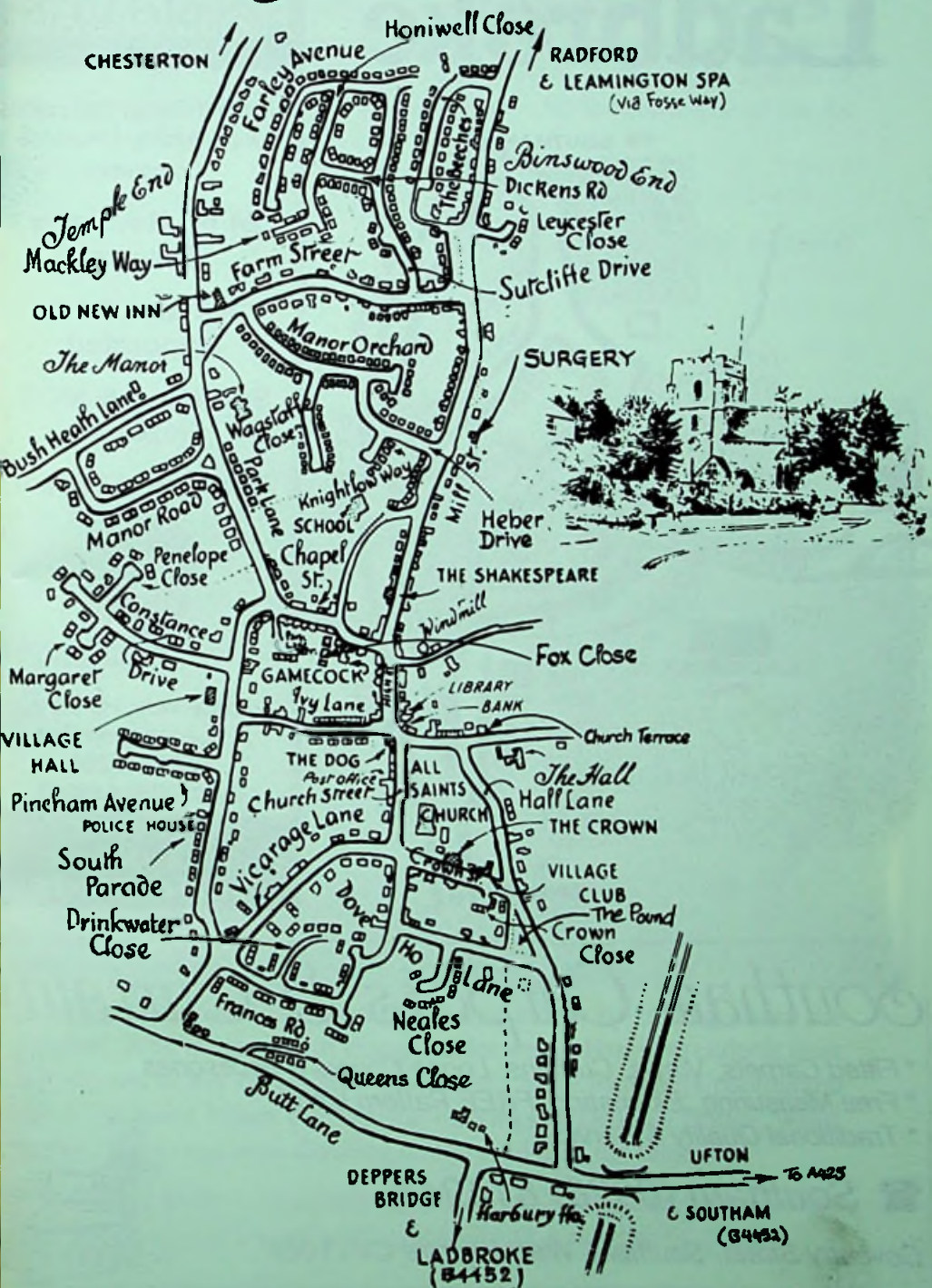


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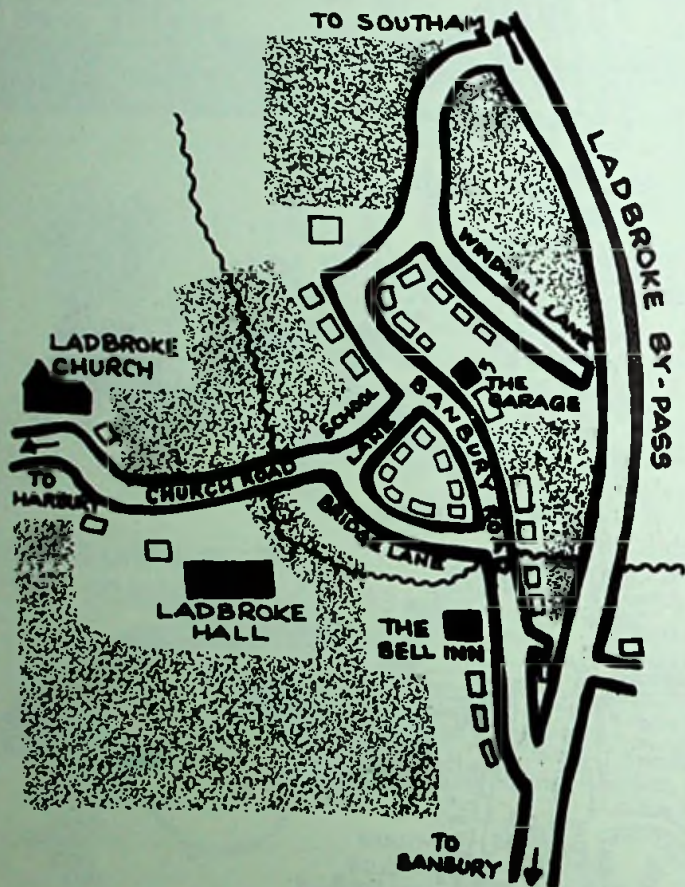
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The Editors decided to be parochial this month by talking about the weather! With many parts of Europe under water, Harbury residents must feel relieved to live on a hilltop settlement. Mike Bloxham's photograph shows the River Itchen overflowing its banks at Deppers Bridge; whilst we only had to negotiate flooding on the road near the cemetery.

It was very obvious when editing this month's magazine, that Harbury residents have overflowed with generosity to a number of charities. A

total of about £9,000 is referred to in various articles. Some of this represents an annual contribution, but **each month** we hear of individuals or groups fund raising for charitable causes.

The editors will be discussing the results of the Harbury News questionnaire at the **AGM**, to be held at the **Shakespeare Inn on Monday 13th February, 8pm**. Thank you to all those who handed in their forms and if you like to express your views further, do please come along to this open meeting.

Apologies to Dr. Wilne, whose name was unfortunately deleted from his article last month. The Editors and Typist always work under pressure, so please could all contributors ensure that articles are received by the deadline, as late arrivals cause problems to the layout of the magazine.

Finally we extend our sympathy to the families of Tink Washbrooke and Hannah Lowe.

