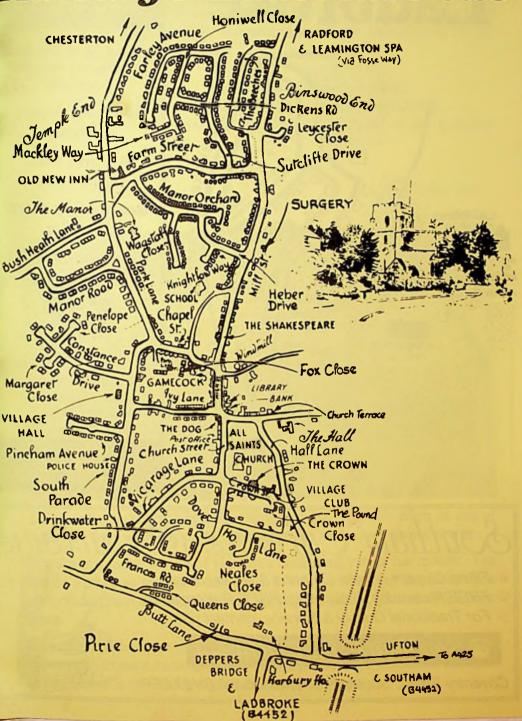
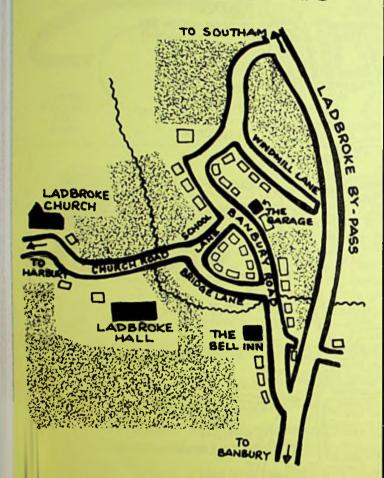
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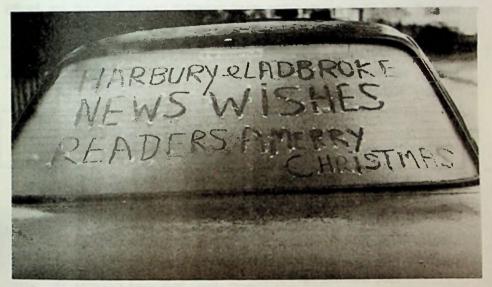
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This month's photograph by Mike Bloxham, was obviously taken on one of those rare days when the temperature dropped to nearer seasonal norms.

There was a threat to one of Harbury's traditional events last month. The bonfire looked as though it may have to be cancelled, but thanks to Julie Linforth and Jane Thomas, it turned out to be a roaring success. Well done ladies.

Christmas will be upon us before very long and this year villagers have the opportunity to see a musical version of Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol, to be performed in the church on 8th & 9th December.

The lower department of Harbury School has taken a Caribbean theme for its Christmas Concert this year. The recently acquired 'Steel Pans' will feature in the performance. If the mild weather continues, perhaps the audience should be encouraged to don tropical attire.

Our younger villagers (Harbury Playgroups) will be holding their concert on Friday 8th December. We are informed that this year's performance is advertised as Away in an Angel, followed by A Happy New Ear!

This edition of the News contains a centrefold of 4 poems from Y7, which have been selected for publication in a book of poetry from the Midlands, entitled 'No Submission'. Elsewhere in the magazine are contributions from Y5 at Harbury School.

As the editors would rather not meet on New Year's Eve, we would like to remind you that articles for next month's News should be in by Wednesday 27th December 5.30pm.

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Finally, we extend our sympathy to the families of Bill Eden, Joe Field, "Bunny" Rabey and Elsie Wareham,

Harbury Diary

DECEMBER

Fri

Sun 3 Advent Sunday - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 4pm
Bluebells in Winter? Planting bulbs at Burton Dassett 11-3.30pm at
the County Part (bring spade and trowel)

Tues 5 Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society in Village Hall 8pm

Wed 6 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
Mothers' Union Comm. 2pm; meeting in T.Hauley Room 2.30pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm

Thurs 7 Holy Communion 9.45am
Storytelling in Library 10am
Mothers' Union Advent Carol Service in Church 2.15pm
Fun Français in Village Hall 4-6pm
Youth Club AGM in Village Hall 7.30pm
Mothers' Union in Tom Hauley Room 8.30pm
Fdlk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm

8 'Christmas Carol in Church 7.30pm Cricket Club Annual Dinner Sat 9 SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY
Christmas Carol in Church 7.30pm

Sun 10 Advent II - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Sunday School 10.30am; Evensong 4pm

Tues 12 Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
Toddlers' Service 2.15pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Village Hall Committee 8pm

Wed 13 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon

Thurs 14 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club Carols in Church
WI in Village Hall 7.45pm

Sat 16 Men's Prayer Breakfast at 7.30am

Sun 17 Advent III - Holy Communion 8am; Family Communion (Christingle) 10.30am Warwickshire Youth Chorale in Church 7.30pm

Tues 19 Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
School Lessons & Carols in Church 2pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8pm

Wed 20 End of School Term
Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm

Thurs 21 Shortest Day - Holy Communion 9.45am
Toddler Group Party in Village Hall 10.30am
Duke of Edinburgh Presentation Evening in T. Hauley Room 8pm

Sun 24 Christmas Eve - Advent IV - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Dressing of the Crib 2.30pm; Village Carol Service 6.30pm; Midnight Mass 11.15pm

Mon 25 CHRISTMAS DAY - Sung Eucharist 10.30am

Tues 26 BOXING DAY - St. Stephen; Holy Communion 9.45am
Boxing Day Football Match at Recreation Grounds, Youth v Age

Wed 27 All articles for JANUARY's News to Pete's Place by 5.30pm

Thurs 28 Holy Innocents - Holy Communion 9.45am

Sun 31 NEW YEAR's EVE - Holy Communion 8am; Sunday School 10.30am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 4pm Football Club Dance in Village Hall

JANUARY 1996

Mon 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY - Circumcision of Christ; Holy Comm. 9.45am
Burton Dassett 6 mile stroll (3hrs) meet below Beacon at 10.30am,
£1 Adults, 50p under 16s

Tues 2 Holy Communion 7.30pm

Thurs 4 School Term Starts; Holy Communion 9.45am Storytelling in Library 10am Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm

Sat 6 Epiphany - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 4pm

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

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REGULAR DIARY DATES

BABY CLINIC: 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

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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: Dog 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

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.

