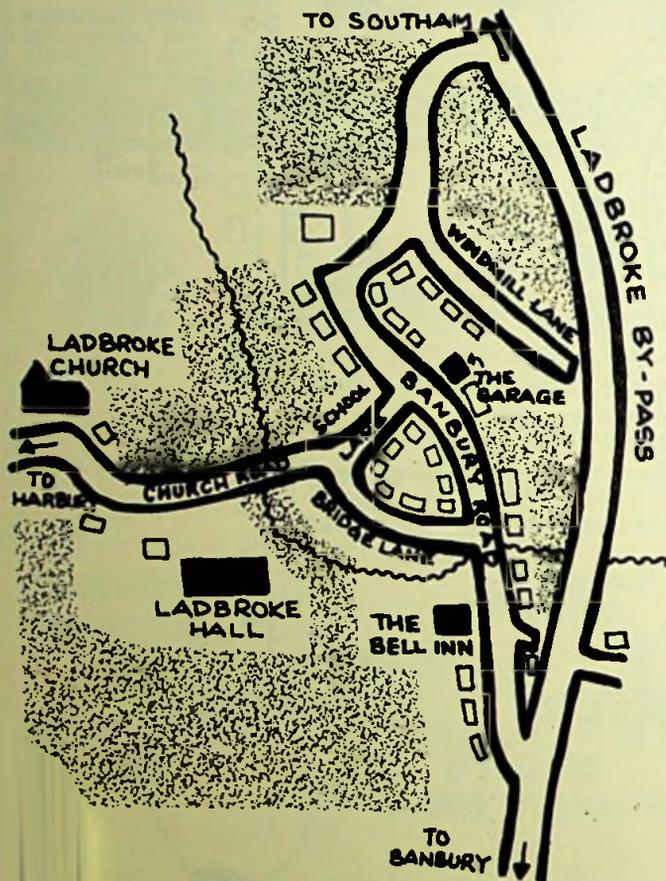


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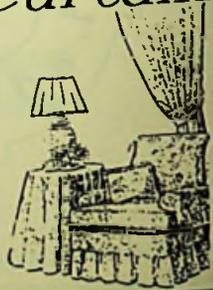
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The Harbury & Ladbroke News celebrated its *coming of age* with a splendid party in the Tom Hauley Room attended by villagers - past and present - who have contributed to its success.

Our photos show representatives of the teams who bring you the News each month.



Editorial Team: (From left to right) Valentine Dubuisson, founder Editor, John Moore, Valentine's successor and John Holden, a current Editor. They are shown admiring the celebration cake prepared by Gladys Hutchins.



Distributing Team: Gordon Robbins is shown delivering the magazine to Mrs. Audrey Tebaldi.

The party brought together all the people who are involved in bringing you the magazine. It was a pleasure to meet those who travelled some distance to join in, including Valentine & Peggy Dubuisson and Diane & Peter Holt.

The centre pages show photographs from *Memory Lane* and the Editors would welcome any comments or news of those people featured in the photos. Whatever happened to Green Shield Stamps?

One villager who will have every reason to celebrate in April, will be Reg Harris from Dovehouse Lane, who has been chosen to receive Maundy Money from the Queen at Coventry Cathedral.

The clocks have been put forward now and the lighter nights will hopefully tempt people out of *hibernation* to enjoy the first signs of Spring.

It was certainly true that March *came in like a lion and went out like a lamb*. Mike Bloxham's pictures prove the saying true.



Park Lane, early March



Vicarage Lane, late March

ATTENTION ALL COLOURED PAGE ADVERTISERS

If you wish any small changes to be made to your advert, it is essential to contact Chris on 612033 by April 12th at the latest.

Harbury Diary

APRIL

Sun 2 PASSION SUNDAY

Sung Eucharist 9am; Thanksgiving Communion for the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Canon Roy & Esme Churchill 11.45am; Baptism 12.30pm; Vestry Annual Church Meeting after Said Evensong 6.30pm

Mon 3 Prayer & Praise 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room

Tues 4 Yoga 1-3pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion 7.30pm with Lenten address
Bible Study 10.30am at 3 Penelope Close
Toddlers' Service at 2.15pm

Wed 5 Grapevine Coffee Morning 10-12noon in Tom Hauley Room
Mothers' Union Communion in Church 2pm
Mothers' Union 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
Lent Study Course 8pm in Tom Hauley Room
Youth Club 8pm in Village Hall

Thurs 6 Holy Communion 9.45am
Storytelling in Library at 10am
Slimming World 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Wight School Playgroup's Cake Sale next to the Library
Folk Club 8.30pm in Lounge of Old New Inn

Fri 7 Holy Communion at Noon. Lent Lunch 12.30pm

Sat 8 Myton Hospice Jumble Sale in Village Hall
Grand National Steeple Chase

Sun 9 PALM SUNDAY

Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am with Blessing of Palms and Procession from Harbury School 10.15am; Evensong 6.30pm

Mon 10 Holy Communion 7.30pm

Tues 11 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Village Hall Committee AGM 8pm in Village Hall

Wed 12 Grapevine Coffee Morning 10-12noon in Tom Hauley Room
Holy Communion 7.30pm

Thur 13 **Maundy Thursday**
Holy Communion 9.45am; Sung Eucharist 8pm followed by watch at Altar of Repose

Slimming World 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room

Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall

WI 7.45pm in Village Hall

- Fri 14 **Good Friday**
Children's Service 9.30am; Devotional Hour 2-3pm
- Sat 15 **Holy Saturday**
Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Easter Ceremonies 8pm
Easter Evening Walk on Burton Dasset Hills 7.30pm from
Northend Green for walk to Church to light new fire,
FREE + Parking Fee
- Sun 16 **EASTER SUNDAY - P H O N E D A Y**
Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 17 **Easter Monday**
Easter Egg Fun at Burton Dasset: 2pm Egg Painting,
3pm Egg Rolling, 4pm Treasure Hunt. Meet at Church.
Bring own Hard-boiled Egg!
- Tues 18 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union 8pm in Tom Hauley Room
Senior Citizens 8.30pm in Village Hall
- Wed 19 Grapevine Coffee Morning 10-12noon in Tom Hauley Room
- Thur 20 Holy Communion 9.45am
Slimming World 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 21 **ARTICLES for MAY NEWS TO PETE's PLACE by 5.30pm**
- Sat 22 Table Top Sale 10am-12.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 23 **St. George's Day**
Shakespeare's Birthday Celebrations
Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;
Evensong 6.30pm
Cricket, 1st XI v Monks Kirby (away); 2nd XI v Darlingscott (home)
- Mon 24 Harbury News Committee Meeting 8pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 25 Yoga 1-3pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion 7.30pm, Julian Group 8.10pm in T. Hauley room
- Wed 26 Grapevine Coffee Morning 10-12noon in Tom Hauley Room
Youth Club 8pm in Village Hall
- Thur 27 Holy Communion 9.45am
Slimming World 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 30 **Easter 2**
Sung Eucharist 9am followed by joint Parish Breakfast
Ufton Fields Anglo-Saxon Wood Walk, 2pm meet at Reserve
(£1 and 50p for children)
Cricket 1st XI v Wolvey (home); 2nd XI v Boddington (away)

**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE
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For Village Hall Bookings
For Wight School Bookings
For Tom Hauley Room Bookings

