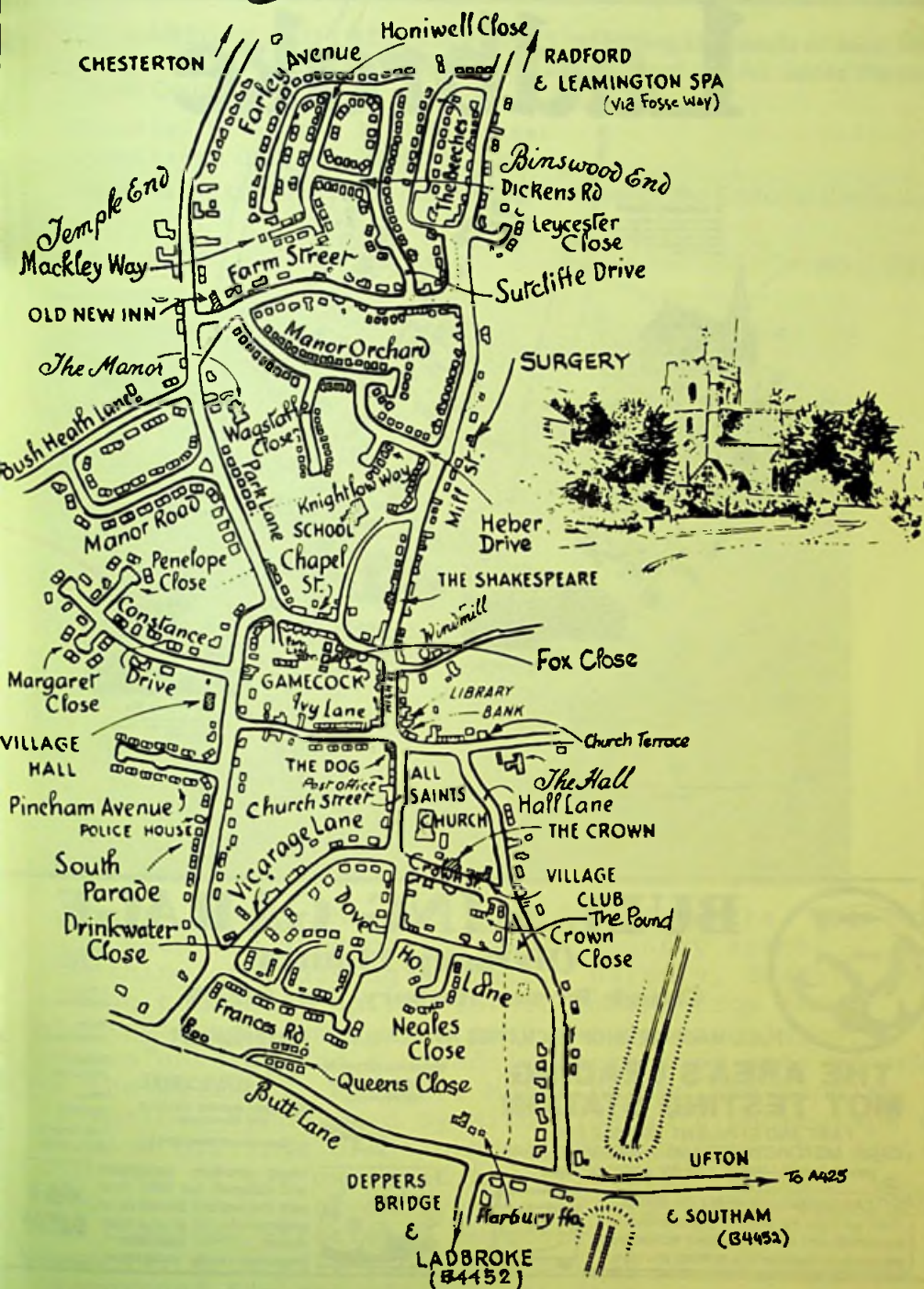


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February, never the most cheerful of months, has this year seen the mood of the whole country reach something approaching despair. Harbury, despite its strong community spirit is not immune from the country's problems, with many people unemployed, houses unsold, and a steadily increasing rate of crime in the village. However, March brings the promise of spring, symbolised by Mike Bloxham's photograph of Bernard Billings of Stapenhill Farm Deppers Bridge, with one of his ewes and her triplets. Renewal is also in the air at the Playing Fields where thanks to the combined efforts of Hopscotch and the Parish Council, work will soon be underway on an improved playground for the village children.

Finally, Happy 100th Birthday to Harbury Folk Club. Peter McDonald has produced 100 evenings of excellent entertainment in the Old New Inn - is there a better 'free' evening anywhere. What is more the regular raffles have benefitted a large number of charities. It is things like this that make Harbury the special village that it still is.

