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Gerry Bailey & Daphne Wallington



Pete Andrews

The end of March sees the departure of three people from their workplaces in the village.

Headteacher Gerry Bailey leaves at the end of term to take up the Headship of Clapham Terrace School in Leamington. On behalf of parents and children we send him *Best Wishes* for his new appointment.

Daphne Wallington, who has taught at Harbury School for 22 years, retires this term and many generations of Harbury children have reason to be grateful for her efforts (see profile later).

They will both be missed by all who have known them during their time at Harbury School.

Another person who will be missed, is Pete Andrews from Pete's Place, who will have ceased trading by the time this magazine is distributed. There is no doubt that this will be a sad loss to the village and we would like to wish him well for the future.

The Editors apologise for any problem which may have arisen this month as the deadline date for articles was incorrectly shown in the last edition. Our regular subscribers were contacted, but any articles which missed the April magazine, will be printed next month, including the important report on *The Landscape Audit*. From April, all articles should be handed in to **Nifty Needle in the High Street**.

Recently the Editorial team joined 100 eager participants in the PTA Quiz and were delighted to find a whole section based on the village magazine. Fortunately this enabled the team to score top marks in one section, but it was encouraging to find that all teams recognised the fine detail from the regular advertisers, which indicated that the magazine is read from cover to cover!

At the A.G.M., our current Advertising Manager announced that she wishes to resign her position, as she will be unavailable to receive the vital advertising at the crucial time next year. If anyone is interested in taking over the advertising contracts, the Editors would be pleased to hear from you, or you can contact the Advertising office on 612033.

As you will discover elsewhere in the magazine, our advertisers provide over 50% of the revenue required for the production of the magazine. However, during the past year, printing costs have risen significantly and it will be necessary to look for ways to increase the income for next year (suggestions welcome!).

Finally we extend our sympathy to the family of 'FRED' Bates, who was the Co-op butcher for many years in the premises, which were subsequently converted into the *Butcher's Barn*.

We are sorry to hear that Alf Over, a well known village character who lived at Leicester Close, has recently died.

Harbury Diary

MARCH

Sun 31 PALM SUNDAY - Summer Time - Clocks to be put forward

APRIL

- Mon 1** Holy Communion 7.30pm, followed by Stations of the Cross
WI Drama in Village Hall
- Tues 2** Holy Communion 7.30pm followed by Stations of the Cross
Horticultural Society in V. Hall 8pm ("Bulbs through the Year")
- Wed 3** Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
Mothers' Union Corporate Communion in Church 2pm
Mothers' Union meeting in Tom Hauley Room 2.15pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm, followed by Stations of the Cross
- Thurs 4 MAUNDY THURSDAY**
Holy Communion at 9.45am
Sung Eucharist at 8pm followed by Watch at the Altar of Repose
Storytelling in Library 10am
Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 5 GOOD FRIDAY**
Children's Service 9.30am
Devotional Hour 2-3pm
A Devotion with Words and Music in Church 7pm
- Sun 7 EASTER SUNDAY**
Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 6.30pm
- Mon 8 EASTER MONDAY** - Bank Holiday
- Tues 9** Holy Communion 7.30pm
Village Hall Committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Thurs 11** Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Men's Society in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
WI in Village Hall 7.45pm
- Fri 12 Home Newspaper and Magazine Recycling**
- Sun 14 EASTER I** - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Annual Vestry & Church meeting followed by Said Evensong 6.30pm
- Mon 15** Harbury Society; talk on Canals, by Nick Billingham in Tom Hauley Room 7.30 for 8pm, all welcome
- Tues 16** Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
Toddlers' Service 2.15pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union in Tom Hauley Room 8pm

- Wed 17** Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
 Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
- Thurs 18** Holy Communion 9.45am
 PLAY in Village Hall 8pm
- Fri 19** PLAY in Village Hall 8pm
- Sat 20** Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am
 PLAY in Village Hall 8pm
- Sun 21** **EASTER II** - Holy Communion 8am; Family Communion 10.30am
 Netball Quiz Nite at Village Club
- Tues 23** St. George's Day & Shakespeare's Birthday
 Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
 Holy Communion 7.30pm; Julian Group 8.10pm
 Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8pm
 H&L News Committee meeting in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
- Wed 24** Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
- Thurs 25** St. Mark - Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
 Parish Council in Village Hall 7.30pm
 Harbury Theatre AGM in Wight School 8pm
- Fri 26** **Home Newspaper and Magazine Recycling**
- Sat 27** Concert in Church; St. Martins' Singers with Peter Jeffrey &
 Lynette Edwards 7.30pm. See posters for details
- Sun 28** **EASTER III** - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
 Evensong 6.30pm
Bluebells in Spring walk from Ufton Reserve 2-4pm. Meet 2pm at
 Reserve Car Park (£1 adult, 50p child or OAP)
- Tues 30** Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
 Holy Communion 7.30pm

MAY

- Wed 1** **MAYDAY** - Hereburgh Morris dances at Chesterton Windmill 5am
 St. Philip & St. James - Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
 Mothers' Union Communion 2pm, meeting 2.30pm in T.H. Room
 Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
- Thurs 2** Holy Communion 9.45am
 District Council Elections in Village Hall
 Storytelling in Library 10am
 Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 3** **S.H.A.K.** Quiz Nite in Village Hall
- Sun 5** **EASTER IV** - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 6.30pm
Knightcote Bottom Ramble, 6 mile stroll 2-5pm. Meet below
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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: 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
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, 1-3pm Tuesday, Diane Surgey Tel.817904
YOUTH CLUB: Village Hall, 7.30-9.30pm Wednesdays

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HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE: Call Tony Brunton 612191.