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

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion, 8am

Sung Eucharist, 10.30am (Except 1st Sunday of Month:

Sung Eucharist 9am)

Family Service, 10.30am on 3rd Sunday of Month

Evensong, 6.30pm (Except 3rd Sunday)

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



Mr. Ray Padbury leads the Remembrance Day procession to the War Memorial

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

December is the month of Advent and the Festival of Christmas. The Church, like all other groups, seems to step up a pace with its activities and it is worthwhile to make a special mention of a few of them.

On the evenings of Friday and Saturday 8th & 9th December, the story of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, will be enacted in Church, together with an accompaniment of traditional songs and music. There is a large cast, which has been very busy rehearsing for some time. Tickets are available from the Rector, Beryl Checkley, Ruth Dodds, Pete's Place and Michael Short at Ladbroke.

The Mothers' Union Advent Carol Service will take place in Church on Thursday afternoon, 7th December at 2.15pm.

In the past few years, the Warwickshire Youth Chorale have visited the village and given a concert in Church. This year the concert will be on Sunday 17th December at 7.30pm. This is an excellent group with a varied programme and well worth supporting.

Saturday coffee mornings in the Tom Hauley Room are now a well established part of life in Harbury. The coffee morning on Saturday 23rd December will provide free coffee, mince pies & biscuits and you are all warmly invited. The services for Christmas week are set in the diary and there will also be a programme of services delivered to each household. The artwork to the front of the programme was prepared by Elizabeth Kelly and selected from a number, contributed by the Church Sunday School.

We do hope you will be able to join us at one or more of the Christmas services and meantime take the early opportunity to wish you a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ruth and Jeff

FROM THE RECTOR

I have lost count of the number of people who have bemoaned the fact that Christmas is nearly here. The year has passed so quickly, they say, and then go on to boast of the fact Christmas shopping is complete or worry that they have not started. That of course is a sign of the fact that commercialism dominates Christmas for most of us. I enjoy the secular aspects of Christmas. It is good to be able to give and receive presents, it

is good to be able to meet up with members of the family - even if for some, once a year is enough! That's all good - not in the sense that there is nothing wrong with it, but in the more positive sense that it is a desirable episode in our lives. However, that is only a part of Christmas and if for us, it is only part of Christmas, we are losing a great deal. Although those who worship throughout the year are in the minority, the number who believe in God and His Son, Jesus Christ, constitute the vast majority of the population.

Celebration - that's what we shall all be doing according to our circumstances. At its most basic level, Christmas is a big birthday party. Now I wonder what parent holds a birthday party for their children without a single thought to the day they were born or some significant point in the child's life. What adult has a birthday without a single thought for their own parents - even though they may have been dead for some time? Having said that, is there any one who holds a birthday without the presence or at the very least thought of the person whose birthday it is? Yet when we come to think about it, that is the way the majority of us celebrates Christmas - Jesus's birthday. So, how can we bring Jesus into our Christmas celebrations. The most obvious way is to attend one of many services being held in our churches. Yet many people are unable or unwilling to do that. For them, the answer might be to be helped by a radio or television service, or perhaps to read the Christmas Story in the Bible. For some even that is too much. For them an acceptable way might be to follow Jesus's teaching by entertaining someone needy, or by making a planned contribution to a worthy charity.

However you celebrate Christmas, I hope it will be for you a happy and fulfilling period and that you will see in a new way the real significance of the Babe in the Manger.

Pam and I wish you all a peaceful and joyous Christmas.

Fr. Roy

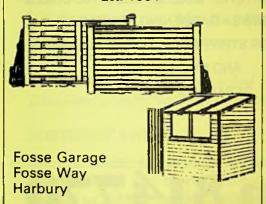
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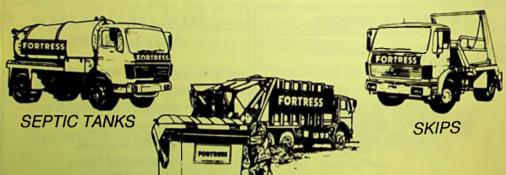
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Laugh Line

The Sunday School teacher asked her class: "What does the story of David and Goliath teach us?" Tommy replied: "Please Miss, to duck!"

MOTHERS' UNION

Mr. Colin Plum, with his dog Fay (which is a brood bitch for Guide Dogs for the Blind), told us about the charity Dogs for the Disabled. He showed us slides of the dogs, which have been trained by the charity and told us about the ways they are able to help disabled people by fetching, carrying, picking up objects, opening and closing doors, etc. Although Dogs for the Disabled is a fairly new and small charity at the moment, it is growing and doing very good work.

The evening speaker, Mrs. Lynda Howells, told us about the work of the Warwickshire Women's Refuge, where wives and children who have been abused can stay in safety. The committee also help them to find new homes. Lynda has real love for the women she meets there and feels that if Jesus was on earth, he would be with such suffering people.

The M.U. in Coventry Diocese have been collecting *Tins*, *Togs & Toys* to give to various charities. In Harbury we have given 55 tins to the Learnington Christian Mission; clothes to the W.R.V.S. and the Save the Children and Cancer Research shops; some gifts to the Christian Mission, and a box of toys to the Women's Refuge. We also donated 3 sacks of knitting wool and a box of knitting pins for the M.U. in Central Zambia. Thank you very much to all who contributed.

Our speaker on 6th December will be Ms. M. Dolby on Christmas around the World. The Deanery Advent Carol Service is on 7th December. There will be no evening meeting in December.

On 3rd January 1996, the party will be at 3pm. Please remember small gifts for the lucky dip.

regular attenders and the monthly Toddlers Service is also flourishing.

- Now a popular feature of Christmas in Harbury, coffee and mince pies will be served free in the Tom Hauley Room on the morning of Saturday 23rd December.
- Organist Clive Watts has been presented with a pair of cut-glass whisky glasses to mark his 60th birthday.
- New toys have been bought for the Children's Corner in church.
- Forthcoming events include performances of A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens in church on 8th and 9th December; Christmas Fair in the Village Hall on Saturday 2nd December, and a concert in church by the Warwickshire Youth Chorale on Sunday 17th December.

John Algar

CHURCH BELLRINGING AT HARBURY

It is likely that there have been bellringers at Harbury church since before the 17th Century. The original bells were replaced by a ring of five, installed during the restoration of the church and the five were increased to six in 1959 and to eight in 1981.

