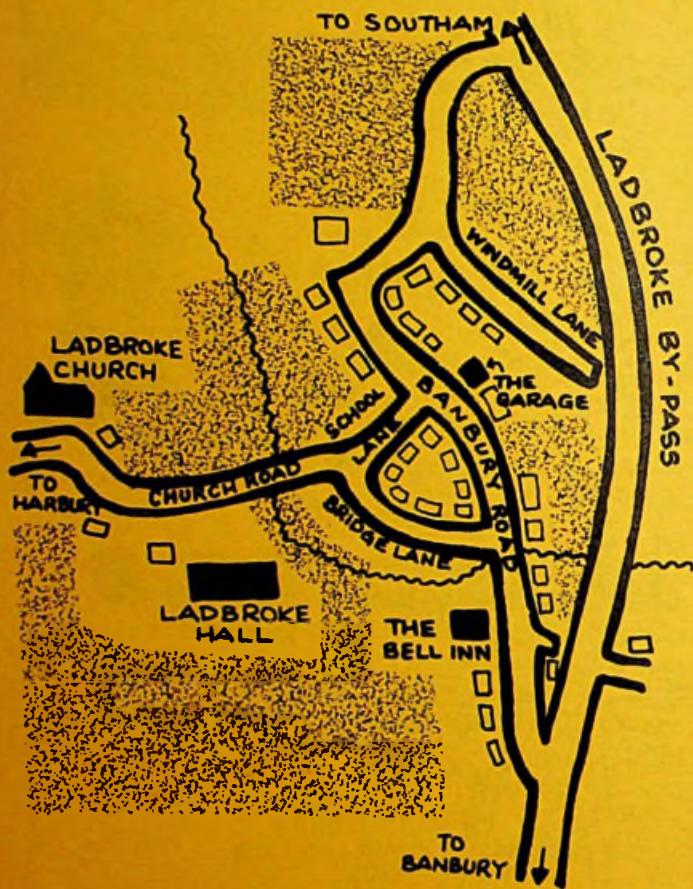




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Yet another Christmas is almost upon us, and Linsey Grove, photographed by Mike Bloxham looks as though she's going to be really in good time. The weather has been cold enough of late to make us think of a White Christmas. Please think about neighbours who are likely to find it difficult to get about in icy conditions, and offer help. Many of our pavements are already in a treacherous state without the additional hazard of ice.

For the last few months the magazine has been typed by George Simpson, but owing to the demands of a new job, George will not be able to continue to help us. We thank George very much for all the help he has given us. Janny Freeman is holding the fort, but we

urgently need another typist - if you think you can help please contact the Editorial office.

Harbury recently, sadly said goodbye to Gary Picken who has emigrated to New Zealand with his wife Carol and small son Oliver. Gary is taken up a post as Consultant Radiologist in Wellington. Many years ago, before going to University, Gary was the magazine's first Youth Editor. We wish Gary and his family every happiness in their new life.

We would like to extend our sympathies to the family of Ivy Lane Harbury resident Percy Jones who has died only a few months after the death of his wife.

Later in the magazine you will see a request from Harbury Parish Council for ideas for using their £10,000 windfall. This is a marvellous opportunity for an exciting community project, so do let the council have your ideas.

Finally we would like to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

## *Harbury Diary*

### DECEMBER

Sat 4 P L A Y in V.Hall

Sun 5 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sung Eucharist 9am; 10.30am Family Service;  
Evensong, 4pm

Mon 6 Yoga in V.Hall, 1.30-3pm

Prayer and Praise at Lullington Lodge

Tue 7 Horticultural Soc. in V.Hall, 8pm

Mr. Brown on Beautiful Gardens of Britain

Toddlers Service (Christingle) in Church, 2.15pm

Holy Communion at 7.30pm

Wed 8 Youth Club in V.Hall, 8pm with AGM in Farley Room

Thur 9 Thursday Club in V.Hall, 2.30pm

Mens Soc. in T.Hauley Room, 7.45pm

WI Christmas Meeting in V.Hall, 7.45pm

Holy Communion, 9.45am

Fri 10 Playgroup joint Christmas Concert, V.Hall, 10.45am

Sat 11 Harbury Soc. Coffee morning in T.Hauley Room, 10-12noon

PCC C H R I S T M A S F A Y R E, V.Hall with Santa

Rugby First home to Wed. (League game), Colts v Stratf.

- Sun 12 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT - Holy Comm. 8am; Sung Eucharist  
10.30am; Ecumenical Service 4pm  
Crusaders in T.Hauley Room, 10.30am  
Warwickshire Youth Choral Concert, 7pm  
Vintage Ploughing Match at Windmill Hill Farm, Chestert.
- Mon 13 Yoga in V.Hall, 1.30-3pm  
Prayer & Praise in T.Hauley Room, Bible Study at 8pm  
WI group Carol Service Napton Church, 7.30, lifts from  
Village Hall 7pm
- Tue 14 Senior Citizens in V.Hall, 2.30pm  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Village Hall Committee, 8pm
- Wed 15 Youth Club in V.Hall, 8pm
- Thur 16 Holy Communion, 9.45am  
Toddlers Christmas Party 11am-3pm in V.Hall  
Whist in V.Hall, 7.30pm
- Sat 18 Mens Prayer Breakfast in T.Hauley Room, 7.30am, Lunch  
in aid of ROC Fund  
Rugby Second team home to Balsall & Berkwell  
Senior Citizens Christmas Party in V.Hall
- Sun 19 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT - Holy Communion, 8am; Sung  
Eucharist, 10.30am  
S C O U T S N E W S P A P E R C O L L E C T I O N'
- Tue 21 ST. THOMAS - Holy Comm., 7.30pm  
SHORTEST DAY  
No Mothers Union
- Wed 22 Youth Club Christmas Celebration Performance with  
Afrikan Kulturual Kontraktors
- Thur 23 Holy Communion, 9.45am  
Thursday Club in V.Hall, 2.30pm
- Fri 24 CHRISTMAS EVE - Crib Dressing, 2.30pm;  
Village Carol Service, 6.30pm; Midnight Mass 11.15pm
- Sat 25 CHRISTMAS DAY - Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
- Sun 26 SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS - Holy Comm. 8am; Sung Eucharist  
10.30am; Evensong 4pm (said)
- Mon 27 BOXING DAY  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGALIST - Holy Communion, 10.30am  
Old Boys v New Boys Football Match, 10.30am
- Tue 28 HOLY INNOCENTS - Holy Comm. 7.30pm  
Julian Group in Church, 8.10pm
- Thur 30 Holy Communion, 9.45am
- Fri 31 NEW YEARS EVE  
Harbury Albion Football Club New Year's Eve 'Fancy  
Dress' Disco in V.Hall (see ad)



JANUARY 1994

- Sat 1 Gift Day - Rector in Church, 11am to Noon to receive  
and pray over all gifts.  
CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST - Holy Communion at Noon
- Sun 2 CHRISTMAS II - Sung Eucharist, 9am; Evensong, 4pm  
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN JANUARY HARBURY NEWS  
TO EDITORS by 6pm TODAY
- Tue 4 Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Horticultural Soc. in V.Hall, Mrs. V.Neill on Planning  
the Small Garden, 8pm
- Wed 5 Mothers Union Party, T.Hauley Room, 3pm
- Thur 6 Mens Society, T.Hauley Room, 7.45pm  
Epiphany Holy Communion, 9.45am  
Folk Club in Old New Inn, 8.30pm
- Sun 9 EPIPHANY I - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist  
10.30am; Evensong 4pm

