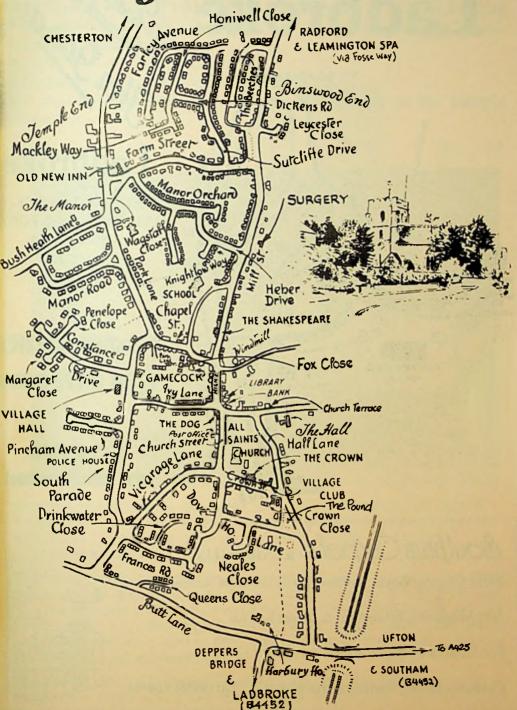
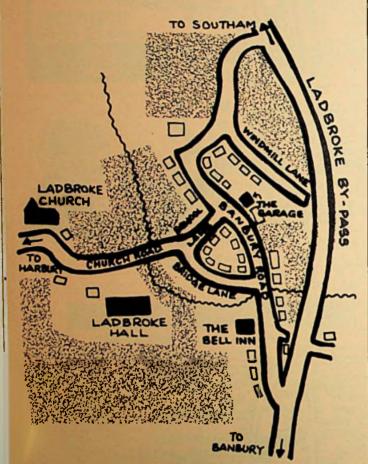
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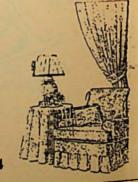
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Another Christmas is over and Mike Bloxham's photograph of stallholders in fancy dress at the Christmas Fair typifies the many very happy village occasions during the festive season.

The New Year is off to a splendid start with the news that Harry Windsor has been honoured with an MBE for his services to the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers. All who know Harry will know that the award is deserved not only for bellringing but for service to the whole community.

The next Annual General Meeting of the Harbury and Ladbroke News will be on Monday February 7th at the Shakespeare Inn at 8pm and everyone is very welcome.

At least one editor and some committee members will be retiring at this meeting so if you are interested in getting involved in producing the magazine we would love to hear from you. We can promise you a lot of fun, and satisfaction at producing something which we believe is of service to the community.

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

Sharon's fellow editors would like to congratulate John and Sharon on their new status of Grandpa and Grandma, and to pass on our good wishes to Steve and Sally and baby Thomas William born 29th December in Huddersfield.

### Harbury Diary

#### JANUARY 1994

Sat 8 Rugby 1st v Cannock (home) League
Sun 9 EPIPHANY I - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;

Evensong 4pm

Mon 10 Bible Study in T. Hauley Room Holy Communion 10.30am

Tues 11 Mothers & Toddlers 2.15pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Village Hall Committee meeting 8pm

12 Youth Club in V.Hall, 8pm - Quiz Night

Thur 13 Thursday Club in V.Hall 2.30pm

WI in V.Hall 7.45pm Holy Communion 9.45am

Fri 14 ROC Wine & Cheese Evening Wissett Lodge

Sat 15 SCOUTS JUMBLE SALE in Village Hall

Sun 16 Mothers Union Day of Prayer for the Family
Holy Communion at 8am; Sung Eucharist at 10.30am
SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

Mon 17 Mothers Union Holy Communion at 11.30am
Harbury Society Talk on Geological Conservation by
John Crossling in T.Hauley Room 7.30pm

Prayer and Praise, 4 Leycester Close

Tues 18 Holy Communion 7.30pm

Mothers Union Faith Supper at 25 South Parade, 8pm

Society Citizens Repetit Assoc meeting in V.Hall

19 Youth Club in V.Hall 8pm Wed

Thur 20 Holy Communion 9.45am 22 Bellringers Coffee Morning in T. Hauley Room 10 - noon Lunch in T. Hauley Room in aid of ROC Funds 12 till 2pm Sat Rugby 2nd v Claverdon (home); Colts v Daventry (home)

23 Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 4pm Sun 24 Bible Study in T. Hauley Room Mon

Stratford Conservative Assoc. Harbury Branch AGM in T.Hauley Room 7.30pm

Tues 25 BURNS NIGHT Holy Communion 7.30pm Julian Group meets at Lullington Lodge 8.10pm 26 Youth Club, Mobile Craft Unit Wed

Thur 27 Holy Communion 9.45am Thursday Club in V.Hall 2.30pm Parish Council in V.Hall 7.30pm

28 ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN FEBRUARY NEWS TO EDITORS Fri TODAY BY 6pm 29 Rugby 2nds v Coventrians (home) Sat

30 Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 4pm Sun 31 Prayer & Praise in T. Hauley Room Mon

#### **FEBRUARY**

1 Holy Communion at 7.30pm Tues Horticultural Society in V.Hall 8pm

2 Mothers Union in T. Hauley Room 2.15pm Wed Youth Club in V.Hall 8pm

3 Holy Communion 9.45am Thur Men's Society in T.Hauley Room 7.45pm "Secret, Black & Midnight" in V.Hall 8pm Folk Club in Old New Inn 8.30pm

6 Sung Eucharist 9am; Family Service 10.30am; Evensong 4pm Sun Rugby 1st v Old Leamingtonians (home) Warks Cup

**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 -

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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

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For Tom Hauley Room Bookings

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

Holy Communion 8am
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(Except 1st Sunday of Month: Sung Eucharist 9am
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#### FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS.