Harbury Diary

MARCH 1993

- Sat 6 Youth Club Flea Market in Village Hall
PTA Children's Disco in School
Coffee Morning, T.Hauley Room 10-12noon in aid of TOFF
(for babies born unable to swallow)
Myton Hospice Annual Dance, Harbury Club 7.30-12
tickets £3.50
- Sun 7 LENT II - Sung Eucharist, 9am; Family Service, 10.30am
Evensong, 4pm
- Mon 8 Yoga in V.Hall, 1.30 to 3pm
Word of God, Heber Drive 8pm
Lent Bible study, Tom Hauley Room 8pm
- Tues 9 Harbury Nursery Playgroup Coffee Morning & Rascals
Clothes & Jewellery Sale, 10.30-12.30
Mother & Toddler Service, 2.15pm
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Village Hall Committee in V.Hall, 8pm
Prayers for the Interregnum, 8.10pm
- Wed 10 Deanery Lent Service at Bishops Itchington with
Archdeacon of Warwick, 7.45pm
Youth Club in V.Hall, 8pm
- Thur 11 Holy Communion, 9.45am
Slimming World in T.Hauley Room, 10.30am
Thursday Club in V.Hall, 2.30pm
WI in V.Hall, 7.45pm
- Fri 12 Meeting in V.Hall at 8pm for public to put problems
caused by sewer works to Severn Trent
- Sat 13 Southam PTA Spring Dance with the Likely Lads
- Sun 14 LENT III - Holy Comm. 8am; Sung Eucharist, 10.30am;
Ecumenical Service Rev. John Haines, 4pm
- Mon 15 Yoga in V.Hall, 1.30-3pm
Prayer & Praise meeting Lent Bible Study, T.Hauley 8pm
Playscheme meeting, T.Hauley Room, 8pm
- Tues 16 Harbury Society AGM & Churchyard Conservation by
Eve Dennis, Tom Hauley Room, 7.30pm

- Tues 16 Senior Citizens Benefit Committee meeting in V.Hall
(cont.) Mothers Union discussions on TV & Radio, 7.45pm
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Prayers for the Interregnum, 8.10pm
- Wed 17 Youth Club in V.Hall
Deanery Lent Service, 7.45pm Southam Archdeacon of
Coventry
- Thur 18 Holy Communion, 9.45am
Slimming World Club in T.Hauley Room, 10.30am
Whist in V.Hall, 7.30pm
- Fri 19 Holy Communion 12 noon followed by Lent Lunch
- Sat 20 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7.30am
Rooted in Church - Day of Renewal (Church and T.Hauley
Room), 1am - 4pm all welcome
NSPCC Fondue Evening in Village Hall
- Sun 21 LENT IV - Mothering Sunday
Holy Communion, 8am; Sung Eucharist and distribution of
Flowers, 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
- Mon 22 Yoga in V.Hall, 1.30-3pm
Word of God, 7 Penelope Close, 8pm
Lent Bible Study in T.Hauley Room, 8pm
- Tues 23 Holy Communion at 7.30pm
Prayers for Interregnum, 8.10pm
PCC Meeting in Tom Hauley Room, 8pm
Julian Meeting, 8.10pm
- Wed 24 Deanery Lent Service, 7.45pm in *Bishops Tachbrook*
with Bishop of Warwick
Youth Club in V.Hall, 8pm
- Thur 25 ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Holy Communion at 9.45am
Thursday Club in V.Hall, 2.30pm
Parish Council in V.Hall, 7.30pm
- Fri 26 Holy Communion at Noon followed by Lent Lunch
- Sat 27 Warwick Market Charity Stall in aid of Joanna Watson's
Fund in Romania
STAGE UP in V.Hall
- Sun 28 CLOCK FORWARD TODAY
LENT V - Holy Comm., 8am; Sung Eucharist, 10.30am;
Evensong 6.30pm
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN APRIL HARBURY NEWS TO
EDITORS BY TODAY
- Mon 29 Yoga in V.Hall, 1.30-3pm
Prayer & Praise Meeting with Lent Bible Study in
T.Hauley Room, 8pm
- Tues 30 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Prayers for the Interregnum, 8.10pm
Open Meeting in Church 8.10pm All Welcome

Wed 31 Deanery Lent Service in Harbury, 7.45pm Rolo the Clow
Youth Club in V.Hall, 8pm

APRIL

Thur 1 Holy Communion, 9.45am
Men's Society in T.Hauley Room, 7.45pm
Theatre Group PLAY in Village Hall
Fri 2 Holy Communion at Noon followed by Lent Lunch
Theatre Group PLAY in V.Hall
Sat 3 Theatre Group PLAY in V.Hall
Sun 4 PALM SUNDAY - Family Comm. and Distribution of Psalms
9am; Evensong, 6.30pm
HOLY WEEK SERVICES - See Special Notices
Mon 5 Word of God, 46 Farley Avenue, 8pm
Tues 6 Horticultural Soc. V.Hall, 8pm, Mr. Howells on Ponds
& Water Gardens
Wed 7 Mothers Union, T.H.Room 2.15pm, Mrs. N.Horton on Handb

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 at 6.15pm
SCOUTS: Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tues & Thurs
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 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 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
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YOGA: Village Hall, 1.30-3pm Monday, Diane Surgey 817904

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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)

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FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS.

Lent is now with us, an opportunity to think rather more deeply about our faith, to take strength from our Lord's example in the wilderness and to prepare for the joy of Easter. The Deanery Lent services will provide some stimulus to the process and they are listed in the Diary. If you need it, transport can be arranged; there is a list in church or contact Jeff Bedford on 612753.

On Saturday March 20th. 11am. - 4pm. there will be a day of Renewal in church and in the Tom Hauley Room entitled "Rooted in Christ - a Movement in Prayer". ALL are welcome - further details from Tony Stubbs on 612782.