ODD JOBS ABOUT THE HOUSE: Call Jeff Bedford 612753.

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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 CHURCHWARDENS

We are now over half way through Lent and the Festival of Easter will soon be upon us, a reminder that God sacrificed his Son for us, crucified on the cross. May it fill our lives and give us strength to proceed in love and in faith. The Easter services are recorded in the Diary.

At the Mothering Sunday Family Communion Service on 17th March, children from school with their steel pans, joined Jubilate. The music was a delight to listen to. Our thanks go to all those who arranged it and spent time rehearsing with these young people. The congregation obviously enjoyed it. Many families joined our worship; some spanning three generations and one spanning four. A record perhaps?

On Saturday 27th April at 7.30pm, the St. Martins' Singers (based at St. Martins in the Fields, London) under the direction of their conductor Matthew Hough will give a recital in Church. Their programme is compiled by Prebendary W.D. Kennedy-Bell and will include readings performed by Peter Jeffrey and Lynette Edwards. It promises to be a measurable evening, please come. Tickets will cost £5, including wine

during the interval and are available from the Rector, Ruth Dodds or Jeff Bedford. Proceeds will be shared with Myton Hospice.

Advance Notice: We will be holding another Pentecost Praise on 25th May, starting at 7.30pm.

Ruth and Jeff

FROM THE RECTOR

Fear, depression, sadness and betrayal are painful experiences. They are especially painful because we so often bear them alone. Others may sympathise and extend an encouraging hand initially, but the pain that we feel inside so often continues long after others assume we have got over our bad patch. The result is, that isolation is added to our pain. We feel we are misfits in the world, people around us seem to have little to burden them, whilst we need all our strength to get through each day. We are imprisoned in our pain and can see no escape.

In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus experienced just such feelings. He was afraid; he felt isolated from his friends; he was deeply wounded by the betrayal of one of his chosen companions. By accepting what he most feared, he began to regain strength. The strength of his heavenly Father, the strength of enduring love for mankind, which would lead him eventually to the resurrection and the revelation of eternal life for all who follow his way of love.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter.

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTER

Holy Baptism - Ladbroke

3rd March - Sophie Lara Wardlow, Harbury

10th March - James Clarke

Laugh Line

At a recent choir practice a definition was sought for the musical term "syncopation". The choirmaster defined this as a "rapid movement between bars". Some of the choirmen agreed to try it out after choir practice.



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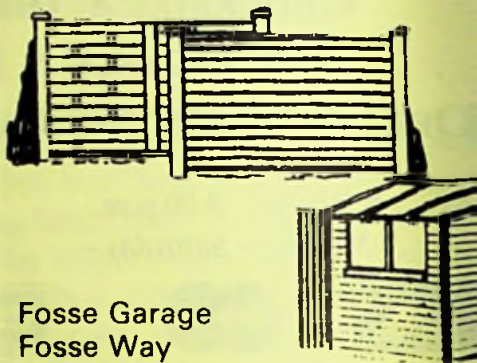
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MOTHERS' UNION

Our Lent Communion Service was taken by the Rector and we welcomed the Rev. John Haynes as preacher. He talked about Lent, not as a gloomy time, but as a time for self-examination, reflection, meditation and receiving from God. His talk was far from gloomy, laced with amusing anecdotes and he gave us plenty to think about. Mavis Young kindly played the organ for the hymns.

Mrs Andrea Adams told the evening group about the work of the Council for World Mission. They have recently become very wealthy with the sale of property in Hong Kong and much of this money will go to help with the work there and in China.

The Council, developed from the London Missionary Society, is composed of members from countries around the world, who work together to solve problems. Mrs. Adams is the Moderator and her work takes her to many countries. She recently visited Malawi and told us about the life of the people and their difficulties. Instead of going in and telling people what they need, the Council members ask people about their needs, their own resources and what their own solutions are and try to work with them. Mrs. Adams was a very interesting speaker and we hope to hear more from her another time.

17th-23rd March was M.U. week, with displays in all parts of the Diocese, including Harbury.

In April our speakers are Rev. Sharon Simpson with *Thoughts for Holy Week* at the afternoon meeting and Mrs. Jan Wager on *Aromatherapy* at the evening meeting.

C.Mary Catt

TODDLERS' SERVICE

Yellow was the colour for this month and we looked at a number of yellow objects. First Mrs. Keir told how God created the world and gave us light from the sun. He created the flowers including lots of yellow ones.

After singing *I have seen the golden sunshine*, we planted sunflower seeds.

C.Mary Catt

PARISH CHURCH COUNCIL

Spring in the Air?

A cheerful good humour characterised the March 21st meeting of the PCC - this first day of Spring, bringing a welcome draught of good and hopeful news on various fronts.

Plans for an open meeting for those interested to find out more about the proposed Alpha course are yet to be finalised, but the aim is for the course to be launched in the Autumn.

Following the rather sombre news heard at January's PCC meeting about problems facing Harbury School, John Stringer, as chairman of the governors, was able to give a more upbeat report. The arrival of the new acting head for the Summer Term, Peter Allgate, Head of All Saints Warwick and teacher Pamela Dann, who will replace Mrs. Wallington was anticipated with satisfaction.

Those who attended the Swanwick Conference on *The future of the Church* found it an enjoyable and valuable weekend. John, a spokesman, reported a *tremendous feeling of excitement among Christians right across the diocese*. He also encountered a general appreciation of the Alpha course from many other people who had attended the course. The various workshops covered such topics as media and communications, problems of rural churches and welcoming new people into the church.

