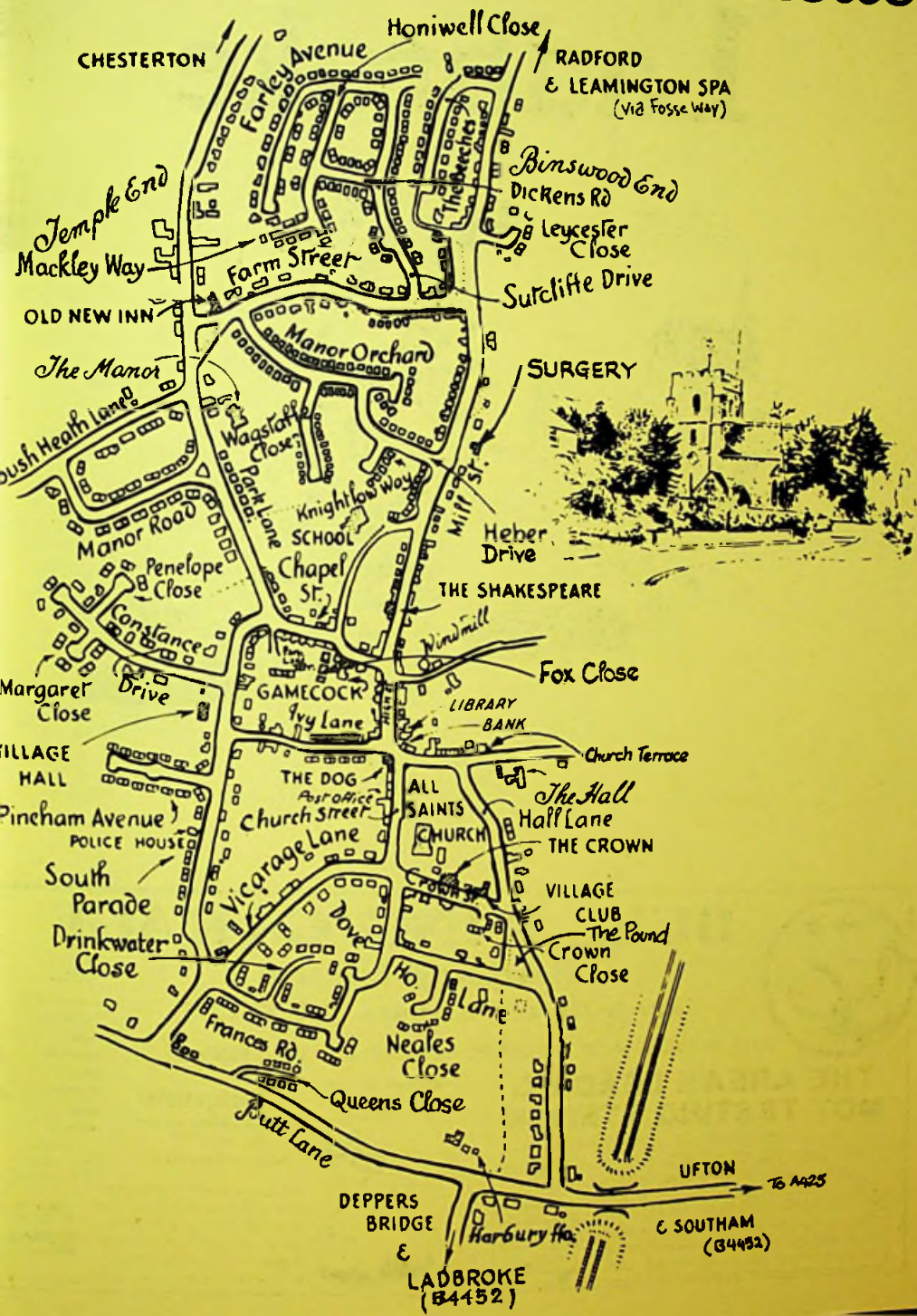


Harbury & Ladbroke News



Ladbroke

To Coventry



1. Ladbroke Church

The Parish church of All Saints, built about 1300, is a fine example of the Perpendicular style. It is the only church in the village.

2. Farmyard Field

Site of the old Manor House of the village, the site remains of which are the foundations of the medieval fish pond.

3. Ladbroke Hall

One of a large building used (1840) when the Palace was destroyed it is in present appearance.

4. The Bell Inn

Is the 13th Century stone house at least 13 centuries old in the village. The tower, the White Horse, and the Bell which were the mark of the inn.

6. Ladbroke By-pass

Opened in 1967. One suggested in 1957.

5. PoW Camp Site

Site of the present of war camp, built by the PoW Camp, in 1945, destroyed in 1964.

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Harbury electorate topped the national average with an 85% turnout for the General Election - don't forget to support your local candidates in the District elections with the same enthusiasm.



There was a splendid turnout for the Carnival Queen Competition. The judges faced a formidable task with a choice of 25 entrants. They finally chose Gemma Lymn as Queen with Rebecca Robinson and Heidi Stabbins as attendants.

Congratulations to Ann Brunt, Andy Latham and Paul Hyde who all completed this years London marathon.

who have won the regional youth section of the Webb Ivor 'Fund Raiser of the Year Competition'. Well done!

We extend our sympathy to the family of Eric Warner, who passed away last month. Our sympathies also go to the family of Heather Hendry (nee Winterbottom) who sadly lost her brave fight against cystic fibrosis.

*Please note the editorial office is now changed to
32 MILL STREET.

Harbury Diary

MAY 1992

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| Sun | 3 | EASTER II: 9am Sung Eucharist, 10.30am Family Service prepared by Men's Society, 6.30pm Evensong |
| Mon | 4 | Bible Study Meeting at 8pm |
| Tues | 5 | Holy Communion at 7.30pm PCC Meeting at 8pm Horticultural Society 8pm in Village Hall "Patios & Hanging Baskets" by Hinton's Nursery |
| Wed | 6 | Playschool Open Day 9.30am to noon
Mothers Union 2.15pm in Tom Hauley Room
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm |
| Thurs | 7 | DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 8am - 9pm
Holy Communion 9.45am, Men's Society 7.45pm
Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn at 8.30pm |
| Fri | 8 | Theatre Group AGM 8pm Wight School |
| Sat | 9 | PTA 60s & 70s Disco at School 8 to Midnight
Coffee Morning - "BREAKTHROUGH" - Tom Hauley Room |
| Sun | 10 | EASTER III: 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong |
| Mon | 11 | Word of God 8pm at 46 Farley Avenue
Praise & Prayer at Lullington Lodge, Dovehouse Lane |
| Tues | 12 | Mothers & Toddlers Service at 2.15pm
Holy Communion at 7.30pm
Village Hall Committee 8pm in Village Hall |
| Wed | 13 | Mothers Union Outing
Youth Club in Village Hall |
| Thurs | 14 | ST MATTHIAS APOSTLE: Holy Communion 9.45am
Hopscotch Coffee Morning with Tupperware at 47 Farm St, 10am to Noon
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
Archdeacon's Visitation at Napton 7.45pm |
| Fri | 15 | Holy Communion 7am
NSPCC Young League 4pm-5.30pm in Wight School |

