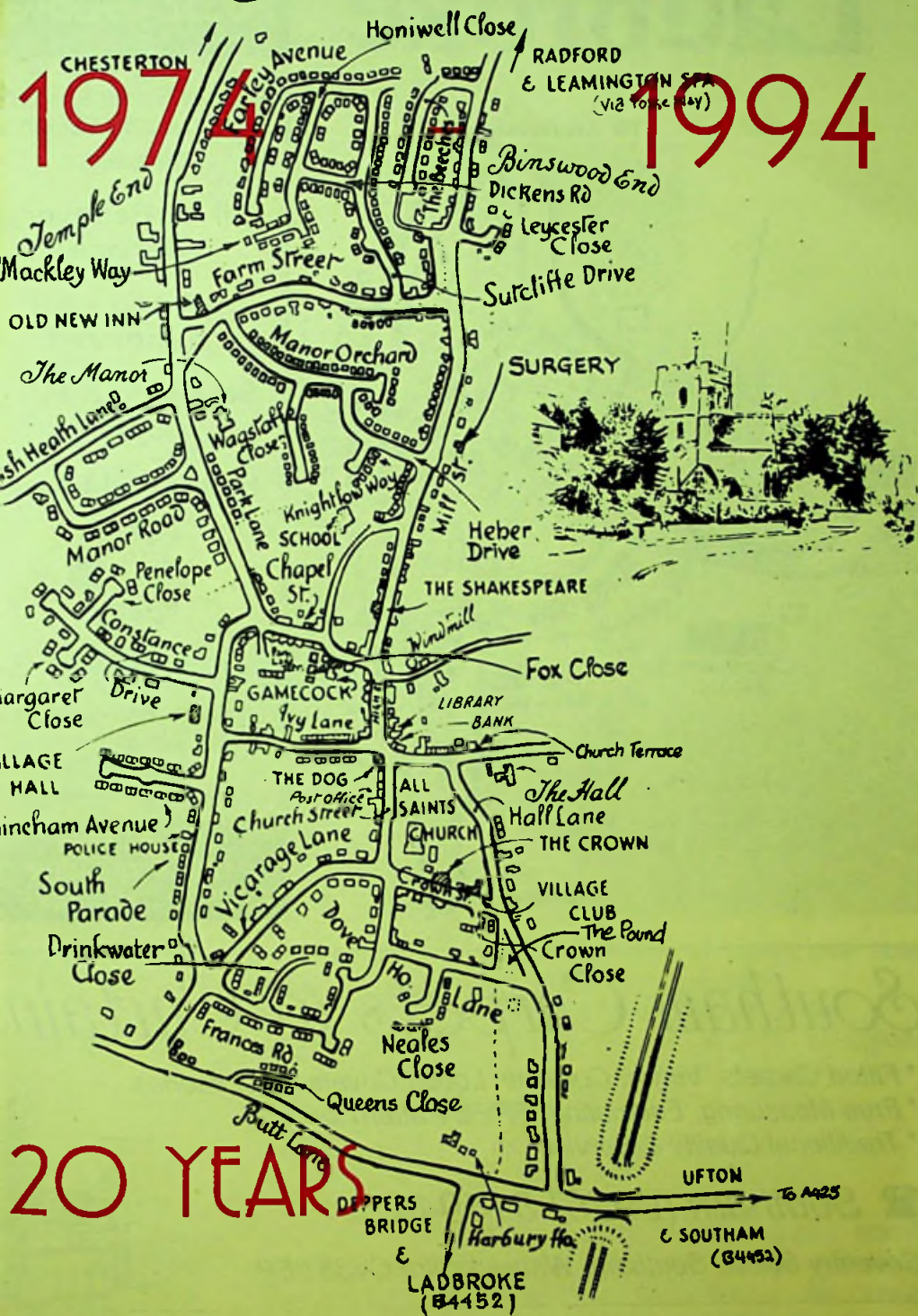
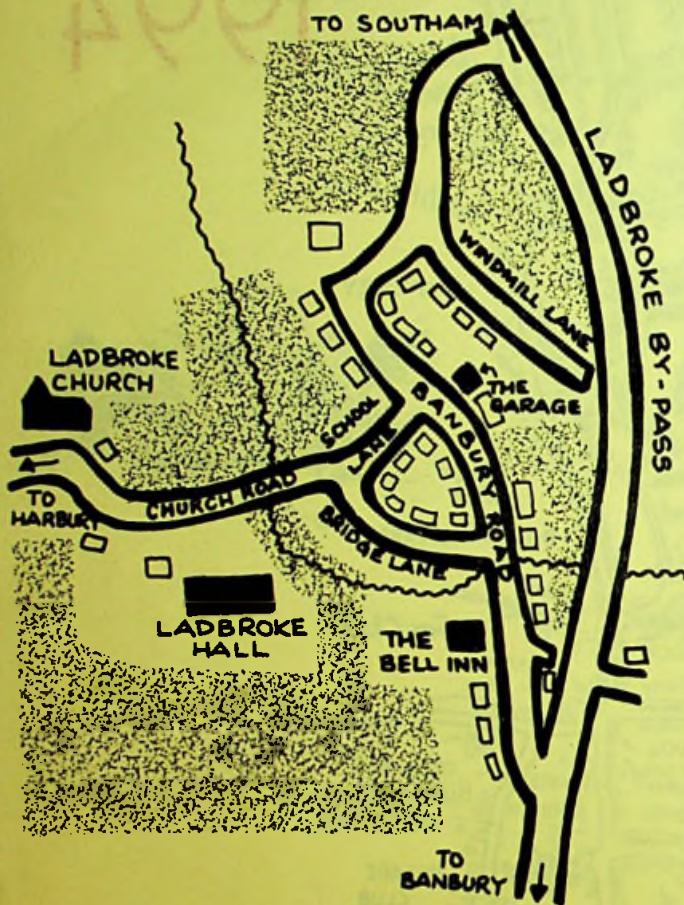


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In this month's edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News we celebrate the magazine's 20th Anniversary. Our readers will see that whilst some items have changed over the years, there are those which reappear 20 years later! We hope that you will enjoy our special edition with its glimpse into the past.

Back to more recent events, as can be seen from our photograph, Harbury delights us with its annual display of spring flowers.

Harbury School held its "Keeping Safe Week" last month. We would like to think that this message will extend to all drivers who pass through the village. We understand that there has been some concern about heavy

lorries using village roads and the standard of driving in general. With the Easter Holidays approaching we hope that both adults and children will exercise due care. Wishing you all a Happy Safe Easter Holiday. Finally we extend our sympathy to the families of Denis Timbs and Brian Ash.

Harbury Diary

APRIL

- Sun 3 EASTER DAY - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 6.30pm
- Mon 4 EASTER MONDAY - Bible Study in T.H.R. 8pm
- Tue 5 Holy Comm. 7.30pm
Horticultural Soc. in V.Hall 8pm
- Wed 6 Mothers' Union Corporate Comm. 2pm
Mothers' Union in T.H.R. 2.30pm
- Thur 7 Holy Comm. 9.45am
Men's Society in T.H.R. 7.45pm
Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn at 8.30pm
- Sat 9 PTA Football Tour
ROC Charity Stall at Warwick Market
- Sun 10 EASTER I - Holy Comm. 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;
Evensong 6.30pm
- Mon 11 Step Aerobics in Farley Room of V.Hall 6.30-7.30pm
Prayer & Praise at Lullington Lodge
- Tue 12 Village Hall Committee 8pm
Mothers & Toddlers Service 2.15pm
Holy Comm. 7.30pm
- Thur 14 Thursday Club in V.Hall
Local Liaison meeting with BIFFA Wastes at 7pm to
discuss problems with the Tip (venue to be announced)
W.I. in V.Hall 7.45pm
Holy Comm. 9.45am
- Sat 16 STAGE UP
Cycle Stamping at V.Hall 10-12noon with Pc Perry
W.I. Coffee Morning in T.H.R. 10-12noon & lunch 12-1pm
Men's Prayer Breakfast in T.H.R. 7.30am
- Sun 17 EASTER II - Holy Comm. 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
Vestry Meeting & AGM in T.H.R. 6.30pm
- Mon 18 Yoga in V.Hall 1.30-3pm
Step Aerobics in V.Hall 6.30pm to 7.30pm
Bible Study in T.H.R. 8pm