The Christmas Fair was a successful and jolly occasion, raising almost £950 to go, this time, towards church funds. Many thanks to all who put so much effort into preparing the hall and the produce; to those who (regularly) give prizes for the raffle - Mrs. Tennant: the Christmas cake; Ron Dunbar: much of the hamper contents; and many more. Special thanks to those who sold the many draw tickets before the event - which publicised the fair as well as boosting the takings. We missed the colourful Lucky Dip stall this year which Joan Lodge has for so many years organised and provided entirely on her own. We give her our thanks for all her previous efforts and hope that someone else can pick up this nice stall for the future - Joan would undoubtedly be willing to give advice.

We were very pleased to have the Warwickshire Youth Chorale with us on Sunday Dec.12th. to give us a most enjoyable and varied concert. It is very pleasing to see young people creating good music: the experience will stay with them for many years. Congratulations to their leaders who are the inspiration behind it all. We look forward to their next visit.

The Christmas services were, as always, most impressive. The Carol Service naturally appeals to the widest range of people and a full church heard the familiar stories and carols, appreciated the Folk Group, the young people's contribution and the augmented choir. Most of all it was as intended, a celebration of the birth of our Lord. A retiring collection produced an offering of some £360 which will be going to the Children's Society to help with

their work for under-priviliged children. Thank you

to all who gave to support this work.

The gift day on Jan.1st, intended to give the ROC Fund a boost so that we can start planning some of the restorative activities, raised a splendid £2.581.97 with a further £416 to come from tax rebates on gifts which were covenanted. A very big 'thank you' to all who made up this total. A very encouraging aspect of the gift day was that no fewer than 55 people made gifts on the day. Of course, it is still not too late to make a donation - just mention it to the Rector or to one of us. It is good that we are making progress with gathering the necessary to put right the ravages of time. sooner we can get these items dealt with, the sooner we can make larger contributions to organisations who are working to help people who are much worse off than we are.

Many congratulations to Harry Windsor on, very

deservedly, being awarded the M.B.E.

Finally, we wish everyone a very happy 1994.

Beryl and John.

#### FROM THE RECTOR

In many ways the new year comes at the wrong time! It comes soon after Christmas and it comes as winter is beginning to grip. Traditionally, the Church's new year starts on Advent Sunday (end of November - beginning of December). The financial year begins in April and the school year in September, and although they suffer the disadvantage of not co-inciding with the calendar year, they do have the advantage of not being dominated by cultural and climatic depression.

My impression is that very few people now formally make New Year's Resolutions, and I think that is both a good and bad thing. It is a good thing in that the period immediately before January 1st is not a good time to try and reshape our lives. Most of us will have just gone through a period which is exceptional—Christmas, after all, is characterised by over spending and over indulgence in food and drink. The chances are therefore that any resolutions made at that time will be designed as an antidote to the immediate past i.e. giving up things and cutting



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down. However, it is a bad thing if by ignoring new year's resolutions we never take stock of our lives at any stage of the year.

So if I am advocating the demise new year's resolutions, I am doing so only in the sense that January 1st should be abandoned as the starting date in favour of an alternative date to be fixed by every individual. That date would be at a time when life is normally fairly calm and not dominated by any particular event. I know some will say that such a date would be difficult to find, but I am sure all of us could find one if we tried.

Yet what is the point of this? It is to plead that we should review our lives once a year at least in a cool dispassionate way to see where we are going and we only do that by discovering where we have been.

What sort of things should feature in such a review. As a Christian I believe that the sorts of questions we should be asking should be God centered. Where has God led me over the past year? Am I aware of having resisted His guiding hand in the last year? Do I still think that I was right in doing so? The answer to those sorts of questions looking back over the past 12 months will obviously have implications for the resolutions of the next 12 months.

I believe that God is interested in and has a hand in every aspect of our lives, but I think that these are issues which are sometimes left out of the normal run of new year resolutions which are particularly important. Let me mention just three of them. Firstly, Spirituality; If we are Churchgoers, this will involve our pattern of public worship as well as private prayer and bible reading. Even if we are not Churchgoers, it may well be that we are resisting a return to public worship which we ought to face. In any case all of us ought to consider the time we spend reflecting on the deeper things of life — whether or not we formally think that process involves God.