- Sat 16 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am
School Sponsored Walk
Myton Hospice Bedding Plant & Jumble Sale Village Hall 2-4pm
Lunch - Tom Hauley Room in aid of Room Funds
ENVIRONMENT WEEK
- Sun 17 EASTER IV: 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am Sung Eucharist, 7.30pm New Youth Group
SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
Hopscotch Plant Sale at Wight School 2-4pm (inside if wet)
- Mon 18 BEGINNING OF CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
Bible Study Meeting 8pm Video "Viva Christo Rey"
(Long Live Christ the King)
- Tues 19 Hopscotch Committee Meeting at 20 Manor Orchard at 10.30am
Harbury Society Tour of New Telephone Exchange begins at 7pm
Holy Communion at 7.30pm
Southam PTA Gardening Evening presented by Southam Garden Centre, Admission 50p with light refreshment
Mothers Union 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 20 Youth Club in Village Hall
- Thurs 21 Holy Communion at 9.45am
Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy for orphans and sick children in Peru (see article in magazine) 10.30am at 4 Sutcliffe Drive
Whist in Village Hall at 7.45pm
Parish Council in Village Hall at 7.30pm
- Fri 22 Holy Communion 7am
Charity Dance "The Old Barn Bash" at Old Barn Farm, Ladbroke
- Sun 24 EASTER V (ROGATION SUNDAY): 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong
- Mon 25 Prayer & Praise in Church 8pm
- Tues 26 ST AUGUSTINE FIRST ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY 605AD:
Holy Communion 7.30pm, Julian Meeting 8.10pm
- Thurs 28 ASCENSION DAY: 9.45am Holy Communion
Thursday Club at 2.15pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion with Hymns (at Ladbroke) at 8pm
(Harbury & Ladbroke celebrate this major festival together and refreshments are provided afterwards in Church)
- Fri 29 Holy Communion at 7am
- Sat 30 WEEKEND OF MORRIS
CEILIDH in Village Hall 8pm Tickets £4

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 Sat 30 Sale of Bedding Plants (in aid of Myton Hospice)
 2-4pm Village Hall
 Sun 31 SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION: 9am Sung Eucharist
 and Parish Breakfast, 6.30pm Evensong
 MORRIS WEEKEND with 11.30am Morris Dancing at the
 Village Pubs

ALL ARTICLES FOR JUNE ISSUE BY TODAY PLEASE

JUNE

Mon 1 Bible Study Meeting at 8pm
 Tues 2 Holy Communion at 7.30pm
 Wed 3 Mothers Union at 2.15pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Scouts & Guides AGM at the Scout Hut
 Youth Club in Village Hall
 Thurs 4 Holy Communion at 9.45am, Men's Society 7.45pm
 Fri 5 ST BONIFACE BISHOP & MARTYR: Holy Communion at 7am
 Confirmation Rehearsal at 7pm
 Hopscotch Cake Stall on Dog Inn Car Park 9.30am -
 Noon

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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For Wight School Bookings	ring Mrs Hayes 613488
For Tom Hauley Room Bookings	ring Mrs Smith 613680

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 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.

FROM THE RECTOR

Some years ago, a critical survey was carried out upon church magazines and one point made was that so many of them contained far too much retrospective material all about things which had already happened. They had the merit of being good historical recording, but failed to achieve effective communication. Now I realise that the 'Harbury & Ladbroke News' is a village and community-centred publication and has proved its effectiveness over and over again, but in the material I have been responsible for, I have always been conscious of the danger of mentioning things over and done with. This time however, I want to do a bit of both, recording and communicating.

First I want to express my thanks to those who responded to my invitation to give the addresses at the Mid-Week Lenten Services at Harbury and at Ladbroke. The services were well attended and the addresses, based on set sections of St. John's Gospel, were delivered with great originality and freshness. The services as a whole were simple and straightforward, and consequently I believe most effective and telling. Of course what one always dreads most is the heating system breaking down at an important time such as Holy Week and Easter, and that's what happened to Harbury. I am delighted to say that attendances did not suffer. In spite of a very chilly church, the Gethsemane Watch was well maintained and at midnight there were still six people kneeling in prayer. By Easter Day, Harbury did have a little background heat from gas heaters and at both churches attendances were very good. At Ladbroke the Children's Church Easter Day Service in the afternoon was delightful and at Harbury, the augmented choir assisted us to sing Evensong beautifully and powerfully. When people respond well the Easter 'Alleluias' are all that more significant and joyful.

Having said, that we must not rest on our laurels and casually think that perhaps later in the year, there will be the Flower Festival to look forward to in July, the Harvest in autumn and before we know where we are, Christmas will be on the way again. In May (actually Thursday 28th May) comes another major

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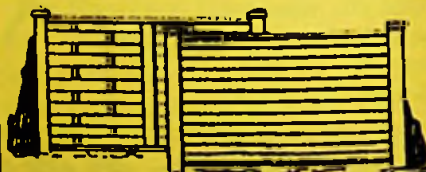
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celebration, Ascension Day, when we recognise Our Lord's rightful place in the kingdom of heaven and in our hearts, and pray that 'as we believe Our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heaven, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend and with him continually dwell'. On that day there will be a service at Harbury at 9.45am, but in the evening both Ladbroke and Harbury are invited to worship together at Ladbroke at 8 o'clock. After that service to emphasise our fellowship and the happiness of the occasion, we shall have some simple refreshment. Not many days after that comes Pentecost (Whitsunday), when we rejoice in the Coming of the Holy Spirit. This Festival is of equal importance to the Church as are Easter and Christmas, but sadly sometimes is not kept with the enthusiasm or the prominence it ought to receive. After all, it is the fulfilment of what Our Lord promised to his disciples - 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will bear witness for me in Jerusalem, and all over Jordan and Samaria, and away to the ends of the earth' - Acts 1 v 8. It was this fulfilment which turned timid and cowering disciples, meeting together in secret and behind closed doors, into bold and courageous preachers of the Gospel. What a splendid opportunity it is for us then on that day (Sunday 7th June) to have our Confirmation at 6.30pm and from Harbury and Ladbroke twenty candidates. I am sure that everyone will want to be there to pray for the candidates and to welcome them. In the meantime, our Sunday and Weekday worship continues without pause and should never be neglected.

ANTONY ROWE.

GIFTS

Recently we have received two gifts, which demonstrate the skills and artistry of two members of our congregation.