Mrs. Hughes 612716
Mrs. Hayes 613488
Mrs. Smith 613680

REGULAR DIARY DATES

- BABY CLINIC:** New Surgery, 2-4pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday
BADMINTON: Village Hall Tuesdays
BEAVERS: Scout Hut, 6-7pm Tuesdays
BELLRINGING PRACTICE: Church, 7.30pm Fridays
BINGO: Village Hall, 8pm Mondays
BROWNIES: Village Hall 6-7.30pm Tuesdays
CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, 6.30pm Fridays
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU: Over Southam Magistrates Court,
10am-3pm Tuesdays (Except Bank Holidays)
COFFEE MORNING: Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon Saturdays
CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesdays
DANCING CLASSES: Farley Room Village Hall, Children & Adults 4-9pm
Wednesdays.
GRAPEVINE: Tom Hauley Room, Coffee Morning 10-12noon Wednesdays
GUIDES: Scout Hut, 7-8.30pm Monday
GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, 6-7pm (U7-10yrs & Beginners 7-8pm;
Over 10yrs 8-9pm Mondays
HARBURY FOLK CLUB: Old New Inn 8.30pm 1st Thursday of Month
HARBURY FRIENDS: School, 8pm 2nd Tues of Month
HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: School Hall, 8-10pm Wednesdays
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Village Hall, 8pm 1st Tues (Oct. to May)
LIBRARY: Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 10am 1st Thursday of Month
NETBALL CLUB: Village Hall Car Park, Training 6.30pm Thursdays;
Matches Saturday Afternoon
NURSERY SCHOOL: Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday mornings
PLAYGROUP: Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings
SLIMMING WORLD: Tom Hauley Room 10.30 Thursdays
SCOUTS: Scout Hut, 7.45pm Tuesdays & Thursdays
STEP AEROBICS: Village Hall, 1.30-2.30pm Tuesdays
TENNIS CLUB: (Apr-Sept) Tue & Thur 6.30pm onwards (6pm for April);
Sat 2-5pm, Mon & Wed 1.45-3pm
THEATRE GROUP: Wight School, 8pm last Friday of Month
THURSDAY CLUB: Village Hall 2.30pm 2nd & 4th Thursday of Month
TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, 10-11.30am Mondays & 2-3.30pm Wed.
UPHOLSTERY CLASSES: Wight School, 2-4pm Mondays
W.I.: Village Hall, 7.45pm 2nd Thursday of Month
YOGA: Village Hall, 1.30-3pm Monday, Diane Surgey Tel.817904
YOUTH CLUB: Village Hall, 7.30-9.30pm Wednesdays

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HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE: Call Tony Brunton 612191.

ODD JOBS ABOUT THE HOUSE: Call Jeff Bedford 612753.

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

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Holy Communion, 8am

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

Family Service, 10.30am on 3rd Sunday of Month

Evensong, 6.30pm (Except 3rd Sunday)

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FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

As Easter, the most important festival in the church year approaches, we extend to all a warm invitation to attend one or more of the services to be held at church during Holy Week. The services are set out elsewhere within the magazine and further details will be delivered to each household.

We announced in last month's edition the visit of H.M. the Queen to Coventry Cathedral on Thursday 13th April to distribute the Maundy Money. It is very exciting to learn that Reg Harris of Dovehouse Lane has been selected to be among those to receive the annual traditional gift. Reg, who is 92 years of age, came to live in Harbury in 1924. He is a much loved and respected senior citizen and we add our congratulations and best wishes. We are sure it will be a memorable occasion for him.

Further congratulations are in order for the Harbury and Ladbroke News upon celebrating its coming of age. A lot of hard work by many people

is put into providing a much appreciated contribution to the life of both villages. We understand the Editors are now aiming for the 300th edition in 1999! Happy Easter.

Beryl and Jeff

FROM THE RECTOR

This business of Christianity would be fairly straightforward if all that was required was to preach the death of Jesus; not to live His life. But the Lord presumably knew best how His Gospel might be made understandable and it was He who said men would know his disciples by their love for one another. Writing about Him, speaking about Him, would be so much easier, but it is living like Him that He requires, and there is the rub.

Christianity is not acting according to the letter of certain rules. It is following a living Christ; walking as He walked; doing as He did; imitating His example in all things. This is Christian action, it is keeping the eye fixed upon our Lord and Saviour, and having the features and traits of His Character imprinted on our very nature, and reproduced in our life and ways.

We shall, very soon, be into Holy Week. The week when we follow our Lord's agony and death. But it does not mean the end. Easter Sunday comes - THE RESURRECTION. This gives us that insight into the living Christ. So let us make Easter a time for new beginnings, let our resolution be to live more like Christ our Saviour.

We wish you a joyful Easter.

Fr. Roy

An Easter Prayer

Lord our God, as we celebrate with joy the resurrection of Jesus our Saviour, help us to make the Easter faith a deeper reality in our lives; that we may know something more of the peace he bequeathed to his disciples, and lay hold of the victory he won for us over sin and death, rejoicing in the hope of the life immortal which is ours in him, our Redeemer and our Lord. Amen.

Laugh Line

The choir was practising the anthem. The choirmaster said to the trebles—
Now don't forget, when the tenors reach 'The Gates of Hell', you come in.

Fr. Roy

MOTHERS' UNION

We were pleased to welcome back Canon Rowe to lead our Lent Service in March. He stressed that Lent should not be a gloomy time, but a time for self-examination when we should be alert for the beginnings of any of the seven deadly sins in ourselves. Instead we should cultivate the fruits of the Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. We were grateful to our organist Mavis Young, and to Father Roy who enrolled two new members, Mrs. B. Knappe and Mrs. A. McNeil.

The evening speaker, Wendy, gave us an interesting talk about the work of Victim Support. (The volunteers are known by their first names only.) We were impressed by the time and care the volunteers give to supporting any victims of crime who need their help. Victim Support rely mainly on voluntary contributions for their financial needs.

Thank you to all who knitted scarves for the Diocesan appeal. Harbury members and friends knitted 33 altogether.

Our April meetings are the Garden Forum on Wednesday 5th and our M.U. Picture Gallery on Tuesday 18th. Please bring a picture.

C.Mary Catt

TODDLERS' SERVICE

We pretended to go fishing at our March Service. The Rector brought along a small fishing net to be used in rock-pools, a fishing rod for catching bigger fish and a big net that fishermen use in boats. He then told the story of Peter, James, John and Andrew, the friends of Jesus who were fishermen. We finished with a prayer for all fishermen out at sea.

Please note the next service is on April 4th at 2.15pm.

Shirley Keir

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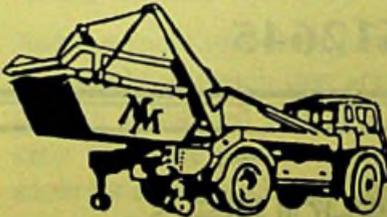
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THE HARBURY AND LADBROKE CHURCH MEN'S SOCIETY

The Society met on 2nd March to hear a talk given by Mike Stuart entitled *The Coventry City Mission*. Mike told us that he moved from Edinburgh to Coventry, got engaged in youth work and became a Christian in 1979. He studied at Bible College and with his wife, decided to go and live among and work with the poor rather than to just talk to them. Their work took them to Wood End Coventry following the riots which received media attention.

He spoke of soup runs for the down and outs and the provision of blankets and shelter as well as care for the lonely. The Coventry Mission started with volunteers, their director gave up his good job working for Rolls Royce at Ansty and acquired part of a run down school from the City Council. It was from here that the Coventry Mission by their work began to understand poverty among people who go out to work for the low wages and then get caught up in the poverty trap.