You will, no doubt, have heard that the Tom Hauley Room has been broken into again - this time in the early hours of Thurs. Feb.25th. There being nothing of value to take since 'their' previous visit, the would-be thieves then managed to break into the church where they succeeded in removing one of the large safes from the church wall and almost managed to remove the other one. Eventually, they gave up the fruitless task having found nothing of value to take. We do not leave cash in church at all - having lost the accumulated coffee money at the last attack and we no longer have saleable items such as videos, and do not intend to have any.

We are grateful to those who rallied round last Thursday to help clear up the mess and especially to Vivien Neill who discovered the break-in and stayed with it throughout the day.

It is now our intention to have a burglar alarm fitted to the church and to the Tom Hauley room - admittedly rather late in the day but as a deterrent to more damage (the kitchen door was smashed open only hours after it was replaced following the last burglary). What a sad commentary on the village of which we used to be so proud. The lack of a visible police presence only encourages thieves and we urge everyone who cares about this deterioration to write to both the Chief Constable of Warwickshire and to our M.P. Alan Howarth, to demand more effective local policing.

BERYL and JOHN.

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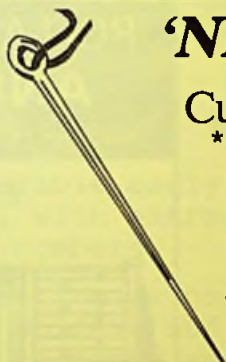


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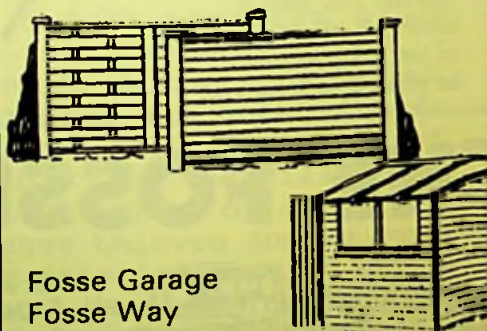
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B.Kettle

28th - No Flowers

Thank you - Bertha Kettle

CHURCH KNEELERS

Shirley Keir has very kindly offered to take over this project. Anyone wishing to undertake the working of a kneeler should contact Shirley, who lives at 25 South Parade (612794). She will supply canvas, wool, a pattern if required and advice - you provide the canvaswork skills!

MOTHERS' UNION

There was an enjoyable early taste of spring at the February meeting, with extracts on that subject read or remembered by members.

At the evening meeting we continued with the Bible study course, "I Believe and Trust", this session being on God the Redeemer and based on the passage from Romans Chapter 8 which begins "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" We agreed that this passage is very helpful when we face difficulties in our lives.

We were pleased to know that Esme Churchill's contribution to the work of the diocese had been recognised on her retirement as treasurer. A presentation was made to her at the Diocesan Council meeting and she was warmly thanked for all her work.

Last month we congratulated Mrs. Boydell and her husband on their diamond wedding. Shortly afterwards

we were sorry to hear of Mr. Boydell's death and extend our sympathy to her.

In March the evening meeting on the 16th will take the form of a discussion on television and radio. At the afternoon meeting on April 7th, Mrs. Nerida Hor will give a talk entitled "handbags", which is a talk for Lent.

C. Mary Catt

LEAMINGTON CHRISTIAN MISSION

You are warmly invited to a coffee morning/bring & buy on Thursday March 25th from 10am to 12.00 noon, at 19 Farm Street. The proceeds will go to the Leamington Christian Mission, who work with the homeless in Leamington. Their 'soup run' vans alone cost £400 a month to run, so there is a continual need for money.

Jill Winter

Ladbroke News

MARCH 1993

DIARY DATES

- Sun 7 Family Service, 10.30am - Preacher Archdeacon of Warwick
Wed 10 Holy Communion, 10.30am
Lent Lunch - Sarah's Cottage, 12.30pm
Women's Fellowship, 2.30pm
Deanery Lent Service, Bishops Itchington, 7.45pm
Fri 12 Friends of Ladbroke Church, Fish Supper, 7.30pm
Sun 14 Holy Communion with Hymns, 9am
Tues 16 Village Hall Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy, 10.30am
Wed 17 Holy Communion, 10.30am
Lent Lunch - 15 The Hall, 12.30pm
Deanery Lent Service - Southam, 7.45pm
Ladbroke Parish Council
Sun 21 Holy Communion with Hymns, 9am; Evensong, 3.30pm
Preacher Dr. Lawrence Measey - Mothering Sunday Positives will be distributed
Wed 24 Holy Communion, 10.30am
Lent Lunch - "Cotswold", 12.30pm
Deanery Lent Service - *Bishops Tackbrook*, 7.45pm
Thur 25 Women's Institute, 7.30pm
Sun 28 Holy Communion with Hymns, 9am

Wed 31 Holy Communion, 10.30am
Lent Lunch - 70 Braemar Road, Lillington, 12.30pm
Deanery Lent Service - Harbury, 7.45pm
"Ladbroke, The Village" 1st meeting, 8.30pm

APRIL

Sun 4 PALM SUNDAY - Family Service with Palm Crosses, 10.30am

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LADBROKE SUNDAY SERVICES

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

Please see notice board in Church for weekday services
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CHURCH NEWS

Lent began with our Holy Communion Service on Ash
Wednesday evening. So our preparation for Easter
has begun.

We are looking forward to our Family Service on 7th
March, when the preacher will be the Venerable
Michael Paget-Wilkes, Archdeacon of Warwick. He is
looking forward to meeting as many children from the
village as possible.

