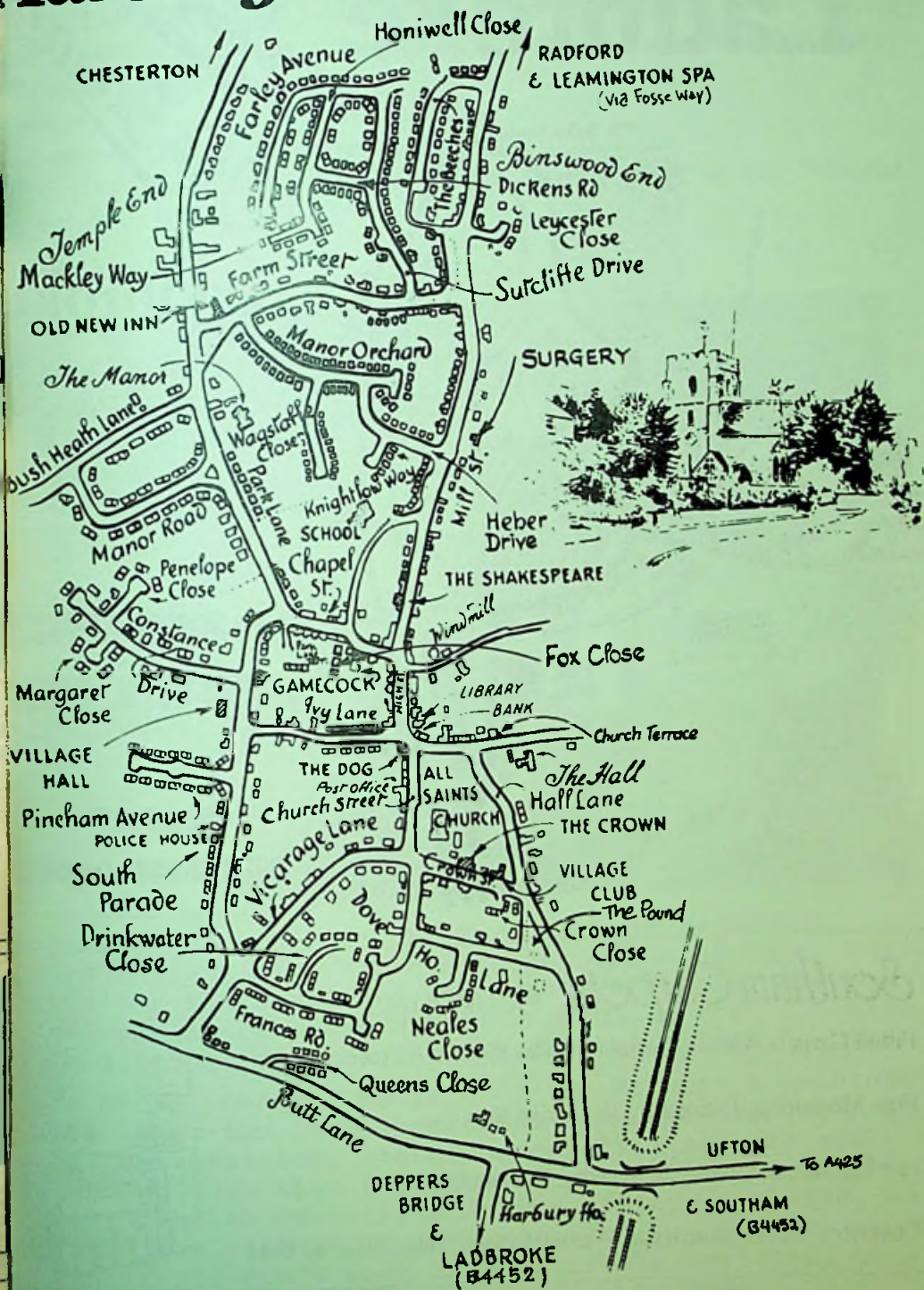
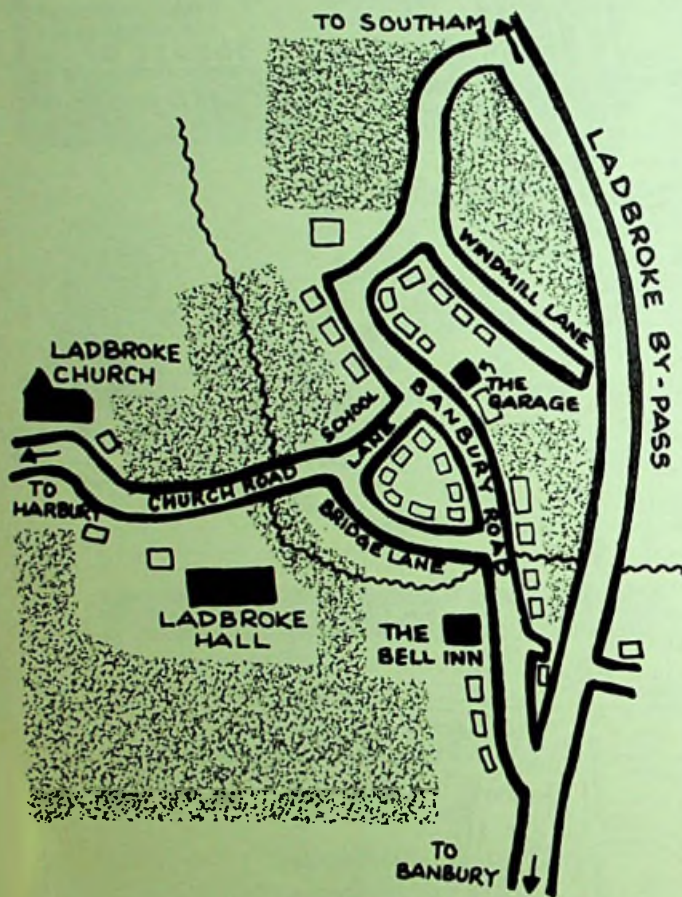


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Lambing comes before the Spring these days, but nevertheless Mike Bloxham's photograph of Coral Moore with her son Lewis and niece Sophie feeding the new arrivals at East Field Farm reminds us that the days are getting longer and the Winter will soon be over.

The Annual General Meeting of the Harbury & Ladbroke News is at the Shakespeare Inn on Monday Feb. 7th at 8pm. Several long standing committee members are standing down this time, so if you have thought you might like to contribute to the village magazine, we would love to hear from you.

Even if you don't want to be actively involved, your ideas and enthusiasm would be very welcome.

Two very important events are due in the village next month: On Thursday, Feb. 10th there will be a meeting in school to discuss the re-organisation plans with officers from the Education Department. The meeting starts at 7.15pm and all those interested in the future of the school are urged to attend. On March 4th, our MP Alan Howarth is holding a 'surgery' in Harbury Village Hall - an important opportunity to air your grievances. For details of making an appointment see the article in the magazine.