Good teamwork from the group of people who teach in the Sunday School on a rota basis, is bearing fruit with a good regular attendance of children. Their presence adds a warmth and lightness to our worship; the Mothering Sunday Service last week being a case in point. Around 20 adults and 50 children came - more copies of song-books will be ordered and the family service booklet will be *redone*.

The draft financial report showed an increase in both covenanted and non-covenanted giving. This was reflected in a proposed comparable increase in giving from the church to the many and varied charities who support regularly. In particular, a substantial increase to Leamington

Christian Mission has been approved in view of the excellent work they do so close to home. Thanks were warmly given both to Liz McBride for her financial skills as Treasurer and John Algar as Covenant Secretary.

The new sound system, including an induction loop for the hard of hearing, is up and running. Apart from possible minor adjustments to microphones all is going well.

The PCC will be doing the **Saturday Coffee Morning on 11th May.**

Lesley Jones

Ladbroke News

MARCH

Sun 31 PALM SUNDAY - Sung Communion 9am

APRIL

Wed 3 Holy Communion 9.45am; Lent Lunch 12.30pm, 15 Ladbroke Hall

Thurs 4 **Home Newspaper and Magazine Recycling**
MAUNDY THURSDAY - Holy Communion 7pm

Fri 5 **GOOD FRIDAY** - Children's Service 10.30am
Devotional Hour 12-1pm

Sat 6 **EASTER EVE** - The Blessing of the Paschal Candle and Service of
Renewal 8pm

Sun 7 **EASTER SUNDAY** - Sung Communion 10.30am

Wed 10 Holy Communion 2pm

Sun 14 **EASTER I** - Sung Communion 9am

Wed 17 Holy Communion 9.45am

Thurs 18 **Home Newspaper and Magazine Recycling**

Sun 21 **EASTER II** - Sung Communion 9am; Evensong 3.30pm

Wed 24 Holy Communion 9.45am

Thurs 25 St. Mark; Holy Communion 7.30pm

Sun 28 **EASTER III** - Sung Communion 9am

MAY

Wed 1 St. Philip & St. James - Holy Communion 9.45am

Thurs 2 **Home Newspaper and Magazine Recycling**

Sun 5 **EASTER IV** - Family Communion 10.30am

LADBROKE CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR APRIL

APRIL

7 Mrs. Rutherford
14 Mrs. Rutherford
21 Mrs. Sharples
28 Mrs. Winkfield

MAY

5 Mrs. Teverson

CHURCH NEWS

I write this in the middle of Lent. By the time you read it we shall be in Holy Week, leading up to Easter. The Lent services, alternating between Harbury and Ladbroke, have been very well supported. The mothers and children both played their part at our Mothering Sunday Service, with all the Mums, Grans (and Aunties!) receiving one of Pearl's beautiful posies.

During Children's Church in the morning, the children had made a Mothering Sunday card with lots of flowers on it and also what they liked about their mothers. The session was led by Jane Steenstra - keep up the good work ladies!

Everyone in the village should have received their Easter Cards by now with the times of all the Easter services - in both churches. Palm Sunday is on **31st March** and the service - Sung Communion - is at 9am, also with the distribution of Palm Crosses.

A Happy and Blessed Easter to Everyone.

Betty Winkfield

WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

Firstly, thank you very much to all those members who have been putting on the Lent Lunches. They are, as usual, a great success. Everyone has kept them simple, but the fellowship they generate is the same as always.

Our meeting in March was a talk on *Perennials* by Mrs. Jakeman from Southam Garden Centre. I think even the expert gardeners amongst us learnt something and it certainly prompted a good discussion afterwards.

Hazel Sharples will be our hostess for the April meeting, when Carol Tilley will talk to us about *Carers in the Community*. This follows our Corporate Communion in church at 2pm, when everyone is welcome to join us.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Unfortunately, our meeting will be after the H&L News is printed this month, so I will have to report in April about the March meeting, as I am sure David Wallsgrave will be a very entertaining speaker.

The April meeting is on the **25th**, when Mrs. Brown of Balsall Common will give a talk on *Millinery*.

Our Short-mat Bowls team won their first heat against Marton WI. The next match will be against Princethorpe WI on **16th April** at Harbury Club, 8pm. Supporters Welcome.

Many members attended the WI Spring Council meeting at the Spa Centre on Wednesday 20th March. The hall was full and everyone enjoyed Bill Giles' talk on *Behind the Scenes at the Met. Office*. It was an enjoyable day.

We are pleased to see visitors at our meetings on the 4th Thursday of the month, 7.30pm at Ladbroke Village Hall. A lift can be arranged if needed.

Hazel Sharples

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

County Councillor Bransby Thomas and District Councillor Jim Taylor joined the full council for the meeting, held on 20th March in the Village Hall. Apologies were received from Parish Clerk, Elsa Greenway, who was unwell.

The council is monitoring the problems of the deteriorating road surface on lower Windmill Lane, the ever increasing tarmac on the junction of the Harbury Road and Deppers Bridge Road and the broken bollards at both entrances to the village from the bypass. Salt bins have been requested on the bypass, to be used in adverse weather conditions.

There was no reported crime in Ladbroke and just one incident in Chapel Ascote in February. Please watch out for your Neighbourhood Watch information and give serious thought to becoming a co-ordinator. The scheme will work best if there is one co-ordinator to every ten villagers. A push button tone telephone may be provided to any new co-ordinator with an older style telephone.

