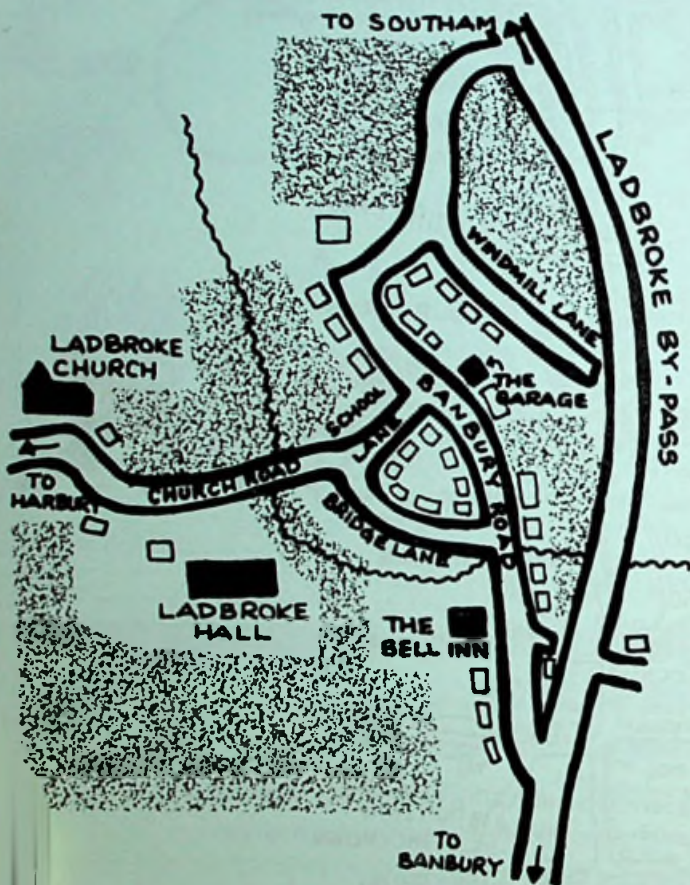


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Some of the articles in this month's edition, focus on the sharp contrasts between life in rural England 50 years ago, compared with the present day. Frances Poupard's book launched this week, paints a picture of an idyllic life in Harbury when many families were almost self-sufficient. There may not have been electricity, running water or sewage disposal, but villagers struggled against the odds to enjoy the *good life*.

Nowadays our community has the facilities for an easier way of life, but a fair proportion of the village is estranged from country roots. The battles fought by present day residents involve challenging proposed developments, which are not in the interest of the village and struggling to maintain the shops, Post Office and services, which are a life line, particularly to the older members of the population. There are only a few *country folk*, whose livelihood depends solely on the land and they preserve the environment for us all to enjoy.

The newly-formed Harbury Preservation Society, seeks to maintain the pleasant surroundings and resists the threat of any development, which would mar the appearance of our village. The community spirit of the village has long been recognised and it is vital that a corporate response fights off threats from unwelcome developments.

Although Autumn is traditionally the season of *mists and mellow fruitfulness*, we have been treated to splendid bursts of out-of-season weather recently.



AUTUMN SCENES (Photo: Mike Bloxham)

**Richard and George Bloxham
collect conkers**

**Ron Dunbar, sweeps up leaves
near the church**

It is to be hoped that it remains fine and dry for the Bonfire and Firework display this year, so that young and old can enjoy a spectacular evening. Remember - Remember - the firework code, if you have a private bonfire!

The Editors were delighted to receive a Highly Commended Certificate from the Village Ventures' Competition. It was awarded in the Interpretive Group Section (Newsletters) and reflects the high quality of the articles received from village contributors. The subjects this month range from Country Matters (and yes ... some of the Archers' cast did come to Harbury!) to profiles on the success of young people and fund raising activities. Thank you all for your continued contributions!

Finally we extend our sympathy to the families of Frank Evans and Bill Taylor.

LOST DOG: If anyone knows the owner of a black and white mongrel with brown markings on the face and ears, would they please contact 612305. It was found wandering in the village on Sunday 29th October.

Harbury Diary

NOVEMBER

- Sun 5** 8th Before Christmas - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 4pm
- Tues 7** Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society in Village Hall 8pm
Harbury News Committee meeting in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
Annual Parent/Governors meeting in School 8pm (Jim Fitzgibbon on *Special Educational Needs*)
- Wed 8** Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
- Thurs 9** Harbury Nursery Playgroup Coffee Morning in Farley Room of Village Hall from 9.30am until 11.15am
Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Fun Français in Village Hall 4-6pm
WI in Village Hall 7.45pm
- Sat 11** CRAFT FAIR in Village Hall
NSPCC Casino Evening in Village Hall
- Sun 12** Remembrance Sunday - Holy Communion 8am;
Service of Remembrance 10.15am; Sunday School 10.30am; Sung Eucharist 4pm
- Mon 13** Harbury Society talk by the Warwickshire Gardens Trust in Tom Hauley Room at 7.30pm for 8pm
- Tues 14** Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
Toddlers' Service 2.15pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
PCC meeting in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
Village Hall Committee at 8pm
- Wed 15** Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
- Thurs 16** Fun Français in Village Hall 4-6pm
- Fri 17** PTA Homemade Evening with Cecil Bloxham in School
- Sat 18** Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am
Missions to Seamen Coffee Morning and sale of Christmas cards and gifts in Tom Hauley Room 10am-12.30pm
Breakthrough 50:50 Auction in Village Hall
- Sun 19** 6th Before Christmas - Holy Communion 8am; Family Service 10.30am; Sunday School 10.30am
- Tues 21** Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
Senior Citizens Committee in Village Hall 8pm

- Wed 22 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
- Thurs 23 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Fun Français in Village Hall 4-6pm
Parish Council in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 24 **All Articles for DECEMBER's News to Pete's Place by 5.30pm**
- Sat 25 Conservatives Autumn Supper at Manor House 8pm (Tickets £8)
- Sun 26 5th Before Christmas - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist
10.30am; Sunday School 10.30am; Evensong 4pm
Ufton Fields and Woods 4 mile walk, 2-4pm at Reserve. FREE
- Tues 28 Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm; Julian Group 8.10pm
- Wed 29 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
- Thurs 30 St. Andrews Day - Holy Communion 9.45am
Fun Français in Village Hall 4-6pm

DECEMBER

- Fri 1 WI Christmas Party in Village Hall
- Sat 2 PCC Christmas Fayre in Village Hall with Santa in his Grotto 2pm
- Sun 3 Advent Sunday - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 4pm
Bluebells in Winter? Planting bulbs at Burton Dassett 11-3.30pm at
the Country Park (bring spade and trowel)

Please note YOUTH CLUB AGM on 7th Dec. at the Village Hall 7.30pm

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For Tom Hauley Room Bookings	Mrs. Smith 613680
For Village Hall Bookings	Mrs. Hughes 612716
For Wight School Bookings	Mrs. Hayes 613488

REGULAR DIARY DATES

BABY CLINIC: Surgery, 2-4pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday

BADMINTON: Village Hall Tuesdays

BEAVERS: Scout Hut, 6-7pm Tuesdays

BELLRINGING PRACTICE: Church, 7.30pm Fridays

BINGO: Village Hall, 8pm Mondays

BROWNIES: Village Hall 6-7.30pm Tuesdays

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, 6.30pm Fridays

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: The Dog Inn 8.30pm 1st Thursday of Month

HARBURY FRIENDS: School, 8pm 2nd Tues of Month

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: School Hall, 8-10pm Wednesdays

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Village Hall, 8pm 1st Tues (Oct. to May)

LIBRARY: Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 10am 1st Thursday of Month

NETBALL CLUB: Village Hall Car Park, Training 6.30pm Thursdays;
Matches Saturday Afternoon

NURSERY SCHOOL: Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday mornings

PLAYGROUP: Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, 7.45pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

STEP AEROBICS: Village Hall, 1.30-2.30pm Tuesdays

TENNIS CLUB: (Apr-Sept) Tue & Thur 6.30pm onwards (6pm for April);
Sat 2-5pm, Mon & Wed 1.45-3pm

THEATRE GROUP: Wight School, 8pm last Friday of Month

THURSDAY CLUB: Village Hall 2.30pm 2nd & 4th Thursday of Month

TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, 10-11.30am Mondays & 2-3.30pm Wed.

