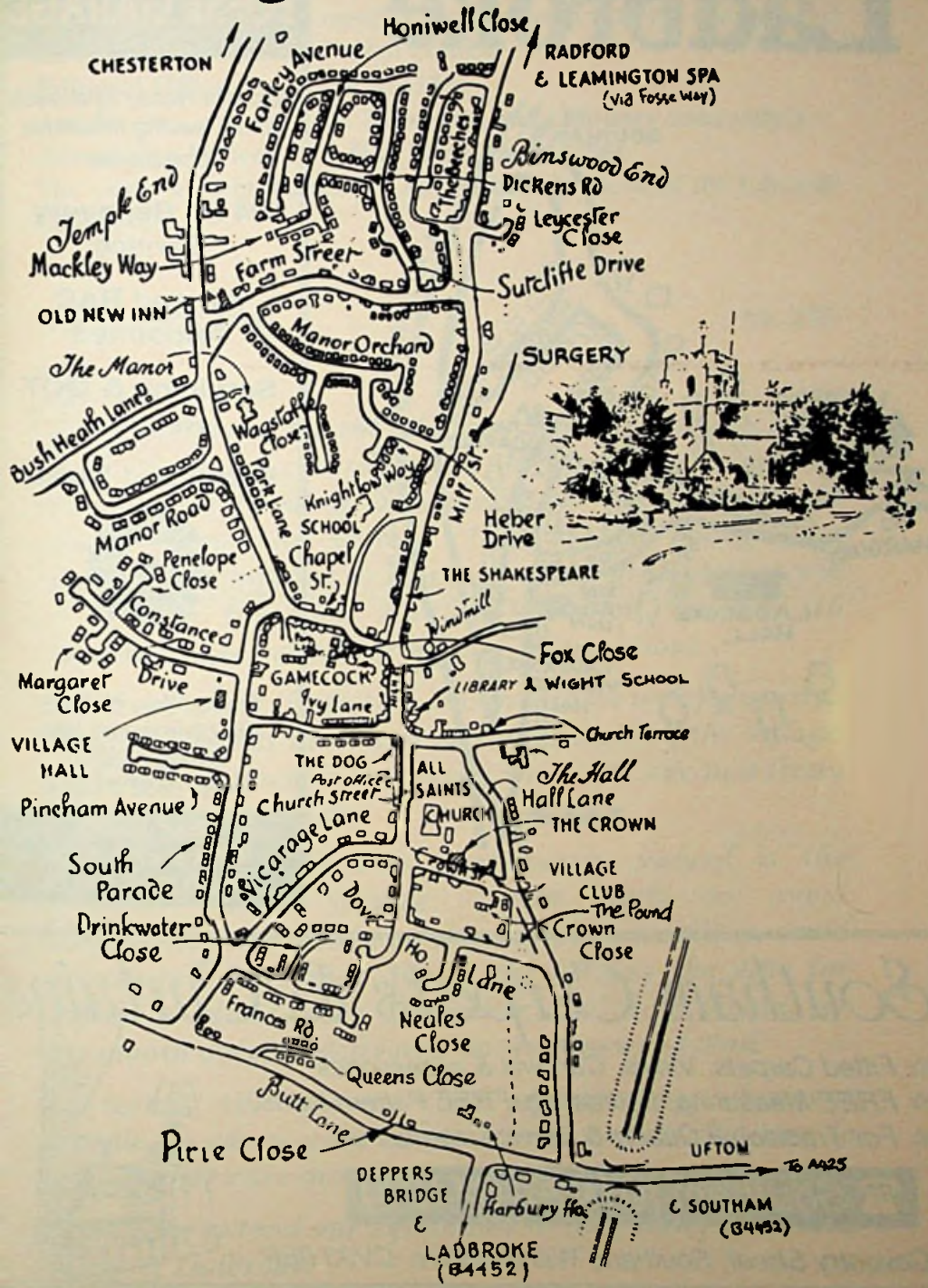


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Undeterred by the Channel Tunnel fire and other European controversies, Harbury is exploring the possibility of forming a twinning partnership with the village Samois-sur-Seine. This French village has expressed an interest in Harbury and a presentation will be held in the Tom Hauley Room on Tuesday 10 December (see article for further information).

As we approach the festive season and we look forward to the many events and activities organised by the village, we should appreciate how lucky we are to live in a lively and caring community.

One initiative which is particularly valued is the S.H.A.K. Postal Service - post early to avoid disappointment. Whilst on the subject of deadlines, could contributors note that due to the holiday the date for articles is Monday 23 December and these should, for this month only, be delivered to: 31 Binswood End

We would still welcome clear photographs, whenever possible, so carry your camera with you at all times to capture that rare shot!