Finally, we extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Alf Wren, Neil Ross, Beryl Griffin and Thomas Hook who have died recently.

Harbury Diary

FEBRUARY

- Sun 6 Sung Eucharist 9am; Family Service 10.30am; Evensong 4pm
 Mon 7 Bible Study in T.Hauley Room
 HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS AGM in Shakespeare 8pm
 Tue 8 Mother & Toddlers Service 2.15pm
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Village Hall Committee 8pm
 Wed 9 Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
 Thur 10 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club 2.30pm in V.Hall
 WI in V.Hall 7.45pm
 Consultation meeting on School Future 7.15pm
 Sat 12 Nursery Playgroup Children's 80/20 Clothes Sale in
 Wight School 10-Noon
 Leamington Christian Mission coffee morning T.Hauley Room
 OOMPAH NIGHT in Village Hall
 Rugby 1 XV v Earlsdon League; Colts v Broadstreet
 Sun 13 Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;
 Evensong 4pm; Benediction 6pm
 Crusaders in T.Hauley Room 10.30am
 Mon 14 ST. VALENTINES DAY
 Prayer and Praise at 17 Farm Street
 Tue 15 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Mothers Union in T.Hauley Room 7.45pm, Mr. Bailey on
 Education Changes
 Senior Citizens Benefit Committee in V.Hall
 Wed 16 ASH WEDNESDAY - Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
 at 7.30pm

B L O O D D O N O R S at Village Hall

- Thur 17 Holy Communion 9.45am
 at 19 Mens Prayer Breakfast in T.Hauley Room 7.30am
 RSPCA Jumble Sale in V.Hall 10am
 Rugby 1st XV v Birmingham City Officials
 Sun 20 LENT I - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;
 Crusaders in T.Hauley Room 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
 Mon 21 Yoga starts 1.30pm - 3pm in V.Hall
 Bible Study in T.Hauley Room
 Tue 22 Holy Communion including short Lenten Address 7.30pm
 Julian Group in Church 8.10pm
 Wed 23 Youth Club in V.Hall
 Thur 24 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club in V.Hall 2.30pm
 Parish Council in V.Hall 7.30pm
 Fri 25 Holy Communion at Noon
 ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN MARCH NEWS TO EDITORS BY
 6pm TODAY (5, Frances Road)
 PTA Quiz Night in School 7.30pm
 Sat 26 Peal attempt by visiting ringers begins at 9.30am
 After School Club Dance in V.Hall 8pm
 Rugby 1st XV v Coventry Standard
 Sun 27 LENT II - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;
 Evensong 4pm
 Crusaders 10.30am in T.Hauley Room
 Mon 28 Prayer & Praise in Church or T.Hauley Room

MARCH

- Tue 1 ST. DAVIDS DAY
 Horticultural Society meets in V.Hall
 Wed 2 Mothers Union Lent Service 2.15pm
 Youth Club in V.Hall 8pm
 Thur 3 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn at 8.30pm
 Fri 4 Harbury Nursery Playgroup Cake Stall - Dog Inn
 Holy Communion at Noon
 Alan Howarth 'Surgery' in V.Hall 4.20 - 6.20pm
 Bridge Evening in V.Hall 7-11pm
 Sat 5 Jumble Sale in V.Hall
 Sun 6 LENT III - Sung Eucharist 9am followed by Parish Breakfast
 NO FAMILY SERVICE; Evensong 4pm
 Mon 7 Bible Study 8pm T.Hauley Room
 Tue 8 Holy Communion 7.30pm including short Lenten Address
 Village Hall Committee 8pm
 Cricket AGM Rugby Club 8pm

REGULAR DIARY DATES**HARBURY CRUSADERS:** Tom Hauley Room, 10.30am Sundays**UPHOLSTERY CLASSES:** Wight School, 2-4pm Mondays**GYMNASTICS:** Harbury Sch, 6-7pm (under 7 & Beginners 7-8pm (7-10yrs), 8-9pm (over 10yrs) Mondays**GUIDES:** Scout Hut, 7pm Mondays**BINGO:** Village Hall, 8pm Mondays**TODDLER GROUP:** Wight School, 10-11.30am Mondays & 2-3.30pm Wednesdays**PLAYGROUP:** Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings**NURSERY SCHOOL:** Village hall, Tues to Fri mornings**BROWNIES:** Village Hall every Tues 6pm - 7.30pm**SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tues & Thurs**BADMINTON:** Village Hall every Tuesday**HARBURY FRIENDS:** School, 8pm 2nd Tues of Month**BABY CLINIC:** New Surgery, 2-4pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesday**YOUTH CLUB:** Village Hall, 7.30 - 9.30pm Wednesdays**DANCING CLASSES:** Children & Adults, Farley Room, Village Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays**HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS:** School Hall, 8pm Wednesday**NETBALL CLUB:** Village Hall Car Park - Training Thurs 6.30pm -
Matches Saturday afternoon**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** Old New Inn 8.30pm 1st Thur of month**THURSDAY CLUB:** Village Hall, 2.30pm 2nd & 4th Thurs**CUBS:** Scout hut, every Wednesday**W.I.:** Village Hall, 7.45pm 2nd Thursday of month**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Church, 6.30pm every Friday**BELLRINGING PRACTICE:** Church, 7.30pm every Friday**THEATRE GROUP:** Wight School, 8pm last Fri of month**COFFEE MORNING:** Saturdays Tom Hauley Room 10am-12pm**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU:** Over Southam Magistrates Ct
every Tuesday (except Bank Holidays) 10am-3pm**TENNIS CLUB:** (Apr-Sep) Tue & Thu 6.30pm onwards (6pm for April)
Sat 2-5pm, Mon & Wed 1.45-3pm**YOGA:** Village Hall, 1.30-3pm Monday, Diane Surgey Tel 817904**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO:-****LINDA RIDGLEY - TELEPHONE 612792****For Village Hall Bookings****ring Mrs Hughes 612716****For Wight School Bookings****ring Mrs Hayes 613488****For Tom Hauley Room Bookings****ring Mrs Smith 613680**

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HARBURY HELPLINE UPDATE

We have won a certificate of merit in the Rural Church Community Care Scheme Competition. This was a joint venture between the Midshire Caring Trust and the Arthur Rank Centre at the National Agricultural Centre Stoneleigh. We were awarded a cheque to the value of £50 and a meeting will be arranged in the near future to discuss how the money should be spent.

Our annual collection for the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen raised a total of £70, a big thank you to all who helped.

Vanda

FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS.

Some of the more urgent roof repairs have been attended to and we hope that we are now 'watertight'. The next work to be dealt with will be renewing the ridge tiles.

Our elderly photocopier - originally given to us by Chris Macgowan - is now beyond economical repair and treasurer Liz McBride is organising a more modern and less costly replacement.