Secondly, there is the way in which we relate to other people, and the amount of time we give them. If we have families, how do they face in relation to our work? The question can be asked in terms of the time we give them, or the way in which we treat them. Finally, there is the question of the use of our

resources, and I do not just mean money. All of us have talents - they vary as human beings vary - but how are they used? Are they used to the benefit solely of self, of employers, or are they employed to the benefit of the wider community? Nor should we forget money. What proportion of our income is given to 'charitable' purposes, whether it be the Church a secular charity or individuals? Is that proportion the same, greater or less than in the previous year?

I feel that those three areas are vital to any meaningful setting down of resolutions for the next 12 months, and if they can be addressed at a time when we are not dominated by the exceptional circumstances of Christmas and mid-winter all the better.

So my prayer for us all is that we will all make but one New Year's Resolution on January 1st, and that is, that we will fix a date to make resolutions for the next 12 months.

A very happy and peaceful New Year to you all.

Fr. Roy

#### MOTHERS' UNION

At our afternoon meeting in December we had a "Countdown to Christmas" with Mrs. Connie Reid. It was an afternoon of meditation on the theme of Advent, with readings and music, and we very much enjoyed the chance to be peaceful at this busy time.

We look forward now to the new year when we have our Faith Supper on Jan. 18th. Please note that the Supper will be held at 25, South Parade.

1994 is the International Year of the Family and the Mothers' Union are organising a number of events on the theme. The first will be a National Day of Prayer for Families on Jan. 16th-17th, starting at noon on the 16th. In Harbury we hope to hold a short prayer meeting from 12.00 to 12.30 on Sunday the 16th and a Communion Service to end the 24-hours on Monday the 17th at 11.30am, both in Church. We should very much welcome anyone who would like to join us.

#### TODDLERS' SERVICE

We had 17 toddlers and babies at our Christingle service in December. It was lovely to see so many and they all brought their Mummy along and two had brought their Granny. Mary Catt told a story about a donkey who walked all the way from Nazareth to Bethlehem carrying a very special person.

We then sang "Little donkey" and clapped our hands to make the sound of the donkey "clip clopping" along. We then heard about the baby born in Bethlehem and Mrs. Catt showed us a "Christingle" she had made. The Orange was the world and the candle in it was Jesus, the light of the world, and the fruits represented the food we get from God's world. We then completed a "Christingle" each and the candles were lit, the Church lights turned off, and we sang a song.

Our next Toddlers' service is on Tuesday 11th Jan. at 2.15pm in Church.

Shirley Keir.

#### R.O.C. (Roof, Organ, Clock)

The R.O.C. Fund now stands at £2,837.20, another big increase. This is due mainly to several events during December. On the 11th a very well supported Christmas Fair raised £947.41. On the 17th we had the ROC and Carol evening in the T.Hauley Room. This was a super start to the Christmas festivities and our thanks are due to Shirley, Dorothy and Mavis for organising such a happy event. The result was £134 to the fund. There are already thoughts about it becoming an annual event. The following day we had an excellent lunch provided by Midge and Sue. This, together with the raffle and sales table raised a further £234.

There are 2 events in January, the first is a WINE AND CHEESE EVENING at Wissett Lodge on Friday Jan. 14th by kind invitation of Pam Sperling. Tickets £4 available now from Lyn Hayes, Dorothy Travis and Joyce Windsor. Numbers are limited so make sure you buy your ticket in good time.

The second event is on Jan. 22nd, a COFFEE MORNING organised by the bell ringers followed by lunch.

Order forms for the lunch are available now at coffee mornings or from the table in Church.

Finally, if you are struggling with the quiz sheet we have to confess that there is a typing error on clue 20. It should read: A clinging seed vessel. This question will be disregarded so if you have solved the others please let us have your entry by January 22nd.

Joyce and Harry Windsor

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

The society met on Dec. 2nd to hear a talk by Phil Garrett on "Working with Wood". Phil trained as an agricultural engineer, but gave this up to look after his daughter 73 years ago while his wife continued her career as head mistress of Stratford High School. Not only was he able to competently deal with household chores, but started woodwork making basic furniture for their home of which he was proud. Slowly he acquired good tools and eventually a workshop. He stressed the need for safety when handling high revving saws etc. Although he regards woodwork as his hobby, there was nothing amateur about the many samples of work he displayed. To give future generations the opportunity of working with good wood he set himself the task of leaving a thousand walnut trees produced from walnuts he has planted. The success of his talk could be measured by the many questions he was asked.

The society chairman was able to welcome the Rector the Rev. Roy Brown to his first meeting.

The coffee morning on 4th Dec. raised £93.42 nett for the church ROC fund.

Anyone interested in joining the Men's Society should contact the secretary on 612573.

P.D. Edwards

### Ladbroke News

#### JANUARY 1994

Wed 12 10.30am Holy Communion

Sun 16 9am Sung Communion
10.30am Children's Church
3.30pm Evensong
Mothers Union Day of Prayer for the Family

Wed 19 10.30am Holy Communion

Sun 23 9am Sung Communion

Wed 26 10.30am Holy Communion

#### FEBRUARY

Sun

Wed 2 10.30am Holy Communion Sun 6 10.30am Family Communion

30 9am Sung Communion

#### 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)

#### FLOWER ROTA

January 9th and 16th - Mrs. Badman and Mrs. P. Barnett January 23rd and 30th - Mrs. Clews February 6th and 13th - Mrs. Short

#### LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

We started off December with the Baptism of Nicholas William Steenstra at our family service on Dec. 5th. Most of the congregation joined Daniel, Jane and their family in the Village Hall afterwards for a faith lunch. It was a very happy occasion with Nicholas taking all the attention in his stride.