Much of the meeting was taken up with discussions concerning the proposed Landfill Waste Disposal Development at Waylands Farm, Fenny Compton. This would involve the handling and disposal of incinerator bottom ash waste and inert waste from Birmingham, Coventry and Oxford by landfill and land-raising techniques and is to be sited on 122 acres of agricultural land between the A423 and the railway on Waylands Farm, i.e. on the right-hand side of the road, just prior to the Garage. It is proposed that a total of 1.6 million cubic meters of waste is deposited at a rate of approximately 150,000 cubic meters per year, which will take 10 to 11 years. It will be transported using 40 to 50 lorry loads per day (80-100 lorry movements) between the hours of 7am and 5pm Monday to Saturday. Access to the site is off the A423 with links to the M40 (at Junction 12 then B4451 to Southam and A423 or Junction 11 then A422 to A423).

The grave concern of County Councillor Bransby Thomas and District Councillor Jim Taylor was echoed by Parish Councillors and a letter is to be sent to the District Council protesting on the following grounds:

- the lack of need to the County of the provision of landfill waste disposal and the detriment to village life caused by pollution
- traffic hazards and heavy vehicles traversing the bridges at Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge.

Plans are available from Elsa Greenway and villagers are urged to protest, individually, to:

Mr. Dave Marr
Department of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy
Warwickshire County Council
Shire Hall
Warwick
CV34 4SX.

Continuing the efforts to increase the percentage of recycled products, a mini recycling centre may be provided in the village for a trial period. Biffa have also offered to site a lorry at a convenient place, probably Wood Street Car Park on Saturdays, for the disposal of garden refuse, which will then be composted.

Information about facilities for children will be made available at Parent Points; one in Southam Library.

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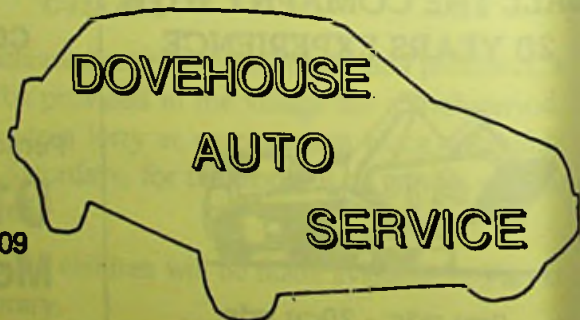


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No news has yet been received from the Hedges Fields Development Appeal.

If Elsa is informed, should snow drifts block the road again, she has ways of getting it moved - even from her sick bed! Get well soon, Elsa.

The next meeting will be held on **17th April** in the Village Hall, 7.45pm.

Carol Northorpe

HARBURY SOCIETY

Once again, Pentabus put on a very professional presentation for our Theatre Supper. The acting and music were superb and the set so good that Barry Smith is convinced he was splashed with sheep-dip during the final struggle between the lady farmer and the Devil.

Celia Barrett and her helpers (Nora, Rhian, Sue, Joan, Pat Mary and Jean Cooper) served an excellent supper and the men (Tim, Neville and John) provided the liquid refreshment.

Our next event is on **Monday 15th April** (7.30pm for 8pm) in the Tom Hauley Room, when Nick Billingham (who featured recently on ITV's Heart of the Country) will explain the work of the **Stratford Canal Society**. In May we will have an illustrated talk on Biodiversity.

The County Ecologist is undertaking a Flora Survey of Bush Heath Lane as part of our Landscape Audit Initiative and she will report on how the verge and ditch can be managed to encourage wildflowers to re-colonise.

We have taken advice on the best type of tree to plant for our Sentinel Oaks for the Millennium and are choosing the sites. In November we will need help to plant them.

This year our Carnival Stall will take the form of an exhibition and quiz on how to make our lives more *sustainable* by cutting down on pollution, energy use and consumption. We hope it will be fun, but also thought-provoking.

Chesterton Windmill Open Days are planned for **14th and 15th September** and volunteers will again be needed for both days. Please tell the Secretary if you can help.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY WOMEN's INSTITUTE

Congratulations to the Bowls team, who won their match against Ratley recently.

Our speaker was Mrs. Susan Beaty on Aromatherapy. The Chinese, Egyptians and Greeks were using aromatic substances 4000 years ago. Some were used in spiritualist rituals, also for embalming, baths, massages and even contraception. They were introduced to England by the Romans.

Culpepper brought the method back into the 20th Century, when he burnt himself and plunged his hand into lavender oil, hence the treatment was used on soldiers in the 1st World War.

Mrs. Beaty demonstrated body massage on Barbara, who braved the riggers of the Spartan central heating in the hall for the cause. It seemed a very relaxing sensation, accompanied by soft music.

Oils are extracted from leaves, fruit, petals, twigs, bark etc. and each has its own beneficial qualities. However, one has to know the oils as certain ones should not be used if pregnant, ultra sensitive or an epileptic. So expert advice is important.

Many of us have the small oil burners. Mrs. Beaty stressed that one should buy oils from a reputable shop. Those sold at well known chemists and shops were not necessarily pure and the only one she really recommended was Culpepper's in the Royal Priors.

So, after taking in all instructions and watching the demonstration with interest, some members were flexing their fingers as they went home. Only hope they did not play Status Quo music!

Some dates to note: A day at Warwickshire Cricket Club on 17th May to see the Warwickshire/Hampshire match; the annual Evening Bowls at Victoria Park in June and the Caravan Rally week starting 31st August.

April teas: M. Thompson, W. Elliot and M. King.

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

For our April presentation we are delighted to welcome the simply marvellous ladies of The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate

Townswomen's Guild, who will be giving us their famous performance of *Murder Mystery*.

Their show simply has to be seen to be believed and of course will be of special interest to fellow members of The Townswomen's Guild, who are promised an evening they will never forget.

These talented ladies have written the entire show themselves, as you will realise only too soon, so why not join them for a feast of drama, the like of which is rarely seen in Harbury!