The season of Lent is almost upon us! We shall have a joint Lent course with Ladbroke and these will

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alternate between the two churches on Tuesday evenings, commencing at Harbury on Feb. 22nd. at 7.30pm. The services will be Communion services with an address. There is also a series of deanery lent services which will take place on Wednesdays, the first being at Priors Marston on 23rd Feb. at 7.45. There are leaflets displayed in church giving more details.

A few future events connected with Easter:-

March 26th at Ladbroke a concert by Diatonic,

March 27th (Palm Sunday) at Harbury Stainer's Crucifixion will be presented by the Windmill Singers at 6.30pm,

April 1st (Good Friday) at Harbury a devotion for congregation and (augmented) choir, The Cross Of Christ commencing at 7pm.

Arrangements for the parish holiday are well in hand; this year the destination is Lake Garda in Northern Italy, Beryl has all the details.

Beryl and John.

FROM THE RECTOR

When you receive this copy of the 'News' we will almost be in the season of Lent.

As you will know Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. Lent is the season when we prepare ourselves to celebrate Easter, and traditionally we prepare in two ways. Through penitence (being contrite and saying sorry to God for our sins) and fasting. We hope that we can know ourselves better and know God better - becoming more faithful disciples. On Ash Wednesday this process starts.

In early times the public penitents began their penance on Ash Wednesday. Not only were ashes sprinkled on their heads, but they were presented with hair skirts and ceremoniously cast out of church. (Hence the expression 'sackcloth and ashes'.) They could not return until Maundy Thursday, the day of reconciliation, and were obliged in the meantime to live an austere life in some monastery or other place of retreat.

We all need reminding that we do sin against God and that we must come to him in penitence and say sorry. As a symbol of our penitence we will at Ladbroke's

10.30am Communion and Harbury's 7.30pm Sung Eucharist on Ash Wednesday be following the ancient custom of the church by having the 'Imposition of Ashes'. At the beginning of the services, those who wish may come up to have a cross made on their foreheads with ash (made from the remains of last year's Palm Crosses). Many Christians have found this act a powerful and moving reminder of our sinfulness and also a pledge of God's forgiveness. This seems to me to be a good opportunity to get our Lenten observances off to a good start.

Another Lenten practice is to give something up. This ought to be coupled with positive action. Possibly more regular attendance at services and regular reading of the Bible. With all this in mind let us prepare together for the great festival of Easter.

A Prayer for Lent

Almighty God, we pray that through tis season of Lent, by prayer and study and self-discipline, we may penetrate more deeply into the mystery of Christ's sufferings; that following in the way of his cross and passion we may come to share in the glory and triumph of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Fr. Roy

FUNERALS

At All Saints' Harbury, Friday 21st January:
ALF WREN, 9 BINSWOOD END (Followed by cremation at Oakley Wood)

At Oakley Wood, Friday 28th January:
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R.O.C.

January has been another good month for ROC. On the 14th there was a very successful and enjoyable Wine and Cheese Evening at Wissett Lodge which raised £235.83 and on the 22nd a coffee morning and lunch organised by the bellringers and friends produced a further £262.50. Our thanks go to all those who organised and supported these events. The ROC total now stands at £7,510.83.

Dates for your diary: Sat. 19th Feb. Lunch in the T.Hauley Room 12-2pm. Homemade Carrott Soup, Baked Potato with Chicken Fricasee or Cheese, Treacle Tart Peach Pavlova, Ice Cream, Coffee or Tea. Order forms now available at Coffee Mornings or from the table in Church. Sat. 19th March, Lunch in the T.Hauley Room. Sat. 9th April. We have booked the Charity stall on Warwick Market. We need a good supply of cakes, jams etc., bric a brac, good quality clothing and not least plenty of people to man the stall. If we have enough no-one will be asked to stand for more than an hour. All offers to Joyce Windsor, 5 Park Lane 612504. Sat. 23rd April. Lunch in the T.Hauley Room. Sat. 14th May. A concert in Church by the Royal Naval Male Voice Choir and children from Harbury School. Quiz, the only all correct entry received was from Mrs. J.Taylor. Congratulations. The correct answers were as follows: 1.Ouse; 2.Wash; 3.Weaver; 4.Axe; 5.Dart; 6.Colne; 7.Itchen; 8.Aire; 9.Dove; 10.Test; 11.Severn; 12.Taw; 13.Wharfe; 14.Windrush; 15.Mole; 16.Camel; 17.Wey; 18.Redre; 19.Lea; 20.Bure; 21.Cam: Our thanks to Mrs. G.Watts for compiling the Quiz.

Joyce and Harry Windsor

ROC APPEAL TAKES OFF

A new captain leading the team visibly lifted spirits. On Jan. 18, after a year without a Rector, the Revd. Roy Brown was chairing his first Parochial Church Council at Harbury. The meeting got off to a good start with the news that Gift Day in church on Jan. 1 had boosted to £6,500 the ROC (Roof, Organ, Clock) appeal (target £28,000), and that donations were still rolling in. The appeal committee was heartened by the widespread support it was receiving at all the special events, and in planning the year's money-raising programme. In this promising climate it was decided to make an early start on the work for which ROC was launched, with roof repairs first in the order of priorities, followed by restoration and automation of the clock, and finally the organ.

The 1994 Diocesan levy on Harbury has been fixed at £11,578 which will be slightly cushioned by a rebate of £658 which takes account of the year-long interregnum.

Pressure on the Diocese is being maintained by the Parishes with a request from Southam Deanery Synod for

a clearer indication of how economies can be made to the diocesan budget in the light of the deteriorating financial plan, and urging a review of policy on extra-parochial appointments.

A combined Harbury-Ladbroke Lent course, with its theme of 'Prayer and Spirituality' incorporated into the communion service, was preferred to participation in the Deanery course. It will be on Tuesday evenings and will alternate between the two parishes, beginning at Harbury on February 22nd.

The prospect of a changed format for the monthly family service with the aim of bringing the children into mainline worship was raised, but serious discussion was deferred to the next meeting to afford PCC members the opportunity for considered thought and prayer.

The Rector voiced the PCC's congratulations to Harry Windsor on being awarded the MBE in the New Year Honours.

The cost of replacing the worn-out parish photocopier is to be explored as a matter of urgency. The slightly reduced profit from the Christmas Fair was attributed to the absence of one or two hitherto popular stalls together with the drop in attendance, possibly due to the switch from the traditional Saturday.

There was good news from bonfire night, with the Scouts and Church sharing equally in a much increased profit of £285, and the announcement that action is being taken to reinstate the site of the bonfire in the playing fields.

Ash Wednesday services on Feb. 16th will be at Ladbroke (10.30am) and Harbury (7.30pm) with imposition of ashes at both.

John Algar

MOTHERS' UNION

We were pleased to welcome our friends from Ladbroke Women's Fellowship to the Christmas party. After a lighthearted Christmas Quiz we had tea, provided by the committee, and sang carols.

The evening meeting took the form of a Faith Supper. Shirley Keir had prepared a musical quiz, which was

much enjoyed, and we were grateful to Shirley and Hamish for being our hosts.

