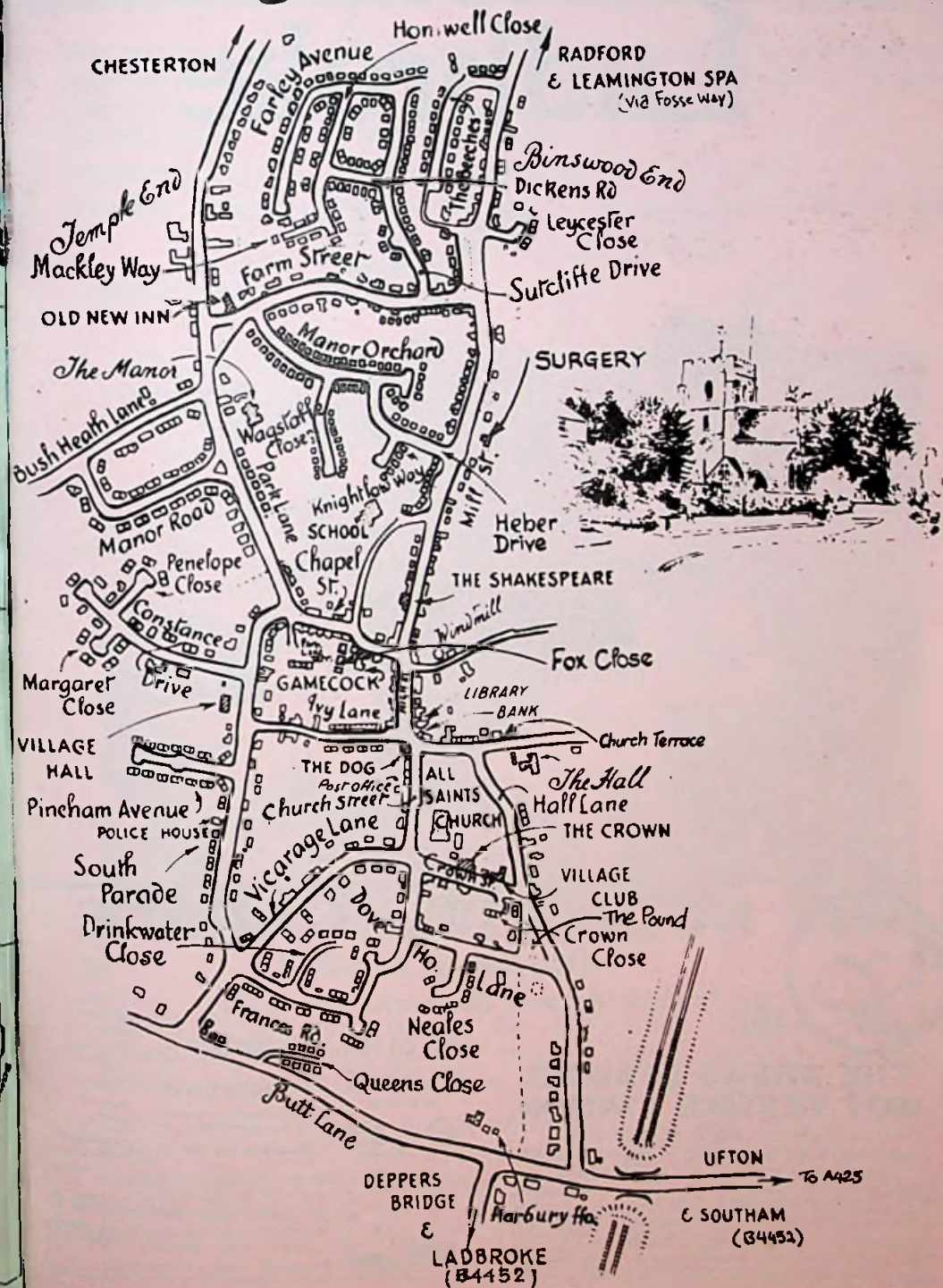
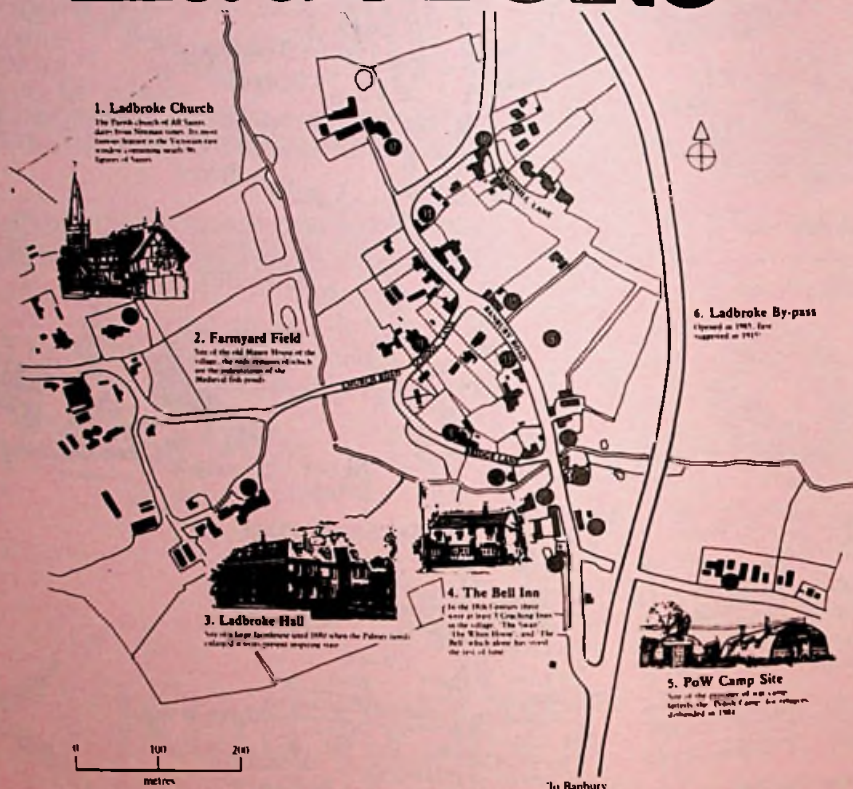


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Ladbroke



1. Ladbroke Church

The Parish Church of All Saints, dates from thirteenth century. Its most famous feature is the Victorian nave window containing nearly 50 figures of Saints.

2. Farmyard Field

Site of the old Manor House of the village, the only remains of which are the foundations of the medieval fish ponds.

3. Ladbroke Hall

Has only large fireplace used 1880 when the Palace Hotel, celebrated a more imposing room.

4. The Bell Inn

In the 18th & 19th centuries there were at least 11 Inns here from 'The Bell', 'The Blue Flower' and 'The Bell' which alone has served the area of today.

6. Ladbroke By-pass

Opened in 1967. First suggested in 1917.

5. PoW Camp Site

Site of the prisoner of war camp, known as PoW Camp, for refugees, disbanded in 1945.

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Spring is in the air and our photograph by Mike Bloxham shows the new lambs at Hill House Farm in the arms of Anne Howden and Samantha Darmanin.

There was a rather sparse attendance at the Harbury News A.G.M. - those that did attend re-elected the present committee with the exception of Ian and Sheila Jackson and Graham Gee who are retiring after many years of unstinting service to the magazine. Ian has been an editor for 10 years and his acerbic wit will be missed especially by

readers of these editorials. Sheila has been an efficient secretary and general organiser, and Glenys Hill is bravely taking on this role as well as typing the magazine. Graham Gee has been distribution manager for many years and is handing on this demanding task to Tony Brunton.

Congratulations to Committee member Joan Lodge who will be 80 years young on March 1st.

One of Harbury's best loved characters died on January 31st - the familiar sight of Reg Bloxham on his cycle will be much missed. A photograph appears later in the magazine.

Two dreadful tragedies have struck recently with the deaths in painfully sad circumstances of Paul Dugan and Terry Shuttleworth. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families.

