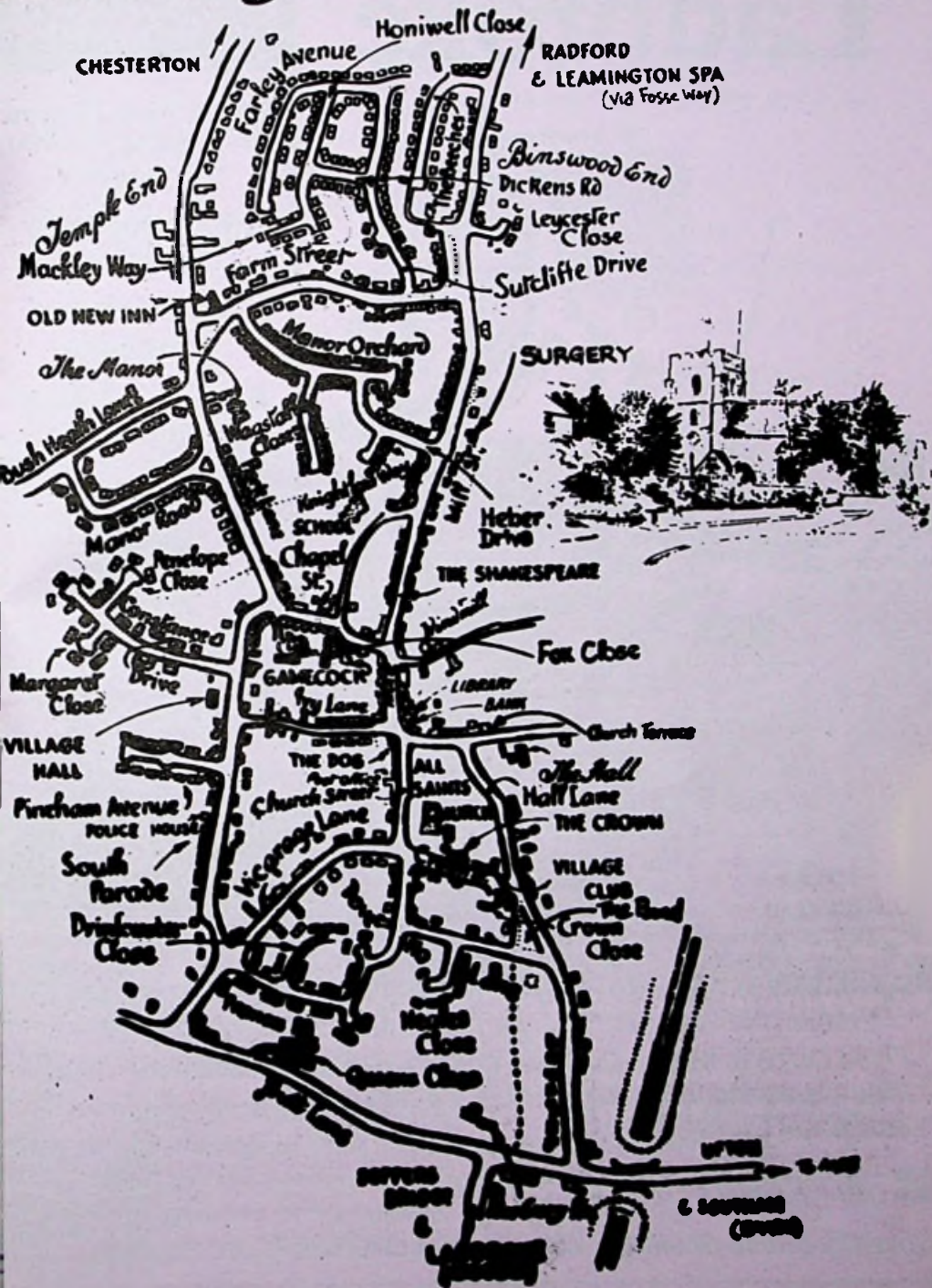
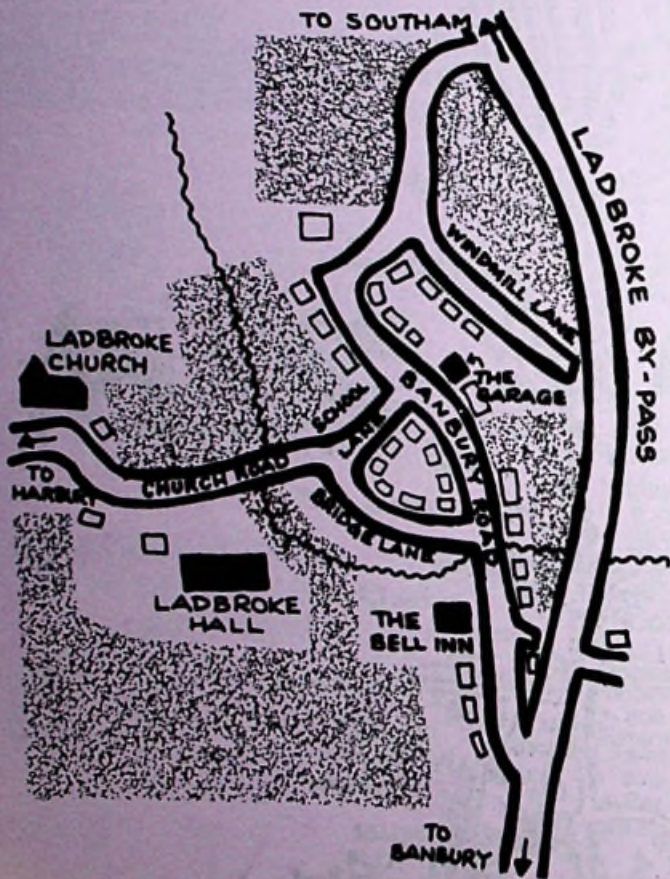


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Our photo shows the girls dishing out the food *Army Style* at The Blitz Night organised by Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

As Warwickshire Schools face budget cuts in the coming year, Education bosses, Warwickshire MPs, Governors and Parents are united in their fight with the Government to release more money to avoid a harmful effect on education in our schools. It is important that we support the governors of Harbury School through this difficult time. You can help by

writing to your local MP. There is also a **Protest Rally/Meeting in London on Saturday 25th March**. If you are able to take the voice of Harbury to London, contact Rosemary Eld or Steve Kelly.