Members observed the National Day of Prayer for Families Worldwide on Jan. 16th-17th, which culminated in a much appreciated communion service led by the Rector.

The evening speaker on the 15th will be Mr. G.Bailey on the changes in education. Anyone interested in this subject is very welcome to join us. We meet at 7.45pm in the T.Hauley Room.

C.Mary Catt

TODDLERS' SERVICE

We talked about hands and what we can do with them, sang about Jesus's hands, drew round our hands, had a story about Jesus healing a man's withered hand and finally used our hands to play the percussion instruments while we sang a song of praise. The Rector closed our service with a prayer. Next month it's FEET.

C.Mary Catt

Ladbroke News

FEBRUARY

Wed 9 Holy Communion 2pm (Prior to Women's Fellowship)
 Sun 13 Sung Communion 9am
 Wed 16 Holy Communion 10.30am (with Imposition of Ashes)
 Sun 20 LENT I - Sung Communion 9am; Children's Church 10.30am;
 Evensong 3.30pm
 Wed 23 Holy Communion 10.30am
 Sun 27 LENT II - Sung Communion 9am

MARCH

Tue 1 Holy Communion 7.30pm including short Lenten Address
 Wed 2 Holy Communion 10.30am
 Sun 6 Family Communion 10.30am

Congratulations to Michelle and Peter King on the birth of their daughter Isobelle on Thursday 20th Jan.

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)

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

A further reminder: Friday 25th Feb. at The Grove, courtesy of Jean and Jim Clewes - Curry and/or Casserole - the choice is yours. Ring me on 812187 for tickets at £5 each.

Gwynne Badman

CHURCH NEWS

I know the memory of Christmas is still fresh in our minds, but - Ash Wednesday is Feb. 16th - the beginning of Lent. The Lent services alternating between Harbury and Ladbroke on Tuesday evenings will be well advertized. It would be lovely if Ladbroke could really turn out in force! to these services. We will put on transport for anyone wanting to go to Harbury. If you cannot manage Tuesday evenings, the Southam Deanery are having Lent services in various churches in the area. They will also be advertized - there really isn't any excuse! Please try to get to some of the services.

We made £94 at our Carol Concert. This was sent to Larry and Elizabeth Bain (Michael Shorts' daughter) to help them with their work with the Christian charity "Serve" on the Afghan-Pakistan border.

Betty Winkfield

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Jan. meeting held at the home of Catherine Spence was a "mini" AGM. The main item agreed then, was that we would have a Corporate Communion in church at 2pm for each meeting. Our Treasurer, Beryl Ross - being happy to continue, was thanked for her work over the past year. Following the business we watched a video recording of the Eucharist, held at the Royal Show Ground in Sept., celebrating 75 years of the

Coventry Diocese. What a lovely happy, sunny day that was.

Our next meeting on Feb. 9th is at the home of Gwladys Gould. The Lent lunches this year; on every Wednesday at 12.30pm during Lent.

Venues as follows:

- 16th Feb. - Catherine Spence, 7 Ladbroke Hall
- 23rd Feb. - Hazel Sharples, 5 Ladbroke Hall
- 2nd Mar. - Beryl Darkes, 70 Braeman Rd, Cubbington
- 9th Mar. - Gwladys Gould, Old Rectory House, Banbury Road
- 16th Mar. - Chris Payne, 15 Ladbroke Hall
- 23rd Mar. - Gwynne Badman, "Sarah's Cottage", Bridge Lane
- 30th Mar. - Jennifer Elkin "Cotswold", Windmill Lane

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE TODDLERS & SOCIAL CLUB

Our first get together was held on 15th Jan. - thank you to everyone who came along to give their support, the children certainly enjoyed themselves. We look forward to seeing even more of you in February!

We will meet every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month 10.30am - 12noon in the V.Hall. The dates for Febr. are Wed. 2nd and 23rd (due to $\frac{1}{2}$ term the prev. week) The meeting on the 23rd will also be a children's Bring and Buy. So do come along with any toys, clothes etc., you'd like to sell (or buy!) and make yourselves some extra money.

YOUTH GROUP - FIRST THURSDAY in the Month
3rd February and 3rd March in the V.Hall.
Trip to be organised during the Easter Holiday for members.

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LADBROKE-DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

We were delighted to have as our speaker this month (Jan.26th) our very own member, Karen Birch. Her subject of Decorative Paint Techniques covering marbling, rag rolling and spongeing was well presented and interesting. Could it be this will be "the start of something good" and W.I. homes will burgeon this spring with something other than daffodils??

Items for discussion were the perennial 'raising money', Spring Council, the Triennial meeting, outings to Bath and Birmingham, and the appointment of two members to represent us in the W.I. Scrabble competition - G.Norgate and I.Bennett. Tina Gilbert won the raffle. Don't forget subs of £11.60 are now due.

I.Bennett

MEDIEVAL LADBROKE

The response to the 1st booklet has been tremendous. The 1st print of 50 is already sold out and the 2nd print is hot off the press.

The profit is being divided between the Church and the V.Hall and looks like being an ongoing prospect. Some copies have been sold as far as Bristol and gone as far as South Africa. Further copies are available from Linda Doyle anytime. Especially interesting to the new comers to Ladbroke so let them know!

Book II is being worked on. It covers the years from Lady Dudley until World War I, when the Palmer family were Lords of the Manor.

Linda Doyle 814214

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

Since our refurbishment, we are now going Great Gals! On Saturday, 12th Feb. St. Valentine's - Las Vegas Night - What a combination! Fun and Food for a Fiver! Where else would you find this but at Ladbroke?! Get your tickets at £5 each from Gwynne Badman 812187. Irene Bennett 812860; Stan Greenway 814313 and Peter Derrick 813745.

Gwynne Badman

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL - OPEN GARDENS

To ring the changes, the V.Hall Cttee is looking at the possibility of holding an 'Open Gardens' one sunday in July. Curiosity about what is behind any garden wall can be capitalised on. We are interested to hear from anyone who is prepared to open their garden and Linda Doyle will be pleased to discuss

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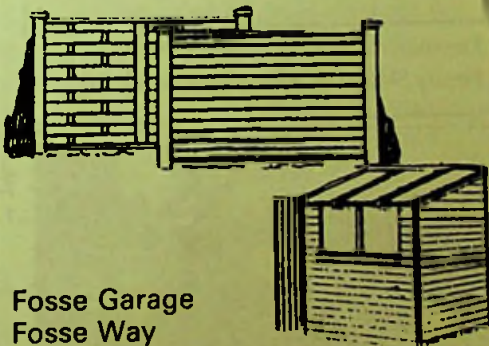


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it in detail with them before they make a possitive decision.

We don't need vast numbers, as the village is delightful to walk round in itself now that the main road is no longer and they would be complemented with cream teas and some form of activity in the Village Hall, but we do need some volunteers.