UPHOLSTERY CLASSES: Wight School, 2-4pm Mondays

W.I.: Village Hall, 7.45pm 2nd Thursday of Month

YOGA: Village Hall, 1.30-3pm Monday, Diane Surgy Tel.817904

YOUTH CLUB: Village Hall, 7.30-9.30pm Wednesdays

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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 (Except 1st Sunday of Month:

Sung Eucharist 9am)

Family Service, 10.30am on 3rd Sunday of Month

Evensong, 6.30pm (Except 3rd Sunday)

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

FROM THE RECTOR

At the end of this month we go into the season of Advent - that period of preparation for Christmas. Let us then look at the Advent Hope.

A new start is something Christians should know all about, especially as we approach Advent. God gave all mankind an opportunity for a fresh beginning when He sent His Son to live amongst us and show us how children of God are meant to live their lives. Sadly, few recognise the truth of what Jesus had to say - the result was the crucifixion, but even that was not enough to thwart the will of God. Triumphant resurrection of Jesus is the reason for our being Christians today. We are followers of Jesus because in His own life He has shown us what human life can be like - what human life ought to be like.

In our better moments at least, we know how far short of that example of Jesus's we fall, but still God gives us unlimited opportunities for making that new start. At every Communion we are invited to make our confession. We say sorry for the times we have failed - failed not only God, but also our families and our friends. Such is the love of God that if we sincerely ask his forgiveness then it will be granted.

A true Christian Community is one that can stay together in the face of its difficulties as well as it can when all goes well. We, as Christians, possess the most precious gift that this world has to give, the gift of love - God's love. Our job is to show it - and to share it. None of us can do that on our own. We must always remember what a generous Father we have.

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTER

Holy Matrimony

Ladbroke: 28th October - Matthew Gilks to Sandra Chittenden

Holy Baptism

Harbury: 1st October - Zoe Victoria Grey

Harbury: 8th October - Bradley Peter Sheasby

Harbury: 15th October - Amelia Ruth Inglis

Harbury: 15th October - Katie Louise Borton

Harbury: 22nd October - Alexandra Wendy Steele

Ladbroke: 22nd October - Harry Benjamin Forbes Rowley

Harbury: 29th October - Lauren Rebecca Brough

FUNERALS

6th October at Oakley Wood: Walter Francis Evans

26th October at All Saints': Bill Taylor

Laugh Line

There were two Sunday fishermen who heard bells ringing in the distance. One said contritely: "You know, Sam, we really ought to be in Church". Sam rebaited his hook and answered: "Well, I couldn't go anyway, my wife is sick."

CHRISTMAS CAROL

A Christmas Carol will be performed in Church on the evenings of **8th and 9th December**, performances begin at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £2.50 for adults and £1 for children. This includes refreshments, mulled wine and biscuits, squash for the children of course! Please come and enjoy this traditional story.

Ruth Dodds

THE NEW TEAM FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL



From left to right: Sally Stringer, Yvonne Hancock, Alison Hodge, John Stringer, Ruth Thurogood, Dorothy Travis, Lynn Hayes, Jill Winter

MOTHERS' UNION

Corrie ten Boom was a remarkable Dutch woman. We heard her story from our afternoon speaker, Mrs. Anne Lancaster. In early life, Corrie set up Christian girls' clubs for the young people in her home town of Haarlem. During the war she and her family hid many Jewish people and they were eventually arrested by the Germans. Corrie survived internment and continued her life of service, also writing a number of books, until she was over eighty.

At the evening meeting Mrs. Carol Tilley talked about the church's report *Something to Celebrate*, on family life today. She talked about the many kinds of family, including people living alone and on how we in the church can help families in need of support.

A number of members went to St. Paul's church in Leamington to meet Rebecca Tamba, a M.U. worker in Central Zambia and were very interested to hear about her work there.

We are still collecting **Tins, Togs and Toys** to be given to various charities and also **knitting wool, needles**, etc., to send to Central Zambia. Donations of these items are very welcome.

In November we have talks on *Dogs for the Disabled* at our afternoon meeting on **1st November** and *Warwickshire Women's Refuge* at the evening meeting on **21st November**.

C.Mary Catt

TODDLERS' SERVICE

Mrs. Keir used dolls to help her tell the story of baby Moses. All the children held rushes to hide the baby until he was rescued by the princess. We then sang a song about baby Moses and the Rector said a prayer for all babies.

C.Mary Catt

Ladbroke News

NOVEMBER

- Wed 8 Holy Communion 2pm
 Sun 12 Remembrance Sunday - Sung Communion and Act of
 Remembrance 9am
 Wed 15 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Sun 19 6th Before Christmas - Sung Communion 9am; Children's Church
 11am; Evensong 3.30pm
 Wed 22 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Sat 25 Christmas Fayre in Village Hall 2.30pm
 Sun 26 5th Before Christmas - Sung Communion 9am
 Wed 29 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thur 30 St. Andrew - Holy Communion 7.30pm
 PCC Meeting 8pm

DECEMBER

- Sun 3 Advent Sunday - Family Communion 10.30am

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

21st October - Tom Hauley Room. To all who attended: Thank you.

To all who helped: Carol & friend Nicola, Gwladys, Pearl, Nita, Hazel, Beryl and Sue (Don on behalf of Beryl): My grateful thanks.

Without you nothing would have happened. We made £315 and donated £20 to the Tom Hauley Room.

To remember: 17th November, Curry/Casserole Evening at *Woodlands*. The usual drill - let us know by 14th November how many tickets you want at £5 a time.

Gwynne Badman

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Eight of us went to Offa House for our October meeting. We had a very relaxing day with the Rector directing our thoughts. We were able to use the Garden Room, the Library and the beautiful grounds. After a super

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lunch we had a Communion Service in the chapel and left for home about 4pm.

The November meeting is a discussion with Rev. Peter Snow. He has said he will try and answer our questions, so please have them ready ladies. Communion will be in church as usual, at 2pm and then we adjourn to the Bungalow, Southam Road for the meeting, by the kind invitation of Jo Sowerby.

Church News

Harvest Thanksgiving on 1st October - the church was nearly full with over 20 children bringing their gifts of produce to the altar. The church, as usual, was beautifully decorated by our many gifted flower arrangers. The service was great fun with the parents having to help the children out with the Rector's questions about *Why Harvest Festival?* It was all happily *rounded off* by coffee and biscuits after the service.

The coffee and biscuits after the family service on the first Sunday of the month is now a regular item and is enjoyed by everyone who stays. It completes the *fellowship* of the Communion Service. Though we must always treat God's House with reverence and respect, it makes it also a very welcoming and friendly house.

Our Harvest Supper on the following Friday - really was a *Full House*. Sue Moore and everyone who helped her, did a grand job; thanks Sue. Alan Gould, M.C.'d our community singing with Michael Short providing the musical accompaniment on an electric keyboard. The D.I.Y. entertainment was great fun and didn't need a microphone, which was one of Alan's worries.

The next *project* is the **Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall at 2.30pm on Saturday 25th November**, to be opened by a well known person! Please come and buy at our various stalls. If you can make or give cakes, gifts, groceries, bottles and/or plants that you think will sell, please see the leaflet that will be coming through your letterbox any day now about where your donations can be left or who will collect them. The proceeds this year will be equally divided between the Church funds and Myton Hospice. Both need your generous support.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The speaker at our September meeting was Mrs. Sue Beatty, who talked on Aromatherapy and then followed it with a demonstration.

Our meeting on 26th October was the AGM, when a new committee was elected. We had a talk by Mrs. Frances Poupard who has written a book under her maiden name of Frances Mann, on her days in Harbury in the 30's and 40's called Keck, Cowpats and Conkers.

While enjoying cheese and wine, we also had a competition on identifying childhood photographs of members. The raffle was won by Gill Moore and Dianne Surgey.