Harbury Diary

MARCH 1992

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|-------|---|--|
| Sun | 1 | ST DAVID - SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER:
9am Sung Eucharist, 10.30am Family Service
4pm Evensong |
| Mon | 2 | ST CHAD
Yoga 1-30-3pm in Village Hall
Prayer & Praise in Church at 8pm
Word of God 8pm The Spiers, Chesterton Rd |
| Tues | 3 | SHROVE TUESDAY - PANCAKE DAY
7.30pm Holy Communion, 8pm Friends of Harbury
Church Meeting in Tom Hauley Room
Horticultural Society 8pm in Village Hall, Neil
Bragg on 'Soil & Peat Alternatives' |
| Wed | 4 | ASH WEDNESDAY
9.30am Harbury School Service, 10.30am Holy
Communion, 2.15pm Mothers Union Lent Service,
8pm Sung Eucharist
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm |
| Thurs | 5 | Holy Communion 9.45am, Men's Society 7.45pm
Bridge Evening for Tories in Village Hall
Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn at 8.30pm |
| Fri | 6 | Holy Communion at Noon followed by Lenten Lunch
Hopscotch Cake Sale in Dog Car Park 10am to Noon |

- Sat 7 Flea Market in Village Hall 10am-2pm for Youth Club
 Coffee in Tom Hauley Room 10-12 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer Research
 Day Conference on 'Decade of Evangelism' main speakers Archbishop Derek Worlock & Bishop David Shepherd (details on Church Noticeboard in Church)
 Tennis Club Racquet Tournament, Coventry Racquet Centre 8-11pm
 NSPCC Casino Evening Village Hall 8-midnight
 Labour Party Cheese & Wine in aid of General Election Fighting Fund 32 Mill St Tickets £3
- Sun 8 LENT I: 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, Crusaders in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am, 4pm
 Quarterly Ecumenical Service, Preacher The Rev'd Michael Sawyer Trinity Methodist Church
- Mon 9 Bible Study Meeting 8pm
 Harbury Society Committee Meeting 8pm
- Tues 10 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL
 Mother & Toddlers Service 2.15pm
 Time for Prayer 7pm, Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Village Hall Cttee Meeting 8pm in Village Hall
- Wed 11 Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
 Midweek Lenten Service at Harbury, address given by Jim Suttie at 8pm
- Thurs 12 Holy Communion at 9.45am
 Thursday Club at 2.15pm in Village Hall
 W.I. in Village Hall 7.45pm
 Deanery Synod at 7.45pm
 Cricket Club AGM, Rugby Club 8.30pm
- Fri 13 Holy Communion at Noon followed by Lent Lunch
- Sat 14 Breakthrough Breast Cancer Auction in Village Hall
 Hopscotch Coffee Morning & Sale of Wedgewood China 10-12 Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 15 LENT II: 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer), 10.30am Sung Eucharist, Crusaders in Tom Hauley Room at 10.30am, Evensong at Ladbroke 3.30pm
 SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
- Mon 16 Word of God 8pm The Spiers, Chesterton Rd
 Prayer & Praise 8pm 17 Farm St
 H. News Committee Meeting 8.30pm Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 17 ST PATRICK
 Mothers' Union Meeting 8pm 'Any Questions'
 Time for Prayer 7pm, Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Myton Hospice Support Meeting 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room

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- Wed 18 Youth Club in Village Hall at 8pm
Midweek Lenten Service at Ladbroke 8pm Address
given by Mr Michael Short
- Thurs 19 ST JOSEPH OF NAZARETH: Holy Communion at 9.45am
Whist in Village Hall at 7.45pm
Harbury Helpline Communion at 7.30pm
Hopscotch Coffee Morning 36 Binswood End 10-noon
- Fri 20 Holy Communion at Noon followed by Lenten Lunch
PTA Grand Quiz Evening for Adults at School from 8pm
- Sat 21 Men's Prayer Breakfast at 7.30am
STAGE UP IN VILLAGE HALL
Tennis Club Cheque Book Tournament 2pm & Social
Evening
- Sun 22 LENT III: Holy Communion 8am, 10.30am Sung Eucharist,
Crusaders in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am, 4pm Choral
Evensong with Augmented Choir Commemorating
Thomas Crammer Archbishop
- Mon 23 Bible Study Meeting at 8pm
- Tues 24 EVE OF LADY DAY: Time for Prayer 7pm, Holy Communion
7.30pm, Parochial Church Council 8pm, Julian
Meeting 8.10pm
Coffee Morning & Sale of Children's Clothes 10am
at 22 Farley Ave
- Wed 25 ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Midweek
Lenten Service at Harbury 8pm, address given by
Edith Algar
Youth Club in Village Hall at 8pm
- Thurs 26 Holy Communion at 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall at 2.30pm
PLAY in Village Hall 8pm "Wanted - One Body"
- Fri 27 Holy Communion at Noon followed by Lenten Lunch
PLAY in Village Hall 8pm "Wanted - One Body"
- Sat 28 Coffee Morning & Lunches in aid of Coventry Guild
Bell Repair Fund & Cancer Research - Coffee 10-12
Book lunch on 612040
PLAY in Village Hall 8pm "Wanted - One Body"
- Sun 29 LENT IV MOTHERING SUNDAY **CLOCKS ON**
8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Family Service & Simple
Communion, Crusaders attend and Posies Distribution
*6.30pm Evensong (N.B. Change from Winter Time)
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN APRIL HARBURY NEWS
TO EDITORS BY TODAY
- Mon 30 Harbury Society AGM 7.30pm and talk on 'Interpreting
Local History' by Christine Hodgetts in the
Wight School
Word of God 8pm The Spiers, Chesterton Rd
Prayer & Praise 8pm in Church

Tues 31 Time for Prayer 7pm, Holy Communion 7.30pm

APRIL

- Wed 1 ALL FOOLS DAY
Youth Club at 8pm
Midweek Lenten Service at Ladbroke at 8pm, address given by Betty Winkfield
- Thurs 2 Holy Communion at 9.45am, Men's Society 7.45pm
W.I. 7.45pm in Village Hall
Parish Council at 7.30pm in Village Hall
Folk Club in Old New Inn Lounge at 8.30pm
- Fri 3 Holy Communion at Noon followed by Lenten Lunch
- Sat 4 GRAND NATIONAL & LEAGUE CUP FINAL
Myton Hospice Support Group Jumble Sale in V. Hall
Concert given by the Diatonic Chamber Choir at 7.30pm
PTA 60-70's Adult Disco in School
Breast Cancer RACE NITE in Village Hall
- Sun 5 LENT V - PASSION SUNDAY: Holy Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am, 6.30pm Annual Meeting preceded by Short Act of Worship, 7.30pm New Youth Group
- Tues 7 Horticultural Society 8pm Village Hall "Primulas & Auriculas" by Howard Drury of Central TV
Gardening Time
- Wed 8 Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm - Carnival Queen Disco
Hopscotch Coffee Morning 30 South Parade 10-12 -
Grand Draw of Hopscotch Lottery
- Thurs 9 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
NSPCC "Election" Luncheon Noon to 2pm in T.H. Room
W.I. 7.45pm in Village Hall.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion 8am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

(except 1st Sunday of month: Sung Eucharist 9am
Family Service 10.30am)

Evensong 4pm (except 3rd Sunday) - Winter timing

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

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
- ROSARY & PRAYERS:** for persecuted Christians, 4 Sutcliffe
Drive, 10am 3rd Thursday of month
- THURSDAY CLUB:** Village Hall, 2.30pm 2nd & 4th Thursday
- CUBS:** Scout Hut, every Thursday
- W.I.:** Village Hall, 7.45pm 2nd 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 81790
- DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO:**
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For Wight School Bookings
For Tom Hauley Room Bookings

ring Mrs Hughes 61271
ring Mrs Hayes 61348
ring Mrs Smith 61368

FROM THE RECTOR

Believe it or not, Wednesday 5th March is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. To some that will not be the cause for much comment or consideration, but to others it will be regarded as an opportunity to observe the period in some way or other. There are those who year by year during Lent, try to discipline themselves in some fashion. Perhaps practise a little self denial or offer a little more time in ministering to or caring for others. There are many and different ways of showing a greater measure of love or concern to those around us every day and with whom our lives are caught up, whether we like it or not. Not for a moment would I wish to prevent some worthy efforts. Indeed I applaud them and know that great and lasting benefits accrue from such acts of deliberate good intention. At the same time I do not forget that discipline, which has some harsh associations and in respect of Lent sometimes is regarded as a time for mortifying the flesh, also contains the meaning of teaching, improving and training. Therefore this year without stinting the acts of charity and goodwill, we might, as well, be more attentive to deepening our own spirituality and examining the Gospel in greater detail. May I suggest that during the season of Lent this year, we read from beginning to end, the Gospel according to John. This is by no means a simple task, for in some ways it is more demanding to read than the other three and yet more rewarding. Below I have set out a plan, derived from the New English Bible sub-titling, suggesting how it might be tackled. I would not wish you to feel compelled to slavishly keep to the New English Bible, in fact I would suggest you should look at one or two translations in the process. Do not just skim through it chapter by chapter, but allow plenty of time for unhurried thought. It is very much a teaching Gospel with Jesus intimately conveying to his listeners the deep truths about his life and of his ministry. Regard this exercise as a Lenten challenge, not to rush to complete the reading, but linger over and ponder the words and teaching of Our Lord, just as if it is meant personally for you, which of course is what it is. Then to high-light each week's reading, I have invited a number of people to