March 24th - Mothering Sunday. Pearl Edwards has
kindly offered to make the posies as usual, for our
Mothering Sunday Service at 3.30pm. The preacher
then will be Dr. Lawrence Measey who, I guarantee,
you will enjoy listening to.

Betty Whitfield

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

Friday, 12th March at 7pm is the day, the date and
the time for our Fish Supper at The Grove, courtesy
of Jim and Jean Clewes. At least seven fish recipes,
a bar, a raffle and competitions. At £5 a ticket
this would seem to be a pretty good proposition.
Contact your Communicator, or me on 812187, for the
number of tickets you require.

Gwynne Badman

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The February meeting was held in rather more gracious surroundings, than those usually afforded by the Village Hall. Due to the repair work in the Hall the meeting was held at number two Ladbroke Hall, the PC recorded its grateful thanks to Mrs. Craing for her hospitality. It was reported by our District Cllrs that Southam were dealing with the proliferation of signs which have sprung up along the A423 between Ladbroke and Southam. It had been felt that they did nothing to enhance the appearance of the area.

There are three public bench seats in our village, all in need of a Spring Clean or varnish. If anyone would be prepared to help with this task, please contact Councillor Geoff Timms.

The intrepid footpath volunteers were out again on January 30th and completed the final stile, step and bridge on the footpath from Chapel Ascote to Bishops Itchington. The next outing will be to check the access to this path on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle.

On behalf of Neighbourhood Watch, Mr. Francis Badman reported that a suspicious van had recently been seen in the area. The Ladbroke Watch alerted the police, who were pleased to receive the information, as they were tracking this vehicle's progress across the county.

The Parish Council decided to ask Stratford to clear the village footways of all the leaves etc. which had accumulated over a considerable period.

Not daunted by a conspicuous lack of success in recent years, the PC again opted to enter the Best Kept Village Competition. There is nothing for it, but to start nagging straight away. Please cut back front hedges which overhang, footpaths and generally make your little piece of Warwickshire as pristine as possible (by late May). The exterior of the Village Hall, the phone box, and notice board will all require a spring clean, how about it!

I'm not sure where the next meeting will be held on the 17th March, but wherever it is members of the public are always most welcome.

Kate Liverton

LADBROKE and DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

We had an interesting talk by Mr. John Trussler, who is the Local Footpath Secretary of The Ramblers Association. The local group was formed in 1985 and has 100 members. After his talk he showed us slides taken on a walk along the Nene Way from Badby to Peterborough.

We had a draw for our Bursary to Denman College, which was won by Mrs. R. Wilks. The raffle was won by Mrs. D. Surgey.

The next meeting will be held at Mrs. J. Norgate's home, on March 25th at 7.30pm. The speaker will demonstrate planting hanging baskets. Visitors and new members will be welcome.

Catherine Spence

LADBROKE FOOTPATH VOLUNTEERS

During the last month a walking party had built a stile and constructed a simple bridge on one of the footpaths in the south of the Parish. It will not be long now before a circular walk to Bishops Itchington is complete.

Since the group was formed nearly 2 years ago, one of a dozen or so supported by Warwickshire County Council, the footpaths in the Parish have benefitted from 14 new stiles, 3 steps, 2 sleeper bridges, 7 sign posts and 9 waymark posts! There is still more work to do, if you would like to volunteer to help or would like more information please contact Geoff Timms.

John Liverton

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

As you may have realised, the Village Hall is looking a bit sorry for itself! The long awaited refurbishment has started, so the Hall will not be available for use until May. During this time there will be no access for anybody apart from contractors or those accompanied by a key holder.

Mif Warr

COFFEE MORNING - Tuesday 16th March, 10.30am at
"Woodlands" School Lane.

In aid of funds for the Village Hall. 50p entrance
Coffee and biscuits, Bring & Buy stall, Raffle. If
you can't come please donate either money or a gift
but best of all, PLEASE come along, PLEASE bring,
PLEASE buy!!

WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

After opening the meeting with prayer our speaker,
Mrs. Pam Clarke, spoke to us about the time that she
and her husband visited India to help build a school
in a village in the state of Bihar. It was in a very
poor area with crops often failing and so causing a
shortage of food - the lowest of the low as how Pam
described it. We saw some enlightening slides of
the area and the people. The progress of the school
was encouraging to the local people. Now the project
is being completed by two other people. The main
concern now is to provide a bus to take the children
to school. We very much admired the work done by
Pam and her husband and decided that the money from
the Lent Lunches would go towards the cost of the
bus.

The Lent Lunches for March are:

March 10th - Sarah's Cottage, Bridge Lane

March 17th - 15, Ladbroke Hall

March 24th - Cotswold, Windmill Lane

March 31st - 70, Braemar Road, Cubbington

April 7th - 7, Ladbroke Hall

The lunches start at 12.30 and everyone is welcome.

Our next meeting is on March 10th at 2.30pm at the
home of Jenny Elkins, Cotswold, Windmill Lane when
we shall look forward to welcoming Father Snow. His
subject is "Lent - How can I keep it".

Nancy Stubbs

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up meeting will take place at Bridge Cottage at 8.30 on Wed. 31st March. Do please come along if you feel you would like to help or have any relevant information or contact Linda Doyle, Mariān Grainger, Kip Warr or myself.

Kate Liverton

HARBURY SOCIETY

Piling success on success we followed the Social with a very enjoyable Parish Maps Evening where local artists displayed their talent.

