>	<u>Decorated Eggs</u>	<u>Miniature Gardens</u>
R & Y1	George Clarke Jack Whorton	Anna-Louise Davies Tom Williams	Joseph Crowton Jessica Farrell
Y2 & Y3	Gemma Phipps David Mugleston	Sophie Eadon Riki Neill	Lauren Woodward Alan Guilford
Y4 & Y5	Sally Van Hoorebeek Rebecca Hill	Danielle Champ Sam Halford	Tom Waterman Danielle Champ
Y6 & Y7	Jenny Ricketts Sarah Kemsley	Kerry Egging Eléanor Black James Van Hoorebeek	Rosie Staple Kirsty Taylor

### CARNIVAL '1991' CARNIVAL QUEEN COMPETITION

A "Grand Disco" to be held at the Rugby Club on FRIDAY APRIL 12TH - 7.30-10.30pm - where we hope to choose the "Carnival Queen" and her two attendants for this year. Girls from Harbury and Deppers Bridge between the ages of 12-16 yrs are eligible - so come along girls how about it? Plans are already in hand for the Carnival Queen's float. Entrance fee into the disco will be 50p. We are hoping to have a Children's "Pet Show" this year - more news of that later.

Kitchen help and donations of cakes etc, will be gratefully received again - please contact Mrs Pauline Hayes, Farm Street. Please let Tim Percival have your float entries and John Kemsley stall entries as soon as possible please.

Children's Sports Day Sunday June 9th 2.30pm

More news next month.

PEGGIE MIDDLETON



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 1991

At 7.30 and not yet quorate, the Parish Councillors were looking uncomfortable as the audience outnumbered them four to one. Later the large contingent of senior citizens heard the acting Chairman, Midge Keen, suggest that May would be the time to pay out the travel tokens when the Council had received some income from the District. Finances it seemed were tight. There was still £6,000 to pay on the Car Park refurbishment and the expected grant aid from the District had yet to materialise.

Work was proceeding on tidying up the Cemetery after the gales and tree surgery would cost £900. Residents of Park Lane were paying for the hedge on the western side to be properly laid.

Ray Carter explained that the Parish Council could no longer sit on the fence and register 'no objection' to a planning application; they must either reject or support it. They supported the building of a replacement house at Station Road, Deppers Bridge and extensions at 19 Mill Street, 13 Wagstaffe Close and Northfields. Mr Jones at 34 Manor Orchard and Mr Jenkins in Margaret Close had both been granted planning permission by the District for extensions to their properties, and Mr Turner at Deppers Bridge Farmhouse and Mr Merriman in Temple End received to go ahead to their plans.

They were not happy with the application for a detached house at the rear of the stone cottages in Hall Lane, both because of the access and the principle of backland development, especially in a Conservation Area. They resolved to object and to demand a site meeting. The appeals by Mr Clarke for retirement bungalows in Constance Drive and Mr Frost for a bungalow at Bull Ring Farm were rejected.

Stratford District had a backlog of planning applications and many would be decided by the officers and not go before the Planning Committee. Parish Cllr's were not happy about it but resolved to request that someone from the Planning Department address the Area PC's meeting to explain to the Parishes the principles involved in planning decisions because they felt that the comments they made would be of even greater importance in the future.

The Council readily agreed to Mrs Barnes offer of a public seat for the Pump Green, donated in memory of her husband John.

District and Parish Council Elections are due for 2nd May. Ian Swift of the Rural Housing Trust would be the speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 25 April and would explain the moves to provide affordable housing in rural areas and in Harbury in particular.

The Parish would enter the Best Kept Village Competition and Sharon Hancock explained that the Youth Club wanted to have a Green Weekend when they cleared litter. They requested permission to place a Skip on the Car Park and this was granted. It was suggested that Environment Week would be the most suitable time for the clear up.

Nothing had been done to rectify the damage the dray did to Crown Green so that Parish Council would approach the Brewery direct.

The Parish Council gave the Village Hall official permission to plant up a hedge on the Recreation Grounds on the southern side of the Hall. Keith Thompson suggested that the School Children be invited to replant the Chestnut Tree on Binswood End Green which was so damaged in the storms that it had to be removed. Trees on the Pound also needed attention and the District Council would be asked to deal with the ones in Pineham Avenue.

