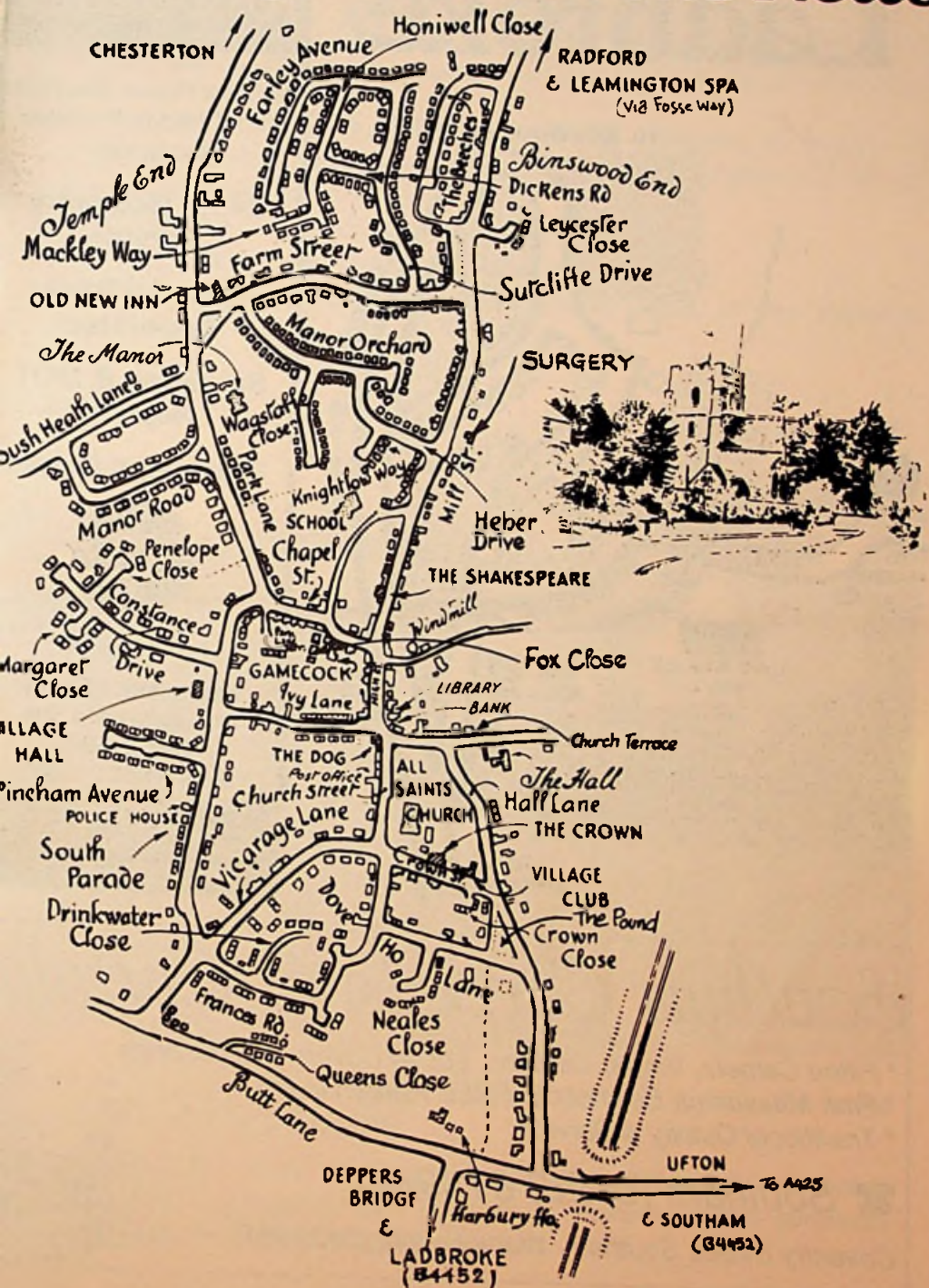


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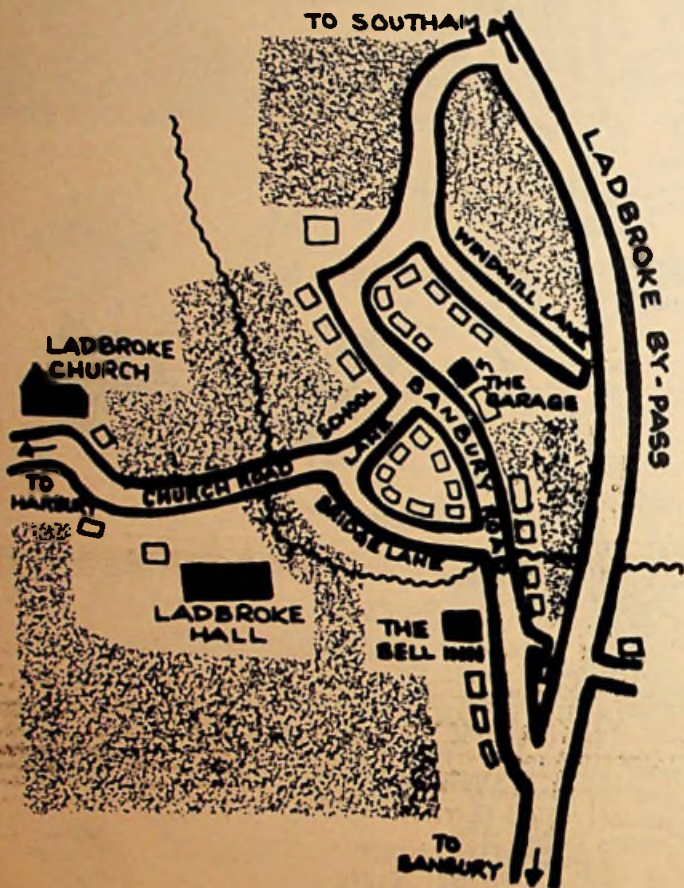
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This month's photo shows volunteers assisting B.T.C.V. with the hedge planting project at the Village Hall.

The unseasonably warm weather is confusing both man and beast. Hibernators are reluctant to start their winter slumbers, whilst gardeners reluctantly wake their hibernating lawn-mowers.

During November the measles vaccination was administered to our children with the least amount of upset. As always the staff of the village school cared for our children with understanding and sensitivity. The medical team commented on the care and consideration shown by the local schools.

As we start the run up to Christmas life becomes more hectic for us all. Activities in the village will add to the festive spirit.

A fine example of the support for villages activities was displayed in November. The Harbury Theatre Group entertained all ages to a superb performance of the Railway Children. The special effects and junior performers were worthy of praise.

We're please to see the healthy contribution from Ladbroke residents this month, well done, keep them coming!

Finally, we wish all our readers a Very Happy Christmas.

## Harbury Diary

### DECEMBER

- |      |    |   |
|------|----|---|
| Sat  | 3  | <b>CHRISTMAS FAYRE</b> with SANTA in V.Hall   |
| Sun  | 4  | <b>ADVENT II</b> - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 4pm;<br>Warks. County Youth Choral 7.30pm in Church   |
| Mon  | 5  | Prayer & Praise in THR 8pm  |
| Tues | 6  | Step Aerobics in V.Hall 1.30-2.30pm<br>Horticultural Society in V.Hall 8pm<br>Holy Communion 7.30pm   |
| Wed  | 7  | Grapevine Coffee Morning in THR 10am-12noon<br>Mothers' Union Communion in Church 2pm, meeting 2.30pm in THR<br>Wight School Playgroup Gold Night - Christmas Fayre at Club 8pm<br>Youth Club in V.Hall 8pm |
| Thur | 8  | Holy Communion 9.45am<br>Slimming World in THR at 10.30am<br>Thursday Club Carol Service at 2.30pm<br>WI in V.Hall 7.45pm   |
| Fri  | 9  | Harbury Playgroup Christmas Concert in V.Hall in morning<br>Cricket Club Dinner   |
| Sat  | 10 | <b>Senior Citizens Christmas party in Village Hall</b>  |
| Sun  | 11 | <b>ADVENT III</b> - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;<br>Evensong 4pm   |