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give an address at a Mid-Week Lenten Service, some of which will be at Harbury and the others at Ladbroke. Here is the plan, which I hope you will follow.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

The Coming of Christ	Chapter 1	4 to 7 March
Christ the Giver of Life	C.2 to end of C.6	8 to 14 March
The Great Controversy	C.7 to v.39 C.10	15 to 21 March
Victory over Death v.40	C.10 to end of C.12	22 to 28 March
Farewell Discourses	C.13 to end of C.17	29 March-4 Apr
The Final Conflict	C.18 to end of C.21	5 to 11 April

And the date, place and time of these services:

Wed 11th March at Harbury at 8 o'clock - Jim Suttie
Wed 18th March at Ladbroke at 8 o'clock - Michael Short
Wed 25th March at Harbury at 8 o'clock - Edyth Algar
Wed 1st April at Ladbroke at 8 o'clock - Betty Winkfield
Wed 8th April at Harbury at 8 o'clock - Tony Stubbs

Have a good Lent.

ANTONY ROWE

THE LYCHGATE

It is good to see the Lychgate back in place and fully restored. Seeing it gradually deteriorating and beginning to look so sorry for itself was most distressing, but now everyone is delighted to see such a fine piece of craftsmanship, so skillfully and so carefully restored. The response to the Appeal has been excellent, particularly once we knew that Stratford District Council would come to our assistance with a grant and our own Parish Council so strongly supported us. In the last week we have been exceptionally fortunate with a very generous gift, from Mrs. Betty Tyler, of £500 and a further £50 from Mrs. Evelyn Lane in memory of her brother, Reg Bloxham. These latest gifts, and others previously received, together with all the money raising efforts, have now realised the amount required. Thus we are pleased to announce that the Lychgate Restoration is completed and fully paid for. Many thanks to all who have helped to achieve this in such a comparatively short time.

THE DIATONIC CHAMBER CHOIR

Last year the Choir gave an excellent concert in Ladbroke Church and promised to consider coming to Harbury this year. We are delighted that this has now been arranged and the Choir will come to Harbury on Saturday 4th April at 7.30pm. Their programme will include Bach's Cantata 4 ('Christ lag in Todesbanden') and Aaron Copeland's 'In the beginning' - an extended anthem. Music will also be provided by a String Quartet and a Harpsichord. Tickets are available from the Rector, Beryl Checkley and Anne Moore. The proceeds will be given to Church Roof repairs.

LENT LUNCHES

These will take place in both villages again this year.

For Ladbroke starting on Wednesday 4th March at various venues. The first will be 70 Braemar Road, Lillington, the home of Beryl and Don Darkes at 12.30pm. Other venues are given in the Ladbroke Diary Dates. Proceeds yet to be decided.

For Harbury starting on Friday 6th March in the Tom Hauley Room also at 12.30pm after the Midday Communion. Proceeds to be given to the Nehemiah Trust (Joanna Watson's work in Romania)

FUNERALS

Thursday 6th February at Oakley Wood:

Patricia Ruth Cooper Simpson, 24 Priory Walk, Warwick
67 years.

Thursday 6th February at Harbury Cemetery:

Reginald Sam Bloxham, 11 Farm Street, Harbury, 84 years.

Thursday 6th February at All Saints' Harbury:

Paul Frederick Dugan, 'Sayonara' 33 Back Lane,
Mill Street, Harbury, 18 years.

Friday 14th February at All Saints', Harbury:

Terence Shuttleworth, Honeysuckle Cottage, Hall Lane,
Harbury, 49 years.

HARRY WINDSOR - TOWER CAPTAIN - RETIRES.

After 25 years as chief bellringer Harry has handed over the responsibility of the Bell Tower to Peter Pryke.

Harry's unswerving dedication to anything with which he is involved has been nowhere better demonstrated than in his leadership of the bellringers and the development of the bells in Harbury Church.

It was a proud occasion in December 1981 when after a massive effort on the part of the bellringing team, two new bells were added to the ringing chamber and were dedicated at a special service.

Harry has always been conscious of the important role that bellringing has in the development of young Christians. Not only is bellringing (to the uninitiated) a mysterious technical exercise and a foundation for disciplined team work, it is a direct act of service to God and this aspect has always been emphasised. In addition, young people who these days travel far and wide, have a point of contact as bellringers, in other Christian communities.

An additional task that now goes with this position is that of chief clock winder. Harry took this on 9 years ago from Tom Hauley, winding the clock which was installed in 1774, every night.

Harbury church is tremendously grateful to Harry for all that he has done in this - just one of his many roles in our church - and we hope that one (major) responsibility less will reduce the strain which has resulted in his recent ill-health.

At the same time, we wish Peter success in what has to be a hard act to follow.

BERYL and JOHN.

FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

Joanna Watson has had to return home having slipped on ice and broken her elbow, which must be extremely painful. Better to be back here where expert attention is available so that she can recover more quickly and get back to Romania fully fit.

The death of server Paul Dugan shocked and saddened us all. Paule was severely dyslexic and had to battle with this and

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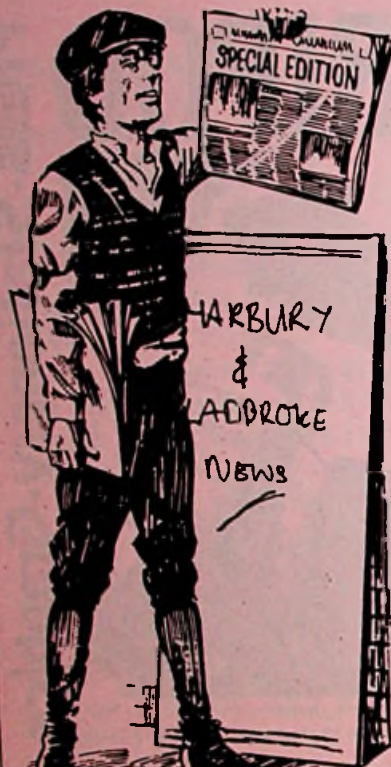


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other difficulties all of his short life. With huge support from his parents, he achieved a great deal of success in many activities and had much to be proud of. The church was full for Paul's funeral and this together with the hundreds of letters which have been received by Bill and Felicity since his death, is a measure of the high regard in which Paul was held by so many people with whom he had come into contact. Our deepest sympathy is with Bill and Felicity, and with Cheryl and his sister.

We think that all the offertory envelopes have been distributed now but if you still don't have yours please let us know.

The Rector's programme for Lent looks as though it will be very interesting - please try to give it your support.

Beryl and John

MOTHERS' UNION

A visit to the Loft Theatre to see "Blithe Spirit" was much enjoyed by a group of us in January.

At our February afternoon meeting Mrs Joan Evans told us about the work of the M.U. Social Concern department. We heard about the various ways in which M.U. members show their concern for others, including the "Away from it All" holidays organised for any man, woman or child who needs a break. Joan Evans made us all take an active part by asking us to vote on some of the controversial issues, (such as Euthanasia and Rape within marriage), on which the opinion of the Mothers Union is sought. It was an enjoyable and thought-provoking talk.