Harbury & Ladbroke News held its AGM in February, at which Kate Liverton resigned as Ladbroke's representative. Kate has been with the magazine for 18 years, and we are grateful for all her hard work. Our present treasurer will also be leaving us in the near future. We are obviously on the *look-out* for a replacement. If you are able to help us please contact Jill Holden on 612155.

On February 22nd many villagers were amongst a congregation who joined Dave Andrews and his family in a Thanksgiving Service for the life of his wife Sue. Sue was a prominent member of our community, who contributed much to the life of the village. She gave support and friendship to numerous people. The courage and strength of character displayed through her positive attitude to life, is a fine example to us all. Sue will be sadly missed. We extend our sympathy to Dave and his family.

Our sympathies are also extended to the families of Don Northorpe, Doris France, and Noreen Swadling.

Harbury Diary

MARCH

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| Sun | 5 | LENT 1. Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 4pm |
| Mon | 6 | Prayer & Praise 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room |
| Tues | 7 | Bible Study 10.30am at 3 Penelope Close |
| | | Yoga 1-3pm in Village Hall |
| | | Horticultural Society 8pm in Village Hall |
| | | Holy Communion 7.30pm with Lenten Address |
| Wed | 8 | Grapevine Coffee Morning 10-noon in Tom Thauley Room |
| | | Youth Club 8pm in Village Hall |
| | | Lent Study Course 8pm in Tom Hauley Room |
| Thur | 9 | Holy Communion 9.45am |
| | | Slimming World 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room |
| | | Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall |
| | | WI 7.45pm in Village Hall |
| Fri | 10 | Holy Communion at noon. Lenten Lunch at 12.30pm |

- Sat 11 Nursery Group 80/20 Sale in Village Hall
Myton Hospice Dance at Club with Purple Porridge
- Sun 12 **LENT 2. Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 4pm**
- Tues 14 Bible Study 10.30am at 3 Penelope Close
Toddlers' Service 2.15pm
Yoga 1-3pm in Village Hall
Village Hall Committee meeting 8pm
- Wed 15 Grapevine Coffee Morning 10-noon in Tom Hauley Room
Lenten Study Course 8pm in Tom Hauley Room
Youth Club 8pm in Village Hall
- Thur 16 Holy Communion, 9.45am
Slimming World 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Liberal Democrats Social Evening 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 17 **ST PATRICKS DAY - Holy Communion noon; Lenten Lunch 12.30pm**
- Sat 18 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Hereburgh Morris Workshop 10am-4pm in Village Hall
NSPCC Murder Mystery in Village Hall
Harbury News Coming of Age Celebration in Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 19 **LENT 3. Holy Communion 8am; Family Communion 10.30am**
Quiz Night 8pm Harbury Village Club
- Mon 20 Harbury Society AGM 7.30 in Tom Hauley Room followed by talk on
The Games Children Played, by Celia Barrett at 8pm
- Tues 21 Bible Study 10.30am at 3 Penelope Close
Yoga 1-3pm in Village Hall
Holy Communion 7.30pm with Lenten Address
Mothers' Union 8pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 22 Grapevine Coffee Morning 10-noon in Tom Hauley Room
Youth Club 8pm in Village Hall
Lenten Study Course 8pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Thur 23 Holy Communion 9.45am
Slimming World 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 24 Holy Communion at Noon. Lenten Lunch at 12.30pm
**ALL ARTICLES FOR APRIL HARBURY & LADBROKE
NEWS TO PETE's PLACE TODAY BY 5.30pm**
Harbury School PTA Quiz Night 7.30pm School Hall
- Sat 25 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Communion at 9.30am
STAGE UP IN VILLAGE HALL
- Sun 26 **Mothering Sunday - CLOCKS GO ON TODAY**
Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
- Tues 28 Bible Study 10.30am at 3 Penelope Close
Yoga 1-3pm in Village Hall
Julian Group 8.15pm

- Wed 29 Grapevine Coffee Morning 10-noon in Tom Hauley Room
 Lenten Study Course 8pm Tom Hauley Room
 Youth Club 8pm in Village Hall
- Thur 30 Holy Communion 10.30am
 Slimming World 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room
 PLAY: The Importance of Being Earnest 8pm in Village Hall
- Fri 31 PLAY: The Importance of Being Earnest 8pm in Village Hall

APRIL

- Sat 1 PLAY: The Importance of Being Earnest 8pm in Village Hall
- Sun 2 **Passion Sunday. Sung Eucharist 9am; Thanksgiving Communion**
 for the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Canon Roy &
 Esme Churchill 11.45am; Baptism 12.30pm;
 Vestry Annual Church Meeting after Said Evensong 6.30pm

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

HELP WITH COOKING, SHOPPING, READING: If you live alone and need help with cooking or shopping, or you need help with reading, or you are partially sighted and would like someone to read to you: Call Mary Catt 612864.

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.

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.

HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE: Call Tony Brunton 612191.

ODD JOBS ABOUT THE HOUSE: Call Jeff Bedford 612753.

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

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

Jean and Peter Pryke have bidden farewell to Harbury and moved to their new home near Craven Arms in Shropshire. Peter and Jean were both active members of the Church including being an enthusiastic part of the bell ringing team, not only within Harbury but as members of the Coventry District Guild of Bell Ringers, visiting a wide range of other Churches and in turn welcoming visiting bell ringers to Harbury. Peter held the position of Secretary to the Southam Deanery Synod and before moving to Harbury was a Church Warden at Priors Marston. He was responsible for the recent *automation* of the Church clock which was not surprising as it had been his task to manually wind the clock each day of the year. Jean was well known for her activities in breeding Labrador puppies for future training by the Guide Dog for the Blind Association. Young dogs were regularly brought into Church and behaved extremely well during services. Their new home will be in the aptly named Dog Kennel Lane. We wish them a happy and successful life in their new home.

On **Thursday 13th April**, Her Majesty the Queen will be in attendance at Coventry Cathedral to distribute the Maundy Money. It is hoped that a Harbury resident will be presented to Her Majesty to receive the

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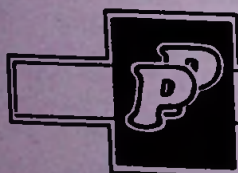
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We were all deeply saddened to hear of the death of Sue Andrews of Harbury House. Sue can be said to have been a true villager and was unstinting in her work for many of the organisations. We shall remember her particularly for serving on two of our recent fund raising committees namely for the Tom Hauley Room and the very recent ROC appeal. Canon Antony Rowe led the village tributes with his address at the Thanksgiving Service held at Church. She will be greatly missed and we send our condolences and sympathy to David and their children.