- Tues 13 No Step Aerobics in V.Hall  
Nursery Playgroup Party in V.Hall 10.45 till Noon  
Toddlers Service 2.15pm  
Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Village Hall Committee in .Hall 8pm  
Senior Citizens Committee in V.Hall 8.30pm
- Wed 14 Grapevine Coffee Morning in THR 10am-12noon  
School Christingle in Church 2pm  
Youth Club AGM in V.Hall at 8pm
- Thurs 15 Holy Communion at 9.45am  
Slimming World in THR 10.30am
- Sat 17 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am
- Sun 18 **ADVENT IV** - Holy Communion 8am; Family Communion 10.30am;  
Benediction 6pm
- Tues 20 No Mothers' Union meeting  
Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Duke of Edinburgh Awards in THR at 8pm  
Senior Citizens Benefit Committee in V.Hall 8.30pm
- Wed 21 No Grapevine Coffee Morning  
Youth Club in V.Hall 8pm
- Thur 22 **Shortest Day** - Holy Communion 9.45am  
Thursday Club in V.Hall 2.30pm
- Sat 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE** - Christmas Even Dressing of the Crib 2.30pm  
Village Carol Service 6.30pm; Midnight Mass 11.15pm
- Sun 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY** - Sung Eucharist 9am
- Mon 26 **BOXING DAY** - St. Stephens - Holy Communion 10.30am  
Boxing Day Football Match on Recreation Grounds
- Tues 27 **BANK HOLIDAY** - St. John Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 28 No Grapevine Coffee Morning
- Thur 29 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 30 Holy Communion at 12 noon
- ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN JANUARY NEWS TO  
PETE'S PLACE TODAY BY 6pm**
- Sat 31 **NEW YEAR'S EVE** - Football Club Dance in V.Hall

## JANUARY 1995

- Sun 1 **NEW YEAR's DAY** - Sunday after Christmas, Sung Eucharist 9am;  
Evensong 4pm
- Mon 2 **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tues 3 Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Horticultural Society in V.Hall 8pm
- Wed 4 Grapevine Coffee Morning in THR 10am-12noon  
Mothers' Union in THR 3pm  
Youth Club in V.Hall 8pm
- Thurs 5 Storytelling in Library 10am  
Holy Communion 9.45am  
Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn 8.30pm

Fri 6 **EPIPHANY** - Holy Communion 7.30pm  
 Mothers' Union visit to Barnum  
 Sun 8 **EPIPHANY I** - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;  
 Evensong 4pm

**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO:  
 LINDA RIDGLEY - TEL. 612792.**

<b>For Village Hall Bookings</b>	<b>Mrs. Hughes 612716</b>
<b>For Wight School Bookings</b>	<b>Mrs. Hayes 613488</b>
<b>For Tom Hauley Room Bookings</b>	<b>Mrs. Smith 613680</b>

### **REGULAR DIARY DATES**

**BABY CLINIC:** New Surgery, 2-4pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday  
**BADMINTON:** Village Hall Tuesdays  
**BEAVERS:** Scout Hut, 6-7pm Tuesdays  
**BELLRINGING PRACTICE:** Church, 7.30pm Fridays  
**BINGO:** Village Hall, 8pm Mondays  
**BROWNIES:** Village Hall 6-7.30pm Tuesdays  
**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Church, 6.30pm Fridays  
**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU:** Over Southam Magistrates Court,  
 10am-3pm Tuesdays (Except Bank Holidays)  
**COFFEE MORNING:** Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon Saturdays  
**CUBS:** Scout Hut, Wednesdays  
**DANCING CLASSES:** Farley Room Village Hall, Children & Adults 4-9pm  
 Wednesdays.  
**GRAPEVINE:** Tom Hauley Room, Coffee Morning 10-12noon Wednesdays  
**GUIDES:** Scout Hut, 7-8.30pm Monday  
**GYMNASTICS:** Harbury School, 6-7pm U7-10yrs & Beginners 7-8pm;  
 Over 10yrs 8-9pm Mondays  
**HARBURY CRUSADERS:** Tom Hauley Room, 10.30am Sundays  
**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** Old New Inn 8.30pm 1st Thursday of Month  
**HARBURY FRIENDS:** School, 8pm 2nd Tues of Month  
**HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS:** School Hall, 8-10pm Wednesdays  
**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:** Village Hall, 8pm 1st Tues (Oct. to May)  
**LIBRARY:** Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 10am 1st Thursday of Month  
**NETBALL CLUB:** Village Hall Car Park, Training 6.30pm Thursdays;  
 Matches Saturday Afternoon  
**NURSERY SCHOOL:** Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday mornings  
**PLAYGROUP:** Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings  
**SLIMMING WORLD:** Tom Hauley Room 10.30 Thursdays  
**SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, 7.45pm Tuesdays & Thursdays  
**STEP AEROBICS:** Village Hall, 1.30-2.30pm Tuesdays

**TENNIS CLUB:** (Apr-Sept) Tue & Thur 6.30pm onwards (6pm for April);  
Sat 2-5pm, Mon & Wed 1.45-3pm

**THEATRE GROUP:** Wight School, 8pm last Friday of Month

**THURSDAY CLUB:** Village Hall 2.30pm 2nd & 4th Thursday of Month

**TODDLER GROUP:** Wight School, 10-11.30am Mondays & 2-3.30pm Wed.

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

**W.I.:** Village Hall, 7.45pm 2nd Thursday of Month

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

**YOUTH CLUB:** Village Hall, 7.30-9.30pm Wednesdays

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

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**VISITING:** Hospital. If you are unable to visit a parent or relative, or parents would like support with a child in Hospital: Call Fr. Roy Brown 612377 or Keith Dormer 613254.

**HOME VISITING:** Caring for a sick or elderly relative and need a break for a few hours, or you would like someone to call on you: Call Betty Knappe 612679 or Sue Dormer 613254.

**CHILDRENS' CLOTHING:** for 0-6 Years old: Call Anne Woodward 613536, Maureen Darby 613330 or Mary Catt 612864.

**EMERGENCY TRANSPORT:** Call Vivien Neill 613461 or John Algar 613864.

**HELP WITH FORM FILLING:** Job Applications, CV's, Council Tax Forms, etc.: Call Joanne Cooper 613859 or Jeff Bedford 612753.

For Personal Tax Claims, Rebates on Tax Paid to Building Societies or on Shares: Call Jim Chapple 612044.

**HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE:** Call Tony Brunton 612191.

**ODD JOBS ABOUT THE HOUSE:** Call Jeff Bedford 612753.

**HELP WITH COOKING, SHOPPING IN THE VILLAGE, READING:** If you live alone and need help with cooking or shopping in the village, or you need help with reading, or you are partially sighted and would like someone to read to you: Call Mary Catt 612864.

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

Holy Communion, 8am

Sung Eucharist, 10.30am (Exc. 1st Sunday of Month: Sung Eucharist 9am)



Family Service, 10.30am on 3rd Sunday of Month

Evensong, 6.30pm (Except 3rd Sunday)

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

## **FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS**

27th November brought an end to the R.O.C. fund raising programme and coincided with the first Sunday in Advent.

The beginning of a new church year. We have had time to look back at the fund raising which was programmed and positive, yet provided fun and enjoyment for all the groups who organised and ran their own particular event. There are many groups within the village, who act for various charities and we are sure they experience that inward sense of satisfaction after a rewarding event or function.

We look forward to a new year which will inevitably bring its own challenges. The Christmas Fayre is immediately upon us and the PCC have agreed to donate the proceeds between the Harbury Scout Group and the Church Army. The Scout Group are in urgent need of funds for either refurbishment or rebuilding of the Scout Hut at the rear of the Wight School. It will be expensive for them and a lot of hard work, but we wish them well and anticipate they will get a lot of support from the village.

The Church Army will be visiting Harbury and Ladbroke in 1995. You will remember the successful Quest 87 mission and we intend to follow it up in a few months time.

Harbury Helpline which quietly contributes to the community services was awarded a certificate of merit by the Arthur Rank Centre in the 1993 Rural Church Community Care Competition. The certificate has been suitably framed and will be displayed in church. Our thanks to the Helpline team for their efforts.