The mission try to help these people to claim what is due to them. Subsequently the mission was able to lease from the Coventry City Council the whole of the run down school. Mike with his builder friend named Pete, who has joined the mission, are currently renovating the whole building. One room has been converted into a shop where people can subscribe unwanted good furniture no longer required when they move house, or, if someone dies the mission clear out houses and sell good clothes and furniture very cheaply to the needy. When asked what sort of prices does the mission charge for the items they sell, Mike said a three piece suite valued at £300 was sold to a needy family for £18.

Another room renovated just prior to Christmas has been allocated for the elderly, although they are few in number on this estate, they have a need to be fulfilled such as a luncheon club, a day centre, as well as, to cater for those who have lost their partners. Another room is a class room for children who have been expelled from school, in order that they can receive some education. As the leased school building is being renovated and the young receive help such as holidays, as well as, help from *Save the Children Fund*, vandalism has decreased. BT has provided a Telephone Answering Service called *Cross Line*. It is manned by volunteers trained to listen and share a problem. This service runs at a loss but is subsidised from other operations. The Bishop of

Coventry is involved with this service. It was a most interesting and moving talk.

P.D. Edwards

Ladbroke News

APRIL

- Wed 5 Holy Communion 10.30am; Lent Lunch 12.30pm
Sun 9 Palm Sunday - Blessing of Palms and Sung Communion 9am
Wed 12 Holy Communion 2pm
Thur 13 Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 7pm
Fri 14 Good Friday Children's Service 10.30am;
Devotional Hour 12-1pm; Music & Readings 7pm
Sun 16 Easter Day. Sung Communion 9am; Evensong 3.30pm
Wed 19 Holy Communion 10.30am
Sun 23 Sung Communion 9am
Wed 26 Sung Communion 10.30am
Sun 30 Easter 2. Holy Communion 8am; Evensong 3.30pm

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At our March meeting - We all enjoyed Dawn Teverson's talk about her work and life in Tanzania. The basic staple diet out there is beans. Dawn's project is to develop disease free beans - Yes she had us all interested, especially the fact that she works with and has a high regard for the local people.

In April Jo Sewerley is educating us again - this time I think it's about making Easter Eggs - we shall see.

The meeting after Communion in Church, will be at Jo's home.

Betty Winkfield

CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS

The Diatonic Choir treated us to a really superb concert on March 11th. Thankfully the church was quite full for the occasion and everyone was well rewarded for turning out on yet another wet evening. We don't yet know how much the concert raised for the church - let you know next month.

Our thoughts now turn to Easter; all the church services will be in the Easter Card, which everyone will be receiving in the next few days.

The Lent Lunches are going well and are well attended, everyone is welcome, please come and join us - the venues are in the pew sheets each week.

I'm sorry I have no village news to report, except that Mrs. Lewis in Bridge Lane and myself were visited by a burglar on the last day in February. Thankfully he only took our handbags - though in our case he'd gone through all the rooms downstairs. Talking to people since, they are all either discarding handbags or finding devious places to keep them.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS W.I.

Our meeting was held on March 23rd in Ladbroke Village Hall at 7.30pm. Two visitors were welcomed.

Names were taken for a visit to the **Warwickshire Cricket Ground on June 9th**. The home team will be playing Sussex. Names were also taken for a visit to the **Thames Barrier and Greenwich on June 22nd**.

Our speaker was Mrs. Evans of Napton whose talk about Wild Flowers, **NOT WEEDS!**, and their medicinal uses was fascinating and very interesting. Young Chickweed is full of vitamins and useful in salads; the common Daisy, *Day's Eye*, was used for many purposes and seemed to be a favourite of Shakespeare. The juice of the daisy was used for dwarfing children and dogs.

We were pleased to hear that our Darts Team had won their first match against Priors Marston and Priors Hardwick W.I. The next match is yet to be arranged. Well done team!

Our next meeting will be on **April 27th** when Mrs. Leone Roberts will give a Craft Demonstration.

Hazel Sharples

APRIL

16 Easter Day Mrs. Timms
 23 Mrs. Upton
 30 Mrs. Winkfield

MAY

7 Mrs. Teverson
 14 Mrs. Short
 21 Mrs. Elkins
 28 Mrs. Taylor

JUNE

4 Whit Sunday Mrs. Bartlett
 11 "
 18 Mrs. Stubbs
 25 Mrs. Greenway

JULY

2 "
 9 Mrs. Sullivan
 16 Mrs. Steenstra
 23 Mrs. Ross
 30 Mrs. Hallam

AUGUST

6 Miss Allington
 13 Mrs. Spence
 20 Mrs. Badman
 27 Mrs. B. Moore

SEPTEMBER

3 Mrs. Gould
 10 Mrs. J. Moore
 & Mrs. Kennedy
 17 Mrs. Sowerby
 24 Mrs. Todman

OCTOBER

1 Harvest Festival Mrs. Rutherford
 8 "
 15 Mrs. Sharples
 22 Mrs. Brown
 29 Mrs. Barnett

NOVEMBER

5 Mrs. Kelsall
 12 Remembrance Mrs. Edwards
 Sunday
 19 "
 26 Mrs. Sowerby

DECEMBER

3 Advent Sunday No Flowers
 10 No Flowers
 17 No Flowers
 24 No Flowers
 25 Christmas Day Mrs. Darkes
 31 "

JANUARY 1996

7 Mrs. Badman
 & Mrs. Barnett
 14 "
 21 Mrs. M. Kennedy
 & Mrs. A. Edwards
 28 "

FEBRUARY 1996

4 Mrs. Sheasby
 11 Mrs. B. Moore
 18 "

LADBROKE LETTERS

We would like to express our thanks to our friends for the help and welcome given to use on our move to Ladbroke. We already feel very much at home.

If any of our friends are passing, please call for a *cuppa*, you will be most welcome.

Gill & Bob Moore

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The meeting took place on Wednesday 15th March with 2 District Councillors, 5 Parish Councillors and 3 members of the public present.

A proposal has been submitted to demolish the outbuildings at the Bell Inn. This will be discussed at the area planning meeting on 21st March.

Ladbroke is to host the Southam Area Council meeting in June when all Parish Councils in the area are invited to discuss relevant issues.

A letter had been received from the department of Planning and Transportation. Warwickshire County Council indicating that the dangerous bend sign, which is no longer safe, will not be replaced. The volume of traffic no longer warrants the sign.

The account for the maintenance of the eleven village lamp standards in Ladbroke was received from the Rural Street Lighting Department, Warwickshire County Council. This was approved at a cost of approx. £120.

The Chairman, Councillor Peter Williamson, recorded his sincere thanks to District Councillor Ruth Tresidder for her hard work on behalf of Ladbroke over the years.

The next meeting will be held on **April 19th at 7.45pm.**

Carol Northorpe

SOUTHAM LOCAL HISTORY

At long last Southam has started a local history group. Meetings are being held at the Stonythorpe Hotel on the **last Monday of each month at 7.30pm.**

We welcome anyone interested in local or family history and once we know what the interests of the members are, we will try to arrange suitable yearly programmes and visits. Subscription £4 or 50p a meeting.

It is also hoped to eventually use the group as a means of fund raising/repairing local historical sites and perhaps consider some publications.

The March meeting is on the Southam Inns by Mrs. Cardell and **April** will be an **open meeting** for members to tell everyone else what their

special interests are and what research they may already have done. For further information call Linda Doyle on 814214, who is the Ladbroke contact.

LADBROKE HISTORY BOOK

A reprint has been done on the 2 Ladbroke history booklets by Linda Doyle. Both are available from her at £1.50 each, ring 814214.

Book I covers Medieval Ladbroke from Domesday to the Civil War period and Book II takes us up to the First World War, during which time Ladbroke was in the hands of the Palmer family.