Beryl and Jeff

FROM THE RECTOR

We are now into the season of Lent and I want you to consider our commitment to attendance and participation at Holy Communion. (Our Worship.) - and I will be using the analogy of the rugby supporter.

The rugby fan is in heaven! His team has just scored the vital try. The Pilkington Cup is theirs. For a brief fantastic moment he is lifted out of his everyday life to magical joyful unity with his team, the other fans, the coach and the club. They are all *in the clouds* together. Even when our enthusiastic fan is back on his daily treadmill, the sight of the club colours or a fellow supporter will rekindle the glow he carries from his experience of being present on that day. Is that how we felt about Communion on Sunday or during the week?

A Gallup poll would surely record a heavily negative response from the replies. No doubt a sizeable number would have also found the question offensive if not sacrilegious - comparing Holy Communion with a rugby match!

Of course in terms of visible actions the two are poles apart. We Christians are not dealing in simply material, worldly activities; we are in the salvation business. Eternal life has more permanent mileage than the Pilkington Cup so we take it more seriously, but this must not blind us to our weak spots. We can learn so much from those around us and one of our weak spots is surely each other when it comes to liturgy and communion in the Lord.

For the rugby fan, the other people, the players, fellow supporters and the club are what makes his experience *heaven*. Between us and the Heaven we seek, the fly in the ointment is - people. Imagine having to spend eternity with certain fellow parishioners! You can't? Well it is understandable or is it?

Consider for a moment, Jesus. He spent his life amongst the sweaty, dusty crowd. He drew around him all sorts of people with very differing attitudes and lifestyles and then he fashioned a community based on mutual love and commitment. Certainly he had his moments of private personal prayer, but his people - (his Church), was formed like a beautiful piece of jewellery; a variety of stones, settings and cuttings all linked and made one in a frame of gold - love for each other experienced in their coming together with the Lord.

Our Communion is the vital part of our life of faith precisely because it is where we become one with our Heavenly Father and through His Son Jesus Christ. To try to keep parts of ourselves separate is as foolish as trying to be a rugby fan without talking about it to anyone, watching a match reluctantly and hiding our supporters scarf under our coat. It is much more than foolish because the Communion isn't something we watch as a spectator sport. If we do not play our part fully and become open to each other at Communion we have no business calling ourselves Christians, for we are putting our personal priorities above those of Jesus. And it is no wonder that we fail to find the joy in Christianity that it offers.

We don't have to be simply supporters, we have an invitation to join the team! So let's do so!

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTER

Funerals

Ladbroke	3rd February - Don Northorpe
Oakley Wood	13th February - Doris France of Deppers Bridge
Harbury	22nd February - Sue Andrews of Butt Lane
Harbury	24th February - Noreen Swadling of Mackley Way

May they Rest in Peace

Baptism

Harbury, Sunday 12th February - Lauren Emily Hain

Laugh Line

A small boy returned from Sunday School in tears. When questioned by his mother for the reason of his distressed state, he replied tearfully:

Jesus wants me for a sunbeam and I want to be an engine driver.

MOTHERS' UNION

At our afternoon meeting in February we welcomed an old friend, Jeanne Clarke, who gave us a talk entitled *Open Doors*. This was about the many doors opened to Jeanne through her work with the Mothers' Union. She thought the doors were firmly closed at the end of last year, but they have opened again at Kinton where she is now Branch Leader and Fosse Deanery Chairman. During her talk she showed us the well-known picture *The Light of the World*, and reminded us that it was us who had to open the door to let Christ into our lives.

Our evening speaker, Mrs. Violet Smith, concentrated on one aspect of *Jewish Family Life* (her original title) and talked about *Maidens, Mates and Mothers* - the life of women in Jewish society, both in Biblical times and in orthodox Jewish families today. She illustrated her talk with references to the women in well-known Bible stories. Having lived in a part of London where there were many Jewish people, Mrs. Smith had learned a lot about their way of life. We found her talk very interesting.

At the time of writing this, Harbury members have knitted at least 26 scarfs for the Diocesan appeal. Well done. Please give questions for the *Garden Forum* to me as soon as possible.

Our speaker on **21st March at 8pm is from Victim Support**. Anyone interested is very welcome to come to this meeting.

Shirley Keir & C.Mary Catt

TODDLERS' SERVICE

We had a record number of 16 toddlers and babies at our February service including our newest member, 6 week old Eleanor. With the aid of a model, Mrs. Catt told the story of Zaccheus, who had no friends. He climbed a tree to see Jesus pass by and Jesus told him to come down and be his friend.

Shirley Keir

CHURCH FLOWER FRIENDS

Through the Harbury News, I would like to thank all the people who helped to make the coffee morning held on the 18th February for the Church Flower Fund, such a success.

Thank you all to who helped on the day and to those whose generous contributions of cakes and raffle prizes helped us to raise £141.

The next date for your diaries ladies, is **Saturday 15th April**, when all members from the flower rota are needed to help decorate the church for Easter.

Jo House

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

There was an important message for Harbury parents from the Parochial Church Council on February 7. Failure to find replacement leaders for Crusaders, which forced the group's disbandment is concentrating minds on the future of the parish church's work among children. A half-day open forum is being planned for the near future, hopefully with input from many sources, especially parents and representatives of the Church Army's 1995 Harbury-Ladbroke mission team. Proposals are certain to include revival of the traditional type of Sunday school for children up to 10, and teaching for older children with a special emphasis on preparation for confirmation.

Members expressed concern and sympathy for the Church Youth Group leader, whose car was damaged by one of a group of interlopers who having been made welcome had subsequently to be barred for disruptive behaviour. Repairs to the car are costing £258. The insurers insisted on involvement of the police who traced the youth. His father has promised to pay the £100 insurance claim excess.

The number of clergy in Southam deanery may have to be reduced by up to a third over the next few years. This was the warning from a workshop on the future of ministry in the deanery which was attended by the Bishop of Warwick and our Archdeacon. A working party is to be set up to plan for the future. Parishes will have the opportunity to influence the drafting of the blueprint, which it is felt will have to provide for greater use of lay ministry.