**Beryl and Jeff**

## **FROM THE RECTOR**

In Sunday 13th November, I celebrated the first anniversary of my institution as Rector of Harbury and Ladbroke. Thank you to those who kindly remembered the date too.



In some ways it hardly seems possible that I've only been here a year, and yet where did the year go. I am only too aware of people whom I have yet to meet, and things which I am still learning about Harbury and Ladbroke, and I can only apologise if anyone has felt neglected or missed out.

Overwhelmingly my feelings are of gratitude and thankfulness for the continuing warmth, care, support and enthusiasm here. It has been a great joy to me to see the expertise of those who minister to the youngsters through the Toddlers' Service, Church Youth Group, the Crusaders, Children's Church etc.

The development of the Family Communion Service, every third Sunday, with its Youth Orchestra continues to go from strength to strength. We are very fortunate to have such people within our Churches, who are so willing to give of their time and talents so generously, in all aspects of the life of the parishes.

My thanks also go out to Fr. Peter Snow and Fr. Roy Churchill for their wonderful support and encouragement over the past twelve months.

My privilege as your parish priest is to care for all and to be available to all in the villages, whether church people or not. I do hope that everyone knows that I can be contacted day or night in an emergency. Please also continue to let me know of anyone who is sick or lonely, who might welcome a visit, or who would like to be remembered in prayer.

We are now in Advent, the time when we prepare for Christmas. And let us not for a moment forget what we are really preparing for - the birth of Jesus Christ. There will be many services over the Christmas period when we will be able to give our thanks to God for the birth of his son - our Redeemer. Please, do let us join **together** to worship our Lord and Saviour.

### **The Meaning of Christmas**

Heavenly Father, we pray that amid all the joys and festivities of this season we may not forget what Christmas really means: that you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, who was born to be our Saviour.

Accept our thanksgiving, and fill us with the spirit of Charity and goodwill, that we may show our gratitude in generous service to those who need our help; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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

**Fr. Roy**

## Laugh Line

The Sunday School teacher was telling the story of the Nativity, and had just finished the part about there being 'No room at the Inn'. A small voice piped up *I blame Joseph, he should have booked.*

## WARNING FROM THE DEANERY

On the agenda for the next Southam Deanery Synod is an item the Harbury congregation would prefer not to have to contemplate. One agreeable year into Fr. Roy Brown's ministry here, Deanery Synod representative Peter Pryke shattered the settled calm of parish life on November 8 by warning that the immediacy of impending retirements demanded an urgent review of the clergy deployment in the deanery. Current thinking was, he told the PCC, that a workshop on the future of ministry in the deanery would be a constructive approach this sensitive issue.

Though not entirely unexpected, Peter then cast more gloom by announcing that it might well be his last Synod report and, if so, that would mean finding a successor in the New year.

The initial encouraging response to the Rector's September stewardship appeal letter continues. The covenant secretary said that in under two months 84% of the extra £4,500 required next year had been forthcoming. He hoped that eventually the response would obviate the need for further special appeals.

The year of highly successful fund-raising events for the ROC (roof, organ and clock repairs and restoration) events having ended, tributes were paid to Harry and Joyce Windsor for initiating and spearheading the appeal.

A sub-committee of five consisting of two representatives each from Harbury and Ladbroke under the chairmanship of the Rector is to be set up to consider aims for the sister parishes' joint mission next year. The Church Army has in principle agreed to lead the mission. Area liaison officer, Captain Les Tennant, whose contribution during our last mission, *Quest '87*, made a great impact, favours holding it in September.

From the fabric committee, Jeff Bedford said the roof still leaked in two places, but generally the building was in fairly good shape for the 1995 five-



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yearly diocesan inspection. The future programme of maintenance and restoration work includes the flagpole, sun-dial, bell tower louvres, loose ceramic floor tiles and wooden blocks, ventilation under the Lady Chapel altar platform, before carpeting it with money from a bequest, the sound system, refurbishment of vestries, library shelves and car park signs.

Finding new helpers for crusaders has become more than ever critical because of the recent departure of leaders, Keith Dormer reported, appealing for volunteers.

It was agreed that in continuation of its outreach policy the proceeds of this year's Christmas Fair should be shared by Harbury Scout Group and the Church Army.

The Queen will be at Coventry Cathedral on Thursday April 13 for the Royal Maundy Service. Recipients of the Maundy money -- 69 men and 69 women -- will be chosen from nominations submitted by Rural Deans.

**John Algar**

## **CHURCH FLOWER FUND & ROTA**

I have recently taken over the church Flower Fund and Rota from Bertha Kettle, and as Bertha has done such a splendid job for the last two years, I do not intend to alter this excellent system. I have prepared the 1995 Flower Rota and this can be found on the notice board in church, all teams remain the same. However, if there are any *budding* flower arrangers or flower lovers who would like to join our team, please don't hesitate to call me as we are always glad to receive new offers of help.

If any group, organisation or individual would like to arrange flowers on a special day or for a certain occasion, again please contact me on harbury 613892.

Finally, as Christmas is fast approaching can I please ask all members of the flower rota to make a note in their diary that all hands are needed on Friday 23rd December, 9am onwards, to help decorate the church for Christmas - donations of holly, ivy and any greenery gratefully received.

**Jo House**

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

*Your Health in Your Hands* was the subject of our afternoon talk. Mrs. Jeanne Newell, Health Care Manager at Southam Clinic, told us how we can

keep ourselves healthy through our diet, exercise, relaxation and by keeping active mentally - not forgetting our spiritual needs too. We had plenty of questions for her and it was an interesting and helpful talk.

At the evening meeting Lieutenant Philip Mountain told us about the work of the Salvation Army. I think we were all impressed by the work and dedication of the officers and members of the Army and the volunteers who help them, and we enjoyed his talk.

Five of us went to Leamington to meet two M.U. trainers who were on a course in this country. One was from Zaire and one from Madagascar. We were very interested to hear about their countries, their lives and their problems. Those of us who attended on of their training sessions felt that we had learned a lot.

There is no evening meeting in December. The afternoon subject is *Favourite Christmas Things* and members are asked to bring something appropriate to talk about.

C.Mary Catt



### TODDLERS' SERVICE

On a grey November day we talked about *Light*. The Rector told us about different kinds of light and we watched him light the candles. Then he lit more candles, on a cake, and we all had a turn at blowing them out.

We sang *Jesus bids us Shine*. Afterwards we ate the cake.

C.Mary Catt

### THE HARBURY AND LADBROKE CHURCH MEN's SOCIETY

**This was an Open Evening with wives present.**

The Society met on 3rd November, to hear a talk given by David Clarke on this recent visit to Goma in Zaire. David said, he was asked in late August if he would go, at very short notice, with his engineering skills to Zaire and arrange for the planning, organizing and building of a new refugee camp to be funded by Christian Outreach and the Tear Fund with the approval of UNHCR. The location for the camp site to be situated on the side of Lake Kivu and to cater for 15.000 refugees. First of all David had to allay his wife's fears about his own safety, then he had to receive the appropriate inoculations and be given briefings re the methods to be adopted as this task was very urgent. Having arrived in Zaire with others in the team, he had to



negotiate with the local chiefs in order to employ local people as well as Rwandan refugees to dig ditches to drain the site.

The site land was made of hard spiky lava from an active volcano near by. Next he organized the building of 250 blocks of toilets, five in each block. Water available from lake Kivu had to be pumped up to tanks on high ground and piped to banks of taps to supply drinking water for the whole camp. A jetty had to be quickly constructed so food could be brought in by boat from across the lake. A food store and a medical centre also had to be built and work had to be complete by 10th October. The work of receiving, recording and registering the refugees could now begin.

During his travels David saw many sad sights. A two mile stretch of plastic sheets which the refugees used as shelter for themselves. A bundle on the road side with a small pair of feet sticking out was that of a dead child. Even qualified nurses caring for children were affected by the sadness of the terrible situation. The only thing that kept them going was the satisfaction that out of every ten children treated five had survived in their care and that made their job worthwhile. The talk was supported with photographs and maps. It was a most interesting and enlightening talk describing the excellent work done by agencies such as Christian Outreach, Tear Fund Alliance and Oxfam and the fact that David Clarke, one of our villagers, had played a large part in it. Well done David.