Also make a note in your diary for the weekend of **September 16/17th**, when there will be a **History Exhibition of the village in the Village Hall**.

Proceeds from the books and event will go to the Village Hall and All Saints' Church in Ladbroke.

Linda Doyle

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 1995

It is getting serious! At every meeting Councillors rail against the effects of government cuts.

Southam School Governors bravely set a *needs* budget to save the loss of eight full-time teachers, to prevent a restricted choice of options and difficulties delivering the National Curriculum, and to curb a rise in class sizes from 27 to 35.

Governor John Hunt stressed that he did not want to preside over the dismantling of Southam's past years' progress; nor to give up management of the School, but there was no alternative. Despite an allocation of £28,000 from the Hardship Fund, the deficit was still £98,000.

Bill Middleton congratulated Southam Governors on their courage and several Councillors thought that Harbury School should have taken the same course.

With Hardship Fund money and by changing the school day; revising

staffing and classroom support and making other economies, Harbury's deficit was reduced to £19,000!

The Youth Club was in dire trouble. The paid leader would leave in April and drastic funding cuts meant it had to manage with volunteer staff.

Councillor Thompson thought the County's attitude to Traffic Calming was *pretty negative*. Following a long and acrimonious debate on methods of slowing traffic and the condemnation of the County's dilatory attitude, John Woodward suggested WCC should provide a speaker on the subject for the annual Parish Meeting, but Gerry Bailey explaining the School's financial difficulties and the plans for a Telecottage won the Council's vote.

Nigel Chapman (BCC) told the Council, CWR would continue to provide a News Service, but would join Radio WM for other programmes. The BBC was investing the savings in *Fast Response Cars* to cover the rural areas. As the PC had heard this before, in relation to policing, it was not impressed!

Planning: SDC granted an extension at 32 Manor Orchard, but refused one at 14 Farm Street. The PC made no comment on plans to demolish the gable end of Brethrens Farm Barn and convert it to a residence; and they allowed offices to be developed at Mansfield Barn, Fosse Way. They agreed with the conversion of outbuildings at 9 Church Street and that Tennis Court Netting could be installed at Greenhill Farm. They generally supported one bedroom units at 8 Dovehouse Lane, acknowledging that access had been improved, but they thought that the development was still out of proportion and the walkways inappropriate for a village.

Amendments: Hillside Farm was judged a *technicality* and Mr. Killian's garage changes were on the advice of SDC. The Enforcement Officer would look at the extension to 19 The Beeches and the PC was pleased EMEB were planning underground electricity cables at Hall Lane.

Stratford District Council stressed there were no plans at present to develop the Allotments and the future plans would have to be considered very carefully. Ken Stephenson thought rented accommodation was needed in the village and the Clerk explained that Warwickshire Rural

Housing Association had funding for such homes at Hillside Farm and Bush Heath Road.

District Councillor Cooley warned all developments were held up by delays in improving the Sewage Works, at which point Ken Stephenson suggested that Severn Trent were constrained by lack of funds, but he was shouted down by everyone present!

The Village Taxibus officially thanked the PC for its subsidy and John Hunt revealed that although 116 pensioners applied for vouchers; only 26 had used them up and 41 had not used them at all!

The Playscheme was granted £120 and the final grant of £2,600 was approved for the Village Hall for upgrading the lighting within the Main Hall.

Ken Stephenson's plans for the Playing Fields included a Basket Ball Net, Junior Football Pitch, Barbeque, Drainage and Path to the Netball and Tennis courts. The Properties Committee would discuss the Tennis Club's request for a shed by the Courts, but Sharon Hancock warned it might need Planning Permission. Costings were needed for the hedging and fencing the Netball Club wanted and Councillors thought they should apply to the Lottery for extra help!

Ken Stephenson and John Woodward had ambitious plans to *beautify* the village and were to consult others on planting decorative trees and spring bulbs.

Ken's colleagues said he was just being difficult trying to badger the District Council for a Code of Practice on Dog Fouling. The Dog Warden explained to the Clerk that SDC could not prosecute if villagers would not testify.

Linda Ridgley

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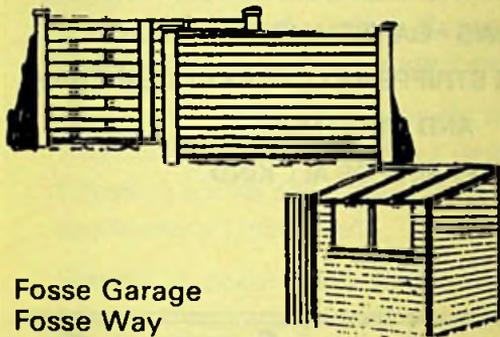
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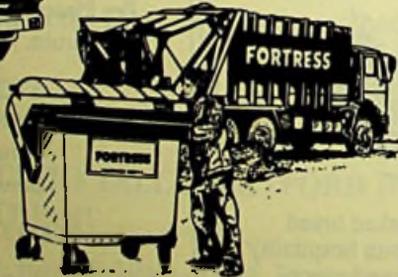
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HARBURY SOCIETY

After a predictable AGM where the existing committee was re-elected, the audience settled down to enjoy itself as Celia Barrett (helped by Cynthia and Janny) told them of *The Games Children Played*.

Ring a ring a Roses from the 1600s; Medieval games like *Cup & Ball*, *Yo-yo* and *Diabolo* (which Rosemary Harley nobly demonstrated) and Victorian pastimes like *Croquet* and *Hoops* were described.

The list grew with *Piggy in the Middle*, *Tip & Run* (French Cricket), *Five Stone*, *Marbles*, *Wizzers* (button on a thread), *Conkers*, *Corking*, *Cigarette Cards* and *Tanks* (made from candle, rubber band, matchstick and wooden cotton reel).

But the audience really started to get excited once the demonstrations began. Cynthia impressed everyone with her dexterity at *Two Ball* and Janny astounded the audience with her ability to skip doubles! Celia and Janny played *Stone/Scissor/Paper*. Janny explained her Dutch version of *Hop Scotch* and brought out her *Cat's Cradle Cord*, whereupon almost all the women jumped up to help out!

Memories began to flow; *What's the Time Mr. Wolf?*; *Sardines*; *Hide & Seek*; *Luggie*; *Tug of War*; *Hickerty-Hackerty* and the more brutal games of the boys like *Saddle the Hog*, *British Bulldog*, *Cobbin Match* (which involved swinging a pair of boys against a tree until one quit!), *Toilly Wrap* and *Jousting*.

Then it was back to the more gentle rhyming games of the girls with: *I sent a Letter to My Love*; *Wallflowers*; *Oranges and Lemons* (which we had in Dutch too) and another bilingual round game where Neville Ellis was the start - *The Farmer's in his Den* and yes. . . . everyone did end up patting the **bone!**

Thanks to Celia and her friends we re-lived our childhoods, remembering games we thought we had forgotten (some of us half a century ago)! It was comforting too, to be reassured that the majority of them are still played by children in our local schools - an example of folklore and folk memory that lingers on in this seemingly sophisticated world we live in. Well done Celia!

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY W.I.

We certainly have a variety of trips to choose from: to the Thames Barrier, W.C.C.C. at Edgebaston, the Hampton Court Flower Show and a Craft Demonstration day.

We enjoyed the recent visit to the Loft Theatre.

We are pleased to say that our team won their darts match, but the bowls team were not so lucky! Practice still continues at the Club on Wednesday evenings.

A reminder to members that *tins and things* are now being collected for our **Tombola Stall at the Produce Show in September.**

The W.I. Coffee morning at the Tom Hauley will be on Saturday, April 8th. Cakes etc. will be most appreciated. Do come along.