A national anti-pollution transport policy that hiked-up motor fuel tax to an unacceptable level would inconvenience villagers without adequate public transport far more than it would affect people in urban areas where air-pollution is worst. This is what Southam deanery synod has declared in a campaigning motion it has sent to the diocese. It wants the government to seek to achieve air-quality improvement without penalising rural communities.

It was a night of saying *thanks* - again and again. To our own House of Windsor (Harry and Joyce) for spearheading last year's appeal which raised more than £19,000 for restoration of the church roof, organ and clock; to Peter Pryke, now living in rural Shropshire, for many valuable roles, including deanery secretary, captain of bell ringers, and daily winder of the church clock until its recent mechanisation; to Sue and Keith Dormer for devotedly leading Crusaders from inception; and to Ken Hughes for once again master-minding the church Christmas Fair which raised £523 each for Harbury Scouts and the Church Army. Letters of appreciation are to go to Mary Shelley for her inspiration and leadership that produced the Hereburgh Quilt and more than £1,000 for the R.O.C. appeal, and to Neville Ellis for making a wooden case with glass observation door to protect the church clock mechanism, and a display cabinet for the handbells.

John Algar

THE HARBURY AND LADBROKE CHURCH MEN'S SOCIETY

The Society met on 2nd February to hear a talk given by John Lambert on his visit to Shagarab refugee camp near Khartoum.

John said he had an intuition and a need to go one day to Africa. Being a Church Warden at Claverdon, he had to attend a church meeting where he met a lady who showed him an advert where a person was required to go to Khartoum, the capital of Sudan. He then gave us a brief history of Sudan under the Turks, then the Egyptians and finally the British under General Gordon, the Governor General until independence.

He said the current population is just over 27 million. 80% are Muslims and 10% are Christians and during the Pope's visit to Sudan about 4 million Christians turned out to see him. The Shagarab camp plays host to about 45,000 refugees who fled from various countries in the horn of

Africa. John who works with Christian Outreach, together with other volunteers and Eritrean staff, who oversee mother and child health care, emergency feeding programmes, community health care and training. Doctors and nurses, as well as occupational therapists, rehabilitate disabled people in the camp. While there, John arranged the building of small mud huts within a walled compound, to house staff as well as providing buildings for refugees who had travelled many many miles and who were in need of urgent medical help from the nurses. Some refugees were so weak when they arrived they died before they could be treated. In temperatures of 120° in the shade a luxury was coconut matting supported on sticks which provided shade, from the sun. At one time, Cholera, Dysentery and Malaria broke out in the camp, Malaria was by far the biggest killer. John himself became seriously ill with Dysentery and fortunately a doctor arrived from another organization and was able to treat him. John told us of the cruel laws of this country. He showed us dried leaves and rocks he brought back with him. He demonstrated how the dress of the Sudanese was more appropriate in temperatures of 120° in the shade. He described a sand storm and a tropical rain storm. It was a most interesting talk and prompted many questions.

P.D. Edwards

Ladbroke News

MARCH

- Wed 8 Women's Fellowship Corporate Communion, 2pm
Lenten Lunch, 12.30pm
- Sat 11 Diatonic Choir in Church, 7.30pm. Tickets £3-£4 incl. refreshments
- Sun 12 **LENT 2. Sung Communion, 9am**
- Tues 14 Holy Communion, 7.30pm with Lenten Address
- Wed 15 Holy Communion 10.30am; Lenten Lunch, 12.30pm
- Sat 18 St. Joseph - Holy Communion, 9.30am
- Sun 19 **LENT 3. Sung Communion 9am; Evensong 3.30pm**
- Wed 22 Holy Communion 10.30am; Lenten Lunch 12.30pm
- Sun 26 **Mothering Sunday - Sung Communion 9am**
Mothering Sunday Service 3.30pm
- Tues 28 Holy Communion 7.30pm with Lenten Address
- Wed 29 Holy Communion 10.30am, Annual Vestry; Annual Church Meeting

APRIL

Sun 2 **Passion Sunday Family Communion**
 Wed 5 Holy Communion 10.30am; Lenten Lunch 12.30pm
 Sun 9 **Palm Sunday - Sung Communion 9am**

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

There were 13 members present at the February meeting when we all very much enjoyed seeing Charles Catt's wonderful collection of Wildflower photographs. It is amazing how the beauty of the flowers is increased by magnifying photography - which Charles does so well.

March 8th, our meeting will be at **16 Ladbroke Hall**, by kind invitation of Nancy Stubbs. Our speaker then will be Dr. Dawn Teverson, telling us something of her life and work in Tanzania.

Betty Winkfield

CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS

We were all very saddened by the death of Don Northorpe on his 61st birthday, 27th January. The love and respect people had for him was reflected by the many people attending his funeral (many more than could be seated in church).

He can be remembered for the organisation of Quiz nights at the Village Hall, and again helping at the Pig Roast at our last Village Festival. We have lost a very colourful member of our community and he will be greatly missed. Our love and support go out to Carol, Tania and Jonathan as they come to terms with the gap in their lives.

The Lent boxes are in the church, this year in aid of **The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge S.P.C.K.** The Society fund Christian literature throughout the world. Please remember to take a box when you are in church - and fill it with money!

The **Lent Lunches** are supporting the Church Army and our Church Fabric Fund.

March 8th, 12.30pm - The second lunch is at **The Rectory Hall** by kind invitation of Gwladys and Alan Gould. .

March 11th - The concert by the **Diatonic Choir**. You will be assured of a very enjoyable evening - you can pay at the door. Please come.

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March 26th, 3.30pm - Mothering Sunday Service. Where the children will not only be handing posies to their mums, but also doing the readings. See you there.

March 29th, 7.30pm Village Hall - The Church AGM. Now is your chance to say what you like or dislike about how we look after and run **YOUR** Parish Church.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The meeting held on February 23rd, was a highly successful *Tasters Evening*, with W.I. members visiting from other local groups. Home members produced tasty and varied dishes for which recipes were provided.

The competition was won by Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Frost and Mrs. Haynes.

A team has been formed for Short Mat Bowls and has now reached the second heat.

The Darts Team is waiting to hear of the venue for their first match.