**P.D. Edwards**

## Ladbroke News

### DECEMBER

- Wed 7 Holy Communion 10.30am
- Sun 11 **ADVENT 3** - Sung Communion 9am
- Wed 14 Women's Fellowship Christmas Service 2pm
- Sun 18 **ADVENT 4** - Sung Communion 9am; Children's Church 10.30am;
- Evensong 3.30pm
- Wed 21 Holy Communion 10.30am
- Sat 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE** - Dressing of the Crib 3.30pm
- Sun 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY** - Sung Communion 10.30am
- Wed 28 Holy Innocents. Holy Communion 10.30am; Carol Service 6pm

## JANUARY 1995

Sun 1 Sunday after Christmas. Family Communion 10.30am  
Sun 8 EPIPHANY I - Sung Communion 9am

## CHURCH NEWS

Advent Sunday - 27th November - the true count-down to Christmas. As I write this, cakes are being baked, numbers stuck on bottles, gifts being priced - all in readiness for our Christmas Fayre tomorrow.

Then, for all the singers here about - Rehearsals begin on Monday 28th November - in church at 7pm for our **Carol Service on 28th December at 6pm** (early enough for the children to come). There will be the usual refreshments afterwards.

There will be a special **Children's Party in the Village Hall at 6pm on 17th December** for all the children who are interested in getting the Children's Church going again. Mums are welcome too. Then of course, the children are invited to ***Dress the Crib at 3.30pm on Christmas Eve.***

Our Holy Communion Service on Christmas Day is at 10.30am. The turkey should be cooking nicely by then.

It's rather early I know, but just in case I don't see you before Christmas Day - please have a Happy and Blessed time when it arrives.

Betty Winkfield

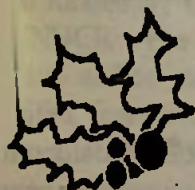
## WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

After Jo's demonstration of Christmas Cracker making at our November meeting we really could go into business - Liberty's look out - what beautiful creations can be made with a bit of imagination.

December meeting is a ***Christmas Tea*** here at **Hall Farm**, after our Service with Hymns and Readings. That is **December 14th.**

Welcome to all the new families that moved into Ladbroke in November. May you be very happy here. I hope to meet you soon.

Betty Winkfield





## FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

To all Friends who provided cakes, raffle prizes and support on Saturday, 19th November for the Coffee Morning at the Tom Hauley Room, my grateful thanks, when we made £100 for Ladbroke Church.

### Annual General Meeting

I would remind you of this meeting to be held on **Friday, 9th December, 8pm at the home of Malcolm and Jill Norgate, Ladbroke House**. Please come along with lots of new ideas.

**Gwynne Badman, Secretary**

### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LADBROKE RESTORATION-SUMMARY OF FINANCE PHASE I - TOWER/SPIRE

INCOME	£	£
From fabric fund	4,559	
Donations and legacies	9,610	
"Friends" contributions	3,225	
Fund raising	12,544	
Village appeal	11,438	
Interest received	11,597	
Covenants and Tax refunds	9,397	
Gift aid and Tax refunds	3,833	
Charitable trusts	18,000	
Diocesan fabric grant	4,000	
English Heritage Grant	<u>125,812</u>	<u>214,015</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>	
Initial work - Tower	598	
Electrical work	236	
Contractor and VAT	185,254	
Architect's fees	24,550	
Window repairs	1,917	
Insurance	648	
Administration	<u>812</u>	<u>214,015</u>



6½ years from initial discussions to completion of work and its finance. Our thanks to all the various people who have helped in so many ways.

**Alan Stubbs, Ladbroke P.C.C.**

## **LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.**

At the AGM on October 27th, the new committee was elected, with **Jill Norgate** as president. This was followed by a talk by **Lynne Stubbings** on the W.I. at national level. We finished with some cheese and wine to end **the** meeting.

Our meeting on November 24th was a demonstration by **Mrs. Merriel Williamson** on Christmas cookery. She made delicious dishes which we **were** delighted to win as raffle prizes.

We have two occasions to look forward to in December:

On **December 6th** we go to the **Hollybush** at **Priors Marston** for our Christmas Dinner;

On **December 8th** there is the local W.I.'s **Carol Concert** to be held at **Long Itchington** at 7.30pm.

**Catherine Spence**

## **LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

**MAGIC LANTERN SHOW** - All we needed was the Victorian dress to transport us back over 100 years for an evening of fascinating entertainment. Add to this the fact that the Victorian audience would be looking at the slides without our technical knowledge and video experiences, they must have felt like someone who today experiences virtual-reality through computer for the first time!

The craft and skill in the preparation of the slides we were shown was amazing. No colour photography techniques produced these, but hand painting and when you consider that the slides are only about 3 inches in size, think of the skills that we are replacing with machines.

It was a family evening, the seats at the front saved for the children, but we all enjoyed the fairies and cartoons, as well as old shots of Stratford and Leamington - how these places have changed; and although we have all seen exotic zoo animals live these days, it was still a novelty to see such old slides of them on screen. Followed by bangers & mash, the evening, put on for entertainment first, also raised well over £100 for the Village Hall maintenance fund.

**PS.** Don't forget the children's party in December - see **Karen Birch** for details.

**Linda Doyle**



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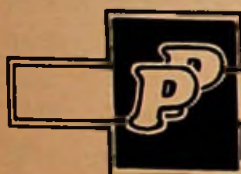
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## HISTORY - BOOK II

Yes! I have completed the sequel to Book I. Following the village through from the purchase by the first Palmer just before the Civil War, through to the First World War, when the last Palmer died.

*The Palmer Estates*, it shows how and why the village altered to its present size and form. As with the first book, price is £1.50, of which £1 will go into the Village Hall and church funds. Ring Linda Doyle on Southam 814214 to order your copy.

**Linda Doyle**

## LADBROKE BONFIRE NIGHT

The day was grey and damp, everyone was telling me it was going to rain. What a gamble Bonfire night is! Nevertheless, everyone in the village was turning out burnable rubbish, frantically pruning, cutting down or pulling out hedges and trees.

Simon Knott, David Hart and their friends were busy going round collecting it all assisted by J.M.T. vehicles and workmen. The bonfire grew and grew, by 5.30pm everything was in place. The barbeque was lit and ready to go. By 6.30pm people were arriving from far and wide. The food was selling as fast as Jeff and Jean Timms could cook it. The bonfire was lit and burnt well, a glorious sight. The fire works went off with a bang. From all our doubts and worries it all turned out a great success. We even made a profit of £98.51, which is now in the Youth Group account.

Many, Many Thanks to all who helped: Jeff & Jean Timms; Carol Northorpe; Colin Clews; Moira & Jan Brierley; Gwynne Badman; David Webster; Simon Knott; David Hart.

Not forgetting Tom Sheasby without whose consent to use his field there wouldn't be a Village Bonfire.

**Tricia Teverson**

## LADBROKE NEWS

Last month we said goodbye to the Jerome family. I have been asked to point out that they have not gone far. In fact Michael and Chris's new address is 6, Meadow Road, Southam, Tel. 813325. It is definitely a case of business as usual.

## **LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

The meeting took place on the 16th November. PC Andy West announced that Neighbourhood Watch had recruited extra co-ordinators. In Ladbroke the main contact is Francic Badman, and he is now to be assisted by Mr. Elkins, Mr. Spence and Mr. Warr.

Planning permission has been granted for the housing development in Village Farm field. However permission is only granted subject to three legal agreements which have to be completed in a fairly short space of time, or the decision will have to be re-considered.

The next project for the footpath volunteers will be on the path at Hodwell to Lower Radbourne. There are six new gates to hang and fix, so volunteers don't be shy.

Next meeting **18th January 1995.**

**Kate Liverton**

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## **HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **The Bad News**

Due to the non-compliance of the Tarzan Swing to British Standards the Parish Council's insurance company will no longer cover this piece of equipment for accident liability, and therefore the Council has no option but to remove it.