Whoops! - a reminder that nosegays are to be brought to **April's** meeting, so come along you talented flower arrangers and let us see what you can do.

An enjoyable evening of nostalgia was presented by Celia Barrett who brought her collection of Victorian baby and adult clothes, buttons, buckles and memorabilia. Celia described what the servants and ladies of the day might wear. Dorothy and Jeanne acted as models (Claudia Schiffer, eat your heart out). The audience was asked to guess what some items were and Doris Byrne, Joan Lodge and Doreen Bloxham got them right. It was all very interesting, so thank you Celia!

April Refreshments: P.Smith, S.Smith, M.Thompson

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

The March edition of the Folk Club (Number 124) saw some amazing performances, as well as some atrocious weather. The theme, taken up with almost worrying enthusiasm, was *Change Your Partner*. Various combinations came forward to present the fruits of much hard rehearsing. Lynne and I started the evening, being shortly followed by Peter Mac, John B. and John K. and Steve under the guise of Jugstapose with *Stealin*. Nick and John with the Jug Band gave us *Veal Meat Again*, plus some blues and John B. teamed up with Bren. Peter B. and

Sue presented some splendid *Franglais* and Liz and I presented a new member of Aunt Clara's family.

Peter Mac teamed up with Lynne for *Nan's Waltz* and later with Gilly as 'Just by Chance' for three beautiful songs..

There were memorable spots from the Shetland Fiddlers and Janny, Sue, Ruth, Lynne and I with a rare combination of Accordions, Concertinas and Cittern. Spots from Des, Jean, Ron and Rick, all solo, but acknowledging the evening's theme in some way, added sublimity to the increasingly manic combinations!

Finally, Sue joined the Jug Band for two numbers to close a memorable evening. Even the deepening snow outside failed to dampen the mood and we will surely have to repeat this popular theme next year.

Ian Hartland

HARBURY GUIDE AND SCOUT GROUP

Scout Hut Improvements

A lot of thinking and work has gone into progressing plans for the *new* Scout Hut. We need your continued support and would like you to come and see where we have got to.

You will be able to see the drawings of the proposals, the funding plans, and the timing plan as well as our supporters. The task is an important one which will need to involve lots of people across our community. This is **The Challenge**. Please come to the meeting in **The Scout Hut on Wednesday 5th April at 8pm.**

Peter Woodward

ROBERT APPEAL

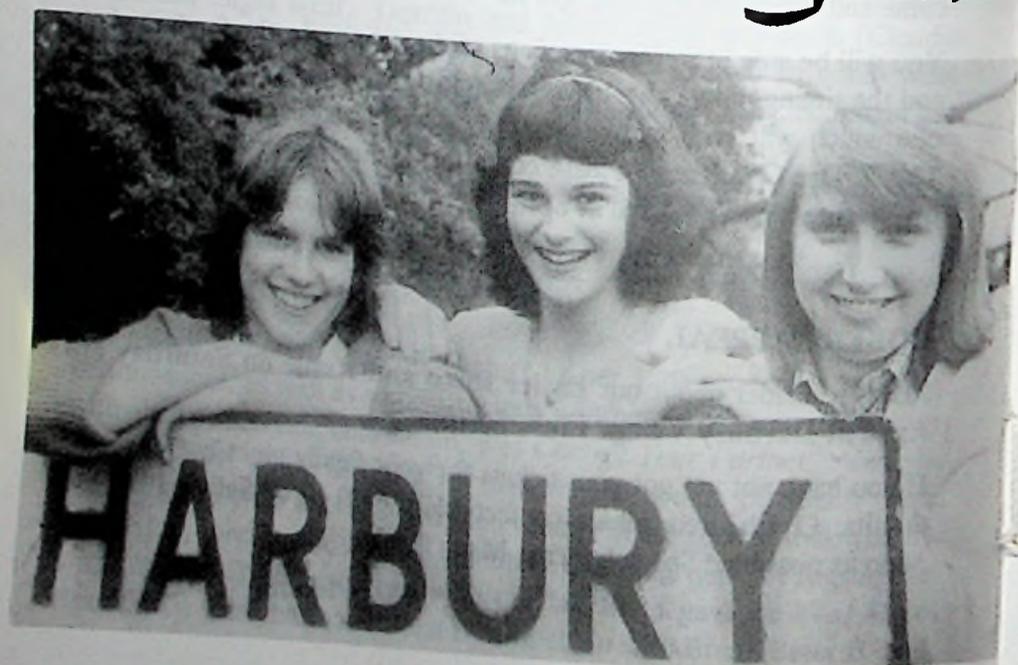
Just a reminder about our **Easter Disco and Raffle on Saturday 8th April at Harbury Village Club, 7.30pm.**

If you have not yet got your tickets for your family night out - only £2 Adults, £1 Children, please contact Mary 613140 or Sally 614290 as soon as possible. See you there. Many thanks.

Mary Revitt



Memo





ry Lane



HARBURY WIGHT SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

March proved to be a very *creative* time for the children who had **great** fun making a beautiful snowman at the beginning of the month and some super Mother's Day surprises at the end of it!

Our thanks go to Mr. Bailey at the School, who allowed us to take some frogs' spawn from their pond, which the children have enjoyed observing.

We are moving our Cake Sale to a Thursday, starting on **Thursday 6th April**. From now on, we will be beside the Library. With the school's Easter Holidays coming up, having a couple of delicious home-made cakes in the house might well be a good idea? So why not buy a cake when you go to choose your library books and then you can really go home to *read and inwardly digest!*

It's hard to believe that Easter is nearly upon us already. We are going to have an *Easter Bonnet* competition as part of our celebrations. Watch this space....!

Nikki Jones, Committee member

A CULTURAL EVENT IN HARBURY

Given all of the current discussions regarding budget cuts and problems associated with losing teachers, one of our parents, Mr. Kevin Bowyer has offered to perform a concert to raise funds for our School.

Please put a date in your diary for **Thursday 25th May**, when Kevin, who is a celebrated international musician, will provide an **Evening of Popular, Light & Funny Piano Music**.

The exact form of the evening is still to be finalised, and hence ticket costs are not yet decided. **Everyone is welcome.**

Carol Percival (612656), Joe Greenwell (613623) and I are organising the event. Please watch this space for more details.

Stephen Kelly (613175)

THEATRE TRIP TO COPPELIA

A few comments about our theatre trip to Coppelia at the Birmingham Hippodrome,

When the performance started I was stunned by the scenery. J.G.

I was amazed the theatre was so big. A.D.

I think Dr. Coppelius was a great person because he could make things come to life. C.W.

I think it was a good story. L.E.

The scenery was like real. J.F.

The costumes were brilliant. I thoroughly enjoyed the day. L.D.

I thought the ballet was brilliant. The dancing, costumes and scenery gave it a magical feeling. L.W.

I had never been to a ballet play and I thought it was great!

I had never been to a ballet before, so I didn't know what to expect. S.T.

When I went to Coppelia, it was the first time I had been to the ballet. C.C.

The performance was great. J.P.

There was a big crowd which came to see the performance. The dancing was exquisite and the ladies who danced were very beautiful. I liked the end when everyone held hands and bowed. I thought it was the best ballet I would ever see. G.V.

written by Ashdown

HAUTBOIS VISIT HARBURY SCHOOL

On Monday the 6th of March, Y7 had a visit from the Hautbois. They were Medieval musicians. First of all they played some music on Medieval instruments, then we all got dressed up in Medieval clothes, some people dressed up as soldiers, some as nuns and monks and some as ordinary peasants. After that we did a bit of play acting.