At the evening meeting, each member told about a holiday which she had taken. These ranged from the Yorkshire Dales to the inside of Vesuvius and gave us plenty of ideas for future holidays.

In March we have a Lent Service, led by the Rev Ken Phillips on March 4th at 2.15pm The evening meeting will be an "Any Questions" session on March 17th at 8.00pm following the 7.30pm service. The Rector will be giving the answers. Please remember to bring your questions.

C. Mary Catt



Reg Bloxham - as we well remember him

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Barbara Andrews
Practice Manager

HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

Despite the imminent closure of the youth service Harbury Youth Club continues to flourish; thanks to support within the village.

There are many activities planned for the near future such as ice skating, craft nights, a residential weekend and a nature trail. It is also planned to buy sports equipment to extend the range of sporting activities available on a Wednesday night.

The members of the club have elected their own committee who attend the monthly management meetings. The management committee welcome the involvement of the club members. We aim to work together to overcome the difficulties which we will have to face in the near future.

Don't forget March 7th Flea Market at the Village Hall only £5 a stall 612527

V.H.

CARNIVAL QUEEN

Wanted: One Carnival Queen and Two Attendants to lead Harbury Carnival on Saturday June 13th 1992.

Come along all you young beauties of Harbury to the Village Hall Wednesday April 8th at 8pm and disco your time away, who knows you may be the lucky one.

Age 12 to 16

HARBURY SOCIETY

The Secretary could have done with more people making an early decision that they wanted tickets for the Jazz Social, to save her from sleepless nights, but in the end it turned out well. The music of the Dene River Jazzmen was a resounding success and the food was much appreciated. Despite the night mares the event just covered its costs.

The AGM will take place on Monday 30th March at 7.30pm in the Wight School to be followed at 8pm by a talk on researching local history by Christine Hodgetts. Following on with the theme there is a treat on Tuesday 28th April when we hold a Local History Forum at the School Hall. Local experts will be on hand to enlighten you on Harbury's past.

Ken Stephenson is co-ordinating events for Environment Week (18th - 24th May) but already the Society has arranged a guided tour of the new Telephone Exchange (Telecom sponsors the Week). It will take place on Tuesday 19th May at 7pm.

For our Carnival Stall this year we will be recycling old gramophone records and tapes, so dig out your 78s, your 45s and your vinyl LPs!

Severn Trent will be digging up the village until December and has urged everyone to let them know of events like the Carnival that pose potential problems so that they can plan round them.

The Local Plan is now published and everyone has a further chance to comment on it. Two sites are identified for expansion in Harbury. One at Hill Farm and the other to the rear of South Parade. There is a possibility of low-cost houses on this and other land. The Society is helping with a survey of housing needs, and the Committee would like to thank all those who are assisting.

Linda Ridgley



Congratulations

to Darren Ellis, son of Kathleen & Roger Ellis of Chapel Street, and Kate Sanders daughter of Ray & Ann Sanders of The Dog who recently got engaged.

They paid a flying visit to the village from Hong Kong where they are both working.

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HARBURY THEATRE GROUP - "WANTED - ONE BODY" by Charles Dyer

Be sure to come and see the comedy/thriller 'Wanted - One Body', the Theatre Group's next production on March 26th, 27th and 28th.

'Wanted - One Body' is a classic dark house mystery of disappearing bodies, sliding panels and howls in the night. It is a who - dunnit and a thriller, but with the accent on laughter.

Tickets are obtainable from Mr Lindop. See our advert in this issue of the Harbury News for details of times and ticket prices, and please note the special prices for senior citizens and children for the Thursday night performance.

Alan Barr

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

It was my turn to do the "guest spot" on February 6th and a thoroughly nerve-wracking experience it turned out to be! With occasional help and backing from my digital assistant "Roland", I tried to put together a varied programme consisting of some of my own favourites and a few new ones. I included songs by such well-known folk singers as Jez Lowe, the Kipper Family, Ralph McTell and Henry Mancini (!) I'd like to thank the attentive half of the audience for their warm applause and their hearty chorus singing.

I'd also like to thank Peter Bones for his sterling work as compere for the evening. He started the evening with an all-too-brief spot with Liz and then introduced the rest of the cast, who were Tim (making his debut), Bren (with help from Stewart), the Harvesters, Phil Drill & Big Bill, the Jug Band, Derek and Almost Near Enough (who are Kevin, Sally, Alan & Kate).

The raffle raised £17 towards the restoration of the Lychgate. For a change, the next session, at 8.30pm on March 5th, will be an evening of folk music. I can't wait to see how some of the regulars respond to this challenge!

Peter McDonald

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

By the time you read this you will have had two issues of our new newsletter LOOKOUT, and I hope that you will have noticed that despite an increase of crime in South Warwickshire we in Harbury have enjoyed an excellent record over the last six months. You might think that the darkness of winter would produce more break-ins than in summer but this is not so perhaps due to more absence from home and a tendency to leave windows open.

So don't be complacent, have another look at the security of your home or business. First class door locks and window security catches are a good investment and many insurance companies now offer a premium discount for these as well as for being in Neighbourhood Watch. And these companies are now having a bad time and are raising their rates and becoming less tolerant of carelessness.

The police agree that you cannot prevent an experienced professional thief from breaking in, but point out that by far the larger proportion of thefts are carried out by the young and inexperienced tempted by opportunities that you have given them.

And don't forget that 30% of all crimes are connected to vehicles. If you have to leave your car in a vulnerable position at night consider the Warwickshire Constabulary Vehicle Watch Scheme. For £1 you get an easily seen sticky disc which allows the police to stop your car between midnight and 5am to check who is driving. Out of the last 10,000 vehicles stolen only 3 with this precaution had been taken. Details from Community Liaison Office, Stratford-on-Avon Tel: 1789 414111 Ext 4681.

Finally I am glad to be able to report that with the appointment of the coordinator in Frances Rd we now have 100% coverage of all roads and 29 coordinators in all. My appreciation and thanks to all of them. But it maybe that between sections there is a house here and there that is not in our scheme. If so, do get in touch with me on 612073 so that we can include you.

Don Parker

What is happening in Harbury on June 13th 1992?

The **CARNIVAL** so watch this space for further news.

HOSPCOTCH Update

(Fundraising for Harbury recreation ground improvements)

We are thrilled to announce that Hopscotch has now raised £1400! So we are well on the way to our target of raising £2500 by September 1992. This has been the result of the amazing support of a large team of people - thank you all very much. We have been enormously encouraged by the interest and enthusiasm generated by Hopscotch within the village. Hopefully, this will continue throughout our fundraising campaign and will result in new equipment and other improvements at the playground in the not too distant future.

Thanks to Janny Freeman, Caroline Graystone and everyone who contributed cakes for the last Tom Hauley room coffee morning. We shall be holding another on Saturday 14 March. We intend to have a few items of Wedgwood pottery for sale at greatly reduced prices at this event. This will include a variety of tableware as well as the Jasper ware most frequently associated with Wedgwood.

Kate Smart organised a very successful sale of second hand books at which a magnificent £106 was made. Thank you to Kate and her team of helpers for this splendid result.

We are most grateful to Ray and Annie at the Dog Inn for giving us permission to hold a monthly cake stall in their car park. The stall will operate on the first Friday of each month, the next one being on Friday 6 March from 10am to 12 noon. We will be keeping Nigel our fish man company! We shall be introducing a new product this month - quiches; so do come and buy one and let us know what you would prefer!

Jean Cox is manning a Flea Market Stall on 7 March. If you have any suitable household items, toys etc, please let Jean know before this date.

The next Hopscotch coffee morning will be on Thursday 19 March at 36 Binswood End from 10am - 12 noon. For the next few weeks, Hopscotch Lottery tickets will be available at 20p each at our coffee mornings and from committee members. First prize will be £50, second, half a case of wine, third a Wedgwood vase. Other prizes include a £15 meal voucher at the Great Western and a meal voucher for the Old New Inn.

Hopscotch will be holding a plant sale in May. We shall be very grateful for contributions of pot plants, bedding plants etc, if you are able to grow on a few for us. More

details will be available next month.

Thank you again for your continuing support.