Shirley Keir has beautifully worked a sampler which will serve as our Baptismal Roll, and had it framed. It hangs in the Baptistry beside the Font recording the name & date of those baptised there. Sue Buffone has presented a framed print of her painting of Tom Hauley's Cottage. It hangs in the Tom Hauley Room opposite Tom's photograph.

We are very pleased to receive both these gifts. The new lighting of the Baptistry and the Children's Corner is now completed and in use. This was paid for by several donations for which too we are most grateful.

HOLY MATRIMONY at All Saints' Harbury:

Saturday 11th April:

GARY DONALD ASTILL, Longleat Grove, Leamington Spa and
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FUNERAL at All Saints' Harbury:

Thursday 9th April:

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FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS.

The Easter services were all very moving and on the day itself a great joy. It is always good to see so many people at the major festivals and we need to build on this. The Choral Evensong on Easter day was delightful and we are grateful to the augmented choir for their welcome skills.

The A.G.M. resulted in some welcome newcomers to the P.C.C. who we hope will bring some new ideas to the running of the church. We are grateful of course, to those who have served so faithfully previously. One of the immediate tasks which have to be dealt with is the replacement of the heating boiler, the quotation for which amounts to £10,000 - more on this next time. Meanwhile, we are grateful to Ken Hughes for providing temporary heaters which at least take the worst edge off the cold.

We were pleased to welcome Capt. Aiden Webster of the Church Army on Sunday April 26th., who reminded us of the genuine loving work they carry out in the name of our Lord: they do deserve our support.

Two dates to note: May 16th., Lunch in the Tom Hauley room organised by the Social Committee in aid of the room and on May 31st., we have the Parish Breakfast at 9am., to which Ladbroke are invited.

BERYL and JOHN.

REACHING OUT

Despite heavy calls on its financial resources made by essential repairs and restoration work - for example the roof, the Lychgate, and replacement of the heating-system boiler - Harbury Parish Church is determinedly continuing its traditional outreach role.

At the annual meeting on April 5 parishioners were told that the Parochial Church Council, influenced particularly by the Decade of Evangelism had given £200 to the Church Army, and had made donations of £100 each to the Church Missionary Society, the United Society for Propagation of the Gospel, St. Luke's Home for the Clergy; the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge, Missions to Seamen and Christian Outreach.

Additionally a figure in excess of £1200 had been dispersed as a result of direct fund-raising activities, held under the auspices of the church, and retiring collections. These donations included £605 to the Nehemiah Trust (supporting Dr Joanna Watson's voluntary work in Romania), £300 to the Church of England Children's Society, £260 to the British Legion, and £58 to the Additional Curates Society.

Beryl Checkley and John Moore were unanimously re-elected wardens; also re-elected were Ruth Dodds (secretary), Liz McBride (treasurer), and Frank Bunting (auditor). The Rector, Canon Antony Rowe, paid tribute to the outstanding contribution each had made to the efficient and harmonious running of the church. He also thanked the Revd. Peter Snow for his support since retiring to Harbury.

Newly elected to the PCC are Vanda Ball, Betty Knappe, Sue Dormer, Lesley and Brian Jones, Tony Brunton and Bill Davies.

John Algar

MOTHERS' UNION

"Listening" was the subject of Mrs Margaret Backhouse, our afternoon speaker in April. She described her talk as a meditation, interspersing her thoughts on listening - to God and to one another - with music by Tallis, Bach, Beethoven and Mozart. It was a relaxing and enjoyable meeting.

The second session of our Bible Study course, "I Believe and Trust" was on God the Creator. We talked about our experiences of God, especially the times we felt most aware of

him as Creator, and studied the story of creation from Genesis. We agreed that our appreciation of the beauty and wonder of this world could help us to feel the nearness of God. It was agreed that we would take practical action to care for the world by trying to prevent pollution, destruction and to conserve resources.

Many thanks to all who helped with our coffee morning, April 25th, in any way. We made enough to give £80 to the M.U. Away from it All holiday scheme for people in need of a break. For those who entered the treasure hunt, the treasure was in Thailand.

Our speaker on May 6th will be Mrs Black on her experience as a vicar's wife. The evening speaker on May 19th will be from the Samaritans.

C Mary Catt

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR MARCH 1992

Someone has been picking the daffodils on the verge at Treen Hill again much to Ed Wilson's disgust, but the new Horse Chestnut at Binswood End has been planted and a Bench has been ordered at a cost of about £500. Work on the trees was proceeding, and the Car Park weeds would be sprayed off.

Ed reported over 90 responses to the Housing Needs Survey and hoped up to 20 dwellings could be built. He thought the Parish Council ought to let people know what was happening and tell the Rural Housing Trust that they wanted to proceed. He thanked everyone who helped with the survey.

At the Area Meeting in Long Itchington, Harbury and its neighbouring Parish Councils had expressed their great disquiet at the disbanding of the Youth Service. Sharon Hancock was concerned about the impact on Harbury's Youth Club. Youth Work was one of the hardest sectors to which to attract volunteers and the Club's funds would not stretch to paying workers. It was all a dreadful muddle and the only message the youth got was that they were bottom of the list. James Turner seemed to think that redundant Youth Workers would get other jobs and County Cllr Mrs Bidwell believed that more information about how Youth would be helped would come out eventually.

District Cllr Crouch tried to enlist Harbury's support in a local campaign against the pressures for development at Bishops Itchington which he said Blue Circle wanted to be designated a Growth Village.

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Stratford District Council granted permission for the extensions to Walnut Tree Cottage, 33 Manor Orchard and Threeways. Dave Andrews land at Harbury House got the go ahead for nine detached homes and the Parish Council agreed his request for access across the Pound to the sewer. Listed Building consent was granted at the Manor to block off windows in the stable court with shutters, and consent was given to Manor Cottage for loft conversion subject to conditions. SDC refused a bungalow converted from a barn at Bull Ring Farm. The Parish Council objected to the Hillside Farm application on the grounds that it was premature, that the access was bad, that it was on an elevated site and visible from a distance, that it was outside the development area and that the affordable homes were included only to justify permission being granted. They insisted that if the District was minted to grant permission there must be a site visit.

Stratford District Council has served an enforcement notice on the owner of the lower part of Harbury Hall to cease the storage of derelict cars and caravans on the site. The owner of the Old Bakery has similarly been given 28 days to remove the tyres and enforcement has been taken out to reinstate the work done on the Listed Building without consent.

Warwick District's Environmental Health Officer was taking action to abate the nuisance caused by refuse burning at the Airfield Site. The County Accident Reduction Unit was exploring ways of reducing the hazards at the Scrapyard.

The Parish considered an application for a Garage and Store at Watersway Deppers Bridge and the reapplication by Blue Circle for the Hotel and Industrial site at the Quarry works.