The Abbot went to France leaving the Prioress in charge of the church and peasants. The Abbot came back and didn't think the Prioress was doing her job properly, so he went back to France and brought the Cardinal back. The Cardinal asked questions and found the Prioress guilty, but she said she wasn't guilty.

They then put her hand in boiling water to see if God was on her side. She screamed, which meant that He wasn't, so they put her in a cage.



In the afternoon we all dressed up as soldiers and shot blunted arrows at each other. After that we did about 6 exhausting Medieval dances.

I think it helped give us a good picture of what it used to be like and the sort of clothes they wore and I think it must have been a hard life.

Zoé Eld

BEGINNERS' COMPUTER COURSE

Harbury School is planning to run its first **Beginners' Computer Course** for people who know little about Personal Computers (PCs).

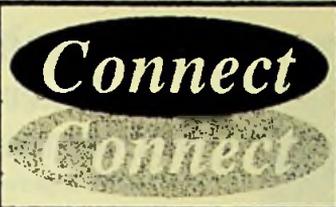
Course 1 will be on **Thursday 4th and 11th May.**

Course 2 will be on **Monday 15th and 22th May.** (Repeat of Course 1)

Time: 7.30-9.30pm; **Place:** School Library. **Fee:** £15 per person. The course is designed for **4 people** to give maximum attention to each person.

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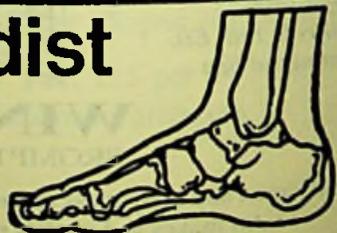
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HARBURY SCHOOL TELECOTTAGE

First a belated thank you to everyone who came to the previous meeting about Telecottages way back last October and to all those who completed the Market Research Questionnaire, which was sent out with the Harbury News. Your answers gave us useful information, which has been incorporated into a Business Proposal to set up a Community Telecottage in Harbury School.

We believe a Telecottage could have benefits for the whole Harbury Community and provide computer training and a computer resource within the village. The Business Proposal is being submitted to potential funding organisations in the hope that we can attract some funding to enable the Telecottage to start up in September 1995.

There is to be a meeting at **7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd May in the Science Area of Harbury School** to give interested persons the chance to become involved with the project and put forward any ideas they may have. This date is later than planned, but recent anxiety about the school budget and the Easter holidays make it the earliest convenient date.

In the meantime anyone who would like to find out more or become involved with the project, please contact Jacky Fleming 613116 or Gerry Bailey at School.

Jacky Fleming

5 A SIDE FOOTBALL

Harbury Newsboys took part in the regional play offs at Aston University with 15 teams competing from as far as Shrewsbury.

With goals from Leon Byles and Lee Carter, Harbury made a winning start before losing narrowly to a local Birmingham team 3-2.

Harbury's pool results were enough to qualify them for the quarter finals, where they lost to the eventual cup winners. Robert Steele scored an excellent goal and there were good performances from Keith Phipps, Craig Youngman and John Mulcahy with some excellent goal keeping from Dean *Oggy* Merrick.

Many thanks to Alan Carter for help with lifts. Well done lads.

Mick Kane

HARBURY FOOTBALL - UNDER 9's

Nailbiting in Bidford

Battle with Bidford is always close and tense. Back in November in the very first game that the Under 9's ever had, Harbury clawed back the draw from being 1-4 down. Now four months later and the nails had only just grown back again ready to be nibbled in nervousness.

Confident on their home patch, the Bidford gang quickly went two up. But such is the self belief of the Harbury mob, that they never stopped trying.

Up front Richard Montague, Peter Gray and Oliver Cook kept feeding Chris Harris. The quartet came on song, produced a superb movement that was beautifully conducted into the net to the encouraging chorus of the supporters. One goal behind. Surely there was time for the equaliser.

But Bidford didn't want to sing from the same hymnsheet. They rallied with some ferocious shots at Alex Biddle in goal, but were consistently frustrated by the ten foot high and twelve foot wide *Mr Safe-Pair-of-Hands* as he is now better known.

Jack Fitzgerald, Tom Stack and Daniel Lloyd defended like rubber walls, bouncing the invaders back into their own half.

Into the last minute. And the quartet started another piece. Montague to Cook - allegro -, Cook to Gray - andante molto -, Gray to Harris - adagio sostenuto -, Harris to goal - finale presto! And another set of nails to grow.

A Tale of Two Halves

The 23 strong squad quite naturally all hanker after a game, providing quite a problem for the coaches. The dilemma of either playing your key selection so as to be able to advance to the League next season, or of giving everyone a go and getting no real tempo, but encouraging participation has caused much anguish.

The Southam match was selected to try both strategies. In the first half the crack squad were put together as a warm-up for the forthcoming difficult fixture against Finham Rangers and in the second everyone who

had ever turned up, regardless of size, age or stamina were put with the main squad reserves. The result was two games.

The first showed just how far the team had progressed with an assured performance ending 2-1 up at half time with goals from Richard Montague (showing increased confidence with every game) and Chris Harris (slotting in his 15th in only 8 games). Daniel Lloyd was possibly the most impressive player on the field with some skilled timing and passing, but the whole team looked good.

The second half did not go quite so well, but it was not a lack of potential, but a lack of experience. The need is clear. We must give the younger players a chance to develop as successfully as the older ones have and create a new Under 9's squad as the current squad becomes the Under 10's.

But all credit to the coaches for giving everyone a game.

TEAM DETAILS:

1th March at Bidford

HARBURY 2

Harris 41, 59

Bidford 2

18th March at Harbury vs Southam

HARBURY 2

Harris 26

Montague 12

Southam 8

Harbury Squad:

James Armitage

Michael Armitage

Alex Biddle

George Clarke

Oliver Cook

Sam Jones

David Coleman

Jack Fitzgerald

Peter Gray

Christopher Harris

Christopher Jenkins

Tom Stack

Scott McLaren

Richard Montague

Jamie Norman

Oliver Ward

Thomas Walshe

Matthew Farrell

Christopher Hodge

Michael Linforth

Ben Lodge

William Randall

Daniel Lloyd

Season Statistics

Played 9; Won 3; Drawn 3; Lost 3; Goals for 23, against 33.

Peter Walshe

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

A successful Quiz Night was held on Sunday evening 19th March at the Village Club and approximately 70 people turned up to compete, heckle and generally have a good time. Our thanks must go to Roger Eaton who devised the questions and acted as master of ceremonies.

The Club was an excellent venue, with a lively atmosphere, room to move, and inexpensive drinks! A £1 entry fee (which included refreshments) and a superb raffle, meant that we raised £90 for Netball Club funds.

Question at the end of the night: *When's the next one?*

Answer: *Hopefully May or early June!*

The next fund raising event is the **Table Top Sale** in the **Village Hall on Saturday 22nd April 10am-12.30pm**. Many people have rung to book tables and a variety of car-bootish items are to be sold - including children's toys, bric-a-brac, household goods, clothes, plants, books, etc. **Do tell people about it**, as it will be to their advantage to come and have a look!

A provisional night for the Safari Evening is **Saturday 10th June**. Numbers will be limited to 40 and the charge will be £10 per head. Further details at a later date.

The season is drawing to a close with only 2 matches per team left to play. The 'B' and 'C' teams are still in contention for promotion to higher divisions within the Coventry League and all teams are to play in the Handicap Tournaments during the weekend of 13/14th May. After that, on 19th May, 17 girls are going *on tour* to Brean Sands to celebrate the end of the season in fine style. We wish them well!