The month happily continued in this vein with most of the Ladbroke families attending the Dressing of the Crib on Christmas Eve. The children always look with awe at the stable as the scene of the nativity unfolds. May it always be so.

Holy Communion on Christmas Day is always very special and as usual everyone made that extra effort to be there, and sing those age old carols heartily.

To crown it all; the Carol Service on Wed. 29th. The Church could have squeezed a few more in, but what a happy evening it was.

January is going to be a bit flat after all that, but may it be a Happy 1994 for you all.

Betty Winkfield

#### FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

A Very Happy and Peaceful New Year to you all.

1993 has been a good year for us, with very enjoyable social occasions, new members and a special 'hello' to baby Nicholas Steenstra. Donations have been made to the Church Restoration Fund and the Village hall and once again it has been our pleasure to provide the candles and wine for our Carol Service held on 29th December.

Arrangements are already under way for 1994 and the first date for your diary is 25th February, Curry and Casserole at The Grove, courtesy of Jean and Jim Clewes. I shall be putting out a Newsletter very shortly, giving further information.

May I thank everyone for their co-operation and friendship, particularly the very hard-working committee and let us make 1994 even better than 1993.

Gwynne Badman

#### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our service in preparation for Christmas was held in church and taken by the Rector. Five members read lessons and we sang four hymns. Afterwards we went to Betty's house and enjoyed our Christmas refreshments. This year there was an extra surprise, as the members presented me with two beautiful poinsettias in a lovely plant pot, also a delicious iced cake made by Beryl which we all very much enjoyed. My thanks to everyone for making the end of my time as Leader such a memorable occasion. Betty Winkfield takes over now as Leader and has our good wishes.

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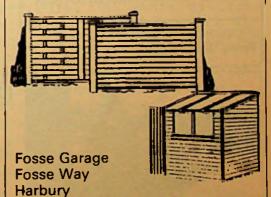


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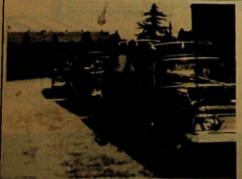
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Nancy Stubbs

#### LADBROKE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The party was enjoyed by some 40 children from the area.

Thanks go to Father Christmas (Allan Gaud's long lost brother?) for coming along and doing such a grand job. The added bonus to all this, was that £50 was made towards the Toddler Group.

Many thanks for donations, and to everyone who made it possible - and here's to a Happy New Year.

#### LADBROKE TODDLERS & SOCIAL

The group will have its first meeting on Wed. 19th January 10am-12noon in the Village Hall. Anybody is welcome to come along with or without children. If you would be willing to help we would like to hear from you, so that we can organise a 'rota' so why not get a bit more involved? Telephone Karen on 812469 if you can help.

Karen Birch

#### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR NOVEMBER

Ken Stephenson is being difficult. He wants village roads and footpaths properly repaired and he wants it done soon. He had this idea that the County promised to resurface the roads when the Sewer Scheme was finished. They didn't and his colleagues have told him so several times. But still he wants it done. He's made a survey which will be forwarded to the County. He wants the footpaths fixed too, including the one outside the Co-op where the delivery lorry parks on the pavement. His response to claims that the path would only be damaged again was: "Bollards!"

Ken is doing "so much good work elsewhere" Ed Wilson claimed that the Council needed a volunteer to deal with affordable housing and Beverley Veasey-Walsh was it.

Ken's latest enthusiasm seems to be preserving the verge outside Dovehouse Autos. As part of the 'highway' it must be officially 'stopped up' before it can be included in development at the garage and Ken objects.

Permission was granted for a new house at Pool Farm, felling trees at Pirie Close and extensions to Bull Ring Garage. The Parish Cllrs were reassured by the stringent conditions on change of use to industrial at the Barns, Spiers Farm. They objected to extension of 26 Ivy Lane but made no comments on a replacement wall to the Slurry Tank at Chesterton Farm, amended plans at 11 Farm St. and a conservatory at 15 Farm Street, or to the lopping of a branch from the Hawthorn overhanging the Old New Inn Green.

Some Councillors wanted to lop branches off the old Yew on the corner of Back Lane which they claimed obscured the new lamp they put up! The Clerk saved them from embarrassment reminding them it was a protected tree that they had defended when the householder planned to top it not long ago!

Steve Norman has sought planning permission for the Bus Shelter at Deppers. In a hazardous exercise which involved standing in the dips in the carriageway he and a friend proved the switchback nature of the road through the hamlet impairs visibility for drivers. This experiment could result in double white lines to prevent overtaking.

Once again Fenny Compton and Tysoe are fighting to save their Fire Stations and they have the full support of our Parish. We complained too that the Police response times to calls for assistance were too long and although he was pledged to secrecy Pc Pete Perry promised 'there will be changes'.