The County Council explained that it would no longer supply salt in heaps by the roadside because the run off damaged the verge and contaminated the ditches, but it would fill bins if the P.C. provided them. However, the Parish Council saw no need to do this, as gritting has been very efficient this winter.

Midge Keen thought that the general state of the gulleys and the amount of litter warranted a request to the County to undertake some cleansing work, but 1 million pounds had been cut from the transportation budget, and subsequently more might be cut if Warwickshire is poll tax capped so the County had informed the Parish that grass cutting and gully emptying would be reduced. Gulleys would



be emptied once a year and a single swath would be mown on the verges and vision splays once or possibly twice a year. The County would contribute to the Parish's costs if they wanted to do the job. It was agreed to find out how much they would pay, but Sharon Hancock was appalled at the dangers these cuts would pose to road-users especially at the Fosse and Tachbrook Crossroads. Cllr Hancock was also greatly concerned by the cars that parked on the road outside the Scrapyard on Harbury Lane. She had even encountered a car backing out. John Drinkwater agreed it was a complete shambles and the PC would write to WCC, the Police and Whitnash P.C. demanding action.

Cllrs Keen and Drinkwater has ventured out together after dark to survey the lighting blackspots and determine a list of priotities for improvements. A new column was needed for the Hall Lane/Southam Road junction and one at the top of Pineham Avenue. Opposite the Dovehouse; Mill Street between the School and Shakespear Inn; Butt Lane between Queens Close and Station Road and Farm Street beyond the Surgery were other problem areas. The Lighting Engineer will be asked to advise what can be done to make Ivy Lane better lit.

#### STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections for the District Council take place on May 2nd in the Village Hall. The District Council is responsible for many local services such as Planning, Refuse Collection, Environmental Health and Housing. At the time of going to press we had received only one election address which we print below.

#### MESSAGE FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN SHARP

Dear Elector,

At the forthcoming Elections on 2nd May I will be standing again as your local candidate on the Stratford District Council.

During the last four years we have all experienced many changes affecting us in the Harbury, Chesterton Deppers Bridge and Ufton areas. I have represented you on the Planning, Finance and Environment Committees, and have been able to help many



residents with problems relating to these Committees.

I have tried, as far as possible to safeguard our villages interests, especially with the impact of the M40 Motorway. I have also fought against the proposed Service Station at Chesterton; against large housing estates in our neighbourhood; and for the conservation of our old buildings and the amenities of the area.

Starter homes in our villages have always been a top priority with me, as it is essential for our villages that our young people can stay in the area. I also supported your Surgery and a grant for your carpark.

Having lived in the Ward of Lighthorne for over 40 years, and being a country person keen on conservation, I know the area very well and am very much aware of its problems. I regularly attend your Parish Council meetings to keep up to date with your needs.

I hope you will give me your vote on 2nd May, so that I can continue to represent your interests on Stratford District Council, irrespective of Party, for the benefit of us all in Harbury Ward.

Sincerely,  
JOHN SHARP

#### YTON HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP

Yes your're right, yet another article asking for your help!! We will be running a stall on May 6th at 'Coombe Park', Coventry. This will be a Fun Day out for all the family. However we are in desperate need of new knitted goods, soft toys, toiletries, books (not paperbacks) and anything in the craft line. This will be a stall for new goods only, so please no jumble.

Many thanks to everyone who supplied us with jumble



- it was all very overwhelming and we shall certainly have to save some for another sale later in the year. Thanks to Norma and Pat, also Joy and Ken who have done endless trips collecting the jumble, well done everyone.

Our next event other than the stall will be the mid-summer dance at the Village Club on Saturday June 22nd 1991. We'd still like to see new members join the group, our next meeting is Tuesday June 11th 1991, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room. If you can help for the stall, please ring:

PAT TAYLOR 613262

### ROMANIA RELIEF

On behalf of Romania Relief, I should like to thank everyone in Harbury who supported our recent venture to take medical supplies to the Infectious Diseases Hospital in Brasov, Romania. We are most grateful to everyone who supported our coffee morning and/or gave money directly. I particularly want to thank several very generous anonymous donors, to whom I have not been able to write personally.

We bought over £1,600 worth of drugs and medical equipment with the donations from local individuals, Keresley Baptist Church, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne and Bally Gilbert Presbyterian Church, Belfast. In addition, Myton Hamlet Hospice donated seven boxes of medical supplies.