Amanda Randall

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Two pre-season tournaments for members and prospective members have been scheduled for March - an evening tournament at Coventry Racquet Centre on March 7 and an afternoon event on March 21 at Harbury.

Results in the Winter League were still mixed during February:-

"A" Team - Steve Chaplin, Phil Shaw-Hamilton, Ann Tasker, Wendy Latham.

beat Byfield 6-2 on Feb 22.

"B" Team - Angela Woodruff, Pauline Hayes, Mike Brett, Alan Hayes.

lost Brackley 2-6 on Feb 23

A VISIT TO ROMANIA: February 1992

Wondering what Joanna does between waiting for phone calls and luxuries of life like a loo-seat and loo-brush, I went to Romania.

At the beginning of her initial 2 years Joanna has already met an impressive amount of people and visited a considerable number of institutions which are, and will be, necessary to know in connection with the health projects she is initiating. Beyond that, she has obviously become a very important link between Romanians and foreigners. Romanians respect her because she is clearly committed to serving the community; as most foreigners leave the country for extended periods, having someone who is living in the city, they ask her to contact people and do things on their behalf. For example, before Christmas Joanna was asked to be on a selection panel, interviewing and appointing staff for a day-centre for Down Syndrome children and teenagers. Partly for my interest and partly to maintain links and see how the centre is going, Joanna arranged a visit. The house is the only one of its kind in Romania and seems very effective in its work. We met two specialist staff seconded from Dr Barnardo's who had just finished 2 weeks of in-house staff training.

During my 12 days Joanna made a number of her own work

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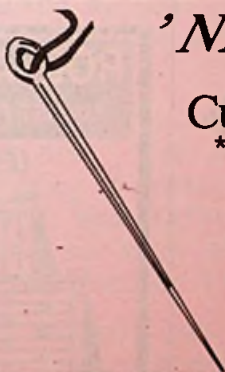
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visits. In Brasov, one was to the blood donor centre, essential for the HIV/AIDS control and prevention programme Joanna is pioneering. Incidentally it was interesting to see during my visit that the concept of planning even two days ahead is rather alien, as is the practice of writing down appointments. Not surprisingly, meetings can be forgotten.

In Bucharest Joanna met two international organisations to find out what they are doing and to tell them what she is doing, with the aim of channelling resources and co-operation out of the capital to Brasov district. Another meeting was with a group of Romanians working voluntarily in community health, devising and running their individual schemes. They said how invaluable "their" foreigner has been to them in providing a catalyst and source of ideas and encouragement.

Joanna has obviously got a valuable part to play in the rebuilding of the country.

Erica Robb

AN UNEXPECTED VISIT TO HARBURY FROM ROMANIA

If you've seen me walking around Harbury recently, with elastic bands fastening my coat and a hot water bottle cover on my right hand, you may be wondering what I'm doing back so soon.

At the beginning of February, I slipped on the ice in Brasov and broke my right arm. Ten days later, concerned about possible complications, I returned to England for expert assessment, treatment and information. I plan to return to Brasov in plaster as soon as possible, doing self-help physiotherapy once the plaster is removed.

Being a patient in Romania was an interesting experience. I was privileged to receive prompt attention at the hospital and the best local treatment available. Nevertheless, there was no place for English reserve or an appetite for information: treatment was delivered publicly, in the rough, no-nonsense manner I later found at the best "coafura" in town (where my hair - and ears - received a very thorough washing!), without any apparent recognition that the broken bone belonged to a person with sensations and feelings.

Once in plaster, I continued life and work - at twice the usual pace! Erica's visit provided moral support and an added reason for a busy schedule. At the moment, I am focusing on developing a programme for the prevention and

control of HIV infection (and hepatitis B) in Brasov district. This includes the following broad areas for action:

- collecting information about the spread of HIV in the community;
- health education
- establishing safe practices for screening and handling of blood/blood products and disposing of contaminated equipment;
- formal/informal treatment/care for those with HIV infection;
- support services eg counselling, condom supplies.

An important priority is providing appropriate health education for everyone, especially health staff, young people and prostitutes. I am busy organising a 3½ day course on HIV/AIDS and sexual health for school teachers in April. The aim is to update the teachers on these topics and methods of teaching, so they can then educate their pupils. It is challenging planning a conference without money for paper, pens, tea or coffee.

Thank you for all your prayer and practical support during my visit.

Joanna Watson

PUBLIC MEETING CALLED BY SEVERN TRENT ON SEWER REPLACEMENT SCHEME FOR HARBURY

Plantswoman Eleanor Zonik sallied forth to defend her garden from the boots and spades of workmen, when Ivan Burrows of Severn Trent and consultants from Haswell engineers gave a presentation at the Village Hall on the Sewer Replacement scheme for Harbury. Promised that connections to the refurbished sewer in their garden would be dug by hand, the Zoniks reposted, "so was the Suez Canal!!!"

Work to upgrade the size of the sewers and deal with deriliction has been divided into three Sections and will proceed from the treatment works in Deppers Bridge, up Station Road, along Hall Lane, Church Terrace, High Street and to the end of Chapel Street. Some old sewers, such as the one running through gardens on the north side of High Street will be re-lined, others will be replaced with larger pipework.

Philip Sharp for the Consulting Engineers promised that the Contractors would only work from 8am to 6pm during the week and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. Only electric powered pumps

would be used and then only during the daytime. Some roads would have to be closed to through traffic but access to frontages and for deliveries would be maintained. The Scheme should begin in late May and run through until December.

The Design Engineer Alastair Moseley explained the details of the scheme; how a tunnel was to be constructed underneath the Railway; a new sewer laid along Hall Lane to save excavating in gardens there; the One Way System temporarily reversed in Hall Lane; and pub car parks used as parking when streets were closed. Phil Sharp promised a further meeting when the contract had been awarded and a photographic survey so that re-instatement needs could be judged. If there were any worries about possible structural damage Surveyors would be brought in to assess the dangers.

The Contractor would be obliged to work on the scheme to the timetable laid down and must finish each small section before moving on to the next. The new Road Works Regulations would mean that excavations had to be repaired properly, at once, and were the Contractor's liability for the next three years.

The audience rattled off a series of questions about the timescale and the minutiae of the organisation of the works. Frontagers were assured that their access would be maintained and were urged to let the Consulting Engineers know of any events which were organised that needed special consideration.

Mr Goodman from Montgomery House was concerned at the prospect of a new sewer being excavated along Mill Lane and was assured that temporary connections, "over pumping", would be installed for the duration. Mr Dennis Andrews was unconvinced that re-instatement would be satisfactory and Mr Ayres Hunt worried about the lack of foundations to his home.

Mr Kane the Newsagent was worried about loss of trade and was told by Ivan Burrows that he would need to provide records to show it had diminished, and a colleague from Severn Trent emphasised that Section 180 of the Water Act obliged the Company to look into the claim if evidence was provided. People's champion, Ken Stephenson, claimed Severn Trent hadn't made it clear that traders would need to present their last two years certified accounts and Mr Kane thought he had been more helpful than the Water Company.

Ken Stephenson went on to question why nothing was being

done to improve the pressure of the water supply, and Mr Burrows explained the Company had a statutory duty to improve the supply when it falls below a certain level. Pressure in Harbury was above this critical level but nevertheless Severn Trent did acknowledge that 250 properties experienced difficulties and they were planning to improve the situation.

If a scheme were submitted for new dwellings to the rear of South Parade, on the site allocated in the Local Plan, then upgrading would assume a higher priority because these extra houses would put even greater strain on the system and reduce pressure to the existing houses.

The choices were to install a reservoir and pump or raise the Water Tower by 30 feet! Mr Woodward of South Parade complained that in the summer he had no water at all between 6 and midnight!!!

Linda Ridgley

SACHA'S SUCCESS



A former pupil of Southam School and the Bayard Academy of Dancing, Sacha Lee of Manor Orchard Harbury is one of just

eighteen people in the country selected to join the National Youth Dance Company for a year after recent auditions.

A student in her final year of a dance degree course at Roehampton Institute London she will now be touring the country with the company in new works created by Richard Alston of the Rambert Dance Company.

This will be a great opportunity for Sacha and she is hoping local companies will help by sponsoring her for the year.