In November we look forward to a short mat bowls match against Harbury on Wednesday 8th at Harbury Club. Our meeting on Thursday 23rd has a speaker on *The Winter Garden* with slides. Finally on Wednesday 29th, Sue Moore is holding a coffee evening at Walworth Farm, with a Bring and Buy of Christmas gifts and a raffle.

Catherine Spence

MAGIC LANTERN SHOW AT LADBROKE

On the 20th of last month, Mr. Philip Banham gave a demonstration of the Victorian Magic Lantern, using a selection from amongst his collection of some 15,000 slides.

There were fascinating glimpses of past life and times, including Victorian Leamington Spa and a series of slides of Shakespeare's house in Henley Street, Stratford, showing how it has been changed over the years.

We marvelled at the beautiful workmanship of the hand-painted and coloured slides and were mystified by the mechanical slides, which gave an impression of movement on the screen. How do they work?

A sausage and mash supper and Mr. Banham's amusing commentary to his show rounded out a highly entertaining evening.

R.M. Grey

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

A meeting of Ladbroke Parish Council was held on Wednesday 18th October, under the chairmanship of Councillor Peter Williamson with 4 Councillors, 2 District Councillors, the Parish Clerk and one member of the public present.

Severn Trent had replied to our questions regarding the lack of water at the beginning of the summer by offering to send a team of speakers to talk about their services. It was suggested that this might be of interest for the Annual Village meeting next year. We would, in the meantime, pursue answers to the straightforward questions that were asked.

I understand no objection had been raised to my planning application to build a small garden room at the rear of the Old School, although I understandably had to leave the room for this item.

Peter Williamson reported on a talk given by Sean O'Grady, Chief Planning Officer, at the meeting of the Association of Local Councils, held at Long Itchington on 12th October.

District Councillor Jim Taylor encouraged the Parish Council to enter either the Village Appraisal book or the work done by the footpath volunteers for one of the monetary awards offered by the Rural Action group. He also explained the national target of recycling 20% of household waste by the year 2000. Villagers will soon be receiving an invitation for a free composter from Stratford District Council, but they will have to act quickly, as they are to be given to the first 1000 applicants.

The second issue under the concessionary fares scheme is available. Anyone who has already registered will automatically receive their tokens. Anyone who has since become eligible can apply to Marion Grainger or Elsa Greenway.

Finally, I knew its days were numbered! The pile of rubble has been removed from the bottom of Radbourne Lane by EM Electricity - under Elsa's watchful eye.

Carol Northorpe

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

Ladbroke History Weekend

Sweet is success and even more so, when you are able to share it with so many others; such was our history display at Ladbroke over the weekend.

Having already written 2 booklets about Ladbroke's history, I decided to contribute this year by putting together an exhibition of the material, maps and artefacts that I have so far gathered. The weekend seems to have bowled further along the never ending wheel I have unwittingly, but nevertheless willingly, sparked off.

Not only did we have visitors from the village, curious about their surroundings, but visitors from as far away as Scotland and Somerset, Coventry and Oxford, apart from most of the surrounding towns and villages! Many had family connections, some going back as far as the 18th century; some had only recently discovered their roots passed through Ladbroke and came to discover more.

More photographs, fascinating facts and family trees have turned up; more tall tales (I love ghost stories!) and many more stories that really should be recorded, if only people were not so shy about putting pen to paper! I am looking forward to the letters I shall receive this winter, they are all contributing to an ever increasing file and a wonderfully colourful picture of life in Ladbroke is emerging.

Not only did we enjoy ourselves, but it also contributed £120 into the Village Hall, £11 + extra donations into the church, which was open over the weekend, £41 into the Appraisal Book fund, £30 into Warwick Museum and Records Office and £11 towards the expense of copying further photographs of Victorian and Edwardian Ladbroke.

I must also say a special thanks to Carol Northorpe and Marion Grainger for their help in setting up and dismantling the display and for spending considerable time on the door and to the Village hall Committee, who arranged the refreshments.

The next meeting of the Southam History Society is on **27th November at the Stoneythorpe Hotel, 7.30pm**. I will be speaking about *The Deserted Villages around Ladbroke*.

Linda Doyle

HAVE SOME FUN - AND LEARN AN ANCIENT ART!

Come along to Radbourne Lane, Ladbroke and join the group of volunteers on Hedge-Laying. There is expert tuition on site and refreshments are provided.

It is an ongoing programme on behalf of the Alibone Charity, which distributes funds to the village and the church.

Two dates already planned: **Saturday 25th November and 9th December**

Starting around 10am - Come along for the day, or half day - or even a couple of hours. Every little helps!

For further information, please call Terence Sullivan on 01926 - 814380 (Eve.)

Incidentally, the 16 acres of land in Radbourne Lane is let for sheep grazing, so if anyone is interested in a tenancy from 1st January 1996, then Terence Sullivan, the Clerk to the Trustees of the Alibone Charity, would like to receive offers **before 10th November**. For full details please call him on the above number.

T.Sullivan

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - SEPTEMBER

Residents of Mill Street Against Development (or Harbury Preservation Society as they call themselves) opposed Mr. Willie Carroll's plans to build four detached houses behind Brethren's Farm and heard that they had been withdrawn.

Blue Circle gained renewal of industrial use at the Works, but with 17 additional conditions. The District allowed development at 26 Ivy Lane after the applicant, voluntarily, relinquished his previous approval.

The Parish Council had no objections to extensions at Hazebrook; the Pound; 25 Manor Orchard; 13 Farm Street; Northfield; Mill Lane or the change of use to industrial storage at Highfield Stud. A Cypress and Eucalyptus at Chain Cottage were to be felled. The condition attached to Meadow Farm that Model Farmhouse be demolished, would be enforced.

The County agreed to take responsibility for work on the Ivy Lane cherry trees. *We have a result*, crowed Keith Thompson. The Parish was pressing for the Fosseway Accident Reduction Scheme to include southbound traffic.

John Hunt praised the landscape audit as *excellent* and *refreshing*, *slaughtering sacred cows* as it proposed to remove the Village Hall fence! The Parish Council agreed to plant a Holm Oak in Sue Andrew's memory on the Pound and keep the limes as parkland trees. It would look into other suggested projects, especially traffic calming.

Research into claiming the Spinney as a village green was progressing. Proof was needed of its use for lawful sport and recreation by locals, without stealth or permission for a period of at least 20 years.

Cover was still being sought for the playing field barbecues, but already insurers had insisted that the Parish Council prohibit the playing of golf.

Quotations for lighting improvements were costly: £278.70 to replace a column and £173 to connect to the supply and £226 + £348 for completely new lights.

Sharon Hancock commented that the *Police Area Objectives* were a result of the fact that *they haven't got enough money*. The Parish Council wanted help with traffic calming and bemoaned the lack of a village constable to prevent the hazard of parents using Wagstaffe Close to drop children off at school. Instead, a letter would be sent out from the headmaster.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - OCTOBER

This was a friendly good-humoured, well attended meeting, presided over by a besuited Steve Norman. In his absence Councillors proposed Ken Stephenson as Harbury's Emergency Volunteer!

Willie Carrol's new plan for one house behind Brethren's Farm was eventually opposed by the Council, which could find no mechanism to ensure that this would be the one and only development there. They had no representation to make on extensions at 5 Park Lane; 7 the Beeches, for accommodation for three adults with learning difficulties at Sharmer Fields; a swimming pool at Deppers Bridge Farm, or the reshaping of the Pool Yard Willow.

Stratford had ensured that Model Farm was demolished as per planning conditions. District Councillor Cooley complained the DoE's delay over the Deppers Enforcement Appeal *throws the whole thing into disrepute*. The DoE had dismissed the Dovehouse Autos Appeal. John Drinkwater cautioned that there were existing industrial use rights on the site (housing might be preferable), but Councillor Turner wanted to retain employment land in the village. Residents were pressing the Parish Council to take on the verge as an amenity area, but Sharon Hancock pointed out the inspector had said it was not suitable as play space.