On show to inspire others was Lesley Jones ambitious project on the village centre; Libby January's striking painting of a dinosaur; Eleanor Zonik's Mill; Bertha Kettle and Sue Buffone's cottages; John Kemsley's hostelryes; Peter White's oils; Pam Sperling's photographs; Celia Barret's wildflower illustrations and Adrian D'Arcy's caricatures (and after the Social everyone recognised Narrow!).

Mary Entwistle brought along the WI Hanging; Warwickshire Wildlife displayed their Village Trails winners; Cecil Bloxham showed his vision for the Cutting; the Rural Community Council exhibited Parish Maps from other Warwickshire Villages and the School children's Census Year video was played.

If as a result of exposure to all this artistic interpretation there is anyone who would like to join a group working to produce a Parish Map for Harbury they should contact the Secretary.

The next event is the **AGM** in the **Tom Hauley Room** on **Tuesday 16th March** starting at **7.30pm**. This will be followed at about **8pm** by an illustrated talk by **Eve Dennis** on **Conservation in Churchyards**. This is an exciting initiative which seeks to use what is often the last relic of village pasture land as a refuge for threatened flora and fauna.

Entry is free; there is coffee, and all are welcome to attend.

Linda Ridgley, Hon Secretary, 16 Farm Street, Harbury 612792

HARBURY W.I.

Our thanks to Peggie Middleton for hosting a successful coffee morning recently. The embroidered Brick by Eva Keeling and Dorothy Travis and the Map of Harbury, together with résumé by Celia Barrett and Mary Entwistle were displayed. The Brick will be part of a wall hanging by all W.I.'s from the area and will be displayed at County House. The Map etc. will be part of a book compiled by W.I.'s and housed at Denman College.

Due to the time limit the village will be unable to see the lovely work of these talented ladies. Darts practice at the Crown proved very enjoyable combining Celia's birthday too. Thanks to Celia and Sandra and Ivan, 26 members enjoyed an evening at the Loft to see "Gaslight".

Miss P.Redgrave, an officer of St. John's Ambulance came to talk of her work and experiences in the association. The movement dates back to 600 AD. In 1020 merchants of Amalfi in Italy obtained permission from the Caliph of Egypt to build a hospital in Jerusalem, the patron saint being St. John the Baptist. Here treatment was provided for pilgrims and travellers in the Holy land and the hospital was run by monks. Thus, was created the Order of Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem. In 1877 St. Johns Ambulance Association was formed.

Miss Redgrave teaches and demonstrates in the area, attends public functions such as all sport events and theatres, works with police force, ambulance service and fire service. In the recent Gulf war a standby reception unit was prepared at Long Marston to meet any wounded. The headquarters at Stoneleigh has an 8 bed ward with medical store and doctor in attendance.

A few do's and don'ts were suggested: DO NOT tell children that tablets are sweets, DO lock up all medicines. To blow in a bag cures hiccups and smelling salts for headcolds and to clear tubes. We were given a useful list for our first aid kit.

The evening ended with a session with Annie the dummy - we will never know if we saved her life!

Jeanne Beaumont

W.I. AID TO SLOVENIA

As reported last month the Slovenia response was tremendous and Wendy Knowles was thanked for her efforts. However, we would also like to thank Brian Taylor and his post office staff for their effort in handling the 47 boxes of goods and to villagers and Scouts who donated, not forgetting the ladies who helped Wendy.

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY NEWS A.G.M.

The AGM of the magazine was held in the Shakespeare on Monday Feb. 15th. Sadly the attendance consisted of those already involved with the magazine. We would all love to see some new faces! The present committee was re-elected, and the editorial committee will continue to be: Sharon Hancock, Vikki Holroyd, Barbara Andrews, John Holden, and Anthony Andrews (Young Editor).

Readers will notice that in this magazine the Ladbroke section has reverted to its original position in the magazine at the request of the Ladbroke contingent at the AGM. The Editors would be interested to hear what readers think of the change.

M.S.H.

H E L P !

The Harbury News has two excellent typists, Glenys Hill and Janny Freeman, but occasionally due to illness or holidays, we have a crisis. Is there anyone who would be prepared to be our stand-by typist. It is a 1-2 day task, usually on the last Monday and Tuesday of the month; we have an electric typewriter, and we do pay!

We also need someone to help David Hill with the advertising, with a view to taking over this vital role eventually. If you can help with either of these please contact the editorial office at 32 Mill Street.

M.S.H.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Oh, calamity! Our romantic holiday to sunny Italy has been struck with one disaster after another. Flights are being delayed by a strike of baggage handlers, or is it lavatory cleaners? We are the victims of double booking and the hotel has run out of bedrooms. The manager cannot be found - and who is that awful woman just arriving?

All will be revealed in our Spring production "Fish Out of Water", by Derek Benfield on April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at 8pm at the Village Hall.

If you are one of those people who tell us that you "like a good laugh" then this one is for you!

A note for HTG members - the March meeting has been cancelled due to "stage up", with our next meeting being the AGM on 30th April at 8pm in the Wight School.

Chris Barber

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

At our session on February 4th, we celebrated John's imminent special birthday with a valiant attempt at a doctor theme. This was mainly confined to some pathetic doctor jokes and some very obscure medical links with irrelevant songs.

However, the Jug Band rather stole the show with their brilliantly conceived and executed trio, featuring Allan on video, and John and Brian cleverly alternating between video and live performance. Words cannot adequately describe the effect but it was a triumph of ingenuity with a little help from technology. We wish Allan a speedy recovery from his operation.

