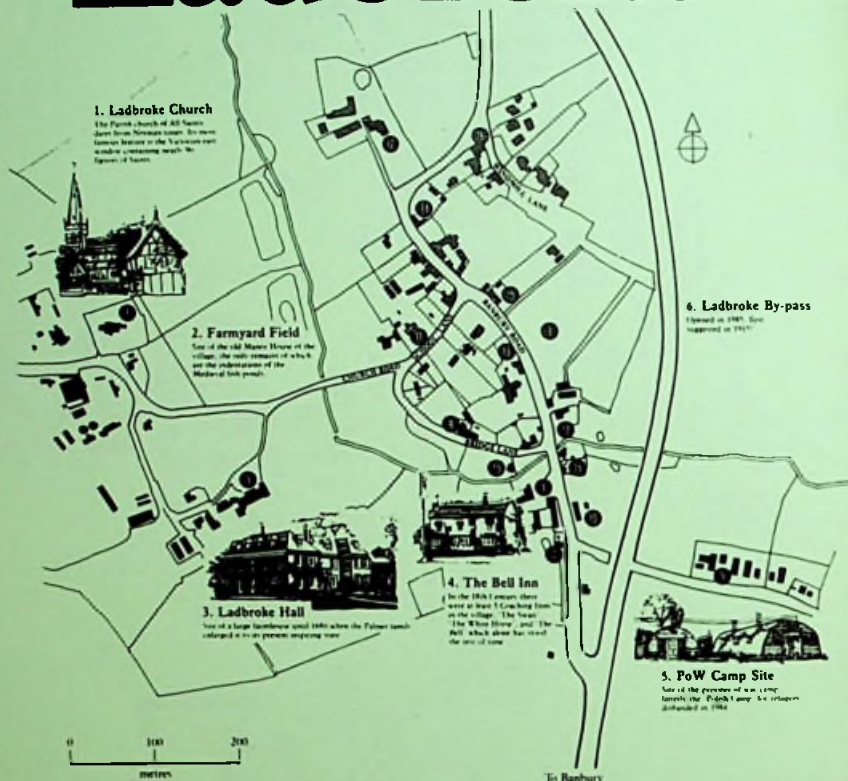




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With the clocks going forward, village gardens full of daffodils, and the sound of lawn mowers once more, it certainly feels as though winter is almost behind us. Mike Bloxham's photo of the Guides' Daffodil tea party certainly catches the mood.

Just in case you haven't noticed, there's a General Election on April 9th. The media seem to have gone into

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overdrive, but it's worth reminding ourselves how precious the right to vote is. Polling is in the Village Hall and you will find messages from the candidates in the magazine.

Just recently Harbury seems to have lost all too many of its well loved characters. Mill Street will not be the same without the familiar sight of Mrs Griffin in her apron leaning over the gate with love for a smile and a chat with young and old alike. Muriel Taylor was one of the Harbury News' original distributors. She did a tremendous amount of work for the Youth Club - many will remember the fantastic carnival floats she and her husband masterminded. This month also saw the loss of Jim Hiron, Doreen McMahon, Basil Green and George Hawkins. To all their families we extend our deepest sympathy.

Finally the very best of luck on April 12th to Ann Brunt, Paul Hyde and Andy Latham, all running for charity in the London Marathon.

Harbury Diary

APRIL 1992

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| Sat | 4 | GRAND NATIONAL BOAT RACE DAY
Tennis Club Jumble Sale in V. Hall 10.30am
PTA DISCO CANCELLED
Breast Cancer Race Night in Village Hall
Concert given by Diatonic Chamber Choir 7.30pm |
| Sun | 5 | LENT V PASSION SUNDAY: 9am Holy Communion,
10.30am Family Service, 6.30pm Annual Meeting
preceded by short act of worship, 7.30pm
New Youth Group |
| Mon | 6 | Bible Study Meeting at 8pm |
| Tues | 7 | Mothers & Toddlers Service 2.15pm
Time for Prayer 7pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society 8pm in Village Hall Howard
Drury of Central TV Gardening Time "Primulas
& Auriculas" |
| Wed | 8 | Hopscotch Coffee Morning 10-12 at 30 South
Parade with Grand Draw
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm Carnival Queen
Competition
Mid Week Lenten Service 8pm at Harbury Address by
Tony Stubbs |

- Wed 8 NWR - Talk & Discussion - Nigel Enser 'Almost a family therapist' 8.15pm 20 Mill Street
- Thurs 9 **ELECTION DAY** - 7am - 10pm
 Holy Communion 9.45am
 NSPCC "Election" Luncheon in Tom Hauley Room 12-2pm
 Thursday Club 2.15pm in Tom Hauley Room with video on "The Survivors", adaptations of antipodean animals
 W.I. 7.45pm
 Hopscotch Committee Mtg 10.30am 47 Farm St
- Fri 10 Holy Communion 12 noon followed by Lenten Lunch
- Sat 11 Windmill Singers in concert at All Saints' Church
 Leamington 7.30pm
- Sun 12 **PALM SUNDAY**: 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist with Distribution of Palms, 6.30pm Evensong
- Mon 13 **MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**: Holy Communion 7.30pm at Ladbroke
 Word of God 8pm at 7 Penelope Close
 Praise & Prayer at 4 Leycester Close
- Tues 14 **TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**: 7pm Time for Prayer, 7.30pm Holy Communion
 Mothers Union Bible Study 8pm in T.H. Room
 Village Hall Management Committee Meeting and AGM 8pm in Village Hall
- Wed 15 **WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK**: Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Thurs 16 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**: 9.45am Holy Communion, Sung Eucharist 8pm, 9pm to Midnight "The Gethsemane Watch"
- Fri 17 **GOOD FRIDAY**: 9.30am The Road to Calvary for children & adults, 2pm to 3pm An Hour for the Cross, 7.30pm at Ladbroke 'Looking to the Cross' - a devotion for Good Friday Evening with Music and Readings
- Sat 18 **HOLY SATURDAY**: 7.30am Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7.30pm The Blessing of the Paschal Candle
- Sun 19 **EASTER DAY**: 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer), 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Choral Evensong
 SCOUT NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
- Mon 20 **EASTER MONDAY BANK HOLIDAY**
 Holy Communion at Ladbroke at 10.30am
- Tues 21 **EASTER TUESDAY**: Holy Communion at 9.45am
 Mothers Union Meeting
- Wed 22 Peal Attempt by visiting Bellringers from York

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- Thurs 23 Holy Communion at 9.45am
Thursday Club at 2.30pm in Village Hall
Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall at 7.30pm
- Sat 25 Mothers Union Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room
10-12
- Sun 26 EASTER I LOW SUNDAY: 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am
Sung Eucharist address given by Captain Aidrian
Webster (Church Army), 6.30pm Evensong
SOUTHAM CHARITY FUN RUN 10.30am from Junior
Football Ground, Southam
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN MAY HARBURY NEWS TO
EDITORS TODAY
- Mon 27 Word of God 8pm at 26 Manor Orchard
Praise & Prayer in Church at 8pm
- Tues 28 COMMEMORATING MARK THE EVANGALIST: Holy Communion
at 7.30pm
Harbury Society HISTORY FORUM at School 7.30pm
Julian Group at 8.10pm in Church
- Wed 29 Youth Club in Village Hall at 8pm
NWR Coffee Morning 2 Honiwell Close
- Thurs 30 Holy Communion at 9.45am
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING in Village Hall at 7.30pm
Flower Festival Meeting Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm

MAY

- Fri 1 ST PHILIP & ST JAMES APOSTLES: Holy Communion 7am
Hopscotch Cake Stall Dog Inn Car Park 9.30-noon
- Sat 2 Open Day Tennis Club 2pm - 5pm
- Sun 3 EASTER II: 9am Sung Eucharist, 10.30am Family
Service, 6.30pm Evensong
- Tues 5 Holy Communion at 7.30pm
Parochial Church Council 8pm
Horticultural Society 8pm in Village Hall,
Hintons Nursery on Patios & Hanging Baskets
- Wed 6 Mothers Union at 2.15pm in Village Hall
Youth Club in Village Hall at 8pm
Open Morning Wight School Playgroup 9.30am-12pm

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For Wight School Bookings
For Tom Hauley Room Bookings

ring Mrs Hughes 612716
ring Mrs Hayes 613488
ring Mrs Smith 613680

REGULAR DIARY DATES

HARBURY CRUSADERS: Tom Hauley Room, 10.30am Sundays
UPHOLSTERY CLASSES: Wight School, 2-4pm Mondays
GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, 6-7pm (under 7 & 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
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: Children & Adults, Farley Room,
 Village Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays
HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: School Hall, 8pm Wednesdays
NETBALL CLUB: Village Hall Car Park - Training Thursday
 6.30pm - Matches Saturday afternoon
HARBURY FOLK CLUB: Old New Inn, 8.30pm 1st Thurs 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 Tom Hauley Room 10am -12pm
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU: over Southam Magistrates Court,
 every Tuesday (except Bank Holidays) 10am - 3pm
TENNIS CLUB: (April-Sept) Tues & Thurs 6.30pm onwards
 (6pm for April) Sats 2-5pm, Mon & Wed 1.45-3pm
YOGA CLASS: Monday 1.30-3pm Village Hall Diane Surgey 817904

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FROM THE RECTOR

Soon after you receive this month's Harbury & Ladbroke News, it will once again be Holy Week and then Easter Day. I cannot imagine a year without this very special time. Ever since I can remember, and the span of memory is widening considerably now, I have looked forward to Palm Sunday and felt the atmosphere of mingled rejoicing and apprehension. 'Hosanna' is a word heard frequently in our worship, but on Palm Sunday it seems to take on a unique sound and we are at one with those who knew the joy of that moment as our Lord entered into Jerusalem, astride that humblest of creatures, the donkey. The thrill and the excitement is still there year after year, and what is also still there, is that disturbing sense of impending trouble and tragedy. And with that, we move on into Holy Week, each day of major significance and importance, as we hear the Passion narrative read. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Then Maundy Thursday. It continues to surprise me, each year, how anyone with the slightest leaning towards the Christian Gospel, can ignore the invitation to gather round the Lord's Table on that day, as vividly and dramatically we relive the Last Supper, the sharing of the bread and wine and the embarrassment of the disciples at the washing of their feet by Jesus their Lord and Master. Equally, on the day following after the watch in Gethsemane, the confusion, the tension, the horror of Good Friday. For me, as for so many, many others, that day requires some stillness, some quiet reflection at the foot of the Cross, and some response, however poverty-stricken, to return Our Lord's love for a world so desperately in need of love and compassion and reconciliation. The world needs no less today. I feel compelled similarly to regard Holy Saturday, as I wait, recalling the sorrowfulness of Jesus' friends numbed with grief and with self reproach, to see that light piercing the darkness of Saturday evening, telling me that 'The Light of Christ' has burst into our lives and we all reply, as we hear those words thrice repeated 'Thanks be to God'. Thus, after all I have experienced and learnt in that most holy week of the year, I am ready and prepared to rejoice in and celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Christ Jesus

on Easter Day and sing 'Alleluia'. Christ is risen from the grave and has opened the gate to everlasting life.

I hope in like manner you are able with me, to share what Holy Week has to offer and what joy Easter can bring.

Every blessing to you in this holy season.

ANTONY ROWE.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

HARBURY

PALM SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

(Palms will be distributed)

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

7.30pm Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

7.30pm Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY

9.45am Holy Communion

8.00pm Sung Eucharist

9.00pm-Midnight Gethsemane Watch

GOOD FRIDAY

9.30am The Road to Calvary

-(Children & Parents)-

2-5pm An Hour at The Cross

10.30am The Road to Calvary

12-1pm An Hour at The Cross

7.30pm 'Looking to The Cross'

(Music & Readings)

HOLY SATURDAY

7.30pm The Blessing of the Paschal Candle

EASTER DAY

8.00am Holy Communion(B.C.P.) 9am Holy Communion with Hymns

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Choral Evensong

(with Augmented Choir)

3.30pm Easter Day Service

(prepared by Children's Church)

N.B. Please take advantage of services at either Ladbroke or Harbury, but the services are together for Good Friday at 7.30pm at Ladbroke & for Holy Saturday at 7.30pm at Harbury.

TIMES OF CONFESSION IN HOLY WEEK**HARBURY**

Monday 6.30pm
 Tuesday 6.30pm
 Thursday 7.30pm

LADBROKE

Wednesday 11.15am
 Thursday 6.00pm

or by arrangement.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Flowers are likely to be difficult and expensive this year. Donations towards the cost would be appreciated.

At Ladbroke to Jean Timms or Alan Stubbs
 At Harbury to Liz Bunting.

HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday 1st March:

JORDAN OLIVER, son of Barry Kevin & Joanne Elizabeth NEAL
 26 The Greaves Way, Bishops Itchington.
 with LYDIA MARY, daughter of Christopher Tobias & Jane
 Amanda CLOWES, 4 Purcell Close, Leamington Spa.

Sunday 15th March:

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER, son of Malcolm John & Jill Susan
 BLOXHAM, 8 Knightlow Way, Harbury.

THE BLESSING OF MARRIAGE

Saturday 21st March:

IAN PHILIP HAUGHTON and ANN ELIZABETH DOUGLAS-SMITH

FUNERALS at All Saints' Harbury:

Thursday 5th March: JIM HIRONS, 77 Vicarage Lane, 74 yrs

Friday 6th March: ROSE GRIFFIN,
 Yew Tree Cottage, Mill Street, 72 yrs

Monday 9th March: DOREEN ELIZABETH McMAHON,
 formerly of Manor Road, 60 yrs

Tuesday 10th March: BASIL HENRY GREEN,
 Harbury Hall, 70 yrs

Tuesday 17th March: GEORGE RICHARD HAWKINS,
 Harbury Heath Cottage, 87 yrs

FUNERAL at Oakley Wood:

Tuesday 24th March: MURIEL DOREEN TAYLOR,
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FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS.

The church heating boiler has disgraced itself by getting out of control and requiring, as a precaution, the attention of the fire brigade. In fairness, it has served us very well and has suffered a degree of neglect, latterly. However, the incident has determined us to take action now so that by next Winter we shall have a more up-to-date unit in place, to which end we have called in a specialist boiler company to make a proposal for its modernisation.

The Mothering Sunday morning service was a very happy occasion with the Crusaders taking a prominent part in the proceedings. The Rector took the opportunity to make a presentation to Harry Windsor to mark his retirement as Tower Captain and also to thank Shirley Keir for the magnificent baptismal roll which she has made and presented to the Church. Keith Dormer was able to lead the congregation in wishing Canon Rowe a happy birthday, this information having emerged during the service!

A reminder that the Annual Church Meeting takes place next Sunday at 6-30pm - do try to attend; the running of the Church is the responsibility of us all.

A happy and blessed Easter from us both.