There was much concern about the traffic hazard posed by the skip located outside Tom Hauley's Cottage and the likelihood of similar disruption when the adjacent site was developed.

Once again Ken Stephenson was absent and no progress was made in siting the Fido Bin, but there was heartening news that Paulin Quartermen had been appointed as SDC Dog Warden.

Cllrs agreed to meet the Hopscotch group to give them their full support on Saturday morning when Ken would be available. Keith Thompson cried off saying that he was involved in the Tennis Club Jumble Sale and it was essential he attended as he needed "some more clothes".

The Playing Fields will be closed on June 13th for the annual Carnival and it had been suggested that this year the procession assembled in Bush Heath Lane.

A plea for volunteer wardens for the Harbury section of Centenary Way met with a gratifying response. Ed Wilson Richard Wells offered and Sharon Hancock nominated husband.

The next new light to be installed in the village will be Dovehouse Lane and then it will be the turn of Pineham Avenue.

John Moore of Deppers Bridge tendered his resignation and good work for the settlement was acknowledged by Keith Thompson. the Chairman suggested that Cllrs should canvass for a replacement, but it was pointed out to him that the vacancy had to be advertised.

Next meeting 25th June changed from 18th June.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR APRIL 1992

I could be wrong but I think I detect slight air of panic amongst Cllrs who Precepted for only £13,000 again this year. There has been no increase in revenue for five years yet reimbursements through Section 136 are down and donations to bodies like the Youth Club and for the Lychgate are increasing. they have yet to broach the subject of a Sinking Fund for the Netball Court with Harbury Ladies and seem to have backed themselves into a corner over subsidising transport for Harbury's OAPs.

Mike Thompson has come up with a scheme for a taxi-bus which could pick up passengers daily, from anywhere in the village and take them to town and to ASDA shopping for less than Midland Red charges, but he would like the Parish Council to subsidise it for OAPs, to make it even cheaper. At present the Council gives every OAP who applies tokens sufficient for about 5 journeys a year to Leamington and back. It costs over £1,500 and there is no way of knowing how these tokens are spent, or even if they are spent, yet we pay for the anyway!

It was always the PC's intention that the tokens would help Harbury OAPs get into town for the items they cannot purchase in the village and the new scheme seems to be tailored for this purpose. It would be much better value, charge-payers could be assured that all the subsidy was used for OAPs travel, and the pensioners would get more free trips. However the PC would have to convince OAPs that these benefits were greater than the present hand-out!

Having heard from Sue Ingram that the Volunteer Bureau in Southam had transported over 150 Harbury residents this year

the Council agreed to donate £100 to Stratford CVS, the parent body and having heard from Cllr Crouch of Bishops Itchington's satisfaction with the maintenance contract with the County Harbury decided to change from MEB in the hope of saving money.

Ken Stephenson doesn't want a new light put up his end of the village, arguing that residents of Dovehouse Lane were not in favour of it, but he was told the improvements were for the benefit of all Harbury's pedestrians. He reported that the older children wanted a "bus shelter" on the Playing Fields and reported on the meeting with Hopscotch which has already raised over £2,700 towards stimulating play for the 0-11 year olds. Chris Magowan did not want the previous Recreation Grounds Committee's efforts with "those Sewerage Pipes" rubbished and Distict Cllr Sharpe confirmed they were considered useful and vandal-proof by other parishes who had seen them.

Sharon Hancock raised the problem caused by thoughtless parents dropping children off at School by car, who endangered not only their own but also other people's children by driving up Back Lane, and she asked that the School write to them.

Planning permission has been granted for a porch at 45 Mill Street. The Parish Council had no representations to give about plans for a Garage for Mr Reeves in Deppers Bridge, a utility room at 10 The Beeches or minor ammendments to Berkley Homes development in Butt Lane, and the bungalow at Station Road, or changes to Woodside, Hall Lane or the redevelopment at Sussex Cottages, which involves demolition of the extension, amalgamation of Nos 22 & 24 and the erection of two new dwellings.

James Turner gave news of enforcement action at Harbury Hall and Mr Hunt of Chapel Street took exception to the Parish Council pressing for similar action at the Old Bakery in Chapel Street. It was explained to him that Chapel St residents had protested to the PC about the deterioration of the building. Cllrs had not entered the Bakery but District Cllr Sharpe said that the Enforcement Officer, who had, was appalled at what he found. The owner had been difficult to contact and had not responded to the District Council's demands that Listed Building permission be applied for.

The Cllrs will cogitate for a month on a suitable name for the new development off Butt Lane in the field where Cecil Bloxham's Jersey Dawn used to graze. Sharon Hancock

insists that Bonzo came to vote riding on his tractor with the cow hitched behind.

It is all change at the next meeting where a new Chairman and Sub-Committee have to be elected.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY SOCIETY

The next event is the Telephone Exchange visit on Tuesday 19th May. Anyone who is interested in seeing the improvements and hearing what services are now available can come along at 7pm.

It has been suggested that we show the extent of the Conservation Areas in Harbury and the map (see facing page) shows the one based on Farm Street.

Conservation Areas are designated because the buildings within them are considered to have innate architectural merit or historical association important to the village. All buildings within a Conservation Area are protected and changes to them or work on any trees within the area require prior notice. This gives everyone a chance to know why work is planned and to object if it is unreasonable. Permission is readily given to undertake work on trees that are dangerous and for other emergencies.

In the next few weeks you will be receiving details of where you can leave any donations of records, tapes and other musical items for our Carnival Stall. It is a novel idea and we hope to have plenty on offer on Carnival Day.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY W.I.

Again lots of activities to tempt members - an embroidery course, advanced driving lessons and suggested outings to Slimbridge, a Greyhound racing/dining evening, Bowls and a Severn Trent evening tour.

Joan Stephenson and Chris Carter reached the finals of a recent Badminton evening at Princethorpe College - Joan was a winner.

Mrs Sheila Freeman talked to us on Creative Knitting - a very experienced knitter and judges the craft and very keen on the creative approach. Examples of Shetland Work, beautiful garments, shawls, pictures, wall hangings, cushion

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covers to name but a few. Novelties of fruit vegetables and cacti (looking positively lifelike), sweets, glove puppets, egg cosies, dolls and skittles. Members asked Mrs Freeman questions and showed great interest in her talk.

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

On Friday 8th May our monthly meeting will incorporate our A.G.M. Please do come and join us if you have any interest at all in Amateur Dramatics whether backstage or 'treading the boards'! We are a friendly group who get a great deal of enjoyment out of entertaining the village. We will meet at 8pm in The Wight School.