This month's session also saw another appearance of an occasional group, this time with yet another name, "Four by Four", alias Ian, Sue, Margaret and I. There were no fewer than four unaccompanied singers - regulars Steve and Mike, and not-so-regulars Derek and Roy - all providing plenty of singalong material, especially Steve's "Sloop John B".

Pete & Liz featured the delightful "Loch Tay Boat Song", John & Nick gave a repeat performance of "Volga Olga", and the Harvesters finished the

evening with their own "A Cut Above" (which makes me go weak at the knees!). With only 20 minutes to go, the Old New Inn reverberated to "Happy Birthday to you" in honour of one of the Folk Club's most loyal supporters.

The raffle raised £19 for Myton Hospice. By the time you read this, we will have indulged ourselves in the nostalgia of the 100th session of the Folk Club and be looking forward to the 101st on April 1st which marks a new era with a team of organisers.

Peter McDonald

HARBURY PLAYGROUP, WIGHT SCHOOL

As many people will already know the Wight School Playgroup and the Village Hall Playgroup are now running the cake stall at the Dog Inn carpark on alternate first Fridays of each month.

Due to a tremendous amount of hard work from Jill Bloxham and Lesley Wilkins, two car boots were full of super cakes on an extremely cold morning in February; however, even with frost bitten fingers they stuk it out and raised over £75 for the Wight School Playgroup funds. We would like to thank all the people who made cakes for us and hope you will support us again in April.

It was with great sadness that at the last Committee Meeting Dorothy Travis told us that she intends to step down as the Playgroup's Supervisor from the end of the Summer Term. Dorothy would like to put her feet up for a few hours a week and spend more time on her numerous hobbies and other interests. I am sure John, Elizabeth and Dominic will look forward to more evenings without art and craft being the main course for supper!

The Committee would like to thank Dorothy for all the sterling work and enthusiasm she has put into the Playgroup over many years. She has been involved in the Playgroup for over 9 years and has been Supervisor for the past 7 years. We hope she will be able to come and see the children from time to time as the staff and children will miss her friendly face. We will be advertising for a new Supervisor shortly, so think about it.

Jo McKenzie - Chairman

THE P.T.A. QUIZ

Able chaired by quizmaster Paddy Johnson the PTA quiz on Friday 26th was a great success. Helped by his scorers Andy Brunt and Sue Ward, and with questions ranging from 'What is the new road number of the old A41?' to 'Who wrote Peter and the Wolf?', the evening continued as it had started in an atmosphere of fun, interspersed by the odd hilarious remark. The evening was won by 'The Black Sheep' the same team which won last year.

Second came 'Van Watkins' and third the Rugby Club, with the Harbury News masquerading as 'Drop the Dead Donkey' coming a creditable fourth.

All thanks were due to the ladies who took the time to provide the sandwiches and crisps, and also to the bar staff who helped to keep 'the little grey cells' well oiled. Altogether an enjoyable and I trust profitable evening for the PTA.

Gladys Hutchins

JOANNA'S TRUST IN ROMANIA

The committee that raises funds to support Dr. Joanna Watson's work in Romania has obtained a stall in Warwick Market for March 27th and we urgently need a really good selection of items to sell. We need any home made produce, especially cakes, sweets, jams and marmalade. We can provide freezer space for cakes. We also need nearly-new clothes, Bric-a-Brac White Elephants, Handicrafts - in fact anything that is saleable.

We can collect and store anything you can give - please phone Annette Hughes 612273, Maureen Darby 613330 or Jill Barber 613542.

The coffee morning we held in January raised £50 - thank you to all who helped with that.

Annette Hughes

PLAYSCHEME 93 ??

The committee who ran the 1991 Summer Playscheme got together recently to discuss the feasibility of running another session this summer.

Last summer we decided not to run a Playscheme. This was for a number of reasons, the two most important

being the need for the committee members and their families to have a break for a year and the overwhelming lack of adult support.

Of course we did have help and we hope those Mums (Dads, Grandads, Grans, Brothers and Sisters) know that we know who they were, and were greatly appreciative. The help we did have, however, was too little to enable us to run the two-week session satisfactorily. If we run a Playscheme we are certain that we will have sufficient numbers of children attending to make it financially viable. We are far from certain that we will have enough adult helpers.

So the situation really is condensed to this. We know parents will send their children to the Playscheme if we run it. We are not prepared to run it without guaranteed support from a number of these parents.

We have therefore organized a MEETING for anyone who is interested in seeing the Playscheme continue. It will be in the TOM HAULEY ROOM at 8pm on MONDAY 15th MARCH. We will provide the inducement of FREE coffee and biscuits, our scintillating company, and as much information as anyone requires about the Playscheme, as well as some examples of the kind of thing we do for those who do not know.

We hope that ANYONE who is interested in finding out more or offering their services in some way will come along. Anyone who wants to know anything before 15th March can phone Rosemary Eld (613340) or Pauline Hayes (612179). If there is no response there will be NO PLAYScheme either this year or, as far as this committee is concerned, any other year. See you there ??

Jill Cadogan

SENIOR CITIZENS - WHIST KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

For the past 20 years The Rotary Club of Southam have organised each Autumn/Winter a competition for Senior Citizens in village teams in the Southam district. Teams are made up of 6 players, each being drawn to play home/away on a knock out basis. Matches are held at village halls or team members homes, refreshments being provided by the home team. Transport is provided freely by the Rotarians who

also act as chauffeurs and escorts.