### **The Good News**

The New aerial runway will be up and running by December, thanks to the fundraising efforts of Hopscotch and all their members.

## **HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR NUMBER 1994**

Whether the economy is looking up or not, the developers are active again and the last Parish Council meeting was dominated by planning issues and attracted a large audience to the Tom Hauley room until most were driven out when the burglar alarm went off!!

Six flats on the Dovehouse Autos site attracted objectors claiming the access was dangerous, the flats too small, balcony and walkway inappropriate and building on the grass area a loss of amenity.



The PC worried about ownership of part of the site despite being advised to concentrate upon the application itself. They similarly agonised over low-cost homes promised on the Hillside Farm development and asked for a site meeting.

They objected to the new house planned at 9 Vicarage Lane as overdevelopment and being too close to Drinkwater Close bungalows. They had the same views about a new house in Hall grounds off Bull Ring Lane which was inappropriate for the Conservation Area.

They had no comments on changes to garages for the Windsors at Constance Drive or the Tenants at Binswood End Green, amendments to plans at 19 The Beeches, Old Well Cottage, Farm Street and the Old Bakery in Chapel Street. But equestrian applications did provoke complaints. Stables and a tackroom at Northfields were unnecessary because it was not a working farm and already had stables and there was no support for the lifting of the agricultural tenancy restriction at Highfield Stables where industrial use for the Indoor School was also pending.

Stratford granted permission for a Conservatory at 8 The Beeches and bungalows at 11 Constance Drive and Sussex Cottage (instead of a house). They have served enforcement for tipping at Deppers and announced that Area Planning Committees were to be set up at which local objectors would be allowed to speak (I think, but that's when the alarm went off!!)

Cllrs welcomed John Woodward as the new co-opted member and sent best wishes to colleague John Drinkwater who had a hip operation. The rest of the meeting seemed to consist of what the absent Ken Stephenson had or had not done!

At the Playing Fields he had authorised the *Stephenson extension* to the paved area to the Treasurer's annoyance, the Netball Club is now asking for a path to their court which needs resurfacing and fencing. Replacing the Tennis Court fence will cost £3,500+. Chris Burnham requested a footway from Harbury House to Pirie Close.

Resurfacing of village pavements may have to be postponed as Severn Trent intend to dig up most of them to improve the Water Mains. They recently tried using a new supply from Bishops to improve pressure and that was why we had mucky water one weekend!

The Insurer's refusal to cover the Tarzan Swing following a resident's claim for damages, (see elsewhere for explanation of why it must be removed) has caused worries that the new Aerial Ropeway may also be uninsurable.

Cllrs declined to grant aid Relate but agreed £25 for Stratford council for Voluntary Service which provides transport for villagers. They donated £25 to British Legion for their wreath and will release money promised for the Church and Village Hall Improvements. There were no sensible suggestions on what Bill Middleton could do with the remaining old bus tokens!

**Linda Ridgley**

## **A CENTENARY OF PARISH COUNCILS**

One hundred years ago this month the very first Parish Councils were elected in England and Wales.

The first Viscount Wolverhampton, better known as Henry Hartley Fowler, Liberal MP for Wolverhampton, was responsible for the passage through Parliament of the bill which brought Parish Councils into being.

His bill was a natural successor to the legislation in 1888 which produced County Councils. The proposed bill evoked a great deal of emotion, both for and against, which we would perhaps find hard to understand today. The more advanced Liberals saw it as a way of giving landless labourers in rural areas a voice against landlordism.

Joseph Arch, the founder of trade unionism, was a keen supporter of Parish Councils because he said they would create and let allotments to working men.

Lord Salisbury, who later became the Conservative Prime Minister, was of the opinion that the rural population *would be more amused by a circus or something of that sort than by having village councils!* There was, however, much enthusiasm by villagers. In Gladstone's own parish of Hawarden in Flintshire (now part of Clwyd) 90 candidates stood for 15 places. At Wroxham, Norfolk, a working class candidate was sacked and evicted two days after making an election speech.

In Wisbech, Isle of Ely, the schoolmaster chairing the parish meeting ruled the vicar out of order - the next day he found himself out of a job!





Although not entirely accurate, it is estimated that about one third to a half of all the newly elected 57,000 Parish Councillors were farmers, with a fair addition of various professionals, parsons and gentry.

Three Dukes were made chairman of their respective Parish Councils: Bedford at Woburn, Bedfordshire, Grafton at Pottersbury, Northampton and Sutherland of Trentham, Staffordshire, but a Tring in Hertfordshire a Rothschild and a chimney sweep served together, as did the marquess of Hertford and his gardener at Arrow in Warwickshire. Democracy was seen to be done here!

**Barbara Andrews**

## **HARBURY W.I.**

November's meeting was quite a memorable one as Dorothy Groves finished her term of office as president. Dorothy has been a good president for 3 years, pleasant and helpful in any situation. She thanked her Secretary Celia Barrett, Treasurer Peggie Middleton and Committee for their help over the past years.

Mrs. M. Dove was the V.C.O. who officiated in the voting and we were pleased to welcome Wendy Knowles as our new president and know that her new Committee will give her their support. Dorothy Groves will be Secretary and Peggie Middleton Treasurer.

There will be Readings and Carols at Holy Trinity, Leamington on Sunday 4th Dec. Unfortunately the Group Carol Service at Long Itchington is on the same evening as our December meeting.

Plenty of activities for 1995 - Short Mat Bowls and Indoor Bowls, Badminton and Darts Tournaments.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Party on **Friday December 2nd** with entertainment. We also hope our Mince Pie Stall at the Christmas Fair will be well supported. Don't forget the bran tub gift at the December meeting when we will also enjoy Mince Pies and Sherry too.

**December Teas:** Diana Buck, Sylvia Burdett, Nancy Davies.

We wish all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

**Jeanne Beaumont**

## **YOUTH CLUB**

The management committee of Harbury Youth Club are delighted to report that the club re-opened on November 9th.

We have appointed a new leader, Matthew Barbour who lives in Banbury. Matthew has a wealth of experience in youth work, and the club looks forward to an exciting time ahead under his leadership.

Maria Addison will be assisting Matthew, and will be helped by our volunteers who give so generously of their time.

Please note the Y.C. AGM will be on **14th December at 8pm in the Village Hall.**

**Vicky Holroyd**

## **HARBURY CUTTING IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

A packed Village Hall was the setting for an ambitious production of the Railway Children by the Harbury Theatre Group. How were they going to recreate a station, the cutting, steam trains, a signal box and the landslide?

The stage props were excellent; the smoke literally had the audience in tears, the masterly use of the signal lever to control the scenery changes and the steam train emerging from the tunnel almost stole the show. Well what did steal the show? Was it the superb backstage crew or was it the spiffing performances by the older members of the cast? No it was the children and the future of the Harbury Theatre group is in safe hands with these talented young people.

**Doug Freeman**



## **HARBURY FOLK CLUB**

Another evening of themeless (or is it seamless?) folk at the Old New Inn proved again that Harbury is the best singers club in the area. An evening of regulars interspersed with not so regulars, new combinations and new singers . . . and even new songs!

We had music from The Jug Band, Ian and Sue, Peter Mac, John Black, Jean and Ron Shuttleworth, Des, Bob Brooker, Lynne and the Hereburgh Ceilidh Band and Rupe with another big band. New faces were Paul Elliott, last seen in the Old Navasa Flying Dog and Simon, all the way from Slapton in Devon, singing arguably one of the best songs of the evening . . . but then . . . *you don't argue.*



Come to the Old New Inn on the first Thursday of the month and we'll all do it again . . . that is sing some songs, forget some words and have a great evening.

**John Kemsley**

## **HEREBURGH MORRIS VISIT OF FRIENDS FROM VERDEN**

With an efficiency akin to that which the Germans are famous for, we planned checked and double checked for the visit of our friends from Verden.