The dates are: **April 18th, 19th and 20th, 8pm at the Village Hall.** The ladies are renowned for their refreshments and the men, bless them, what would we do without them, are looking after the bar.

Tickets available at the ladies' favourite shop *Nifty Needle*, a snip at £3 each, Senior Citizens and youngsters £1.50.

Chris Barber

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

Continuing a run of theme evenings at the Folk Club, the subject on March 7th was "Food and Drink" and what a mouth-watering feast it turned out to be! The entertainment was served up by no fewer than 20 musicians and singers, giving the compere the usual nightmare of trying to fit them all in before Friday came around.

The material was truly diverse and most of it evoked the theme in some way or other. A new group (perhaps even an orchestra?), comprising Janny and Sue on concertinas, Margaret and Liz on fiddles and Ruth on accordion, had a hard time convincing us of the relevance of their two delightful tunes but at least their name, "Nouvelle Cuisine", was in a true culinary spirit. During the evening, beer got quite a few mentions as you might expect but other topics cleverly woven into the songs included cheese (hard), jam (tomorrow), tea (in an urn), chicken (on a raft and in a biryani), eggs (new laid), water (still), toast (the farmer's), Irish stew (Babe), worms (edible), veal (meat again), thyme (sweet), puddings (the shaky variety), picnics (the teddy bears') and cider. Tony Baylis finished the evening with the rousing "Fog on the Tyne" but I think we just enjoyed singing that one! The rest of the huge cast were Mike, Pete & Liz, Rick, the Harvesters, Ron, Jean, Des, Jeff, the Jug Band, Phil & Drill and me.

There were some extra prizes in the raffle which raised £25.10 for the NSPCC. Liz won the salmon sandwich (for Pete's lunch?) and, by a curious coincidence, Mike won the yard of ale, kindly donated by Jay. The next Folk Club session is on **April 4th, at 8:30pm in the Dog Inn**, hosted by Ian Hartland. Ian has chosen "All my own work" as the theme for the evening - a major challenge for most of us or is it just a question of interpretation?

Peter McDonald

1st HARBURY BEAVERS

Thank you to everyone who helped towards making the Beaver toy book and cake sale a success. A total sum of £65.50 was raised and will help towards the new hut.



James Stringer with (from left to right): James Smart, Thomas Wilkins, Adam Johnson and Peter Smart

Congratulations to Peter and James Smart, Thomas Williams and Adam Johnson, who were involved with this sale as part of their challenge badge. The boys were recently presented with the challenge badge and were the first beavers to receive the award as this challenge has only just been introduced to the colony.

All Beavers past and present would like to say a very big thank you to James Stringer, who has been helping Beavers for about 11 years. James will be going to Oxford University later this year and we would like to take this opportunity to wish him all the very best with his studies.

Finally, Gill Guilford is leaving Beavers at the end of July after 4 years as a leader. As a result we are currently looking for a replacement. If anyone is interested could you contact either of us below.

Ruth Coleman 612146

Gill Guilford 614206

FROM HARBURY SCHOOL

This term the children in Epping and Arden (Year 1 and 2) were fortunate enough to be able to work with a professional artist, Elizabeth Green. We felt that it was important for the children to experience materials with which they do not usually have the opportunity to work.

A metal sculpture, based on the story of Noah's Ark was finally decided upon. Elizabeth came in once a week for 6 weeks and worked with small groups. We were also grateful to Amanda Kelly for her help during this time.

While groups of children were working on the sculpture, the Reception class with Epping and Arden were involved in creative activities, including music, drama and other art work.

Finally at the end of the six weeks, the sculpture was finished and hanging in the Library area. Parents were invited into school to share in our celebration of the Noah Story. The children performed a Noah play and an official opening ceremony took place afterwards.

The comments from the children reflect the pleasure and excitement they experienced during the 6 week's work.

THE NOAH STORY IN OUR SCHOOL

We made a picture of Noah and the animals and we made masks and the animal masks had sticks on them and we made Noah's Ark and all the Moms and Daddy's came and the sun came out and the animals were saved.

Matthew Burford

Elizabeth Green came in to make a Noah picture. She is an artist. We made a big picture out of metal. I made a son of Noah - it was big. I made it with Timmy. We did a play; I was God, I had to go around stamping my feet and in the end I had to point at the rainbow to remember not to ever make a flood and I never did. In the end all the people went to have a look at the picture. We did and they cut the ribbon.

James Davies

We had an artist called Elizabeth Green. I made a lion and I made a tree. I was a person drinking heavily and I was a wave. The picture is beautiful. I liked the rainbow. I think the sea is beautiful as well.

Lizzie Buck

Elizabeth Green came in and we made a metal picture in the school library. We made a play and I was a tiger. I made a tiger mask. I enjoyed the play. It was good. I liked it when the waves lashed against the ark.

Richard Bloxham

Elizabeth Green came in to help make a sculpture and we did a play and I was Mrs. Noah. It was good fun. We had our picture taken by our sculpture and we undid the ribbon.

Claire Greenwell

THEATRE WITH A DIFFERENCE:

HORSE and BAMBOO THEATRE - Visions of Hildegard

This exciting theatre company, one of Europe's leading mask companies, gave us a show to remember in Harbury last month. The company comprised a team of skilled performers, puppeteers and musicians. The shadow puppetry show, with little dialogue, was visually powerful and was accompanied by wonderfully atmospheric sounds of live music.

Hildegard, a remarkable personality of the Middle Ages, became the most celebrated woman of her age as a visionary, naturalist, playwright, poetess and composer. She has remained virtually unknown for 800 years. *If Hildegard had been a man, she would be well known as one of the greatest artists and intellectuals the world has ever seen.*

This exciting production was followed up on the night by opportunities to go back stage to see how the production worked.