John Hunt expressed his disappointment at the *lack of liaison* between the County and District over highway planning matters. Councillor Hancock highlighted the dangers caused by cars parked on Mill Street near the Farm Street junction and Councillor Turner complained children were cycling the wrong way round the One Way System. Parents were still using Wagstaffe Close to ferry pupils to school, despite the obvious dangers. PC Boulstridge would be asked to help, but was unlikely to attend Parish Council meetings through lack of time. *They are too short-staffed*, Councillor Hancock complained.

Government spending cuts meant Warwickshire County Council had a £9 million education budget shortfall. This coincided with a *pupil peak* and Keith Thompson explained the school had nothing else to cut but teachers. Class sizes would rise and everyone was urged to write to Alan Howarth about the consequences.

The Youth Club was *getting by* with good attendances and an excellent new leader.

The Parish Council agreed £360 for SHAK, £2,000 for lighting improvements, money for Neighbourhood Watch signs and bark for the Aerial Runway. Insurers insisted that golf was banned on the playing fields and so notices would go up prohibiting golf, vehicles and dog fouling.

Linda Ridgley

NOTICE OF A HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL REGULATION PROHIBITING THE PLAYING OF GOLF ON DEPPERS BRIDGE AND HARBURY PLAYING FIELDS

It is with regret that the Parish Council have to inform parishioners that *the playing and practising of golf on both Deppers Bridge and Harbury Playing Fields has been prohibited* by Harbury Parish Council.

The making of this prohibition has been forced onto the Council by its insurance company. The Council has been advised by the insurance company that, unless the practising and playing of golf are prohibited, the Council will not be complying with its insurance policy conditions and would be liable for any accident, injury, destruction, damage or loss caused by this activity.

As the insurance company has pointed out, golf balls can travel long distances and depending on the player's experience can veer off in all sorts of directions. Indeed, the Council has had reports of several near misses to other members of the public using the Playing Fields and as a result, the Council have felt it sensible and necessary to impose this regulation on users of both Deppers Bridge and Harbury Playing Fields.

The Council are sure parishioners will appreciate the possible dangers in this activity and expects them to take note of this regulation.

Cllr. Ken Stephenson
Chairman to the Council

HARBURY SOCIETY

Arthur Measures and his sister Rosalie recounted tales of life in Warwick Workhouse, where their parents were Master and Matron from 1911.

Workhouses were institutions in which members of the parish who were destitute, ill or unemployed, could find board and lodging in exchange for work. Ordinary people who had fallen upon hard times, were the ordinary inmates and for many it was deemed a disgrace to be admitted to the Workhouse.

Mr. Measures believed it was not so awful, because inmates could be confident that they would have three good meals a day, with home grown vegetables and bread baked on the premises. He only recalled one

instance where a family was admitted in great distress and then his father worked tirelessly to find them employment, housing, furniture and funds.

He recalled with affection characters like *Dobbin* who thought he was a horse, *Chorley* who swept paths, legless *Trunkie* with his trolley and Bob Munford, the drunken glazier, who smashed windows.

He remembered the farm tea parties, sports days, concerts, cinema and theatre visits and the wireless and speakers he himself made for the residents. Arthur and Rosalie had a wonderful childhood and insist the Workhouse was not a depressing place at all.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 13th November 7.30pm for 8pm at the Tom Hauley Room**, when Peter Storrie of the Warwickshire Gardens Trust, will talk on *Preserving Warwickshire's Parks and Gardens*. Everyone is welcome.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY WOMEN's INSTITUTE

What about a trip to a Quilt Fair at Cheltenham or a Work-out and Swim with lunch at Southam? Anyone interested in submitting views of Warwickshire for the 1997 W.I. Calendar, should send horizontal slides and clear prints to County House by **8th December**.

The W.I. Harvest Supper was excellent with super food, cooked and served by Doreen and her band of helpers. We do appreciate all your hard work. Thank you very much ladies.

Our speaker after supper was a gem - Miss Gabriella Leonowicz, an ex police woman, who gave a light-hearted talk on her experiences in the force and of her Polish background. We would thoroughly recommend her as a speaker to other societies.

We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Daphne Bradley, a former Harbury member, who was County Chairlady for 3 years and since then has been Warwickshire's representative to Denman College. The idea of a college where members could take many varied courses, was a dream that materialized in the mid 40's. When a resolution was passed at the AGM at Albert Hall, London, after much searching, the house was purchased for £16,000. It had been requisitioned by the army in 1939 and vacated in 1947, because extensive work had to be carried out. Money for the

project was raised by W.I.'s all over the country. Denman is a fine looking house, built in the late 18th Century. It stands in 100 acres of lovely grounds and gardens with a lake in the village of Marcham, 9 miles from Oxford.

Over the years, alterations and improvements have been made. Croft and Brunner houses were built to accommodate more visitors. The teaching centre was built in 1979 and has facilities for crafts, music, cookery, drama, etc.

Most W.I.'s give a bursary each year, which pays for a member to take a course of their choice. Those members who have been to Denman, have said how much they enjoyed the experience and liken it to a 5 Star hotel.

Mrs. D. Turner visited way back at the beginning of Denman and has since returned to see the changes. Any member who has the opportunity to go will enjoy the pleasant and friendly atmosphere.

November teas: Eileen Picken, Doreen Bloxham and Sheila Smith.

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Our next production, the pantomime *Dick Whittington*, will be performed in the **Village Hall between the 18th and 20th January 1996**. As well as the script being written by Anne Megeney, the music and lyrics have been especially composed for the production by Colin Wyburn. Jean Champ will be providing the choreography for the panto.

Further details of performance times, ticket prices etc, will appear in a future edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

John Holden

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

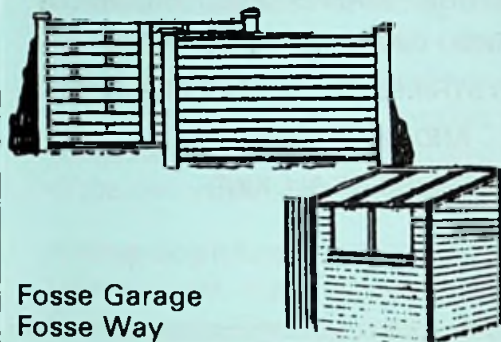
I must confess to having felt a certain trepidation as October 5th and the first meeting of the Harbury Folk Club in its new venue, approached. Questions regarding the number of people who would turn up, the acoustics of the room, the welcome we would receive from the staff and regulars of the pub etc., kept crossing my mind.

On reflection, I need not have worried, for the general consensus of opinion was that everything about the evening was "just right". The

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attendance was about 60, many of whom were newcomers to the club, and this was enough to create a good atmosphere without being uncomfortably crowded. It was also found that the acoustics of the room were such that amplification was not necessary.

I cannot remember ever having felt more nervous than on that moment when Liz and I got up to start the evening with a couple of songs. Apart from forgetting the words and tune and singing out of key, it went quite well. We derived certain comfort from being followed by a number of competent and experienced artistes who also made mistakes. The nerves of the new venue must have been getting to everyone!

Among the performers who made invaluable contributions to the evening's entertainment were Mike Putnam, Ian and Sue Hartland, Jean Shuttleworth, The Jug Band, Ron Shuttleworth, Steve Dudley, John Black and Des. Both the first and second halves were concluded by the well known group "Nothing by Chance" which comprises our regular, Gilly Darby from Chesterton, and Keith and Karen Donnelly from Leamington. They provided two spots, each combining hilarious joke telling and spontaneous banter, with wonderful music.

There could not have been a more appropriate way to finish this memorable evening in the new venue than putting the third and final half into the talented hands of Peter McDonald, the person to whom so much is owed for the existence of the club. None of us were disappointed. His set consisted of a varied combination of new and familiar material, which was performed with the sensitivity and competence, typical of Peter.

The raffle raised a total of £30.50 and it was decided to donate this to ARC, which is Tricia, the landlady's, favourite charity. Its aims are to fund research into arthritis and also for easing the suffering of those afflicted with it. Many thanks to those who contributed.