- Tue 19 Holy Comm. 7.30pm
Senior Citizens in V.Hall
Mothers' Union at 7.30pm
- Wed 20 Youth Club in V.Hall 8pm
- Thur 21 Holy Comm. 9.45am
PLAY AUDITION for a Writer & Alarm Call in V.Hall
- Fri 22 PLAY AUDITION for a Writer & Alarm Call in V.Hall
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN MAY's EDITION TO EDITORS
TODAY BY 6pm (Pete's Place formerly Lindop's)
- Sat 23 St. GEORGES DAY
ROC Lunch in T.H.R. 12-2pm Order forms in Church
PLAY with Theatre Supper in V.Hall
- Sun 24 EASTER III - Holy Comm. 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;
Evensong 6.30pm
- Mon 25 Step Aerobics in V.Hall 6.30-7.30pm
Yoga in V.Hall 1.30-3pm
Harbury Residents' Survey meeting at School 7.30pm
Prayer and Praise in Church 8pm
- Tue 26 Harbury Soc. coach trip to Minworth, V.Hall 6pm sharp!
Holy Comm. 7.30pm; Julian Group in Church 8.10pm
Nursery School Summer Fashion Show in V.Hall 8.30pm
- Wed 27 Youth Club in V.Hall 8pm
- Thur 28 Holy Comm. 9.45am
Thursday Club in V.Hall 2.30pm
Parish Council in V.Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 29 Holy Comm. at Noon

MAY

- Sun 1 Holy Comm. 9am; Evensong 6.30pm
- Mon 2 BANK HOLIDAY
- Tue 3 Holy Comm. 7.30pm
Horticultural Society in V.Hall on Wild Flower Gardens
PCC Meeting in T.H.R. 8pm
- Wed 4 Mothers' Union 2.15 in T.H.R.
Youth Club in V.Hall 8pm
- Thur 5 COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN VILLAGE HALL
Holy Comm. 9.45am
Mens Society 7.45pm
Bridge Drive in T.H.R.
Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn 8.30pm
- Sat 7 Tennis Club Jumble Sale in V.Hall
- Sun 8 EASTER V - Holy Comm. 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;
Evensong 6.30pm

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 (C 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**BEAVERS:** Scout Hut, Tuesday 6 - 7pm**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 Wednesday**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 Surgey Tel 817904**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO:-**
LINDA RIDGLEY - TELEPHONE 612792**For Village Hall Bookings****For Wight School Bookings****For Tom Hauley Room Bookings****ring Mrs Hughes 612716****ring Mrs Haycs 613488****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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Call Mary Catt 612864

FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS.

At this Eastertide we renew our thanks to God that His love for us is so great that he gave his only Son that we might be saved. A happy Easter from us both.

As I mentioned last month, the annual church meeting will be held on Sunday April 17th. Nomination forms for election to the Parochial Church Council will be on the table at the back of the church. It is important that the P.C.C. is strong and representative of all views within our church. If you wish to serve on this important committee, don't wait to be asked - get a form filled in and given to P.C.C. secretary Ruth Dodds; now.

Recent gales have not improved the state of the church roof; a couple more ridge tiles have succumbed, together with a few tiles. Calls to the builders to actually get here and do the work they have been asked to do are becoming more frequent and persistent.

It is possible that we may be able to receive a small amount of grant aid for the work due to be carried out on the organ. The advice of the Diocesan Organs Adviser has been sought on the scope of the work to be done and on the choice of contractor.

The ROC fund continues to progress with a variety of events. The Saturday lunches seem especially popular which is good from both the fund raising aspect and - more importantly - from the fellowship that is generated; we gratefully remember that Tom Hauley created the opportunity for us to hold such events in such congenial surroundings. The Ceilidh organised by Mark and Linda was most enjoyable - if somewhat energetic for your mature Churchwardens but the Rector was in his element! The momentum of the fund raising must be kept up and there are a number of possibilities which call for us to be involved, such as the carnival and the Victorian Street Fair where stalls can now be rented and the proceeds kept by the organising body.

Beryl and John.

FROM THE RECTOR

What age-old question: "Is it necessary to go to church to be a Christian?"

This must be one of the oldest questions, but the frequency with which it seems to come up indicates that it is a genuine question many people ask. It all depends on what is your definition of the word 'Christian'. I believe that those who pose this question are in fact putting the whole thing the wrong way round. Very few ever become Christians simply by going to church, but because one is a Christian, one sees the need to go to church.

Worship is not an optional extra, for people of a particular temperament who happen to get 'turned on' in that way. It is obviously possible for a man to go into his room and pray to God. It is also possible to go into the countryside and worship the Creator of what you see. But the New Testament knows nothing of this solitary religion and the primary obligation of the committed Christian is to unite with his fellow Christians in the worship of God. Children will not learn more than fundamental principles if they stay at home and never go to school - they need a teacher to broaden their knowledge. Similarly if we never read the Bible, if we are not taught the technique and power of prayer, if we never hear a sermon, if we are not taught and helped by a professional, how can we expect to get beyond the child's level of Christian understanding?

Through the centuries, the Church has been sustained by it's pattern of worship. When the early Christians were confronted with the might of imperial Rome, they risked their lives to maintain the worship of their God. If the many among us who have abandoned the Church, but in some peculiar way still claim to be 'Christian', would face this issue honestly and rediscover the privilege of worship with their fellow Christians, the spiritual climate of the whole church would be transformed and the first step taken towards a real renewal of the spiritual life of our nation. It is obvious that our nation needs a new direction, a new dynamic and I believe that God can provide it.

Fr. Roy

FUNERALS - At All Saints Harbury, Monday 28th March
Dennis Timbs of 6 Manor Orchard

PRAYER FOR EASTER

Living Lord, conqueror of death, we remember with gladness how on the day of your resurrection you appeared to your disciples in your risen power and said to them: "Peace be with you".

Speak that word to our hearts today, O Lord.

Lift us up above all our doubts and fears; and help us so to practise your presence and to rest upon your victory that your peace may be with us, now and for evermore. Amen.

The Lord is Risen. Alleluia.

Fr. Roy

AT LAST WE KNOW.....

The months of speculation about the future since the Church Commissioners disclosed losses of £800 million are over. Harbury Parochial Church Council now knows that in two to three years' time it must be financially self-supporting.

It learned this harsh truth on March 22 in the middle of its £28,000 fund-raising campaign to restore roof organ and clock. Without support from the Church Commissioners it will have to raise at least £25,000 a year to maintain its Rector in addition to meeting the cost of the upkeep and running of the church and funding its various activities, organisations and outreach. That will mean finding not less than an extra £14,000 in the first year of going-it-alone.

Members were reminded that last September they had urged Deanery Synod to press for an independent examination of the overall work of the diocese in a search for economies. However, since then, a group under the chairmanship of Lord Bridge had begun a review of the system of synodical government at all levels.

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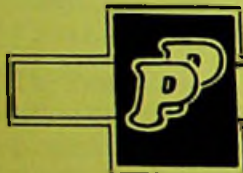
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After two months of reflection on a new format it has been decided to revive the family service on Sunday May 15 at 10.30am. It will consist of a simple communion service with children present throughout, and will regularly feature the popular youth orchestra. The family service will thereafter be held at the same time on the third Sunday of every month. Special efforts are to be made to encourage parents to attend.

Since the R.O.C. appeal was launched in September, £8,000 has been raised. More good news in this direction is that restoration of the organ may cost less than the £20,000 original estimate.

More helpers are needed for the Church youth group which meets in the T. Hauley Room at 7.30pm on alternate Sundays during termtime. Male helpers would be especially appreciated in view of the preponderance of boys in the group.

Coventry Cathedral is to be told that the PCC would prefer that admission for visitors should remain free, but that if a charge has to be imposed part of the cathedral should continue to be accessible free of charge for private prayer.