Also on the following day, the company went into Harbury to lead a workshop with Y7 on the making of the production involved in shadow puppetry.



Y7 learning about Shadow Puppetry

Look out for this internationally acclaimed theatre company. They will be back in the area in **August** with their horse drawn show.

Vikki Holroyd

HARBURY NSPCC

Thanks to the efforts of all our supporters in the village, we raised a total of £3,354.33 last year and we would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to one and all for helping us to achieve such a worthwhile amount.

We hope our calendar of fund raising events in 1996 proves to be as successful as on Saturday 16th March, when we held our first event of the year: a *Murder Mystery Evening* at the Village Hall. £400 was raised and a good time was had by all.

Our next fund raiser will be a *Quiz Night* on **Sunday 12th May**. Please put this date in your diary and come along and enjoy yourselves. Final details will be advised nearer the date.

In May this year the NSPCC is holding a special fund raising week. It will be held from **May 1st-8th** and will be called *A Cry for Children* campaign. During this week the NSPCC will be holding lots of fund raising events and Harbury Branch will be doing a House to House

collection, so once again we will be calling on your support. Coventry has just opened a new centre in White Friars Street and on **Wednesday 8th May** H.R.H. Princess Margaret, as patron of the NSPCC, will be officially opening the building. Her day will culminate in a champagne buffet and a visit to the Hippodrome Theatre in Birmingham, where the Royal Ballet will be performing a triple bill. Tickets are available for the theatre at £48 per head. Please contact Jo Stevens on 614186. It is hoped to raise £10,000 on that day. We also have some badges that will be on sale in and around the village to raise funds for *A Cry for Children*.

Once again we would like to thank you for your support. All money that is raised in our area stays in our area to help children locally and with your continued support we can go on giving that much needed help.

Many thanks to Harbury Folk Club for donating their raffle money.

N.S.P.C.C. Committee

HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS - TREASURER REPORT

One of the items on the agenda at the H&L News AGM, is the presentation by the treasurer of the past year's account. The committee thought it would be a good idea to present part of the Year End Accounts in the magazine.

During the past 12 months, 12,000 copies of the H&L News have been circulated. On average each edition contains 42 pages of local news articles, additionally 11 further coloured pages contain advertising. This leaves 3 to 4 pages for white page adverts.

As you can see below, advertising revenue, in addition to subscription is vital, with each edition of the news costing £540 to produce.

Extract from H&L News' year End Account 31-1-96.

INCOME

Advertising	£3,470.25
Subscription	£2,499.15
Other	<u>£ 65.91</u>
	£6,035.31

EXPENDITURE

Printing	£4,916.43
Typing	£1,016.00
Post/Stationery	£ 21.27
Sundries	£ 125.00
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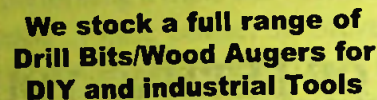


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Autumn we shall have to review subscriptions and advertising rates.

In the meantime, the H&L News Committee would like to thank all advertisers and subscribers.

Brian Thurogood, Treasurer

THE WIGHT SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Thank you to everyone who supported our Table Top Sale at the Village Hall. We are delighted to report that we made in excess of £100.



Left: Three of the helpers at the Table Top Sale: Shane Orton, Rosanna Gill and Jamie Greaves (Photo Mike Bloxham)

On Tuesday 12th March some of our older children had a short visit to the Reception Class and Mrs. Rathbone at Hartbury School. This was the first of several visits over the next few months, the aim being to ease the transition for those children moving up in September. Also and to a lesser

extent, it gives Mrs. Rathbone a taste of what she has got in store for her next year!

On Thursday 25th April we shall be holding a Coffee Morning and Studio Dee sale at 1 Dickens Road from 10am to 12noon. Studio Dee sell good quality practical clothes for all the family at economical prices, so please come along and give us your support.

We break up for Easter on Friday 29th March and return on Tuesday 16th April. A Happy Easter to you all!

Alison Atkinson

PROFILE ON DAPHNE WALLINGTON



Daphne Wallington left her home in Gwent to take up her first teaching post at Whitnash Combined School in 1961. At the same time she moved into the village of Harbury, where she has lived ever since.

She joined the staff of Harbury C.E. School in January 1974. Daphne had not long been at the school, before she took responsibility for sport, one which has got her out of

bed early on wintry Saturday mornings to support cross country runners!

In the Summer she has organised athletics and swimming competitions. She was involved in the organisation of Central Area Inter Sports Competitions and instrumental in the forming of the Primary School's Netball league.

Daphne has also been a valued member of the P.T.A. Through this she has helped organise numerous out of school activities and events for many years.

She had a break from teaching in the late Sixties in order to bring up her daughter Trudy, who now lives in Warwick.

When Nigel Chapman took a secondment in September 1994, Daphne applied for the post of acting Deputy Headteacher; an experience, which she has enjoyed and a rewarding way in which to finish twenty two years of service to the school.

Last Summer, Daphne decided that it was time to retire from the

profession and spend more time enjoying her garden and pursuing interests, which have had to take a back seat during her working life.

There must be many children and adults in Harbury who were taught by Daphne and I'm sure they will join the Editors in wishing her a very happy retirement.

H&L News Editors

MEMORIES OF THE WIGHT SCHOOL, 1920 - 1933

as told to me by Joan Clarke

My most vivid memory of the Wight School, which I attended in the late 1920's to 1933, is the mass of steel nibbed pens, which hung from the rafters of the main school. These have now been covered by a false ceiling. I was told it was a keen sport practised by the older children, to throw their pens, dart-like into the roof. Whoever achieved the most pens to hang there was applauded!