The Stratford CVS and Southam Volunteer Bureau informed the PC they provide community transport at a subsidised 20p per mile for journeys to hospital now that Ambulances are only provided for the very sick and injured. They are constantly seeking drivers to help with this vital work.

In a vain attempt to grab enough people to become a Unitary Authority at Re-organisation Rugby Borough made an unsuccessful takeover bid for Harbury!

Councillors thought we had even less affinity with Rugby than with Stratford. They worked well with SDC officers and reached their decision on the basis of 'better the devil you know' although reports that it would put up the Council Tax may have influenced them!

Linda Ridgley

#### HARBURY W.I.

We had an excellent evening at the Christmas party - great food, as always, provided by all members and entertainment by Doug Green and pals, who livened up the proceedings no end.

A very special thanks to those who helped, especially those who turned up in force to help prepare the hall in the afternoon. The committee really appreciated this, thus proving the saying 'Many hands make light work!'

We also had a great response for our mince pie stall at the Christmas Fair. Mince pies appeared from all directions, and the stall looked very colourfull, having been decorated by Celia and helpers. Dorothy, Peggie and Jeanne were dressed as pantomime characters Again many thanks to all the mince pie makers. The Group Carol Service at Napton gave us the real Christmas atmosphere. Carols, Long Itchington and Napton Choirs and readings (one by Dorothy) made the evening very enjoyable. Refreshments were served afterwards by Napton ladies. Refreshments for February: Mrs. P.Smith, S.Smith, and M.Thompson.

So I think that is everything. Oh, don't forget the present for the bran tub at the next meeting. A Happy New Year to everyone.

Jeanne Beaumont

#### HARBURY SOCIETY

Even when there are no events on for members the Society is not resting. It continues in its role as watchdog and recently your watchdog has been growling. Plans are out for Mrs. Major's garden in Farm Street opposite the old Surgery. The develop-

ment is surprisingly modest. Only four homes, set well back from the road and with adequate landscaping. On paper it all looks fine, but on your behalf we are asking for greater detail and assurances that what we see is what we get!

It is all too easy for developers to submit one plan, get permission and than change things bit by bit so that the village ends up with something it would never have accepted initially.

You may have spotted a Statutory Notice in the Courier about the tip at Ufton Hill Farm. That started off in a minor way but has grown over the years into a large commercial undertaking, generating considerable traffic on our lanes.

It is now owned by Biffa Wastes who have just won the contract to dispose of all the rubbish from Stratford District and they now have an application pending to extend the range of wastes they tip there to include 'difficult' but not 'special' wastes. We have only until January 10th to put in any objections we may have to these changes. Plans can be inspected at the Planning Department of the County Council, above the Library in Barrack Street Warwick.

Isn't it funny how all the most contentious plans seem to be considered at Christmas or during August! What a good job your watchdog never sleeps and takes no holiday!

#### Linda Ridgley

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So if the dark holds no terrors venture out on February 3rd to Secret, Black and Midnight, 8pm in the Village Hall.

Linda Ridgley

#### ATTENTION ALL HARBURY NEWS CONTRIBUTORS

We are making some changes in the way we produce the Harbury and Ladbroke News. In order to make life easier for our typist we would ask that copy is submitted to the Editorial Office as soon as possible and no later than FRIDAY of editing weekend (usually the last weekend of the month). This means that copy for February should be in by the 28th January.

It is a great help if your copy can be typed or cleary written (especially names of people), on one side of the paper only, and sheets clipped together. We would also ask you to sign it - only in exceptional circumstances do we print anonymous articles. Please do not hesitate to contact the editorial office if there are any problems.

The Editors

#### HARBURY FOLK CLUB

It is now 1994 when I write this! Last night in the ONI Linda R. told me I may not have missed the deadline for the Harbury News, so I am now trying to remember back to 2nd December (when I can bearly remember '93!)

The folk club was to be an evening of Merriment and Good Will and, as always, proved to be so. Thank you Pete and Liz for taking the start spot with

such style. My memories of the evening being vague and my Filofax notes incomplete, details are difficult but we will all recall superb contributions from Mike, with 12 boozy days of Christmas, Ian & Sue, Peter McDonald with their individual merry numbers and then joining together with Margaret as Double Up - then there was the Maureen Darby Big Band including a Dutch Carol (double Dutch?!), Phil and Drill able to give all now that the power is back on and the Jug Band Xmas hits.

But Kate and her doggier "bottoms" and Bob with Sparky and his magic contraceptive hit the evening of merriment high sports!

The raffle made £31 for Breakthrough. The next Folk Club will be 3rd February, 8.30pm.

John Kemsley

#### HEREBURGH MORRIS



On the Tuesday before Christmas Hereburgh Morris joined forces with Harbury Folk Club for our annual 'Carols Around the Village'. This year we collected £106 for the Leamington Christian Mission's work with the homeless at Christmas. We would yet again like to thank the publicans and customers of the Harbury pubs and Club for their generosity. This fund raising event saw Hereburgh Morris' charitable donations since our formation in 1987 top £1,000.

We have just started a busy year with our annual Hangover Tour on New Year's Day when we collected £100 for the Red Cross in Bosnia. Included in our very full calendar for 1994 is a return visit to Verden in Germany as guests at their carnival during May. As always we would like to invite any potential new members to join us at our Wednesday practices in the school at 8pm. Happy New Year.