BERYL and JOHN.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HARBURY

Rector: Canon Antony Rowe, The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury
Telephone: 612377

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion 8am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

(except 1st Sunday of month: Sung Eucharist 9am

Family Service 10.30am)

Evensong 6.30pm (except 3rd Sunday)

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

WARMER OUTLOOK

A warmer welcome for the congregation at Harbury Parish Church is being planned for next winter. At its meeting on March 24 the Parochial Church Council approved the course of action taken following the latest breakdown of the heating system.

The plan, subject to cost, is to replace the ancient troublesome boiler with a new appliance capable of operating on gas or oil, whichever happens to be the cheaper fuel at any time.

It was resolved to introduce in the autumn an additional charge at weddings and funerals when heating of the church is necessary.

The two delegates to Deanery Synod gave a disturbing yet challenging report; it seems that the annual Diocesan quota, already daunting enough in Harbury's case at £10,060, is set to increase drastically in about four to five years. That is when the proposed diversion of Church Commissioners' resources almost exclusively to pensions and stipends will impose a considerably heavier burden on parishes.

The delegates also warned of the difficulty in maintaining the present level of clergy, and urged the PCC to begin planning for a future requiring a broader vision of stewardship in terms of both giving and lay involvement in the parish. This was felt to present a suitable agenda for a future PCC conference.

A retired priest living at Southam, the Revd Neville Brookes, has presented All Saints with a portable communion set, for which the Rector expressed appreciation. Father Brookes is occasionally the celebrant at Harbury's Tuesday evening communion.

Replacement of the moveable bookshelves by permanent fixture to house the well-patronised church library service run by John and Rosemary Eld is to be considered.

This was the last meeting of the present PCC before the annual meeting which is in church at 6.30pm on Sunday April 5, to which all in the parish are welcome.

John Algar

MOTHERS' UNION

The Rural Dean, Rev Ken Phillips, led an enjoyable Lent Service on Ash Wednesday, reminding us that the M.U. should be active in tackling the problems we see in the world today.

At our evening meeting on March 17th, Canon Rowe bravely faced members in an Any Questions session. Subjects included, among others, Sunday trading, church choirs - boys or girls, different versions of the Bible, "Born-again" Christians. It was an interesting and informative evening. Trisha Harrison made a cleverly thought-out speech of thanks. Next year Canon Rowe threatened to turn the tables and ask us the questions.

Four members put in some practice at answering questions when we entered a team for the P.T.A. Quiz. We enjoyed the experience.

In April our afternoon speaker is Mrs Backhouse on "Listening". There is no evening meeting planned for April so we have decided to have a second session of our Bible Study course, "I Believe and Trust" this month. This session is on God the Creator, and those taking part are asked to bring something that they have made. The meeting will be on the second Tuesday, April 14th at 8pm, and everyone interested is very welcome to this open meeting.

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HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 1992

Meetings are shorter when Ken Stephenson is away, but unfortunately it only means things get deferred. Like - where to put the bin for dog excrement. Similarly there was no information on Hopscotch's Children's Playground progress due to Ken's absence. Keith Thompson was waiting for Ken Stephenson's comment before ordering the second-hand play equipment, and because he was not there, no-one knew if the contract for the Recreation Ground Car Park covered killing any weeds that emerged.

Sharon Hancock had written on the PC's behalf to Alan Howarth protesting at the cuts to the Youth Service and Cllrs were encouraged to join the parents protest on 3rd March when MP's were to be lobbied about the Education cuts.

District Cllr Sharpe reported that the Secretary of State had the final say on whether OAPs could purchase Council Bungalows and gave examples of instances where this right had resulted in enormous financial gain for the tenant and a loss of housing stock for the Council. Stratford District was lobbying the Government to stop this exploitation.

Warwick Distric Council will be told of Harbury's concern that refuse is being burned daily at the old Airfield Site along Harbury Lane. The proliferation of unauthorised signs along the Lane, the presence of the Sunday Market and the decision to allow a Chicken Factory all were causing alarm and the Council feared that a serious accident was waiting to happen there.

Harbury is entering the Best Kept Village Competition but was to ask that the areas included in the Sewer Refurbishment Works be ignored.

The Public Meeting with Severn Trent had been well attended and well conducted. The Council agreed to invite the Resident Engineer to their meetings once the scheme started, but in the meanwhile they would send a strong protest to Severn Trent about the delay in stopping the water leak on Mill Street.

Councillors were sorry to learn that Mrs Barnes had slipped over in Crown Street and been injured but they could not justify putting another light there. There were already lights to the north and south of her bungalow and there were parts of the village far darker which merited

additional columns. The end of Hall Lane would be next in line for improvement.

It was suggested that Council business be re-organised so that Planning Matters were dealt with first. The present system had merit only in "keeping observers to the bitter end" according to Chris Magowan. District Cllr Sharpe was all in favour and hoped that other Parish Councils might be persuaded to follow suit.

No Listed Building Consent had been applied for in respect of works undertaken at the Old Bakery in Chapel Street and the matter was to go before the District Planning Committee.

Stratford had at last decided to issue an Established Use Certificate to Dennis Warden for vehicle repairs at Square Close, and grant Jackie Bloxham permission for a bungalow at Station Road, and a modification to the bungalow plans in Mill Lane was also passed. Mr Salmons withdrew his application for three houses at the rear of Ivy Lane.

the Parish Council made no objections to plans for a two storey extension at Threeways, a porch at 45 Mill Street, a kitchen extension at 33 Manor Orchard and a two storey extension at Walnut Tree Cottage. They decided to have a site meeting before deliberating on the plans for 24 dwellings at Hillside Farm, Binswood End.

Work had started on the trees on the Pound and those in the Burial Grounds would soon be treated. The Council decided to provide a bench on Binswood End Green, where people had to wait for the bus, and to replant the Horsechestnut that had had to be felled.

Noel Hunter of the County's Trading Standards Department was to be invited to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Your Council has precepted for the same amount as last year, although it has been informed by Stratford District that there will be individual limits for re-imbursement of concurrent expenditure and it is required to send details of its contractual arrangements to the authority.

HARBURY SOCIETY

The next event, to which all the village is invited is a **History Forum** at the School on Tuesday 28th April starting at 7.30pm. There will be a panel of experts on village history to give short talks, display material and answer questions.

On Tuesday 19th May at 7pm there will be a **Guided Tour of the new Telephone Exchange** and an explanation of the wonders of modern technology, and the benefits digitisation brings.

The **Carnival Stall** on 13th June will **RE-SELL** music of all sorts, disc, cassette, sheet, instruments and equipment. If you have anything you are throwing out ring 612792 for collection.

There will be a **Coffee Morning** at the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 27th June to be followed in the afternoon by a trip to the **Lunt Fort** when we will be guided and instructed by Margaret Rylatt.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY W.I.

February and March meetings gave many choices of activities and outings to choose from - just time and pocket money needed. Many thanks to all who made the coffee morning so successful.

Mrs J Newell came to talk on Community Nursing and all the different aspects entailed. The area covers 25 square miles and with limited money and resources one has to say that all the wonderful nurses give a marvelous service. Mrs Newell recommended a light hearted book entitled "Black Country Nurse at Large" which no doubt contains little gems like the lady who went to the doctors for her 'St Michael's Smear'!

Then we had another interesting talk by Mr Patrick Kingston on Trains and their Royal Passengers. As the title says the royal coach of Queen Victoria was very ornate and far different from the rather plain present day coach belonging to the "Royals". Slides were shown of the different visits over the years to the Midlands by Royalty.

We were asked to show our wall hanging at the "Sewing for Pleasure" exhibition at the N.E.C. recently. Mary Entwistle and Eva Keeling spent the day there and were very impressed by the interest shown by some ladies who thought they might attempt a similar idea. Chris Carter kindly donated the lining for backing the hanging.