Harbury Diary

FEBRUARY

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| Sun | 5 | EPIPHANY V ; Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 4pm
BLOOD DONORS IN VILLAGE HALL |
| Mon | 6 | Prayer & Praise 7.30pm |
| Tues | 7 | Horticultural Society meet in Village Hall 8pm
Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close, 10.30am
Holy Communion at 7.30pm
PCC in T.Hauley Room 8.10pm |
| Wed | 8 | Grapevine Coffee Morning in T.Hauley Room 10-noon
Bible Study in T.Hauley Room 8pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm |
| Thurs | 9 | Slimming World in T.Hauley Room 10.30am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
WI in Village Hall 7.45pm
Holy Communion 9.45am |
| Fri | 10 | Yoga in Village Hall 1.30-3pm |
| Sun | 12 | NINTH BEFORE EASTER ; Holy Communion 8am;
Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Baptism 12.30pm; Evensong 4pm |
| Tues | 14 | ST. Valentine's Day
Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
Toddlers' Service 2.15pm |

- Holy Communion 7.30pm
T.Hauley Room Trustees meeting in T.Hauley Room 8.15pm
Village Hall Committee 8pm
- Wed 15 Grapevine Coffee Morning in T.Hauley Room 10-noon
Bible Study in T.Hauley Room 8pm
- Thurs 16 Holy Communion 9.45am
Slimming World 10.30am
- Fri 17 Yoga in Village Hall 1.30-3pm
Presentation to Dr. Wilne in Village Hall 7.30pm, all welcome
- Sat 18 Mens' Prayer Breakfast in T.Hauley Room 7.30am
BLITZ BALL in aid of Breakthrough for Breast Cancer with the
Dad's Army Band in Village Hall, Tickets from 613313/613850
- Sun 19 **EIGHTH BEFORE EASTER**; Holy Communion 8am;
Family Communion 10.30am; Benediction 6pm
- Mon 20 Prayer & Praise at 5 Dickens Road 7.30pm
- Tues 21 Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
NO Step Class
Mothers' Union in T.Hauley Room
Family Communion Steering Committee in Rectory 10.30am
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 22 Grapevine Coffee Morning in T.Hauley Room 10-Noon
Bible Study in T.Hauley Room 8pm
- Thurs 23 Slimming World in T.Hauley Room 10.30am
Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Men's Society Dinner at Offchurch
Parish Council in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 24 **ALL ARTICLES FOR MARCH HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS
TO PETE's PLACE TODAY BY 5.30PM**
Yoga in Village Hall 1.30-3pm
Harbury Society Theatre Supper at 7.30pm followed by *Against
the Wind* play by Pentabus at 8pm (See ad)
- Sun 26 **SEVENTH BEFORE EASTER**
Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 4pm
PCC in T.Hauley Room noon
- Tues 28 **SHROVE TUESDAY**
Holy Communion 7.30pm; Julian Group 8.10 in Church
Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am

MARCH

- Wed 1 **ASH WEDNESDAY - St. DAVID's DAY**
Grapevine Coffee Morning in T.Hauley Room 10-noon
Mothers' Union Lent Communion 2pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm with Imposition of Ashes
Bible Study in T.Hauley Room 8pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm

- Thurs 2 Coffee Morning for Meningitis at 17 South Parade 10-noon
 Holy Communion at 9.45am
 Storytelling in Library 10am
 Slimming World in T.Hauley Room 10.30am
 Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 3 Yoga in Village Hall 1.30-3pm
 Nursery Playgroup Cake Stall
 Bridge Night in Village Hall
- Sun 5 LENT I; Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 4pm

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

For Village Hall Bookings Mrs. Hughes 612716
For Wight School Bookings Mrs. Hayes 613488
For Tom Hauley Room Bookings 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 IN VILLAGE HALL 1.30-3PM: Village Hall, 1.30-3pm Monday,
 Diane Surgey Tel.817904
YOUTH CLUB: Village Hall, 7.30-9.30pm Wednesdays

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

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

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

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

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

HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE: Call Tony Brunton 612191.

ODD JOBS ABOUT THE HOUSE: Call Jeff Bedford 612753.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion, 8am

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

Family Service, 10.30am on 3rd Sunday of Month

Evensong, 6.30pm (Except 3rd Sunday)

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

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

We are shortly to carpet the Altar to the Lady Chapel in response to gifts the church has received. Unfortunately an inspection of the underside of the platform revealed advanced rotting of the support timbers which have had to be replaced. At the same time we have taken the opportunity to replace the wood block flooring to the front of the altar. Whilst the work is being progressed it has been interesting to learn that it was Reg Harris's then future father-in-law, a Mr *pa* Rainbow who originally assembled the platform approx. 70 years ago. The original oak floorboards have remained in good condition and we are hoping the new support timbers will last for at least another 70 years.

Mrs. Jo House has recently taken over from Bertha Kettle a task of providing and arranging the flowers in Church. Bertha has looked after the flower arrangements for a number of years and we give her our warm thanks for her dedication, talents and the efforts she has given.

We also offer our sincere thanks to Sue and Keith Dormer who have found it necessary to stand down from the organisation and running of the children's Crusader Group on a Sunday morning. Sue and Keith have looked after the group for some time and we very much appreciate their efforts and assume they have obtained a lot of satisfaction through working with the young children.

Beryl and Jeff

FROM THE RECTOR

I would like in this piece to say a few words about Priesthood, and the first thing to be said about it, is that to be a priest is a way of life rather than a job. There are many priests, for example, who are not attached to a Parish Church - who are not in other words, Rectors, Vicars or Curates - there are teachers and a whole variety of chaplains to various institutions. It is also a way of life which God has asked them to adopt. Many individuals will have embraced God's will so readily that they may appear to want to be a priest in much the same way as others want to be train drivers, teachers or bankers - but basically every priest needs to remember that it was not their idea but God's.

It is a sign of God's breadth of view that priests are so different from one another - representative of all sections of humanity. The priest is meant to be representative of both Christ and redeemed humanity. That, of course is a very high calling. Representatives are sometimes expected to have all the characteristics and abilities of those whom they represent. Now obviously the priest (no matter how saintly) is not Christ, and every priest knows that there are people within his congregation who are better representatives of redeemed humanity than he is. So, within the priesthood, there can be no sense of self-importance.

The majority of priests work with people in one way or another - and people have expectations of their priest. He is to be the man of God, say some, and many human failings will be forgiven him if he is perceived obviously to be in touch with God. Others demand that the priest must be *one of us* and as long as he shares the interests and concerns of the community, he will be well liked, respected and used.

Some may think that I have described an impossible way of life, and it is true that the priest can never rest content in the knowledge that he is fulfilling his calling in every detail. He must learn to live with the fact that he has not got his way of life completely right. Yet he also lives with the fact that people are generous in sharing with him moments of deep joy and deep sorrow and reflect on the unique privilege that is his. So often the priest is given the opportunity of observing the best of humanity - all too often the worst of humanity is shielded from him and

I am sure Christ would not approve of that. So when you are moved to pray for priests, perhaps it ought to be that they are not too busy to forget God or so *Holy* that they forget people.

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTER

Funerals

Harbury, 12th January - Tink Washbrooke of Frances Road.

Harbury, 30th January - Hannah Lowe of Mill Street

May they rest in peace

Laugh Line

Grave Situation

Churchyard maintenance is becoming increasingly difficult and it will be appreciated if parishioners will cut the grass around their own graves.