The next meeting of the Folk Club will be on November 2nd, but as this would have been and gone by the time you read this, the one to advertise is our **Christmas Extravaganza**, which will be on **December 7th**. I have no idea what form that will take, so why not come along and find out. As usual it will start at 8.30pm in the back room of The Dog Inn.

Peter Bones

GROUP SCOUT LEADER (GSL)

Harbury has been very fortunate in the quality of its Scouters and Guiders over the years and the group is now looking for a new GSL, of either gender, to lead it forward. The GSL does not get involved with weekly section meetings, but is appointed to administer the scouting activities of the group, which includes Venture Scouts, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, catering for young people from the age of six to twenty.

It is not an onerous task, but it is a powerful and responsible one. The day to day running of the meetings of the various age groups is left entirely to the leaders of those sections, with the GSL being available to support and encourage, whenever needed. There is also a certain amount of committee work, for example, chairing Group Scouters' meetings. However, this description does not cover the whole canvas and the detailed brush-work is left to the individual, who can paint a mural or a miniature - depending on the needs of the group. Appropriate training is available.

If you have stayed with me thus far, you could well be the person to fill this gap in a remarkable organisation. Being involved with the young in this village and indeed, in this District, you will find deeply rewarding, so do come forward and put something back into our community.

Please act now and take the initial step by telephoning me on 612273 or Jo Tancock on 613280. We will not put undue pressure on you. Many thanks,

Ken Hughes
District Chairman

GUIDES CAR WASH - Saturday 11th November, 11am - 2pm

1st Harbury Guides car wash at Gaydon Service Station at £2 per car in aid of the Scout Hut Appeal (SHAK). We would be grateful of your support.

Pamela Shepherd

THE WIGHT SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

The October Cake Sale was very successful - many thanks to all who bought from us.

The Jumble Sale in the Village Hall was a good fund raiser. Thank you for donating the jumble for us to sell. The left-over clothes were sorted and anything suitable was given to the local Bosnia Appeal.

Our Annual Dance at the Village Club was a huge hit! Well done to *Boom Box* for entertaining us all so well and for so long. Many thanks to all the people who donated such wonderful raffle prizes. We still have one **unclaimed raffle prize** - a bottle of pears in liqueur awaits collection by the owner of pink ticket number 315! The dance turned out to be our biggest single fund raising event of the year.

On Tuesday 17th October we had our Annual General Meeting, involving the inevitable changes of committee members. With all the necessary paperwork completed, we then enjoyed a cheese & wine evening.

It is lovely to have the children back after the Half Term break. This term is always a special one, with the children (and the grown-ups!) getting more and more excited as Christmas approaches. As an *extra* for Christmas, with our December Cake Sale, we shall also be running a tombola. All donations of prizes will be gratefully received at the Wight School as soon as possible, please.

Nikki Jones

HARBURY NURSERY PLAYGROUP

On Thursday 9th November we will be holding a **Coffee Morning in the Farley Room at the Village Hall between 9.30 and 11.15am**, where children's clothes by *Growing Up* of Regency Arcade, Leamington will be on sale, along with a selection of Christmas cards and wrapping paper. A raffle will also take place, prizes include cinema tickets, entrance tickets to Hatton Country World, wine and much more!

Please do come along and support this event.

Gill Holden

HARBURY SCHOOL PTA NEWS UPDATE

A Home Made Evening with Cecil Bloxham

Friday 17th November, 7.30pm, School Hall

Cecil Bloxham, an authority on Harbury (and a few other things), has very kindly offered to talk about a great variety of amusing topics.

We are going to combine Mr. Bloxham's repertoire with the opportunity for folk, both young and old, to bring along a made-up version of their favourite recipe. This could be a cake, a pudding, a pie, wine or beer; you name it and it will be welcome. We are arranging facilities for *warming-up* at school, but we cannot provide full cooking facilities.

Everyone will be able to sample the goods on display and then purchase a small booklet of all the recipes. The cost of this will be in the region of 25p to 50p, depending upon the number of participants.

We are happy to provide a Taxi service on the night for those folk who might have difficulty in getting into school under their own steam.

It would be helpful if those interested in coming and possibly bringing along a recipe, could ring me to discuss it further.

Whilst writing, I would like to take the opportunity of thanking all those members of the PTA Committee, who gave up their valuable time and worked very hard last year. We again raised over £3,500 for our children.

I would like to thank in particular, Lesley Goodman as Vice-Chair and 100 Club Organiser, Sue Buck as Treasurer and Doug Freeman as Secretary. Doug has retired from the committee after 9 years. If we all only contribute half of what he has done over the years, our children will reap the benefits.

Stephen Kelly

SPORTS NEWS

HARBURY UNDER 11 FOOTBALL TEAM

Update after 10 games:

22 points for; 29 against; 4 won; 1 drawn; 5 lost.

Last five well-played awards given to: Daniel Lloyd; Jack Fitzgerald; Richard Montague; Peter Gray and Oliver Cook.

Position in league (as at 15th October): 9th out of 14 and climbing.

Peter Walshe

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

This season, both newly promoted teams have begun with great enthusiasm in their higher divisions and they are in good form.

The **1st Team** have yet to drop a point in the league, although they have lost in two cup competitions. The morale and team spirit is tremendously high. Results to date:

Sept.	3	League - Central Ajax	1-0 (W) A
	6	Cup - Whitnash Res.	0-0 (D) A
	10	League - Pizza Piazza	8-0 (W) H
	17	League - Bubbenhall	3-2 (W) A
	24	League - Railway	4-2 (W) H
Oct.	1	Cup - Ajax	4-2 (W) A
	8	Cup - Tachbrook Sport + Social	4-2 (W) A
	15	Cup - Chadwick End	1-0 (W) H
	22	League - Kenilworth Earl Clarendon	3-1 (W) A

Goals for 28; against 9

The **Reserve Team** have started the season very well in their new league. Trevor Betts does a great job considering he has yet to field the same team 2 weeks in succession. Results this season to date:

Sept.	3	League - Radford S.S.	0-1 (L) H
	6	Cup - Warwick C.C. Staff	4-0 (W) A
	10	League - Racing Club Colts	4-0 (W) A
	24	League - Balsall + Berkswell	4-6 (L) A
Oct.	1	League - Bearley Res.	4-0 (W) H
	8	Cup - Windmill Res.	1-3 (L) H
	15	Cup - Liberal Club	3-0 (W) A

Goals for 20; against 10

We have noticed this season that more people come to watch on the Sunday mornings, even though it may just be to walk a dog, we are glad to see the support.



Again the Club would like to thank Syd Fields for his years of dedication in running the Football Tote and hope he has many years of happy memories, whilst drinking from his tankard.

P. Gladden

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

Another season has drawn to a close - a fitting finale was a 2nd XI game, played on 1st October against Darlingscott, which was an excellent win for Mike Daniels' men. The wonderful weather gave an edge to the games and brought out a great number of supporters.

The Club had a mixed season - injury, unavailability, and Sunday working caused both teams to lack any continuity of regular XI's being fielded. The Midweek XI in their first season in the Leamington and District Premier Division, also lacked some consistency. The 1st XI, however, had a very strong fixture list and had some notable wins and individual performances.

Will Russell's all-round performance was especially noteworthy and he only failed to score a century in successive seasons by 2 runs. Ian Lowe's all-round ability was again of considerable value to the team - brother Gary also got into both sets of averages - what a talented family the Lowe's are!

Special mention must also be made of Richard Carr, who not only tenders the pitch with ever loving care, but also made 28 dismissals behind the timbers, including 10 stumpings.

Special thanks to John Wilkinson, who has captained the side over the last 4 years. He is standing down this year. John has done a tremendous amount for the Club and we much appreciate his efforts.

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Av	Best
I.Lowe	168	35	408	34	12.0	5-11
J.Clifford	128	26	348	22	15.8	4-27
G.Haynes	135	21	509	25	20.3	4-29
W.Russell	166	22	524	25	20.9	4-40
G.Lowe	86	9	395	17	23.2	4-31

BATTING

	Matches	Inn	Runs	N/O	HS	50s	Av
J.Wilkinson	21	21	548	2	95*	3	28.8
W.Russell	23	24	649	-	98	5	27.0
I.Lowe	21	22	485	1	65	3	24.3
P.Linnett	18	19	347	3	50*	1	21.6
J.Clifford	16	16	340	-	83	1	21.2
G.Lowe	21	22	340	2	43	-	18.0

2nd XI. The *cricket for fun* team had its most successful season to date, winning 5 of the 19 matches - they played some very strong opposition and also gained two very creditable draws.