The next meeting is on **March 23rd** when Mrs. Evans from Napton will be talking about Wild Flowers and their legends. Meetings are held in Ladbroke Village Hall at 7.30pm. New members welcome - come and join in the fun!

Hazel Sharples

AN ILLUMINATING EXPERIENCE

On Saturday, March 11th, **Diatonic Chamber Choir** will be appearing once again in All Saints' Church, Ladbroke in the last of a series of concerts that the choir have performed around Warwickshire which have received exceptional reviews. The series is called *Illuminations* and combines the projection of a large number of slides with music, illustrating the history of art and music from the 15th Century to the present day. Composers include Palestrina, Gershwin and Rutter and they are illustrated by artists such as El Greco, Turner, Constable and Mondrian. The photographer, Roger Clark, has taken so many slides of each picture, that he can zoom into minute detail or show many pictures

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Mary Moss

GOLF

The Southam Golf Society will be reconvening in March. All new members are welcome. For more information, please phone Ron Abbott at the Bell Inn, Ladbroke, on 813562.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING for FEBRUARY

Our Parish Council has changed up into Passionate Protest from last month's moan mode.

Harbury School is looking at losing teachers and classroom helpers, reducing insurance, decorating, and furniture as well as the School Day to save £25,000. Southam Governors (£120,000 down) reckon they can't set a budget and voted to resign!

Alan Howarth pledged support, but wouldn't vote against the *financial settlement* to the PC's absolute disgust! The Ministry suggested the County make savings by reducing surplus school places (where have they been!)

Cllr Sharon Hancock said 23p/week for average Council Tax-payers would cover the shortfall and urged everyone to write supporting the School Governors. She teamed up with John Hunt protesting at CWR closure. Excellent coverage of rural problems would be submerged in BBC West Midlands. Protest they said to Nigel Chapman (!), Director Midland Regional Broadcasting, BBC Pebble Mill, Birmingham.

Cllr Hancock savaged John Woodward who foolishly declared there was no shortage of housing in Harbury: *Look at all those for sale! It's homes to RENT we need!* she explained. Cllrs are still hazy on the difference between *allocated* and *exceptions* sites (where only low-cost homes

would be allowed), and were unenthusiastic about the County's offer to safeguard some Pineham Farm land to provide Allotments in case the present ones were developed for affordable housing.

Other Planning News: Stratford granted; extensions at 32 Vicarage Lane and Westbury House; new roof for the Pumping Station in Farley Ave and demolition of a shed at West End Cottage (in the Conservation Area so prior permission is needed).

The conversion at Bull Ring Farm has been withdrawn and the Inspector at the Appeal by John Moore said the retaining wall *damaged* the Conservation Area.

Bryant's *Sonae Mor* Application was passed with minor amendments, but John Woodward complained that excessive Highways requirement mean a mature hedge will be lost.

The PC told SDC it did not wish to see Dr Wilne's conifer cut as it forms part of a grouping visible from Temple End.

John Drinkwater retired as Planning Chairman in favour of Sharon Hancock, but promised to remain on the committee.

John Woodward's contention that Street Sweeping was inadequate was disproved by figures showing we'd had four sweeps and another that week, but John did have interesting news about ST plans for our water. Not only are they replacing mains, but intend to reverse the flow and pump water from Ladbroke Reservoir eventually rendering the Water Tower redundant.

John Woodward outlined possible improvements to the Playing Fields: Trim-track, drainage, paths, Basketball Court (*Youth Club only want a net!* said Sharon), Shelter (*No!*, from everyone).

John Woodward saw Police failure to sell empty village Police Houses as selfish (*they don't want to split money with WCC*) and John Drinkwater agreed that with £6 Million needed they should not sit on their assets!

The Clerk's protests are less passionate but remarkably effective. Remember she saved the Postboxes? Now her teeth are into BT. Stratford told them to desist putting up Telegraph Poles in the Conservation Areas without permission.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY SOCIETY

There were smiles and tears, laughter and astonishment from the audience watching the Pentabus production *Against the Wind*.

The action in this one woman play takes place in a splendidly chaotic shed where the widowed Eileen begins to impose her individuality on the half finished projects of her husband.

Only one actor on stage, but it was peopled with dozens: the evil Brummie Caravan Site owner; the son's second wife (from Solihull); policemen; social workers and the silent presence of the deceased George.

A wonderful evening's entertainment, followed an excellent supper produced calmly and efficiently by Celia Barrett and members of the Committee, for an audience lubricated by the alcohol dispensed by John Holden and Neville Ellis.

Our next event is the **AGM on 20th March 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room** followed by Celia's talk on *The Games Children Played* at 8pm.

Left behind in the Village Hall after the Play:

2 umbrellas: one large, one small and a multi-coloured bag full of tins!

Contact Linda (16 Farm St, 612792) if they are yours.

Linda Ridgley

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The current Parish Councillors have come to the end of their four year term in office and if you are dissatisfied with your Parish Councillors, here is an opportunity for you to stand, or you may know some one who would be interested. If this is the case, please contact Stratford District Council, Elizabeth's House, Church Street, Stratford Upon Avon, Tel. 01789 267575, to check whether you could qualify (generally anyone who has lived in the parish during the preceding twelve months is eligible) and send for nominating papers.

Anyone wanting to be nominated must have a proposer and a seconder and give their consent in writing. **These papers MUST be returned to STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL by NOON on TUESDAY 4th APRIL 1995.**

Ten councillors are needed (including one representative for Deppers Bridge), and if more than ten people are nominated then an election **must** be held. The duties are not onerous (12 main meetings a year) and **you** have an opportunity to make your views known on local issues **and** where you think the Parish Council should be spending its funds.

Mrs. A.D. Hodge
Clerk to the Council

HARBURY W.I.

Great activity going on with bowls and darts practice - a wild night outside and in!

Any member interested in the free draw to Denman College, please apply to County House by 15th March.

Two dates for your diary: **Spring Council Meeting at the Spa Centre on March 22nd** and the **Group Meeting on May 3rd**. The competition for the evening will be a nosegay.

At our meeting in March we are having a dummy run as it were, inviting members to submit a nosegay, the winner will enter on our behalf. The evening rounded off very nicely with a Musical Quiz, presented by Mrs. Shirley Keir, who obviously spent quite a long time compiling all the questions and music. Small groups sat listening, twanging the old grey matter and coming up with an answer. Some we knew we knew but it just would not come. Of course, when we heard the answer, it was as clear as the nose on your face! Anyway we did not do too badly and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, even having a sing song, at times. Thank you very much Shirley and hope you will visit us again.