To an outsider, bellringers comprise a selection of heavyweights, sweating profusely on the end of a set of bellropes. Nothing could be further from the truth. Ringing is a challenging intellectual exercise, requiring practical skill, together with considerable self discipline and logical thought. Although it is an exercise for all age groups, in Harbury we have always tended to recruit young people (although more mature ones are always more than welcome) and the following is written by Dominic Travis, who started to ring in 1991, when he was 13 years old:

You begin learning to ring the bell in a somewhat strange way, you are being taught to sound the loudest instrument in Harbury and yet the clapper in the bell is silenced, so you make no sound at all. At first you learn to control the bell and after several weeks you are ready to come and make a noise with the rest of us. Now all the bells are sounding out over the whole village the learner must try and sound his bell in time with the other ringers. This is not quite as hard as it sounds, as all the bells have a natural rhythm at which they swing. Once this has been mastered, it is time to change the order of the bells and this is where the fun bit starts. There are endless different ways to make the bells sound in a different order and all are there to be rung.

As you become more proficient, you can join the local Guild. Each month a meeting is held; this is a chance to meet new people and ring on many different bells. The bells around the area vary widely with the biggest at Coventry Cathedral, being over one and a half tons. This may sound like you need a great deal of strength to be a bellringers, but actually any one can ring bells. As you can see from our picture, we have all shapes and sizes at Harbury.



Left to Right: Harry Windsor, Peter Clarke, Helen Clarke, Alex Buck, Norah Ellis, Dominic Travis, Tim Millington, Isobel Clarke, William Jones and Neville Ellis

If you think you might be interested in this fascinating activity, please come and see us any Friday evening.

The Bellringers

CAROL SERVICE

All Saints' Church presents A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, accompanied by All Saints' Harbury and Ladbroke Augmented Choir. Tickets are available from Pete's Place. £2.50 adults and £1.00 for children, to include refreshments. Do come and enjoy this traditional story on the 8th and 9th December, starting at 7.30pm.

Ruth Dodds

Ladbroke News

DECEMBER

Wed 6 Holy Communion 9.45am

Sun 10 Advent II - Sung Communion 9am

Wed 13 Holy Communion 2pm

Sun 17 Advent III - Sung Communion 9am; 11am Children's Church: Evensong 3.30pm

Wed 20 Holy Communion 9.45am

Sun 24 Advent IV - CHRISTMAS EVE; Sung Communion 9am Dressing of the Crib 3.30pm

Mon 25 CHRISTMAS DAY - Sung Communion 9am

Wed 27 St. John: Holy Communion 9.45am

Thurs 28 Village Carol Service 6pm

Sun 31 Sunday after Christmas
Communion with Carols 9am

JANUARY 1996

Wed 3 Holy Communion 9.45am

Sun 7 Epiphany I - Family Communion 10.30am

CHURCH NEWS

We are now in Advent, the beginning of the Christian calendar and the count down to Christmas. Our Christmas Fayre, at the moment in frantic preparation, will be over.

Choir practice has begun for our Carol Service on 28th December. Incidentally, anyone interested in singing in the choir is very welcome to come and join us. Rehearsals are Monday evenings, in church, 7-8pm.

On Christmas Eve, the morning service is at 9am as usual, but in the afternoon, 3.30pm, the children will be Dressing the Crib.

Christmas Day. Our morning service this year is also at 9am. We alternate the timing of this service each year with Harbury. The preferences for 9am or 10.30am are about 50-50, so we do our best to please.

Talking of pleasing, our church has not been too warm just recently - the pump to the boiler has been playing-up. Hopefully, by the time you read

this, all will be running smoothly again and the old pump will have been repaired. The threat of having to buy new is hanging over us. I wonder what happened to that old stove they used to have many years ago!

Betty Winkfield

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

A very pleasant curry/casserole evening on Friday 17th November, with many thanks to our hosts Richard and Irene Bennett.

We were able to donate more than £100 and have sent a cheque for £45, the result of the raffle, to Children in Need.

Error by Omission. In the last edition, I regret not including the names of Gill, our ex-treasurer, Pam and Betty, all of whom did tremendous work at the Tom Hauley Room, during our coffee and lunch sessions. My only very lame excuse is - I was a little tired!

We shall be looking after the candles and wine at the Carol Service on 28th December, so hope to see many of you then.

Gwynne Badman

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Many thanks to Rev. Peter Snow, for putting himself in the *firing line* at our meeting in November. We had quite a lively discussion on only two topics, but very interesting all the same.

Our December meeting usually takes the form of hymns and readings in church followed by a tea party, which will be either here at Hall Farm, or at Nancy Stubbs. I'll let members know nearer the time.

We have all been very worried in the past month about Jean Timms' recent operation, however, we shall be expecting herback into circulation very soon.

My husband Charles, is back home (it's strange not going off to Warwick every evening) and of course wanting to run before he can walk. I've no doubt we shall have be back to normal in time.

Then, Beryl Darkes is in our thoughts and prayers too. This will not do

Beryl - all these little set backs, we want you back with us in church too. Our love to all our friends, who are under the weather. I hope you will all have a Happy and Healthy Christmas.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Our speaker for November had to cancel at the last minute, due to unforeseen circumstances, but Max Sowerby saved the day! He gave us a talk and demonstration on Toxophily (archery to the uninitiated)

The Christmas dinner is being held at *The Three Choices* on 7th December at 7.30pm. The Carol Concert is at Stockton on 11th December. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas

Jill Norgate

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

All Parish Councillors and District Councillor Bob Stevens were present at the meeting, held on Wednesday 15th November.

A second letter had been received from Severn Trent offering further explanations of the summer water shortages. Councillors await the coming talk at next year's AGM with interest in the hope that a better understanding of the system by which Ladbroke gets its water will be gained. In the opinion of a spokesperson from Ofwat: 'Where a customer has experienced a 24 hour long interruption because of those problems at the end of June, there would be entitlement to payments under the Guaranteed Standard Scheme.' It might be worth any customer so affected making a claim to Severn Trent and if refused, writing to the Director General's office at Ofwat, Centre City Tower, 7 Hill Street, Birmingham, B6 4UA.

During the item concerning crime, villagers were advised that extra vigilance is needed as 2 groups of housebreakers are known to be in the area. Any suspicious circumstances should be reported to your local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.

A vote of congratulations and thanks was given to Elsa Greenway, Parish Clerk, for her hard work which led to the successful auditing of the accounts.

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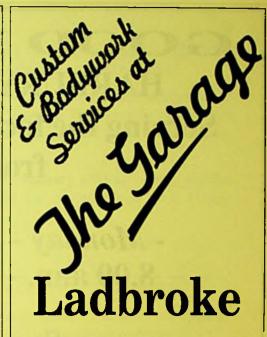
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Councillor Geoff Timms is hoping that the footpath group will erect the final gate in the footpath to Lower Radbourne on 2nd December.

The trees in Ladbroke were inspected by the Arboricultural assistant of Stratford District Council, in order that the Tree Preservation List is updated. He explained that even trees that had died would be retained to provide habitat for wildlife.