During the clergy conference a skeleton staff will be left in each deanery for cemetery duty.

MOTHERS' UNION

Normal meetings were suspended in January for Christmas celebrations. Our friends from Ladbroke Women's Fellowship joined us for the party on Jan. 4th. We played *Call my Bluff* and *Dingbats* and enjoyed tea provided by the committee, finishing with Christmas Carols.

On Sunday 6th, a group of members, husbands and friends went to see *Barnum* at the Spa Centre. We were dazzled by the skills and talent shown by the young people of Coventry Youth Operetta Group, directed by Mark Thorburn. The show was really spectacular and we voted it a very good evening.

In February we are back to normal with a talk on *Open Doors* by **Jeanne Clarke** at the **afternoon meeting**, and one on *Jewish Family Life* by

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Mrs. V. Smith at the evening meeting on February 21st.

Please note that on **March 1st** the service and the meeting will be combined in our Lent Communion Service at **2pm**, with Canon Rowe.

C.Mary Catt

TODDLERS' SERVICE

It was good to welcome so many toddlers, babies, and mothers on a horrible afternoon in January. This term we are learning about Jesus' friends and Mrs. Keir told us about Martha and Mary and how they welcomed Jesus into their house.

Then we decorated biscuits with icing sugar and sweets, and we sang *Jesus' love is very wonderful*.

C.Mary Catt

CHURCH KNEELERS

The making of new Church Kneelers is an on-going project, but the initial enthusiasm seems to have waned. However, they are still needed and if anyone is keen to make one please contact me on **612794**.

On **Wednesday 22nd Feb.** at **The Grapevine Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room** I shall be there with canvas, wool and patterns for anyone who has never tackled this before but would like to have a go!

Shirley Keir

THE HARBURY AND LADBROKE CHURCH MEN'S SOCIETY

The Society met on 5th Jan. to hear the war time experience of Mike Leszczynski, a Polish student living away from his own home and reading languages at a College. The languages were Russian, German and Italian.

While at College, he lived with a family where there were 5 children. At 1am one morning there was a knock at the door by Russian armed soldiers who forced the family and Mike to a waiting train. In spite of

Mike trying to return to Western Poland to his home, the soldiers forced them all into cattle wagons already filled with people. The train went to the Ural Mountains, a long journey, but without food two of the children died on the way. Mike, on arrival was interrogated and ordered to assist a teacher in a classroom.

One day a portrait of Stalin hanging behind the teacher's desk fell from the wall just as the teacher was flicking his pen to start the flow of ink which, unfortunately splattered across the portrait. Next day the teacher was removed to the salt mines. They tried to recruit Mike into the Red Army, but Mike escaped and joined the Polish Army. He fought at Anzio with the 2nd Polish Corp and was taken prisoner by the Italians and sent to Austria to work on the land during the day and at night he was returned to the POW Barracks.

One night he was disturbed by some Yugoslav Partisans and he joined them and marched with them to a wood. Unfortunately this wood was occupied by German AA Batteries. Once again he was a prisoner, but with one or two others Mike escaped during interrogation, but as they journeyed on they became tired and hungry so they knocked on a farm house door.

The farmer, an Austrian, gave them some bread and told them to get off his land as early as possible the next morning fearful of his own safety for offering hospitality. This they did and hid in some deep narrow slit trenches during one stage as German tanks passed overhead. Continuing they reached and joined the Polish Freedom Fighters at Monte Casino. The Italians now on the side of the Allies, Mike found his study of the Italian language very useful as he told us of amusing stories of happier situations.

At the end of the war Mike chose to be discharged from the army in the UK rather than in Poland. Demobilised at Aldershot, Mike then trained as a Tailor and now works and lives in Kings-Heath, Birmingham.

P.D. Edwards

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FEBRUARY

Wed 8 Women's Fellowship Corporate Communion 2pm
 Sun 12 **9th BEFORE EASTER**; Sung Communion 9am
 Wed 15 Holy Communion 10.30am
 Sun 19 **8th BEFORE EASTER**; Sung Communion 9am;
 Children's Church 11am; Evensong 3.30pm
 Wed 22 Holy Communion 10.30am; PCC 7.30pm
 Sun 26 **7th BEFORE EASTER**; Sung Communion 9am

MARCH

Wed 1 Ash Wednesday; Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes 10.30am
 Sun 5 **LENT I**; Family Communion 10.30am

Ladbroke Toddler Group will continue to meet on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month**. Dates for the next few months as follows:

February: 1st 15th **April:** 5th 19th
March: 1st 15th **May:** 3rd 17th

10.30am-12noon in the Village Hall. See you there.

Janet Jay

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our AGM in January was quite well attended - for an AGM - and we got through lots of ideas for our 1995 meetings.

It went on much longer than usual, well it was rather a good sitting in front of that lovely open fire at Pearl's house. Charles Catt is coming in **February** to show us some of his slides that will be at Gwladys Gould's house following our Corporate Communion in Church. **Wednesday 8th February 2pm.**

Betty Winkfield

CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS

We have several families moving into or out of the village. Firstly a belated welcome to the Copley family into *The Croft* and we await the arrival of their new baby - hoping all goes well.

Gill and Bob Moore are moving into Bill and Joan Veel's bungalow very soon now - we welcome them *with open arms*. At the same time we are very sorry to be losing Bill and Joan, especially in such worrying circumstances. Joan has been a very good neighbour to Mrs. Hedge for quite a few years. I think Connie appreciated all Joan did for her but at times it wasn't easy.

Church News: The Children's Church is *up and running* again with the very welcome added support of Jane Steenstra. The time is now **11am** (not 10.30am) on the **third Sunday every month**. We welcome children from 3yrs upwards, but please don't be put off if you've reached *double figures*. We shall need all the help we can get on **Mothering Sunday March 26th**, which reminds me that the **Diatonic Choir** will be putting on a **concert** for us on **March 11th**, please watch out for posters and tickets. Plus the fact that our first Lent Lunch is on **March 1st** at **Gwynne Badman's home at 12.30pm**. Price £1.50.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Early in December many members enjoyed a Christmas dinner at The Holly Bush, Priors Marston.

January 26th was our first meeting this year.

After new members had been welcomed and business discussed, our speaker was introduced. Mrs. Felicity Howatson gave a talk and slide show about the Everlord Tapestry, which can be viewed in the Portsmouth museum. It was most interesting to see how the Invasion of Europe had been depicted in tapestry.

The next meeting will be held on **February 23rd**. Members will be providing tasters of their favourite recipes. Recipes will be available. New members welcome on the **fourth Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**.

Hazel Sharples

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Sunday 19th March

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Every one is welcome!

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The meeting took place on Wednesday 18th January. English Heritage had replied to the Parish Council's enquiry about the importance of the ancient fishponds in Farmyard field. They confirmed that the site is noted on the Scheduled Monument Register and the information was to be passed on to the owner of the field.

The Council has been asked to complete a village questionnaire regarding Concessionary Fares. Any villager in possession of a Pension Book will be entitled to claim tokens, which may be used by local taxi firms.

Plans had been received for a major barn conversion at Village Farm, the Council had no objection to a change of use at the site, but wished to remind the Planning Department of the barn's conservation surroundings.