March Teas: Doreen Bloxham, Audrey Atkins, and Barbara Ayres.

Everyone at the W.I. would like to offer condolences to the family of Sue Andrews. Over the years Sue worked very hard for many functions, raising money and helping projects in the village. She will be sadly missed.

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

The Club's Half Term Project was a success with a group of young people spending three days making music. This is only the start, hopefully the group will continue creating music on Wednesday nights at the Club. We hope to have Mark Yakes (the project's professional musician) back to advise, as well as assistance from visiting musicians. We are still looking for local help!

Half Term ended with Maria leading a small but valiant group of *litter pickers*, cleaning the village in aid of Meningitis. It was good to have Robert Monterio-Sims and his mother helping us, and well done Gemma and Steven Phipps!

April 5th is the date for selecting the **Carnival Queen**, who this year, will be escorted by a **King**. Members will vote for their choice of Queen & King, so we hope to have a large turn out for nominations and voting.

After voting there will be a Disco to celebrate the crowning of the new Queen & King. £1 for members, £1.50 for non-members.

Vicki Holroyd

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

On February 14th 1895, the curtain went up in St. James' Theatre London, on a play that was to become one of the classics of the British Theatre.

The Importance of Being Earnest was the pinnacle of Oscar Wilde's career; although regarded as his greatest play, it was also his last. During the run of the play, Wilde was sentenced to two years penal servitude with hard labour. After his release, he spent the rest of his life in exile on the Continent, and died without writing any other work of note.

In happier times, Wilde sent the manuscript of his play to Sir George Alexander, the actor/manager of St. James' Theatre, who liked the work, but asked if it could be reduced from four to three acts to allow time for a *Curtain Raiser* (the B movie of the period). This 3 act version became the standard text that was performed over the next half century, leaving the original four act manuscript to be lost and forgotten.

However, in the 1950s a copy of the four act version was discovered that

had been published in Leipzig in 1903. From the German translation it was possible to reconstruct the original English version. The play was broadcast by the BBC in 1954 - the centenary of Wilde's birth. A contemporary dramatic critic commenting on the *lost scene* said: *The fun in the scene that Wilde deleted is better than any living playwright can do.*

Modern productions have tended to be of the 3 act version, mainly I suspect because the text is now out of copyright, and so no performance fee is payable.

So in celebration of the play's centenary, Harbury Theatre Group present the play in its original 4 act glory. It is a tribute to Wilde's genius that the play is as funny and pertinent today as when it was first written.

Gordon Robbins

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

Rather than admit that the Folk Club session on February 2nd didn't have a theme, I introduced the idea of a 'multiple theme' evening, where the performers could choose their own themes. I made the mistake of coining the term "poly-theme" and thereafter the puns about plastic bags, parrots and the like flowed freely!

With or without a theme, variety is always guaranteed, especially from 19 performers and the evening featured quite a few debuts. Towards the end of the evening, I managed to find time for two songs from newcomer, 'Big Ron', a powerful but sensitive singer with strong Irish influences; earlier on, we had enjoyed a lively set from Dave, Terry and Kieron - Dave making his first appearance while the other two were last seen as part of C O Jones; the Harvesters introduced yet another great new song, "The doubt and the certainty" (at least, I *think* that was the title), while Rup's band had a new name, 'Tanglefoot'.

The rest of this star-studded line-up were Pete & Liz, Des, Jean, Ron, Phil & Drill, Gilly and me. For my money (incidentally, Harbury Folk Club is always *free*), many of the best performances were from the ladies - Jean with "Joan the Leather Queen", Bobbie with "Matty Groves" and Liz with "Daughters of the Revolution" while Gilly closed the evening in an original way with the traditional "Rock-a-Robin".

The regular charity raffle raised £28.50 for Myton Hospice. The next Folk Club session is at **8.30pm on April 6th**, hosted by Steve.

Peter McDonald

HARBURY FOOTBALL - UNDER 9's

The Good News or the Bad News? Which would you like to hear first? The Good news or the Bad?

The bad news is Oh alright, the good news first. It was sunny in Southam and on the return match Harbury once again triumphed 3-0.

On a pitch that seemed to be twice the size of the Harbury School playing fields, the team were forced to spread apart and so give room to pass to each other. The result was a series of teamworked moves that had Harbury in the Southam goal area for most of the match.

Great good news. Alex Biddle saved a penalty just before half time, which set up Harbury with a clean sheet for the second half.

Eventually, more good news as Thomas Walshe battled his way to the goalmouth and set up Christopher Harris for a sweet chip past the goalie. There quickly followed two more Harbury scores (Oliver Cook's second of the season and Christopher Harris rounding up his tally to a dozen!)

Even more good news. Richard Montague and David Coleman both had their best games so far. Richard was unlucky not to score and David stopped Southam advancing many times. The Southam referee seemed to have had enough after that and blew the final whistle ten minutes short of full time. It was either that or that he was enjoying himself so much that time seemed to fly.

Bad news now... No wait a moment, let me tell you of some more good news. It stopped raining when we played Wellesbourne.

And we clawed back the draw after going two nil down in the first half. Oliver Cook opened his account in the last minute of the game and the match was saved. Jack Fitzgerald took the honorary man of the Match award for some superlative defence, head down, concentrating on the ball and invariably whipping it away from the Wellesbourne attack.

And then, back in January, there had been Finham Rangers, Coventry.

The good news was that Joe Greenwell had managed to heavy roller the

pitch with his 2cwt machine despite it having a broken handle. **And** Christopher Harris scored another hat-trick.

The bad news was that we lost 3-12.

But more games have been won than lost and the team rally is beginning to gel into what we can call *Happy Harmonious Harbury*. Hooray!