There will be no expense to the gardener, we just ask for a day of your time and perhaps a little extra weeding! Yet it would be a wonderful way of raising funds to continue the refurbishment of the Village Hall.

If you feel your garden is not grand enough to show off, then don't despair, we will require help with the cream teas and security.

We hope to have the Church Tower open, but do not expect to have a flower festival in the church, as it would be too much expense and time to be able to prepare as well. It will be a fairly low key, low cost event, backed by the V.Hall. Surrounding villages have had great success with this type of activity. Please contact Linda Doyle before March 1st so arrangements can be made.

Linda Doyle 814214

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The first Parish Council meeting for 1994 took place on Wed. Jan. 19th, it was a really freezing night, so it wasn't surprising that only one lonely villager came to keep on eye on local deliberations. The fire stations at Fenny Compton and Tysoe had again been reprieved, probably for the next 3-4 years. The policing of our area has been re-organised, our new community policeman is P.C. Bob Stephens whose are includes Napton across to Bishops Itchington and down to Fenny Compton.

Planning-wise two retrospective approvals had been received for Mr. Brian Moore, this leaves one application outstanding. Permission has been granted for a new agricultural dwelling along the lane to Bishops Itchington. The unsafe barn wall opposite school lane had been referred to S.D.C as they were in charge of dangerous structures. Berkeley Homes

have re-submitted plans for 15 houses on the field behind Village Farm, but the Council still felt that this would result in far too much extra traffic in the very narrow Windmill Lane.

Geoff Timms reported that the work of the footpath volunteers was continuing, another stile had been erected in December on the footpath behind Ladbroke Hall. The next project would be on Mr. Smith's farm at Hodnell.

Mrs. Grainger was still very concerned by the poor state of the road for Deppers Bridge, the large water filled pot holes, were to be reported to Stratford District Council.

Severn Trent have again conferred that there can be no increase in development in our area, until 1997 when the new sewerage treatment plant in Southam is designated to be completed.

The next meeting will be held on Wed. 16th Feb. at 7.45pm in the V.Hall - it can't possible be as cold as it was in January, so come along and hear more than the edited highlights!

Kate Liverton

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR JANUARY

The Spooner classroom may go. Because of the new proposals by the WCC to move children to Secondary school at 11+ instead of 12+, Keith Thompson pointed out the school will face a reduction of staff, income and facilities. These issues will be discussed at a meeting of the LEA at the school on 10th Feb. Full support will be given by the Parish Council.

To everyone's surprise, John Drinkwater agreed with Ken Stephenson that the new policing in the area is an improvement. Southam is to have a Sergeant, more officers and will be open longer. Harbury, Long Itchington and Stockton will be policed by Pc Boulstridge with Pc Perry as backup. Leamington will be the Headquarters but concern was voiced that we still do not have a policeman in the village as Pc Boulstridge lives in Kenilworth.

Ken Stephenson informed the meeting of the closure of the Southam Volunteer Bureau. The office is ceasing to organise local door to door transport for those

in the community who need transport to and from hospital but do not qualify for an ambulance. The office is asking for local support to help overcome the closure.

Mrs. Veasey Walshe had good news on the new sewer project. The STW hope to finish the new plant by April 1996. Application for the low cost housing scheme can now be made in October 1995.

The picnic table in the park will soon be repaired but the slide needs specialist welding. The new bench was moved before the cement had set and will have to be redone. Holes in the tennis court fence are to be repaired but the leaning net post is a job for the Contractor. New fingerpost signs will soon be in place and the unused bench from Butt Lane is now ready for occupation in Vicarage Lane.

The Gas Board have promised to repair all holes, dips and cracks left in the roads by March 31st. New white lining will follow.

The new plans for the proposed houses in Farm Street are still raising questions as the new boundary amendments are upsetting the residents of Manor Orchard. The builders are proposing to install septic tanks which hook up to the main sewer at a later date. This is unlikely to be acceptable.

Stratford DC now has permission to send all its domestic waste to Ufton tip. Increased traffic is causing problems and any lorries seen driving through the village must be noted and reported to Stratford or Biffa.

The old problem of speeding cars in the village has arisen again, did it ever go away? Sharon Hancock would like signs urging drivers to drive with care put up at the roads into the village.

The £10,000 windfall is still intact. Decisions will be made at a further meeting as to which proposals will be accepted. The significant schemes include Village Hall improvements; Church clock restoration; Village landscaping and Desk Top Publishing for Harbury & Ladbroke News.

Susan Raffill Lord

HARBURY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 1994

John Crossling the Keeper of Geology at the County Museum came, like a missionary, to convert us to the cause of RIGS (Regionally Important Geological Sites).

Geologists already have the equivalent of Grade I Listed Buildings in their Sites of Special Scientific Interest but usually there is only one of each stratigraphic type in the country (there are 15 in Warwicks.). Therefore enthusiasts have been trying to identify second grade sites in each County for local use and to act as replacements should the national SSSI be lost.

Warwickshire now has its own county Geological Group affiliated to the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and they have identified 40 potential RIGS and have set out to visit and examine them all. It is important that there is access to these sites so that researchers, school children and enthusiasts can visit them. Many Geological exposures are the result of human action and most of those are holes in the ground. These are very vulnerable to infilling or natural flooding.

Almost the entire range of Geological time is represented in the British Isles and Warwicks. has exposures of most ages (excluding the Ordovician and Silurian, Cretaceous and Tertiary). Our county is also an important area for studying the Ice Age Deposits.

Where the exposures are in working quarries the group records what can be seen and tries to reserve the most important exposures on the old faces and arrange that when the quarry is landscaped these are saved and made accessible to the public. Some worked out areas like Corley Rocks, Quarryfield House, and Railway Cuttings like Stockingford and even parts of Coventry Ring Road allow important rock faces to be preserved. Occasionally development actually benefits the Geologist. At Gibbet Hill more of the Permian Conglomerate has been exposed to view and similarly at Winderton Road Cutting the Northampton Sands, transitional beds between the Cotswold Limestones and their tropical sea can be seen.

In our immediate area are some of the most spectacular exposures in the limestone quarries at Southam.

Lighthorne, Edge Hill and Burton Dassett, and further north near Rugby.

Rugby shows the top of the Blue Lias and Southam the bottom. Quarrying in Southam has been so extensive that they "have gone through the floor" of the old sea bed of the Lower Lias times into the White Lias or Harbury Stone which forms the junction between the Jurassic and Triassic. The White Lias is only a few metres thick and the best exposures were at Dark Lane Quarry in Lighthorne.

At Burton Dassett the hills are made up of the Middle and Upper Lias, and the Northampton sands. At Edge Hill they quarry Brownstone, the ferruginous Ironstone of the Northampton series but further south the Iron Carbonate colours the stone green. It "rusts" on exposure to the same brown as Edge Hill Stone. Further south still are the Chipping Norton Limestone and the Sharpill Beds which John is particularly keen to uncover because Stegasauruses were recently discovered in them over the border in Oxfordshire. John wants a Dinosaur for Warwickshire. Plesiosaurs and Ichthyosaurs were marine and he says don't count!