REGULAR DIARY DATES

**HARBURY CRUSADERS:** Tom Hauley Room, 10.30am Sundays

**UPHOLSTERY CLASSES:** Wight School, 2-4pm Mondays

**GYMNASTICS:** Harbury Sch, 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 Tues 6pm - 7.30pm

**SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tues & Thurs

**BADMINTON:** Village Hall every Tuesday

**HARBURY FRIENDS:** School, 8pm 2nd Tues of Month

**BABY CLINIC:** New Surgery, 2-4pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesday

**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 Wednesday

**NETBALL CLUB:** Village Hall Car Park - Training Thurs 6.30pm -  
Matches Saturday afternoon

**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** Old New Inn 8.30pm 1st Thur of month

**THURSDAY CLUB:** Village Hall, 2.30pm 2nd & 4th Thurs

**CUBS:** Scout hut, every Wednesday

**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 Fri of month

**COFFEE MORNING:** Saturdays Tom Hauley Room 10am-12pm

**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU:** Over Southam Magistrates Ct  
every Tuesday (except Bank Holidays) 10am-3pm

**TENNIS CLUB:** (Apr-Sep) Tue & Thu 6.30pm onwards (6pm for April)

Sat 2-5pm, Mon & Wed 1.45-3pm

**YOGA:** Village Hall, 1.30-3pm Monday, Diane Surgy Tel 817904

**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO:-**

**LINDA RIDGLEY - TELEPHONE 612792**

**For Village Hall Bookings**

**ring Mrs Hughes 612716**

**For Wight School Bookings**

**ring Mrs Hayes 613488**

**For Tom Hauley Room Bookings**

**ring Mrs Smith 613680**

### **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES**

Holy Communion 8am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

(Except 1st Sunday of Month: Sung Eucharist 9am

Family Service 10.30am)

Evensong 6.30pm (except 3rd Sunday)

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

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### **FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS.**

The Induction and Installation of our new Rector the Revd. Roy Brown, was a truly great occasion with the right mix of reverence and a touch of lightness. The fact that some 400 people crammed into church, many of whom were from his previous parishes, is a measure of the esteem in which Father Roy is held by those who know him well. We look forward to a new phase in the life of our village; a phase which builds on the firm base

which has been established in the recent past. We all wish the Rector and his family a happy and fulfilling life in our two, very special, parishes.

Remembrance Day was as ever a time of sorrow at the futility of conflict and the loss that it brings, together with a frustration that we (the world) don't seem to learn that war and terrorism bring no answers, only suffering. The large number of people who support the Remembrance Day service is an indication that many share this view. It is our duty to continue this support - 'lest we forget'.

The Bonfire Party went as well as ever and thanks are due to all those who toiled all day gathering the annual crop of combustible rubbish, those who so generously provided the transport for both gathering and, on the Sunday, clearing up the remnants, those who arranged and despatched the super fireworks and not least the Scout Group and their helpers who provided welcome refreshment - well done!

We were pleased to be taken to task for giving the wrong date last month for the Christmas Fair - well spotted! This year's Christmas Fair will, of course, take place on Saturday Dec.11th. at 2.30pm. There will be a wide variety of things to do and to buy with the mammoth draw heading the attractions. Do make every effort to support this traditional village event.

The Christmas services are displayed elsewhere in this issue and follow the usual pattern. This year on Christmas morning it is our turn to have a 10.30 am. service and Ladbroke to have the 9.00am. The key services are of course the Village Carol Service at 6.30pm. on Christmas Eve which, obviously, will be the first of these that Father Roy will have taken for us and later, the 'Midnight' Sung Communion which commences at 11.15pm. We look forward to welcoming everyone to these important services.

It has become a tradition that Church Christmas cards are sent out and that the design of the front be entrusted to the pupils of Harbury school. We have a huge number to choose from, the choice being extremely difficult. This year the card that you will receive has been drawn by Jemma Phipps. The designs of Sammy Brunt and Samantha Meredith were judged to be 2nd and 3rd whilst the drawing of the bashful



shepherd given to us by Sarah Watkin deserved, we thought, a Special Commendation. Well done to all who put much effort into the drawings.

It was perhaps a reminder to us all that there is still work to be done to keep our fine church in good repair, that as the Rector took up his stall during his Installation, rain should have dripped onto it! Being a particularly wet day, it was also dripping onto the bookcase at the main entrance, through the bell-tower roof and down the vestry wall. The ROC fund, the purpose of which is to raise the necessary money to put right the Roof, the Organ and the Clock is gathering momentum and thanks are due to all those who have given their time and cash so far. It is intended that a major boost be given to the fund by holding on January 1st. a Gift Day; the Rector will be in church between 11.00am and 12 noon specifically to receive gifts, so let's give the New Year a good start!

Finally, we thank all the many people who work so hard to make all the various events work so smoothly and we thought we should make special mention of Isobel Clarke who, without having to be asked, cleared up all the fallen leaves along the pavement in front of the church - well done!

With our very best wishes for a peaceful and happy Christmas,  
Beryl and John.

#### FROM THE RECTOR

Just two weeks into my ministry in Harbury and Ladbroke, and I need to make this first contribution to the 'News' one of thanksgiving.

Sat. 13th November, the Collation and Induction was a wonderful service for myself and my family. Our children Claire and her husband Paul, Helen and David although not all living at home are very much part of our lives. They look forward to sharing in the life of these parishes when here. Here is my first thank you, to everyone who extended to us such a warm welcome; to the Churchwardens, PCC and congregation for arranging such a special event. One thing that has become very apparent to me over these first two weeks is that I have inherited very much a going concern and here thanks are due to Canon Antony Rowe for leaving such a firm base.

To the laity who have worked so hard to keep all the organisations and functions going and their continued support of the Church Services.

Finally, thanks to the clergy who have led the worship and looked after the pastoral needs of the parishes, and here I thank personally Fr. Peter Snow and Canon Roy Churchill for their help and guidance to me and look forward to their continued support.

May I take this opportunity as your new parish priest to say that I am available to all in times of need - day or night. Always feel free to call at the Rectory or telephone 612377. This includes enquiries for baptisms, weddings, etc. I would also appreciate notification of any parishioners who are sick, in hospital or in need of a visit.

In the hustle and bustle of preparing for Christmas let us not forget its time meaning - the birth of God's Son. And in remembering that even in Bethlehem many years ago, please join in worshipping our Saviour over Christmas.

#### A family prayer for Christmas

Jesus, child of Mary, born into a human family, the shares of our human lot, be with us in our homes this Christmas time. Bless our children, our families and our friends. Fill us with joy and thanksgiving; Deepen our sense of wonder as we understand more of your sweat love; and teach us to find our true happiness in giving rather than in receiving. We ask it for the honour of your name. Amen.

My family and I wish you all a blessed and joyful Christmas.

Roy Brown

#### FUNERALS

At Oakley Wood, Tuesday 16th November  
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At All Saints' Church, Harbury, Monday 29th Nov. - 86  
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## CHURCH WIRED FOR SECURITY

Harbury Church has saved £376 because the first company chosen by the Parochial Church Council to install a dual alarm and security lights system for the church and Tom Hauley Room could not do it within the required time-scale. Young Alarms, the company finally awarded the contract, put in a lower tender of £1,530. Installation work was completed in early November.

Because of the church's resident bat colony, the revised specification insisted on a 'bat-compatible' system to prevent false-alarms. However, complete security depends on the willingness of neighbours to alert keyholders in the event of an alarm.