TEAM DETAILS:

21st January at Harbury vs Finham Rangers, Coventry		
HARBURY 3	FINHAM 12	
Harris 47, 49, 59		
11th February at Harbury vs Wellesbourne		
HARBURY 2	WELLESBOURNE 2	
Harris 45		
Cook 59		
18th February at Southam		
HARBURY 3	SOUTHAM 0	
Harris 35, 37		
Cook 40		
Harbury Squad:		
James Armitage	Peter Gray	
Michael Armitage	Christopher Harris	Thomas Walshe
Alex Biddle	Christopher Jenkins	Matthew Farrell
George Clarke	Tom Stack	Christopher Hodge
Oliver Cook	Scott McLaren	Adam Johnson
Sam Jones	Richard Montague	Ben Lodge
David Coleman	Jamie Norman	William Randall
Jack Fitzgerald		
Season Statistics		
Played 7; Won 3; Drawn 2; Lost 2; Goals for 19, against 23.		

Peter Walshe

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

All sorts of illnesses and viruses have affected members of the teams over the past months, and a little apathy seems to be creeping into our practice nights at Kinton. We really do need **EVERYONE** there practising until their socks fall off - so come on ladies, let's support each other, and turn up every week.

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More team re-organisation has been necessary and so Leah will be playing for the 'A' team and Julie for the 'B' team for the rest of the season.

Thank you to everyone who turned up to Pat's Coffee Morning on the 22nd February. A total of £48.50 was raised. The wine was won by Beccy McDaid and the sherry by Fran Leonard.

Please make a note in your diaries of the forthcoming fund raising events:

QUIZ NIGHT at Harbury Village Club on Sunday Evening March 19th from 8pm. Teams of 4 - £1 per head to participate. Do not worry if you're not part of a team - come along anyway and join in. Everyone welcome.

TABLE TOP SALE (and indoor car boot!) at Harbury Village Hall on Saturday morning 22nd April, 10am - 12.30pm. If you want to book a table, to sell absolutely anything!, ring Shirley on 613795 or Pat on 612059. £5 charge per table. Refreshments & Raffle.

SAFARI SUPPER on Saturday Evening June 10th. Details later.

ANNUAL BARBEQUE on Saturday 15th July. Details later.

Pat Summers

N.S.P.C.C.

Just a reminder about our **Murder Mystery Evening at the Village Hall on Saturday 18th March.** A few tickets remain unsold, and at £8.50 to include hot supper and pud, they are a snip! To get yours ring 613704.

Chris Ross

ROBERT APPEAL

We are arranging an **Easter Disco and Raffle** to be held on **Saturday 8th April at Harbury Village Club, 8pm.**

Please give us your support and join in the fun for all the family, whatever the age!. For tickets £2 Adults - £1 Child. Please contact Mary - 613140 or Sally 614290, come along for a good night out. Any donations of raffle prizes will be most welcome. Many thanks.

Mary Revitt

CARNIVAL 1995

Well, it's that time again and believe it or not, Carnival Day is only three months away, on **Saturday 10th June**.

This is my usual early reminder, so you have no excuse for not finding time to design and build an absolutely splendid *float* and rigging yourself out in a marvellous costume.

The committee have been meeting since November, as usual, and plans and bookings are on track. At this time of year one of the most important things to sort out is the **Carnival Queen**. Well, this year it's going to be different, because it's been suggested that we have a **Carnival King** as well as a Carnival Queen. Is that different enough?

So, males and females from 11 to 16 years of age who are interested should turn up at the **Village Hall Youth Club on Wednesday 5th April**. It is open to anyone of the required age, that is, you do not have to be a member of the Youth Club. If you want to register your name in advance, please ring Vicki Holroyd on 612527.

Let's make Carnival Day another resounding success this year. You excelled yourselves last year with the number of *floats* and the wonderful fancy dress, so it would be great if we could at least match last year's efforts. More news next month, but in the meantime, if you have any queries or questions, please contact a committee member.

Paul Watkin
Carnival Cttee 613553

HARBURY SURGERY GOES FUNDHOLDING

On the 1st of April, Harbury Surgery will be given a budget to cover costs of patients' treatment at various Hospitals. There will also be a separate budget for the cost of all the drugs prescribed. The Surgery felt it had to join this fundholding scheme as, at the moment, the District Health Authority pays for our Hospital patients and last year they simply ran out of money and stopped performing routine surgery 4 months before the end of the financial year. We hope that the budget we have been given will pay for patient treatment for the full year.

You the patients (clients), will continue to be referred to Hospitals (provider units) by your G.P. (purchaser). We hope that by joining the

fundholding scheme, waiting times for outpatients and for surgical procedures will be shorter and the disadvantage will outweigh both the administrative burden on the Practice and our political objections to this scheme.

Dr. J.L. Hancock

Dr. C.M. Snowden

Dr. J.J.A. Wilkinson



Dr. Brian Wilne with his wife after the presentation to him at the Village Hall.

HARBURY LIBRARY

The good news is that your library has been reprieved, but the bad news is that it will almost certainly be threatened again next year, as County Council budgets once again come under pressure.

The most effective way to ensure that your library remains open is to **USE** it, as it is the least used libraries that face the threat of closure.

If you haven't been to the library lately, do come along and see what there is on offer. We have made quite a few changes in recent months.

You will find books on most subjects, as well as a wide selection of modern novels and a new collection of classics. In addition, we have an

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Harbury Library is open: **Mondays 2-5pm and 5.30-7pm;**
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Sue Bell

NATURE WATCH

Whoosh! Suddenly, on Monday 20th February our small back garden on Knightlow Way was temporarily invaded by a large female Sparrow-hawk - and thereafter deserted by resident Tits, Chaffinches and other small birds. Has anyone else seen her? Or had any other interesting visitors? Last year, early morning, I was amazed to see a Heron executing a near vertical take-off from our pond. This was the first of several visits. Reluctantly (Heron in close-up are eerily prehistoric looking!) I decided to put wires round the pond, which stopped the visits.

Also sighted last year: a Blackcap (on next door's flowering Mahonia - apparently they like the nectar), a family of Hedgehogs, and a white Admiral butterfly (on a clump of flowering Sedum spectabile, or iceplant).

This was just in an enclosed garden! There are some fascinating habitats in and around Harbury. Would other readers find a regular feature on *Sightings* of interest?

Brian Hewins, 612721
Knightlow Way

MONEY! MONEY! MONEY! MONEY!

There is a prize fund of £2,000 in the Warwickshire Village Ventures Competition to reward Volunteer Groups for Community or Environmental improvements they have achieved since April 1993. Entry to the Competition is FREE and open to all Rural Community Groups in Warwickshire.