The gifts were safely delivered to the Infectious Diseases Hospital by Siloam Christian Ministries. I flew out to Romania to supervise the delivery and to re-visit the hospital and other contacts. Building up personal relationships with trusted Romanians is very important, so one knows that any aid given is used appropriately.

As always, I have returned with a list of requests for help:

- \* 15-month Andreea has lactose intolerance and needs a regular supply of lactose-free milk powder;
- \* 2-year old Zsuzsa has chronich constipation and needs a mild laxative and high fibre diet;

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- \* a Christian doctor has only a stethoscope and a blood pressure machine for her general medicine clinic - her communist boss keeps all the other equipment locked up in his office;
  - \* another doctor, working in an orphanage, has broken her stethoscope and cannot buy a replacement in Romania;
  - \* Brasov has an epidemic of trichinellosis, a potentially serious disease caused by eating infected pork. Further cases will only be prevented by improving veterinary practices, meanwhile, anti-worm drugs are needed to treat those affected.

The needs are endless.... Please contact me (Tel 613861) if you want to help.

Romania Relief is having another coffee morning on Saturday 25 May from 10.00 to 12.00 in the Tom Hauley Room. As well as a cake stall, there will be Romanian handicrafts for sale. We look forward to seeing you there.

JOANNA WATSON

### HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

On March 7th Mary, Gillian Steven and I went to Harbury School to visit Y7. We introduced ourselves and explained what the Youth Club is about. We had a very positive response and a most enjoyable afternoon. Many thanks to Mr Oliver and Mr Chapman for their understanding and time. The following week we had forty one members. We hope this situation will continue and that we will go from strength to strength.

Our Comic Relief night went well. We all had a good time and lots of fun. Thanks to the supporters who came to cheer us on. The prizes went to:

#### BEST DRESSED TEAM WITH BARROW:

Gary Overton (Rastafarian) Claire Kayne (baby)  
Sarah Turner (Norah Batty)

#### BEST DRESSED INDIVIDUAL:

went to Martyn Revitt as a teddy bear

#### OBTSTACLE WHEELBARROW RACE:

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MARIA ADISON & MARY REVITT

### CYCLIST



Mr John Nield and his wife Florence with his bicycle, a well preserved taper-tube Granby of the early thirties. The bike has a black pigskin saddle bag with the name Scott incised freehand in the leather of the flap and was made by master craftsman over fifty years ago in a tiny shop in Oldham.

Veteran cyclist John, who is 85 years in May is a life member of C.T.C. Gt. Britain and hails from Oldham.

The former Bishops Itchington headmaster from 1950-1971 trained in

Chester and has lived in Harbury for 33 years. The picture was taken outside their bungalow in Bush Heath Lane mostly built by John. In August 1936,

on the same bicycle, together with a friend, John toured the Rhine Valley in Adolf Hitler's Germany. Among photographs he took was a group of Hitler youth along with Olde Worlde village scenes and landscapes.

The handmade sandals John is wearing in the picture are the same he wore touring Germany in 1936.

MIKE BLOXHAM

### HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

The Club A.G.M. was held in early March, and was as lively as ever. The evening began with a sharp exchange between Les Sollis and Ian Holroyd, and it was as if the last season had never ended. However there are some changes for the 1991 season - but don't get anxious lads no one has managed to organise any nets. John Clifford (1st XI Captain) and Ian Lowe (Vice Captain) were confirmed in office from the earlier players meeting. Gary Lowe rides off into the sunset, but will be back in time for the first match. Ian Jackson (Captain) and Mike Daniels (Vice Captain) take over the 2nd XI, but after overwhelming pressure Ian Holroyd has agreed to continue playing as ex-Captain. He has agreed to do this provided that Les Sollis does not score too many 50's. John Wilkinson was elected Mid-Week Captain. Bunny Raby assisted by Bernard Holloway has already been hard at work on the square. There is some concern that the outfield is being afflicted by a fresh problem. Last season parts of the field were very bumpy and uneven so that even fielders of the calibre of Peter Millington were apt to make mistakes. This season part of the field has suddenly become extremely hard in spite of the recent rain and assumed the consistency of tarmac.