John Algar

MOTHERS' UNION

Our Lent Service in March was taken by the Rector. Father Roy spoke about the trivialisation of so many things nowadays, particularly the undervaluing of marriage and how we must try to uphold the dignity of marriage in spite of the pressures against it. Mavis Young kindly played the organ for the service and it was an enjoyable afternoon.

Mrs. Audrey Hobley gave us an interesting and enlightening talk at the evening meeting, showing us slides of paintings and sculpture on the theme of the Annunciation. She helped us to understand the symbolism used by the artists, and the different ways in which they had depicted Mary and the angel. She also spoke about Mary's willingness to listen and to serve God.

At our meeting on April 6th, Mrs. B. Jenks will speak on "Women of the Bible". Please note that this

meeting will start at 2.30pm, following our Corporal Communion at 2pm.

The speaker on April 19th at the evening meeting will be Mrs. Jane Handford on A "Stolen" Life.

C. Mary Catt

TODDLERS' SERVICE

At our March service we continued to think about ourselves when we talked about eyes and what we can see. Mrs. Catt asked us to hunt for some picture cards which she had hidden in part of the Church. She then told the story of a man who was sad because he could not see and became happy when he was able to see again after he met Jesus. We then drew happy and sad faces on paper plates, sang a song about "two little eyes" and said a thank you prayer.

Our next service is on Tuesday, 12th April at 2.15pm. This is in the school holidays but older children are very welcome.

Shirley Keir

Ladbroke News

APRIL

- Wed 6 Holy Comm. 10.30am
- Sun 10 EASTER 1 - Sung Communion 9am
- Wed 13 Holy Communion 2pm. Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- Sun 17 EASTER 2.- Sung Communion 9am; Children's Church 10. Evensong 3.30pm
- Wed 20 Holy Communion 10.30am. Coffee morning 10.30-12noon 5 Ladbroke Hall, in aid of organ repairs
- Sat 23 St. George. Holy Communion 10.30am
- Sun 24 EASTER 3 - Sung Communion 9am
- Mon 25 St. Mark. Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 27 Holy Communion 10.30am

MAY

- Sun 1 Family Communion 10.30am
- Wed 4 Holy Communion 10.30am
- Fri 6 St. John. Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Sun 8 Rogation Sunday. Sung Communion 9am

CHURCH FLOW ROTA

1994 - 1995

Apr 3 Easter Day Mrs. Rutherford	Sep 25 Mrs. Todman
Apr 10 Miss Lacy	Oct 2 Harvest Festival Mrs. Darkes
Apr 17 Mrs. Timms	Oct 9 Mrs. Darkes
Apr 24 Mrs. Whitehouse	Oct 16 Mrs. Brown
May 1 Mrs. Teverson	Oct 23 Mrs. Wright
May 8 Mrs. Elkins	Oct 30 Mrs. Sherriff
May 15 Mrs. Cooke	Nov 6 Mrs. Kelsall
May 22 Whit Sunday Mrs. J. Barnett	Nov 13 Remembrance Sunday Mrs. Edwards
May 29 Mrs. J. Barnett	Nov 20 Mrs. Edwards
Jun 5 Mrs. B. Moore	Nov 27 Advent Sunday No Flowers
Jun 12 Mrs. Steenstra	Dec 4 No Flowers
Jun 19 Mrs. Stubbs	Dec 11 No Flowers
Jun 26 Mrs. Greenway	Dec 18 No Flowers
Jul 3 Mrs. Greenway	Dec 25 Christmas Day Mrs. Rutherford
Jul 10 Mrs. Sullivan	Jan 1 Mrs. Rutherford
Jul 17 Mrs. Winkfield	Jan 8 Mrs. Badman & Mrs. Barnett
Jul 24 Mrs. Ross	Jan 15 Mrs. Badman & Mrs. Barnett
Jul 31 Mrs. Sheasby	Jan 22 & 29 Mrs. Clews
Aug 7 Mrs. Spence	Feb 5 & 12 Mrs. Short
Aug 14 Mrs. Veel	Feb 19 & 26 Mrs. Sharples
Aug 21 Mrs. Badman	
Aug 28 Mrs. B. Moore	
Sep 4 Mrs. Gould	
Sep 11 Mrs. J. Moore & Mrs. Kennedy	
Sep 18 Mrs. Sowerby	

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)

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our March meeting commenced with Corporate Communion in Church, after which we adjourned to Hall Farm to hear about the Rev. Tony Upton's life as a Naval Chaplain. For someone who never wanted to join the Navy, he seems to have had a very full and rewarding life in it representing the Archbishop of Canterbury

in whatever part of the world his ship anchored in. He brought many interesting items and photographs to show us.

April's meeting will be at the home of Pearl Edwards - following Corporate Communion as usual.

Betty Winkfield

CHURCH NEWS

The Mothering Sunday service was a most happy occasion. It was a delight to see the church so full.

The children said their readings beautifully and had great fun handing out posies to their mothers - and grandmothers. Many thanks to Pearl Edwards who makes these posies each year - I know she enjoys doing it, but they do help make the service.

We had our church AGM on Wed. March 23rd. The PCC is virtually unchanged.

However, the Rector did make a point of thanking everyone who has helped maintain the church over the past year. All those who keep it clean, wash & iron the linen, brass clean and arrange flowers every week. All these "little" jobs express the love that people have for their church. Many, many thanks.

Jean Rowe is hoping to cycle 140 miles during the weekend including 17th April. This is a large and very generous undertaking on her part. She is riding to support both our churches, Harbury and Ladbroke. Please sponsor her generously, there are sponsor forms in both churches.

We have a new addition to the village, Miss Frances Smith was born on Tuesday 22nd March. Many congratulations to her parents Chris and Juliette. Please also welcome the Lewis Family who have just moved into Rose Cottage in Bridge Lane. (Cyril & Dot Wright's house). We hope you will be very happy in Ladbroke.

By the time you read this it will be Easter. May I wish you a Happy and Blessed time.

Betty Winkfield

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

Wed. 20th April - Bring/Buy Coffee Morning,
5 Ladbroke Hall, courtesy of Hazel Sharples

As you all know, we are not a fund-raising group, but this is an exception, as we wish to raise enough money to fund some repair to the Church organ, which is absolutely essential. Will you all please come along - 10.30am - 12noon, bring your goodies, your friends and, very importantly, your MONEY so that once again we can enjoy listening to the high standard of organ playing provided by Michael Short.

GWYNNE BADMAN

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Unfortunate as it was that our speaker was unable to appear we, nevertheless, comforted ourselves with wine, nibbles and gossip. Raydon displayed the ribbon work she did at Denman College and thanked the members for the bursary. We hope that our next student will also enjoy herself as much and turn out work of the quality of Raydon's.

Next meeting: April 28th, Mrs. Roberts on
Decorative Soaps.

Don't forget our JUMBLE SALE on April 9th and the Youth Centre, Southam at 10 o'clock.

Irene Bennett

THE HARBURY AND LADBROKE CHURCH MEN'S SOCIETY

The Society met on 3rd March to hear a talk given by Rory Keegan from the Christian Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) who said, he had only been working for CPAS for five months. Previous to this he worked as a Head teacher in a school in North West Hampshire, but felt in his mid life years he needed a change of job. He first took a bicycle ride from Lands End to John O'Groats before going to the London Bible College, where in his first year he was an assistant to a Chaplain whose work was with people with Aids.

With his good knowledge of English he was employed in writing and journalism on church newspapers. In his 2nd year he visited many organisations he had got to know in his work, but there was no job for

him until he got a six month contract as the CPAS Press Officer to the National Press working from the CPAS HQ at Athena Drive, Tachbrook Park Warwick. This HQ is one of eight regional offices serving England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. He told us how CPAS was first started by Lord Shaftsbury at the end of the Industrial Revolution and of the work of the society in its vocational training, Evangelism, Church Leadership, the Young Children and Families, Publications and its sales and grants.

It was a very informative talk; much enjoyed by all present.