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

We are pleased to announce the dates for our next performances which will be held on April 21, 22, and 23.

To enable us to offer you an evening of varied entertainment we will be performing two short plays, possibly combined with a supper evening.

The two plays will be "Audition for a Writer" by Doris M. Day and "Alarm Call" by Sheila Hodgson. Further details will follow in next month's edition but in the interim it's worth noting your diaries. Thank you.

Brian Thurogood

J.S.P.C.C.

Last year's fund raising totalised £2,735.69p made possible by your generous support for which we are very grateful. In the hope that it will continue, we

thought we should let you know what events are planned for 1994.

On March 12th there will be a beer and skittles evening in the V.Hall (for tickets and information ring 612708).

April will see our usual house to house collection followed by the Safari Supper on June 25th. We are trying to arrange a fashion show between these dates. There will be news of that later.

This year's Jumble Sale will be on Sept. 17th, and a coffee morning and Christmas card sale in the Tom Hauley roon on October 16th.

Finally on Nov. 19th we will be hosting a Beaujolais evening to include supper in the V.Hall, should be a good night so make sure to get tickets early!

Please put these dates in your diary and help us to make 1994 even more successful. The NSPCC cannot thank you enough!

Carole Bastin

HARBURY W.I.

A pleasant start to the year at January's meeting with sherry, mince pies and a present from the bran tub.

Courses on Hardanger (type of Norwegian embroidery) and computer lesson sessions, visits to Buckingham Palace, Bath and the American museum, an invitation to visit the Peugeot plant, a Harbury walk and Scrabble wer offered. A theatre trip is being arranged. The bowls practice sessions are going great.

Our speaker was Mr. Court, D.I.P. and member of the International Association of Hypno-analysts who spoke about the use of hypnosis and the different facets of the subject to change habits, relieve nervous conditions, help combat disease and stress management. Correct training is important and Mr. Court was adamant that hypnosis should never be used for entertainment. He attempted to allay some of the fears, myths and mystery concerning the use of hypnosis and stated there was no question of being controlled or manipulated. A person in hypnosis (often referred to as concious hypnosis) is not asleep they are often more awake of what is taking place

han normal. It is amazing how many troubles stem from childhood and have been cured by the repression being released by hypnosis. As Mr. Court said, it isn't what we remember that matters but what we do not remember that is important.

Well, it certainly gave food for thought when questions were asked and a lively discussion ensued with different opinions.

Refreshment rota for March: D.Travis, N.Waddell, and A.Atkins.

Jeanne Beaumont

NOT JUST JAM AND JERUSALEM

Education for women was the reason our organisation came into being. Adalaide Hoodless was so concerned at the lack of infant hygiene knowledge, which caused the death of her own child, that she created what is today a large and well informed group of women and Harbury ladies have enjoyed being members for 75 years.

Logs for the Disabled, the Custodian of Harvington Hall and Ice Cream at Christmas are some of the evenings on this year's programme. If you can manage to leave the family for a few days, Denman College set in the beautiful countryside of Oxfordshire has a wide selection of residential. W.I. members also enjoy a variety of sports.

Visitors are always welcome to join us at our meetings, or perhaps you might like to come along with a member. We meet in the Village Hall every 1st and Thursday of the month at 7.45pm or contact a committee member on one of the numbers below who will be able to answer all your questions.

D.Groves 612710; C.Barrett 613174; P.Middleton 612877; J.Beaumont 612278; A.Clifton 612000; M.Entwistle 612124; J.Hamlin 613550; E.Keeling 612797; W.Knowles 612331; E.Smith 612650

Dorothy Groves - president
Harbury Women's Institute

THE HARBURY NEWS OFFICE IS MOVING!!

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have already noticed that the office address on the first page has changed.

This is because after more years than I care to count I am retiring from the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

It has been a great deal of fun producing the magazine, and a privilege to work with the many villagers who have given freely of their time. I think the magazine has become an essential part of the life of our community and I have no doubts that as it approaches its 20th birthday its future is assured.

Sharon Hancock

Harbury Folk Club

The first Folk Club of 1994, on January 6th, proved to be a resounding success in that a large and festive audience was treated to an eclectic pot-pourri of music and song whilst generating £26 for the MacMillan Nurses.

As usual, it was a night of three halves, the first commencing with all four verses of Auld Lang Syne which was appropriate both to the season and the evening's European theme. Peter McDonald followed with two apt and pithy contributions but was immediately upstaged by the extravagantly costumed 'Bones', dressed as Viking and Mademoiselle. Mike Houston then added some hastily improvised Europeanness before Rup, who had no idea that the evening had a theme, didn't.

The second half got off to a 'cultured' start with two songs about noses and their contents from the Jug Band. Then Janny, in Dutch national costume, accompanied by Peter, gave us 'Amour et Printemps' on the concertina before the Harvesters delivered an operatic aria in Italian. Continental lumps were then brought to several throats by Rosemary's 'signed' version of 'From a Distance'. Then Gilly Darby 'Pressed a Rose' before reminding us of a very different Europe with the song 1914. The half was then closed by old friend Roy Wilkins with the completely inappropriate 'Martin said'.

The third half saw the return of Raven, who were completely unaware of the theme as I had failed to tell them. So we delivered our usual sample of British and American songs, ably assisted by the audience on all choruses, which is what elevates Harbury Folk Club above most other singers' clubs. A great night!

Steve Dudley

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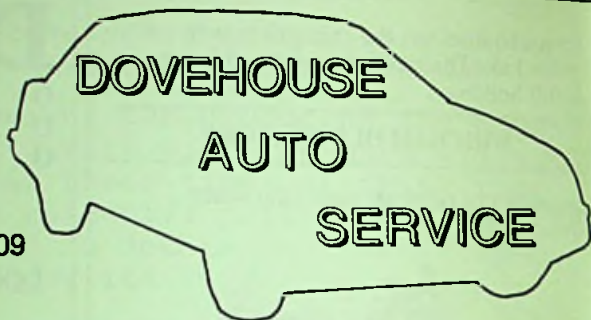
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Hereburgh Visit to Germany 1994

After the very successful visit of last September to Verden, Warwick's twin town in Germany, Hereburgh Morris have arranged to return for a few days in June. Altogether 16 members of the side plus 12 children will be going and during our stay, we will be taking part in their local carnival celebrations.

Also, in October, it will be our turn to return hospitality. Some 16 people from the Verden area will be staying with us in Arbury so for the few days they will be with us it is hoped that we will be able to provide them with an interesting and enjoyable programme.

To help raise funds towards both these ventures, we will be having a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday, March 5th between 10.00am and noon. Photographs and other memorabilia from last September's visit to Germany, together with other general information about the side, will be available for perusal. Also, there will be a raffle and a cake stall. Please come along.