Glenys Hill

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

On April 2nd, we were supposed to be "Trading Places" at the Folk Club but, more importantly, we raised £38.12 for Breakthrough - Breast Cancer Research. One of the highlights of the evening was undoubtedly Phil, Drill & Big Bill with an updated version of "Major John" - a very clever adaptation of a famous David Bowie song concerning the aftermath of a Tory election defeat, and about as accurate as the opinion polls!

Pete and Liz sang that wonderful song about the notorious "Aunt Clara"; Ian and Sue featured a new song of their own, "The song the minstril sang"; Mike made a welcome return, after a few months' absence, by getting everyone to do the actions in the "Music Man"; and the Jug Band's "Wind that blows" featured Brian's convincing impersonation of old Henry Kipper. It was also an opportunity for another performance by the Doug Band (Doug, Janny & Celia) as they traded places with some celebrated musicians to bring us "A man with a flute" - in Dutch. With newcomer Dave on electric guitar and bass, Rup and Stewart had a new sound and a new name, the Teardrops. I thought that the sound was considerably better than the name!

the next Folk Club session on May 7th will feature special guest Dave Tickle, no doubt supported by a wealth of

Peter McDonald

1st HARBURY CUP SCOUTS

Keith has been going to Geneva since July 1990 to receive modern pulse dye laser treatment to minimise a port wine stain birthmark. He goes during main and half-term school holidays and has so far received ten lots of treatment. Initially, the fund raising was carried out by Keith's grandparents but when people in the village heard about this a series of fund raising events were organised and through everyone's generosity sufficient money was raised for a further eight treatments. The next visit is to be made in May, during the school holiday. Laser treatment is quite painful and lasts for about twenty minutes, but when the treatment finishes, so does the discomfort. Keith has now probably reached the half-way stage, and it's thanks to the kind people who supported the fund raising events that treatment can be continued.

When the cub scouts heard about these treatments, they too decided to join in the fund raising, because Keith was one of the pack, also because he is so well liked by all the boys, that they really wanted to help.

A sponsored bike ride was organised, along with a sponsored shoe-shine which took place on Saturday morning. The scout group then stepped in to help with a coffee morning and sponsored walk. the money raised helped to pay for three complete treatments for Keith and part of a fourth. I see in a local newspaper that we paid for accommodation, but I can safely say, with apologies to all concerned, that our money went towards actual treatments.

In November I saw a nomination form in the monthly scouting magazine for the "Webb Ivory Fundraisers of the Year" competition. To me Keith's always been a remarkable boy, he's friendly, outgoing, helps other people, always shows interest in everything he does and above all he shows complete courage. The other cubs have always shown him great respect and this was proved in their fund raising efforts on his behalf, I was really proud of all of them, so I entered the nomination form.

It was with complete amazement a couple of weeks ago when a letter came saying that we'd won the Regional Youth section and would be receiving a cheque towards Keith's fund to the total of £100. However to receive this myself and three cub scouts must go down to the award ceremony in

London. Agonising hours were spent deciding on who to take and at last a decision was made, Keith definitely had to be there and the other two boys were chosen for their outstanding efforts during the fund-raising events because they broke personal targets too.

The ceremony takes place on Tuesday May 5th 1992 at the Dorchester Hotel, where the cubs will be given a full lunch, then the award will be presented by Cliff Richard. During the course of the afternoon more judging of the regional winners will take place for the major prize of £1,000, the winners to be announced that afternoon. All travel expenses are being paid by Webb Ivory so it looks like it could be an exciting day out all round.

Once again apologies for the newspaper articles, we hope this will rectify any further misunderstandings. Well done to everyone.

Akela & Rakstian

N.B. On a less cheerful note, the other evening we took the pack out tracking, around the village. It was very disappointing for the last two groups who found that the tracking signs had been removed or altered and impossible to follow. The boys still had a fun night and eventually arrived back at the hut. So if in future you see strange signs appearing, it's probably the cubs out tracking, so could you leave them alone just for a couple of hours. Thank you.

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Despite the current mixed weather, the season is now in full swing with some enthusiastic and well attended club sessions.

The club's first Monthly Medal Tournament was held on April 25th using an "interesting" handicap system. It must have achieved a certain amount of success as both the ladies and mens events resulted in ties. Lady winners were Gill Thorpe and Joan Smith while Steve Chaplin and Tom Smith tied for first place in the men's section. Tom Smith continued his winning streak by helping to defeat Byfield with William Stringer, Angela Woodruff and Maureen Smith on April 26th.

Many thanks for all the contributions from the village for the Tennis Club Jumble Sale held on April 4th. The sale

raised a record amount which will go towards new equipment.

HOPSCOTCH

Hopscotch is delighted to announce that its target of £2,500 has now been exceeded! The total now stands at a magnificent £2,680. Well done and thank you to everyone who had made this possible. At the outset, we committed ourselves to fund raise until September 1993, so we still have another 17 months of fund raising to go!

The target was topped thanks to the hard work of Maggie Norman in making the Lottery such a success, resulting in a profit of £484,77. Many thanks to Mick Ross for printing the tickets and to the following who kindly donated prizes:- Mike Thompson, Steve Kelly, A J Douglas, June Millard, The Old New Inn, The Great Western, Hatton Rare Breeds Farm, Stratford Butterfly Farm, Superbowl, Davis Gelatine, Wedgwood Potteries, Ladybird Books and West Midlands Safari Park. And of course, thank you to everyone who bought or sold tickets on our behalf. A list of prize winners is given below. We are also very grateful to Automotive Products who made a donation of £50 this month.

The next event will be a sale of plants at the Wight School on Sunday 17 May from 2-4pm. Please note the change of time. If you would like to donate plants for this, please phone Jean Cox (612693), Pat Whorton (613358) or Ruth Coleman (612146) to arrange for collection.

The monthly cake stall will continue to be held on the first Friday of each month, at the Dog Inn car park, courtesy of Ray and Annie. This is a valuable source of income and we are very appreciative of everyone who contributes, either by making cakes for us to sell, or by buying them.

Hopscotch and Parish Council representatives held a useful meeting at the beginning of April to discuss future improvements to the playground. A variety of topics were covered, including fencing. All being well, we hope to paint some lively designs on the tarmac as a token start to the improvements. We hope that this will be completed in time for Environment Week.

The next coffee morning will be held at 47 Farm Street on 14 May at 10.30am. There will be a sale of TUPPERWARE. The June coffee morning will have a 80/20 sale of baby items, so please start looking these out. More details soon.

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The next Hopscotch committee meeting will be on Tuesday
19 May at 20 Manor Orchard at 10.30am.

Thank you again for your continuing support.