The ROC (Roof, Organ, Clock) appeal committee, spearheaded by Harry and Joyce Windsor, was formally adopted by the PCC on November 2. This step regularises insurance cover under the church policy for ROC events, and provides for reclamation of income tax on four-year covenants or individual gift-aid donations of £250 or more given specifically for the appeal.

The generosity of Canon Antony Rowe in leaving his piano in the care of the PCC for continued use in the church was recorded. The PCC will write to him expressing its appreciation. In his letter making the loan the former Rector added that he wished to retain an option to repossess the piano if required. It was agreed to keep the instrument in good condition and insured, and to have it tuned at regular intervals.

Crusaders continues to appeal and numbers remain high. More adult helpers are still required to enable the range of activities to be extended. There are plans for a special Crusaders' event at Christmas.

Southam Deanery, which embraces Harbury, has told the Diocese that it strongly opposes any further cuts in the number of parish clergy. The increased financial burden that will fall on parishes from next year is becoming clearer. This year Southam Deanery parishes were required to contribute £76,000 to the Diocese. In future, with 10 stipendiary clergymen, they could expect to have to find up to £200,000.

John Algar

**Harbury Helpline** - are needing more donations of clothes for young children, particularly for young babies and children up to 3 years. If you have any spare clothes to give us, and they are in good condition, would you please ring Mary Catt on 612864.

## **DO YOU NEED HELP WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?**

Harbury help line is for you !

**VISITING:** hospital, nursing home. If you are unable to visit a parent or relative, or parents would like support with a child in hospital, or perhaps you have an elderly relative in a nursing home.

Keith Dormer 613254.

**HOME VISITING:** Caring for a sick or elderly relative and need a break for a few hours, or you would like someone to call on you.

Betty Knappe 612679

Sue Dormer 613254

**CHILDRENS CLOTHING 0-6 YRS OLD:** Please contact -

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Mary Catt 612864



R.O.C.

At a meeting of the ROC Group on the 15th Nov. it was stated that the fund now stands at £1,240.84p. A big increase on last month. Many thanks to all who have contributed to this. There are lots of events in the pipeline, the more immediate of these being:

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR - on December 11th at the V.Hall  
Don't miss Father Christmas!!

On Friday December 17th in the Tom Hauley Room at 8pm come and sing CAROLS AND CHRISTMAS SONGS with Shirley and others. A good opportunity to let your hair down and give your voices an airing. There will be mulled wine and mince pies to help things along. Tickets £2 available from Shirley Keir, 25 South Parade and Dorothy Travis, 26 Farm Street.

On Saturday December 18th in the T.Hauley Room there will be FREE COFFEE AND MINCE PIES, 10am to 12 noon followed by LUNCH from 12 to 2pm. Order forms, to be submitted by December 15th, available at the Coffee Mornings and from the table in Church. Why not sample the fare!

On Friday January 14th there will be a WINE AND CHEESE PARTY from 7.30pm at Wissett Lodge, Church Street, by kind invitation of Pam Sperling. Tickets for this will be available soon, price £4 from Lyn Hayes, Corner Cottage, High Street, Dorothy Travis 26 Farm Street and Joyce Windsor, 5 Park Lane.

On January 22nd COFFEE MORNING AND LUNCH in the Tom Hauley Room. More about this next month.

FIND THE RIVER. Mrs. Gwen Watts has produced one of her interesting quizzes. Give the family some mental exercise over Christmas. Quiz sheets price 50p each are available from Joyce Windsor. Thank you all for your support and we wish you a Happy Christmas and a Good New Year!

Joyce and Harry Windsor

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BOOKS WANTED: Have you any old books for the book-stall at the Christmas Fair? If so please contact Tony Stubbs on 612782.

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

About 5 years ago we started fundraising to provide money for the building and furnishing of a Church room. The idea was formed that perhaps we could sell coffee and maybe cakes and jam in the Wight School every Saturday morning. It was viewed with suspicion by some and enthusiasm by others and before long we had a group of people who would be prepared to give up an occasional Saturday morning to this end. We thought we had done really well if we raised £30. At the end of 18 months the coffee mornings had raised about £2,000 and the Tom Hauley Room had been built - therefore our task was finished.

At this point it was decided to move it to the Tom Hauley Room and to allow people to raise money for charities or groups of their choice. I thought you would be interested to know that this year from April 24th to Nov. 6th £2,650.84p has been raised for many different causes including local groups - Play Groups, Scouts, W.I., Netball Club, Senior Citizens Support Group, Church Groups and other charities such as Myton Hospice, McGregor Ward at Warwick Hospital, Ratley Church, Ladbroke Church, British Heart Foundation, Guide Dogs for the Blind and many others.

We in Harbury Church feel privileged to have had so many people using the Tom Hauley Room for such a worthwhile cause. On a personal note I am grateful for all the new people I have met and got to know while keeping a gentle eye on the organisation. Thank you for your support.

On December 18th there will be the usual pre-Christmas free Coffee and Mincepies, to be followed on this occasion by lunch to raise money for ROC. Do please come and see us on that day. If you want lunch you need to order it beforehand.

Joyce Windsor

THE HARBURY AND LADBROKE CHUCH MEN's SOCIETY

The Society met on 4th November to hear a talk by John Lambert entitled "The Work of a Magistrate". John said he was always interested in law and



initially had a desire to join the police force. He gave a brief biography of his working life until he volunteered to take early retirement from the Water-board in 1983 to become a magistrate.

He gave a brief history from the 13th Century when the first 600 magistrates were set up in the reign of Edward II. There are now 30,000 magistrates comprising of people from all walks of life, 60% are men, 40% are women. Of the 1.9 million cases per year 1.4 million are dealt with in the magistrate's courts.

The talk was extremely interesting, informative, humorous and prompted many questions.

P.D. Edwards (secretary)

### TODDLERS' SERVICE

We were pleased to welcome more children to our Nov. service. Shirley Keir told the story of Noah and the children hammered real nails into wood as Noah built the ark. (Mrs. Keir survived with all her fingers intact.) The children then helped to build up a picture of the ark and shut all the animals safely inside. They coloured a rainbow to finish the picture while we sang a song about Noah.

Please note that the December service is a week earlier than usual on December 7th. This will be a Christingle service for all pre-school children and babies, with an adult.

C.Mary Catt

### MOTHERS' UNION

The work of the Young Homeless Project was the subject of our speaker, Ms Sue Wald, at our afternoon meeting in November. The Y.H.P. help young people by referring them to hostels or private accommodation. They also provide emergency overnight places with volunteer families (the "Nightstop" scheme) and more permanent help in supported accommodation. In their first year the YHP dealt with 120 young people who were either sleeping-out or moving from one friend's house to another, in addition to many other enquiries almost all from young people from the Leamington area. We found this a very interesting talk from a good speaker.

Instead of an evening meeting, members visited the Body Shop where we saw slides of their work. This includes collecting ingredients, and helping workers in various countires. We then watched a make-up demonstration on a volunteer, and bought some Christmas presents.

Our next meeting is on December 1st, when Mrs. C.Reid will talk on "Countdown to Christmas". There is no evening meeting in December.

C.Mary Catt

### LEAMINGTON CHRISTIAN MISSION - CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Once again we are seeking your help for Steph & Geoff in their efforts to bring a happy Christmas to the poor families and homeless of Leamington district.

They are in urgent need of NEW gifts for men, women and children - toiletries, underwear, knitwear, toys, socks, gloves, scarves etc; also food for Christmas parcels, all kinds of dry goods and tins.