New players are always welcome - it may reduce the average age of the Second Team eventually. Will Russell can't stay 17 forever. We have a practice match for all comers on Sunday 28th April at 2.30pm. Don't be shy, you may surprise yourself and you can't be any worse than.....

The early season fixtures are listed in the advertisement at the back of this edition. See you at the ground.

'NEVILLE CARDUS'



## HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Anyone for tennis? Come and join us. Club sessions are Tuesdays and Thursdays 6.30pm onwards (6pm from April), Saturdays 2-5pm, Sunday 11-12noon, Monday and Wednesdays 1.45-3pm. Season starts 1st April. We would be delighted to welcome new and old members of any age! Ring me on 613801 for any more information.

Booking of Courts for times other than club sessions please call in at the Newsagent to book, pay and receive ticket.

GILL THORPE

## THE LONDON MARATHON



This year Harbury is represented in the great race by newsagent Mick Kane (who ran last year) and Ann Brunt - the first Harbury lady to run. Both Ann and Mick are being sponsored to raise funds for Cancer Research and the Myton Hospice. Look out for sponsor forms around the village, and give them your support. The race is on Sunday April 21st and is live on television.

M.S.H.

1ST HARBURY SCOUT & GUIDE GROUP

Would you like to work with young people, whether or not you were ever a Scout or a Guide?

Your Scout and Guide Group is actively seeking adults to help with the Beaver, Cub Scout and Guide sections. We hope that volunteers will come forward to support the world's largest youth movement, which aims to encourage the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people through a progressive training programme, guided by adult leaders.

Not only do we seek adults prepared to work on a week by week basis, as uniformed leaders, but we also have a need for Instructors to help with specialist activities. Many of these are outdoor, but all play a part in helping to encourage self reliance and respect for others - valuable attributes in today's society.

If you have stayed with me so far, then I feel sure that you would like to help. I know that YOU can do it, so please contact me for further details.

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HARBURY FOLK CLUB

Red Nose day came early to Harbury Folk Club on March 7th but that didn't prevent everyone getting into the mood with a good number of funny songs and plenty of good humoured banter. Most importantly £100 was raised for Comic Relief, a fantastic figure.

Many of the regular singers were there but there were also several performers new to the Club. Nigel Wall, Kevin Crompton and Nick Lines from Warwick all performed very creditable solo spots, Steve Carpenter read us two Les Barker monologues, and Saudi Sydney appeared with two lovely wives - Fatima and Salome - and the camel. Perhaps we shall never know who were behind those disguises but it was a shame that Mike, Doug, Celia and Janny missed this great performance by being out of the room at the time.

There was a strong nasal theme to many of the



performances! Perhaps predictably, the Jug Band included "The Nose of Alan Dale", but the audience loved it. My favourite group, Parrot Ate The Curtain, included that philosophical number "What do doggies do when they get....?", and the Wandering Nostrils appeared by kind permission of John, Nick Rup and Stuart. The final two spots of the evening gave the audience a chance to really exercise their lungs with some great chorus singing, especially in Roy's "Deep Blue Sea" and Raven's "Sail Away".

Once again the evening was recorded on video by John Black. You can have your own copy for just £5, over half of which will go to charity. Please order your copies direct from John on Leamington 423216.

The next session of the Folk Club is on April 4th but I won't promise that things will return to normal because I'm not sure what that is any more! Maybe we'll have an evening of folk music?

PETER McDONALD

#### HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

May we offer our thanks to everyone who helped to make the Mediaeval Banquet such a success. It was wonderful to see so many of the guests were dressed in costumes of the time.

Preparations will now begin with our entry for the A.C.T. Festival on 6th 7th & 8th June. A play reading will be held on Thursday 11th April at 8pm at The Old Mill House, Mill Lane. Please come along if you are interested.

Our A.G.M. will be held on Friday 26th April at 8pm in the Wight School - please feel welcome to come and join us.

GLENYS HILL

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We offer a wide range of activities for this age group. If you are interested in finding out more about our group, you are warmly invited to an OPEN MORNING between 9.30AM - 12.15PM on WED APRIL 24TH. Existing parents, friends and relatives are welcome along with any prospective parents and children. Come along to see and join in the activities during the morning.