Doug Freeman

#### HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Members of the Harbury Theatre Group would like to thank all the boys, girls, mums and dads who came to the recent pantomime. We played to near capacity audiences on all four shows.

The cast and back stage crew really enjoyed putting on the performances and are grateful to all those in the audience who shouted on cue, sang when required, laughed at all the bad jokes and most importantly had a good time.

Thank you.

Brian Thurogood

#### SOUTHAM SCHOOL YEAR BOOK

The Southam School Year Book is a production of photographs and comments encapsulating moments of particular interest and humour in students' lives over their years at Southam School. Its existence depends upon sponsers advertising in its pages to produce the revenue necessary for the high quality and product.

This year Mercia FM radio of Coventry have generously donated and other donations are steadily coming in. If any company or enterprise big or small would like to donate / take part in this production their help would be most gratefully appreciated, please contact 1r. G. Bonser at Southam School on 0926 812560 or ax Southam School on 0926 815807. Alternatively you can contact me at Southam School between 12.40 - 1.10pm on Monday to Friday. Please ask for the bibrary department.

Anthony Andrews
Promotion's Organisor

#### CRICKET CLUB

The club held its annual dinner and presentation of awards at the Rugby Club on Dec. 11th. An excellent turn out of over 80 club members and friends enjoyed the usual conviviality over individual performances and general cricketing reminicences of the past season. Awards were made as follows:

Club Cricketer of the year: John Clifford - for the 2nd year running.

Young Cricketer of the year: James Playdon (Les Sollis coming a close second)

2nd Team Player of the year: Zack Brigge, who also gave Mike Daniels excellent support as the vice captain.

Golden Duck of the year award: Jim Ward - for a superb innings Jim, at Kenilworth Wardens.
Bunny Raby award: Neil Humphreys, for some excellent

fund raising during the year.

Mid-Week League Player of the year: Ed Russell.

The Winter League Team, captained by Zack Brigge also won the league title and the team were awarded Statuettes.

Mike Daniels - 2nd team captain - awarded Gold medallions and grateful thanks to the significant contributers of the second team having their best season so far, namely Les Sollis, Brian Wallington, leader of the batting average Ian Jackson, and workhorse Gary Haine who topped the bowling average.

A splendid raffle raised a good amount and club funds were further increased by a generous donation of a signed cricket bat (England XI) from Bill Poacher and from John Wilkinson a signed football (Manchester City FC). These were auctioned and the club is extremely grateful to Bill Russell who bought the bat and John Broomfield - to aided and abetted by his wife (?) who bought the football.

A full fixture list for the 1994 season has been completed by Fixture Secretary John Wilkinson so any villagers interested in donning white next season will be very welcome. Details of the new season will be posted in the Harbury News in the spring.

Ian Holroyd

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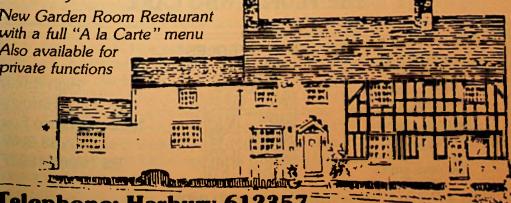
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#### HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB



Here is a picture showing the Harbury Albion Football Club, under 30's and over's. Brian Wallington pictured facing back to the camera wearing "No 1" had his beard especially shaved off at the Old New Inn by Stan Finch after having a beard for 17 years. This was to raise funds for the Senior Citizens Association.

#### HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

At the halfway point in the season, the 1st team is just above the relegation zone in Div. 2 of the Staffordshire/Warwicks. league, with one win from five league games and six in fifteen overall.

The solitary league win came over Wednesbury (12-6) whilst narrow defeats were suffered at the hands of Rugby St. Andrews (3-13), Silhillions (5-18) and Spartans (8-15). The four Staffordshire teams in the league are proving weaker than the Warwicks. sides and with three of the remaining seven league games against Staff. sides, the aim is to steer clear of relegation this season and build on this platform next season.

In addition to a heavy league programme in 1994 the 1st team has been drawn at home against Old

Leamingtonians, in the Warwicks. cup, on Sunday 6th Febr., which should attract a good crowd.

1993/4 season was always going to be transitional following promotion last year and the need to introduce new players. This policy is reflected in 7 of the 1st team in December not having been club members a year ago, 3 of them having not played rugby before this season. These players are gaining valuable experience for future years, both for themselves and the club.

The 2nd team has mixed veterans and new comers but shows only one win and draw, from twelve starts, for their efforts but Bob Holloway hopes for a better second half to the season as the side settles down.

The under 17 Colts have found the going tough, often coming up against U19 Colts sides and/or larger town clubs. Morale remains high as shown by a recent 6-18 loss to Stratford, and the prospect of a Paris tour over the weekend of 5 March, to coincide with France v England, should maintain interest.

After last year's success the Rugby Club will repeat its Race Night, to be held at the V.Hall on Friday March 18th.

Graham Lewis

#### WISHING WISHING

I wish I could fly,
like a bird in the sky.