Jeanne Beaumont

WINDMILL SINGERS

On Saturday 11th April we will again perform a joint concert with the Heemstede Chamber Orchestra from the Netherlands.

This will be our fifth venture with the Orchestra. The concert will be in All Saints' Church, Leamington Spa commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets £3.50 can be obtained from Isobel Russel (612844) or myself.

The programme will consist of:

Purcell	The Fairy Queen Act II
Haydn	Symphony No 99
Bach	Symphony in B Flat opus 18 No 2
Schubert	Mass in C

On Palm Sunday (12th April) the choir and orchestra move to Weedon - Bec to perform the Schubert Mass in C incorporated into the Eucharist at 10am. This should be a very moving service - all are welcome.

We have a very hectic programme over the next two months

Sat May 2nd - Choral Evensong at Chester Cathedral
 27-31 May - Windmills perform in Belgium & Holland
 Sat July 4 - Concert at Fawsley Church
 Sat July 11 - Concert at Harbury Church (Flower Festival)

Any further information about our concerts or the Windmills in general please contact Allison Biddle - Southam 2767.

Vien Nordon - 0327 77813

HEREBURGH HOBBLE

The Hereburgh Hobble will take place on 29th - 31st May. It is hoped that up to 100 Morris Dancers will descend on our village, some from as far away as Barnard Castle, in County Durham, for our very own Weekend of Dance. The Dancers will arrive on the Friday evening for an informal music session in one of the local pubs. The main dancing events will be on the Saturday morning when we tour Warwick, Stratford and the areas in between. The culmination of the day's dancing will be a Mass Dance in Bancroft Gardens in Stratford later in the afternoon. On the Saturday evening, a Ceilidh in the Village Hall is intended to drain any remaining energy the dancers may have. Dancing will be to the Junction Ceilidh Band, with entertainment provided by the Coventry Mummers.

It is likely there will be some surplus tickets available for the Ceilidh if anyone in Harbury would like to come. Please contact me, or any member of the Morris side - you may recognise us by our ragged jackets, and the jingling of bells. The Ceilidh will start at 8pm, carrying on until midnight, and the extremely reasonable admission price of £4 includes a delicious hot meal.

On the Sunday morning (31st), our Weekend of Dance concludes with a dance-out around the pubs in the village, commencing around 11.30am, so if you live within earshot of any of the pubs - beware! Alternatively, you could always come and support us.

Naturally, for the confirmed insomniacs of Harbury, we shall be performing our annual ritual May-Day Dance at Chesterton Windmill, subject to permission being granted, and you are cordially invited to greet the summer with us at 5am on the morning of Friday May 1st. Television cameras may not be there THIS year, but you never know. Be there, or we will come and visit you at 5.30am!

Peter Bones (612832)

BREAKTHROUGH Breast Cancer

We have set out to raise £1,000 before next Christmas, we have done it already. **THANK YOU.**

The £1,000 is to go to the building of a new research centre for breast cancer. I am sure the £15 million will be easily raised to build this, as the BBC have taken on this charity until March 27th with a novel idea of **TRADING PLACES** - You can swap roles for the day. Now that we have got our first £1,000 we would like to go on and raise a second for research rather than the building of the unit. We have already planned several events - not expecting to get the first £1,000 so quickly - so we shall continue with these.

By the time you read this **TRADING PLACES** will have taken place already, Dawn will be going to BBC CWR in Coventry to be a reporter for the day and CWR's Lee Farmer will be sitting in class at Southam School - in uniform!! The Leamington Observer are covering this and pictures may be in this week. Thank you to all who sponsored her, and to Southam School for allowing the disruption of lessons.

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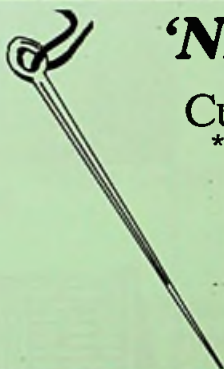


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The next event is **RACENITE** on April 4th, tickets are going well. On April 12th Ann Brunt is hoping to be running in the London Marathon and her sponsor money will be going to **BREAKTHROUGH**. We, the committee will have worked hard by the end of the year raising money, but not half as hard as Ann is going to be on this day. **GOOD LUCK**.

May 9th is our turn for a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley room. September 19th **BARVARIAN OOMPAH BAND**, please note the change of date than previously mentioned. There are one or two other things in the pipeline, not organised by us, but other caring Harbury people. More details next month.

May I thank you all for donating and buying at our Auction on the 14th March, an incredible profit of £620 was made. Thanks to Tony Ceney who made an excellent Auctioneer - well done. On March 7th Pat, Sylvia, Wendy and Helen held a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room to which they gave the amount of £158 to **BREAKTHROUGH**. Many thanks to you all. Add these totals together, plus money from the sale of pinnies and we have our first £1,000. It's fantastic.

We look forward to seeing you at our future events. Don't forget to look out for Ann - the one wrapped in foil with wobbly legs.

Chris Carter

YOUTH CLUB

Thanks to all involved, and support from the village the fleamarket raised £118 for club funds.

The Club closes for Easter with the Carnival Queen Disco on April 8th. You do not have to be a member of the Youth Club to enter.



WANTED - ONE BODY

The comedy-thriller (by Charles Dyer) was the latest Harbury Theatre Group production. The trouble with comedy thrillers often is that the comedy is not funny enough and the thrills don't chill. That was certainly true of this play, but not for want of trying by the Theatre Group who were up to their usual high standard.

Two stalwarts of the Group, Carol Percival and Keith Hayes gave strong performances in the star roles, with Keith making the most of the play's funniest lines. Robert Waterman was excellent as Keith's 'straight man' and Betty Barr gave her usual confident performance as the maid (but how about a part without a pinny for her next time). The rest of the cast Alison Hodge, Andrew Cook, Beryl Checkley, Ted Coupe and David Hill supported ably.

The set was superb, and the special effects, particularly the sliding panel were a triumph. As usual a great deal of hard work had gone into providing three nights of entertainment for the village. This was Alan Barr's first production for the Theatre Group and I look forward to his next one.

M.S.H.

Post Script - At the raffle drawn on the Saturday night performance blue ticket No 310 was unclaimed. If the holder of the winning ticket contacts the Secretary Gill Holden on 612155 the prize can be claimed.

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

At the Folk Club on March 5th, the theme was "Folk music and song". That might seem rather puzzling to those who have never experienced the entertainment in the Old New Inn on the first Thursday of the month. Suffice to say that what makes Harbury Folk Club unique is the sheer variety and originality of the performances much of which stretches the "folk music" definition to extremes! Perhaps "folk entertainment" is a good way to describe what we do.

So, for this session, some of the 14 performers had to try harder than others to find suitable material. June Davies didn't have to try hard at all. Her delightful original songs - about everyday problems with supermarkets, hormones, getting old and filling in forms - are true folk songs by my reckoning. Predictably there were plenty of

songs about farmers, farming, fishing and factories, and a lot more besides. The folk singers were Pete Bones, Pete Grassby, Tim, Rup, John, Nick, Stewart, Derek, The Jug Band, Steve and me.

The raffle raised £25 for the Hopscotch funds. The next session is on May 7th at 8.30pm.

Peter McDonald

HARBURY PLAYGROUP - WIGHT SCHOOL

Our open morning will be held on Wednesday 6th May from 9.30am until 12 noon.

We are a group catering for children between the ages of 3 and 5 and offer a wide range of activities to help social and educational development of the children through play. We meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.15am until 12.15pm during term time.

We would be very pleased to see anyone interested in our work, particularly parents and prospective parents at our open morning when staff and committee members will be available to answer any questions.