FRED LINES

I first met Fred in 1977 when answering his letter in Harbury News suggesting the formation of a horticultural society. He and Edna had lived in Harbury for at least 25 years even then and were well known, having at one time kept the shop in Chapel Street which is now Saddlers.

I was impressed by Fred's practical knowledge and keenness for all gardening topics, but his great love was vegetable growing. Not surprisingly it wasn't long before Fred suggested restarting the Village Flower Show and along with the late Harold Wilkins enjoyed both the organisation and many a competitive tussle at our own and other local shows. Fred's knowledge was also put to use as a show judge but I think he always really preferred competing!

Fred was chairman of the Horticultural Society from its beginning and it was fitting that in due course he was made its Life President in recognition of the major part he played especially in the early years.

It was something of a surprise when Fred and Edna left Harbury to set up home near their daughter in Leominster. But a new garden was a fresh challenge to Fred and despite failing eye sight the vegetables were soon to be found in neat rows once again (whilst Edna produced similar wonders with the flowers) and the annual Leominster Show became one of the high points of Fred's year. Indeed the "Fred Lines Onions" were again victorious in 1991 and shortly before his death Fred was making preparations for the 1992 crop.

Gardening to the last, Fred just missed his 90th birthday and the manner of his passing was in keeping with his long and full life.

God's garden has truly acquired a worthy assistant.

Tony Brunton

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Harbury Society members and Parish Councillors are conducting a Second-stage Housing Needs Survey. By now everyone should have had a form delivered. Copies can be obtained from the Clerk, Alison Hodge at Rowan House, Binswood End to whom completed forms that escape the distributors can also be returned.

The Rural Housing Trust has been in negotiation with a variety of landowners and is confident enough that it can secure land at affordable prices that it has made a bid to the Housing Corporation for money to fund a scheme of Low-cost homes in Harbury.

However, even if everything goes without a hitch it could be eighteen month to two years before the homes are built and occupied.

Anyone who needs affordable rented or shared ownership homes in the village should complete one of the forms and also register their housing need with the District Council.

Linda Ridgley

SOUTHAM & DISTRICT BRANCH LABOUR PARTY

The branch, which includes Harbury held its Annual General Meeting on February 10th at the Southam Centre.

Officers elected were as follows: Chairman - Robert Reading, Vice-Chairman - Sharon Hancock, Secretary - Jim Taylor 14 Hillyard Rd, Southam, Membership Secretary - Jane Soni, 26 Springs Crescent, Southam, Treasurer - Bransby Thomas.

After the official business was completed there was a lively discussion on the proposed change of age of transfer to secondary education.

The next event will be a Cheese & Wine Party at 32 Mill Street, Harbury to raise funds for fighting the General Election. There is also to be a folk evening with artists from Warwick Folk Club at the 'One Elm' Pub in Stratford on March 14th at 8pm. Tickets for the Cheese & Wine (£3) from 32 Mill Street or ring the secretary on 814758. Tickets for the folk evening on the door - £3 or ring Stratford 269884.

Anyone interested in joining the branch should ring Jane Soni on 812966.

M.S.H.

HARBURY VILLAGE HALL PLAYGROUP

Following the item in last month's H & L News, I am pleased to say that Mrs Kate Smart will take over the running of this group from August 1992.

Prospective parents please note that I shall continue to take any enquiries regarding waiting list, days etc, until Friday July 17th, from then on please contact Kate on 612609. I look forward to having Kate in playgroup with us for one day a week until she takes over.

Moya Waterman

(612285)

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Chairman, Ron Grey, started the February meeting on a sad note by reporting the death of Fred Lines, life president of the Society. It was on Fred's initiative that the Society re-started, so he will be greatly missed.

Anyone who missed this meeting deprived themselves of an enjoyable evening. Our speaker, Anthony Davies took us on a journey which started in Stanley Park, Vancouver, through the Rocky Mountains. Mr Davies was invited to lecture in Canada when he was working at The Vegetable Research Station, Luddington. The stunning slides which he showed us were taken on two visits, one in summer and the other in winter. This gave us an idea of the contrast in weather conditions through the year. Because Mr Davies is a keen walker he had some beautiful shots of the Lion Rocks, near Vancouver, with the Rockies as a backdrop. He visited a conifer nursery in the coniferous rain forest, where as part of the Canadian reafforestation programme they grow some of the twenty nine million trees which are planted annually. Alpine varieties of familiar flowers and wonderfully framed shots of some of the wild life took us on up the Frazer Valley. Names from Canadian history such as Kicking Horse River, Medicine Lake, Banff and Calgary caught our imagination. Slides of spectacular waterfalls, tranquil lakes and vast landscapes gave us the opportunity to experience some of the appeal of Canada without the annoyance of the mosquitoes. Certainly an evening to remember.

Next month on March 3rd our speaker will be Neil Bragg from Wolverhampton, talking about alternatives to peat. Mr Bragg was recently on T.V. Gardener's World so being in the forefront of the gardening scene he will tell us the latest

views on this environmentally sensitive subject.

On Sunday 31st May, Colgreaves, seed producers near Banbury, are opening their gardens with tickets at £3. We shall be making up a party to visit, and some tickets will be offered as raffle prizes over the coming months. If you are interested see Eleanor Zonik for details. Incidentally any items for raffle prizes will be most gratefully received.

Finally, a thought for the summer. Our annual Garden Walkabout will be on Saturday July 11th. We should like to include some new gardens this year so please tell us if you would like to open your garden. Visitors always comment on the diversity they see here in Harbury so please don't think that your garden is too small or too dull to be included. Every garden has something which is unique and of interest so don't be shy, we should like to hear from you.

Pat Smith

MARCH IN THE GARDEN

Prepare ground ready for planting Annuals later. Fork over and remove all weeds. To enrich the soil add compost. Hardy perennials can be lifted and divided. Lift and divide overcrowded snowdrops as soon as the flowers fade. They will appreciate more space, and deeper planting.

Prune your roses. Hybrid teas to about 7", Floribundas less severely. Cut out any growth less than a pencil thick. Tidy up the herbs, pruning out dead or damaged shoots. Thyme can be divided.

Pot on, by one size only, house plants with constricted roots at the end of the month apply a slow release fertiliser. Sow parsley in pots, in the house. Put the seeds into a warm bed by pouring boiling water over the soil before laying the seeds on the surface and just covering them with warm soil. This really does speed their slow germination. It should now be safe to sow outside, lettuce, carrots, beetroot, radish, spring onions, spinach and turnips. Plant early potatoes, onion sets and shallots.

Prepare to deal with aphids indoors as well as outside. To prevent apple scab spray trees now with Benlate. Dried blood encourages more vigorous growth. Bonfire ash is good for bush fruit and broad beans but not for potatoes. Apply it dry so that its nutrients leach straight into the soil when wetted by rain.

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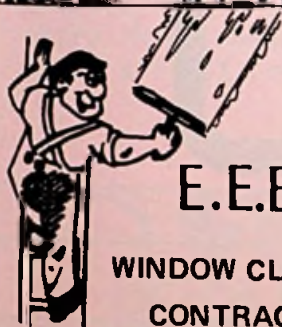
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Teams will comprise four members, there is no limit on the number of teams each organisation can enter but entries will be limited to 40 teams in total. Questions will cover a wide range of subjects, so specialist knowledge is not necessary.

The entry fee is £2 per person which includes a light supper and tea or coffee. There will be a cash bar selling beer, wine and soft drinks.

Entries to 9 Ivy Lane by 1st March, together with your entry fee (cheques payable to Harbury PTA). Entries will be on a first come first served basis.

Dean Masson
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SPRING AWAKENING

We are privileged to have the Thwaites Estate nearby. Despite the hum of the M40 the resident fauna goes on preparing for spring. On Sunday 23rd February the temperature reached 12°C (54°F) and a few keen gardeners were beginning to get itchy forks. Some were even spotted unveiling last year's lawnmower.

On a walk to see the spectacular drifts of snowdrops and winter aconites at Kingston Manor the floral display could not match the antics of the birds. On the lake beside Chesterton Church two adult swans paraded, escorted by two of last year's cygnets, now almost full grown but with an occasional tuft of brown feathers marking the white. In the ploughed field to the south west a large group of Canada geese were feeding and seemed to have taken another adult swan into their midst, bringing a vision of Danny Kaye and "The Ugly Duckling" to mind.