I wish I could fly incredibly high,
I wish I could bob up and down,
like a frog,
I wish I could leap,
like a flea on a sheep.
I wish I could feed,
a baby centipede.
I wish I could dig a hole

like a mole.

by Alice Bristow (Y6)
Harbury School

#### BREAKTHROUGH BREAST CANCER

Dates for your diary:

Following the success of our last Oompah night we have arranged another for February 12th, tickets already being reserved, don't miss out, ring Chris 612927/613049, Tony 613313 to reserve yours.

FEB. 12 - German Oompah night - Village Hall FEB. 26 - Coffee Bring & Buy - Tom Hauley Room

Many thanks to the Folk Club for the proceeds of their recent raffle.

Total raised to date exceeds £5,500.

A very happy, healthy New Year to you all.

Chris Carter

#### HEALTH MATTERS

A Very Happy New Year to you all.

This month I thought that I would "update" you on
the new members of staff who have joined us.

Mrs. Frances Moscrop is the new District Nurse attached to Dr. Wilne's practice in Harbury, while we welcome Mrs. Allyson Lewis, Health Visitor, who is doing "job share" attached to Doctors Shenkman, Robson and Coker.

We are very excited as our new clinic takes shape in Southam. I feel sure that it will benefit all our customers as we plan to implement new services, e.g. dental, and extend some of our older services, e.g. chiropody.

During this cold weather I urge all our senior citizens to keep warm. Should you require any help and advice please contact the Health Visitors, telephone number 0926 817377.

Mrs. J.M. Newell

#### CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS

A ten week course offering training in listening skills and techniques for the effective resolution of conflict will be held at the Mid-Warwickshire College, commencing Monday Jan. 10th, 7-9pm. For further information ring: Course Coordinator

Jane Murphy, 0926 430333

#### "A VET'S TALE"

'Jock' Stobo of Vicarage Lane is well known to many villagers for his skills as a raconteur - now he has put those skills to good use and written his autobiography - "A Vet's Tale" in which he recalls his boyhood on a Scottish Farm, his student days in Glasgow and London and the rigours of life on the Sudan Veterinary Service. Later Jock joined the State Veterinary Service and played a key part in dealing with the devastating outbreak of foot and mouth disease in 1967/68.

After retirement, Jock became Honorary Secretary of the Veterinary Benevolent Fund and all profits from the book will go to the fund. This is a fascinating personal history spanning over 60 years. Copies can be obtained from Book Orders, Veterinary Benevolent Fund, 7 Mansfield St., London W1M OAT at a cost of £10 including postage and packing. Cheques should be made payable to the Veterinary Benevolent Fund.

#### M.S. Hancock

#### THE BATTLE FOR BRIAN'S BEARD

It seemed such a good idea, sponsoring Brian Wallington to have his beard shaved off to raise funds for the Senior Citizens Benefit Association and like all good ideas it was simple with nothing to go wrong.

So after the traditional Boxing Day Football Match it was off to the Old New Inn where Brian abandoned himself to the ministerings of 'Surgeon' Stan Finch fully equipped with clippers, lather and steel. It should have gone smoothly but it didn't. The Beard fought back!

The more Stan struggled the more it seemed to resist and the more money people threw into the pot. The clippers made little impression. It was like cutting through steel wool. We might still have been there into the New Year if Johnny Keyte hadn't brought in his blow lamp. After that the Beard seemed to lose heart and Stan was able to deliver the coup de grace to the left cheek.

Fortified with much bitter they then attacked the right flank. The great fight raised over £200 for

CBA funds but if you want to know what Brian Wallington ooks like clean-shaven you'd better be quick cus that sneaky beard is fighting back again and it is vinning.

Linda Ridgley

#### HARBURY VILLAGE CENTRE - A GHOST TOWN?

It has been noticeable over the last few weeks that from being a virtual hive of activity the village centre has taken on the appearance of what it must have been like to be in a Californian settlement just after gold had been discovered in "them than hills!"

During the day there seems just two flurries - one just prior to 6pm when the Co-Op is about the close and one around 7pm when the Supermarket follows suit. Even Saturdays which were the busiest day of the week sometimes appear even quieter than a Sunday.

All this adds up to maybe just one thing. As trade

declines so do profits and in these difficult times it is only a fine line between declining profits and losses which can very swiftly become very large. It could be said that large organisations such as the Co-Op could weather these in the hope of better times to come when we are truly out of the recession but reality tends to point to the fact that these large concerns are run more and more by accountancy led practices and that could signal even earlier falling of axes. Many people will still have the 60's demise of Co-Ops up and down the country as societies went to the wall still in their memories.

The position with the small traders is just as desperate if not more so. The case of one trader who did not take sufficient on one day recently to even cover his overheads let alone stock is a real happening. The case cannot be more highlighted than the situation all have seen with publicans in the village. The Old New Inn was forced to close for a while and right up to the night before Ivan left the Crown the likelihood was that it too would close its doors.

It would be all too easy to make all sorts of excuses and to bury one's head in the sand but what could be the scene in just a short while?