The Harbury and Ladbroke Church Men's Society will meet again on the 7th April to hear a talk about Yachting

P.D. Edwards

PPPARISH COUNCIL REPPPORT APPPRIL 1994

Some pleased - £1,650 of the £10,000 windfall would provide desktop publishing for the News and other Harbury organisations to use; £1,600 would go to automation of the Church Clock and £6,750 for improvements to the Village Hall.

Some peeved A voucher scheme for concessionary OAP travel will be introduced in 1994-5. The Council's sole objective was to ensure every penny spent was USED. The present tokens were paid for used or not.

Some perplexed - The Clerk's apology for the land swop delay pleased the Village Hall who returned Ken Stephenson's confusing letter. John Hunt stressed communications from the PC were only official when signed by the Clerk. There were strong feelings but the Chairman cut short recriminations suggesting a Joint Meeting.

Some passionate Cllr Beverley Walsh thought school children were endangered by the thoughtless few who drove up Back Lane to deliver pupils and claimed there was no law to stop them. Beverley wanted something done - yellow lines - zig-zags - Policemen - anything to reduce the hazards.

Sharon Hancock said parents often cited safety as an excuse yet children got run over by parents driving children to school! Keith Thompson was less charitable. The problem was caused by the lazy parents who did not get up early enough!

He had considered making Binswood End Green into a resident's car park, but agreed with the Chairman parking slowed cars down and thought residents would continue to leave cars outside

their own front doors. The Green was not really big enough and the sacrifice would be of little benefit.

Mrs Gilbert complained to her MP of lorry traffic en route to Ufton Tip which she wanted routed via Ufton Hill. All should write to Director Planning and Transport at Shire Hall, Warwick demanding action and attend the Local Liaison Meeting with Biffa Wastes 7pm Thursday 14th April. Lorry drivers did not go round the village, John Woodward said. The PC should demand Weight Restrictions.

Some polled. The Council supported an Educational Survey to assess community education needs in the village - to preserve the temporary classroom for Harbury. Cllr Thompson wanted everyone to tell the County their views on Education proposals and Cllr Hancock reported Southam School could cope with an intake of two year groups.

Some plans The Parish Council had no objections to extensions at, 45 and Old Well Cottage Farm Street and pointed out the two detached houses planned to the rear of Harbury House were not part of the Pirie Close development and would need parish permission to use the sewer across the Pound. Progress on these and low-cost homes was not likely until the new Sewage Works was built in 1995 but new housing facilitator Steve Norman, would be ready for action when it was.

Mr Trice's slurry store appeal was withdrawn and Mr Gill indicated he intended to apply for permission to convert his barn in Vicarage Lane. Councillors worried about the safety of the wall.

Some pondering by PCs in the Southam area brought agreement with District and County that the 'Status Quo' was better than reorganising local government at a cost of up to £20 million, diluting democracy with less representation and reinventing WCC!

Some prettifying by all was called for if Harbury was to win the Best Kept Village title. Cllrs agreed to pick a patch and polish it up.

Some property damaged in the gales was swiftly dealt with by Cllr Norman who arranged replacement of over ninety tiles from the Chapel of Rest.

Some potholes however defeated him. Deppers had been promised repairs by Christmas 1993!

Some Play Area! Hopscotch awarded £4,875 by the Federation for Sport & Arts want the Parish Council to consult them over further equipment.

Linda Ridgley

R.O.C.

The ROC Fund now stands at £7,963.58 a small rise o last month but with several events in the pipe line we hope that it will take a leap forward in the nex few weeks. It now looks as if our target may be considerably reduced due to further estimates for t work on the organ. With goodwill and a certain amo of effort we should be near our target within the 1 months since the fund started. An excellent lunch organised by Wendy Stubbs and helpers raised £207.7 Many thanks to them and to you for your support.

New dates for your diaries:

April 17th: Mrs. Jean Rowe will be doing a sponsore cycle ride starting at Ladbroke and travelling via Harbury, Mickleton, Reading and finishing at Winchester. Sponsor forms are available on the table in Church. All the money sponsored in Harbury will be given to ROC.

May 5th: Bridge Drive in the T-Hauley Room. Please see Beryl Checkley for details.

May 13th: Quiz Evening in the T-Hauley Room.

May 14th: Concert by the Royal Naval Male Voice Choir and children from Harbury School.

Joyce and Harry Windsor

The children of classes Y5 to Y7 have planted a hundred or so trees in the grounds of Harbury School. They are part of a whole programme to make the grounds an environmental studies area, and at the same time somewhere interesting for the children to play.

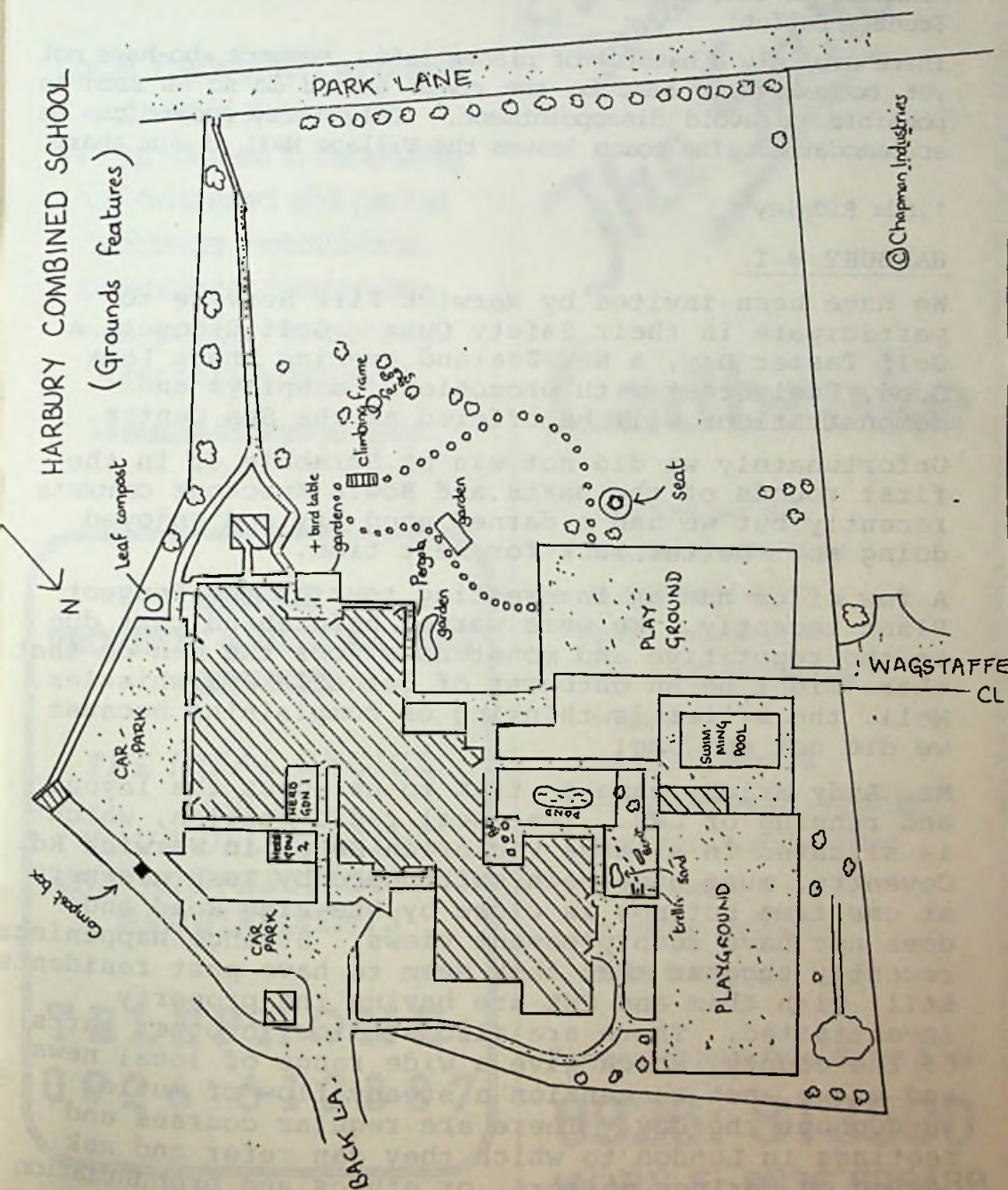
The trees, once delivered, had to be planted immediately, which was somewhat unfortunate as it happened to be the rainiest day for months, causing parts of the school grounds to resemble the Somme.