The Footpath Group is back in action; they have begun work on six bridle gates on Mr. Smith's property, and they hope to do the work on Saturday mornings, weather permitting every fortnight. If you'd like to

help, please phone Geoff Timms, who is masterminding this ambitious operation.

District Cllr Geraint Morgan reported that there is much cause for concern over the new fuel trials at Long Itchington Cement Factory. Unless the new fuel is burnt at a critical temperature, there is a possibility of toxic waste escaping into the atmosphere.

On that happy note I conclude my last parish Council Report!

Kate Liverton

For some years now, I have mentioned that I would appreciate more help with the Ladbroke Section of the Harbury and Ladbroke News. I have been writing about our local affairs for something like 15 years and intend to retire at the next Annual General Meeting.

Betty Winkfield has very kindly undertaken to gather all the Ladbroke articles together and take them to Harbury, but it would be a great help to have perhaps a couple of Ladbroke Volunteers to cover Parish Council Meetings, Village Hall affairs and other happenings of general interest. The magazine is very highly regarded by its Ladbroke Readers and although I feel I should hand over at the time, it would be a great pity to lose such a regular source of information and interest.

If you are at all interested please telephone or call in at *Bridge Cottage*.

Kate Liverton

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Councillors' patience is severely tried by Government dogma which prevents local authorities raising the money necessary to fund properly the services they are demanding.

Harbury School faces the loss of £20,000+, which can only be met by staff cuts and bigger classes. John Hunt explained that arbitrary Government restrictions prohibit WCC raising more money - *a negation of local democracy*.

MP Alan Howarth and Secretary of State, Gillian Shephard, will be told exactly what Harbury thinks of their policy.

County Cllr Mrs. Collet promised that threats to Harbury's Library had receded. The Department had been told to make savings from the Book Fund!.

Despite continuing pressure from the PC for a village Policeman and a tenant for the Police house, the local officer reminded them the finances were stretched, *the days of Tim Percival have gone* and none of the local Police houses was occupied. *They could at least remove the sign then*, Cllr Hancock retorted!

The Sergeant did not believe speeding was a particular problem in Harbury, but admitted people drove too fast through Deppers and suggested yellow backgrounds should be added to the Speed Limit Signs. He wanted to augment the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, so that there was one member for every 10 houses and Jim Chapple is spearheading the campaign

The Village Club was willing to renew on a yearly basis the agreement to station the Mini-recycling centre on the car park. Biffa Wastes litter pick round the village once a fortnight, but Sharon Hancock has arranged for the Youth Club to clear Back Lane as part of a charity fund raising effort.

Planning. The District Granted removal of the occupancy restriction at Highfield Stables, treework at Juxta Pacem, outline permission for a Water Sport's HQ at the Quarries, one detached house at the Hall, and extensions at 30 Farley Avenue, 61 Mill St and 19 The Beeches. Gordon Bennet withdrew plans for 9 Vicarage Lane, and John Moore's Appeal at Back Lane was dismissed. The Appeal on the Deppers land subject to dumping is proceeding.

The PC made no comment on plans for a pitched roof on the Farley Avenue Pumping Station, extensions at 32 Vicarage Lane, 32 Manor Orchard, Westbury House and 14 Farm Street, a double garage for the Bungalow in Chapel Street, walls, steps, archway and walls at the Old Bakery, and the demolition of a shed at West End Cottage. They did complain that amendments to the Bryants Plans for Sonas Mor still ghettoised the low-cost homes.

There will be four affordable homes at Sonas Mor and 6 two-bed rented houses at Hillside Farm. The County is offering to sell Pineham Farm

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Land to swop with the Allotments to allow more homes to be built. Eight of the 44 Allotments are vacant at present.

At Harbury the Playground Safety Barrier is still not in place, the Inspection team say improvements must be made to the Aerial Runway, which the Clerk fears may have implications for the Insurance. Already the Tarzan Swing has had to be chain-sawed out of existence on safety grounds.

One bright spot is the large sum of money donated by Hopscotch on the understanding it will fund a replacement for the Slide. The Council has budgeted £4,000 for playground improvements in the coming year with a small increase to the Precept. (Band D payers contribute about £22 per year to PC services.)

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY SOCIETY

Do you know the rules of marbles, tipcat, conkers? Can you still play British Bulldog, I sent a letter, Hopscotch? Have you got a Yo-Yo, Hula-Hoop, or Cigarette Card Collection?

If so, we need your help with an event we are planning for **after the AGM (7.30pm Monday 20th March in the T.Hauley Room).**

Celia Barrett will be reminding us of *The Games Children Played*. So, if you have something to contribute do come along for the talk at **8pm.**

Tickets for the **Pentabus Play *Against the Wind*** in the **Village Hall at 8pm on Friday 24th February** (see advertisement), are selling well. They are available at Pete's Place or from the Secretary (16 Farm St. 612792) for £4 each. Supper at 7.30pm before the Play has to be booked separately (cost £3 from the Secretary too).

Linda Ridgley

PLEASE NOTE: CAROUSEL Tel. Number has changed to 0926 815957

HARBURY W.I.

A **theatre outing** has been arranged for **February 16th**, something to look forward to in this bleak winter weather. Money to be paid at next meeting.

Our speaker was Mrs. Steph Deakin, who after she felt she had a calling, she and her husband Geoff, started the Christian Mission in Leamington 4 years ago to help deprived people in the area.

She talked of people who survive in the most appalling conditions in filth and degradation, who live in bushes, car-parks, in rat and cockroach invested properties, even one young woman with a baby living in a wardrobe. These include alcoholics, drug addicts, low mentality, many with a history of abuse and sadness.

Steph and her helpers go out 7 nights a week in their van taking food and blankets. They try to get homeless people rehoused and help organise their finances, because many haven't the mentality to cope.

They run their mission entirely on charity and Steph says somehow they survive, because provisions seem to come from kind people when most needed. They try to give presents at Christmas, however small, just so the person receives something to call their own.

There was a discussion after Steph's talk, but whatever people's views nobody could deny that they do an outstanding service and as Steph said believe in keeping people's dignity.

Just a mention that **Doreen Bloxham** is holding a **Coffee Morning** at the **T.Hauley Room on 4th February in aid of M.S.** Cakes and above all your attendance would be much appreciated.

February Teas: Anne Clifton, Jo House, Nora Ellis.

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

Well, plenty has been happening on a Wednesday Night down at the Youth Club, membership is growing, as is the general interest in the club.

There's been plenty happening recently, most notably with the Christmas Karaoke Night which went down a storm! More recently there's been Table Tennis Tournaments, Parachute games, Dance sessions to name a

few. Next week, 1st February., there's a trip to Quasar Laser in Coventry!

There's more to follow with one trip per month planned; other things planned include more tournaments, Modern Pop Music Sessions during the forthcoming Half Term, fund raising events, a weekend trip to the **Festival of Fun at Pontins, Somerset on 17th to 19th March**, plus there's Arts Projects and loads more!!

Every other week there's a girls only room where the girls can go and do make up sessions, hair-wrapping, find out about issues which affect them and also have a bit of peace and quiet from the boys!