D Travis

Supervisor 613264

Une Visite a Microville

On Wednesday 12th February Year 7 from Harbury school, went to Southam High School for a French Morning. We were split up into two groups; one went to the Library, and the other went to the hall which had been turned into a French Town called Microville. In the Library there were games such as hoop-la, treasure hunt and a Computer french game called "Quelle tête". The was also Zoo and a treasure hunt, but all in French!

At half-past ten the two groups swopped over. When we first got into Microville we went to the bureau de change to change our money into five single franc pieces. After you had been to the 'bureau de change', you could go to any of these stalls: the Café, Tabac, Office de Tourisme and the Epicerié, but you could only spend your money at the cafe and the tabac. At the cafe we got a croissant and a limonade or diabler orange or fraise. This cost 3 franc. At the tabac you could buy a postcard (carte postale) and a stamp (timbre) then you could sit down at a table and write to a friend or to yourself, then you went to post it in the letter box.

At the office de tourisme we asked for a town plan (plan de la ville) and you could draw this at the back of your book or you could ask for a dépliant (a folding leaflet)

All of us enjoyed the morning and we would like to thank all the teachers who made this morning possible.

Greg Sherrington & Stephen Tasker

PTA QUIZ NIGHT - 20TH MARCH

What an enjoyable evening! Twenty two teams representing a very comprehensive spread of village organisations and groups gathered in the school hall at 7.30pm.

By the time the quiz started at 8pm the first barrel of beer was almost empty.

The hall was full, the brains in gear and rounds of questions ensued broken only by a fine hot meal during the interval. The "quiz inquisitor" (remember Michael Miles) did an excellent job despite one or two disputed answers. However, Patrick stuck to his task and ignored the boo's and catcalls (his thick skin came in handy). After a competitive but friendly tussle the results revealed that fourteen teams had scored over 100 points. Obviously the drinks, served by two dishy waitresses, had helped to open up the memory banks.

The winners with 130 points were appropriately team one, in the guise of Mark Armitage, David Cox, Trevor Montague and Clive Whorton. Second, with 122 points were the Harbury News team and third were Whatcott's Wanderers also with 122 points. The highest score on the interval picture quiz decided second and third place.

Once again an excellent evening for which thanks go to everyone who took part or assisted in any way. This well supported event raised £244 for PTA funds. May I suggest you keep you brains sharp and keep an eye open for next years quiz.

Paul Watkin

HARBURY RUGBY CLUB

As the season nears its completion Harbury can look back on perhaps what might have been. Of their ten league fixtures - and with only one remaining - they have lost eight and drawn only one. At least four they have lost by the odd one or two points which may have been sufficient to

keep them in the second division of a restructured League which from September 1992 will incorporate the five divisions of Staffordshire and Warwickshire into 4. The bottom six clubs of Harbury's division two will form the backbone of the new division 3.

The first teams loss of form has not been helped by injuries but poor attendance at training has not helped. A couple of months ago this problem was tackled in a constructive manner with TONY NORTH becoming the Playing Administrator. A proper coaching format has now been introduced and attendance has been 35+ at these sessions. It will take some while to turn the corner and the Club are therefore looking to next season as a point from which to lift the Club up through the divisions. In this respect the Club would welcome any new players, former players and anyone who has an interest in rugby, if they are interested to approach the Club through either Tony North (Tel: Kenilworth 511540) or Ian Holroyd (Tel: Harbury 612527). The Junior and Mini Section are improving with all groups showing good results - especially the U10's and U11's. Their season finishes at Easter - the Minis with Two Festivals at Long Buckby and Solihull - whilst the U15's finish their fixture list at Newbold Festival. Next season the Juniors hope to be running three sides at U16, U14 and U13 levels - with Mini Rugby from U12 through the age groups to U7. George Ridgway (Tel: Leamington 338255), Pete Whitehouse (Tel: Harbury 613837) or Rick Evans (Tel: Harbury 612700).

Finally I must welcome the contribution that a number of younger players have made to the sides over the season and especially since Christmas. In particular the 1st Team performances of Dave Andrews (Jnr), John Winchester and Steve Padbury.

Jerry Birkbeck

P.S. Date for your diary: Rugby Club present its Annual Summer Barbecue on Saturday 11th July. "Unashamedly" 60's night with 3 names from that era - Tommy Bruce, Billie Davis and Mike Berry. Reserve your tickets now.

Ian Holroyd 612527

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

It's the time of year when the hardened cricketers of Harbury take out the flannels, oil the bats and prepare for the new cricket season. Clocks have been put forward and Richard Carr is busy preparing the wicket having taken over from Bunny Raby - a hard act to follow.

As is normal at this time of year the Cricket Club makes its annual appeal for Cricketers - whatever size, shape, age - or sex to make themselves available for Sunday afternoons - or Wednesday evenings. There are two Sunday sides, the 1st XI being slightly more serious and the 2nd XI an excellent blend of experience and youth. We need new players - give us a try!

At the recent AGM held in March Ian Lowe was elected captain of the 1st XI (Sunday) carrying on the long established tradition of club "Leaders" - a busy year for Ian ahead, I hope his form isn't effected? Ed Russell was elected Vice-Captain - good to see some youth taking on some cricketing responsibility.

The 2nd XI's fortunes again rest in the youthful hands of Ian Jackson and Mike Daniels and they would welcome new players to ease their Saturday evening selection!

The club are in the process of putting down a concrete net so that they can practice slightly more than previous years. It is hoped that this will be ready towards the end of April. So it is hoped that the club can have practice sessions on Tuesday Evenings at 7pm.

Again we are entering the local mid-week league and Tony Marshall will be captaining this side.

The club welcomes any sort of support, please contact us for details of games and practice sessions: Rex Humphrey (612885): Ian Holroyd (612527): Ian Jackson (612615): Tony Marshall (494737)

TENNIS "OPEN" DAY

Harbury Tennis Club is holding an "Open" day on Saturday May 2nd, 2-5pm. Anyone is welcome to come along on the day to play or just to find out more about the club.

Harbury has two attractive courts to the rear of the Village Hall and the club is informal but very active. If you have played tennis in the past or would like to start playing, please pop along on May 2nd.

If you can't make it for the Open day but would like to know more, please phone 612179

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

HARBURY 'A' In an away match on the 8th Feb, Harbury 'A' brought home a victory after beating Kenilworth Ladies 44-28. Vanessa Smith (C) showed some excellent skills, with her mid-air interceptions and Beccy Burnham (WD) played well, beating the 'hang over' from the night before. Mal Eaton had an excellent game which is outlined by the score. Sunday 9th Feb was a hard battle for Harbury 'A'. In the first quarter Harbury were down and in the second and third quarters the whole game improved immensely. Kim Wilkins (GD) defended extremely well through a 'bloody' match, (someones finger nails were just not short enough). By the fourth quarter our girls had 'got it together' and beat nearby Offchurch 35-31. Harbury 'A' v Daimler 'B' was a game Harbury were happy not to win, the final score 31-46. Division 1 league tables read Harbury 'A' lying in position 5 after 12 games. Daimler stole a victory on 22nd Feb in an away game at 46-31 and lost again to Henley on 29/2 by one goal 37-36. After a break March bought another defeat to GEC 'B' 42-21 but a win on 21/3 against Ernesford Grange.