Finally, congratulations go to Julie and John Farrington on the birth of their daughter Lucia Alice. Another netball player. Well done!

Pat Summers

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB - NEW SEASON STARTS

Do you currently play tennis or is it a case of used to play, but got out of the habit? Whatever the case, why not join the Tennis Club and make use of the excellent facilities available in the village at the very reasonable cost of £23 per annum?

The new season starts on **1st April**, with **club sessions on Tuesday and Thursday Evenings at 6pm (April & September), 6.30pm (May-August), Saturdays 2-5pm and Sundays 11am-1pm.**

The Club's main aim is to encourage *social* tennis, on and off court, although for the more competitive player we have teams in the Banbury leagues, summer and winter, and there are regular Club Tournaments throughout the season.

If you would like to know more about the club please feel free to come along to one of the sessions or ring:

**Colin Mercer 613639
or Nicky Knight 612522.**

HARBURY SUPPORT GROUP FOR MYTON HOSPICE

The above group are holding a **Jumble Sale on 8th April**. If anyone has a jumble they would like collecting on the **Friday evening between 7-9.30pm**, please phone 613891 daytime, or 613478 or 613334 evening, or if you would like to bring along your own jumble to the Village Hall, please do so. between 7-9.30pm.

The jumble sale will take place on **8th April from 10am-12pm at the Village Hall**, please come along.

Phillipa Birnie

CARNIVAL 1995

It's reminder time again. First on the agenda and very imminent is the **Carnival King and Queen election on Wednesday 5th April at the Village Hall Youth Club**. It's not too late, just turn up on the night or register your interest by telephoning Vicki Holroyd on 612527. You do not have to be a member of the Youth Club, but you do have to be between 11 and 16.

Other things are less pressing, but equally important and as the big day is only two months away, it pays to get organised early. I am aware that one village group has already had its first meeting to discuss this year's *float*. Basically, if you are entering a *float*, then let Danny Killian know on 612265 as it helps with our planning. If you intend to have a stall or pitch on the field, then please book it with Danny Killian on 612265.

Once again the idea is to cram the field with lots of varied events.

attractions and fun items. I'm not sure that the wheelbarrow race was as successful last year as the previous year, so why not double your efforts and get a definite team in this year. If you are interested, please ring Danny Killian on 612265.

Also, don't forget that what is bound to be a memorable day will be rounded off by the ever popular Carnival Dance where you can bop the night away to **Optimum**. Get you baby sitter booked in good time, but **don't** ring Danny Killian on 612265.

That's enough for this month, but don't forget if you have any queries or suggestions, please contact a committee member. Perhaps you could ring Danny Killian on 612265. (Who the heck is Danny Killian anyway?)

Paul Watkin on 613553

HARBURY CRAFT CIRCLE

With recent hints of warmer weather oanddays out and about, you may find yourself visiting picturesque villages and stately homes with Craft Fairs!

May we remind any local crafters, that we have our own **Craft Fair** in conjunction with the Garden Walkabout on **Saturday July 8th**. We would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in having a stall in the Village Hall on this day (and Sat. Nov. 11th also). Please ring **612983** for information.

We look forward to favourable weather and continued support from locals for this popular village event.

Harbury Craft Circle

HARBURY & DISTRICT BRITISH LEGION

My apologies for the delay of the notification.

Once again the collectors and you, the contributors, achieved yet another *higher total than the year before*, regarding the Poppy Appeal 1994.

A superb effort by all from Ufton, Chesterton, Deppers Bridge and Harbury, realised the grand total of £1,273.21, nearly £60 more than 1993.

The British Legion members thank you most sincerely.

Mike Bishop

BREAKTHROUGH BREAST CANCER

Once again may we thank everyone who attended our recent functions. The Blitz Ball was a great success with many people dressed to suit the occasion. £320 was raised on the night.

Our Coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room raised £150. Thanks to everyone who supported this and to our extra helpers, Helen, Sylvia and Bertha.

Sue Andrews, who recently died of Breast Cancer, was very well known for her various community efforts and will be very sadly missed by everyone. Her memorial fund has been donated to Breakthrough and at present stands at £2,050. A magnificent sum, she was obviously thought of very dearly.

May I remind you of what Breakthrough Breast Cancer is about. The idea is to raise £15 million to build a Breast Cancer research centre in London's Fulham Road. The centre will bring together top scientists who will work together to find a cure for Breast Cancer. The charity formed 3 years ago and has already reached the half way mark, allowing work to proceed already.

In September last year, after a four year search, the scientists made a breakthrough when they discovered 2 inherited Breast Cancer genes known as BRCA1 and BRCA2. Women carrying these genes have an 85% risk of developing Breast Cancer by the age of 80. The risk in the general population is only 8%. There is also a 50-50 risk that can be passed down to the carrier's children. In 2-5 years, testing for these newly identified genes should be available to families with multiple cases of Breast Cancer. If it is known that you could contract inherited Breast Cancer, you will be tested from age 35 by mammography or ultrasound, and be given chemoprevention (a drug to try to prevent the development on Breast Cancer).

Hopefully there will be many more breakthroughs and Breast Cancer will be a thing of the past.

We look forward to your continued support.

Chris Carter

TOM HILL

May I take this opportunity to say thank you to all those who helped make our Jumble Sale a success, the total raised was £60. The proceeds have gone into a bank account opened for Tom Hill's Speech & Language Therapy. I know most of you know Tom, he is a five year old boy with Down's Syndrome, who has delayed speech and language. His parents are at present paying for his therapy, so myself and friends thought it might be nice to raise some money, so Tom can have therapy weekly, rather than twice monthly as at present.

Further events planned are: Coffee Morning on **April 15th at Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon**. Cakes and/or raffle prizes would be greatly received. Also a **Rent a Table in the Village Hall on 29th April 2.30-4pm**. To book a table phone Sally on 614290, Jill on 613228, or myself on 613040. Anyone able to help in anyway could also contact the above numbers. Thank you again.

Mrs. C. Badger

NATURE WATCH

Lots of reports of that hen Sparrow-hawk, which apparently has been menacing Harbury gardens for 18 months or so! Vivien



Neill of Dovehouse Lane saw her a fortnight ago on one of her fence posts, plucking a Dunnock, also on the pavement outside the Post Office, breakfasting on a freshly killed Pigeon.

Pat Woodward of South Parade saw her throughout last year, sometimes on her lawn. A cock bird (much smaller than the hen and greyer), knocked himself out while making a dive for Vivien's bird table; one of the occupational hazards of the Sparrow-hawk's 100 mph mad dash life style.

Clearly these reports indicate at least one **pair** in the village. They are a happy sign (if not to small birds!) that the use of poisonous agricultural chemicals is declining.

More bird news. Olga Hughes has counted 27 species in her small

Michael Jerome



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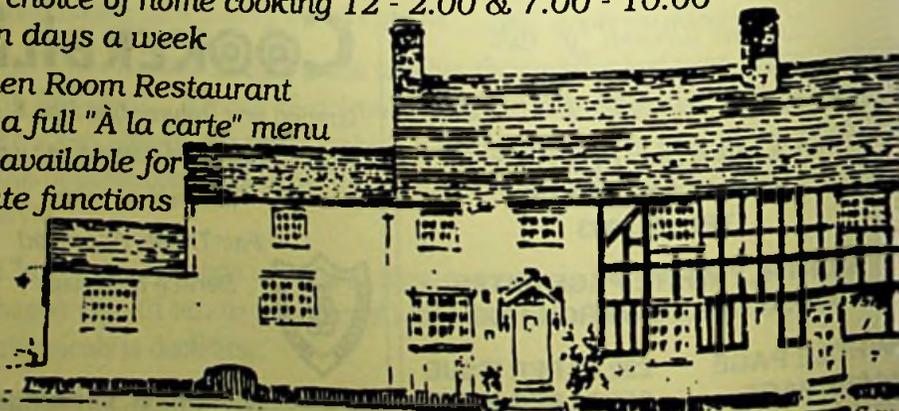
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Knightlow Way garden, including greater spotted Woodpecker, Siskin, Pied Wagtail, Jackdaw and Goldcrest (also seen by Brian Hewins). Is this a record?