Other features already established are a herb garden which produces plants for sale each year, and which contains around 80 different varieties. There is a pond which this year is alive with mating frogs.

Warwickshire Wildlife created small gardens, a sand pit, log pile and pergolas last summer.

Ultimately it is planned to link all of the areas with pathways and trails so that they can be enjoyed throughout the year.

Nigel Chapman
Deputy Head



HARBURY SOCIETY

Having enjoyed the tour of the Water Treatment Works last year and continuing on the theme of Waste Disposal featured at the AGM the Harbury Society is off on Tuesday 26th April to Minworth to sample the delights of Sewage Disposal and Severn Trent's Buffet!

There are only a handful of places left. Members who have not yet booked their seat on the coach should do so as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Only forty people can be accommodated. The coach leaves the Village Hall at 6pm sharp.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY W.I.

We have been invited by Warwick Fire Service to participate in their Safety Quiz. Golf Croquet, a Golf Taster Day, a New Zealand evening and a Look Good, Feel Great with promotions, displays and demonstrations will be offered at the Spa Centre.

Unfortunately we did not win at Scrabble or in the first rounds of the Darts and Bowls Knockout contests recently but we had a darned good try and enjoyed doing so. Better luck for next time.

A few of us had an interesting tour of the Peugeot Plant recently. We were warned beforehand that due to the repetitive and monotonous jobs the men do that there might be an outburst of catcalls and whistles. Well, the writer is thinking of complaining because we did not get one!

Mr. Andy Wright came to talk to us about the layout and running of CWR. The local radio station, which is situated in a large Victorian House in Warwick Rd. Coventry, must have been surrounded by lush greenery at one time but now is close by the Ring Road and does not have such pleasant views. Strange happenings recently suggest that they seem to have past residents still with them and CWR are having the property investigated. There are also studios in other parts of the county, which give a wide range of local news and views, not to mention a steady flow of music throughout the day. There are regular courses and meetings in London to which they can refer and ask advice on various matters, or ethics and pronunciation etc. They are very conscious of how they present new

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items, considering how far they should expose sensitive matters. Mr. Wright played a tape of broadcasting howlers from home and abroad. The other, nostalgic clips of interesting programmes and happenings over a long span of broadcasting bringing memories flooding back to members, who enjoyed Mr. Wright's visit immensely.

Refreshment rota for MAY: D.Byrne, C.Carter, N.Davies.

Please note that we have our Coffee Morning in the T.Hauley Room on Saturday, 16th April and also on the same day we are serving a tasty lunch from 12-2pm for you to enjoy in pleasant surroundings.

Forms available from Celia Barrett, 17 South Parade. Please return forms to Celia or Peggie Middleton, Butchers Barn, High Street. Proceeds to W.I.

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY RESIDENTS' SURVEY

In this month's copy of the Harbury News you will find a questionnaire which we hope you will find time to complete.

The questionnaire is part of a Harbury Residents' Survey commissioned by Harbury Parish Council and Harbury C.E. Combined School. The survey is about recreational, educational and community activities in Harbury. It will help us all to see what is currently taking place, and what we would like for the future.

The survey is being funded jointly by Warwickshire's County Comm. Education Service and Stratford Distr. Council. To hear more about the survey you are cordially invited to a meeting in the Spooner Class Room, Harbury Harbury School at 7.30pm on Monday 25th April. Please help us by completing the questionnaire and returning it to:

-Harbury C.E. Combined School

-Harbury Post Office

-Pete's Place (formerly Lindop)

-or bring it along to the Public meeting

at Harbury School at 7.30pm on 25th April.

The more people who return the questionnaire, the more we shall be satisfied that future planning reflects your wishes. Many thanks.

Gerry Bailey, Head Teacher

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY OLD BOOTS?

Once again this year, Nigel Chapman is looking for any old boots which may be under beds, hidden in cupboards, or kept shut in your loft.

The sort he is looking for are walking boots, which could be loaned, or even given (eternal optimist), to the school for children to wear during their visit to the Forest of Dean in late May/early June.

We need all sizes from 1 to 6. Please let the school know if you can help in any way. Any of the children will bring a message, or just phone 612656.

Nigel Chapman

Harbury Folk Club

The best thing about a theme night at Harbury Folk Club is the elaborate yarns that the performers spin to connect the theme with the songs they were planning to sing anyway. And so it was that, on March 3rd, the theme of 'Spring' was somehow related to a lady policeman, a kangaroo, moving house, the Tory party, poisoning pigeons, January, and so on.

Those responsible for this 'flexible' interpretation of the theme were Mike Putnam, Pete & Liz, Kate & Andy, the Harvesters, Stewed Rup (now a five-piece band), Bob Brooker, Phil & Drill, Alan Bolt, the Jug Band, Steve Dudley and I. However, I must acknowledge the genuine efforts made by some to scour their repertoires, or in some cases learn new material specially, to fit the evening's theme. But it doesn't really matter because we are always assured of a great evening's entertainment with plenty of good music, humour and original contributions. A special mention must go to Mike for getting us to sing that four-part round about striking the posteriors of deceased sisters!

The raffle raised £22.50 for the NSPCC. The next session of the Folk Club, on April 7th, at 8:30pm in the Old New Inn, has the intriguing theme of 'No Limits' and will be hosted by Ian. Now, what will the performers make of that, I wonder?

Peter McDonald

Spot the Difference

A 20th ANNIVERSARY COMPETITION FOR THE UNDER 12's

Any resident who is aged 12 years and under when this edition is distributed on April 2nd 1994, is invited to exercise their powers of observation and to identify all the details shown on the current front cover (Map B, page 22) which are different to those found on the map drawn by Henson Bamford for the first issue (Map A, page 23).

Circle your answers on Map B and hand in to the Editorial Office in Chapel Street (Pete's Place) by April 23rd.

A prize will be awarded and the name of the winner will be published in the next edition.

NAME:

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Highlights from 1974

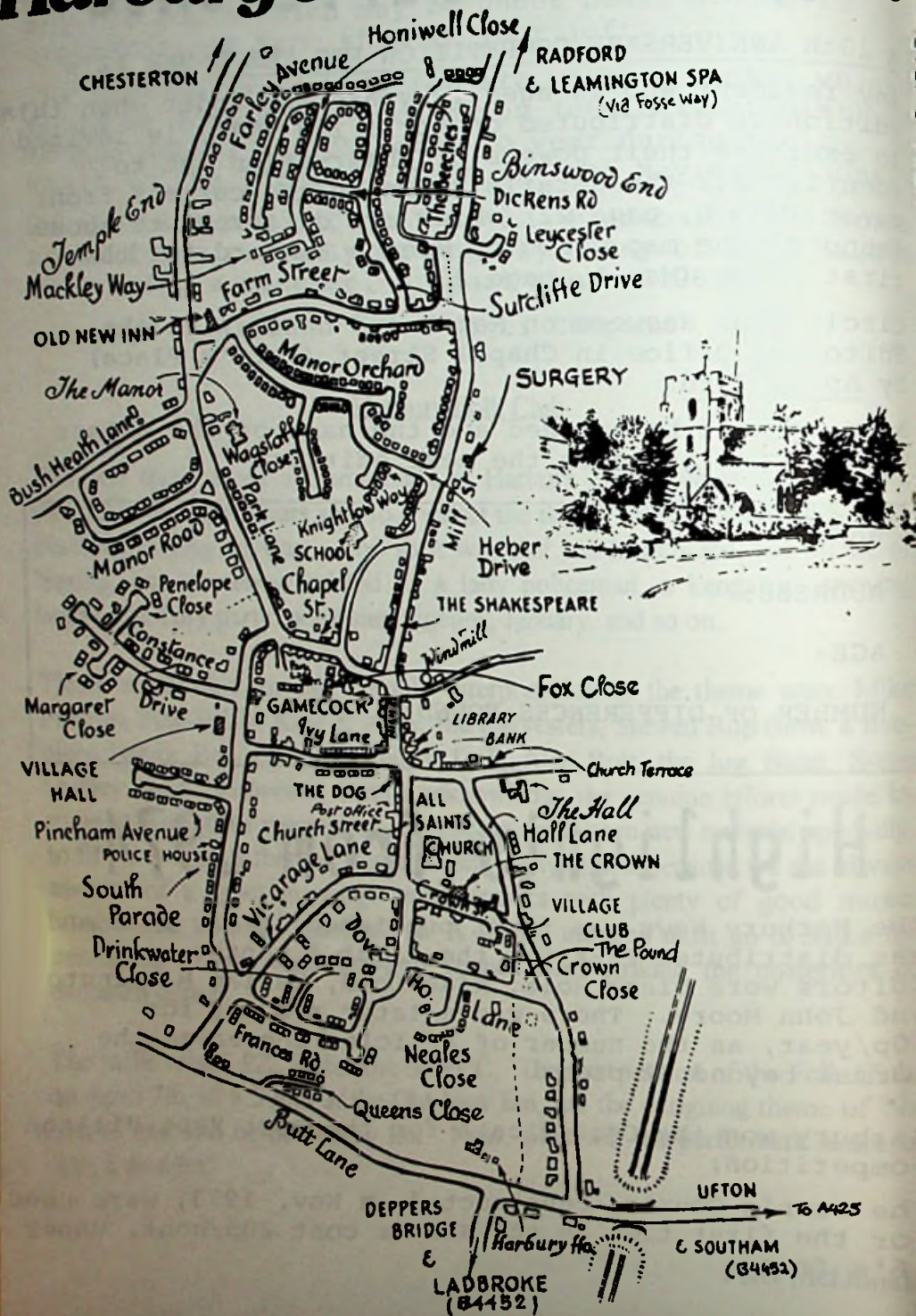
The Harbury News was first published in May 1974 and was distributed FREE for the first 6 months.

Editors were Diana Holt, Alan Lord, Marian Millington and John Moore. There was a later request for 50p/year, as the number of articles increased the format beyond 12 pages.

Harbury won the Certificate for the Best Kept Village competition;

The Tennis Courts, constructed in Nov. 1973, were used for the first time in the summer cost 20p/hour, under 16's free.

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HARBURY NEWS

The Carnival procession had 9 floats and the WI won the 1st prize with 'Thank Heaven for little girls'



The W.I. photograph shows many instantly recognisable villagers - Jeanne Beaumont, Beryl Checkley, Doreen Bloxham, Peggy Middleton, Wendy Stubbs, Mary Thompson, Betty Knappe, Monica Davies

There were 26 dances at the Village Hall during the year, with well-known groups: Purple Porridge, Penumbra, The Lew Roberts Five and The Likely Lads in attendance.

The Wheelbarrow race attracted many entrants and competitors were sponsored to dash around the village pubs, sampling each of the local brews.

Plans were submitted for extensions to the Club and the Village Hall.

The Harbury Singers celebrated their 10th Birthday.

The PTA started fundraising for a trainer pool and the childrens' Sponsored Walk around the village raised £320 when 142 children walked a total of 1,221 miles.



The Trainer Pool photograph shows Hamilton Bland (the local Swimming Coach and Commentator) encouraging the first school swimmers to complete a length in the newly completed pool.

THE VILLAGE PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Gill Carter was commended for an excellent Aran sweater;

John Hancock won the 400 metre race in the Carnival sports;

Mr. N.C. Oliver was appointed as Headmaster of Harbury School;

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Wendy Knowles was Membership Secr. of Harbury Playgroup

Tony Ceney acted as MC. for the Senior Citizen's party held at the School Hall - 145 guests enjoyed a full turkey dinner;

Clive Watts played Christmas melodies on his electronic organ;

Marion Millington wrote an article for the News on 'How to deal with a burning chip pan';

Mr. Ron Stanbridge expressed concern about the fate of rare wild violets on the outskirts of the village

Drs. Hancock and Wilne asked their patients to recycle medicine bottles;

Valentine and Peggy DuBuisson moved out of the village

Brian 'Duke' Wallington netted 2 goals for Harbury when the football team won the Cubbington tournament;

Mr. Lindop advertised Green Shield Stamps with purchases from his store;

Mr. Harry Taylor was in charge of the Youth Club and built magnificent floats for the Carnival.

SOME CONCERNS:

A meeting was held in the Village Hall to discuss the Pros and Cons of the Common Market - a referendum was proposed;

The Harbury Society, which had been formed in Oct. ' to fight the proposed demolition of the Manor House, warned that the village might be threatened by a 6-lane highway in the near future, as the preferred route for the Warwick section of the M40 would pass close to Chesterton Windmill;

The Parish Council expressed concern about motor bikes and cars driving round the playing fields and also about dogs fouling the footpath - a fine of £20 was suggested for the latter offence;

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The cost of petrol had recently 'escalated' to 75p/gal and there were requests for a car-sharing pool to be established for people travelling to Coventry, Leamington and Warwick;

There were several meetings to protest about the proposed closure of footpath SM62A. The path was 'walked with difficulty' by enthusiasts and a Public Enquiry was held at Southam Council Offices;

The P.C. stated that there would be no large housing developments in the near future as the sewerage system could not cope!

The Old Fox Inn on the corner opposite the Fresh Produce shop was due for demolition in July '74. It was taken down shortly afterwards;

There was a consultation meeting about abolishing the 11+ exam which would mean that Harbury would become a Combined School in 1978 and children would no longer transfer to Secondary school at 11 years;

FOOTNOTES:

There was a Golden Age Club and a Tufty Club;

The Harbury Amateur Dramatic Society produced the Tale of the Red Dragon 'in the round';

The Harbury library came under the management of Leamington, requiring changes in the 'Library Policy';!

The December edition carried a story about the haunted building behind the Church. A 'witch' who lived there was changed into a rabbit, chased and then bitten by a dog. Later the old lady who lived there was found to have a badly bitten ankle!!

K ZONE

The K Zone dance which featured the Antiques Rock Show was a great success and raised £397.40 for club funds. This money is to be spent on items of equipment etc. which are badly needed by the club.

Thanks should go to all who helped out before and during the event, to the Antiques Rock Show and the

youngsters who provided entertainment during the interval and to all the people who supported the event. It all ended up a really great night out. Plants for the garden and some vegetable plants will be available for purchase after the Easter Holidays. All the plants have been grown from seed by the children and they are rightfully proud of their achievements so please drop in and have a look. The K Zone will be open for Playdays during the summer break. The target initially is to open for two days each week. The service is due to start the week after the Play scheme ends in order that the two groups do not clash. Indeed the playscheme and the K Zone are planning to join forces for a couple of events.

These playdays will be open to non-registered children although the cost for non members will be slightly higher to cover items such as insurance. The days will be based around set activities, e.g. Swimming, Treasure hunt, Clay modelling, Picnic Bouncy Castle etc. The Scheme will operate from 10am to about 3pm. Final cost cannot be quoted as this will depend on numbers. For that reason I would ask that anyone interested, either member or non member, please let me know as soon as possible.

We still need supplies of games should anyone have them hanging around unused. For instance Cluedo and Subuettio etc. Anyone who can help. It would be appreciated.

On a Sad Note: As some of you are aware Brian Ash died of a heart attack a matter of weeks after emigrating to South Africa. Without him the K Zone dance could not have been the success it was. Brian & Caz bought a vast amount of tickets for people and used the event to double as their leaving party. A collection for Caz is being made instead of flowers Contributions to the Gamecock.

Mandi Wood - 612374

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

The advertisement for our next production appears in this month's issue and should you require tickets these may be obtained from either Pete's Place

(formerly Lindop) or by telephoning 613415 (evenings).