Last year they distributed gifts to 150 people. This year they have considerably more on their list, so we are counting on your generosity and help. When you are out shopping please buy an extra item for Steph & Geoff! We will be please to receive your gifts - thank you.

612585 - Jill Winter, 19 Farm St  
613209 - Liz Suttie, 4 Sutcliffe Dr.

## **Ladbroke News**

### LADBROKE DIARY FOR DECEMBER

Sun	5	Family Communion (with Baptism), 10.30am
Wed	8	Holy Communion, 10.30am
		Women's Fellowship at Hall Farm, 2.30pm
Sun	12	Sung Communion, 9am
Wed	15	Holy Communion, 10.30am
Sun	19	Sung Communion, 9am
		Children's Church, 10.30am
		Evensong, 3.30pm





Wed 22 Holy Communion, 10.30am  
 Fri 24 Dressing of the Crib, 3.30pm  
 Sat 25 Sung Communion, 9am  
 Sun 26 Sung Communion, 9am  
 Wed 29 Holy Communion (St. Stephen), 10.30am  
 Carol Service, 7.30pm



### JANUARY 1994

Sun 2 Family Communion, 10.30am  
 Wed 5 Holy Communion, 10.30am  
 Thur 6 Holy Communion (Epiphany), 8pm  
 Sun 9 Sung Communion, 9am

### All Saints' Church, Ladbroke Sunday Services

9am Holy Communion with Hymns  
 (Except 1st Sunday of Month: 10.30am Family Communion)  
 3rd Sunday of month: 10.30am Children's Church  
 3.30pm Evensong (3rd Sunday)

### CHURCH NEWS LADBROKE

The day we thought would never come is now in the past. We at last have our new Rector, and after only two short weeks it definitely feels as though he is at home and is "one of us".

Our Christmas Fayre was a happy occasion - as usual - yesterday afternoon. A big "Thank You" to all who helped and all who supported it.

The young people of Ladbroke have lost a friend. Ben Smethurst, although he was a Southam man, he was most days in Ladbroke, tending the horses in Farmyard field. He was a great help to our budding equestrians, teaching them how to care for and groom their horses. At our family service on December 5th Nicholas Steenstra will be baptised.

Jane and Daniel have requested a retiring collecting in aid of the Church Restoration Fund. They are also having a faith lunch in the V.Hall afterwards.

Please take a plate of food or a bottle of wine with you if you are going.

December 29th, our Carol Service. Please keep the evening free. The Friends of Ladbroke Church will be providing us with refreshments as usual.

The Christmas services - please note:  
The Dressing of the Crib, 3.30pm on Christmas Eve;  
Christmas Day Communion Service, 9am.

Betty Winkfield

### WELCOME TO LADBROKE

Peter and Michelle King - just moving into Rectory Farm. We wish them both happiness in their new home. Friends of Ladbroke Church held their AGM on Fri. 26th November. The present committee was re-elected On Bloc.

Gwynn Badman

### LADBROKE CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to all who helped and supported the annual Bonfire which raised £108. A very big and special thanks to Tom Sheasby for allowing us to use his field for the occasion.

The group will be meeting every FIRST THURSDAY of the month, in the Village Hall, 6.30-8pm. Come along with friends, have a drink and snack, talk and play games - RELAX. Trips and outings. The more the merrier.

Tricia Teverson

### W.I. NEWS - NOVEMBER MEETING

There was little 'business' to do so after Gwynn Badman was bulldozed into doing the reading for the Carol Concert at Napton on the 13th December and transport arranged for the W.I. Xmas dinner on the 7th Dec. we wriggled happily in our seats at the start of our excursion into International Christmas Tree decorations. Mrs. Dolby took us on a round-the-world whirlstop tour. Decorations from such diverse places as Sweden, Japan, Mexico were beautifully illustrated by her painstakingly hand-made ornaments, made from a variety of materials - silks, lace, wood, and tinsels. Volunteer Gaby, hanging each type upon the Xmas tree which, by the end of the talk, looked most original.



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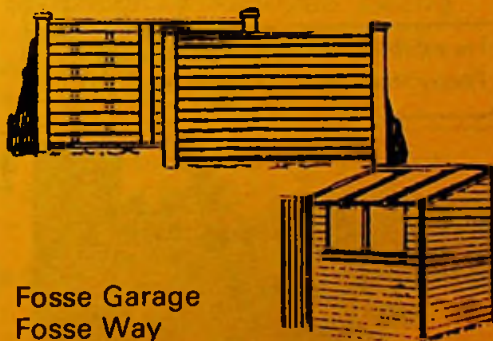


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The raffle was won by Diane Surgey and Gwynn Badman. Next meeting Jan. 27th with our very own Karen Birch on Decorative Paint Technique.

Merry Christmas to all W.I. members past and present.

I.Z.B.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The meeting began with prayers. We then heard about a holiday to Singapore which Gwynn and Francis had taken recently. This was to visit their younger son Jonathan who had arranged everything for them. After a five hour delay they flew off to their destination. Jonathan met them and took them to his house. Most people use taxis to get around, but they did have a coach tour round Singapore. Gwynn said how clean everywhere was - no litter etc. and as everyone has a job there was no-one sleeping rough, as all had a home of some kind. There is a Chinatown and an Indian part in the city. They went to the Cathedral to a service and on to Raffles. They went to Kuala Lumpur which they had visited 30 years ago. There had, of course, been changes. They also went to Penang and rode on the funicular railway.

We saw many photographs and cards. Some of them were of a bird park and a butterfly farm. She showed us a beautiful batik blouse, the pattern being painted on to the material.

As it was a wet day we all thoroughly enjoyed being transported to sunny places and thanked Gwynn for sharing her wonderful holiday with us.

Many thanks to all who helped in any way at our stall at the Christmas Fair.

Our next meeting on Dec. 8th is a service in church at 2.30pm - "In Preparation for Christmas" - and afterwards at Betty's home - Hall Farm.

Nancy Stubbs



REMINDER - There is a Harbury News Committee meeting on Monday 6th December, 8pm in the Tome Hauley Room

LADBROKE TODDLER AND SOCIAL GROUP

Thanks to everyone who supported the Bring and Buy/ Coffee morning. We raised £66.53 towards buying equipment and running costs.

On the 22nd December we are holding a Christmas Party for 'Kids' of ALL ages. This will be from 3pm-5pm. Tickets are available from Karen Birch, Janet Jay or Tricia Teverson at £2 each. To organise food we need to know numbers by the 15th December. Please get your tickets early. We also need a Father Christmas outfit - Do you have one or know of anyone? Please contact one of the above.

We will need storage space for equipment. Does anyone have for sale a garden shed? Thanks.

**LADBROKE SOCIAL AND TODDLER GROUP**

**WILL COMMENCE ON WEDNESDAY, 19TH JANUARY 1994  
FROM 10 AM - 12 NOON**

and will meet every first and third Wednesday of the month at this time.

The future and success of this is dependent upon everyone helping and supporting us however they can. We need Mums to come forward to help us set up a rota for the smooth running of the group and we need anyone to come forward to help us with tea, coffee, and gems of wisdom to keep "Mums" sane!

If you can and would like to get more involved speak to Karen, Jan or Trish.

WANTED: Donations of - toys in good condition, paper suitable for painting and colouring

**LADBROKE HISTORY**

At last after five years of collectiong information together, I have managed to produce the first of a series of history booklets on Ladbroke. The proceeds from sales to go towards All Saints Church and Ladbroke Village Hall.

Passing through the greedy hands of some of England's most famous men, Ladbroke had little chance of slumbering peacefully in its Medieval years.