Amanda Randall

RESULTS OF GRAND DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON 8 APRIL 1992

<u>Prize winners</u>	<u>Ticket No</u>	<u>Prize winner</u>	<u>Ticket No</u>
Lynn Neale	02251	Mrs Wren	02468
Angela c/o C Houghton	02503	Sue Ward	00736
Janny Freeman	01441	Mrs V Neill	02222
Megeney	00233	Biddle	01626
Kilbride	01408	Sam Bennet	00541
Jean Appleton	02120	Craig Hewer	00087
Watkin	00761	Rover c/o C Whorton	00898
Steve Fitzgerald	01141	Richie McMahon	02431
Mary Mugleston	00169	S Law	01359

DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 7TH

Sharon Hancock
Labour Party Candidate.



I have lived in Harbury for 22 years and been involved with many village activities. Several years as a Parish Councillor has given me experience of local government, and I have taken a particular interest in planning issues, and believe that insufficient notice is often taken by the District Council of the views of the local community. Planning decisions should reflect the needs and wishes of the local community.

I believe the provision of affordable housing, particularly rented housing is a priority. The housing policies of the last 13 years have been disastrous and many young people in Harbury have no prospect of a home of their own.

As a Parish Councillor I have not been afraid to speak my mind and have worked for improvements in services and amenities while defending the rural character of the area. If elected to the District Council, I would continue to speak out on behalf of Harbury.

**James Turner
Conservative Candidate.**

Dear Electors,

I am standing for re-election as your representative for Harbury at the forthcoming District Council election on Thursday, May 7th.

As a district councillor since 1984, I have made it my duty to look after the interests of everyone in the Ward and have helped to ensure that we all get a good service from Stratford. I have been most concerned to see that the

villages have been kept clean and tidy, refuse collected on time, and that village clubs get financial support from the District. On many occasions I have been able to get satisfactory action from the District Council on your individual problems. I support the new initiative for a village bus to help pensioners and friends alike.

I am as anxious as everyone to protect our village environment from the effect of the new M40 exit and the extra traffic it has brought. More employment opportunities are needed in the area, but not at the expense of indiscriminate housing projects.

If re-elected I will do my best to ensure that your interests are protected and that the ward benefits from any change. I hope that I may receive your support again in the Vote on May 7th.

Thank you for all your encouragement in the past.

**James Turner
Tel. 612915**



LONDON MARATHON 1992

Harbury was well represented in this year's event. Ann Brunt, Paul Hyde and Andrew Latham even admitted that they had enjoyed taking part. A week had gone by before they made that statement but I think you must agree that their picture supports their claim and that they are a credit to the village.

After last year's disappointment, when a knee injury forced her out during training, Ann has persevered and succeeded in clocking a time of 4 hours 25 minutes. In doing so she raised upwards of £900 for breast cancer research.

Paul ran a controlled race to close in 4 hours exactly and raised approximately £450 for Birmingham Children's Hospital. Andy Latham used strategically placed supporters (Kay amongst them) to hand him nourishment en route. His time of 3 hours 43 minutes being just reward for all his dedicated training. On the way he raised over £700 for Diabetes Research. Well done to all three and thank you for all your sponsorship.

J L Hancock

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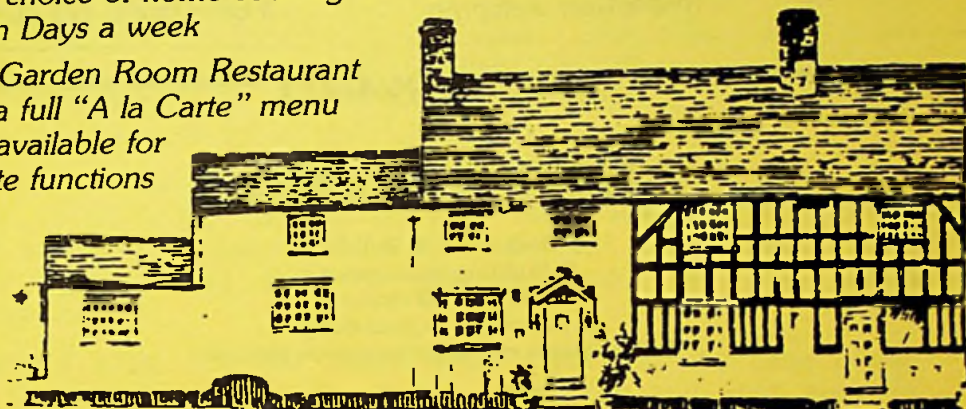
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"THE PEOPLE WHO CARE"

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank everyone who donated a prize for our Grand Raffle and to all those people who are kindly selling tickets for us, over the next two months.

The annual jumble sale is coming up on Saturday 16th May 1992, we really already have enough jumble for this event, which we are combining with a plant sale. However we seem very short of helpers for the day. All the sorting has been done, so all we need is help on the stalls. If you feel you can give a little time between 1 - 4pm on this day, please give me a call (613262).

Plans for the annual dance are underway and tickets will soon be on sale, numbers were a little low last year which was a shame because it is an excellent night out. Keep your eyes peeled for the posters announcing this grand occasion.

I would also like to thank Maggie Reading who came along to the AGM hoping to be on the committee and went away in the position of treasurer. You're doing a grand job, many thanks.

I've practically handed over the job of chairperson to Pip Birnie whose really taken the bit between her teeth and is doing a marvellous job all round, it's one of the best committee's I've had the pleasure to sit on and I hope they continue to flourish and raise lots of money over the next 12 months.

The hospice really appreciates the local support and with hopes of a new building in view it is very important to continue fund raising. I hope that the members who were invited to the hospice to see Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales enjoyed the occasion as much as the hospice did, it was a real boost for morale and the patients loved every minute of it.

Well done everyone, keep those pennies rolling in.

Pat Taylor

BREAKTHROUGH - BREAST CANCER - update

Did we say we would like to raise £1,000 this year, did we then say we shall probably make £2,000, well forget that, we are on our way to £3,000 already. Our total to date stands at £1,981. That figure includes the £730 made at the rather successful racenite. I am sure all who attended had a really good evening. Also we have received donations from the following people and would like to thank them all very much.

Jean Pryke and her team who held a luncheon in the Tom Hauley Room. Half the money came to us and the other half to Daventry health centre where Jean works, also raising money for Breakthrough.

The Harbury Folk Club who traded places at their last meeting. **Dawn** who traded places with CWR Lee Farmer.

The mums of Harbury school who decorated Easter eggs.

The Harbury Whist Drive, a collection at the April meeting was donated to Breakthrough.

It seems everyone is doing their bit to help. Thank you.

Money still to come in - **Ann** successfully completed her 26 mile marathon on Sunday 12th April. Her legs are still wobbly with the weight of her medal she refuses to discard! don't blame her. We think around £900 will be collected from this so if your name is on her list, thank you, and don't forget to pay her. Didn't she do well!!