Finally we extend our sympathy to the family of Connie Hedge of Ladbroke.



The Editors of the
Harbury & Ladbroke News

wish all their contributors
and readers a

Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

Harbury Diary

DECEMBER

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|--------------|----------|---|
| Sun | 1 | Advent Sunday - Sung Eucharist 9am
Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am; Evensong 4pm
Last day of Tree Week
Harbury Under 14s and Under 13s Home to Aston Old Eds |
| Tues | 3 | Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
Horticultural Society in Village Hall 8pm with buffet in Tom Hauley Room |
| Wed | 4 | Mothers' Union Communion in Church 2pm, meeting in T.H.Room 2.30pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
Alpha Course in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm |
| Thurs | 5 | Holy Communion 9.45am
Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon
Storytelling in Library 10am
Men's Society in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm |

- Fri 6 **NEWSPAPER COLLECTION**
WI Christmas Show in Village Hall
Cricket Club Dinner
- Sat 7 **PCC Christmas Fayre in Village Hall**
Start of S.H.A.K.'s Postal Service
Rugby Firsts Home to Coventry University
Seconds home to Redditch Thirds, Thirds home to Broad St. Fourth
- Sun 8 **Advent 2** - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Sunday School 10.30am; Evensong 4pm; Benediction 5.30pm
Harbury Under 16s, U15s, U14s, and U13s Home to Kenilworth
- Mon 9 Youth Club A.G.M. in Village Hall 8pm
- Tues 10 **Toddlers' Service** 2.15pm
Twining meeting in Tom Hauley Room 7.15pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Village Hall Committee meeting 8pm
- Wed 11 Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
- Thurs 12 **Holy Communion** 9.45am
Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon
Thursday Club Carol Service in Church 2.30pm
WI in Village Hall 7.45pm
- Sat 14 **Rugby Seconds Home to Yardley**
Fourth home to Redditch Fourth
Senior Citizens' Party in Village Hall
Paul Winchester Wheelchair Fund - Cabaret Night in Village Club 8pm
- Sun 15 **Advent 3** - Holy Communion 8am; Family Communion 10.30am
Harbury Under 16s Rugby Home to Old Silhillians
- Tues 17 **Holy Communion** 7.30pm
NO Mothers' Union meeting this month
Senior Citizens Committee meets in Village Hall
- Wed 18 Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
- Thurs 19 **Holy Communion** 9.45am
Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon
- Fri 20 **NEWSPAPER COLLECTION**
School Term Ends
- Sat 21 Last posting date for S.H.A.K.
Free Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 22 **Advent 4** - Holy Communion 8am; Evensong 4pm
Sung Eucharist 10.30am, celebrant and preacher the Bishop of Warwick
Harbury Colts home to Old Salteins
Under 15s, U14s, and U13s home to Broad St.
- Mon 23 **Harbury & Ladbroke News Articles Deadline Day**
- Tues 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE** - Dressing of the Crib 2.30pm;
Village Carol Service 6.30pm; Midnight Mass 11.15pm
- Wed 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY** - Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Thurs 26 St. Stephen - Holy Communion 10.30am
- Fri 27 St. John - Holy Communion 10.30am
- Sat 28 **Holy Innocents** - Holy Communion 10.30am
Rugby 1st Home to TBA
- Sun 29 **Sunday after Christmas** - Holy Communion 8am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 31 **NEW YEAR's EVE** - Holy Communion 7.30pm

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- Wed 1 NEW YEAR's DAY - Holy Communion 10.30am
Tennis Club event
Hereburgh Morris *Hangover Tour* start at Crown 12noon
NO Mothers' Union meeting
- Thurs 2 Holy Communion 9.45am
Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon
Storytelling in Library 10am
Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 3 H&L News Stapling in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 4 NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
Rugby 1st Home to Rugby Welsh
Thrids home to Old Laurentians Fourths
- Sun 5 **Christmas II** - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 4pm
Rugby Home Match 7 - 12s v Rugby St. Andrews

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**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE
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For Tom Hauley Room Bookings	Mrs. Stubbs	612782
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: 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

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Evensong, 6.30pm (Except 3rd Sunday)

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From the Churchwardens - Christmas is once again upon us. The Christmas Fair will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 7 December. Should anyone have any items suitable for the "White Elephant" stall, please forward them before the 7th to Ken Hughes at Leamington House, Church Street. The free coffee morning will be held at the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 21 December. The proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the "Get Ahead" charity.