The finals this year are being held at Weston Hospital on Monday 22nd March, all eighteen teams (108 Senior Citizens) are invited to play - 'friendly whist', take part in a grand draw and enjoy a light supper. Highlight of the evening will be the match between HARBURY 'B' TEAM and PRIORS MARSTON - Harbury incidently won the cup in 1974 when Mrs. Knighton of Wagstaffe Close was in the team. Guess what ... Mrs. Knighton is in the finals again hopefully to win her second 'cup'.

Any Seniors wishing to come along to the Finals, a grand evening out is promised please contact Bill Davies - 612661. What happened to Harbury 'A' team they went down fighting in the FIRST ROUND, but are in training for the Autumn.

Bill Davies

HARBURY SENIOR CITIZENS BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

Many of the Senior Citizens of Harbury have expressed a wish to buy something for the village by which to remember our Chairman Tim Percival.

During the Christmas Party a fund was started toward this end and the total collected at the moment stands at £95. Spokesman for the Senior Citizens of Harbury, Neville Merrick had talks with the various people involved and it has finally been decided to buy a secure offertory box for the Church. There are no doubt many people who were unable to give at Christmas but should they wish to do so then please contact Neville Merrick or any of the committee members.

A further report on this will be published in next months issue.

VILLAGE CARNIVAL 12th JUNE 1993

The committee have held a couple of meetings already and plans for this years carnival are well under way. With the Village Hall Committee's agreement, it is planned to offer a greater number and variety of stalls this year, by inviting more organisations and individuals from both within and outside the village,

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The intention this year is to distribute some of the funds to other village charities and organisations as well as raising the usual healthy amount for the Village Hall. Very simply the intention is to try and make the day even more enjoyable and successful than usual by having more attractions and creating more interest.

The procession will revert to starting from Sutcliffe Drive and will take its normal route (sewer work permitting).

The contest to become this years carnival queen will be held on Wednesday 21st April at the Youth Club disco. Application forms will be issued to any 12-16 year old females who wish to enter and can be obtained from any carnival committee member. (Once we've produced them). If you have not entered a float in the procession before or come in fancy dress, why not try your hand this year. With this much notice you could come up with a really good idea and enter one or more of the following classes;

Floats: decorated float; decorated float (trade section); childrens float; decorated bicycle, pram or car, and horse drawn, mounted or led.
Costume: children's under 5; 5-7; 8-10; 11-17; adult group and adult individual.

This year will see a brand new category i.e., 'best "home made" child's costume in the procession' and we are pleased to announce the prize will be the Tim Percival Cup. This is a particularly appropriate way to remember Tim as he was involved with carnival for a long time especially in leading the procession. The winner will keep the cup for a year.

Your carnival committee this year are as follows:
 John Kemsley 613556; Bob Jenkins 613587; Sue Andrews 612528; Midge Keen 612561; Margaret Sherrington 613704; Ann Winchester 612128; Carole Bastin 612708; Roy Coupe 612507; Danny Killian 612265 and Paul Watkin 613553.

Watch this space for more news.

Paul Watkin

HOLIDAY HELP FOR CROATIAN REFUGEE CHILDREN

A class of refugee teenagers originally from five different towns of former Yugoslavia have asked if families could be found to give them a short 10 to 14 day holiday. The original request suggested an Easter holiday but summer might prove a more realistic aim. Would anyone interested in helping to give these young people a break from their turmoil please contact us as soon as possible on 612277.

Chris & Bob Sherman

HARBURY DIRECTORY

The Harbury Directory is currently being revised. Any Clubs or Organisations which are not listed in the current directory and wish to be included - please forward details of the club, with a contact name, address and telephone number to 31 Binswood End, telephone 612155.

John Holden

COAST TO COAST RUN FOR LEUKAEMIA RESEARCH

On April 5th I am beginning a 190 mile cross-country run from St. Bees Head on the Cumbrian Coast to Robi Hoods Bay - the aim is the complete it in 8 days. I will be running with and getting back up support from fellow members of Leeds University Orienteering Club.

The aim is to raise money for Leukaemia Research, and I would be grateful if any Harbury News readers could offer sponsorship. If a large amount can be pledged I am sure it will help to keep me going and spur me on my way. If you feel you could help please contact my parents, who have sponsor forms at 32 Mill Street.

Jane Hancock

THE JULIAN GROUP - so what is it??

Harbury Julian Group meet on the last Tuesday of each month, usually in the Church, at 8.10pm, after the Tuesday evening service.

Named after a 14th century lady hermit whose writings were way ahead of her time, the Julian movement began in the seventies and now has affiliated groups

nationwide. It started as an attempt to provide, within an ecumenical Christian setting, for those whose hunger for a spiritual dimension to life was driving them to trek to the Himalayas or to sit at the feet of not-always-so-spiritual gurus. Contemplative prayer - waiting quietly on God, just resting attentively in his presence - had in fact always been part of Christian tradition, but for long was restricted to those living in monastic seclusion.

Meetings begin with a short introductory period for winding down, including a reading designed to foster an atmosphere of stillness. Half-an-hour of silence follows before a final reading. In our culture silence is not always easy to handle; there are pamphlets which help. Some people, longing just to 'let go' for a spell in busy lives, take to it like ducks to water. All find some dividend - different for different individuals.