We shall be holding a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley room on May 9th with pinnies, cakes and other bits for sale. Cake donations would be very much appreciated and can be left at Nifty Needle on Friday pm or early Saturday.

Keep up your very good work folks - every penny will be very gratefully received. Remember we have done our bit for the building we are continuing for actual research.

Chris Carter

THE GUIDES DAFFODIL TEA PARTY

On behalf of the 1st Harbury Guides, I would like to thank the people who came to our Daffodil Tea Parties at The Pound, the Village Hall and the Green opposite the Old New Inn on Saturday 28th March. Altogether we raised £78.65. It was a huge success and the money will go towards buying our Guide Centre in Wales. Thank you.

Sally Van Hoorebeek

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You may have seen on T.V. the story of this extraordinary woman and her work with the poor of Peru.

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**Liz Suttie
4 Sutcliffe Drive**

HARBURY MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

We meet on Mondays 10 to 11.30am and Wednesdays 2 to 3.30pm in term time, and occasionally in school holidays. We meet at the Wight School Room, behind the Library.

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We run on a self help basis and ask Mums to assist on the rota occasionally. Drinks and biscuits for the little ones and tea or coffee for Mums are provided. All this for 50p for a Mum and toddler! Do come along and see what we have to offer.

Jean Cox

MAY IN THE GARDEN

Now, before they need it, put in the stakes which will be needed to support tall and untidy herbaceous plants later on. Stake, when you plant them, tall dahlias.

Sow half-hardy annuals out of doors, thin out already sown annuals. Remove all suckers from roses and lilacs; from below soil level; if possible tear them away rather than cut. Tie in all climbers and wall shrubs as soon as they make new shoots. Do not forget to prune back spring flowering shrubs and plants as soon as they have finished flowering. Encourage new shoots on indoor plants by pinching out any straggly growth.

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Sow sweetcorn, marrows and courgettes. Plant out plants already grown on, but not until the end of the month, and then protect against late frosts. Potatoes should also be protected, as soon as the shoots come through the plants should be earthed up. Also sow dwarf beans outside.

Sow annual herbs. Lightly clip back established clumps. Remember sages like sun. Pansies do not and Busy Lizzies flower better in a shady place.

E D Zonik

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At our meeting in April the speaker was another well known horticulturalist, Howard Drury. He brought not only his deep knowledge of primulas and auriculas but also some of his T.V. style to give us a most interesting evening. We were surprised to learn that primulas grow world-wide, at altitudes from 24,000ft to sea level and in all soils. Many of the slides shown were of plants in Mr Drury's own collection but were only a few of the four hundred varieties of cultivated primulas.

If you want to grow primulas from seed, keep it in the fridge until sowing in February. Never allow the seed tray temperature to exceed 65°F and then germination should occur in two weeks. A few of the more unusual varieties you could try are primula rufous, pubescens or marginata which are easy to grow. Auriculas will grow anywhere in the garden but primroses are best where they have shade in summer.

Mr Drury kept the large audience enthralled with his often humorous commentary and the lovely slides so professionally presented. A few of his large collection of primulas and auriculas are now growing in some Harbury gardens as members eagerly bought up the unusual varieties which he had for sale.

Colegrave Seeds, West Adderbury, Banbury have an Open Day on Sunday 31st May from 2pm. Tickets £3 which includes tea & biscuits, can be bought on the day. There will be gardening advice from an expert panel which includes Clay Jones, and their extensive trial gardens should be in full bloom.

On Thursday June 11th a coach will take members to Wisley. We shall leave the Village Hall at 9.15am and leave Wisley at 4.30pm, so take a picnic lunch or use the restaurant there. Entrance is £3, coach fare free. Any non-members who would like to join us would be most welcome but there

will be a charge of approximately £5 for the coach fare. Please contact Eleanor Zonik (612365) if you would like to take up any of the spare seats. 27.

Don't forget the Hopscotch Plant Sale if you have any spare seedlings etc, or grow them on for sale at the Garden Walkabout on July 11th. Please contact Pat Smith (612650) if you could provide cakes for the teas on that day, or would be willing to help. The Flower Festival flower arrangers would welcome any greenery you may have to spare.

Our meeting on May 5th will be the last one until the autumn. Mrs Hinton will take us into summer with a talk and demonstration of hanging baskets and patio gardening. As usual there will be plants for sale.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

We would like to thank all friends and neighbours of my wife Muriel Doreen Taylor for their kind words of sympathy and lovely floral tributes. Your support to the whole family was very much appreciated and your generous donations to Myton Hamlet Hospice, received with thanks.

Once again our heartfelt thanks to everyone.

Harry, Rodney & Patricia Taylor

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

To the Secretary and Members. Please accept my grateful thanks for the kind generous gift you gave me on my retirement as greenkeeper to the club. It is very much appreciated.

'Bunny' Rabey

We apologise to Bunny for forgetting to include this last month. Editors

Dear Editors,

The kindness of family and friends in the village has been a great boost to my morale over the last month. With so many sending their good wishes, I can only respond with this note to thank you all. I hope very soon to be back 'home' at the surgery.

June Luke

LADBROKE DIARY DATES

MAY 1992

Sun	3	EASTER II: 10.30am Family Service & Communion
Sat	9	Flea Market & Car Boot Sale Village Hall 10am
Sun	10	EASTER III: 9am Holy Communion with Hymns
Wed	13	Women's Fellowship join Harbury M.U. Outing
Thurs	14	ST MATTHEW APOSTLE: 7.45pm Archdeacon's Visitation
Sat	16	Footpath Volunteers
Sun	17	EASTER IV: 9am Holy Communion with Hymns (B.C.P.) 10.30am Children's church, 3.30 Evensong
Wed	20	Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Council
Fri	22	Charity Dance, Old Barn Farm
Sun	24	EASTER V: (Rogation Sunday) 9am Holy Communion with Hymns
Wed	27	VENERABLE BEDE: 10.30am Holy Communion 7.30pm P.C.C. Meeting in Church
Thurs	28	ASCENSION DAY: 8pm Holy Communion with Hymns (at Ladbroke) Harbury & Ladbroke celebrate this major Festival together - Refreshments provided afterwards in church
Sun	31	Sunday after Ascension: 9am (at Harbury) Sung Eucharist and Parish Breakfast, 12pm Holy Communion

JUNE

Wed	3	Holy Communion 10.30am
Tues	4	Men's Society 7.45pm
Sun	7	PENTECOST (WHITSUNDAY): 10.30am Family Service & Communion, 6.30pm (at Harbury) The Confirmation

FLOWER ROTA

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May 24	Mrs Cooke
May 31	Harbury Parish Breakfast
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Evensong 3.30pm (3rd Sunday)

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LADBROKE CHURCH

A wonderful Easter celebrated at our Church, with Holy Week culminating in the very well attended Easter Day Service and the lovely Service by the children on Easter Sunday afternoon. The Church, as ever, looked lovely and our thanks must go to all the people who worked so hard to achieve this.