The next meeting is to be held of 17th January 1996 at 7.45pm and the Ladbroke Parish Councillors would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas.

Carol Northorpe

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - NOVEMBER

Competent chairing by Ken Stephenson, aided by Alison's anticipation, changed confrontation to conviviality at the November meeting.

Pc Boulstridge (who will ask drivers why they use Wagstaffe Close to ferry children to school) reported two burglaries in Harbury and appealed for more Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators.

The Clerk will formally ask the Club for an extension of the agreement to site the Recycling Centre on their car park. The waste paper bin will remain for the moment, despite the introduction of the fortnightly newspaper collection service at a later date.

The District approved extensions at 5 Park Lane and 7 The Beeches, along with a Residential Home for five adults and a garage at Sharmer Farm.

The Parish Council had no objections to a swimming pool at Deppers Bridge Farm and they also approved plans for the County Forester to remove the dying cherry trees from Ivy Lane and replant with small ornamentals trees.

Councillors were disgusted Deppers Bridge had to have a record of accidents before traffic calming would be considered.

Tina Gilbert read a brief statement on behalf of eleven Deppers Bridge households, confirming the strength of feeling against the raising of the ground level at Mr. Heath's farm and re-enforcing support for Cllr Steve Norman, who always worked for the good of the hamlet.

The Clerk was able to satisfy all Mr. Heath's queries, pointing out that Parish Councillors were invited to attend the recent site meeting held by the Inspector, inquiring into his appeal against the District's enforcement action.

Solicitors for Mrs. Price claimed the Spinney had not been used for lawful sport and recreation and threatened to fence it off. The Clerk pointed out that this would not affect the claim for it to be recognised as Public Open Space. Cllr. Shelley reported many people had used it over the last 20 years. The Spinney had not previously been fenced nor had it been vandalised. The people of Harbury have looked after it well, she said.

Cllr. Woodward was to make a presentation to this colleagues on the landscape audit. He entitled it *The way forward* and he had already spent £92.48 on daffodils!

Linda Ridgley

HABURY PARISH COUNCIL

Help needed to protect The Spinney and keep it for the enjoyment of parishioners

Harbury Parish Council are very anxious to retain The Spinney as an open space for recreational use by all parishioners and are asking for the support of parishioners. One way of doing this is to make an application to register it as a *Green*. The effect of registering as a Green would be to:

- 1. record the existence of some kind of area-wide recreational right over the land;
- 2. substantially reduce the likelihood of changes to the management or use of the land in the future, which is incompatible with recreational use. Local planners are influenced by this;
- 3. make it an offence to injure a Green or prevent its enjoyment as a place for exercise and recreation. Furthermore, it makes all type of enclosure and building an offence, unless it can be shown they are for the better enjoyment of the land as a Green;
- 4. ensure that, once recreational rights are established for inhabitants of the parish, they cannot be lost through disuse. The erection of a fence now will not affect our application. Indeed, if registration is successful, any fence erected would have to be taken down.

To this end, the Council needs evidence which can be provided by parishioners in the form of completion of a questionnaire. The questions aim to find out your use of the Spinney for recreational purposes. If you are willing to complete a questionnaire, please sign the list held in Kathleen Ellis, Hairdressers, Chapel Street, or contact the Clerk, 36 Binswood End, Tel. 612029. A copy of the questions will be with the list.

The more people who complete the questionnaire, the stronger our case will be for having The Spinney registered as a Green.

Please note that the use of The Spinney for pleasure must be shown to be by adults and not by children.

Mrs. A.D. Hodge

CONCESSIONARY FARE SCHEME 1996/97

Concessionary tokens for next year are now available from Stratford District Council, from the Library or by telephoning 01789 260 404.

To be eligible you must be a:

- Male over 65 or female over 60;
- · Registered disabled person (impaired walking ability);
- Permanent resident in Stratford District Council Area.

Those who received the first issue of tokens in July/August 1995, will automatically receive a further £6 of tokens. Anyone who missed these, but was resident at the time, will receive £12 of tokens and must apply before 31st December. Tokens will be posted in January.

Stratford District Council

THE PROBLEM OF LITTER IN HARBURY PARISH

From time to time, Harbury Parish Council receives complaints about the litter problem, particularly in *Darkie Lane*, the cut through from Chapel Street by Country Fayre to the entrance of the School on Back Lane. The other area prone to litter is the Playing Fields. Elsewhere in this issue is an advert for a Caretaker for the Playing Fields and whilst this job is vacant, the Playing Fields are becoming more litter covered everyday. The Council urges parishioners and their children to look after their surroundings and please take your litter home or use the litter bins provided.

Warwickshire County Council provides sites for the disposal of rubbish, the nearest are: Princes Drive, Leamington Spa and on the left hand side of the A426 to Rugby near Stockton. Both are open Saturdays and Sundays. If you have bulky items such as fridges or freezers to dispose of, Stratford District Council will collect it free of charge, if you telephone 01789 260616.

Mrs. A.D. Hodge Clerk to the Council

HARBURY SOCIETY

Peter Storrie got up off his sick bed to give us a presentation on the work of the Warwick Gardens' Trust. Amongst the exciting things they have been involved in, are the fight to preserve Warwick Castle Park from development; the discovery of the Victorian Pleasure Gardens and Summer houses at the Lammas Field in Warwick and the reconstruction of the Lord Leycester Hospital Garden. (Susan Rhodes will explain more about the garden at our AGM on 26th March 1996.)

The Annual Theatre Supper takes place in the Village Hall on Friday 23rd February 1996, when the touring company Pentabus will perform Dancing with the Devil. Tickets will be on sale in the New Year.

Plans for Brethren's Farm have been withdrawn for the moment and Mrs. Price intends to fence the Spinney, which the Parish Council is hoping to claim as public open space (see Parish Clerk's appeal).

We have prioritised the ideas thrown up by the Landscape Audit and will begin a feasibility study on Sentinel Oaks for the Millennium with the aim of beginning planting next Autumn. The Parish Council is also planning a programme of landscape improvements - John Woodward has bought the daffodils already! Merry Christmas to everyone.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Here we go again! Scrabble, darts and short mat bowls competitions for 1996. Practice continues at the Club every Wednesday evening and teams will be chosen in due course.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Party on 1st December and on

2nd December we have a Preserve Stall at the Christmas Fair.

The Group Carol Service will be at Stockton on 11th December. Do not forget the bran tub present for the December meeting.

The committee recently enjoyed their annual dinner and thanks the Shakespeare for their excellent menu and service.

Voting for new officers took place, ably assisted by Celia and we are pleased to say that Wendy Knowles continues to be president for a second year. Her officers stay unchanged and we are a full committee of 12, due to 2 very new members joining us. It makes life so much easier with a full committee.