HARBURY 'B' Yet another win for the 'B' team on home ground. The visitors, Exhall Ladies lost the game to Harbury 'B' at 24-11. Well played Norma Taylor (GA) who had an outstanding game and also Teresa Wallington with some superb interceptions. Close rivals Jaguar 'A' were the hosts to Harbury 'B' who played a good team game winning at 22-12. An extremely tough match for Umpire Mal Eaton, Jaguar supporters tend to be rather loud!! Pat Summers (WD) stepped in for Lucy Thompson and fitted in well with the squad. The appalling weather didn't mar the 'B' team with yet another victory against Priory Woodway 29-3. Mandy White (C) struggled with a stubborn cold and in the second half switched positions with Lucy Thompson (WD). The shooters shot and played particularly well, as did the whole team. After their 13th match Harbury 'B' still maintain 1st position in division 7. 29th Feb proved no different with Three Spires, Harbury 'B' on home ground winning 19-8. A good match with Massey Ferguson lying 3rd in division 7 Harbury 'B' still clinched at 24-19 win. Solaglass also struggled leaving 'B' with all the points at 30-8. Well done Harbury 'B'!!

HARBURY 'C' Injury struck Harbury 'C' yet again. Jean Johns stepped aside to Pat Summers (GA) to support Joan Smith (GS) and Vicky Hayes played (C) against Coventry & North Warwicks drawing at 17-17. A good first half with increasing confidence displayed by Lucy Lewitt (WA) who played as if she had springs in her feet and Ellie Playdon (GK), like the Leaning Tower of Pisa, put her opponent off her stroke. 15th Feb Harbury 'C' v Offchurch 'C' and yet another win for the Club at 11-8. After 'C's 13th match they were lying in 8th position in the league tables. 22nd Feb bought the graded game of the season - Harbury 'C' against Harbury 'D'. This time 'D' took the glory by two goals 17-15. Christ the King on home ground gave 'C' another win 22-20 and on the 14th Feb gained more points beating the Lunchbox 21-9. Nearby rivals Leamington Ladies desperately needed to be beaten but 'C' did extremely well losing the game 23-18.

HARBURY 'D' A third victory for Harbury, the 'D' team beat Offchurch 'C' 14-11. A tough and exciting game was played by the whole team but congratulations should go to Sue Merriman (WA) who obtained player of the match and also Emma Rawlings (GK) who's defence game is now paying dividend. Helen Wilson (WD) played an extremely good game showing new skills in her interceptions. On the 15th Feb Christ the King pulled out all the stops in this game beating 'D' narrowly 19-17. 'D' could really have done with winning this game to improve their position in the league tables. Currently lying 6th after 12 games all hopes of going up to division 7 have now been squashed. Evening out the score this time 'D' took the win from 'C' 17-15 on 22nd Feb. 29th Feb Harbury 'D' in a very close game beat Coventry & North Warwicks 15-14 and kept up the spirit when they played Nuneaton Borough winning 15-10. The windy conditions of 21st March, Jaguar 'B' on their home ground beat 'D' 18-12 a match again we should have won.

With only two matches each left to play before the tournaments on the 10th and 17th May it looks like only one team will move up in the divisions. Our AGM is to be held on the 14th May at the Rugby Club. Now the clocks have changed, training will take place at the playing fields from 6.30pm. Any new players for next season will be welcome.

Shirley Wright (Secretary)

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Thank you to all who supported our Flower Demonstration evening on Feb 27th in aid of funds for the Flower Festival on July 11th. The Tom Hauley room was filled with a very appreciative audience and as well as having a very enjoyable evening we raised enough money to enable us to reach our target for buying the flowers.

As we shall need lots of foliage, can we ask you not to cut back your trees and shrubs until the week before the Festival and we shall also need a "tree-like" branch about eight foot tall. So if there should be one in your garden which needs cutting down, please delay it until July.

We are holding another preparatory meeting on 30th April at 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room. Please come if you would like to help in ANY way. We hope to make this Flower Festival better than ever before and there will be a lot to do.

Sylvia Burdett

HOPSCOTCH



Hopscotch now has just over £2,000 in the bank - only another £500 to reach our original target, but another 18 months to go!! At the beginning of March a cheque for £350 was presented by Severn Trent's South Warwickshire manager Ivan Burrows to Hopscotch representatives at the playground (see photograph). Generous donations have also been received from the Southam Lions, Harbury Folk Club, and

Grange Engineering in Southam. Many thanks to these organisations for their support.

Jean Cox's attendance at the Flea Market in the Village Hall was a success as was the Tom Hauley Coffee morning. Thank you to all who helped. The next Cake Stall at the Dog Inn will be on Friday 3 April and the following one will be on Friday 1 May.

The Grand Lottery Draw will be held at the next coffee morning on Wednesday 8 April at 30 South Parade. If you have not handed in your ticket stubs yet, please do so as soon as possible.

The Hopscotch Plant Sale will be held on Sunday 17 May at the Wight School at 10am. Please remember Hopscotch if you are taking any cuttings or sowing any seeds during the next few weeks and you have a few to spare.

Finally, in case you think that with all this fundraising we have forgotten about the actual play equipment, Hopscotch has now recommended four companies who manufacture play equipment to the Parish Council. A photographic display of the sort of equipment made by these companies can be seen at the school. We need your comments and ideas now if we are to plan the kind of playground that YOU would like. Please make your views known (preferably in writing) to a representative of Hopscotch.

Thank you again for your continuing support.

LONDON MARATHON 1992 Amanda Randall

Harbury will be well represented in this year's race which takes place on Sunday 12th April. We have three runners toeing the line on Blackheath. They are all running for charity and have put in months of dedicated training so please be generous in your sponsorship. Ann Brunt, who entered last year but was injured prior to the event and had to withdraw, will be there. She is running for breast cancer research and our first woman entrant.

Paul Hyde of 22 Manor Orchard has a personal best of 1 hour 43 minutes for the half marathon. He hopes to break 4 hours for the full distance and is running for Birmingham Children's Hospital. Andrew Latham, well known in Harbury footballing circles is running for the British Diabetic Association. It was going to be a family affair with sister Nicky also due to run. Unfortunately she broke her ankle earlier this year and is now training for next year's race.

Sponsor forms for Ann and Andy will be found in village shops and Pubs. Offers of sponsorship to Paul's address (above). Good luck to all of them; I hope they enjoy their day in the metropolis.

John Hancock

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NICHOLAS FOGG



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Liberal Democrat councillors, who have worked hard for you. I have received encouragement even from those who are supporters of other parties.

In writing this election address, I have been conscious of the difficulty of categorising factors into appropriate headings. Education is, for example, a worthwhile thing in itself, but it is also vital to our economic and social well-being. I feel that the fact that one has this difficulty indicates that our policies represent a coherent whole and are not just slogans.

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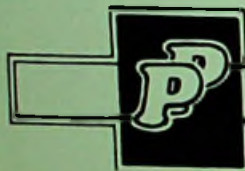
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ALAN HOWARTH

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As MP I would also continue to campaign for a better share of government grant to support local services. Warwickshire schools

and colleges must have the resources they need and deserve. So too must our police, fire and social services. I welcome the increase since 1979 of 144 police posts in Warwickshire. I will continue to press our case with the Government on the Standard Spending Assessment.