The March 30th meeting is an Open Meeting. Everyone is welcome to come and hear Joan Curbishley of Rugby, who introduced us to the Julian movement some years ago. Existing members as well as new inquirers can expect to learn something fresh from Joan, and there will be a chance to talk afterwards over refreshments.

Edyth Algar

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Phil Porter from Hurrans Garden Centre was the speaker at our February meeting, telling us how to prune. Just because most plants are now dormant, do not rush out and cut at them. The two most important factors in pruning are firstly to know the plant and how it grows and secondly to use the correct tool to make clean cuts.

Equip yourself with secateurs, saw and loppers to deal with all sizes of plants. Any shrub or tree will benefit by having dead, diseased or crossing branches taken out. On spring flowering plants cut out the old wood which has flowered. This allows the new growth to receive all the nutrients to produce new flowers next year. Roses are best tidied in autumn and the pruning finished in March. Fruit

trees which do not produce may improve if root pruned in winter.

The summer outings will be an all day trip to the Dorothy Clive Garden and Bridgemere Garden Centre on Thursday, 3rd June. The coach will be free to paid up members.

On the evening of Tuesday 29th June we shall visit a private garden, The Mill Dene, Bloxley. The owner is opening on that evening just for us so we hope to have a large party visiting.

Thinking ahead to our own Open Gardens Day in July we should like to have new gardens for people to see. Please join in, we are sure you will enjoy sharing the pleasure people find in visiting our village to see gardens of all sizes. We shall, of course, be contacting owners who have previously opened their gardens.

6th April meeting - Ponds and Water Gardens, Mr. Howells

Pat Smith

MARCH IN THE GARDEN

After an unusually wet winter soil conditions are very difficult and we shall have to exercise patience before tackling the usual March jobs. That said:

Prune mature roses and spray against blackspot; complete pruning of fruit early in the month before growth starts; bare rooted permanent ornamentals and fruit can still be planted if dormant; divide large clumps of perennials and plant new stock. All new plantings benefit from protection from severe winds; check permanent ties for soundness and tension; reposition house plants if pot bound and give a first feed start into growth tuberous begonias.

Start off seeds of half hardy annuals indoors and if conditions are suitable sow hardy annuals out of doors at the end of the month. Consider some of the "open faced" rather than double, varieties. They encourage hover flies and their kin, which attack aphids. On pests generally, continue to feed the birds. They will repay you by destroying numerous pests. Sow tomatoes in pots indoors.

Sow in the open peas and broad beans for succession. Watch out for keel slugs and their eggs (small clusters of "pearls") in the soil, very bad this year. Pellets in the actual drill could help. Sow lettuce, radish, carrots, leeks, parsley, parsnip and spring onions when conditions allow, plant onion sets. At the end of the month plant some early potatoes. If using cloches put them in position, well in advance of sowing, to warm the soil. When transplanting lettuces, or other seedlings, plastic lemonade bottles, with the bottom three inches cut off, make excellent individual cloches protecting from wind, preventing wilt and producing self watering by condensation.

V.A. Neill

W A N T E D - YOUR GARDEN

Gardeners willing to open their gardens to the public on 10th July - our Garden Walkabout Day, please ring 612650 or 612365.

Letters to the Editors

I would like to thank everyone who expressed sympathy and donated money at the recent death of my dear wife Sis.

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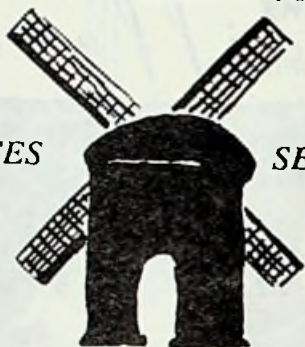
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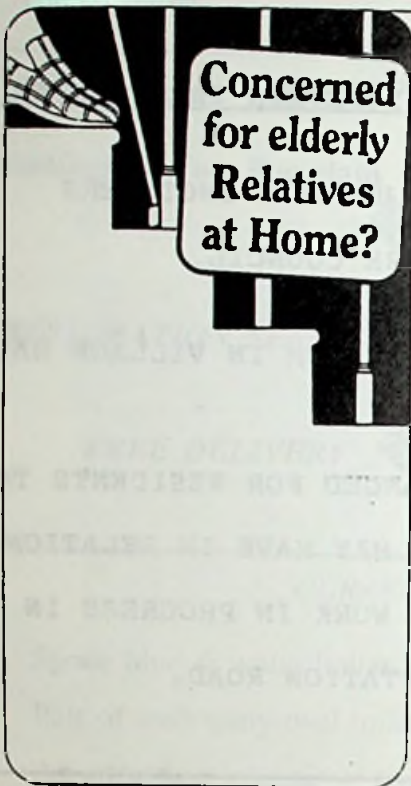


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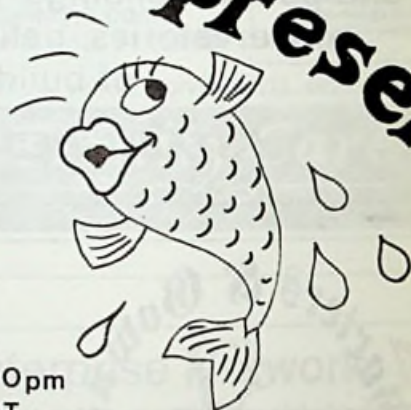
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