MOYA WATERMAN  
Supervisor Tel: 612285

LETTER FROM TRISTAN DA CUHNA No 3

"The Wedding"

Today is the day of the wedding of Carlene and Grant, yesterday Grant went around the village and personally invited nearly 300 people to his wedding. It is traditional that a couple cannot marry until the groom has built a house, there are no building firms here, every man lives in a house that he has built himself. At 2pm Allan Gail and I went to the Church to see the arrival, the Church only holds 40 people so we stood outside. The bride and her eight bridesmaids arrived in the Government Land Rover driven by Tristan, it was a bit of a squash with the brides father etc! Jim took a video film of the occasion. After the ceremony everybody was invited to Grant's house for tea. You may wonder - 300 guests into a house built for two? Tristan style everyone gathers outside the house and is served drinks by a succession of waiters, then people are invited to eat, twenty at a time. Once they are finished the tables are relaid, bowls topped up, and the next shift moves in. It is a very boozy occasion as more and more people designate themselves as waiters and bring out slabs of beer which are passed round freely. I also for the first time tried the infamous Tristan measures of spirits, whilst at the bar I saw a bottle of Gin emptied in eight Gin & Tonics. I think I shall stick to beer! At 8pm the party



swayed off to the hall for the wedding dance, the Rock Lobsters were playing as well as a Disco. At 10.30 the band stopped and everyone goes home for "the tea break", this lasts for  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour and the last thing that is drunk is tea! At one o'clock in the morning the dance ends and the party once again heads for Carlene and Grant's house. The lights went out shortly afterwards but the party went on by gas lanterns. I don't remember what time I went home but it was a good wedding and as with all weddings on the Island the party will be kept going until Monday morning.

### NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION WEEK

As I write, television and the national newspapers have announced the start of the above on April 15th. This campaign is of particular significance to Neighbourhood Watch who try to drive home the sad fact that more than 20% of thefts are due to people failing to close the windows or lock the doors of their cars and houses.

But there are other risks that can be reduced by additional precautions and the Home Office have produced a booklet called "Practical Ways to Crack Crime" which gives detailed ways to people of all ages on how best to protect themselves and their possessions. We are arranging to get a copy for every household in this village and hope that every member of your household will read it, react positively to it, and not just toss away. Do not forget that a greatly increased number of insurance companies are offering discount of around 10% to those who take sensible precautions and are in Neighbourhood Watch. This means that most people would recover their expenditure in 3 years.

With the booklet we shall also distribute the April copy of AWARE which will give details of some of the special aspects of Crime Prevention Week and events.

In the last two weeks there have been three crimes in Harbury - a car wheel tyre was removed from a

car parked on a drive in Mill Street - a car parked in front of the Village Hall was broken into and a portable telephone stolen - and a house in Sutcliffe Drive was entered through patio doors and T.V. Video and Jewellery stolen.

Also a few hundred yards outside the village boundary a workshop was broken into and a substantial quantity of tools and equipment stolen.

There have been several similar cases in nearby villages so we are clearly in someone's target area.

DON PARKER

#### HARBURY HELPLINE - Children's Clothing Update

Over the past 2½ years we have received many generous donations of good quality children's clothes - our thanks to all who have given. Our original aim was to re-distribute these clothes to local families in particular need. However, although some clothes have been of use in the village and surrounding area, the majority have made their way to Leamington, Coventry, Birmingham and as far away as Romania and Pakistan via organisations and church groups known to various people in Harbury. They have been gratefully received and put to good use by many families living in desperate poverty.

In recent months there has been little turnover of the clothes in storage and we intend to move the existing stock by holding a jumble sale in the near future (date and venue to be decided). Most money raised by this sale will be given to Romania Relief, providing aid for the poor and sick in that country. A portion will be kept for use by Harbury Helpline itself.

We will be happy to continue receiving donations of children's clothing, though it is most probable that their main use will be found outside the area.





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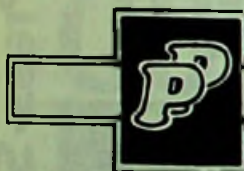
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Our thanks once again for your support.