There's also an over 14's room on alternate weeks for the older members to go which includes a coffee bar. I could go on and list every other thing that's planned, but there's just not the space! If you are 11-16 come down and see for yourself and have a chat with Matthew Barber, Marie Addison, and Carol Phipps who run the club from 7.30-9.30pm **every Wednesday Night in the Village Hall**. Come down and Enjoy!

Marie Addison

YOUTH CLUB Half Term Project

There will be a Music Work Shop for Beginners and Advanced Players of Accoustic/Electric Guitars and Keyboard on 21st, 22nd, and 23rd February (Tuesday to Thursday). For further details contact:

Vicky Holroyd

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Gordon Robbins

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

Although Harbury Folk Club could never be called a *traditional folk club*, it does have one custom, which has been adhered to for probably 4 or 5 years. This custom is that a specific theme is adopted for the January meeting which inspires the more extravert members to dress up accordingly. In the past we have had a spoof awards evening, pantomime characters and a sixties night, to name but a few. This year the January's meeting fell on the 5th and it was dedicated to have a positive forward thinking evening, as an antidote to nostalgia, and adopt a futuristic theme.

Many members (myself included) took the easy option and stuck an *H* on the forehead and assumed the role of Rimmer, the Hologram from Red Dwarf. However, some were less inhibited and dressed more outlandishly, as intergalactic travellers etc.

As far as the music goes, we were again treated to feast of talent, and whether or not the performers had been pre-warned about the theme, most of the material was contrived to include some futuristic strain. Full marks for ingenuity!

There were a total of 15 performers who contributed to the evening, i.e. too many to name individually. However, this report would be incomplete without a special mention of Nick Hall, from Perth, Australia, who mesmerised us all, with his playing of the didgeridoo. Another first for Harbury Folk Club!

Many thanks to all who made the evening very enjoyable and one to remember.

Our February meeting would have been and gone by the time you read this, but no doubt we'll be looking forward to the gathering of **March 2nd**. The theme for that night will be *exchanging partners* - musically of course, and will be hosted by Ian and Sue.

Peter Bones

HEREBURGH MORRIS

On the Tuesday before Christmas, Hereburgh Morris joined forces with the Harbury Folk Club for our annual *Carols Around the Village*. We collected over £80 for the Leamington Christian Mission's work with the homeless at Christmas.

On New Year's Day we completed our annual Hangover Tour of all the pubs despite arctic winds and snow flurries, but with a welcome impromptu stop at the Humphreys' party in Mill Street. We collected over £40 pounds for the Red Cross in Bosnia. Yet again we would like to thank the publicans and customers of the Harbury pubs for their generosity.

We have a full programme of events for 1995 including appearances at Lichfield and Warwick Folk Festivals and a tour to Brittany in late July.

Doug Freeman

GRAPEVINE COFFEE SHOP

Are you in the village during the day - perhaps looking after children, or working at home, unemployed or retired? We'd love to see you at our Coffee Shop - open **every Wednesday between 10am -12noon, in the T.Hauley Room.**

For hot drinks, toasted tea-cakes, cheese scones or home-made cakes - as well as a warm welcome, call in any Wednesday, children are welcome. We aim to provide a pleasant convivial meeting place for people in the village.

A belated thank you to all those who came to the *Tearcraft* sale of Third World crafts and Christmas cards, held at the Grapevine during November. £115 was raised and given to Tearfund - Many thanks to all who supported this.

Lesley Jones

HARBURY SCHOOL PTA

1995 has got off to a great start with a bumper fund raising effort at our Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room - £165. Many thanks to the shops and traders in the village namely Londis, Co-Op, Kane's News Agent, Post Office, Pete's Place, Chemist, The Shakespeare, and the

Regal Cinema (Leamington), who gave excellent prizes for our raffle. Thanks also go to the PTA Team on the morning who really did us proud!

There are several non-fund raising events for our children in early February and March, details of which will come through School.

Our next major event is the **Annual Quiz on Friday 24th March**. Invitations to the village societies and committees will be sent out shortly. However, scratch teams are very welcome and should contact one of the PTA Committee in February for an entry form.

Les Barker and "Colleagues" have kindly offered to form the main stay of our Entertainment Evening on **Saturday 14th October**. We shall be marketing this event very carefully to create an opportunity for those members of the village who have yet to see *The Maestro* at work.

Our 100 Club collectors will be round shortly to assist you in the nation's second lottery by accepting your £12 stake money. (Let's be thankful this one does not occur every week.)

Stephen Kelly

PLAYSCHEME '95

We are pleased to say that sufficient people have joined us to make Playscheme '95 possible. We have decided to run on the following dates: **26, 27, 28 July and 2, 3, 4 August**.

Fund raising is now our first priority, which begins **Saturday 11th February** with a **Coffee Morning** to be held in the **T.Hauley Room from 10am -12noon**. Please, please try and support us by baking a cake (yes, yet another request for cakes) or donating a raffle prize.

Cakes can be delivered to Windward, Butt Lane, or ring 613175 to arrange collection.

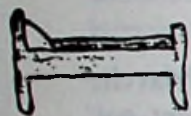
Amanda Kelly

HARBURY HELPLINE

The collection for the Mission to Deep-sea Fishermen raised £70. A big Thank You to all those who gave and those who helped with the collection.

Vanda Ball

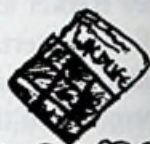
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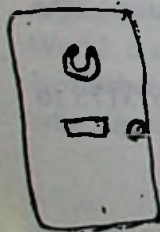
No decent TV programmes,
seen them all before,
Have to give up your bed,
and sleep on the floor.



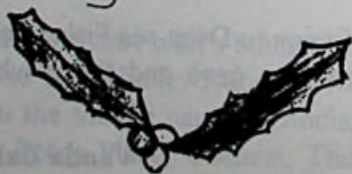
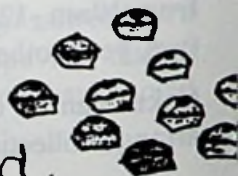
Pine needles falling,
off the Christmas tree,
Another book exactly the same,
and now I've got three.



I've got to entertain,
and still more guests come,
I'm stuck with silly 4 year olds,
why can't I have some fun.



Too much chocolate,
mince pies galore,
I'm getting really bored,
opening the door.





Tidying up,
all the scraps,
Everybody's Galling,
into their Sunday naps.



AAAAH
OHHHHH!

Annoying relatives saying,
"My haven't you grown,
People stuffed,
and beginning to moan.

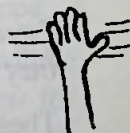
MY!
HAVEN'T
YOU
GROWN

SEE YA

GOODBYE

BYE

I wave goodbye,
to the ladies and men,
Next year I know,
I'll do it all over again.



Alice Bristow y7

CROSS-COUNTRY 1994/95

Another Cross-Country season has almost come to an end. We have all had a really good time. We had a large number of competitors for the first race at Southam, but unfortunately most of the boys were *put off* and didn't take part again. Craig Hodgkins, however, did complete all four races. Well done, Craig! The girls, though, had more stamina and we had a team of four girls for each of the four races.