It just remains for me to wish all readers the compliments of the season.

December hostesses: Diana Buck, Sue Lapraik and Mary Entwistle

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Our Pantomime, which can be seen on 19th, 20th and 21st January 1996, represents something new and rather special. Tom Cat's Tale has been written by Anne Megeney and is the Dick Whittington story as told by his cat. This production is made really special by the fabulous music and songs composed by local musician, Colin Wyburn. The musical score, together with a synopsis of the story is being recorded in a professional studio and tapes will be on sale in the New Year.

As a Pantomime would not be complete without its dancers, Jean Champ has expertly taken over the choreography. Make a note in your diary not to miss this fun show with something for all the family.

N.B.: We urgently need pieces of fur/fur fabric for animal costumes. If you can help, please cantact Lin Hayes 613488 or Anne Megeney 612745.



Anne Megeney



My Escape by Sarah Watkin, Y7

My bedroom, what a mess! Socks, books and even cress! I've got to get away from here, Far away, no where near.

I'm flying, flying far away,
Maybe I'll come back some day?
I want to sit on clouds so white,
And cuddle up in them at night.
I want to see the beaches gold,
and what to do, I won't be told.
I'll swim and swim until I'm wrinkled,
I'll let my hair get oh so crinkled.

I want to slide down mountains steep, It's so soft I'll fall asleep. I'm back in my bedroom, safe and sound, I missed my parents, but I'm here now.

The Escape by David Mugleston, Y7

Looking out of a window and staring at the birds makes you want to forget about how to spell a word. Being a bird must be fun, but not if you are shot with a gun. I don't care I will fly as far as I can I won't be scared of any man I'll glide up high and swoop down low. I'll fly so fast that when I go past I'll be a flash. You will follow me to the sea and back again. You will see it's me and I will glide back to my chair and vou will all stare.

Paradise Mayhem by Matthew Huckvale, Y7

Come on get up it's time for school,
Wash your teeth, behind your ears,
Get up, get into gear,

I don't want to go today,
I want to be on a boat.

With the sun's rays beating down on me, Floating, wandering on the deep blue sea,

Look at the fish all different colours,

It's not half as dull as school,

The clouds look like black cotton wool, It's getting dull,

The winds are picking up,

There's a tidal wave, I'm running out of luck,

Thunder and lightning are coming, The winds are humming,

Thunder banging, lightning flashing

Rain lashing,

Down on me.

Help me, help me, The hurricane is coming,

ne nurricane is coming The sound numbing.

I'll close my eyes and wish I'm home,
It's worked alright I'll go.

Moody Mum by Samantha Meredith, Y7
Seeing her coming redfaced,
What's wrong,
My Mum's in a mood.
Second time today.
Got to get away before she get's mad,
If I go away we'll both be glad.
Got to get away far from home,
Peaceful place,
Hot or cold,
Lovely beaches,
Animals, wild life and juicy peaches.
Soon it all fades away,
back to Mum and her moody way.

HARBURY SCOUTS & GUIDES SUPPORT COMMITTEE

We should like to thank a number of people:

- · the three new committee members, who are very welcome
- the support at our Coffee Morning in September, which raised over £100
- the organisers of the Harbury Hash, who gave us half of their profit and
- the organisers of the Bonfire and all the people who helped us in the preparation and serving of refreshments.

We shall be at the Christmas Fair persuading you to win a teddy, as usual.

The Grand Jumble Sale will be held early next year, but on 10th February, rather than in January, so please will you hoard your donations a bit longer than usual. Details will follow in January.

Jo Tancock

THE LAST COFFEE MORNING

The last coffee morning.... of 1995 that is.... make a date for a nice cuppa in the Tom Hauley Room on the morning of Saturday 30th December in aid of S.H.A.K.

Get out of the house, take your friends and relations with you! If anyone would like to make any cakes or other contributions, please contact Sue Buck 614224 to help make this a most successful end of year fund raiser. Happy New Year to you all.

S.H.A.K.

S.H.A.K.

At long last I have been allowed to break free from my secretarial chains and put my writing skills to use in an article for the Harbury & Ladbroke News. Well, here it is

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking all those wonderful and generous people who have donated, either time, money or both for our cause this past year. I would also like to wish the same people my warmest seasonal greetings for this Christmas and all the best for 1996.

I have begun my New Year's Resolutions already and one of them is to encourage members of our community to get more involved with the cause that SHAK celebrates. Our commitment is to look for new members to inspire us with ideas and experience plus enthusiasm.

I would love to highlight that it is through the efforts of the whole community and the way in which we are all working together, for the benefits of our children, that I find most unique and encouraging. We have been fundraising for just over a year and we are nearly half-way to meeting our objective. Well done.

If you wish to join the SHAK committee or haven't yet bought a limited edition brick, please contact me.

Deborah Ellis, 612326 Hon. Secretary SHAK

'XMAS POST BY S.H.A.K.

A new service for Harbury this Christmas



Did you know that if you put all of the streets of Harbury end to end, they would stretch from here to Stratford-on-Avon? Halfway through the Channel Tunnel? Or twice the height of Everest?

Have you ever wondered why you felt so tired after traipsing around the village to deliver your Christmas cards Well this year, S.H.A.K. can save your shoe leather, your time and your energy. All you need do is to post your village cards in the special box at Mugleston's and we will do the rest. The cards must be to an address in the village. They will then be stamped with the S.H.A.K. logo (so that your friends will see that you have supported us) and they will catch the next available delivery - we will be delivering at least three times a week starting on Saturday 9th December, right up to and including Saturday 23rd December.

Oh! and please don't forget to make a donation! (There will be a clearly marked donation slot in the *posting box*.) Save your feet and help save the Scout Hut.

From all of us at S.H.A.K. to all of you - have a good Christmas.





HARBURY TODDLER GROUP

Despite a very damp and chilly morning, our Car Boot Sale in October went ahead. We were a little disappointed with the amount of car entries we had, but nevertheless feel sure that those who did attend went home a little lighter! We raised £10.75 in total. Thank you everyone for your help.

Next, we strode around the village for the *Toddler Mile Walk*, I'm sure many of you saw us. An extremely successful event, raising a grand total of £366.10. Our special thanks must go to Jackie Bullock (son Cameron) and Denise Vincent (daughter Albany), whose efforts collecting their sponsorship made it all worth while. Thank you both once again.

We shall, for a while, put our fund raising efforts on hold and meet on 6th December to change over committee members ready for some fresh ideas for the forthcoming year. We then prepare for the Christmas Party to be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 21st December 12pm - 2pm. This includes lunch and a special visit from Father Christmas. (Guess Who?)