MAUREEN DARBY

### BALLROOM DANCING CLUB

The newly formed Ballroom Dancing Club will be held regularly on the first Friday of each month in the Village Hall, 8.00pm - 11.30pm. The only exceptions being in June and July when it will be the second Friday. This is a non-profit making Club open to all, with an entry fee (approx £1 per couple) to cover the hire of the hall and sound equipment. We are definitely not Harbury's answer to "Come Dancing", so don't feel that you have to be an expert. We hope to provide a pleasant evening with a party atmosphere where people can enjoy good music and traditional ballroom dancing. Refreshments are not provided, so please bring your own.

Enquiries to Anne Megeney (612745).

ANNE MEGENEY



HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At our last meeting we heard an expert and entertaining talk on Clematis from Mr & Mrs Fair from Lincoln. This month Mr Thackett re-visits us to talk on "Successful Annuals". From this speaker we have come to expect a knowledgeable and lucid review of plants and techniques of cultivation.

The final talk in this season's programme, on 7th May, is by Mr Lyton on "Owls", illustrated with live specimens. As the subject may be of interest to a wider audience than purely society members, we are holding the meeting in the main hall and opening it to the general public (admission 50p).

Finally, the British Alpine Society is holding a symposium at Warwick University on 8th-10th April. Further details at our next meeting.

RON GREY  
Chairman

APRIL IN THE GARDEN

Mow the lawn! but not too close a cut.

Take cuttings of herbaceous plants. Plant biennials and sweet peas. Sow parsley on finely raked soil which has been preheated with boiling water. At the end of the month plant dahlia tubers, sweet corn, marrows and cucumbers.

Plant maincrop potatoes - Good Friday is said to be the day. Prune back forsythia after the flowering, and remove dead heads from daffodils, pansies and violas. Do not cut down daffodil leaves or they won't flower again. But now is the time to split large clumps. Re-plant the bulbs at least 6" deep.

Spray peach and plum trees before bud break, also spray raspberries and apples.

Earth up peas, broad beans and early potatoes. Prepare the ground for outdoor chrysanthemums. Complete sowing of half hardy annuals.

E. D. ZONIK



# Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

In response to several complaints about the general untidiness of the Village, at its February Meeting the Parish Council requested the County Council to send its road-sweeper and I am sure everyone noticed the improvement on Thursday the 14th March.

Inevitably the vehicle could not gain access to one or two areas because of parked cars and I would like to think that the drivers of those cars could perhaps take the trouble to clear the areas which it was not possible to sweep.

Yours faithfully

W.H.MIDDLETON

Chairman. Harbury Parish Council

Dear Editors,

The family of the late Maurice Ceney would like to thank all relatives friends and neighbours for their floral tributes cards and messages of sympathy following their sad loss.

Mam & Dad,

Congratulations on your Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 6th April.

love from

EDWARD, JOHN & FAMILY

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7 Park Lane. Julia Barnard from  
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spring/summer clothes - all reasonably  
priced. There will also be cakes for  
sale and a raffle. Do try to come along!



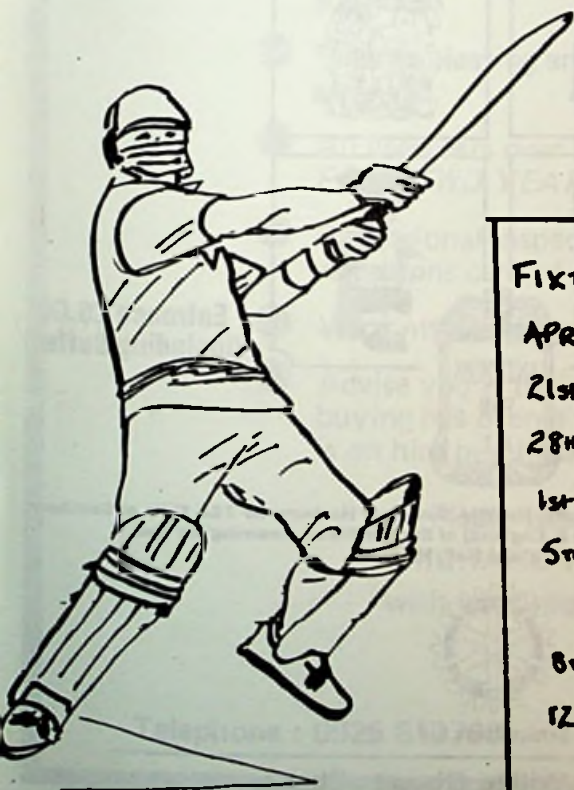
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