As ever, the seconds were ably led by the evergreen Mike Daniels and included aged and youthful cricketers. Helped in the early part of the season by Kiwi Brian Tegg, the batting was held together by Paul Bennett and Les Sollis. *Benny* also took on the main bowling when Gary Haynes was promoted to 1st team action.

A very enjoyable season for the 2nd's. Result was: Played 19, Won 5, Drawn 2, Lost 12.

BOWLING Averages

	OVERS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	AVE
G.Haynes	51.4	13	118	19	6.21
M.Daniels	33	4	170	9	18.80
J.Sheldon	70	9	24.7	12	20.58
P.Bennett	114.5	5	488	19	25.68
R.Lowe	102.3	11	328	12	27.33
J.Tancock	58.3	5	296	7	42.28

Also K.Youngman v Boddington, 6 overs, 1 maiden, 13 runs, 4 wickets

BATTING Averages

	INNS	H/S	N/O	RUNS	AVE
B.Tegg	7	43"	2	171	34.20
J.Tancock	7	41	1	126	21.00
M.Tanner	7	14*	5	42	21.00
L.Sollis	18	48	2	284	17.75
P.Bennett	19	79*	2	291	17.11
G.Sherr'tn	14	40*	3	161	14.64
I.Jackson	13	47	1	160	13.33
I.Holroyd	6	26	1	55	11.00
M.Daniels	16	62	-	141	8.81
J.Ward	9	39	2	54	7.71
P.Holtom	4	24	-	25	6.25
R.Lowe	9	21	-	40	4.44
K.Ygman	10	18	-	44	4.44
A.Daniels	6	4*	3	9	3.00
J.Sheldon	7	10*	2	13	2.60

The Club's Annual Dinner will take place on **Friday 8th December**. The Club welcomes all Vice-Presidents and partners, players and supporters. Tickets available from Club members.

The Club will also welcome new players next year. Running 2 teams, we need some new blood to swell numbers. Think about it during the winter. We will be starting net practice early spring!

Ian Holroyd

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JOE AND KIM RIDE AGAIN - Success on a bike and a horse!

Last month we featured the Wurr brothers, who have achieved remarkable success in the athletics field with the encouragement of their family and in this edition we are spotlighting a talented brother and sister, who have pursued individual sports, again with the total support of their parents.



Joe Harvey (18) is the National Junior Champion for mountain biking and he is ranked No. 1 in Great Britain for the 16-18 year age group, whilst sister Kim (20 this month) is making a name for herself in equestrian

events. They are carrying on a family tradition, since Dad used to be a motorbike scrambler and Mum passed on her love of horses to her daughter.

Joe's involvement with biking began just over 3 years ago, when he joined Eduardo Lee (also of Binswood End) in a leadership building exercise set by the Sea Scouts group of Warwick. To achieve the Chief Scouts Challenge, they planned a 3-day cycling tour of the Peak District, riding along bridle paths and disused railway tracks, so that they reached the pre-arranged accommodation by set deadlines.

Joe's passion for mountain biking may not have taken off - if a stroke of bad luck had not changed the course of events. A much-loved bike provided for him by his parents was stolen in St. Nicholas' Park, Warwick and he decided to purchase a mountain bike with the insurance money.

Nowadays Joe's life revolves around biking, as he spends 6 days a week in Summer riding 200 miles on the road. He often trains with Lance Ravenhill (Leamington C. & A.C.) for bursts of speed and he also practices technical rides on his own on the bridle paths around the edge of Burton Dassett. He joined the Leamington Club recently and Chairman Roger Gardner of *Three Ways*, Harbury, also a keen cyclist, has provided a bike for riding Cyclo-Cross during the winter, so that Joe can maintain his fitness. In addition to his training schedule, Joe often joins village cycling stalwarts, Dick Picken and Brian Summers, on their 60-70 mile endurance treks most weekends!

To cope with all the strenuous activity, Joe has a high carbohydrate diet of 5,000 calories, which would only be recommended, under normal circumstances, for a heavy manual worker. His special high energy, low fat drink, provides as many calories as 4 plates of pasta!

Joe is currently at Mid Warwickshire College, where he has entered his final year of 'A' levels, studying Maths, Biology and Chemistry. He hopes to take a year out after his examinations, before applying for a Sports Science course at University. His ultimate aim is to become a professional cyclist, but he recognises that although he has the dedication to become a top class performer, he needs the funding to support his efforts. At present, Joe works part time at Halfords to offset some of his costs, but he is hoping for some sponsorship in the future to help him cover the cost of maintaining his bikes, providing his kit and funding his travelling

expenses. For the recent International event in Germany, the family *camped* out in their caravan, whilst Joe competed against cyclists from 49 countries. The event was held at Freiburg, in the Black Forest and Joe had to tackle 5 laps of a tortuous uphill 6 mile circuit, along forest trails, without any stopping places. Joe successfully negotiated rocks, tree-roots and mud in the pouring rain and came in 14th place - a tremendous feat, considering that the riders ahead of him were all supported by National Training Centres and effective team organisations. Joe was 1 second behind the 13th placed rider and although he was happy to be at the front of the pack, he felt it would have been a special achievement to be one of the first 10 riders home.

Apart from his interest in biking, Joe also enjoys basketball and skiing. He was in the successful Trinity team of '92, which took the Regional Basketball trophy and he was awarded the trophy for the best beginner on the slopes, where he skied in Andorra on a family holiday, this year.

At the time of this interview with Joe, Kim was competing in Ireland. She has been at the Innishannon equestrian complex for just over a month and has already cemented a promising partnership with *Innishannon Gold* and the younger horse *Spring Ground*.

She won at Dromoland with *Innishannon Gold* and then brought Brid Duggan's 8 year old gelding into the winners enclosure a few days later. Kim is hoping to make a name for herself on the Irish horse circuit and then intends to follow her studies on Equine Management and allied courses at Harbury Agricultural College at Gloucester.

The success of this brother and sister *team* shows what dedication can achieve, with the backing of supportive parents.

We would like to hear about other successes from Harbury's youthful residents and if you have an interesting hobby/sport, please let the Editors know.

Harbury News Editors (612305)

FUN BIKE RIDE RAISING FUNDS FOR S.H.A.K.

On 7th October, between 10am and 2pm, we held the fun bike ride (better known as *splash around Thwaites' estate*).

I would like to thank Mr. Brian Merriman and Mr. Michael Thwaites for allowing the use of the roads on the estate, also thanks to the Marshals,

Mary Entwhistle for keeping an eye on Pam Shepherd, who kept going on walkabouts. Isobel Clarke, Moya Waterman, Carol Meredith and daughter Lisa and David Birnie. Mr. Peter Woodward didn't want to be a marshal, so we made him the sheriff. His son Luke said he would keep an eye on his Dad, so we made Luke the deputy!

The first to complete the 2 mile course was Charlotte Hawkins from the Brownies (those Gnomes are everywhere). Well done, Charlotte. Money raised from the event was £38.10. Thanks to everyone.

John Birnie (Baloo)

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

Our teams have had mixed fortunes at the beginning of this season:

- The "A" team have played two games and won them both;
- The "B" team have won their first game and had the second one postponed;
- The "C" team have won one and lost one;
- The "D" team have struggled and lost both matches, although they did salvage a point from the second game.

All of the teams will become stronger and progress as the season continues, so it looks as though the Selection Committee got it right. Well done.

Thank you to Emma Rawlings, who returned home from College in Stafford for a weekend break, signed on for the Club and so enabled the "D" team to play their game with the right number of players. Also thank you to Beccy McDaid for making sure that all teams were equipped with a first-aid kit before the season started.