On Sunday 22 December, the recently installed Bishop of Warwick, Anthony Priddis will be visiting both Ladbroke and Harbury, preaching and celebrating at the 9am and 10.30am services, respectively.

The programme of Christmas Services, again illustrated by a youngster attending the Sunday School, will very shortly be falling through your letter box. The Rector and ourselves very much hope that you will take the opportunity to attend the services during the joyous festival of Christmas.

Ruth & Jeff

Laugh Line

A little boy once wrote in his essay on "lying":

A lie is an abomination unto the Lord but a very present help in trouble.

From the Rector - This season of Christmas is traditionally a time of festivities and celebration when we rejoice in the most important event that the world has known - the Incarnation - the coming to earth of God's Son.

Emmanuel means "God with us". And God with us means

His Son Jesus, who came to earth that we might come to know God better. So Christmas is much more than the celebration of a birthday, it is the celebration of the great act of love when God gives us His Son as our Master, as our Saviour and as our friend. At Christmas then, we not only remember the birth of Christ all those years ago, but we also welcome Jesus into our lives now, because he is still our Master, Saviour and friend. As long as we keep the saviour of the world as a baby in a crib then our faith will be a stunted shadow of what it could be. Our faith is in a man who gave his life for us on a cross, and who is now at His Father's side. This same man comes to us every day, not in a crib, but as the Risen Saviour.

As we sing our well-loved carols and as we join the shepherds in praising God for the gift of His Son, we celebrate the fact that Jesus is born every day in the hearts of mankind, the Incarnation is not a past event but a present reality.

The season of Advent, the weeks between now and Christmas, is the time when we prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of Christ. It is a time of spiritual as well as practical preparations so that we are ready to receive our honoured and Holy guest. Perhaps the four weeks of Advent could be a good time to make that extra special effort to be faithful in our praying and worshipping, then Christmas can be more than a sentimental family occasion, it can be a season of spiritual renewal and deepened faith.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

I do hope and pray that you will join us in worshipping our Saviour over Christmas. Pam a I wish you all a peaceful and joyous Christmas.

Fr. Roy

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

Harbury 3rd November Charlie Edward Lewis Bench
 17th November Lucy Beth Davis

Funerals

Oakley Wood 14th November Connie Hedge of Ladbroke

*M*others' Union - The Rev. Stephen Knight gave us an interesting talk about his work as hospital chaplain at the afternoon meeting. The evening group discussed the commercialisation of Christmas. We felt that it was nothing new but most thought that many parents felt pressured into spending too much and that presents and enjoyment need not be expensive.

Recently David Clarke went to Tanzania to do some work for Christian Outreach. We wrote letters hoping that he might be able to deliver them to M.U. members there. He brought back two replies and I should like to quote part of one, from Mrs. Evelyne Cyizanye:

"I am a widow with 6 children, my husband John and one of my sons died during the war in 1994. I have the Diploma of Pedagogic Humanities. I am a worker in the Anglican Church in the refugee camps where I am the director of Peace and Reconciliation programme."

About the life in the camps: "As refugees we have many problems, but we do not lose courage because we have Jesus Christ."

Evelyne goes on to tell about the organisation of the church and the Mothers' Union in the camps and tells of

some of the things the M.U. members are doing: "M.U. helps old women; we wash their clothes, we bring water to them, we give them firewood; we visit the ill and we pray together. We wash orphans and cut their hair. There are many widows and orphans in our camps and M.U. tries to help them in associations. They make baskets, clothes, bed covers. They sell their things in the camps."

Evelyne asks us to pray for reconciliation and peace for the Rwandese people. She apologises for her English, which she learns in the evening as the people of Rwanda speak French.

We found this letter very moving and humbling and I thought that it might be of interest to others to see these extracts.

Our next meeting on 4 December will be an "Any Questions" session with the Rector and Father Snow on the panel. Please let me have questions beforehand. There is no evening meeting in December.

C. Mary Catt

Toddlers' Service - After we said a prayer, Mrs. Bedford told the story of Jonah and the Big Fish. We acted a rhyme about Jonah and then played the instruments and sang "One, Two Three, Jesus Loves Me". We all took home a picture of the story.