The de Ladbroke family, 300 years Lords of the Manor since Domesday, resided in the Manor House in Farmyard Field alongside All Saints Church. The lumps, bumps, mounds and hollows, still visible, remind us of the original Manor House, fishponds and surrounding cottages, grazed constantly by sheep and horses since their demolition in the 17th century by the Palmer family; the last Lords of the Manor.

Farmyard Field; one of many parcels of land used to secure power and politics at the expense of the village peasants.

"MEDIEVAL LADBROKE" is a 24 page booklet with photographs, the first in a series following the village from William the Conqueror to young Prince William.

£1.50 + 25p p&p from Mrs Linda Doyle, Chapel Ascote Cottage, Chapel Ascote, Ladbroke, Leamington Spa, Warks, CV33 ODB.

Linda Doyle

#### LADBROKE NEWS

Good luck to one of our Ladbroke girls Emma Allington, who with her friend Helen Ford, is due to open her own Florist shop in Leamington Spa. The shop named "Bouquets" will be in Warwick Street, and will sell crafts as well as provide all the essential floral attributes. As both the girls live locally they hope to be able to provide a very reasonable delivery service to our area.

Kate Liverton

#### LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

I wasn't able to attend personally the Nov. meeting, but have gleaned information about what went on, from those who were there on the night!

The Council had to anticipate its expenditure for the next financial year, and after some discussion it was agreed to request a total of £2,000 so that a considerable grant could be made to help maintain our Village Hall. Planning wise the alterations to the

"school house" and to "21 Ladbroke Hall", had been approved. Mr. Peter Williamson was re-elected to serve on the Alibone Trust Committee as a non-ecclesiastical member for the next three years.

D.C. Mrs. Tressider said that the development in Hedges field was likely to be some years in the future, due to the slow movement of the various authorities. It was unlikely that plans would be available before the spring.

Pc Pete Perry said that changes in his beat were being considered and it seemed possible his area would become geographically smaller, giving him an opportunity to extend his duties locally.

The Clerk was asked to write expressing dismay and alarm at the proposed suggestion by W.C.C. to close the fire stations in Fenny Compton and Tysoe. The Parish Council were alerted to the possibility that our district area could change from Stratford to Rugby; they were to make their views known at the next meeting.

The left hand pavement on the dangerous bend had been listed for repairs; and the continuing bad state of Upper Radbourne Lane, was now in need of attention. W.C.C. had been contacted and had said that they would contact the E.M.I. who were responsible for some of the damage.

A complaint had been received concerning the state of the barn wall opposite the function of School Lane. The Clerk was asked to write to ask W.C.C. to inspect and if necessary repair it, as it was likely to collapse on to the road and pathway.

Councillor Mrs. Crainger reported the poor state of Harbury lane and it was agreed to put the matter on the next agenda.

There is no meeting in December, the next one will be held on the 19th January at 7.45pm in the V.Hall. If there is any matter you would like discussed, please let your Councillors or Parish Clerk know in plenty of time.

Kate Liverton





Traditional November scenes - above, the  
Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial,  
below, collecting  
fuel for the Guy Fawke's Night bonfire.



## HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR OCTOBER DEFERRED TO NOVEMBER

The PC has a £10,000 windfall from the sewer easement. If it is not used this year half has to be invested. They are buying a wordprocessor for the Clerk and inviting parishioners to suggest what else it could be spent on.

Vikki Holroyd recently masterminded the halfterm arts event with a West African Drumming Band. Although it attracted grant aid there was a deficit and she asked the PC to provide the final £200.

Sharon Hancock thought the event very worthwhile, but John Hunt said the PC was being asked to contribute after the event. Much went on that was worthwhile but the PC should not be asked to pick up the pieces. There must be a policy on what would be supported.

He recommended the PC did not make a donation to the Hereburgh Morris trip to Germany or to the Church Organ, Roof and Clock Fund, and took as a compliment the jest that he would have to answer to St. Michael.

Midland Red were asked to accept a voucher scheme for pensioners travel. The PC did not want to restrict the choice of carrier but they did not want to issue tokens that were not used.

Steve Norman's Bus Shelter design for Deppers would cost £200 compared to £2,500 quoted by manufacturers. Pc Pete Perry and the Highways Department would discuss ways of preventing dangerous overtaking in the hamlet.

Stratford granted renewal of permission for a temporary dwelling at the Quarries; change of use to offices for the upper storey of the Co-Op; and a pitched roof to a storeroom at 11 South Parade. They refused a double garage and extension at 26 Ivy Lane.

The PC had no observation to make on an application for a Conservatory to the rear of 15 Farm Street; conversion of a guest house at Sharmer Farm; an extension to 3 Vicarage Lane, or retrospective permission for a garden wall to the rear of 23 Mill St. They were concerned about access problems at 11 Farm St.; and plans to fell trees in the garden of 4 Pirie Close. They discussed the design brief for the Local Plan development behind of South Parade.



Stratford District had taken Enforcement at Flax Hill Farm over the erection of earth bunding. The Enforcement Officer would investigate complaints about development at 4 Park Lane.

Ken Stephenson complained about the reinstatement of roads following the sewer scheme. He believed the County made a commitment to resurfacing them at the public meeting, but his colleagues reminded him the meeting was held by Severn Trent. It was their commitment not the County's.

Ken's colleagues were concerned that the erection of a public seat in memory of Tim Percival was being held up by the delay in deciding where the access to the Play Area should go.

Ken Stephenson wanted Low-Cost housing to remain on the Council's agenda but someone else should work on the project.

There was much discussion on possible sites for a Bowling Green. The Chairman Ed Wilson had been very active, engineering a meeting with landowner Mr. Price but to no avail. Ivy Lane, the Wight School, the Rugby Club and the Playing Fields were all suggested and rejected.

Schools re-organisation and the change in age of transfer would mean that Harbury School would lose a class and £15,000 from its budget. A public meeting in February would discuss the proposals. County Cllr Mrs. Bidwell (now Mrs. Collett) said the money saved would be ploughed back into education. John Hunt welcomed the proposals on economic grounds.

At the Area Parish Councils' meeting at Ufton on policing John Drinkwater argued that Harbury should have its own resident officer. Police houses in Harbury, Bishops and Long Itchington were standing empty.

Pc Pete Perry said it was likely the Southam area would be serviced from Leamington to cut down on response times and it would be officially acknowledged that his beat was too bit!

Linda Ridgley

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R.S.P.C.A. Many thanks to all our helpers and supporters. A record amount was raised of £101.01 at the Coffee Morning. Pamela Sperling

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

£10,000 to spend on the village - Any Ideas ???

Many parishioners will already be aware that early this year the PC had a £10,000 "windfall", by way of a payment from Berkeley Homes for permission to cross PC land to make a sewerage connection.

Government rules define this payment as a capital receipt. That's a bit of jargon meaning the receipt must either be used to repay debt, (the PC hasn't got any), invested or applied to defray expenditure of a capital nature; broadly that means the acquisition, replacement or improvement of its assets.

It CANNOT be used to meet the Council's day to day expenses, NOR to reduce future years Council Tax precepts.

It is unlikely that there will be too many similar windfalls so the Council felt that is possible it should be used to finance a project which would be of lasting benefit to the whole community. Attempts to acquire for recreational purposes all or part of the Paddock next to the Church have unfortunately proved unsuccessful. Before considering alternative uses, the PC decided to invite suggestions from parishioners for spending this money provided it is within the Council's legal powers.