Shirley Wright

HARBURY NURSERY PLAYGROUP

As the year draws to an end at Harbury Nursery Playgroup, Christmas festivities are well under way. The children have been busy making mincemeat and practising the traditional nursery nativity play, which we parents are very much looking forward to - anticipating with glee the promised performance of Away In An Angel!

The children have had a very enjoyable term, exploring a variety of topics, from *textures* to *clocks* and producing some wonderful creative work, under the expert guidance of Kate and her team.

Cake sales and other events have raised funds to ensure the continuing activities of the Nursery, including a successful coffee morning and raffle, held at the Village Hall.

The next cake sale will be on Thursday 11th January 1996, outside the Library - buyers and bakers all welcome. It only remains to thank everyone who supports the Nursery and in the words of one of our children, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Ear!

Emma Evans

THE WIGHT SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

We are now in the midst of our Christmas preparations - a time which proves very busy and exciting for all of us.

A big welcome to all our new committee members. We wish them and those more experienced member of the committee, a very successful and prosperous year.

On Friday 1st December and every first Friday of the month thereafter, we are opening our doors to pre-playgroup toddlers from 2½ years and their parent(s) or guardian(s). So, if you would like your toddler to begin to learn a little bit of what playgroup is about, bring them along from 10 to 11.30am and you will be guaranteed a very warm welcome.

On Thursday 7th December we shall be holding our Cake Sale outside the Library from 9.30 to 11am. All support is, as ever, much appreciated.

On Friday 8th December we shall be having our Christmas Concert, in conjunction with the Village Hall Playgroup at the Village Hall at 11am. Everyone is invited to come along and support the little ones of the village in what always proves to be a very enjoyable morning. Mince pies and refreshments will be served after the performance.

On Friday 15th December the children will be having their Christmas Party in the Wight School from 1.30pm until 3.30pm. If we are all very good boys and girls, Santa might even pay us a visit!

We break up for Christmas on Friday 15th December, returning on Thursday 4th January 1996. We wish everyone a very happy and peaceful(!) Christmas, with best wishes for 1996.

Alison Atkinson

Irritating Sayings by Nicola Brunt, Y5

Nicola do your homework.

When you cut your hair can I have it?

I am just going down the road.

Don't answer the door or the phone and be good.

Haven't you grown!

When people call me Nicky Noodles.

Keep an eye on the little ones.

Mr. Hobbins came to see us on the 15th November. At the beginning we all got together and had a talk about the Tudors and their life style. He showed us some Tudor tools and clothes and we listened to some Elizabethan music. After that my group started making our toys. I made a whip and top.

Mr. Hobbins saw us individually and told us stories about who we were and how we got our toys (I was a merchant's daughter with just enough money to buy a whip and top.)

We had an hour to make our toys and colour them. We were only allowed red, black, brown, yellow and orange (they would have used red hot pokers, but we used crayons).

Rhiannon Buck, Y5



SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS

Southam School will be celebrating two important events on consecutive evenings in December.

The annual Christmas Concert will be held in Southam Parish Church on Wednesday 13th December, starting at 7.30pm. This is a most enjoyable event with orchestral, choral and ensemble items, as well as seasonal readings and carol singing, provided by members of each year group in the school.

Refreshments are available at the end of the evening and invitations are extended to all members of the local community. Tickets are available, free of charge and can be obtained from the School Office (812560) during office hours or by contacting any member of the school.

On the following evening, the Awards Evening will take place in the School Hall, starting at 7.30pm. On this occasion, students from Years 11, 12 and 13 will be presented with their examination certificates and special awards will be presented to members of the Upper School, who achieved particular success in their subject work or for community involvement. The awards will be presented by the new Rector of Southam, Reverend Justin Welby.

Michael Jerome



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Irritating Sayings by Michael Armitage, Y5

Stand up straight.
Keep still!
Get your elbows off the table!
Have you cleaned your teeth?
Go to bed!

Wake up!
Have your breakfast!
Go to school.
Have you got a spare pencil?
Hurry up!
Did you have a good day?



My Favourite Things by Oliver Cook, Y5

Playing football for Harbury.

Hitting the ball in cricket and getting runs.

Rough and tough rugby.

Playing sensible soccer on the computer.

Watching cartoons after school.

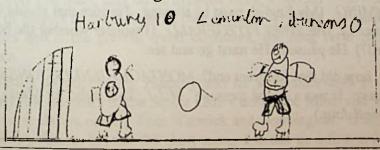
Buying things in Toy Town.

Going to the cinema.

Going on trips to places.

Drawing good pictures and colouring them in.

Hamburgers too nice to eat.



K-ZONE - BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Because we are so busy in the Club this year, we are desperate for toys, games and books to cover ages 4-10 years. If you are able to help with this in any way, please contact the Club.

As we are busy, we are also looking for another member of staff to join our happy (but tired) team. Afternoons and maybe some mornings need extra cover, but days and hours can be negotiated. Some child care experience would be an advantage, as would an endless supply of energy!. For more information, please contact Amanda Wood, 811126 or call at the Club, held in the Spooner at Harbury School.

A Happy Christmas to all staff, children and parents and all involved in the Club, past, present and future.

Amanda Wood

IN SEARCH OF PERFECTION

Diego Marradonna sighed. It had been a tough flight, but eventually the little Cessna 5 had touched down on the makeshift runway on the Thwaites Estate. He hadn't got that wet when the pilot overshot and dipped into the top pond. He looked around. He did feel it was a bit off that there was no one to meet him. Then he remembered. He was on a secret mission. No one was supposed to know he was here. He thought back. How had it all come about? That's it, he muttered to himself, as he tipped the water out of his crocodile skin moccasins, It was the telegram.

GO LINFORTH AND FIND A COOKE. (Strange, I only eat take-aways, he thought.) THE COLOUR GRAY WILL STACK THE ODDS. A NORMAN INVASION WILL HARRIS THE OPPOSITION. BIDDLE A LOT OF MONEY USING A LLOYD BANK CLARKE. DON'T WALSHE YOUR HANDS IN THE ARMITAGE SHANKS OR LEAP OFF THE CLIFF LIKE A HEMMING. (My English must be slipping. I'm sure that should be Lemon....) THE SHIRT FITZGERALD. (I wonder whether the boots fit as well?) He paused. He must go and see.

Now, how did that telegram end? MONTAGUEJENKINSJONES. (That was easy. It was a coded message. MJJ. That stood for Must Jollywell Join.)

their last three matches and were slipping down the League. The Harbury Under 10's was where Diego would fit. (After all he was no taller than any of them.) He looked at his watch and started walking to the Recreation Ground.....