The highlight of the year is the race at Priorsfield in Kenilworth when the children look forward to running through the mud and the stream. This year they were not disappointed. The stream was so deep, two adults stood in the middle, with water almost to their knees, to encourage the children to *keep on running through!*

The girls have been very keen and competitive and have done extremely well in every race. Two girls were in with a chance of an improvements' award, having improved on their position each time. Rachel Anderson was awarded a medal for good improvement coming from 79th to 33rd. Unfortunately Sophie Eadon was consistently too good to receive an award. Her position in race 1 was 46th and her place in the final race was 29th. Emma Freeman's lowest position was 55th and her final position was 28th. Well done, Emma!

Emma, Lauren, Sophie and Rachel completed all four league races, but they were well supported by Ruth, Kathy, Sarah and Annie.

These races attract over 200 boys and over 150 girls and are really well supported. Our children are a pleasure to take. They never get lost in the crowds and always do the right things at the end of the races. This isn't easy when sometimes all they want to do is collapse in a heap! Over the 4 races, Harbury girls finished 8th out of a total of 20 schools.

Thanks to Mrs. Putnam who came along to help with every race and other Mums and Dads who came along to support and help us. Holding coats and providing coffee is very important and a necessity.

We don't do a great deal of training at school, but the girls have been well coached by a young lady called Jemma, who leads them around the streets of Harbury riding her bicycle and blowing a whistle.

Dahpne Wallington

HARBURY NURSERY PLAYGROUP

The Spring Term is well under way at the Village Hall Playgroup - and with it our efforts to raise enough money to continue all our activities.



From Left to Right: Lesley Goodman, Sue Ward, and Linda Roe with Pippa

January saw our last cake stall at the Dog Inn. In future the cakes will be sold from The Shakespeare Inn and we would like to thank Andrew for allowing this. For anyone who doesn't know, our **next Cake Sale** will be on **Friday March 3rd**. If you can help by baking a cake for us to sell, just bring it to the stall on Friday morning - and buy a different one to take home!

We are holding our **Annual Spring 80/20 Sale on March 11th** at the **Village Hall**. This is a really busy event and a good chance to snap up some excellent children's summer clothes at good prices. Anyone with clothes to sell should contact Paulene Snowdon 614187, or Kate Smart 612609. This year we are limiting quantity to 1 box per person - and please no underwear or socks - we are only interested in quality nearly new items.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support.

Emma Evans

DEPPERS DEBUT NETS TWO FOR HARBURY

I suppose if you live in Deppers Bridge you have a right to represent either Southam or Harbury. Luckily for Harbury Under 9s, Jamie Norman has transferred his allegiance.

His first outing for the now splendidly attired Harbury (light blue tops and dark blue shorts sponsored by CL Associates, see Photograph) produced two fine goals.



Unfortunately these were not enough against the powerful Norton Lindsey side who draw their team from the much wider catchment of Leamington and Warwick.

It seemed that goals only came in pairs and Norton got two to Harbury's one. But the 2-4 loss belies the fight put up by Harbury, particularly the superb stops of Alex Biddle in goal. he was definitely the Man of the Match going by reactions amongst the record crowd of 64 (63 at the ground and Thomas Walshe, recovering from a minor operation, looking on from his bedroom window).

The spirit of Harbury can be illustrated by the moment when Christopher Harris lost his right boot but passed the ball to his team mate Michael Linforth **before** stopping to put his boot back on!

Michael Jerome



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Bob Jenkins, Trevor Montague, Steve Fitzgerald and Graham Lodge are doing a tremendous job in developing this community activity. And this time the team learnt how to lose gracefully.

TEAM DETAILS:

Harbury U9s vs Norton Lindsey U9s, Sat. 14th Jan. at Harbury

Referee: Trevor Montague

HARBURY 2

Norman 28, 38

NORTON LINDSEY 4

Shaw 4, 32

Davy 6, 20

Harbury Squad:

James Armitage
Michael Armitage
Alex Biddle
George Clarke
Oliver Cook
Sam Jones
David Coleman
Jack Fitzgerald

Peter Gray
Christopher Harris
Christopher Jenkins
Michael Linforth
Scott McLaren
Richard Montague
Jamie Norman
Tom Stack

Reserves:

Matthew Farrell
Christopher Hodge
Adam Johnson
Ben Lodge
William Randall

Season Statistics

Played 4; Won 2; Drawn 1; Lost 1; Goals for 11, against 9.

Peter Walshe

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

The last event of 1994 was the Christmas dinner at the Hilton Hotel, Warwick, and thanks must go to Kim for organising a very successful evening.

Also belated congratulations are due to Paula and Paul on the birth of their daughter Mollie.

Paula is needed in the 'B' team and we are pleased that she is back playing Netball so quickly. The 'B' team are near the top of the 5th division, but have lost three players recently: Emma Finch has gone to a University in Ireland to undertake research for her PhD; Mandy White is expecting a baby and no longer able to play, and unfortunately Sue Dudley has not recovered from the injury sustained in training in November. We wish them all well, and hope they will be playing for us next season. Two of

the three places have been filled by new-mums Becky and Paula. The third place has been taken by Leasal Chapple-Hyams who has joined us from Leamington Ladies where she played for a number of years. We do hope that Leasal will be happy at Harbury, and that the 'B' team maintain their success in the leadership battle.

Our 'C' team are also doing well, and it certainly will be a season to remember if we gain promotion for two of our sides.

We are still working on a solution to the problems of a slippery court, as re-surfacing is out of the question at the moment - we just haven't got £4,500!! At the beginning of December we tried to clean the court, and particular thanks must go to John Overton for allowing us to use his electricity, and Brian, Rick, and John for giving up their time to help our girls. Unfortunately we made little difference to the *playability* and now Chemi Culture in Southam have produced a mixture for us to spread on the court. After using it we will hire a machine to *brush* the court clean! The saga continues!

Pat Summers

BRITISH THEATRE DANCE ASSOCIATION



From Left to Right: Emily Montague, Nathalie Jenkins, Harriet Randall, Natalie Dowdeswell

The Jean Champ School of Dancing brought 1994 to a close with a very successful Exam Session. Everyone entered passed with Highly Commended or higher. The successful candidates are as follows:

Grade 4 Tap

Louise Champ

Preparatory Ballet

Harriet Randall

Emily Montague

Natalie Dowdeswell

Nathalie Jenkins

Primary Ballet

Harriet Guy

Sarah Sherman

Anna Harris

Aimee Bradford

Freya Brash

Stacey Allington

Kate Elanegan

Grade 5 Ballet Cont'd

Elizabeth Darby

Melanie Heathcote

Julia Greenwell

Bronze Medal Character

Harriet Randall

Natalie Dowdeswell

Freya Brash

Stacey Allington

Harriet Guy

Aimee Bradford

Wendy Dowdeswell

Lucy Todman

Hannah Byrne

Matthew Farrell

Intro to Grade 5 Ballet

Wendy Dowdeswell

Lucy Todman

Matthew Farrell

Grade 5 Ballet

Jessica Farrell

Kathy Freeman

Lindsey Allington

Rachel Anderson

Hannah Byrne

Samantha Brunt

Silver Medal Character

Melanie Heathcote

Julia Greenwell

Jessica Farrell

Elizabeth Darby

Kathy Freeman

Samantha Brunt

Rachel Anderson

1st Shield Tap

Louise Champ

Thank you all, mothers and children, for all your hard work in the last year.