The best was yet to come. On the next lake, close to the Manor, an irate male Canada goose was causing a great commotion flapping backwards and forwards in a display of aggression as it saw off a rival and marshalled its mate towards the island. A pair of great crested grebe and a pair of tufted duck swam close by unconcerned by the behaviour of their bigger cousins. The island nesting site sported two alder trees already green with leaf. Have the local flora and fauna been fooled into a premature spurt of activity? Watch out for the next instalment.

John Hancock

HARBURY PLAYGROUP - WIGHT SCHOOL

Playgroup will be holding a Coffee Morning on Tuesday March 24th between 10.00am and 1.00pm at 22 Farley Avenue Paula Wallington from the village shop "OFFSPRINGS" will be selling children's clothes. We also plan to have a raffle and cake stall.
Do try to come along!

Pat Armitage

Ladbroke News

LADBROKE DIARY DATES MARCH 1992

- Sun 1 7th Sunday before Easter: 10.30am Family Service
& Communion
- Wed 4 Ash Wednesday: 10.30am Holy Communion
12.30pm Lent Lunch (70 Braemar Rd, Lillington)
7.30pm Holy Communion with Hymns
- Thurs 5 7.45pm Men's Society
- Sun 8 LENT 1: 9am Holy Communion with Hymns
- Wed 11 10.30am Holy Communion
12.30pm Lent Lunch (7 Ladbroke Hall)
2.30pm Women's Fellowship
8.00pm Mid-Week Lenten Service at Harbury
Address given by Jim Suttie
- Thurs 12 7.45pm Deanery Synod
- Sun 15 LENT 2: 9am Holy Communion with Hymns
10.30am Children's Church, 3.30pm Evensong
- Wed 18 10.30am Holy Communion
12.30pm Lent Lunch (The Olde Rectory House)
8.00pm Mid-Week Lenten Service at Ladbroke
Address given by Michael Short
- Sun 22 LENT 3: 9am Holy Communion with Hymns
- Wed 25 The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.30am Holy Communion
12.30pm Lent Lunch (8 Ladbroke Hall)
8.00pm Mid-Week Lenten Service at Harbury
Address given by Edyth Algar
- Sun 29 LENT 4 (Mothering Sunday) 9am Holy Communion (Said)
3.30pm Mothering Sunday Service - Distribution
of Posies.
- Tues 31 7.30pm Annual Church Meeting - The Village Hall.

APRIL

- Wed 1 10.30am Holy Communion
12.30pm Lent Lunch (Sarah's Cottage)
8.00pm Mid-Week Lenten Service at Ladbroke
Address given by Betty Winkfield
- Thurs 2 7.45pm Men's Society
- Sun 5 LENT 5: (Passion Sunday) Family Service & Communion

* additional March dates

- Sat 14 Ladbroke Path Volunteers
- Wed 18 Ladbroke Parish Council

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

Sun March 15: Youth Club Theatre Performance
Sat April 9: Flea Market
Sat June 20: Village Bar B Que
Fri Oct 2: Quiz Night
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Fri Nov 27: Race Night

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Alan Stubbs

How lovely to see once again the golden weather vane atop the spire and hear the pealing of the bells. Progress indeed.

Gwynne Badman



The Rector holds the regilded weather cock

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

31 People had a most pleasant St Valentine's evening at the home of Jim & Jean Clewes and seemed to get through a fair amount of curry and casserole, after which it was brain-taxing time: Anita Todd, Meriel Williamson and Francis Badman were the clever ones with the three competitions.

Many things coming up - don't miss next month's instalment.

Gwynne Badman

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

I am not able to tell you of our visit from Mr John Cain as the W.I. Meeting and magazine deadline are not compatible, so more on that subject next month.

On 26th March Mrs Frances Farrar will be talking to us on Chinese Acupuncture Medicine. Do come along and find out all about it.

Gwynne Badman

LADBROKE CHURCH RESTORATION

How lovely it was to hear the church bells ringing out again on Thursday evening (February 20th). Was it my imagination or did they sound more joyous than usual? The fact that the scaffolding has been removed from the steeple may have had something to do with it.

How beautiful our glorious landmark looks - resplendant with its newly gilded weather vane.

Here comes the plug! Many thanks to all those who have been so generous in so many ways to our Restoration Appeal. May the sight of our restored steeple give us renewed vigour to raise the money for the next phase.

To the glory of God.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The cost of erecting an additional streetlight had not yet been fully investigated; the village will be asked if they would agree to pay such costs at the next Annual Parish Meeting in May.

The County Council had confirmed that they are prepared to continue to press for an alternative solution to lack of a gate over the Bypass at Windmill Lane, but a successful conclusion is still some months ahead.

The Road repairs in Upper Windmill Lane had been completed, but one member of the public felt that they were not satisfactory as a long term repair.

the broken land drain outside the Old Rectory would not be repaired until there is another flood situation, so that the County Council can satisfy themselves as to the cause of the excess flood water.

The Parish Council agreed to again enter the Best Kept Village Competition. I shall probably start nagging in March!

Several members of the public attended the meeting to ensure that their views were made known regarding the proposal to build houses on the field behind Village Farm. Concern was expressed at the number of houses envisaged, and the lack of suitable access onto Windmill Lane. Some felt that any new housing would be better spread around various other sites in the village. Having listened at some length to the public, the Parish Council agreed to formulate their reply to the local Structure Plan in a weeks time, when they had fully considered all the written points of view they had received.

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr Francis Badman decided that he thought it would be possible for a copy of this letter to be viewed by prior arrangement with the Parish Clerk.

Next meeting Wednesday 18th March 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

Kate Liverton

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

As the Rector was unable to be present, Gwladys Gould took the opening prayers. She then went on to give a most interesting account of her recent visit to her daughter and family, who are at present living in Hong Kong. We saw a map of Hong Kong - the island and the mainland - showing us where Judith lives. Gwladys gave a brief history of Hong Kong and described the busy colourful life there today.

A short annual meeting followed, when it was decided to raise the subscription to £3 per year - these are now due.

We agreed to hold the Lent Lunches again, starting on Ash Wednesday, They will be as follows:-

March 4th

70 Braemar Rd, Leamington Spa

March 11th

7 Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke

March 18th	The Olde Rectory, Ladbroke	33.
March 25th	8 Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke	
April 1st	Sarah's Cottage, Bridge Lane, L/broke	
April 8th	16 Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke	
April 15th	Cotswold, Windmill Lane, L/broke	

They will start at 12.30pm.

Our next meeting is on March 11th at 2.30pm at the home of Catherine Spence, 7 Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke when we are very much looking forward to welcoming Mrs Jean Rowe to talk to us.

Nancy Stubbs

LADBROKE FOOTPATH VOLUNTEERS

Our second working party of 1992 held on Saturday 15th February, was the most successful that the group has had during its short history, 10 able bodied men and women turned up! It was a lovely morning, and I think we all enjoyed working on the path over Windmill Hill, there certainly is a marvellous view over the surrounding countryside from this point.

A new stile was erected, three way marking posts put up, and a path cleared through thicket and brambles. Our next working party will be held on Saturday 14th March when 2 further stiles will be erected on the same path. All new volunteers are most welcome, come along and help. Meet at 9.30 at the bottom of Upper Windmill Lane.

John Liverton

FAREWELL

Goodbye to Joan, who has been cheerfully delivering our milk for longer than I can remember. She has done a marvellous job and on behalf of Ladbroke I would like to wish her all the best in her new job. I just hope that her replacement will realise that when my milk demand says nought, it doesn't mean it, it's just my youngest daughter likes to turn knobs!

K.L.

LADBROKE POWER SUPPLY

It could be that someone from the E.M.E.B. heard about my lack of respect in this magazine. Having picked the coldest week of the year to switch off Ladbroke's power

supply. Luckily my neighbours are a delightfully militant crowd and we rather dammed the Coventry Switchboard until someone turned round and came all the way back to flick that all important switch.

The final irony, a very depressed E.M.E.B. official was out to read our meters, the very day we were shivering in our thermals, someone had got their wires crossed!