Additionally for the performances on Thursday 21st April and Friday 22nd April tickets will be available on the door. However, for the supper evening on Saturday 23rd April, please purchase your tickets in advance.

The START TIME has reverted to 8pm for ALL performances.

We have chosen two very different short plays which are both extremely enjoyable and thought provoking. For a very modest entrance fee, why not come along and let us entertain you for the evening??

April 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 8pm The Village Hall.

Brian Thurogood

HARBURY CARNIVAL 1994

As you have probably read in the recent issue of the Harbury & Ladbroke News, as last year the Carnival Committee has decided to invite local charities and organisations to hold stalls on the carnival field to raise funds rather than donate all of the proceeds to the Village Hall. This does not, of course, prevent you from donating your proceeds as you wish.

A charge of £5.00 for a pitch will have to be made to help cover the costs of the event, but it is intended that the majority of the proceeds will go to the various groups, as is the practice at the Victorian Street Fayre.

Obviously, the number of stalls will have to be restricted, therefore, if your group is interested, please contact me as soon as possible so that arrangements can be finalised.

Also, if you would like to attend but do not have the equipment or idea for a stall, do not hesitate to contact me as we do, at times, have limited equipment available.

Dan Killian

N.S.P.C.C.

March 12th saw sixty or so people having a great time at the beer and skittles evening.

The deserving winners were Ed Wilson & Margaret Sherrington, whilst the booby prize went to Carol Bastin and Vic Lucas, and I must say - that was well deserved too!

Best of all we raised £210 for the NSPCC, our thanks to all who came.

Our next fundraiser will be a fashion show in the Village Hall on Thursday May 19th, I'll keep you posted on timing and tickets.

Chris Ross

PROFILE: MIKE BLOXHAM

Mike has been associated with the Harbury News for many years, with his photographs appearing in the magazine from 1975 onwards. In the early days there were not many photographs in each edition, as the printing process then involved cutting a block off each picture which was costly.

Mike is at least the third generation of his family to live in Harbury, himself being born at the now defunct

Warneford Hospital. His Grandmother used to run a newsagency from her house in Ivy Lane, and as a boy Mike used to deliver the papers for her. Mike's father worked for 50 years at the Co-Op in the village. His mother originated from Liverpool having moved into the area to work 'in service'.

Before the Second World War children used to start school at three and Mike started his education at the Wagstaffe school, where in the afternoon the children were made to lie down on beds for a rest. He later moved on to the Wight school, leaving when he was 15. His first job was working for F.G.Watson builders in Southam. Although starting there as th

tea boy, he later went on to do an apprenticeship as a carpenter with the Company.

It was around this time that Mike's interest in Photography began, when the then Manager of the Co-Op Mr. Honiwell gave him his first camera, an Ensign 120 Box camera. He also went on to teach him how to develop and print films.

In 1957 Mike was called up for National Service, doing his basic training at Aldershot, later joining the Army Catering Corps. With his interest in Photography he soon became the Corps photographer. He later served in West Germany at a RAF base which had a well equipped studio and dark room.

After leaving the Army in 1959, Mike returned to Harbury to find employment at the Lockheed Hydraulic Brake Company, now AP in Leamington, where he worked until recently. Mike married Doreen, a Leamington girl in 1964 and they went on to have a son Mark and a daughter Wendy.

Over the last 20 years many of Mike's photographs have appeared in the Harbury News, all of which he has developed himself. The cliché goes that a picture is worth a thousand words and in the case of the News that is 2½ pages! The Editors have always appreciated having a selection of photographs to choose from the support articles and long may Mike continue to produce them.

J.N.Holden

THE VILLAGE HALL

Joan Lodge of Chapel Street submitted the following article from an early magazine about the Village Hall.

Many of the older inhabitants of Harbury will of course know the history of our Village Hall, but for some of the newer arrivals it is a fascinating story and the Hall itself is an excellent example of village life. It really is the centre of the community and is used by almost every organisation for various functions and regular meetings.

In the true tradition of Harbury, the money to build the Hall was raised by the villagers themselves, and it was in 1953 that the need for a new, bigger hall was first realised. At the time of the Coronation, a party was held for the children of Harbury and it was obvious then that the old premises were nowhere near adequate.

That evening, a group go together in a local pub and discussed the possibility of building a new Hall, and at the end of that meeting, everyone put 6d in the middle of the table and the fund for the new building was begun!

10 years later, in 1963, the new Hall was opened by Mr. John Profumo, but at that time the Village Hall Committee was still £2,000 in debt and this took 5 years to clear. In fact, when it was first opened, the Hall was very poorly booked and it was not until the influx of new people to the village with their fresh ideas and new societies, that the Hall began to be used regularly. Now there are at least 23 regular bookings from organisations including the Guides, Brownies, Badminton, Youth Club, Golden Age, Crusaders and many more, as well as the occasional wedding reception, dance, and 21st birthday party.

When an extension was planned, the plans were approved, but after much disheartening effort, neither the Warwicks. County Council nor the Dept. of Education would agree to help with costs, and so a more modest plan was put forward with money raised once more by the people of Harbury themselves.

Some money was made by the booking charges for the Hall, but another method of raising funds for its upkeep was by the 200 Club, which replaced the old sixpenny tote. The idea was that a number of people gave 50p a month to a central fund, and each month draw was made with 3 prizes: one of £20 and two of £10. In addition to this, all those who had paid in for six months became eligible for a second, half-yearly draw with a prize of £100. Anyone wishing to join this scheme should contact a member of the Village Hall Committee.

MAPS AND PLANS OF HARBURY

Are you interested in tracing the origins and owners of your house? James Turner is and he complains that comprehensive plans of Harbury simply do not exist prior to the 1850s. ,

Harbury never belonged to a great estate but was a collection of smaller properties. James thinks the "missing" plans may be with the title deeds of older houses.

He urges anyone who thinks their solicitor may have deeds with plans showing parts of the village to contact him (11 Church Terrace) so that he can copy them and compile a more complete description of the village long ago.

WANTED - SEARCH VOLUNTEERS

All too often we see headlines in the newspaper reporting searches for missing people, particularly children.

This task is undertaken by the police - but their resources are stretched and they rely heavily on volunteers to help them. For this help to be effective, trained personnel are required to lead groups of volunteers.

For several years, Warwickshire Emergency Planning Unit, in conjunction with Warwickshire Police, have been providing training sessions for our own W.E.V. We have some 50 trained volunteers but need to add to this number.

Our intention is to ask all Parish Councils if they would like to nominate people to undergo such training and whom we could call upon to assist at any time during the day or night should the need arise. As a pilot, we are targeting the Stratford area.

Training will consist of one evening session and a Saturday morning outdoor session. Both will be held at Police Headquarters. There will also be occasional refresher sessions.

Anyone interested should contact Wally Brown at the Warwickshire Emergency Planning Unit on 0926-412591.

HELP PC PERRY "STAMP OUT" CRIME!

Harbury's Community Policeman, Pete Perry, will be "Cycle Stamping" at the Village Hall on Saturday 16th April from 10am until 2pm.

Cycle Stamping is not a modern version of Morris Dancing, it is a simple, sensible way to protect your property. Bikes are marked with your postcode so - should they be lost or stolen they can easily be identified and returned to their owner.

Here is your chance to beat the thief, meet your policeman Pc Pete Perry and learn what you can do to stamp out crime!

One way is to volunteer to take part in Neighbourhood Watch. Harbury already has a scheme where local people report suspicious incidents to a co-ordinator, but Pc Perry is looking for more people to help in this important work.

if you are observant and about the village why not offer your services as a co-ordinator. The task is not time-consuming or onerous but it is a vital part of the fight back against crime.

Find out more by ringing Pete Perry or Sergeant Ian Tew at Southam Police Station (812366)

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Mrs. J.M. Newell

SOUTHAM & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Southam Lions would be pleased to hear from gentlemen living in Harbury and Ladbroke who may be interested in an invitation to join their local club.