Gwynne Badman

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

You will all have received your Newsletters - please get in touch with your Communicators about the Salisbury trip a.s.a.p.

Gwynne Badman

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

What a very interesting and informative evening we had on Thursday when Andrew Jenner came along to talk to us about Theatrical Costumes and to use some of us as models for the fascinating costumes he had brought with him. Gabie Norgate copes courageously with head-gear at least three sizes too large and Susan Moore only had a very slight problem with the bustle. A lovely evening, when the President, Gill Moore won the Raffle and Anne Edwards was clever enough to win the Competition.

Do come along to the May meeting, a most important time, when we can give our opinions on the Resolutions.

Gwynne Badman

ALL SAINTS CHURCH LADBROKE

CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

Total contributions and grants to date (24/4/92)	£ 119.321
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Alan Stubbs

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Gwladys Gould took the April meeting, beginning with prayers. She then introduced the speaker, Mrs Angela Haynes, who talked about Grandmas, especially the part they play in Family Life.

The Lent Lunches were very successful and a total of £236.30 was given to Ladbroke Church Restoration Fund. Many thanks to all who supported these in any way.

Instead of our usual meeting on May 13th we shall be joining Harbury Mothers' Union on their outing to the Cotswolds.

Nancy Stubbs

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There has been a disturbing increase lately in burglaries in Ladbroke, involving cars which have not been garaged and garden sheds. Expensive items, such as motor mowers, power tools etc which make easy pickings for thieves have been stolen. The latest incident was last Saturday night, April 25th.

There is of course no such thing as complete security against an intruder given sufficient, undisturbed time, but efforts can be made to make things more difficult and therefore more time-consuming for the criminal. For example, if you have a garage, put your car into it each night and lock both car and garage. If you have room there, also store your expensive items such as power tools, motor mowers etc and give consideration to installing other deterrents like better locks, intruder lights etc.

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Francis Badman
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

There was still nothing to report on the bypass from Windmill Lane. Mrs Greenway had been in touch with the Council regarding the street lighting in Church Lane. It appears that Ladbroke will have to foot the bill for a tubular steel lamp, even if we supply our own wooden pole, as this incurs extra work for the electricians. Discussions continue.

Press admitted liability for the leakage opposite Ladbroke Church. A land drain had been severed. Press has repaired and improved the drain and road.

Workmen in an unmarked van were witnessed grass cutting on April 1st. It was assumed that this was the Council's annual cut. However, there is now some mystery as to who carried out the work, as the Council do not mow until mid season. Elsa Greenway is investigating.

The accounts were presented, signed and accepted, and have been forwarded for auditing. Ladbroke Parish Council has never budgeted for a surplus, but will have to reconsider this now, to allow for unforeseen circumstances, street lighting, elections etc.

A letter was received from Lloyds Bank Southam, notifying a change in its status as from July 13. Counter facilities will still be available, but all administrative and accounting work will be done in Leamington.

Permission was granted for the pruning of Yew trees at The Cottage, but the Parish Council advised that this is undertaken by a professional tree surgeon. Bishops Itchington Parish Council wrote, expressing concern at the amount of new housing and asking for support. This was discussed, but no action taken. Permission was granted for a new bottle store at the Bell Inn.

The Area Meeting of the Association of Town & Parish Councils on April 1st was well attended and worthwhile. Warwickshire County Council had put in a team of officers and councillors to field questions. Mrs Grainger questioned the Youth & Community worker. Could Ladbroke Youth Group become affiliated and thereby receive extra

funds? This raised discussion as to the continued existence of the Youth Group when Linda Doyle finishes in September, particularly as Southam now no longer has its own Youth Worker.

A letter was received from Mrs Winkfield expressing concern about the grass erosion in front of Hall Farm. This was referred to Warwickshire County Council. The footpath volunteer group were reported to be working well. The ground outside the pumping station in Bridge Lane is continually flooded. Mr Timms is taking action. Mr Timms is also keeping a watchful eye on the areas of road repaired and improved by Press. New roof slates are required at the new pumping station. It was noted that the signpost on the new roundabout at Southam had been corrected to read LADBROKE, not LADBROOKE.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on May 20th at 7pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will be at 8pm.

Kim Abbott

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Spring has sprung, the grass has ris', and so it's time to spur everyone into action to ensure an honourable mention in the all important Best Kept Village Competition. The Village Hall Committee are doing their bit by organising a tidy-up session on Sunday May 10th at 10.30am - Do try to come along and give a hand.

There are undoubtedly some untidy verges where the Gas Board have left their mark, but if everyone tries to tidy up their bit outside their property, trim hedges, mend fences, tidy front borders, cut verges etc, etc, we'll soon be so smart that we won't know ourselves.

It is a great shame that the daffodils which were planted at the entrances to the village have been such a flop, the dandelion crop has been much more spectacular.

Anyway now is the time for action, next month may be too late, the judges will be around in late May, early June. Do your best!

Kate Liverton

LADBROKE FOOTPATH VOLUNTEERS

Led by Geoff Timms the volunteers nearly finished work on the path over Windmill Hill on April 4th. There is some minor repairs still to be done and it is hoped that another working party will convene on Saturday May 16th.

MAAT

9.30am at the bottom of Windmill Lane. Do try to come along, there is a wonderful view from the top of the hill.

K.L.

LADBROKE YOUTH GROUP

One way or another, disaster followed the arrangements for our Theatre Weekend Workshop, and after the 2nd cancellation and great disappointment all round, we decided that we could not face a 3rd re-arrangement and further expenses, so it was abandoned altogether. A great shame, but some things are never to be. However, other arrangements have run with ease, and the meeting for the end of April (too late for H & L News) looks like being a fascinating opportunity for the youngsters to see and handle trained falcons and owls.

Linda Doyle

VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is fundraising in May by holding a Flea Market between 10am & 12noon on the 9th. Tables undercover inside the hall will be £5, booked in advance since these are limited. Car Boot sales outside will be £4, or £5 on the day. We would like a selection of crafts, nearly-new sales and antiques in the hall. Perhaps local clubs would like the opportunity to raise funds for their club with a nearly-new sales table.

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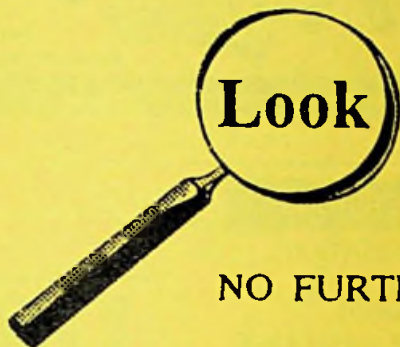
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