Kate Liverton

LADBROKE YOUTH GROUP

Theatre Weekend Workshop

There is a meeting on Sunday March 8th, 7.30pm, in the Tom Hauley Room, Harbury for all those from Ladbroke & Harbury Youth Groups who are interested in the Theatre Weekend Workshop, when one of the tutors will outline the workshop details. The workshop is over the weekend of March 14th/15th at Ladbroke Village Hall, when 5 professional actors, musical directors, directors & choreographers will run a workshop on acting, musical direction, stage direction, stage lighting etc culminating in a short production on the Sunday.

Cost will be £7.50 per young person. If you are interested please come along to the meeting on March 8th and register, or ring Linda Doyle on 814214.

We would like someone (or two) to be around with a video recorder during the weekend. Anyone interested?

Winter Half-Term

15 members went Ten Pin Bowling during half-term, which was chaotic but enjoyable, and included 3 new members bowling for the first time. Thanks to Brenda Timms & Sylvia Clews for not only once again providing transport at their expense, but supervising and teaching with me.

Members also enjoyed the Valentine Disco run by the Village Hall Committee that weekend, which became very much a family affair as they tried to out-dance their parents.

Future Meetings

The March meeting will not be on the usual last Wednesday because Brenda and I will be at college that evening, but everyone will be informed of the time and date, when we hope to watch the video of the Theatre Weekend and any home videos from members.



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Further into the future we have planned a dog training session, a pet and pony show, and a Faconry Demonstration, at which we will welcome other members of the family.

Linda Doyle

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall will not be available for hire during part of July/August owing to treatment of the new floor.

Valentine's Disco

A few more numbers would have been welcome at the hop. However, those of us who did attend had a good evening thanks to Don Northorpe at the helm, and his band of helpers at the bar. There are a small number of volunteers in the Village who are always ready to lend a hand to any function, and I, for one, appreciate their efforts.

Contributions to the Magazine

Would any Ladbroke resident who wishes to contribute to the magazine please bring their articles to me at The Bell, and I will forward them, complete, to the Editors in Harbury.

Kim Abbott

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

We would like to thank all those who have been so supportive and comforting to us all in our tragic loss. It has made us all realise how lucky we are to live in such a caring community, and we have been truly touched by the kindness that has been shown.

Our thanks also to Canon Rowe and Father Sweeney from Princethorpe College for Service in Harbury Church. Thanks must also be given to Mary from Country Fayre for the flowers in Church.

Again thank you all for being there for us and for caring - it has helped us all.

With our sincere thanks,

Mary, Harriet and Robert Shuttleworth

Dear Editors,

We would like to thank everyone for their kindness to us in the loss of our dearly loved son Paul.

We have received many hundreds of letters and cards and have taken great strength and courage from the very wonderful things people have said about Paul.

We go through life touching the lives of others never realising that we have influenced them in any way. The kindness shown to us has made us see that we have many friends, and seeing their sorrow has illustrated to us, more than anything else, that Paul's life and ours has not been in vain.

There have been many times of late that we have wanted to die too. Paul, even from a very little boy, involved us in so many things, and later, as he grew older we took him into our world. All seems very quiet and empty now.

We do know that we were very lucky to have such a lovely, kind boy. We know he is now at peace and with his maker for he truly believed in God and set himself very high standards. We have now come to see that other people feel the same way, and have recognised that he was a truly useful person to have around.

God bless you all and thank you.

Bill & Felicity Dugan

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank all friends and neighbours who so generously made donations in memory of my wife Peggy.

A cheque for £132 was sent to Cancer Research. Thank you all.

John Winchester

T.O.F.S.

Thank you everybody who helped and came to the T.O.F.S. coffee morning. We raised

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I hope the people who bought cakes enjoyed them.

RAFFLE WINNERS: 1st No 232 Mrs Percival - bottle of wine
2nd No 197 Mrs Hill - Box chocolates

Alistair Darby Age 9

Dear Editors,

In your January 1992 edition of the news there was a report of the Dec 1991 Parish Council Meeting containing in the last paragraph a reference to the "Mike Ellis Syndrome" quoted by Cllr Sharon Hancock.

First of all I am truly sorry that Dr Hancock should still be haunted by the dreaded spectre of my financial rectitude on behalf of the Parish Council after so many years. It was with trepidation that I turned to the dictionary for the quotation on 'syndrome', the first definition stated "a combination of several symptoms in disease". No wonder Cllr Chris Magowan asked for the remark to be withdrawn before he too became afflicted with the same problem.

May I wish through your excellent 'news' which the family read with much interest our best wishes to all our friends in Harbury for 1992 and may the 'news' continue to publish in its own very special way.

Mike Ellis
Cossington,
Somerset

Dear Editors,

The school holidays in 1991 were blessed for the most part with fine, warm weather and the children of the village were able to be out and about for much of the time. At that time I was amazed at the number of small children riding their bicycles on our increasingly busy roads unaccompanied by an adult.

I know most children of 6, 7 or 8 years old are very competent on their bikes but what is their road sense? Do they really understand the problems of car drivers? Have parents put in hours of their time riding with them and teaching them how to behave on the roads?

The dangers were really brought home to us in Mill Street last summer when a small boy wobbled on his bike and then fell in front of a car. He was missed by inches and mercifully the only "injuries" were two very shaken people. How different it could have been.....

Yours sincerely,
Rosemary Eld

Dear Editors,

I would like to correct an error made in the script of the profile on John & Alison Hunt.

It should have read:- 'John has accepted the job of Honorary Treasurer for the Warwickshire Rural Community Council. For the last fifteen years he has been treasurer to the Harbury Scout Group.

Together with Jeanne Clarke (a former resident of Harbury) Alison was instrumental in starting the Harbury Friends and also the small social group "Butterflies" '.

Also an apology to Doris Byrne, who alone had her christian name left out of the thank you letter to those who helped at the Heart Appeal coffee morning.

These mistakes have caused me and the people concerned a certain amount of embarrassment, for which I must apologise.

Gladys Hutchins

Dear Editors,

I enjoyed reading the Profile on John & Alison in the current edition of the Harbury News. However, never in my life would I qualify to be associated with the job of Honorary Treasurer of anything. I leave that sort of thing to Ken!

I would however, lay some claim to fame as being a co-founder of both "Harbury Friends" & "Butterflies". "Butterflies" was named in the sitting room of 1 Vicarage Lane, by my son David!

Ken & I still enjoy reading Harbury News - long may it last.

Best wishes
Jeanne Clarke

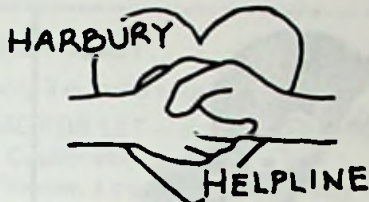
Dear Editors,

I would like to thank all friends and neighbours for the wonderful help and cards I have received during my stay in Hospital.

The support I have received during the last 2 years has been wonderful. A special thanks to my husband and family for all their help.

Yours faithfully,
Joyce Waddell

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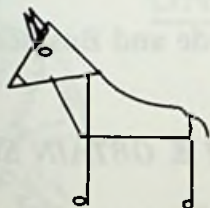
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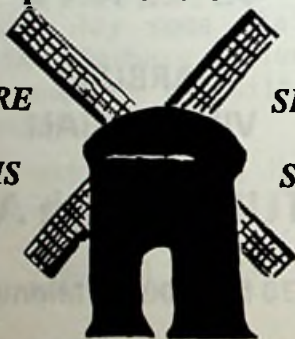
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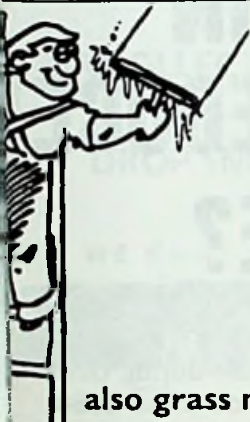
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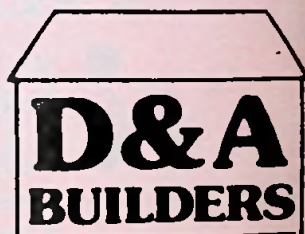
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