WILL DIEGO GET INTO THE TEAM? WILL HARBURY WIN THEIR NEXT MATCH? Look out for the next exciting episode in your Harbury & Ladbroke News.

Peter Walshe

HARBURY RUGBY CLUB

The Village Rugby Club was formed in 1962, initially playing in Whitnash and later based at Harbury Village Hall, before buying the land to establish its present site on Middle Road in 1979. Following extension in 1989, the 4 pitches and clubhouse facilities were as good as any in the area and Harbury regularly fielded 4 sides.

Apart from housing the Senior Club, this facility is now the base for the thriving Minis and Junior section, with sides from ages 7-17 and the Village Cricket Club. As many local residents will know, the Club has also become a popular venue for non-members to hold social events. Consequently, the Club regards itself as an important sporting and social addition to Harbury life.

For several years, there has been a gradual decline in playing members, as people leave the area, go away to college, move to bigger clubs to play a higher standard of rugby and so on. Such losses are largely beyond the Club's control and we are not alone in suffering in this way, but in recent years relatively few newcomers have arrived to take the places of those who have moved on. As a result, this season the Club has consistently fielded only one team, plus on an irregular basis, a second team made up mainly of players in the twilight of their careers. This is a very sad state of affairs and if the present trend continues, the long term future is uncertain.

Considering its population, Harbury and its immediate area provides relatively few members to the Senior Club - unlike the Minis and Juniors - with most players coming from Warwick and Leamington. If the Club is to have a future, beyond the short term, it needs an infusion of new

members and the committee is actively pursuing various options in South Warwickshire generally, but we would also welcome new members from the local area. If you are interested in playing, or know anyone who is, we would be delighted to hear from you. Perhaps you just share our desire to maintain what we believe and think many would agree, is a valuable village amenity.

Please contact Graham Lewis 815196 or Ian Holroyd 612527, or drop in at the club house on a Wednesday training evening or a Saturday afternoon.

Harbury Rugby Club needs your support!

Graham Lewis

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

Last month's newsletter in which I commended the Selection Committee, will teach me not to count my chickens, because as soon as it was published, members of the committee decided that they hadn't got it right and changed the teams around!

The Fund Raising Committee met to discuss the finances and are running the Lottery Bonus Ball card throughout the season to raise money. Each of the teams will be responsible for completing the card for a six week period from 20th November. We are working hard to raise money and the kind of damage which was done to the court on the night of the village bonfire, is really quite disheartening.

I would like to welcome Nicola Beecroft from Deppers Bridge to the Club and I hope she enjoys her netball with us.

This week I was very sad to learn of the death of Bunny Rabey. He has been the club's most ardent supporter for many years, turning out in all weather to support the girls - giving them advice and encouragement - especially his daughter and three grand daughters, who all play for Harbury. He will be greatly missed. I do hope that later in the season we will be allowed to display a memorial plaque on one of the benches that are to be placed near the side of the court.

JESSICA BRING & BUY SALE

I would like to thank all the caring people in Harbury, who helped in any way with the bring and buy sale to raise funds for my granddaughter Jessica. Also the people who gave generous donations. Your generosity and kindness was overwhelming.

It has been a very stressful time for the family, but it has helped knowing how caring and considerate people have been.

Thanks also to the Prayer Group for their prayers, which I am sure have helped Jessica. She is responding well to her treatment and is hoping to have a coral eye fitted at a later date. On behalf of all the family, many thanks to you all.

R. Beales

NATIONAL MENINGITIS TRUST

This year I held a coffee morning for the National Meningitis Trust in my home. Next year on Saturday 13th January, I shall be holding one in the Tom Hauley Room from 10am-12noon.

I would be most grateful for your support once again. Thank you.

Celia Barrett

R.S.P.C.A.

The R.S.P.C.A. Coffee Morning, held at Wissett Lodge on 26th October, raised a record amount of £467.63. Many thanks to all who so generously supported us.

Ross Wilson

BREAKTHROUGH BREAST CANCEL

Did you enjoy the Archers' Evening? I have to admit that I am not a listener, but was fascinated by the enthusiasm of the evening. John, Gordon, Lyn and Carol, organised the event and Breakthrough accepted the profit of £360. Thank you very much indeed.

Unfortunately our auction had to be cancelled because we did not gather enough sale stock. However, what we did have, was taken along to a table sale on Sunday, where Dave and Allan did excellent Del Boy

impressions and brought home the amount of £160. So, thank you for what we were given and I hope you were not too inconvenienced by the auction being cancelled.

To add to these monies, we have received a donation of £30 from the Folk Club raffle.

Our next event will be in February, when we shall be holding an American Dixieland Night. We look forward to you being there. Many thanks.

Chris Carter

N.S.P.C.C.

Our recent Casino Evening was a great success, everyone enjoyed themselves and in so doing, helped to raise £500.

We would like to thank you all for coming and our particular thanks go to those generous individuals and local businesses, who gave lovely prizes for the raffle.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

N.S.P.C.C. Committee

MISSION TO SEAMEN

Thank you all who supported our coffee morning on 18th November. £133.47 was raised and forwarded to the Mission's Headquarters.

Bill Davies

ROBERT APPEAL

Just a reminder. Don't forget our family Christmas Disco and Raffle on Saturday 9th December 7.30pm at Harbury Village Club. Make sure to get your tickets soon from Mary or Sally (613140/614290) only £2 adult, £1 child, for an evening out to suit all ages.

Any offers for raffle prizes would be much appreciated. Come along and join in the fun. You won't want to miss it!

Lastly, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Many thanks.

Mary Revitt



The Bonfire Building Team

Well what a night! The weather was great, the fire spectacular, fireworks superb and the food welcoming and hot.

We would like to thank everybody who contributed to the success of this annual community event. Clearly it is impractical to mention everybody by name, but we would like to identify the stalwart efforts of the following people, who assisted with the operation and management of the function on a yearly basis.

Tony Dodds for lighting the fire; Mike and Hilary Railston for all their assistance, but especially with the clearance of the embers in the pouring rain! Last, but not least, Liz and Mike McBride for their support and the guidance gained from previous events.

The efforts in planning and preparation with a view to improving safety standards have met with approval and will naturally become standard procedure.

Finally thanks to you for attending and ensuring the future success of this event.

Julie Linforth and Jane Thomas

CHRISTMAS 1940

Mass of the Dawn, was held in the Old Vicarage, in the room used as The Parish Room (I would think it was originally the drawing room). The morning was clear and frosty, lit by millions of stars, which were so brilliant in the absence of house and street lights. Shadows moved towards the vicarage from all parts of the village. We met and silently crept into the dimly lit room. The atmosphere was peaceful and joyful all at the same time.