C. Mary Catt

Church Men's Society - When chairman Tony Stubbs welcomed our October speaker as someone who needed no introduction, he was not exaggerating. He was presenting the Rev. Viv Aggett, a former Harbury



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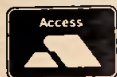


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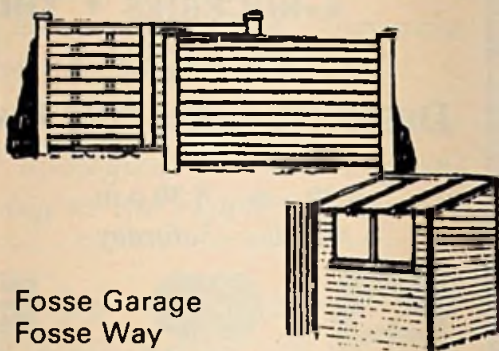
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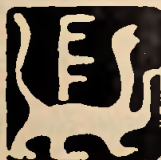
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churchwarden, who so impressed tutors on a diocesan lay readers' course, that she was urged to train for the ministry. In due course, Viv resigned from her youth training post with the County Council to take up the place she was offered at Salisbury Theological College. Two years later she was ordained deacon in Coventry Cathedral and immediately appointed to St. Bartholomew's, Binley. When General Synod sanctioned the ordination of women to the priesthood, Viv, by then a curate in the Lichfield diocese, was in the vanguard of those who sought elevation.

Her description of the many facets of her life as a Vicar in Hednesford both fascinated and amused, particularly her role as chaplain of the Town Football Club. She confided that, spiritual considerations apart, she was renowned for the frequency with which she offered her glasses to the referee! However, the era of the lady with the dog-collar and black and white football scarf has ended. Viv had a surprise announcement for her Harbury friends. By this time she will be settling into her seaview retirement home. The sea is the Aegean. The cottage is on the Greek island of Andros.

At the November meeting, Harbury church organist Clive Watts entertained us with a "light-hearted look at the world of organs". Now semi-retired, but formerly manager of the Yamaha chain of organ schools in this country, Clive certainly knows just about all there is to know about the whole range of organs from giant five-manual cathedral pipe organs and mighty Wurlitzers down to the fairground variety and the smallest of electronic home-entertainment versions.

As a subsidiary title for his talk he posed the question: Can we really believe our ears? - and proved that we couldn't. When we were convinced we were listening to

the pure tones of a Bach fugue and the final movement of his second Brandenburg concerto performed on a 16th century organ for which they were composed, we were literally being spoofed; they were in fact recorded by Clive using a small electronic keyboard, computer and mixers.

Clive, who trained as an engineer with Ford, came to Harbury in 1970 when he joined Quality Control Systems in Leamington. Shortly afterwards he grasped the opportunity to switch to a full-time career in music, initially as a Wurlitzer demonstrator and then with Yamaha, setting up and running the company's organ schools. His still unabated enthusiasm for the organ demonstrates that it was the right decision.

John Algar

Ladbroke News

DECEMBER

Wed	4	Holy Communion 9.45am
Sun	8	Advent 2 - Sung Communion 9am
Mon	9	W.I. Carol Service 7.30pm
Wed	11	Holy Communion 2.pm
Sun	15	Advent 3 - Sung Communion 9am; Children's Church 11am Evensong 6pm
Wed	18	Holy Communion 9.45am
Sun	22	Advent 4 - Sung Communion 9am, Celebrant and Pracher the Bishop of Warwick
Tues	24	Christmas Eve - Dressing of the Crib and Nativity 3.30pm
Wed	25	Christmas Day - Sung Communion 10.30am
Sun	29	Sunday after Christmas - Holy Communion 9am Village Carol Service 5pm
Tues	31	Holy Communion 11.30pm

JANUARY 1997

Sun	5	Christmas 2 - Holy Communion 10.30am
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Church News - Here it comes! To many people it is the highlight of the Christian year. O.K. - to many people it's a time of PANIC - Christmas.

The first Christmas service in Ladbroke is "Dressing the Crib" at 3.30pm on Christmas Eve. The Children's Church members are putting on a nativity tableau with readings. We shall still require all the village children to put the figures in the stable.

Christmas morning Communion Service is at 10.30am. Our Carol Service is the following Sunday 29 December at 5pm, followed by the usual refreshments.

Mrs. Connie Hedge aged 90yrs, died at Bromson Hill nursing home on 1 November. Connie and George moved to Ladbroke in the early '50s. George, who was a builder, in partnership with his brother at the time, built their bungalow "Briarwood" in Windmill Lane, where they lived for the rest of their married lives.

Connie was leader of Ladbroke Women's Fellowship for several years. She was also a great help to George while he was Churchwarden here. She had spent the last 2 years of her life very happily at Bromson Hill and had been a friend and comforter to Rachel Wall after the death of Jack earlier this year. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Betty Winkfield

Women's Fellowship - We very much enjoyed listening to Michael Short on his life as school master and organist in various parts of England and abroad. We see many interesting parts of the world, through other peoples' travels.