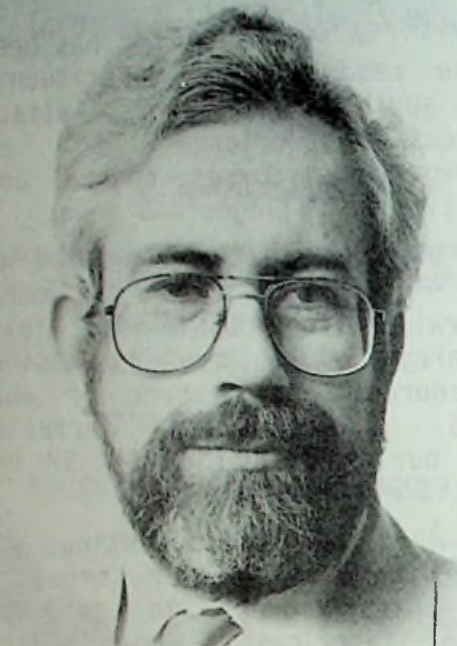
I am concerned to protect our villages against danger, noise and visual intrusion from road traffic, and to fight inappropriate industrial development in the Green Belt as well as unsuitably located Motorway Service Areas. I to see housing to meet genuine local needs, not indiscriminate development. I fully support Stratford District Council in providing high quality sheltered housing and affordable housing for local people.

I will continue to press for policies here and in Europe which give a fair deal to Warwickshire farmers.

RICHARD ROUGHAN - Green Party Candidate

Richard Roughan born Warwick 1945 and educated at Leamington College, worked locally for 10 years as a medical scientist. He is now a freelance computer programmer and systems designer.

22 years ago he married Mary and moved to Southam. They have five children, four of whom are still at county schools.



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and

MICHAEL TWITE (Natural Law)

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HARBURY VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE

Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! This proclamation is to inform the citizens of Harbury and its far flung enclaves that due to popular demand, the aforementioned extravaganza will take place again this year on Saturday 3rd October 1992. As before, local organisations and charities will be invited to participate and details will be forwarded shortly. Meanwhile, if you want to register your interest or want more details contact Brian Ingram on 612418, Mike McBride on 612421 or Danny Killian on 612265.

Harbury Victorian Street Fayre Committee

N.W.R. (NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER)

If you have recently moved to Harbury or are simply interested in finding new friends in the village, why not join the N.W.R. We hold regular coffee mornings and evening meetings.

We shall be holding an open meeting on Wednesday 8 April 8.15pm at 20 Mill Street when Nigel Enser will be talking about 'Almost a Family Therapist'.

If you are interested in joining N.W.R. or would like to know more about our meetings please contact Sue O'Kell on 612286.

THE THURSDAY CLUB

We are in urgent need of a Secretary. Can you help? If so please contract me on Harbury 612519.

Because of the General Election, our next meeting, on 9th April will be held in the Tom Hauley Room at the usual time of 2.30pm

All are welcome to any of our meetings which are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in the Farley Room at the Village Hall.

Beryl Checkley

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

In his talk to the Society on March 3rd, Neil Bragg presented a well balanced argument between the use of peat and its alternatives. He based his talk on a report he has recently produced for the Horticultural Development Council.

Peat has been used in gardens since around 1860 but it is only since 1960 that there has been large scale commercial peat cutting for the horticultural trade. There are 10 million acres of peat wetlands in the world of which 1.6 million are in the U.K., and in world terms the regeneration exceeds the usage. However in such a small country as the U.K. many factors such as housing, recreation, industry and flood protection cause wetlands to be drained. The environmental debate is mainly concerned about the damage being caused to the lowland raised bogs by peat extraction. Mr Bragg discussed the quandry faced by Ireland where peat cutting is widespread as it is their only energy resource for power generation.

He went on to tell us of alternative materials such as domestic refuse, sewage, polystyrene and wood fibre which could possibly be used in gardens. The test results are encouraging but much more research needs to be done before these can be considered true alternatives. Sadly research funds cannot match those of the peat industry. We are also at the mercy of the high profile supermarkets and garden centres who will only sell 'clean' products. It could also be argued that importing Third World products such as coir benefits only a few rich land owners and not the general population.

The conclusion of this excellent talk, which provoked much discussion, was that peat is hard to beat for container growing. However for improving the soil organic manures are much better.

The speaker on 7th April will be Mr Howard Drury, often seen on Central T.V.'s Sunday lunchtime Gardening. He will give an illustrated talk on Primulas and Auriculas, and will bring plants for sale.

A coach has been booked to take members and their friends to Wisley on Thursday 11th June. The coach fare to members will be free, to non-members £5. The entry to Wisley costs £3.50. Names please to Eleanor Zonik, Ron Grey or Julie Clark.

The Garden Walkabout programme is being drawn up now but we should like to have some new gardens on the list. If you would be willing to open your garden on Saturday 11th July do let us know.

THE GARDEN IN APRIL

When the Winter Jasmine has finished flowering cut it right back almost to where the side shoots spring from the old wood, they will shoot well from there. Crocus as well as snowdrop clumps can be split and replanted now, while they still have their leaves. To encourage new growth prune, after flowering, forsythia, flowering currant and Kerria, then feed and mulch. Roses should also be fed, preferably with 'Top Rose'.

Treat the lawn with a feed and weed mixture. Leave for a few days then, if dry enough, give it the first mowing - not too close - and neaten all edges. Dead-head all bulbs as the flowers fade but never cut back the foliage. Feed with liquid fertiliser.

Sow hardy annuals according to the instructions on the packet. Also winter brassicas and other vegetables. Plant seed potatoes, and under glass, sow tomatoes and cucumbers. The latter seeds should be inserted vertically.

When you have finished pruning the roses they should be sprayed regularly, even before they break again, to control blackspot.

If you still have frogspawn surplus to requirements! please contact me as soon as possible (612365)

E D Zonik



SPRING IS SPRUNG

First an apology. In last month's Harbury News I mentioned alder trees in leaf on the island near Kingston Manor. In fact the trees were heavy with their greenish yellow catkins which burst open at least a month before the leaf. I could have got away with this error, thanks to the nuances of the English language as by transposing an 'e' for the 'a', alder becomes elder and this shrub is in leaf as early as February. But, I must confess, there are no elders on the island.

Between the Kingston Manor lake and the gate leading out of the Thwaites estate to Chesterton church is a short row of larch trees. This is the only naturalised, cone bearing, soft wood tree which is deciduous. The young leaves are just unfolding (I've checked this at close quarters) and are an exquisite shade of green. The flowers are red (female) and yellow (male). Quite a colour scheme.

Back to the Kingston pool. A pair of binoculars will be useful for this sighting. The great crested grebes have nested in their usual spot in the reeds above the dam. The female on the nest sitting with her neck perpendicular can easily be mistaken for a rush stem. The male bobbing about ostentatiously offshore distracts would be predators. Later on, if you're lucky, you may see the young riding on their parents back rather than swimming by their side.

We've lots to look forward to now. I've already seen the leaves of early purple and bee orchids. Violets, including the scarcer white flowered variety, are locally abundant. Primroses and wood anemones (sometimes known as windflowers) are flowering in the local woods and hedgerows. April will bring the bluebells and summer won't be far behind.

John Hancock



Ladbroke News

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: Children's Church 10.30am
Evensong 3.30pm (3rd Sunday)

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

LADBROKE DIARY DATES

APRIL 1992

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| Sat | 4 | Ladbroke Footpath Volunteers |
| Sun | 5 | Passion Sunday - 5th Sunday in Lent: 10.30am
Family Service and Communion |
| Wed | 8 | Holy Communion 10.30am, Lent Lunch 12.30pm at
16 Ladbroke Hall, Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
8pm Mid-Week Lenten Service at Harbury address
given by Tony Stubbs |
| Sun | 12 | Palm Sunday: 9am Holy Communion with Hymns -
Distribution of Palms |
| Mon | 13 | Monday in Holy Week: 7.30pm Holy Communion |
| Wed | 15 | Wednesday in Holy Week: 10.30am Holy Communion,
12.30pm Lent Lunch at 'Cotswold' Windmill Lane
Parish Council |
| Thurs | 16 | Maundy Thursday: 7.30pm Holy Communion with Hymns |
| Fri | 17 | Good Friday: 10.30am 'The Road to Calvary' for
children & parents, 12-1pm An Hour at the Cross,
7.30pm 'Looking to the Cross' - a Devotion for
Good Friday evening with Music and Readings |
| Sun | 19 | Easter Day: 9am Holy Communion with Hymns, 3.30pm
Easter Day Service prepared by Children's Church |
| Mon | 20 | Easter Monday: 10.30am Holy Communion |
| Wed | 22 | 10.30am Holy Communion |

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Wed 29 10.30am Holy Communion
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Fri 1 St Philip & St James Apostles; 7.30pm Holy Communion

Sun 3 Easter II: 10.30am Family Service & Communion

CHURCH FLOWERS

April 19th (Easter Day) Mrs Timms: April 26th Mrs Timms
May 3rd Mrs Rowe: May 10th Mrs Teverson

Donations for the Easter Church flowers would be appreciated.
Please see Jean Timms or any Church Warden, if you can help.