After mass, father Capps gave us all a warm handshake and sent us on our way, taking with us the lovely atmosphere of the mass. It was a Christmas I shall never forget.

Joan Clarke

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD'S EVENING

I wonder how many Harbury & Ladbroke News readers have experienced a day that has changed their lives forever. Thursday 21st December could just be one of these days. In the Tom Hauley Room at 8pm the Duke of Edinburgh Group are holding their awards presentation evening. Dr. John Hancock has agreed to present awards to members of the group, who have achieved the Bronze, Silver and Gold standard.

This evening event is also an excellent opportunity for those interested in the D of E Scheme, to discover what is required of them to become members of such a splendid organisation. The scheme is a very challenging and rewarding one, which encourages the individual to explore and develop themselves, as well as to become a member of a team. All of which is very beneficial to any individual in today's society and vice-versa.

At the presentation evening, there will be ample opportunity for any questions to be asked and it will be the perfect occasion on which individuals can become members.

Refreshments will be served during the evening. For more information, please contact:

Deborah Ellis 612326 Caroline Hill 613780 (both Gold award holders!)



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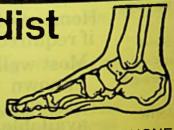
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END OF A MODEL TIME

The last month has seen the final demolition of the wooden *Model Farm* bungalow in Butt Lane, following its replacement by the new *Meadow Farm* - the end of a semi-medical era?

When Dr. Pirie established some TB cottages behind the railway station in the twenties, a patient from the North and his mother built Model Farm and its wooden veranda to provide the *sunshine cure*. The bungalow and farm then passed to Reg Johnson, the threshing contractor in about 1930 who, together with Joe Austin and Otter Bayliss, dug Harbury's most watery well further down the fields. Finally, Ken Steele's family took over the property and they still retain the basic *Model Farm* behind.

(Background supplied by Messrs. Cecil Bloxham and Tom Frost.)

James Turner

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The AGM progressed quite quickly; Eleanor Zonik stood down as chairman and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work. We are glad to see her well on the way to good health. We welcomed another committee member: Sally Ann Batty from Deppers Bridge.

The illustrated talk, which followed was a delight. Mr. Gatherum was down to earth - true to his name - with 40 years experience in growing vegetables! He described a Potager as an edible landscape, which we thought very apt, but - fancy spoiling a lovely design just for a fresh lettuce for tea!

At our next meeting on Tuesday 5th December, Mr. Brian Cook will talk on Shrubs and Winter Colour. This will be followed by our Social with a finger buffet.

The Society supplied the food once again for the Craft Fair. This proved very successful. May I take this opportunity to thank all those who cooked, bought, skivvied and generally ran round. Many people complimented us on the food, which makes it all the more worth while.

Once again the Society was lucky enough to generate sufficient funds to enable us to continue with our policy of making donations to other village organisations. Just in case the January issue gets overlooked with all the coming festivities, please note the talk on the 2nd January 1996 will be on Euphorbias and Digitalis. Merry Christmas to the Editors and Staff, you all do a grand job.

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

Gardening is not central to our thoughts now, but good gardens start this month when there is time to plan for the coming year. When weather permits, deciduous shrubs and trees can be planted along with herbaceous perennials. Mulch with bark or black polythene. Clear leaves from lawn and keep off the grass on frosty days. Check tree stakes, support wires and trellis and check that cloches are securely anchored. Two diagonally placed canes or plastic netting will hold them well. Repair fences and treat with preservative whilst plants are dormant.

Prune back by one third any lanky shrubs such as Buddleia or Lavatera and repeat for flowering roses. Evergreen trees and shrubs can be pruned if they are overgrown or mis-shapen, but leave any Spring flowering ones until after they have flowered. Pick seed heads for Christmas decorations and look for cones when out on a walk. Some of the early flowering shrubs can be forced into bloom if cut a week or so before the 25th and brought into a warm room.

Make a seed organiser from a plastic container. Put seed packets in order of sowing and keep the covered box in the fridge or a cool shed. Check stored fruit and veg. regularly and watch out for mice, looking for winter quarters. If you plan any early sowings, cover the soil with clear polythene to keep in some warmth and keep off excessive rain. Winter prune apples and pears.

Many houseplants die because they are too hot. In central heating, they may need water 2 or 3 times a week, but don't do this on a routine basis, always feel the compost before watering. Christmas trees, even without roots, need water and prefer a cool place. Remember, the birds like a little share of the Christmas goodies, so put out the crumbs and bacon rinds and enjoy a Christmas card scene outside your window.

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

The family of the late Frank (Joe) Field would like to thank all friends and neighbours for attending the funeral service and for their messages of sympathy in our sad loss of a dear brother and uncle.

Thanks to Reverend Roy Brown for a lovely service, Doctor Hancock and Staff at the Surgery for all their care and special thanks to Don, Denice, Richard, Sheila, Andy, Carol and Staff for all their kindness and help.

Yours sincerely Joe's brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces

Dear Editors

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Roy and Pam Brown, the Doctors and girls at Harbury surgery and all friends, including those in the choir. Their prayers and the warmth and kindness we have received has been so much appreciated during Jean's recent stay in hospital.

Jean and Geoff Timms

Dear Editors

Margaret Taylor and family would like to extend their grateful thanks to all friends for their love and support during Bill's short illness and for all the cards, letters and floral tributes sent in the event of our great loss.

Special thanks to Dr. Hancock and Dr. Wilkinson, also the Rev. Roy Brown for a lovely service.

Margaret Taylor and family

Dear Editors

May I through the Harbury and Ladbroke News thank everyone who supported my coffee morning on 16th November. We were very pleased with the £165 we managed to raise. Thank you once again.

Alice Wilkins

Dear Editors

It gave me enormous pleasure to meet so many people on the occasion of my book launch on 31st October in the Tom Hauley Room. About 120 in total, some of whom had travelled quite a distance to be there and to join in what turned out to be, a most enjoyable, social get-together. Since then, I have received many telephone calls and letters from readers.

May I say a heartfelt thank you for the kind comments and best wishes that have been expressed. It is gratifying to note that the feeling of pleasure that I derived from writing *Kecks*, *Cowpats and Conkers*, is now being enjoyed by so many of you; which for me is an added bonus.

I intend to remain in Harbury with my brother and his family for a little while longer, at least until some time in January, at No. 1 Ivy Lane, Tel. 613382, where my book is still available at £8.95.

Once again my sincere thanks for your support.

Frances Mann (Poupard)

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- 3 Liaise with rubbish collectors to ensure bins on Playing Fields and by Car Park are emptied once a week and any non collection to be reported to Clerk.
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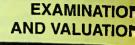
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