Helping of course are free buses to Pennymart in Southam, Sunday opening at Asda, Sainsbury and the rest. The list goes on. Seeing the village as it is, all that can be said is that if you do not use the facilities which are available in it then have not doubt at all they will vanish. Would you like a village with no shops, just one Pub? It is up to you. If they are not used then please don't complain when they do all eventually vanish. Lack of YOUR support is what caused it.

David Mason

#### HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

In December we try to have a speaker who will put us in the mood for the Christmas buffet supper later in the evening. David Brown, from the National Trust, speaking about the gardens managed by the Trust was an excellent choice.

His accomplished style and witty presentation of slides kept us enthralled. The N.T. came to owning gardens in the past simply because the bequethed houses stood in gardens. Now they probably own more gardens than anyone in the world and these encapsulate the whole history of gardening.

Practically all the original gardens of Tudor times have been changed but Westbury Court, Gloucestershire has been completely restored to a very formal Dutchstyle garden. Many of the N.T. gardens show the 18th Century style of sweeping landscapes and architectural features. Nearby Hidcote, created early this century, has been the inspiration for the majority of large gardens today.

The January meeting will give us more practical ideas on garden design to suit our own requirements. Vivien Neill, who has created a wonderful small garden, will share with us, her knowledge and ideas.

Our February meeting will be on Tuesday, 1st Febr., so please note the date, so that you hear Tristan Thacker from Knowle, speaking about Roses.

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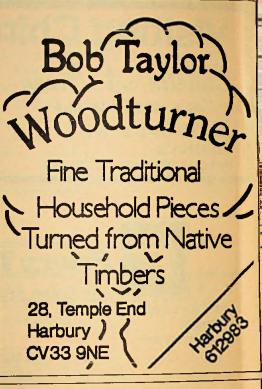


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#### ANUARY IN THE GARDEN

n view of the weather we have had in December, very effort must be made this month to complete the jobs, such as pruning, spraying of fruit and ligging, left over from earlier, but keep off sticky oil.

In open conditions continue planting trees and shrubs. If weather prevents planting heel in bare rooted thrubs, or keep in a shed, with the roots wrapped to reserve moisture.

n the event of snow clear evergreens as soon as ossible to prevent damage. Watch for plants lifted by frost, firm them and check all ties.

ith reasonable weather we can look to see crocus nd primula towards the end of January and these can be protected from birds with black cotton.

of the vegetable patch. Set seed potatoes to sprout at the end of the month.

Vash down the greenhouse glass to ensure maximum light. Flowering plants, cyclamen, azalias etc., in the house over Christmas, will improve with a period in the greenhouse in better light, if you can keep them frost free. Be sparing with water to all indoor plants.

Dahlia tubers for cuttings should be cleaned and set in boxes of peat in cool frost free conditions. Sow onion seed in pots and sweet peas in boxes or pots under glass. Broad beans can be started in the same way, if you missed an autumn sowing. If you want large shallots, start them in the open ground when conditions are suitable.

V.A. Neill

### Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

I would like to thank the Committee, their helpers, the fund raisers and entertainers, and particularly those who prepared and served such a splendid repast on the evening of the Senior Citizens dinner. It was much appreciated by all.

Gwen Walts

To the Editors,

The cake makers of Harbury are wonderful, no matter how many other functions there are, when asked, they always bake a cake for the Christmas Fair. Many thanks all of you, we raised over £170. Thank you Chris for helping on the stall, with all of half hour's notice!

Muriel, Liz and Wendy

Dear Editors

weeks about the reorganisation of schools in this part of Warwickshire. The Governors of our school in Harbury decided at their last meeting that it would be right to place a letter in the Harbury News setting out, for the benefit of the wider community living here in the village, what this will mean for the school.

At the moment children leave the school in Harbury at the end of their year in Y7 by which time most have reached the age of 12. The proposal is that we shall no longer have this top year at school and the children will transfer a year earlier at the end of Y6 or when most have reached the age of 11. This in effect means that they will have 7 years of schooling in the village rather than 8 years.

The proposal before us raises considerable discussion as to the advantages and disadvantages to the children concerned. Many children can cope with the move a year earlier but others certainly benefit from the extra year in our village school. Secondary schools can by their sheer size offer a wider scope from an educational point of view. Most children in England transfer at the age of 11 rather than 12. Will the secondary schools be ready in time to cope with a much greater number of children of that age?

what it would mean for us in particular at this school is that we could lose a large amount of money from our budget and that would mean the loss of a member of staff. Each member of staff is a class teacher but also offers specialist knowledge in a certain area of the curriculum so there would be a great loss there. There could be a knock on effect on the number of support staff that the school is able to employ. We may find we have less money to spend on teaching materials, upkeep of the buildings and grounds. In the proposal document sent out to us, it is suggested that the "Spooner" classroom should be taken away. This currently houses the popular "before and after" school club.

These are just some of the issues that will arise from the reorganisation plans for this school. We would like to take this opportunity of pointing out

to all readers that there will be an important meeting in school on the 10th February at 7.15pm when local education authority representatives will be in Harbury to talk to parents and parents whose children will soon be attending the school. This will be OUR opportunity to ask questions and to make our feelings known.

Yours sincerely
The Governors of Harbury School

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