At the end of September, ten netballers went to Prestatyn to take part in a tournament and enjoyed a very hectic and sporty weekend - and I'm not talking about the netball! I think the older members of the squad rather envied Helen, who certainly made her mark.

The Quiz night last Sunday was a great success and I would like to thank the staff at the Village Club for making us so welcome. 85 people took part in the quiz, ate the sandwiches and supported the raffle, giving our funds a boost of around £110, which means there's sure to be another one.

Thank you to everyone who participated. Roger Eaton was the Quizmaster and I would like to thank him for his hard work in producing the questions and presenting the evening.

Kim is, as usual, organising the Christmas Dinner, which is to be held at the Charlecote Pheasant on 23rd December. Apart from that, there are no official social activities in November/December, but I'm sure the Fund raising Committee will make up for it in the New Year!

Pat Summers (612059)

5th HARBURY HASH

Sunday 24th September dawned wet and windy. Perfect for indoor games, but we're Harbury Hashers, made of sterner stuff. Mike Putnam, Ann Brunt, Sue Tawney and myself met at Stoneythorpe Hall. Andy Linforth led a splendid gang of scouts, who placed Ladies and Gents portaloos strategically in the shrubbery. I thought of Apthorp and his thunderbox and then joined the others to set a testing trail.

By 2pm the rain had stopped. By 2.30pm half a dozen curious people had drifted in. By 3pm Molly Putnam had recorded 70 entries; we were on our way.

I hope you enjoyed completing the course as much as we enjoyed laying it. One bit of *fight* in Bascote Woods was laid in error. I'm sure this was referred to by one competitor when she said, enthusiastically: *It was just like Hashing in Florida.*

Next year we will include alligators. This year there were three *river* crossings. One, a permanent footpath bridge, another a ford, which was flooded and a third a *home made* Putnam special with a high level alternative - a ropeswing - upstream.

Post Hash the barbeque, was a bit on the chilly side, but the *down downs* proved as popular as ever. Thanks to Jill and Barclay Reid for the run of the Estate. I hope we can come back next year. Also to Nigel Chapman, road crossing marshal, Andy Brunt, drinks and Ian Holroyd, fire master. Apologies to anyone I've left out. Tee shirts, green, still available, see Molly Putnam (613853). Proceeds £100 to be divided equally between Harbury Youth Club and the Scout Group. *On. . . . On. . . .!*

John Hancock

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If you would like to help, no matter how small, come to our coffee morning on Saturday 18th November at the Tom Hauley Room 10am-12.30pm. Offers of cakes and raffle prizes, please to Bill Davies 612661, or just bring them along.

Children's Society Boxes: Please have boxes ready for collection this month, or bring them along to 29 Neales Close.

Bill Davies

HARBURY HELP LINE

Our Annual General Meeting was held in church, last month. The Help Line is now eight years old and during that time our membership has remained constant at about 30. During the year we have been fortunate to welcome five new members and are grateful for their help in the areas of form filling and emergency transport.

The most requested area of help was for transport. Vivien reported that 48 trips were made during the year, which took approximately 2 hours a week. The transport group is not used as much as it was, as we live in a very caring village. Jeff had two requests for odd jobs during the year, but there were no requests for form filling.

Maureen has had no demand for children's clothing and since there are no

facilities to store them, children's clothes are obtained on request. Some clothes were sent to the Leamington Mission.

During the year we entered the Rural Church Community Care Competition and won a prize. It was decided that the money should go to the Jessica Beere's Trust Fund.

Vanda Ball

N.S.P.C.C.

We are holding a Casino Evening on **11th November at the Village Hall**. It proved very popular last time and as tickets are limited, get yours as soon as you can by ringing 613704.

The tickets will be £8.50 to include a hot supper & dessert. Part of the proceeds will also benefit Action Research, so your money will be well used.

N.S.P.C.C. Committee

THE MACMILLAN APPEAL

Many thanks to all those who came to our Coffee Morning and to all those who contributed so generously to the Bring and Buy.

Thank you, all those who could not attend, but who kindly gave a donation. In total we made £195.95, a most worthy effort which is greatly appreciated.

Anne and Michael Lambert

THE JESSICA BEERE's TRUST FUND

Well, we couldn't have had a worst night for our bring and buy sale, but true to form, the Tom Hauley Room was soon filling up with my family, friends and neighbours, bearing cakes, gifts and donations. We had some really delicious cakes and I would like to thank all the people who kindly donated them, including those in Deppers Bridge and Ladbroke.

I would also like to thank all the people who couldn't make it on the night, but made some very generous donations. A big thank you to everyone who helped on the night, manning tables, running the raffle, serving tea and coffee, etc.

The grand total to date is £451.00, which is absolutely marvellous.

Jessica has had her first months' treatment on the remaining eye and it shows a reduction in the size of the tumour, which is very good news. Thank you everyone - for caring.

Margaret Warner

ROBERT APPEAL

We are holding a family Christmas Disco and raffle on **Saturday 9th December, 7.30pm at Harbury Village Club**. Please telephone 613140 or 614290 for tickets; only £2 for adults, £1 for children.

We would be very grateful for any offers of raffle prizes to help with this fund raiser. Do book your tickets as soon as possible, bring along the whole family and enjoy a good night out.

Again, please come along and give us your support for Robert. Look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks.

Mary Revitt

LEAMINGTON CHRISTIAN MISSION

Once again we are making our Christmas appeal on behalf of Steph & Geoff, whom many of you now know. They would like to give a food hamper and a present to each person they assist. This is an enormous undertaking for them, as the number of people in need does not lessen.

They would much appreciate your gifts (suitable for all age groups, male & female) and also food items, such as tinned or dry goods. Gifts of money (for turkeys, etc.) are also very acceptable.

Thank you for your past generosity. We trust we can rely on you again.

P.S. There is an ongoing need for saucepans, kettles, irons in working order, etc. Thank you.

Jill Winter 612585

Liz Suttie 613209

GENERAL INTEREST

NATURE WATCH

Sometime ago, I posed a question in the Harbury & Ladbrooke News about a Crows' Court and the Dance of Death. After waiting to see if it would produce comment, I will explain:

Crows or rooks live in colonies, the last large one at Harbury was at Harbury House in the Elms,remember the Elms?

The Court I saw was in the field at the top of Station Road, the old Cricket and Football Field. A circle of crows or rooks on the ground, surrounding a victim and from time to time, a member of the circle would attack the prisoner, eventually killing it.

Now we know that the animal, bird and insect kingdoms conform to their own rules, but what had the victim done to deserve to die? Crows or rooks live and breed in large colonies, the victim could have been diseased and this was the rooks' way of protecting their way of life and their existence.

Now the Dance of Death is between a stoat and blackbird and in this ritual, one partner is nearly always killed. The blackbird is a very nosy bird (like a few people I know), but with a wonderful song to sing. The stoat begins a rhythm of movements, gambolling, doing wild jumps and all the time, a chattering noise is made with nose and teeth, the blackbird stops singing and starts to come down from the hedge for a closer look. The stoat moves away, continuing the dance and chattering, until the blackbird is where the stoat wants him. The stoat has mesmerized the bird and there is only one answer.

Nature and culture go hand in hand; man would be wise to stand back and look and listen.

P.S. Question? Where and when did the creatures and phantoms of the night frighten the new residents of Harbury?

Cecil Bloxham

AWARDS FOR THURSDAY CLUB AND HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS

At Shire Hall on 17th October, the Thursday Club was awarded a *Highly Commended* certificate in the Social Section of the '94 - '95 Warwickshire Village Venture Awards, a competition run by Warwickshire Rural Community Council. Mrs. Beryl Checkley, on behalf of the Thursday Club, was presented with the certificate.

It was good to see John and Gill Holden collect a *Highly Commended* certificate on behalf of the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

Ruth Dodds

PROFILE

The Harbury & Ladbroke News has learned this month of the outstanding success of Stephen Hancock, the son of John and Sharon of Mill Street. He has become one of the youngest members of the Royal College of Physicians (MRCP), after completing the final exam in June, this year.