So, if you have any bright (and practical) ideas on how amenities could be improved please in writing let Alison Hodge, Clerk to the Council, 36 Binswood End, know by no later than 31 December 1993. If there is nothing that the PC believes would command immediate general support, the money will remain invested until such time as a suitable opportunity presents itself.

Clr. E.Wilson, Chairman Harbury Parish Council

HARBURY SOCIETY

Let's talk trees. Tree week has just finished and the planting season extends, weather permitting until the spring. We need more trees to replace the losses we have suffered over the last ten to 20 years.

The most devastating losses were through Dutch Elm Disease because so many mature trees died in such a



short time, but we are continuing to lose important specimens one at a time, and the cumulative effect is just as bad.

A very worrying development is the insistence of Building Societies and Insurers that new occupiers remove trees which are close to their property, even when there is no evidence that they are damaging the building. We have lost several important trees through this over-cautious attitude, most notable the espaliered pear in South Parade and a Centuries old Yew Tree in Farm Street. Now the Old Yew at Fairview House, Vicarage Lane is under threat.

The tree is covered by a Tree Preservation Order and permission has to be sought before any work is undertaken. All trees within the Conservation Area are similarly protected. Go out and look about you. It is surprising quite how many trees we still have within the village and what an important contribution they make to the feeling that this is a rural village and not a suburb.

Trees add height and greenery, they soften the view, give movement and a constant reminder of the changing seasons. Many of those we still have once stood in the fields and along the lanes and record Harbury's agricultural past. They have a cultural as well as a landscape significance. When the existing oaks, beeches, ashes, sycamores, hawthorns, hollies, limes, chestnuts, yews, larches, willows and walnuts have gone we will still have trees but they will be the smaller, ornamental exotics common in town gardens everywhere, not the towering giants of the past.

You can help by planting some of the smaller British native trees like Field Maple, Wild Cherry, Hazel, Crab Apple, Silver Birch, Goat Willow, Guelder Rose, Dogwood, Spindle, Wayfaring Tree and Elder. They are suitable for the average garden and support a wide variety of wildlife. (Purists would grow their own saplings from the seeds of local specimens.) Forest trees are best for public open spaces where they get the room they need.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY W.I.

The writer is sorry that she missed her report last month. Must mention our 75th Anniversary evening at the Tom Hauley Room and how enjoyable it was. Good food and service from Ray Playdon and staff, lovely floral arrangements by Diana Buck and Bertha Kettle and the super cake made by Dorothy Groves and decorated by Eileen Picken. The evening was rounded off with entertainment by Doug Green and friends with everybody participating. We were pleased to have some past presidents with us, one saying how everybody welcomed her and how nice it was to be with us. Thanks to one and all for making the evening a success.

In October Mrs. Cheryl Smart came to talk on Colour Analysis assisted by Mrs. Carol Jackson. Audrey Atkins made an excellent model and with colour charts and materials to assist their analysis they were able to give Audrey a correct make up shade and what colours in clothes suited her. Audrey seemed to know exactly what colours suited her without charts. We would have enjoyed the talk so much more had we been able to hear the speaker.

A team will represent Harbury in the County Darts Competition. Practice evenings will be arranged. This also applies to Short Mat Bowls.

The Group Carol Service is on Monday 13th Dec. at Napton Church at 7.30pm. All assemble at the V.Hall at 7pm for lifts.

The Christmas party on Thurs. 9th Dec. at 7.30-8pm. Hope your name is on food and guest lists. Bring your own drink and glasses. Members are asked to help in the afternoon from 3pm onwards.

It has been decided to hold a mince pie stall at the Christmas Fayre at the V.Hall on Sat. 11th Dec. Would members please take their contributions to the V.Hall on the morning or get them to a member of committee. Sherry, mince pies and your present for the bran tub will be held at January's meeting.

Congratulations to Dorothy Groves on becoming our President for a 3rd term of office. Dorothy thanked her committee and members for their help and support during the past year. Secretary is Celia Barrett

and Treasurer is Peggy Middleton. In fact the committee is almost the same as before.

Refreshment rota for January: K.Mancell, P.Merchant and J.Sharp.

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We were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Kathleen Hancox, a past President of Harbury W.I. from 1967-69. She had accepted our invitation to the 75th Anniversary evening and was looking forward to being with us and was even looking out old photographs to bring with her. Unfortunately she was taken ill on the day of the celebrations, so never did join us.

She lived with Ted and daughter Jean in South Parade then moved to Chapel St. and eventually to Bishops Itchington.

Ted was well known for riding round the village on his bike with his terrier dog standing on a small platform on the crossbar with its paws on the handlebars.

Celia Barrett and Eva Keeling attended Mrs.Hancox's funeral. Our sincere wishes are sent to her family.

Jeanne Beaumont

### HARBURY YOUTH CLUB



As you may have seen in the local press Harbury Youth Club was responsible for bringing the Afrikan Kultural Kontraktors to the village, for an exciting programme of dance and mask making. As well as press coverage, CWR put out their morning programme from one of the dance sessions.



The week was hard work for everyone concerned but also a very rewarding experience, the culmination of which resulted in a wonderful performance on Friday afternoon. The only disappointment of the week was the lack of audience to share the fruits of such hard work. However, the project is not over. Each week up to Christmas (there will be three left) AKK will continue their workshops with the club. On Dec. 22nd there will be a Christmas Celebration performance at the V.Hall at 8pm, so please try and join us.

The Youth Club are very grateful for the financial support it received from: The Village Arts Fund, Stratford DC, and Community Education in order to deliver this project.

The Club has seen a complete change of staff during the last few months due to Donna Revitt's job commitment, which means she isn't available on Wed. Evenings, and Phil Jones's retirement last term. The Club is very grateful for all their hard work. Steve Mazurak and Beccy Mc.Daid have been appointed as leaders on a trial basis until Christmas.

A new programme of events will be published early next year. A quiz night on Jan.12th will start the New Year. Watch this space for further news. Back to this year, the Club's AGM will be held in the V.Hall on Dec. 8th, 8pm.

Vikki Holroyd

### Harbury Folk Club

In spite of the lack of the usual free publicity provided by the Harbury and Ladbroke News, resulting from the report of October's folk club being accidentally omitted, a good number of folkies turned up for the November's meeting.

I had decided to experiment with the format of the evening and run it as an informal sing-around and music session. This involved remaining seated, and taking it in turns to lead in a song or tune. The participants were encouraged to lead in familiar items so anyone who wished could join in.

The first time round was rather disappointing as many of the usual contributors seemed uncharacteristically shy, both in leading the music and joining in with others. However, during

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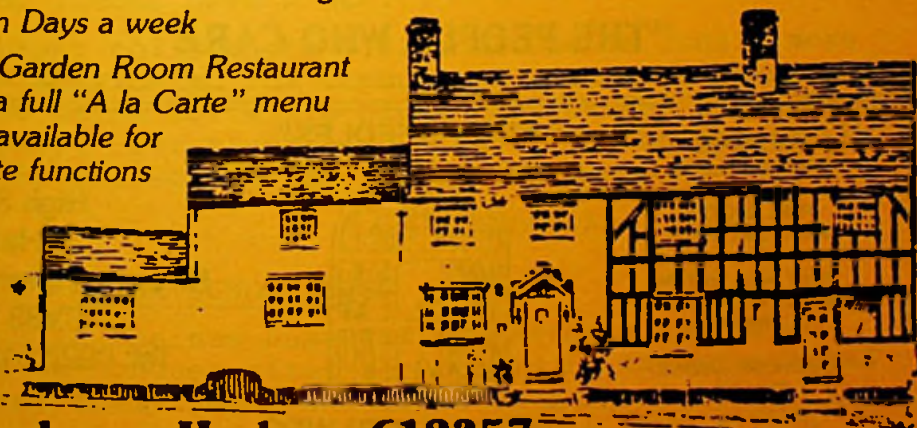
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the following rounds the inhibitions seemed to evaporate and the evening developed into one of good music and entertainment.