By the end of the first day, we had come to realise there were certain flaws in our organisation. We were supposed to have met them in London on the morning of October, but for some unknown reason I had booked the coach for the previous day. Fortunately the coach firm were very obliging and agreed to avail a coach on the correct day, but when a few of us went to the depot to pick up the coach on that fateful day, there was a driver but no vehicle. After expending a considerable amount of adrenalin we eventually found the coach and left Leamington destined for London to meet our guests about an hour late.

Thus started a six day period of entertaining our friends, most of whom we met when we were dancing in and around Verden in September of last year and June of this year.

Upon arrival in Harbury, we got off to a good start by sampling traditional English fish and chips in a traditional English Inn (The Dog). This was followed by a very interesting walking tour of Harbury led by Linda Ridgley. In the unbroken autumn sunshine the village looked at its best, and afterwards, many of us felt that there were worse places to live than Harbury.

During the following days there were excursions to Stratford, Coventry and Warwick where all the usual tourist attractions were visited. These were greatly appreciated by our guests, as the majority of them had never been to this area before. They were also enjoyed by ourselves as living so close to such places as Warwick Castle, Coventry Cathedral and Stratford, we tend to take them for granted and seldom visit them ourselves.

In spite of the very successful trips to these well known places, the highlights of the stay were almost certainly the Ceilidh on the Saturday night, the Music Session in the Dog on the Sunday and the Safari Supper on the Monday.

The aim of the visit was to enable our friendship with these people to develop and these events enabled this to happen.

There were more than a few wet eyes on the Wednesday morning when we made our farewells as our guests left Harbury for the airport. We are hoping it will not be long before we see them again.

The visit was pronounced a huge success and there are many people we would wish to thank. Among these are Linda Ridgley for her erudite leading of the walking tour of the village, Ray and Annie Saunders for the accommodating way they availed their premises, the Parish Council for their assistance with the financing and Michael Fish for arranging superb weather for the stay.

**Peter Bones**

### **HARBURY WIGHT SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

The Annual Dance took place at Harbury Village Hall, and was very well attended. We would like to say a big *Thank You* to everyone who supported us with donations of raffle prizes. Especially Kay and Rob of Harbury Club, Southam Agricultural Services, John and Lesley Wilkins, Mrs. Eileen Picken, Mandy and John Hodgkins, Di and Bill Evans, The Great Western pub, Mick Kane, Pat Armitage, and all Committee members.

Many thanks, too, to all who came along and enjoyed themselves on the night! We have one unclaimed raffle prize: Pink ticket No. 325, Don Arthur Anderson. If this is you, please ring 612820 and we will arrange to get it to you.

The Cake Stall will continue to be held in the Dog Inn car park, on the 1st Friday of the month. We take turns with the Village Hall Nursery Playgroup to organise this. We shall be there on December 2nd, so come along and treat yourself!

We would like to take this opportunity to say how grateful we are to Annie and Ray Saunders for allowing us the use of their car park, and to wish them lots of luck with their move from the village to warmer climes.

Thanks to the generosity of our village, recent fund-raising events have enabled us to buy two large ride-on tractors for the children, which they thoroughly enjoy. We have also replenished the Book Corner, stocked up our Arts and Crafts materials, and acquired some new dressing up outfits and play medical kits.



The Christmas Concert will be on **Friday 9th December, 11am, at the Village Hall**. The Wight School Playgroup children will be performing the Nativity, with Mince Pies, tea and coffee being served afterwards. Do please come and join us. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

**Helen McMahon**

## **HARBURY PLAYScheme 1995**

Playscheme 1994 was a great success - can you help next summer? We need more organisers. You don't have to be artistic or a wizard with used yoghurt pots - just being able to plug the kettle in and make tea for the helpers will do! Young, old, or like me, *somewhere* in the middle - there's a place for you.

If you enjoy seeing children enjoying themselves, come to our meeting in January. Watch the next issue for the date and venue. Any queries phone:

**Sue Buck 614224**

## **FIRST FOR HARBURY**



A new under 9s football team has recently been formed in Harbury at the initiative of pupils and parents of Harbury School. The brain-child of Trevor Montague, Bob Jenkins and Steve Fitzgerald, given support and facilities by Gerry Bailey and Harbury School, has attracted tremendous support.

The three week trained squad of 16 took on Bidford in the first match for both teams on Saturday 19th November at Harbury in front of an excited crowd. A dramatic struggle resulted in a 4-4 draw.

Harbury opened the scoring after seven minutes with a move by Michael Armitage which was put in goal by Richard Montague.

Bidford equalised with a lovely move set up by the diminutive Jake Print, surely a player to watch. The scoreline reached 1-4 to Bidford with 10 minutes to go when Print was injured. As a result the Bidford defence fell apart and Harbury clawed back the draw with goals from Richard Montague, Christopher Harris and Peter Gray.

#### Match Details:

Harbury Under 9s vs Bidford Under 9s, Sat. 19th Nov. at Harbury

Harbury Kit sponsored by Soil Mechanics Ltd.

Referees: Steve Fitzgerald (Harbury), Peter Jones (Bidford)

#### HARBURY 4

Montague 7,56

Harris 63

Gray 64

#### BIDFORD 4

Campion 12

Print 21

Harbury Own Goal 47

Muddiman 50

#### Harbury Squad:

James Armitage

Michael Armitage

Alex Biddle

George Clark

Ben Coleman

David Coleman

Oliver Cook

Jack Fitzgerald

Peter Gray

Christopher Harris

Samuel Jones

Ben Lodge

Scott McLaren

Richard Montague

Tom Stack

Thomas Walshe



Peter Walshe





## BOXING DAY FOOTBALL MATCH

The Annual Boxing Day match between the Under 30's and Over 30's will take place as usual ---- whatever the weather! The intrepid spectators and footballers will be revived at half time by hot punch and a collection will be made on the touch-line in aid of Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association.

The celebrations will continue at the Old New Inn with a buffer, raffle and sponsored activities following on from last year's successful beard removal from Brian Wallington (which raised £200 for the H.S.C.B. funds).

**Christine Finch**



## HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

Another successful season finished at the end of September, the weather being kind with only the odd game or two cancelled during the season. The square again skilfully manned by Richard Carr and his merry band of helpers contributed to some excellent village cricket.

Both teams completed a full quota of matches, the 1st XI captained by John Wilkinson continued to raise their reputation as a force in local village cricket.

Highlight of the season included all round performances by John Clifford - 675 runs - including an unbeaten century and 29 wickets (6 for 12 against Leamington Lemmings) and Will Russell 544 runs and 46 wickets.

**1st XI result:**    Played 24    Won 12    Lost 4    Drawn 8

Average Batting	Innings	Runs	H/S	Average
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J. Clifford	23	23	675	32.1
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W. Russell	22	22	544	30.2
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P. Linnett	20	19	498	27.6
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J. Wilkinson	20	20	513	25.6
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I. Lowe	17	16	359	25.6
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Average Bowling	Over	Runs	Wicket	Average
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W. Russell	227	748	46	16.2
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J. Clifford	162	472	29	16.9
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E. Russell	172	544	25	22.0
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I. Lowe	169	418	19	22.0
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Harbury 2nd XI youthfully managed, led and organised by skipper Mike Daniels had another enjoyable year.

As usual it was a splendid mixture of young and old with some notable performances from both ends of the age spectrum.

**2nd XI Results:**      **Played 19**      **Won 3**      **Lost 10**      **Drawn 6**

<b>Average Batting</b>	<b>Innings</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>H/S</b>	<b>Average</b>
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I. Jackson	13	281	41	23.42
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L. Sollis	16	317	60	19.81
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S. Brigg	16	277	65	19.78
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M. Daniels	15	218	43	14.53
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<b>Average Bowling</b>	<b>Over</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wicket</b>	<b>Average</b>
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G. Hanes	159	517	30	17.23
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J. Lapraik	51	238	13	22.20
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Lowe	72	333	15	22.20
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J. Tancock	110	381	13	29.31
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The Annual Club Dinner will be held on **Friday 9th December**. Tickets £12, contact Ian Holroyd on 612527.

**Ian Holroyd**

## **HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Ladies Night on 3rd Nov. A profit of £312 was made, and we are certainly grateful to anyone who helped out during the evening. All raffle prizes were collected on the night, or delivered the next day.