Pete Bones (612832)

ARBURY SCHOOL PTA - QUIZ NIGHT

This year's quiz will be held on Friday 25th Febr. in the school hall. The hall and bar will be open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. By now the various village group's and organisations should have received and returned their invitations to submit a team (or teams) of four.

If you have attended either of the last two quiz's then you already know what a good night it is, one not to be missed. It will be a general knowledge quiz with lots of varied rounds and there will be food on sale in addition to the usual liquid refreshment to sustain you whilst taxing your brain.

If you haven't already submitted your team of four then get your gang together and give me a ring on 13553. The hall is always full and we are limited to about 25 teams, so get your entries in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. As I said it's a fun evening so get your brains in gear and I look forward to seeing you on the night.

Paul Watkin

HARBURY SCHOOL PTA - 100 DRAW

Apologies for not getting this information into the January issue of the Harbury News. Listed below are the winners of the '100 Club' draws for the second half of 1993.

Aug. : 22 Cook £15; 14 Talbot £15
 Sept.: 55 Daniels £15; 6 Dormer £15
 Oct. : 6 Dormer £15; 40 Darby £15
 Nov. : 10 Kirby £15; 17 Percival £25; 72 Tye £50
 Dec. : 41 Crutchlow £15; 34 Clarke £15.

The collectors will be round in the next few weeks to collect your 1994 subs. There are two or three spare numbers so if you are interested in joining please contact myself, any PTA committee member or if more convenient mention it at school. You do not have to be a member of the PTA or even have children at school. Subscriptions are only £12 per year and you could win at least £15 and help the school at the same time. May I take this opportunity of thanking all 100 Club members for their much appreciated support and look forward to it continuing in 1994.

Paul Watkin

HARBURY SCHOOL PTA - MEMORABILIA AFTERNOON

Saturday 12th march, 2 - 5 pm.

The idea behind this event is for people to bring long items of interest and to let other people have leisurely browse. It is DEFINITELY NOT a sale or JOBBIES FAIR!

The success of the event depends on how many items we receive to display, so don't be shy, dig out your treasured possessions and come and have a nostalgic and interesting afternoon.

The list of ideas is virtually endless, but a glance at the following may give you a "feel" for this event. (Items should preferably be no newer than 1960's.)

- old books; records; old tins; cigarette cards;
- matchboxes; unused chinaware; favourite records (good or bad); school reports; enamel signs;
- musical boxes; old toy cars; train sets; postcards;
- beer mats; old maps; ancient magazines; unusual games etc. etc.

we will be contacting local "Bygones" museums to see if they will contribute.

If you wish to enter any items please contact: Nigel Chapman at the school 612656, or Paul Watkin on 613553.

Nigel Chapman

-ZONE

Christmas seems a long time ago now but the shopping day went very well indeed.

Since then we have had a new water supply installed in the Spooner and a new sink. You will have probably read in a letter from school that the LEA proposes to remove the Spooner in 1996, but the more it is used the less likely that is to happen. We were in there first and night classes have now started so there is a good chance it will be able to stay.

We have been back in full swing for some time now and we are looking for extra funds to buy more equipment. That brings me to the main news this month. In aid of funds we are holding a Supper Dance in the Village Hall on Saturday Febr. 26th, starting at 8pm. Live music will be provided in the shape of the "Antiques Rock Show" featuring 60's and 70's music almost non-stop. Food is included in the ticket price of £4 and a licensed bar will be open throughout. Tickets are available from the school, Spooner or from the Gamecock. We look forward to seeing you are there.

Mandi Wood 612374

ARBURY NURSERY PLAYGROUP - VILLAGE HALL

We had a hectic Autumn Term, the children (with a little help from Kate Smart and her staff!) won £20 in a competition depicting the life-cycle of head lice, and the various fund raising events proved successful - thank you to all those people who supported us. The term ended with a joint Christmas concert with the Playgroup, which raised £50 for the Down's Syndrome Trust.

In this Term we again have a few events, the first being a 80:20 sale, on Sat. 12th February in the Wight School of Children's Clothes. If you have any

clothes which you would like to sell, please contact me on 613922.

On Friday 4th march, the Cake Stall is in the Dog Inn car park. Wednesday 23rd March is our Coffee Morning at 8, South Parade with 'Monkey Business' selling a range of casual children's ware, all are welcome.

Finally, our Easter Coffee Morning, with a Raffle, is in the Tom Hauley Room on Sat. 2nd April. I hope you will be able to support us.

Amanda McKenzie

HARBURY CARNIVAL

This year Carnival Day will be on Saturday 11th June. Yes I know you don't want to think about this yet and you're saying that we've only just got over Christmas, but the holiday adverts and programmes are on television and no doubt there's Easter eggs in the shops. Time flies when you're getting old (like what I am) and it will be upon us before we know where we are.

This is to remind you in plenty of time and to let you know that the Carnival committee has already held meetings in Nov. and Jan. Just like last year we intend to pack the field with entertainment, stalls, pitches, rides and fun.

Complimentary comments were made about how much more there was to see and do last year. However, we will not rest on our laurels and would welcome any new ideas or suggestions for this years event.

The procession will start from Sutcliffe Drive again where the judging of the floats will take place. Letters will be sent in the near future for you to book your stalls and pitches, but anyone who doesn't get one but wants one should contact Danny Killian or Bob Jenkins.

The contest to become this year's Carnival Queen will be held at the Village Hall Youth Club on April 20th. Application forms will be available nearer the time. In past years Harry Taylor has not only provided the transport but also has been responsible for decorating the Carnival Queen's float with all his magnificent flowers. As he won't be doing it this year I would like to thank Harry, on behalf of all past and present

Carnival committees and Carnival Queens and their attendants, for his absolutely splendid and selfless efforts over the years. This typifies the attitude of Harbury people's effort who give their time to make the various village events and organisations work successfully.

Now can anyone fill Harry's shoes?? has anyone got a suitable vintage car or pony and trap that could convey the queen and her attendants along the processional route??

Committee members this year are: John Kemsley 613556; Bob Jenkins 613857; Sue Andrews 612528; Midge Keen 612561; Margaret Sherrington 613704; Ann Winchester 612128; Carole Bastin 612708; Roy Coupe 612507; Danny Killian 612265 and Paul Watkin 613553.

I'll be in touch again next month with more news and information, so you definitely will have no excuse for not getting your float, stall or fancy dress organised in time.

Paul Watkin

HARBURY SUPPORT GROUP FOR MYTON HOSPICE

Harbury people have once again excelled themselves with generosity and support for Myton Hospice.

We have had a profitable 12 months, of course our plant sales are becoming more and more popular, the total profit from last year plant sales was an amazing £1,267.85. Thanks once again to Andrew Thornicroft and all at Lancet Nurseries. More plant sales this year, look out for dates.

Our Autumn Fayre at Wight School raised £109.70; Coffee morning at T.Hauley room raised £118.65.