It was particularly good to welcome some new faces. Jilly Darby, who has recently moved to Chesterton, delighted us with her singing of several unfamiliar songs, and Derek and Julia from Leamington, made wonderful contributions with melodian and penny whistle. In addition, most of the regulars, who are too numerous to name individually, were there and they all performed well. Many thanks to all.

Next Folk Club on Thursday January 6th at 8.30pm in the Old New Inn.

Peter Bones

#### HARBURY SCOUTS & GUIDES SUPPORT COMMITTEE

We are pleased to report some very successful fund-raising and social events which have taken place recently. The coffee morning was our most successful to date and the barn dance on the evening of the same day was not only enjoyable but profitable too. We trust that the usual fare on Bonfire Night was appreciated (be honest - it wouldn't be the same without the 'haute cuisine' of tomato soup etc. would it?)

Some advanced warning - the Jumble Sale will take place in the V.Hall on Sat. Jan. 15th so now is the time to start sorting out all the clothes that don't fit, are out of fashion, and other items for which you no longer have a use.

Newspaper collections will continue as usual, more as a "service to the community" than a money-spinner as the price for waste paper has reached rock-bottom (almost). Our thanks, as always, to the people who help in collecting the paper each month.

Jo Tancock

#### HARBURY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

K Zone is the new name for the after school club which was chosen after the pupils of the school had entered their ideas and voted on a short list. The winners of the competition to find a name & logo

for the club are Sian Wood of Y7 for the name and Samantha Meredith of Y5 for the logo, congratulations to them both!

The club now has very nearly 40 children registered and this is after only 10 weeks in existence. One of the results of the good response is that the club is now looking at providing cover for other times as well as term time.

The first of these extra sessions has already happened when on the 6th Nov. all day cover was provided for the teacher training day. This too proved to be successful and well supported. It is planned that all future teacher training days will be similarly covered and we are now looking at holiday cover.

After shopping in Leamington on a recent Saturday and seeing parents trying to shop with their children in amongst the crowds of people, I thought that I would try to help the parents of the village and open the club on Saturday 18th Dec. to allow last minute Christmas shopping to be completed in peace by the parents whilst the children are happy. This ofcourse will be subject to the numbers interested. It is planned to open the club from 9am to 1.30pm. Games quizzes and a Christmas treasure hunt will take place. A snack & drink will be provided for the children at a cost of only £3 per child for the 4½ hour session.

As this will be the last bulletin prior to the Christmas break may I take the chance to wish all members a very happy Christmas and all the very best for 1994.

Thanks Slot: I would like to thank the following people for their help in the setting up & running of the club: Carol Percival and Gerry Bailey; All the staff; Sally Williams for the magnificent Dinosaur (with more to come); All those who attended the open afternoon last month and helped us to raise over £25 for new games. Details for the club can be obtained from the spooner or from

Mandi Wood on 612374

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I am sure most villagers will have seen on TV or read in the Press about "Operation Blow", which is an all out effort by the Warwickshire Police to



identify and arrest criminals who carry out offences against members of the public and their property. To assist in this operation the Police are requesting members of the public to ring 0800-555111 if they see anything suspicious or have information which may lead to the arrest of a criminal or criminals. The telephone number is free and the caller may remain anonymous if he or she so desires. The number is not a substitute for the EMERGENCY No. 999 but an alternative during this "Operation Blow".

Neville Merrick

#### MISSIONS TO SEAMEN - Coffee Morning, Sat. 13th Nov.

Thank you all those who supported our event last month in the Tom Hauley Room. Your kind generosity realised over £140 well done (BZ in Naval language) and thank you.

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#### SENIOR CITIZENS - ROTARY WHIST KNOCKOUT

First Round (winners): Ufton, Galanas House, North End, Stockton A, Napton 'A', Marton 'A', Marton 'B', and Stockton 'B'.

Just by a whisker our Harbury team were knocked out but undismayed the team led by Mrs. Jones consisting of Mr. Marshall, Miss Lodge, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Hancock, and last minute substitute Mrs. Kettle, will enjoy the fellowship with all the teams at the Grand Final night in March.

Bill Davies

HARBURY HELPLINE - would like to thank all those who have contributed over the past twelve months to appeals for good quality children's clothing and baby items. Everything which has been donated has been put to good use either within the village or in Leamington where it is distributed by Leamington Christian Mission.

Although we do not have storage facilities, we are happy to put out an appeal whenever there is a particular need. Do contact the numbers in Harbury Helpline for any further information.

Many thanks

BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

The annual bonfire and fireworks party was as usual organised by the Scouts and Church and many other helpful individuals. This was a very successful day - the fireworks went off on cue, the bonfire was built in record time and £285 was made which is split between the Scouts and the Church. Thank you to all who gave up their day to collect rubbish, prepare and serve food and lay out the fireworks. Thanks also to the owners of tractors, trailers and drivers of vehicles without whom we could not build the bonfire.

Mike & Liz McBride and  
John Travis

PROPOSED OUTDOOR BOWLING GREEN IN HARBURY

I promised to give you an update as soon as I could and regret that due to matters over which I had no control, it has not been possible until now. All the various possible sites and suggestions have been considered and thoroughly explored, there was only one really convenient site with Clubhouse facilities "on the doorstep" and that was the area of land currently used as allotments behind the church in Hall Lane, where the Village Club would have made an excellent Club House. Unfortunately despite all efforts to persuade the owner, Mrs. Price, to co-operate (and there I must also acknowledge the assistance rendered by the Parish Council and Cllr. Ed Wilson in particular), no progress has been possible and it is therefore with much regret that I have to say that all our efforts have been in vain and I apologize if I have roused your hopes only for them to be dashed. Many thanks to all who have supported me in this venture.

Peggie Middleton

HARBURY PLAYGROUP WIGHT SCHOOL

It seems hard to believe the Autumn Term is nearly over. We have had a very successful fundraising term; our major event being the dance at the Social Club. I would like to extend the committee's thanks to the Antiques Rock Show and to the lady who printed the tickets for us. I would also like to thank the



committee who did a wonderful job organising the event and a brilliant raffle, while I was busy moving house.

It was a great night enjoyed by all who attended and raised £300 for playgroup. We have already bought some new equipment for the home corner: a new sink unit and washing machine along with several other smaller items.

Our other event has been a coffee morning with books and clothes for sale. We have almost restocked our library with the £78 commission we earned in books.

I would like to thank all those parents who have made cakes for our bi-monthly cake stall. By the time you read this we will have had our Dec. one. I hope we will have your continuing support in the coming year.

The joint Christmas concert with the V.Hall Playgroup will be held on Friday 10th Dec. at 10.45am. I do hope parents and grandparents will join the children to celebrate Christmas. Coffee and mincepies will be served afterwards. Merry Christmas and a Happy New year from Wight School Playgroup.

Jo McKenzie, Chairman

#### HARBURY SENIOR CITIZENS BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

The Offertory box in memory of Tim Percival was finally completed with all the necessary engraving and a service of dedication was held. Thanks go to all who donated towards this lasting tribute to our late Chairman.

Our thanks also go to Evelyn Woodfield who held a coffee morning and raised the magnificent total of £58, and we must also thank all the people who attended and gave so generously. Fund raising such as this enables the Committee to continue to provide the Christmas Party and the Summer Outing for our senior citizens. Long may it continue.