Much more fund-raising will be required next year because we were shocked to receive a quote of £4,000+VAT for re-surfacing the court. If we can raise/beg/borrow that amount then there will be the added expense of protecting the surface in some way, such as a boundary fence. If anyone from harbury wins the National Lottery, then you know where the first begging letter will come from!

A quiet December is envisaged as there are only a couple of games to play, and the only organised event is the Christmas Dinner. The 'C' Team are having a particularly good season, and we hope their success continues. Sue has been out of the 'B' Team through injury and we wish her a speedy recovery. A thorough clean/sweep/scrub of the court is planned for **Saturday 10th December 10am - 12noon** to make it fit for play. Volunteer helpers welcome!

**Pat Summer (612059)**





## HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

The Club has started its winter season with two teams competing in the Banbury Winter league.

The "A" Team is in Division 1 and started with an emphatic 8-0 win against Brackley followed by an emphatic 1-7 reverse against Banbury although it could have been different had the three tie breaks gone in our favour! The two most recent games recorded a 5-3 win over Hook Norton, followed by a defeat against Byfield by the same score.

The "B" Team's campaign has been limited to two fixtures in Division 3. The first was a heavy -8 defeat against Banbury (must be destined for higher things!) but this was followed by a more encouraging performance against Tysoe "B" which brought a 5-3 victory.

On the social side by the time you read this an enjoyable time will have been had at the Coventry Racquets Centre! The next scheduled event will be the Club's Traditional New Year's *Muffler* Tournament on 2nd January at the tennis courts starting at 10.30am.

**Colin Mercer**

## HARBURY BONFIRE



Once again the Harbury Bonfire and Fireworks party went up in smoke, eventually. You may have noticed that it was very wet this year and the fire took longer to burn than usual and even the fireworks had to be protected by bin-liners until they were ready for their spectacular finales. In the end everything went with a bang and flash and a *phut*.

Thanks are due to the owners and drivers of the 4x4s and trailers, really wicked on a muddy field, without them and all the helpers, young and old, there would be no Harbury Bonfire.

Any profit made on this event is a bonus and we are glad to report that £180 will be shared between the church and scouts.

If anyone would like to help in the organisation and running of next year's event, we will be very glad to hear from you.

**Mike and Liz McBride**

## **IN THE SOUP**

In last month's article on the 4th Harbury Hash, thanks were inadvertently omitted to Brian Merriman. Please accept my apologies.

**John Hancock**



## **HARBURY SUMMER PLAYScheme 1994**

Summer Playschemes are a traditional feature of village life and harbury is no exception, but in Autumn 1993 a new Committee took over with great enthusiasm as Sue Buck explains.

"I believe our chief asset was out total naiveté and ignorance of what lay before us! We were a Committee of four with a Treasurer, later joined by a fifth.

Over the months we had many enjoyable meetings, helped along by a glass or two of wine and pistachio nuts (we needed the shells for the musical hakers!)

We collected boxes, corks, magazines, tins and plastic bottles without knowing what we would make with them.

As we did not wish to be out of pocket, grants had to be applied for, letters sent to local societies and firms asked for donations. A grant was promised



if we showed we were actively fund-raising and we had the brilliant idea to sell a large quantity of books that had been donated.

Perhaps five people turned up, (I like to think it was at least five!). We bought a book each and some of each other's cakes to show a little profit, but then were given a slot in the church coffee morning rota, a well established fund raising initiative.

The response to this was tremendous with the most magnificent display of cakes and books. Our faith in human nature restored we took a stall at the local carnival and that too was a success.

Running parallel to this quest for funds was the search for what we were actually going to do in the Playscheme. We had funds for insurance, hall hire and some equipment - what we needed to decide was how many days the scheme was to run and what activities would take place.

At each meeting each organiser had to show some ideas - I am not artistically gifted and found showing my efforts rated high on the embarrassment scale, but with help the ideas could be turned into thoroughly enjoyable activities.

We copied or adapted from books, roped in our children as helpers. Whole families were attuned to "think Playscheme" and this even extended to the bathroom where no-one was allowed to dispose of the ever useful inner tube of a toilet roll.

As we became more certain of our finances we decided to hire outside visitors (The Kite Man, The Toy Man) and together with visits from the Fire, Police and Guide Dogs these were immensely popular with the children.

We were insured for 100 children a day, three days a week for two weeks and a certain amount of preparation was essential especially with the 5-13 year olds.

In reality children pick and choose and we were surprised at what was popular. A last minute offer of a dozen weaving looms proved such a success, with boys as well as girls, that they had to be made available each day.

Butterflies increased. Had we enough scissors, glue, sellotape? What if more than 100 came? What if no-one turned up? Had we sufficient helpers?

We had more than enough. Mothers, fathers, teenagers, older brothers and sisters, the Postman - all gave freely of their time. A programme of outside

games and sports was arranged, including a memorable "Pirate Day" complete with pirate ship and water bombs.

Did we enjoy it? Yes, I rather think we did - despite the blood, sweat and tears! Would we do it again? Ah well, an altogether different question. It needs more than our initial group (mainly mothers with young children) to lessen the load. Given more help, more ideas from the outset then we all say "YES".

Five hundred and sixty-three children over six days enjoyed the experience. We always seemed to run low on biscuits for break-time yet managed to overestimate the hot-dogs. Now, what can we use sixty frankfurter sausages for? I wonder, excuse me, I'll just try this .....

**Harbury Playscheme Committee**

## **A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF A VW CAMPER - Part 2**



The biggest adventure of all was when we went into Romania at the beginning of April. It was amazing and immediate as soon we (Paul and I, the other 2 had returned to England for work) crossed the border we were in shock! The poverty is obvious. The country suffered greatly under Ceaucescu, who left it in another league to that of it's Eastern European partners. Huge problems exist with the economy and politics in Romania, mainly due to corruption. In this situation there are always victims, a lot of



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people have suffered but most of all the children. We went to Bucharest to see the Ministry of Health to offer ourselves for voluntary work in an orphanage. We were kept waiting for a week for various *official* papers which never arrived. This would have been fine, but with no camp sites we were living in the Car Park of the Airport! The armed guards became our friends after 40 cigarettes. We received a placement in a Childrens' Hospital in Lugoj in western Romania. So, back to where we had come from! We set off - at all our stops we were approached by street children, gypsies, or beggars. We were targets and made very aware of our western affluence every moment. You want to give everything, but have to be so very careful.

The *Hospital* is not as we know a hospital in the medical sense, but rather an institution, housing unwanted children of any nature. We can not begin to imagine it, it's very difficult to word. The children there were orphans - physically and mentally handicapped, young offenders, abandoned, diseased, behavioural problems. There were 300 children in the hospital, and three others in Lugoj alone - a town half the size of Leamington.

We were left to our own devices, due to the lack of management. Motivation of staff a real problem - all receive £40 per month wages, with the Director getting £45. Each day we would go to a unit and *cope*.

You would have, at times, 30 children all around you, desperate for a touch and some attention. Language was not much of a problem, songs a favourite activity. The most difficult aspect to accept was the treatment of the children, the staff showing no affection, never playing with them. The *system* was very power orientated, from adults down to the smallest child. As a punishment for the older children they would be injected with a tranquilliser. The conditions were very basic, a bed each but no possessions. What toys there were, were locked away and unused or controlled by staff. The sanitary facilities were awful, mostly due to not being cleaned or fixed though there were staff employed to do this.

The thing that was so rewarding was making friends with the children, seeing the smiles and playing games with them. We were seen as millionaires, and a lot of the staff did not trust us, thinking we were spies. It must be remembered that 5 years ago it was illegal for them to speak with a foreigner. It was good to demonstrate that love costs nothing, every child deserves it.

The horror was to find that approximately 30 children to my knowledge in that hospital never got out of bed. They stayed in cots 24 hours a day, some handicapped, other *normal*, they were fed, changed occasionally and left alone. Those who were active were put in straight jackets, and one child (9 years) tied to his cot as he was able to climb out.

The problem of so many unwanted children in Romania needs to be addressed. However, money and material items alone is not the answer, as much of the donations of 1989 have *disappeared*. They need help from professionals and education to help themselves.