The desks were for two children, with a rigid form and had holes for ink wells. It was the monitor's job to fill the ink wells. These were placed out each morning and collected in a wooden tray at 4pm. The pens were steel nibbed and it was a disaster to cross a nib and have to ask for a new one.

Mr. Dickens and Mr. Farrow were keen musicians. Each morning we had a singing lesson, Mr. Dickens taught the Tonic Solfa, he played the piano and we sang. Once we gave an Operetta for parents and people in the village. The costumes were all made by Mrs. Dickens and it was all about the good works of the pixies.

Miss Bustin taught us to sew, mend and darn. She also taught country dancing. Mr. Mole allowed us to use the new dance hall in Ivy Lane. Mrs. Miriam Alcock played the piano; she wore long dangly earrings, which fascinated us girls. Miss Bustin's classroom was the room immediately inside the (library) door. Mr. Dickens' room was divided off by a screen, which was wooden and painted cream. In the corner of Miss Bustin's room by the door was a large pot bellied coke burning stove.

At the time approaching Christmas, Miss Bustin allowed us to gather near the stove, while she read *Christmas Carol*. It was magical. The stove glowed red hot and all the paper chains laboriously made by us,

looked so festive. The partition between the class rooms was removed on the last day before the holidays and in the afternoon various guests appeared and we had a concert of songs, carols and recitations. We all wore our best clothes for this occasion and felt very smart.

The school may not meet with today's regulations, but it was a very happy school with excellent teachers.

Celia Barrett

HARBURY SHOW - PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION

We wish to announce the following classes for this section of this year's show:

- an ACTION PICTURE (colour)
- a study of a PET or FARM ANIMAL (colour)
- a (named) view of HARBURY (colour)
- *AS EVENING FALLS* (monochrome)

Entries, minimum 6" x 4", maximum 10" x 12", should be mounted, but not framed.

R.M.L. Grey (Show Secr.)

TABLE TENNIS

Congratulations to Samantha & Andrew Meredith for becoming winner and runner up, respectively, in Grade 5 of the Leamington Spa & District Table Tennis Championship Finals. Samantha was also runner up in the U13 Championships.

H&L News Editors

WINDMILL SINGERS OF SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE

Are you an experienced pianist? Are you available Thursday evenings? if so, the Windmill Singers would love to hear from you. The regular pianist has recently retired after 14 years with this 40 strong mixed voice choir and they are urgently looking for a replacement.

The choir, who meet at Napton Village Hall, sing a wide range of material from church anthems to sing-a-longs and comedy numbers and has a very friendly and happy atmosphere.

If you are interested, please contact the Musical Director Ken Nordon on 01327 77813 or the Secretary Pam Miller on 01926 813477, or in fact any member for further details. Anyone wishing to sing with the choir will also be very welcome.

Pam Miller

HARBURY PAST UNCOVERED

A reminder of Harbury's past was uncovered recently during renovations on the barn at Bretherns Farm, Mill Street.



Whilst digging up the front of the barn, local builders Les Sollis (left) and Andrew Bloxham (right in photograph) uncovered two items which gave a clue to the former use of the building.

A brown envelope from the Dunlop Rubber Company Birmingham, postmarked 30th July 1923, was addressed to Messrs. Parker Bros, The Central Garage BST, Harbury, Leamington Spa. In addition, a torn brochure entitled 'Dunlop and the Motor Cyclist of 1923' proclaimed many items were obtainable from *Dealers everywhere*.

Mike Bloxham who took the photograph of Les and Drew, has

uncovered further information from Mrs. Ethel Jennings of Farm Street as she was employed by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parker of Kingston House.

Mrs. Jennings recalls that Jack Parker rented the barn to use as a repair garage from the owners of Bretherns Farm (Mrs. & Miss Warwicks) and he also operated two petrol pumps adjacent to the building.

On one occasion, Mrs. Jennings was asked to serve at the pumps, whilst Mrs. Parker visited Leamington. The first customer for petrol was P.C. (Nobby) Clarke and when Mrs. Jennings enquired where she should pump the petrol, she was given the helpful reply: *Under the bonnet!*

Nowadays the observant Harbury resident would have noticed a further clue to the earlier history of the barn, with the *UP HERE SHELL* sign located on the end wall beneath the eaves (an answer to an early Harbury Walkabout Quiz, prepared by Linda Ridgley)!



Rear view picture of Bretherns Farm

HARBURY, UFTON and CHESTERTON CONSERVATIVE ASSOC.

Another successful Bridge Evening was enjoyed by some 60 participants on 1st March in the Village Hall. Our next Bridge Evening will be on **11th October**, so, if you would like to play, please contact me on 612273.

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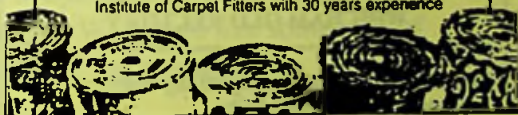
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Proceeds from the Raffle, £90, were donated to the Scout & Guide S.H.A.K. Appeal Fund, which helped to push the sum raised to date over £10,000, so they are well on their way to their £20,000 target. Special thanks go to those who donated such generous prizes, which enabled us to make this donation.

Ken Hughes

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Farley Room was nearly bursting at the seams for *Ponds in your Gardens*, the subject for the last talk. Mr. Howell showed us many slides pointing out the mistakes in some of them, mostly lack of space, bad planning and plants in the wrong places. He also spoke from experience in saying that a lot of work and effort goes into such a project.

Would those who intend going on the coach outing in June please bring £3.50 to the next meeting. This will cover their share of the fare and the entrance fee.