LADBROKE CHURCH

More than 50 people attended the lovely Mothering Sunday
Service with lots of children giving posies to their Mothers.

Gwynne Badman

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH LADBROKE

CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

£

Total Contributions and Grants to date (27/3/92)	118,069
Total Payments Contractor, Fees, VAT etc	117,749

Amount at present in Fund	320
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As I prepare the above figures the amount outstanding and due
to the contractors to complete payment for the spire
restoration is £12,529 and the amount available for this
purpose is the £320 shown above.

In the course of the present appeal a considerable number of
those visited have intimated a wish to contribute and it would
be of great help if all these offers could now be made
available to me. Many Thanks

Alan Stubbs

LADBROKE YOUTH GROUP

As from September, the Youth Group needs a new adult leader.
Any volunteers?

The meeting was held on Wednesday 18th March. It was decided to take the Poultry Farm off the agenda, as the Council had not received any current complaints about the site. There was no news about access across the Bypass at Windmill Lane, and the verges in lower Windmill Lane had not yet been cut. The problem with excess water on the road outside the Old Rectory was to be solved on Friday 20th March when a site meeting between Press, PCC, WCC and representatives from the Parish Council was to take place.

The Parish Council is in some difficulty about how to deal effectively with the Badger legacy, as the interest from the War Bond is steadily decreasing. The Clerk was asked if she could seek financial advice about how best to remedy the situation.

Plans to erect a Bottle store at the Bell Inn had been approved by the Councillors. The P.C. was pleased to note that Southam Police Station would be extending its opening hours, following the meeting on the 21st February concerning policing in the area. A car had been broken into at Ladbroke Hall and electrical equipment stolen from the garden of "The Grove" Ladbroke. Councillors were delighted to hear that P.C. Tim Percival was now making a good recovery.

Mr Timms reported that the footpath volunteers were carrying on their Saturday morning working parties. One more stile was needed to complete the path over Windmill Hill and down to the Welsh Road.

Next Meeting Wednesday 15th April 7.45pm in Village Hall.

LADBROKE FOOTPATH VOLUNTEERS

There is still one more stile to replace and further renovation work to complete on the Windmill Hill footpath to the Welsh Road. Come and join us on Saturday 4th April, 9.30am at the bottom of Windmill Hill lane.

John Liverton

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Rector began the meeting by talking about Bishop Edward King - a saintly man, who liked to give thanks to God for everyday things. We then said the General Thanksgiving.

We were pleased to welcome Jean Rowe, who told us briefly

about "Life as a Clergy Wife". People have pre-conceived ideas of this - very often wrong ones. Times have changed, making it very different from when she first became our Rector's wife. We found it most interesting.

Jean then went on to tell us about the course she is now taking on Children's Literature. We looked at some modern picture books, which grown-ups should go through with a child, talking about the pictures. As the child grows older it will pick out different things about the pictures. This was a new approach for many of us who are used to reading stories to children. It certainly gave us something to think about.

The Lent Lunches will continue at 12.30 on Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome:

April 8th	16 Ladbroke Hall
April 15th	"Cotswold" Windmill Lane

Our next meeting on April 8th is at the home of Betty Malcolm, 1 Ladbroke Hall at 2.30pm when we are looking forward to welcoming Angela Haynes, who will talk to us about "Grandmas".

Nancy Stubbs

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

There were 24 people at the March meeting, to learn a great deal from Frances Farrar, who spoke to us on Acupuncture. The Competition was won by Karen Birch and Gill Moore, the raffle by Kay Constable. Catherine Smith was the lucky lady who won the Denman Bursary. Well done Catherine.

Do come along on 23rd April to what promises to be a most interesting meeting - Andrew Jenner will be telling us about Theatrical Costumes.

The Spring Council Meeting was very well attended and most enjoyable when Daphne Bradley was re-elected County Chairman. Four of the able bodied Stewards were Gill, Gwladys, Jill and Gwynne and even though Joan Sheasby's lamp didn't win the prize, her work was praised by the judges. Guess who won £10 in the Supporters' Club Draw - that's right, we did!

Gwynne Badman

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank everyone who gave so generously in memory of Angela.

A cheque for £950 has been sent to Cancer Research.

Thank you all again.

Dick, Stefan and Julie Whatcott

Dear Editors,

A big thank you to all friends and neighbours of my Dad, Jim Hiron ('Big Jim') for their kind words of sympathy and generous donations towards a new unit at Warwick Hospital.

Brian Hewins

Dear Editors,

I would like to correct the report on the meeting called by The Severn Trent regarding the Sewer Scheme.

I am not worried about the lack of foundations to my house, what I was concerned about and still am concerned about is the possibility of structural damage to the very old properties which are on the route of the new sewer.

The methods of construction of these buildings is not well known. They have no foundations and any disturbance of the subsoil near to the building can have dire results. Along the route there are stretches where the subsoil is mainly stone and heavy earth moving equipment will create vibration which will be transmitted to the building. I welcomed the offer given at the meeting of a structural survey.

Peter Ayers-Hunt

WALSGRAVE HEART APPEAL

During Saturday's street collection in the Coventry Precinct at which £2264 was collected. A team from Harbury, Midge Keen and Doris Bryne, were part of the 80 volunteers, the total was further swelled by £60 from the efforts of the Ladies Whist Drive. We have nearly reached the target of £450,000, the fund presently stands at £240,000.

Fred Hutchins

BREAKTHROUGH - BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

We were delighted with the success of our Coffee Morning on Saturday March 7th to raise funds for Breakthrough - Breast Cancer Research. Harbury turned up trumps yet again. We raised a grand total of £158.

A big thank you to both those who provided us with a wonderful selection of cakes, chutneys, jams, raffle prizes and gifts to sell, and to those people who came along to buy.

We sincerely thank you all.

Pat, Sylvia, Helen & Wendy

TOM HAULEY COFFEE MORNING AND LUNCH

Thank you for your support in raising £260 to be divided between the Coventry Guild Bell Repair Fund and Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Jean Pryke

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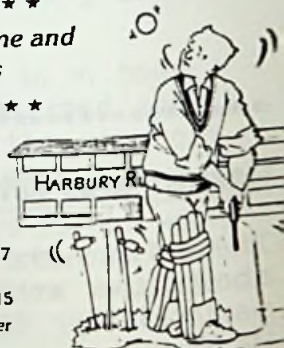
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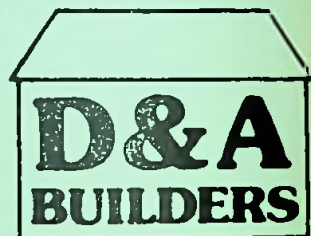
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