The Romanian people have had a hard political history over the last 40 years, one we could not possibly understand. I would like to say that the friends we did make were wonderful and treated us like royalty. They were so kind, having us to their houses often, cooking lovely meals for us, when they themselves wondered what they'd eat next week.

I do intend to continue helping and will be working for a charity called *Children against Darkness*. It was a brilliant opportunity to work at the hospital, one we shall never forget and though you have to be very strong to remain useful I would love to do it again. Sadly our visas came to an end and we left in late June.

It must be said after we left Romania, we needed a rest and a month of beach hopping in Greece sufficed. However, the culture shock of being back in the west took a long time to get over. We often find ourselves saying *we don't realise how lucky we are!*

We meandered up Italy, dodging the motorway tolls. We invaded our family's holiday in the south of France, much to their delight! We returned to a wonderful and wet England in August 94 .... 17 countries later, and bumper still thumping!

**Lorraine Andrew**

*Lorraine's account of her travels, her initiative and financial independence, alongside a caring for others, illustrates for us, all that is positive and encouraging in today's youth.*



## RWANDAN REFUGEE CAMPS - ZAIRE (Part 1)

In August of this year, late on Friday night before the Bank Holiday, I received an urgent request from the charity *Christian Outreach* of Leamington Spa to go to Goma in Zaire, Africa to set up a camp for Rwandan refugees.

I left England the following Tuesday for Nairobi in Kenya on a scheduled flight and from there to Goma by a relief Hercules carrying 16 tonnes of millet and other goods.

On touching down at the airport, I was met by the group leader, cleared through customs and immigration and taken in a four wheel drive vehicle through Goma town. We passed the mass grave for the cholera victims, noticeable only because there were no people living on the area - and onto our base which was a three bedroom villa by the lake. Inside I found that the property had been ransacked in riots a year previously, but it still boasted one working W.C., a bath with one cold tap still working, two lights that worked whenever we had power and doors to each bedroom.

I was briefed immediately on arrival on the security measures set up by UNHCR by way of radio communication. Each member had a two-way radio and could talk to, or receive from other members or UNHCR at any time which made it possible to hear what was going on in any camp at any time day or night.

The Christian Outreach/Tear Fund team consisted at the particular time of four nurses, a team leader, two local translators/helpers, two Rwandan Nursing Administrators, two teams of Rwandan nurses together with a cook and a domestic help. For the new camp on which I would be working, we had a local Administrator, a local logistician (the man responsible for finding and buying any local goods or services necessary) and myself.

My first full day took me to Kahindo camp, a new camp about 40 km from Goma, being set up to move refugees from public buildings such as Churches and Schools as well as taking the pressure off some of the bigger camps. The drive to this camp was shattering in an emotional sort of way. To drive through banana and coffee plantations with occasional glimpses of tropical forest with an active volcano dominating the scene and then on reaching the crest of a rise in the road to see, stretched out before you for several kilometres, a massive camp of branch and twig shelters covered with blue or green plastic with wood smoke rising from each, was a jolt to the system. This was Kibumba No. 1 and No. 2 camps.

Worse was to come, driving through the camp we saw, on the side of the road, bodies wrapped in a bit of cloth or a rush mat, waiting to be collected by the aid agencies. Alongside these were people trying to sell firewood or food or even their blankets in order to get money to buy food for their families. People were everywhere - fetching firewood back from the forests or finding grass and twigs to make their dwellings more acceptable. The camp was on an old lava flow from the volcano and was devoid of soil. The people were dressed mainly in second-hand western clothes - obviously given out by aid agencies - and their mood varied from those patently traumatised and unable to cope to those who looked cheerful and could cope with anything. It was a relief to reach the other side and to drive through more tropical forest (an area where aid agencies travel in convoy for fear of bandits) through to Kahindo camp.

Here I was shown the set up of a camp; how refugees are brought in, records made, health needs are attended to and space allocated for them to construct their own dwellings. I also took note of the infra-structure so that I could plan and construct a camp to conform with the standards prevailing elsewhere. To walk round this camp and converse with the refugees in a mixture of French and English was again emotionally disturbing but space is too short to describe it. My brief was to construct a camp on a peninsula jutting out into lake Kivu which I will describe in the next article.

**David Clarke**

## **MISSIONS TO SEAMEN**

Coffee morning Saturday 12th November 1994. Thank you everyone who supported us with prizes, cakes or who called for our annual event in the village. The generous help you gave enables the Mission in over 300 ports round the world to care for seafarers with all kinds of problems a long way from their homes. We raised £109.45p. Thank you.

**Bill Davies**

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**Richard Wells,**  
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## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At the AGM the Chairman Mrs. Zonik reported on the Society during the last 12 months. We were reminded that the Society is a member of the Henry Doubleday trust, and this allows free entry to Ryton Gardens for 2 people on presentation of our membership card. This can be obtained from Mrs. Zonik. The Secretary Julie Clarke, agreed to continue in office and Shirley Keir will be Treasurer. Subscriptions, £2 per person, are now due. The retiring Treasurer, Martin Randall gave the financial report. This year the Walkabout brought in a substantial amount which has enabled us to give donations to several village organisations. Unfortunately the village show does not receive enough support to be self financing. Although this is a show for everyone in Harbury and Deppers Bridge, the Horticultural Society funds the running of it.

December 6th - Christmas Party - 8pm in the Farley Room. A finger buffet will be provided after the talk, *Birds in your Garden*, by Mr. A Napton.

Now is the time to plan the garden displays for next year. We should like to find **12 new gardeners** willing to take part in the **Garden Walkabout** on 8th July 1995. Please contact any of the Committee if you would like to be included. Variety is what appeals to visitors so everyone with an interest in their garden has something to offer. Don't be shy, you really will enjoy giving people an interesting day out.

Pat Smith



### DECEMBER IN THE GARDEN



With such a mild Autumn, Christmas Roses (Hellebore Niger) may actually flower for Christmas this year. Top dress with soil containing Bone Meal and compost and protect with a cloche, to advance growth and save blooms from weather damage.

Continue digging compost or manure into borders and vegetable plots. Trees and bushes can still be planted, if soil conditions are suitable, but the planing or division of herbaceous plants and the potting up of rooted cuttings is now best left till the Spring.

Cut back overgrown shoots of Buddleia and Roses to prevent windrock, serious pruning should be left until February and March respectively.

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bark, leaving the dormant stems to help retain the mulch, cutting them down in Spring when growth shows again.

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Keep greenhouse glass clean for maximum light and in an unheated house, avoid over watering. Bring forced bulbs into the light, but not into the warmth until buds are well formed.

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We would like to wish all our past customers and friends in the village a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

Although we are enjoying our retirement very much, we do miss you all. Why not call for a cup of tea sometime, you will be welcome.

**Edna and Phil Lindop**

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Dear Editors

Many thanks to all who contributed to or came to the coffee morning in aid of T.O.F.S. on Saturday 5th November. A special Thank you to Janny, Gill and Rosemary who helped on the day. We have been able to send £86 to this little known charity which supports children born unable to swallow and the families who care for them.

**The Darby Family**

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Dear Editors

Many thanks to all supporters of the R.S.P.C.A. Coffee Morning at Wissett Lodge. It raised £351, a great effort.

**Pam Sterling**

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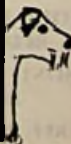
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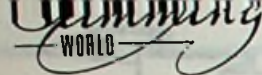
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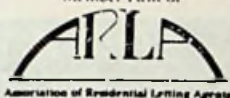
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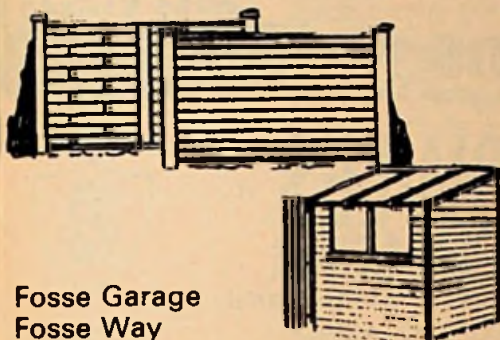




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