Jean Champ

HELP: Has anyone a life size baby doll they no longer want?
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CARNIVAL - A THANK YOU

As I type this it's cold and dull outside and fine flakes of snow are falling and I've just put the heating on ... shiver. It's much more pleasant to think back to last year's Carnival and how warm it was then and what a successful day it was.

One of the reasons why it was successful, was that the committee completed all the action items they had prepared earlier in the year. This is made easier when you have people on the committee with a wealth of experience of such things.

One such person is Sue Andrews. Sue has resigned from the Carnival Committee after 20 years. In those 20 years Sue has been Secretary, taking minutes month after month (a thankless, but essential task) in addition to other tasks such as booking marching bands and other *acts* as well as selling raffle tickets and programmes round the village.

Sue has been a stalwart who has performed her tasks without complaint and always with a smile and a sense of humour. On behalf of the current committee and (I'm sure) of all previous committee members, I would like to thank you Sue for all your unstinting work for such a worthwhile event. Sue you will be sadly missed.

Paul Watkin, Carnival Cttee

YOUTHFUL INITIATIVE

What image does the media sometimes create of today's teenagers - bored youngsters sitting around complaining that they have nothing to do and constantly looking for some excitement and waiting for something to happen somewhere - anywhere??

Recently 11 Harbury teenagers showed that they have got plenty of *get up and go*, because they organised a weekend football match between themselves and a combined team from Model Village and Priors Marston. Not only did they organise the team themselves, arrange to get the opponents here, have a practice match in the morning, but they played the entire match without any adult supervision and no referee!

No one was sent off, no one lunged at a spectator (à la Cantona!) and everyone had a thoroughly good time.

The main *brains* behind the game was BEN ROWELL and the other footballing enthusiasts were Robert Biddle, Steven Ceney, Peter Evans, Calvin Field, Oliver Grimes, Dean Merrick, Keith Phipps, Stephen Tasker and Tom Waterman. Ian MacVarish turned up for the morning practice, but couldn't manage to be there for the *match*.

The final score was a win for Harbury by 6-2 goals with scorers: Keith 3, Calvin 2 and Robert 1.

We should all applaud the initiative of the magnificent *Eleven* and wish them luck with any future venture. Maybe there is an adult in the village with coaching skills who might be prepared to take on these Under 16 footballers, so that they would have fixtures on a regular basis?

Well done LADS - you are a credit to the village!

Chris Finch

N.S.P.C.C.

With all the Christmas and New Year festivities I missed the January issue of Harbury News, so here is a brief round up of 1994.

We raised £3,550! a great total and good send off for our retiring committee members Lynne Watkin, Celia Barrett and Janny Freeman. They all did sterling work over many years, and we were sad to lose them. Through these pages we would like to express our gratitude for all their effort.

Then New Year brought new blood, Jackie Steele, Jo Stevens and Joan Broomfield volunteered to join us and were welcomed to their first meeting, which was to plan our first event, a **Murder Mystery Evening on March 18th at the Village Hall**, put it down in your diaries, it will be a good night.

Chris Ross

LEAMINGTON CHRISTIAN MISSION

We would like to thank the many people who responded to our appeal for the Leamington Christian Mission over the Christmas period. Steph & Geoff and their helpers wrapped and distributed over 1500 gifts, they made up hampers for about 400 - both individuals and families, and continued the soup & sandwich run used so much by the homeless.

Steph tells us that at least 50 people sleep rough in Leamington and many more are technically homeless although not actually on the streets. Their work is ongoing and they normally help around 300 people a week. They rely totally on donations to be able to continue. There is always need for blankets, money, non-perishable food and often for good furniture, cookers, etc.

If you wish to help please leave donations at 19 Farm St. (612585) or 4 Sutcliffe Drive (613209).

The Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on February 25th will be for them. We are hoping Steph & Geoff will be there to show the display about their work and to answer questions. Do please support them.

Jill Winter & Elizabeth Suttie

HARBURY SUPPORT GROUP FOR MYTON HOSPICE

On Tuesday 17th Jan. in the Tom Hauley Room, a cheque was given to Paulyn Little for £3,800. This wonderful amount was raised in 12 months. I would like to thank everyone for their support and donations we have had over the year.

We now start our fund raising for 1995 trying to beat £3,800!!

Our first event will be our **March Dance on 11th March at Harbury Club**, dancing to Porridge. Tickets still only £5, to include food. If you would like tickets please phone Pip on 613478. We are also selling raffle tickets, same number if you would like raffle tickets.

Next, **Craft Ideas for Mother's Day, 25th March in Tom Hauley Room 2-4pm**, lots of craft ideas suitable for Mother's Day.

April 8th, sees our **Jumble Sale at Village Hall**, please look out for posters, although we hope to collect on **Friday 7th April**. Please phone: daytime: Doris 613891, evenings: Pip 613478, Norma 613334 or if you prefer, please bring your jumble to the Village Hall on Friday evening between 7-9pm. The Jumble Sale will be open from 10am-12noon.

Pip Birnie

REFUGEE RELIEF FOR BOSNIA AND CROATIA

A great many thanks to all those who kindly donated boxes to our Christmas appeal, both individuals and groups. As a result of your generosity, in early December, 29 survival boxes left Harbury for Bosnia and Croatia. And this contribution of yours had an immediate impact in relieving the misery of 29 families in that devastated corner of Europe. Your boxes went to families in the Split area. Some of these, living in the more remote mountainous areas had received no aid since August.

Refugee Relief are delighted with the help that we, along with many others, gave and are looking to us to help again with the next convoy. I quote from their letter:

Our recent return from the refugee camps in Croatia has reinforced our determination to continue our aid convoys. We aim to raise £4,000 to transport 26 tonnes of aid in March.

We have chosen to remain a small voluntary team. This allows us to promise that all donations, whether financial or material, will benefit the recipients one hundred percent.

Our initiative becomes more difficult with media emphasis shifting to other global problems (all of which are equally desperate) but the plight of these people does not diminish - living conditions and morale continue to deteriorate daily.

Once again we are asking for survival packs of two types:

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Toothbrushes/toothpaste
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Razors, combs & brushes
Matches, candles
Washing powder
Disinfectant/bleach

Food

Sugar, salt & pepper
Coffee, tea, dried milk
Pasta, pulses, rice
Flour, dried fruit
Biscuits, chocolate
Dried soups
Jam/conserves
Tinned fruit/vegetables

All items must be brand new (unopened) and foodstuffs must be within at least 3 months of *sell by* date.

You may wish to enclose a letter and photograph inside the box - the recipients are always delighted to have these and sometimes write back if circumstances allow.

Please mark clearly on the outside of the box if contents are *toiletries/household*, or *food*, with the date the box was packed.

Bulk Aid: Please try to contact companies for bulk donations such as:

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Washing detergent

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Specific medical items for Split Hospital.