May we take this opportunity of thanking everyone and every organisation that raises money for our Association - without that financial help we would not be able to carry on.

We look forward to seeing all our senior citizens at the Christmas Party on 18th December 1993.

JACK BLOXHAM

In recognition of 65 years of membership of Harbury Village Club, Jack was presented with a framed Certificate by Club President David Perry. The presentation was made in the snooker room where he loves to play. Jack who once considered turning professional, is known affectionately by the young players as Mega Jack.

Photo: Mike Bloxham

RURAL REMINISCENCE IN WARWICKSHIRE

Throughout the winter of 1993/94, older people will be able to participate in a project which will record and preserve memories and experiences of past rural life in the county.

The project is being run as part of Warwickshire Libraries, "Celebration of Rural Life", arts activities for 1993-94 and the "European Year for Older People". From October the professional reminiscence worker, Grahame Edwards, will be interviewing older people in Warwickshire and compiling oral history tapes on a number of themes such as "Trade and Craft" and "Village Life". This material and similar material gathered by Shaun McCarthy, Writer in Residence, will be interpreted for use in reminiscence packs and thematic exhibitions using photographs, text mounted on boards and possibly artefacts. The exhibitions



will tour the region's libraries, museums, hospitals, schools and care homes. The use of the packs will be promoted through a number of training sessions organised by Grahame for library staff, care workers and teachers. Co-operation between Warwickshire Libraries, the Museum Service and the County Records Office will ensure that the material forms a useful archive contributing to the social history of Warwickshire. A leaflet promoting the project and encouraging older people to share their memories of rural life will be available from early September.

Contact details: Mr. Desmond Heaps  
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Manager

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OR

Mr. Grahame Edwards  
Rural Reminiscence Worker  
Leamington Library  
Avenue Road  
Leamington Spa CV31 3PP

Both can be reached on Leamington Spa 885537.

### SOUTHAM CLINIC

A very Happy Christmas to you all.

It is now 6 months since work began on the new clinic. Already the second storey brick work is in place and scaffolding has been erected as progress is made. The roof will soon be on and we will definitely see the building materialise.

We are very anxious to involve as many of the people in Southam as possible and I am very keen to set up a group - "Friends of Southam Clinic" to enable public participation in the planning of future services.

Please contact me on 817642 so that your creative and innovative ideas can be fully utilised. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mrs. J.M. Newell

NEWS OF A LOCAL CHARACTER

Alfred Over from Leycester Close has moved from Warwick Hospital to Haven House Residential Home at Kington. If anyone feels able to visit him it would make life much happier for him as he misses his contact with Harbury. If there is anything that friends want delivered to him please contact either Nigel Chapman at the school or Pam Brown at the Rectory.

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PLEASE NOTE: Surgeries will be open as normal on Christmas Eve (Friday 24th Dec.) but will then be closed until Wednesday 28th Dec. They are also closed on Saturday 1st and Monday 3rd January 1994.

Please make sure you have sufficient medication to last you over the holiday and ONLY RING THE DOCTOR IN AN EMERGENCY.

Your co-operation will be much appreciated.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

There was a good attendance at the October meeting, which was our AGM. The speaker was Mr. Carrier, whose talk on sweet peas growing was both instructive and interesting.

The society has taken out a club subscription for Ryton Traditional Centre for Organic Gardening at Ryton-on-Dunsmore. This entitles 2 people to visit the gardens free at any time. The ticket is kept at my house, Childyke Mill Lane, as it is hoped members will avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the gardens which cover a wide range of interest - there is also a good restaurant.

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Heather Turner, bring it with you. The meeting will be our usual Christmas Social, and there will be an illustrated talk on Gardens of Britain, by Mr. Brown from the National Trust.

E.D. Zonik

### DECEMBER IN THE GARDEN

Late summer flowering clematis, jackmanii & viticella hybrids, can be pruned this month. Cut back long shoots of roses to reduce windrock, but leave general pruning until March. Rake or sweep the lawn lightly, when dry, to spread worm casts and remove the last fallen leaves from flower beds, particularly from any rock plants.

Give thought to Christmas decorations from the garden in good time. Christmas roses, Helleborus Niger, are spoilt by bad weather so cover with cloches while still in bud. Cut honesty before the 'silver' is exposed and winter jasmine and winter flowering viburnum several days in advance.

Bring bowls of bulbs into lighter conditions, a few at a time, but keep them cool until the buds are showing well. Christmas present plants also do not like hot dry conditions. Plenty of light and a cool place suits them best. Continue digging if conditions permit so as to get the maximum benefit from frost. Put cloches over hardy winter lettuce and some of the spring cabbage to get early crops.

Pick off and burn blackcurrant buds infested with big bud mite. By now bird feeding in the garden should be well established. Birds, like gardeners, have had a difficult year and need food badly. They will repay you amply by removing pests as well as providing constant interest.

When nothing can be done out of doors there is always the tidying of the garden shed!

V.A. Neill



# Letters to the Editors

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all family and friends for all the cards and letters of sympathy received in my recent sad loss.

A special thank you to Sister Purse and Liz for all their support and Dr. Snowdon; to Mrs. Winkfield and Father Snow for taking the service.

Kim wishes to say thank you to Joan, Fran and Jennifer for her walks.

Mary Hill

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Dear Editor,

As most people in Harbury know Mrs. Pam Middleton recently passed away. At her funeral there was a collection which raised the sum of £295. This money has been donated to Charlecote Ward Equipment Fund.

May I take this opportunity of thanking everyone for attending the funeral and giving donations. I would also like to express my gratitude and thanks to all the people, especially close neighbours who looked after mum so well during the months of her illness.

I know mum was very happy living in Harbury, and I can understand why, because of the kindness shown by so many. She is and will be for a long time greatly missed by her three daughters, and especially by Tamsyn, her grand daughter.

Thank you again.

Jane Cox

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Dear Editor,

We would like to thank all our friends most sincerely for the kind support that you have given us during this tragic time.

For your flowers, prayers and thoughts for us and for Mary, Jonathan & Elizabeth we are most grateful. We thank God for Philip's life and work and that he died in the faith of the resurrection of his Lord.

Roy and Esme Churchill



Dear Editor,

I would like to thank everyone in Harbury especially Mrs. Pryke and Mr. and Mrs. Washbrooke for the help they gave me during the sad loss of my friend Leonora Spindler. It was comforting to know that Leonora had so many friends.

Mrs. Rose Macany

Dear Editor,

As some of you readers may know Sharmer Farm Guest House is now closed and we would like to thank all who have supported us over the past few years.

We are living temporarily near Hunningham and are very much looking forward to moving into Harbury in the New Year and to our retirement.

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Thank you.

Nora & Neville Ellis

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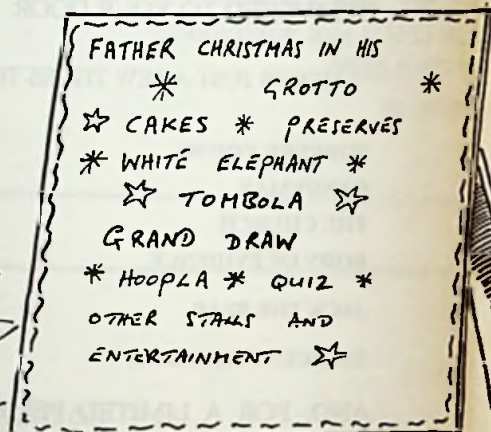
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