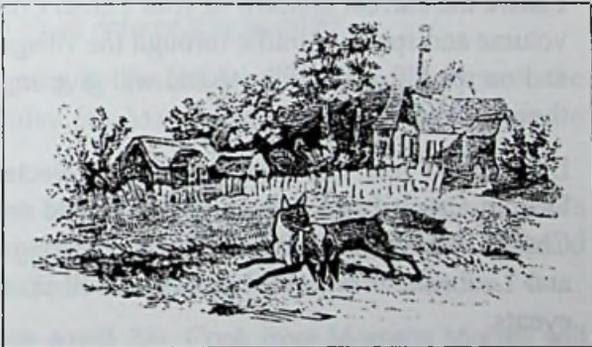
Long tailed Tits have been foraging in Harbury gardens this winter. These delicate aerial acrobats have also been sighted in trees near the doctors' surgery. A colourful visitor to bird tables has been the Goldfinch. This delightful little finch, with its silvery bell like notes and light, dancing flight (a family party is called a *charm of Goldfinches*), can be attracted with a mixture of good cage bird seed. Ironically, in the 19th Century, Goldfinches were so popular with cottagers as cage birds, that they very nearly became extinct. The Society for the Protection of birds (later the *Royal*) made the saving of the Goldfinch from the bird limers, one of its first tasks.

Vivien Neill has also had a female Brambling feeding regularly and several visits from a Willow Tit - and this in a very small (35ft x 24ft) enclosed garden!

A plea to all cat owners before the nesting season gets underway.

Buying a collar with a bell for your pet could save a lot of lives! The Sparrow-hawk needs birds to live, the domestic cat doesn't.

Tracks in overnight snow on 2nd-3rd March told their own tales of nocturnal prowlers, notably foxes. Olga Hughes has seen one in her front garden. Clearly the night before dustbin day is a regular diary date for Mr Tod. Has anyone else seen foxes in the village? Or any other interesting wild animals?



My thanks to everyone who contributed to this article. Please keep the information coming in! (Any chance of a photo, Mike? There's a challenge!)

Brian Hewins, 7 Knightlow Way

ELECTION ADDRESS FROM JOHN SHARP

Dear Elector,

I am writing to ask you for your continued support in the 4th May District Council Elections. Over the last 16 years I have had the honour to further Harbury and Deppers Bridge interests on the Stratford District Council.

I have lived in the Harbury Ward for 45 years and I have a very wide knowledge of the area and its problems. I have served on the Planning, Housing and Finance Committees as well as several minor committees. I am very keen on conservation. I am concerned with the proposed financial cuts in education and have written to the Education Minister.

On housing - I support tenant participation in the future of Council properties as well as in-house tendering for services. Opposed the 7.0% rent increase and voted for an increase linked to inflation.

On Planning - I am against any large scale development in the rural areas and believe that we should only have development linked with the needs of the area.

On Finance - I have been able to assist with grants for several projects in the village.

I share the current concern of your Parish Council on the increase in the volume and speed of traffic through the village from the M40 Motorway and on the Ufton landfill site and will give any help that I can to resolve these matters.

Last year I had the honour of being elected Chairman of Stratford District Council and was privileged to hold my Civic Service in Harbury Church. I attend your Parish Council meetings and receive your Harbury and Ladbroke News, so I am kept well up to date with all the latest events.

I do not intend to get political or make any promises I cannot keep, but if you give me your support on 4th may as a local man, I will carry out the duties of a District Councillor for the benefit of all the electorate in the Harbury Ward.

Yours sincerely
John Sharp

SENTINEL OAKS FOR THE MILLENNIUM

The Millennium cometh! What shall we do to celebrate!

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All it would need is a bit of planning and rather a lot of money. Oaks at £20 for one small tree do not come cheap and we would need twelve of them. So start saving!

Linda Ridgley

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At our March meeting Mr. Howard Drury gave us a very interesting and thought provoking talk on *Law in the Garden* and answered many questions from the audience. He also dealt with security for both house and garden, such as making sure garden tools and ladders are not left where they could be used by an enterprising burglar!

Anybody who intends going to the Malvern Spring Show with the Offchurch Society on Friday 5th May, please contact Mrs. Burgin on 339611 immediately.

On behalf of all those who attended the Social Evening at Mrs. Zonik's home on the 21st March, may I say thank you very much to our host and all those who prepared the food for such an enjoyable evening.

At our next meeting on **4th April**, Mr. Cook from Moreton Morrell will talk to us about Evergreen Shrubs and Foliage. On past occasions he has proved to be an entertaining speaker and we are sure this time will be no exception. For the meeting in **May** we need **written questions in advance** for the panel, to Mrs. Zonik please, by **mid April**.

Do not forget the **Plant Sale Stall at the May meeting** and now is the time to think about plants for the September show.

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

Spring is in the air and the soil is warming enough for weeds to germinate, so we can begin to sow hardy annuals in seed trays or directly in the borders. Remember to mark their position. Don't bury summer bedding yet, unless you have somewhere to keep it warm. Sow quick maturing bedding like Alyssum and Petunias in trays. Grow some flatheaded flowers like Tagetes to attract Hoverflies whose larvae prey on Aphids. Plant summer flowering bulbs. Top up gravel around alpine. Deadhead Daffodils, but leave the stem and leaves for at least 6 weeks to build up the bulb for next year.

The majority of the early flowering shrubs produce next year's flowers on growth produced during the coming months. Prune off shoots on established shrubs as soon as blooming is over, to allow time for the new wood to mature. Consider planting a few evergreens if the garden looked bare through winter. Water them well and protect from wind. Put in peasticks for support around the borders before the plants put on growth.

Sow a few short rows of salad crops every few weeks to spread your harvest. Horticultural fleece keeps off frost and pests. Keep slugs off by protecting plants with 4" rings cut from plastic bottles. Feed and mulch fruit trees and bushes. Only spray in the evenings to avoid killing insects. Treat lawns with combined feed and weed-killer and reseed bare patches. Clear polythene will keep off the birds and prevent drying out.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

A number of Harbury people have told us that they would like *plenty of new gardens* to be opened for our Walkabout in July. The Harbury Horticultural Society Committee think this is a splendid idea. The trouble is that, so far, although we have asked for more garden owners to offer to open their gardens, not one new name have we had. Perhaps you have thought about it, and decided it is still too early in the year to decide, ---- it isn't. July will be here sooner than you think! Now is the time for planning your Summer garden and nothing is more rewarding than sharing the result with other interested gardeners. The size of your own plot is immaterial, every size and type is needed so that all our visitors have something to which they can relate and say *I could do that!* So, PLEASE, let's have some more offers. We can promise you a thoroughly enjoyable day. In anticipation!

Eleanor D. Zonik
(Chairman)

Dear Editors

I would like to thank everyone who helped at, and supported my Coffee Morning for the National Meningitis Trust. We raised £111, a good effort for a good cause.

Celia Barrett

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