Clubs for the young and old; village newsletters; recreation ground

improvements; affordable housing; parish maps; village appraisals; Telecottage schemes; community helplines and transport initiatives; environmental improvements such as traffic calming; tree planting; pond clearance, and hedge maintenance are examples of previous entries. Interpretative efforts such as village histories, footpath leaflets, design guides and local agenda 21 work would all be eligible.

Entry forms (which must be returned by 1st April) are available from: the Field Officer, WRCC, The Abbotsford, The Market Place, Warwick, CV34 4SL or telephone 0926 499596 (ansafone after hours).

If you don't enter you can't win!

Linda Ridgley

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Royal British Legion is co-ordinating the VE DAY (May 8th) Celebrations and would like to hear from groups who are organising events.

Beacons, Street Parties, and Bonfires are the main themes they suggest could be used. The Queen will light the national Bonfire in Hyde Park at 8pm.

Bruno Peek at the British Legion, 48 Pall Mall, London, SW1Y 5JY would like to know (before 14th April) what you have planned.

Linda Ridgley

PHONE NEWS

Phoneday (16th April) brings an extra digit to our area code. Leamington, Harbury etc. will be 01926 from that date.

British Telecom have further changes for our area. The Phone Book for Coventry is to be split in two: South Warwickshire (incl. Harbury Leamington, Warwick, Stratford, Kenilworth & rural areas) and Coventry (the city, North Warwickshire and the Rugby area).

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Linda Ridgley

SOUTHAM COMMUNITY MINIBUS COMMITTEE

Annual General Meeting: Wattons Lodge, Southam, Monday 24th April at 8pm.

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Albert Haynes, Secretary

LEAMINGTON CYCLING AND ATHLETIC CLUB

An Open 28.5 mile Time Trials under RTTC Regulations, 2up Team Time Trial and Tandem Events will be held on **Saturday 1st April, 2pm, starting in Harbury (Butt Lane).** The course is sporting and interesting, and when used in a 25 mile version has produced a 58 minute for a 2up Team Time Trial. Entry fee is £6 per 2up Team and Tandem. Closing date is 12st March. Anyone interested please contact:

Mick Ford, Southam 813373

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At our last meeting Mr Callaghan gave a very interesting talk on the maintenance of lawns and paths, we now know much more about them and the work involved.

Offchurch Garden Society have invited us to go to the **Malvern Spring Show** by coach on **Friday 5th May**, any one interested please contact Mrs. Zonik 612365.

The first plant stall will be held at the meeting on **2nd May**, would you please price your own seedlings, cuttings, etc.

Those who have booked for the Social at Mrs. Zonik's house, please take a plate, knife and fork, perhaps wrapped in a serviette. Wine glasses will be provided.

Our next meeting on the **7th March** will be a talk on **Garden Law**, by Mr. Howard Drury, I am sure many interesting points will arise from this vast subject.

Just to whet your appetite some very pleasant outings are being arranged - come to the meetings, and watch this space!

Muriel Grey

GARDEN NOTES

The past month has truly been February fill dyke, although the mild temperatures have persuaded the plants and birds that Spring is almost here. Do not be tempted into doing any of the jobs which need warmer days, but do begin to feed plants as the new growth begins. Mulch the borders when the soil begins to warm up. This will reduce the germination of annual weeds but perennial ones will still need to be dug out. Water loss by evaporation from the soil surface will be reduced, and low growing leaves and flowers will be kept clean. The mulch will also help to protect plant roots from extreme cold or heat, and so it is very useful around Clematis. It is best to leave 2 or 3" free around the base of plants in case the mulch contains any preservative or pesticide residues.

Watch out for slugs around Delphiniums and Hostas as they emerge. Surround them with a 4" collar cut from a plastic bottle. Slug pellets could be causing the decline in numbers of Hedgehogs and some garden birds, so give other methods of pest control a try.

Buy and plant herbaceous perennials and summer bulbs. Established plants can be divided and the most healthy parts replanted immediately or potted up to give away. Fruit trees and deciduous trees and shrubs should be planted before the end of this month.

Start Dahlias and Chrysanthemums into growth. Sow the summer bedding which need a long growing season. These include African

Marigolds, Impatiens, Lobelia, Nicotiana, Petunia and Salvias. Germinate at 15-21°C, and grow on at 7°C. Greenhouse crops to sow are Aubergine, Cucumber, Sweet Pepper and Tomato. These need 21°C to germinate and 13°C to grow on. Chit potatoes and plant onion sets.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

I would like to express my most heartfelt thanks for all the support Jonathan, Tania and I have received following the sudden death of my husband, Don.

There have been so many individual acts of kindness; cards, calls and presence at the Church. These have done so much to sustain us.

My thanks also go to Father Roy for his sensitive and understanding care.

Sincerely

Carol Northorpe

Dear Editors,

We would like to express our appreciation and thanks for the many tokens of good wishes and interest on our move to Shropshire. We really have enjoyed the 10 years we have spent in Harbury, and we shall miss the many signs of friendship and support in our daily lives that exist in this community.

On behalf of Guide Dogs for the Blind, thanks also to so many people in and around the village for their interest and support. We have been puppy walkers since 1980 (10 puppies) and have reared 15 litters, 13 of which have been in Harbury. We leave one of our puppies in Harbury with Mrs. Mae Watson, who is puppy walking Eve, now 5 months old. Mr. Watson of 6, Mackley Way, Harbury 612683 will be only too

Michael Jerome



Carpets



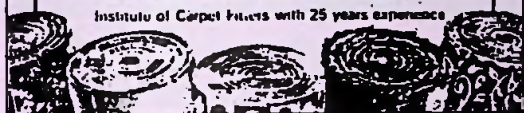
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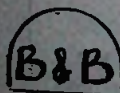
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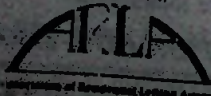
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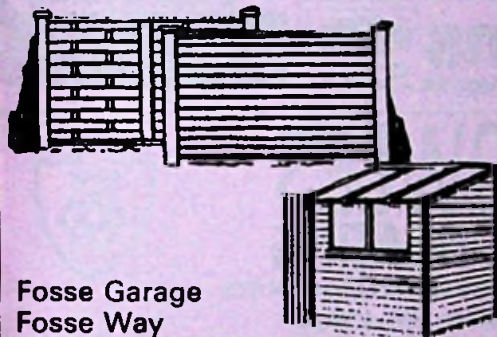
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