Sanitary items

Sweets and chocolate for the children

Toys

If you wish to help by providing financial or material aid please contact:

Bob Sherman 612277

Alan Guy 613959

N.B. Please have contribution ready by the **end of February**.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Warwickshire Constabulary have initiated a Community Alert programme which gives up to date intelligence on the subject of local crime by means of the telephone to Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators. In order to receive this information, Co-ordinators need to have completed and returned the Data Protection Act authorisation form. These forms were distributed to Co-ordinators last year, but not all have been returned to the undersigned. Will any Co-ordinator who has not yet returned the authorisation form please do so. Thank you!

More Co-ordinators are required in order to bring the whole village into the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. The *duties* are not onerous and volunteers would be welcomed. Neighbourhood Watch is all about taking sensible precautions to combat crime and at the same time improving the community spirit of the village. I look forward to hearing from you!

Jim Chapple, Main Co-ord.
14 Farley Avenue, Tel. 612044

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Mrs. J.M. Newell

MISSING NEBULISERS

If you have borrowed one of the nebulisers from the surgery to use at home, could you please check that you have returned it. We have some out on loan, which are now needed by other patients and we would appreciate their return. Thank you for your help.

Harbury Surgery

SOUTHAM LIONS

As retired President of Southam Lions, it now becomes my task as *Membership Officer*, to recruit new male members to our organisation.

Southam Lions is part of Lions International, which is the largest service voluntary organisation in the world. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Stoneythorpe Hotel at 8pm, or, if you are interested, I could come to your house and meet you and your family, to give you some outline information, with no obligation. After all, remember we are all volunteers, servicing the community and helping others less fortunate than ourselves. It is also a great way to make new friends and to get to know your community.

If you are interested, please ring:

Lion Terry Grey on 817744

Lion Jeff Biddle on 812767

A list of some of our events during the year: Pig Roast on Mop Day; Christmas Float Collection; Children's Christmas party; Easter Raffle;

Jumble Sales; Furniture Sales; Senior Citizens' Party and Trips; Barn Dance.

Terry Grey

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our first meeting of the New Year was addressed by Mr. Sach on *Gardening under Glass*, when he looked at current commercial techniques and their applicability to amateur gardening.

The next talk (**Febr. 7th**), will be given by **Mr. Callaghan** from Ryton Gardens on *Lawns and Paths*. He promises advice on both organic and traditional maintenance systems.

For our Annual Walkabout in July, we still need new gardens to open, volunteers. Please do not wait to be asked, contact Julie Clarke on 612066.

Among the special events this year at **Ryton Gardens is Potato Day, Friday 18th February**, when rare and unusual varieties of seed potatoes will be on sale. Anyone wishing to use the Society's membership to visit this event should contact Mrs. Zonik.

As the Social Evening last year was so enjoyed, another will be held on **Tuesday 21st March** at the house of **Mrs. Zonik**. There must be a limit of 30 people, so please come and put your names down at the February meeting. As last year the cost will be £1.50 each.

Finally **Mr. Stefan Buczacki** will be in the **Library of Warwick School** on **Wednesday 8th February at 7.45**, tickets £1. There will be more information from Mrs. Zonik and details on a poster on the Notice Board outside Harbury Library.

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

Already the gardens are trying to put on an early show of colour with Snowdrops, Polyanthus and Hellebores blooming. By the end of the month, early Crocus will add their colour. Once you can see where the bulbs are coming through, scatter Growmore (1-2oz/sq.yd) and

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incorporate some compost or manure into the borders. Leave this until early March on heavy soil.

Tidy Alpines and top dress with grit. Check tree stakes and ties and firm in roots of shrubs after gales. Prune shrubs which flower on new shoots. These are usually ones which bloom from end of June onwards, e.g. *Buddleia davidii*; *Caryopteris*; *Spiraea bumalda*; *Jackmanii* and *Viticella Clematis*. Cut them back to remove most of the previous year's growth. If they have been neglected, look for the lowest bud on each stem and cut back to the bud above. Be sure to use sharp secateurs so that the cut is clean. Service the lawn mower.

On the vegetable plot cover some ground with polythene or cloches ready for early planting in March. Buy seed potatoes and Shallots. Where space is limited a few early Potatoes can be grown before the ground is needed for summer crops. Cover Rhubarb crowns with an old bucket to get those juicy pink stems.

If we get a still day spray fruit trees, bushes, and roses with a winter wash. Now is the time to plant a hedge or repair gaps. Small barerooted plants are best value.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

I want to voice my agreement with the letter from Mrs. Badger (HNews Nov.), concerning the problem of dogs fouling the streets of the village.

Walking many of the popular routes in Harbury is potentially hazardous to pedestrians, because of the prevalence of *dog muck* on the paths and pavements. Such things as pushing a pram or walking along with young children, mean that the need to constantly scan the way ahead, for others as well as yourself, is even more vital. Dog ownership carries many responsibilities - surely cleaning up after it or teaching your dog to *go* at home is just as important?

It is true that Harbury is a caring and friendly community which is a pleasure to live in, but does the extent of seemingly many of our dog

owners' care stop when it comes to their pet's excrement? Just think how much more friendly we could be with each other as we walk along the street, if we didn't have to spend so much time looking down to make sure we are treading carefully!

(Mr.) D.M. Bradford

Dear Editor,

Through your columns, I would like the opportunity to thank the many friends who attended my *coming of age* celebration at the Shakespeare for their kindness and generous gifts.

John Wilkinson, in proposing my health, was able to interweave various amusing anecdotes which were almost believable! All I can say is, if I promise not to recite the 12 days of Christmas again, will he get his times of departure right?

As ever, my wife Sue was the perfect hostess (so I'm told) and our children Andrew and Karen helped splendidly.

The buffet was superb, and a credit to the organisation behind the scenes by Andrew, Carol and their Staff. Again, thank you to everyone for making it such a delightful evening.

Mike Daniels

Dear Editors,

We would like to thank Mr. Goodwin for the nice funeral arrangements and Father Brown for the very moving Church Service, also thanks to everyone who attended the Church Service.

I would also like to thank Friends & Neighbours for all the cards received, Dr.'s and Nurses, and also the people who sent flowers and donations for the Heart Foundation.

Pat & Bob at The Dog Inn for the Reception, and Home Care for the help given to Tink during his illness.

Mrs. Washbrooke and Family

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank everyone for helping with my Coffee Morning on 21st Jan. Doris Auntie Phyl & Jill for helping and donating raffle prize.

Thanks also to Ray Badbury, Gill Guilford, John Hopkins for raffle prizes, Gill & Mary for making cakes.

A total of £53 was raised for Redwings Horse Sanctuary.

Lisa Birnie

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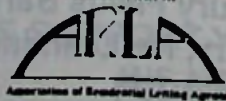
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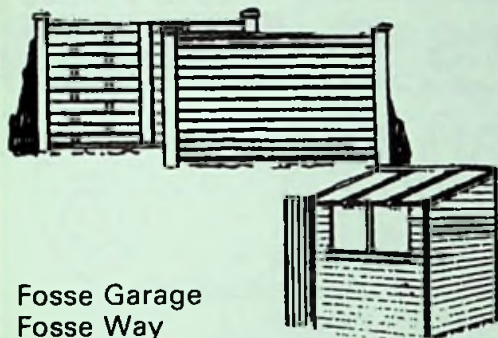
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