As Pat Smith announced at the last meeting, the Plant Sale cum Social Evening will be held on **Tuesday 14th May**. There will be a nice buffet with wine; for which there will be a charge. We would like some idea of numbers to cater for, so a clipboard will be circulated at the next meeting.

May I bring your attention to the fact that Hurrans will now only give members discount on purchases in excess of £10.

The next meeting on **Tuesday 2nd April** will be given by Mr. Ireland Jones and his subject is *Bulbs through the Year*.

Muriel Grey

FOUND in Harbury: A light brown Cairn/West Highland Terrier.
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GARDENING NOTES

Although the cold easterly winds are blowing now, after the *Blackthorn Winter* is over, the sun should begin to warm things up. Until then, get on with the other jobs. Tidy alpine and top up the gravel around them. This is the ideal time to plant up ponds, or to divide established plants, which are outgrowing their space. As you lift plants, hose out any little water creatures, which may be amongst the foliage. Deadhead daffodils and feed the leaves to ensure good blooms next year. Put in supports for tall or lax perennials. Spray apple and pear trees against scab and mildew on a calm evening just as the leaves start to unfurl.

Once the soil begins to warm and the annual weeds will tell you that, hardy annuals can be sown directly in the borders. It is easier to thin and weed them if you sow in straight lines. Plant summer bulbs now. Pot grown Spring bulbs put in the ground now, will establish more easily than dry bulbs planted in the Autumn. Dig out any perennial weeds from the borders; fork in a general fertiliser and mulch to hold in the moisture and keep down weeds. Prune the early flowering shrubs as soon as the blooms fade, because they need to grow the new stems bearing next year's flowers.

Pot up begonias, gloxinias and achimenes. Feed houseplants which are beginning to grow again and also amaryllis after the flowers fade. Continue to water and feed as the leaves grow, then allow them to die down in September. With luck the bulb should have built up sufficiently to bloom again next year. Take cuttings of foliage plants for hanging baskets.

Sow a small row of lettuce, radish and Spring onions every 3-4 weeks for a succession of fresh salads, even if they have to go in amongst the flowers. Most vegetables can be sown or planted this month, except beans and sweetcorn. Mulch around fruit bushes.

Plant of the Month: Doronicums

These big yellow daisy flowers which bloom for 6-8 weeks and sometimes again in September were grown in medieval apothecaries' gardens. From this time comes their common name of Leopard's bane,

because they were reputed to poison leopards and other dangerous animals. They thrive in any soil in sun or part shade and are trouble free. Plant them at the base of a deciduous shrub to brighten the base stems, or with blue or purple flowers in the borders.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

May I, through the Harbury & Ladbroke News, say thank you to my family, friends and neighbours, who attended the service for my late husband, Don, at Oakley Woods on February 23rd and also for the messages of sympathy and donations to British Lung Foundation.

Thanking also District Nurse; Harbury Surgery; Mr. Barot at the Southam Chemist; the Dog Inn for the lovely meal afterwards; the Rev. Gerald Brough for conducting the service and W. Goodwin & Sons for their very efficient services.

Last, but not least, Doug Tanner and Maurice Dealtry for visiting Don when he was no longer able to take his usual constitutional along the Bush Heath Lane.

Jean Heydon

Dear Editors

May I, through the Harbury & Ladbroke News, say a big thank you to all friends and neighbours for the get well cards I received whilst I was in hospital. Also to all the people who brought my wife to see me, which was very much appreciated. Thank you once again.

Mr. A. Bugg

Dear Editors

I would like to express my thanks to all those who helped with the Church Flower Fund Coffee Morning on the 24th February. A profit of £107.96 was made. Thank you to those who kindly made cakes and donated raffle prizes and of course thanks to all those who came along and patronised the event.

Jo House

Dear Editors

Neither Cllr. Booth nor I are prepared to allow the truth to fall victim to party politics, so I must correct some of the inaccuracies in Cllr. Turner's letter last month. All these corrections can be checked easily, and most are matters of public record.

The proposal by Blue Circle (for about 300 houses north of Bishops Itchington) is fully documented as an objection to the Local Plan, on which the inspector has yet to report. Nothing he or I do could alter that.

Shortly after his election, Cllr. Booth was invited by Blue Circle to visit their site for a briefing. So that the local as well as commercial argument could be heard he insisted that Cllr. Turner and I were also invited, together with members of Bishops Itchington Parish Council. Cllr. Turner declined the invitation, but Cllr. Booth reported the meeting fully to Bishops Itchington Parish Council. In my view, it is essential for Councillors to be as fully informed as possible on local issues even if they do not support them.

Both of the Local Plan housing allocations in Harbury have now received planning permission. Cllr. Turner's determination to resist further housing development may be commendable - but it is in direct conflict with the requirement by the Conservative central government to provide thousands more homes in the district. The District Council's housing needs survey identifies what is actually required.

It is absurd to imply that there is a Liberal Democrat/Labour coalition controlling Stratford District Council. Firstly, there are only 3 Labour councillors - not enough when combined with either the 24 Lib Dems or

the 19 Tories to make an overall majority - and secondly, as he well knows, support is regularly given by the Conservatives for the sensible long term policies put forward by Liberal Democrats - often in direct opposition to central government.

Last autumn I requested detailed investigation of the strategic road issues involving primarily the B4451, the B4100 and junction 12 of the M40. I passed correspondence about this, dating from 20th November 1995, to Cllr. Turner and all other members of the Dassett Area Planning Committee.

I do hope Cllr. Turner will try to conduct the rest of his election campaign on a factual basis. The people of Harbury deserve better than half-truth and innuendo.

Cllr. Andrew Cooley
Chairman, Local Plan Steering Group and
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