As you may know, this is a particularly active Lions Club with a varied programme of fundraising, community and social events throughout the year. The Pig-Roast at the Mop Fair, the Father Christmas Charity Float, Giant Jumble Sales, Senior Citizens Spring Party, and John Turner Festival of Arts and Crafts are examples of our activities with which you may be familiar, and which rely on a willing and thriving membership.

Regular Business Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings each month at the Stoneythorpe Hotel. This is usually the only time when the men alone gather. Most of our events welcome the involvement of - or are often dependent upon - the participation of our wives, family and friends.

The primary concern of the Lions movement is, of course, the welfare of our local communities, and many other people both near and far. However, membership of a Lions Club isn't all about improving the quality of life for others - we enjoy a rewarding social calendar too.

Please consider this opportunity to become part of the world's largest service organisation; to help others, and realise the satisfaction, fun and fellowship of belonging to your local Lions Club.

Jeff Biddle (812767), Bill Denis (812719) or John Jones (814868) remain available to talk to individuals or groups who would like to know more - please give us a call.

Jeff Biddle

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Following the knowledge gained from our speaker Mr. Edgely from Pershore College, Harbury could be on the map as a vineyard.

We were told that Staffordshire is the most northerly limit for commercial grape growers, so we are well

within the range. All you need is an east or south facing wall or fence, a few vines, well watered, and you are on the way to several gallons of wine.

Plans are under way for the annual Open Gardens event on Saturday 9th July. If you would enjoy showing visitors your garden then we should like to hear from you. People are very interested in seeing how even the smallest plot can be made to give pleasure by the choice of plants. Don't hide your gardening talents behind a hedge. Show them off, and be part of an enjoyable day. Please ring Mrs. Zonik (612365) or Mrs. Clarke (612066) if you are interested in opening your garden this year.

Next meeting Tuesday, 5th April - Ornamental Grasses and Sedges - Mr. Trinder, Stafford Horticultural College.

Pat Smith

APRIL IN THE GARDEN

After difficult weather last month we must hope for better gardening conditions this month with increased growth and activity.

Attack young weeds early and keep up to date with thinning and transplanting.

Dead head spring flowering bulbs and feed with a general fertiliser. Begin to feed house plants - a weak solution at first.

Plant out Sweet Peas, raised in pots and sow Delphiniums, Lupins and other hardy annuals. Divide overgrown perennials but not Peonies or Japanese Anemones which dislike disturbance.

Prune early flowering shrubs as soon as blossom is over. Plant or transplant evergreen shrubs mid-month. Unsprout Dahlia tubers and Gladioli can go in late the month.

In the vegetable garden successional sowing of Carr Summer Spinach, Broad Beans and early Peas and first sowings of maincrop Peas, Lettuce, Broccoli, Winter Cabbage, Savoys, Kale, Turnip and Swede, out of door and Marrow, Cucumber, Sweet Corn and outdoor Tomato under glass.

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Celery and Leek trenches should be completed by the end of the month and all potatoes planted. Strawberries also can still be planted. Blossom on fruit trees and bushes needs protecting with fleece or netting if frost is forecast. Watch for attacks of Aphids and powdery mildew and spray with fungicide.

Sow grass seed or lay turf for a new lawn and give a nitrogen boost to an old lawn. Divide old, or plant new, Aquatic plants from mid-month onwards.

V.A. Neill

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank all friends and neighbours for the kindness shown to me recently, especially my dear friends Rosie and Mr. Bird.

I would also like to thank the Doctors and nurses at the hospital for the care of my dear brother Mr. S. Dealtry. Thank you all.

G. Williamson

What a wonderful send off, no amount of thanks can describe our feelings for the wonderful presents, flowers, the cards and the cheque.

We guessed that something was going to happen on that last Saturday, but never dreamed to what extent the village would go. Our thanks to the instigators of the collection, we are not going to waste it on holidays, we are going to put a new roof on our conservatory, we can then remember you all each time we sit back in the sun.

Once again thank you and God Bless.

Edna & Phil Lindop

Dear Editors,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, cards, prayers and expressions of good wishes during the past weeks when I have been in Warwick & Walsgrave hospitals.

Laura and I have been sustained and strengthened by the love and support given to us by our family, friends and well-wishers.

The knowledge that so many people are willing you to overcome difficulties is something really tangible, and a tremendous help in the fight back to full health.

I am thankfully now on the road to recovery, and we are looking forward to many years of happy retirement in Harbury. Our heartfelt thanks to you all.

Yours sincerely
Colin Oliver

BRIAN ASH

It is with great regret that the death of Brian Ash who for some years had run his own motorcycle repair business from the Bull Ring Garage has to be reported.

After racing his much loved Speedway combination in South Africa in 1993, Brian decided that he would emigrate as there were better opportunities there for him and his family.

Just 3 weeks before he was due to leave he was operated on at Warwick Hospital. At the K Zone dance he held his going away party and left from Birmingham Airport on February 28th.

After 2 weeks recuperation he entered a Speedway event. Tragically during the race he died of a heart attack.

All our condolences go to his wife Carol and their children Emma and Nicky. At the moment we are unsure as to whether they will be staying in South Africa but a collection for them is being taken at the Gamecock and will be there until April 2nd when the proceeds will be sent on to Carol.


Brian will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

David Mason



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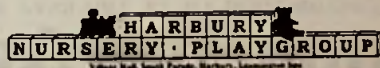
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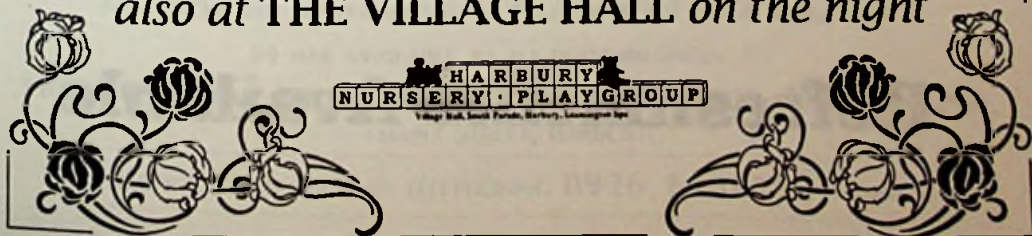
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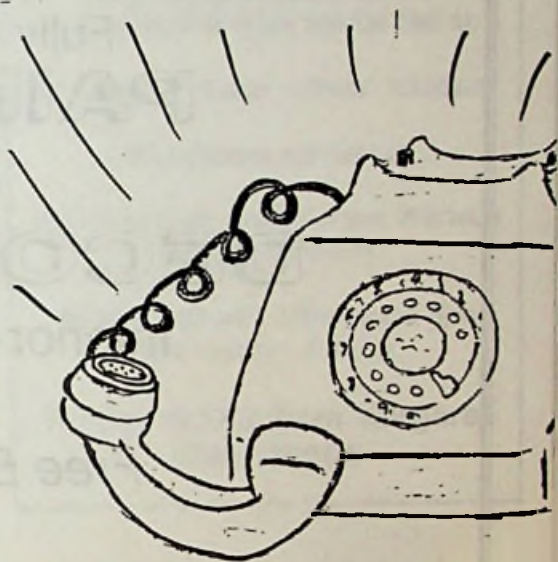
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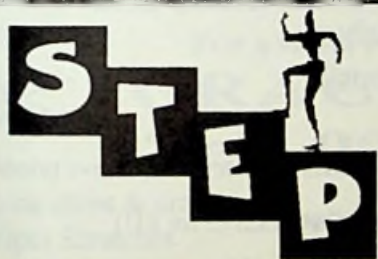
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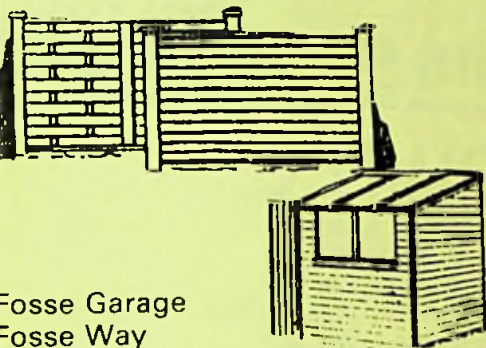
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