Last year also saw our first attempt at holding two dances within 12 months. It was very successful. Thanks to Harbury Club for the use of the room and to "Dorridge" for the great music. Everyone who was there enjoyed themselves. Roll Padbury thinks we should hold these events every month! He will be elected at the next meeting as chief catering officer.

We have our first dance booked for 19th March, dancing to "Porridge", tickets will be £5 with food. If you would like to book tickets please phone either Pip 613478 or Norma 613334. Please remember we only have

a limited number of tickets and they sell very quickly no tickets will be sold at the door.

Everyone who makes a donation at the papershop when they go in for their "Why", the total raised is £238.11, over 12 months. See Kevin it is worthwhile. Many thanks to Mike and to everyone who has made donations over the last 12 months.

Our grand raffle will be drawn during the evening of 19th March at Harbury Club. If anyone would like to buy some tickets, phone either of the above numbers or see Mary at the Post Office, or if anyone would like to sell some tickets for us, phone Pip.

We will have great pleasure after our AGM on 25th January to hand over a cheque to Myton Hospice for £3,000.

Thank you to everyone for their support and thank you to the other members of the group for all their hard work.

Phillipa Birnie

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Further details phone 0789 260632.

Neil Anderson

LEAMINGTON CHRISTIAN MISSION

On behalf of the Leamington Christian Mission we would like to thank the many people who answered our Christmas appeal so generously.

There are at least fifty people sleeping rough in Leamington as well as many others living on or below the poverty line, who Steph and Geoff seek to help.

The need is ongoing so contributions of money and non perishable foods are always appreciated.

On February 12th the coffee morning in the T.Hauley Room will be to raise funds for this cause. Please support us if you can.

Jill Winter, 19 Farm St. (612585)

Liz Suttie, 4 Sutcliffe Drive (613209)

HARBURY CONSERVATIVES

The AGM was held in the T.Hauley Room on 24th Jan. After being re-elected, the chairman (Dr. M.Allwood) reported on a very successful social year for members in Harbury, Ufton and Chesterton. District Cllr Geoffrey Crouch was re-selected to stand for the District Council Elections on 5th May.

Our local MP Alan Howarth, has agreed to hold a "surgery" in the V.Hall on Friday 4th March, between 4.20pm and 6.20pm. Anyone wishing to make a specific appointment can do so by telephoning Ken Hughes 612273.

Also on 4th march, there will be a bridge evening in the V.Hall, commencing 7pm. Further details are in the advertisement elsewhere in this magazine.

James Turner

HARBURY AND LADBROKE CHURCH MEN'S SOCIETY

The society met on Jan. 6th to hear a superb talk given by David Wheeler a Civil Engineer, about the work on road construction at Spaghetti Junction and the work he and his wife did when working with the Baptist Missionary Society in Banglash, Whittesgong and Bengal. It was here he planned and supervised the building of houses, schools, nurses homes, registration blocks and a huge warehouse for the Salvation Army to store hundreds of boxes of biscuits ready for distribution to people in the flood disaster areas.

He was responsible for building 4,500 schools in India in 3½ years plus a six-storey 700 bed extension to St. Stephen high tech teaching hospital in Delhi. In East India he built 1200 health centres while his wife worked among lepers, educating the population to report early symptoms of this disease now curable if caught in its early stages. In spite

of all the travelling his three children's education was not neglected, they enjoyed the travelling and have all achieved good technical degrees.

Eighteen months ago after 16 years in India, David caught and survived cerebal malasia and he is now unsuitable for further service in India. His talk was greatly appreciated particularly to members who served in the armed forces in India during the 2nd World War.

P.D. Edwards

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Mrs. Vivien Neill, our speaker at the Jan. meeting, began her talk on designing a small garden by saying that a garden is a very personal thing. Therefore the first maxim must be to make it please you and fit your house. The very clear and interesting ideas to use in the size of garden which most of us have, will show up during the year around the village, I am sure.

Using slides, many taken in her own garden, Mrs. Neill led us along the path - a curving one - to look at the use of well clothed boundaries and trees with year-round interest. Several slides showed how perennials can also be used to give height to the borders. An imaginative use of foliage makes it possible to grow plants in difficult situations to provide a pleasant garden even in winter.

The speaker in March will be Mr. Edgely from Pershore College talking about growing grapes. Remember to take your own place & cutlery to the social evening on Friday 11th Feb. at the home of Mr. & Mrs. James Turner.

Pat Smith ??

FEBRUARY IN THE GARDEN

This is the month to prune summer flowering shrubs e.g. Buddleia, Hydrangea Paniculata and Clematis; large flowered hybrid Clematis early in the month and late flowering Tangutica and Viticella types, hard, towards the end of the month. Montana, Alpina and Macropetala should only be lightly trimmed after flowering. All types of Clematis can be increased by layering now.

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Feed Spring Cabbage, sprouting Broccoli and late winter Cauliflower with a general fertiliser. Rose fertiliser will benefit Strawberries, Raspberries, Currants and Gooseberries. Check Raspberry ties and cut back newly planted canes to 8", established canes to within an inch or two of the top wire.

Sow greenhouse Tomatoes at 20°C (65°F) reducing to 13°C (55°F) when shoots appear. Sow Sweet Peas under glass in deep seed trays or individual pots. Repot overwintered Fuchsia and Geranium cuttings and pinch out tips.

Prepare Runner Bean and Celery trenches using well rotted manure or compost. Put down cloches or fleece where first seeds will be sown in March.

V.A. Neill

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

I would like all my friends to know that although my husband 'Nick' died shortly afterwards, we did manage to have a family celebration on the occasion of our Diamond Wedding on the 15th January last year. The actual wedding took place in Worcester on 15th January 1933 and we had 60 very happy years together, over 40 of them spent living in Harbury. It seems appropriate to write to you now as it has been a matter of some sadness to me that no formal notice of the occasion was recorded at the time.

I am now living at Arden House, Clarendon Square, Leamington Spa, and am always happy to see old friends.

Yours sincerely
Gladys Kate Boydell

Dear Editors,

Many Ladbroke residents will be aware that, when Ladbroke school closed 15 years ago, it was replaced by St. James (Aided) First School in Southam.

Warwickshire's draft re-organisation plans for schools makes the proposal that St. James should become an all through Infant and Junior School for pupils age 4 to 11. A consultation meeting to discuss these proposals will be held in St. James School Hall, Tollgate Road on Tuesday, 8th March at 7.15pm.

This will be the opportunity for parents, governors, staff and the local community to discuss these proposals with officers from the Education Office and representatives from Coventry Diocese.

We greatly value the links that the school has with Ladbroke and we hope that residents will attend the meeting.

Governing Body
St. James C.E. First School

Dear Editor,

As I cycled past the Playing Fields today I saw two parents easing back the railings to let their toddler through. Isn't it time the Parish Council saw sense and put the South Parade gate back?

Yours sincerely
Linda Ridgley

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