Stephen was educated at Harbury and then at Southam School, which he left in 1987 to take up a place in the Medical School at Leeds. As part of his 5 year course at the University, he carried out an elective position in Tanzania, working at an isolated missionary-run hospital at Mgwanza, on the Rwandan border. On his return he won a prize for the presentation he gave on his experiences and he was also awarded the University Paediatrics prize, which is a top honour in the Medical Faculty.

Stephen completed his pre-registration house jobs at Huddersfield Infirmary and at St. James, Leeds (the well-known *Jimmy's* of TV fame).

He then spent 18 months doing Paediatrics and Obstetrics at Huddersfield, where he passed Part I of the MRCP. Subsequently he worked in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St. James and he has now moved on to become the Senior House Officer in Paediatric Cardiology at Killingbeck hospital in Leeds.

Stephen is remembered at Southam School for his dedication to his studies and his razor-sharp wit in cross-questioning a local MP, who recently *crossed the House*! Whilst he was at school, he met Sally (Brailsford), whom he married shortly after qualifying as a doctor (M.B.Ch.B) in 1992.

Michael Jerome



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Editors H & L News

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We have new plans in the pipeline, which would enable us to improve our service to the village still further. We are hoping to run the taxi-bus on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and to do this, we need the support of the community. We have included a reply slip with this issue of the magazine and we need a positive response from the village to extend our licence for the extra journeys.

Remember, that our door-to-door service can be used by anyone in the village and it could help to lighten the load of Christmas shopping in the coming weeks!

We look forward to seeing you and thank you in advance for completing the enclosed slip.

Christmas and New Year Transport

Both Christmas and New Year are fast approaching and we would ask our customers to book their requirements for the festive season, as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

For our first talk of the new season, Mr. Roberts set the ball rolling with Patio and Rockery planting, sharing with us many slides and his expertise on this varied subject. He also suggested our containers could be used for winter colour, not just for spring, summer and autumn plants, which leads me nicely to seed ordering. Heather nobly does this job and suggests that if she receives the orders at the next meeting on **7th November**, or by **20th November**, they could be available for collection at the December meeting.

Once more the Society is doing the catering for the Craft Fair on **Saturday 11th November**. Would anyone like to lend a hand in the kitchen please, the usual 2 hour stints, which worked well last time. If you would like to help please phone Pat Smith 612650 or me 61251.

The season ticket for Ryton has arrived, this enables two people to enter

the gardens, free of charge. Eleanor Zonik (612365) has the ticket.

Our next meeting on **7th November is our AGM**, followed by a talk on *Vegetables for Small Gardens*, by Mr. Gatherum. I believe he will also touch on the subject of potagers, come and find out what is a potager!

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

November is the month when the gardens must be prepared for winter and possible harsh weather. Check that stakes and ties on trees and shrubs are secure. Protect any semi-hardy plants by covering the root area with a 6" layer of leaves, bark or straw and possibly a complete screen of insulation. Top up stone chippings around rock plants and prick the soil to improve drainage. Tidy perennials, but leave about 12" (sorry 30cm) as protection for the plants and overwintering spots for insects. Newly planted evergreens will survive any cold windy weather better if they are protected by windbreak netting.

Clean and overhaul garden machinery. Wash pots, trays and canes with disinfectant. Clean out the greenhouse and keep the glass clean to allow in maximum light. Group all tender plants in one area so that extra protection can easily be given.

Plant deciduous trees and shrubs. Plant tulips at the beginning of the month. Roses are usually sold bare-rooted, so plant now before the soil gets too cold. Young border perennials can be in now, but if you are on the clay soils, it may be better to wait until Spring.

Dig any vacant ground in the vegetable plot and work in well rotted compost or manure. On the lighter soils, this can wait until Spring, but digging can bring overwintering pests to the surface, where they die or are eaten. Lift and store any remaining beetroot and celeriac. Cover some chives, mint and parsley with cloches to keep them going as long as possible.

Take hardwood cuttings of trees and shrubs. Cut just below a bud and cut off the soft top growth to leave a bud at the top of a 6" twig. Put several into a pot of compost and into a cold frame. Alternatively, put the cuttings into a sand lined shallow trench in a sheltered corner.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

Mrs. Betty Evans and all the family of the late Frank Evans, would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards, kind messages of sympathy and donations to Myton Hospice.

Many thanks to Reverend Roy Brown for the lovely service at Oakley Wood.

*Yours sincerely
Betty Evans & Family*

Dear Editors

It is always pleasing to see reference given to Public Transport (The Village Taxi-Bus, Serving the Community, October) and congratulations must be given to Lesley Jones in highlighting the issue.

However, whilst not wishing to deride the Village Taxi-Bus of its achievements and its undoubted benefits to the residents of Harbury, perhaps more weight should have been given in the article to Stagecoach Midland Red's service through the village.

Your correspondent rightly states this service is more expensive, but fails to acknowledge the fact that the service runs to Leamington every hour from around 7am to 9am inclusive and then every 2 hours during the day until around 5pm, from Monday to Saturday and not on the twice-weekly level of the Taxi-Bus.

Surely a misleading interpretation of value for money. Furthermore, for the price of an Explorer ticket, Harbury residents can make trips to further afield (Stratford-upon-Avon, Coventry, Rugby, etc.) with a change of bus in Leamington (or Southam in the case of Rugby) without further charge.

It is perhaps a sad fact that, although wholeheartedly supporting the correspondent's wishes to encourage residents to use the bus services available, the numbers willing to do so seem to be small and finite in number (certainly some of the afternoon journeys into Leamington

operate without a single passenger being picked up in Harbury). This brings me to the crux of the matter; by all means use the Taxi-Bus, but use the other services as well. Saving money in the short term by only using the Taxi-Bus, could end up being a costly mistake for Harbury in the future. The established Stage-coach route can ill-afford the loss of revenue at the hands of this competition, however well intended.

Daniel Tancock
Transport management student,
Aston University

Dear Editors

Re. Brethren's Farm, Mill Street

I am writing to you in connection with the planning application for the development of one detached residential property at Brethren's Farm, Mill Street.

This site was the subject of an earlier application for 3 houses, which was subsequently withdrawn. At the August meeting of the Parish Council, local residents made representations, requesting the Parish Council to recommend refusal of the application. Our objections were based primarily on environmental, conservation and access grounds. The objections have now been diminished somewhat by the new development proposals, but this Society is still most concerned about the current plans.

The close proximity of the proposed house to the calf units at Chesterton Farm is one that would almost certainly present a problem to Mr. and Mrs. Trice's farming business. The cattle housed in sheds located in close proximity to the proposed house location, will create an unacceptable nuisance at some periods of day or night to the prospective owner of the new house. We consider that this would impose unfair pressures on Mr. and Mrs. Trice, which could affect the viability of their business.

It is quite clear that this development is a purely speculative investment with the intention to make as much money out of the land as possible. There is nothing wrong with this, in our view, unless it adversely affects the life or business of others. Mr. and Mrs. Trice are likely to suffer to a great extent if this application is allowed to proceed. This Society

considers that it is reasonable for villagers to expect that the District Council seriously considers this aspect when determining this application. The Parish Council unanimously voted to oppose the application at their meeting on 26th October.

The development site lies within the Harbury Conservation Area. This means that any development proposed within it, is required to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the area. The owner has already done considerable damage by irresponsibly bulldozing old stone barns, pig styes, an old orchard, several trees and old hedge rows, apparently without approval. The proposal to build a modern town-house style property in the midst of the pre-Victorian setting does nothing to enhance or improve the conservation area and should be refused on this ground alone.

This Society considers that the Parish Council should urge the District Council to serve an enforcement notice on the owner in order to make good the land as far as is now possible, considering the damage that has already been incurred. The proposal would obviously constitute backland development, which the Parish Council has a policy to oppose.

I would respectfully request that all villagers support this Society's objection to the application and help to preserve this important part of the village, by writing to the Chief Planning Officer at Stratford District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 6HX, by 8th November, quoting reference S95/1276. Any further information relating to this development, can be obtained from Brian Ingram, Tel. 612418.

Yours sincerely
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