Next month will be our special Christmas Service in church, 2pm, followed by our Tea Party and A.G.M. We are having our A.G.M. a month earlier this year as we have been invited to Harbury Mothers' Union party in January.

Several members went to Mrs. Hedge's cremation at Oakley Wood on Thursday 14 November. We also provided an arrangement of flowers for her memorial service on 29 November.

Betty Winkfield

This year we hope to bring a little happiness to the lives of the homeless of Leamington by giving them a Christmas present. If you would like to participate in this project, please leave your seasonally wrapped gift of goodies under the tree in Ladbroke Church, any time from Saturday 21 December.

Gwladys Gould

Parish Council Report - The November meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 20 November with all parish councillors present.

Pc Andy Went indicated that the only criminal offence reported within the village boundary, last month, was extensive damage to the fence at the bottom of Windmill Lane. The councillors were very pleased, therefore, to express their appreciation to Tony Ison and his band of walkers, who have since re-instated the fence. It was hoped that this new fence would be respected and that no-one would do anything to give cause for it to be damaged while we await the proposed path and gate.

The bollards at the entrance to the village, the lamp standard and the fence outside the Bell on which the village map is mounted, have all been repaired during the month. Thanks go to all concerned.

All Councillors were delighted by the response from the villagers to the questionnaire regarding the social housing. The positive responses have been forwarded to Kevin Reynolds at Stratford District Council, who will be contacting people directly.

District Councillor Jim Taylor reported that a mini recycling centre for glass, tins, etc., will soon be available at the Elf Garage. Green garden waste will continue to be collected at Wood Street Car Park, but from now on will be on the 3rd Saturday in the month.

Warwick County Council are to be contacted regarding the replacement of the wooden posts bearing reflectors on the double bend, which have rotted and fallen over.

On behalf of Ladbroke Parish Council, may I wish all of you a Happy Christmas.

Carol Northorpe

Ladbroke Bonfire - This was a huge success held on 2 November. It was attended by the biggest crowd ever. An unheard of "profit" of £400 was made!

To celebrate and shake down the Christmas dinner, I have arranged a disco for 27 December, 8pm at Ladbroke Village Hall with light refreshments. Primary children 8-9pm, senior school and young at heart 9-12pm. Entrance £1.00 by ticket (for catering & accommodation reasons).

Remember: The more the merrier!

Tricia Teverson (814814)

*H*arbury Society - Nick Brown from the County's Landscape Team battled through the autumn storm to give an excellent talk on "Trees and the Landscape", giving us an insight into the way trees have been woven into our history - tree place names; trees for nature conservation, erosion control and oxygenation, and trees as an economic resource.

He explained the landscape divisions of the County and the evolution of the Feldon with its large regular fields, ridge and furrow and few trees mainly Ash and Elm in the hedgerows.

Very lively questions were answered fully by Nick. He went into great detail of the latest thinking on the cyclical nature of Dutch Elm Disease and the ongoing research to find resistant varieties.

More news next month about the progress of our Sentinel Oaks for the Millennium planting, winners of our Christmas Fayre Photographic Quiz and a report on Christine Wright's talk on Ilmington Apple Day.

Linda Ridgley

*W*omen's Institute - Wendy Knowles is to be president for her third year and her officers remain the same. They have been an excellent team, working well together.

Congratulations to Sylvia Burdett who was presented with an N.F.W.I. Adult Learners Award at the recent Autumn Council meeting.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Party on Friday 6 December, 7.30pm for 8pm. We would appreciate some help in the afternoon from 3pm. Don't

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forget to bring your drinks and glasses.

The W.I. are having a stall of cakes, preserves and chutneys at the Church Christmas Fair on Saturday 7 December. Would members please bring their contributions to the Village Hall after 10.30am or beforehand to any committee member.

The Group Carol Service is on Monday 9 December at Ladbroke Church. Those requiring transport, please contact Wendy. There will be sherry and mince pies at the December meeting. Don't forget the bran tub present.

On behalf of the W.I. may I wish everyone Seasons Greetings.

December hostesses: Celia Barrett, Ann Clifton and Mary Thompson

Jeanne Beaumont

*Y*outh Club - The Youth Club, yet again, faces possible closure. Whilst the management committee continues to give support and guidance, we find ourselves without youth workers to take the Wednesday evening sessions.

We are not alone in this dilemma. It is a problem that threatens youth clubs throughout the county. The management committee will continue its search for an experienced Youth Leader. However, if we are not successful the Club will close after Christmas. If we are successful we shall need support from the village. It is likely that a new leader will not have local knowledge and will need the help of people who do. It would be a significant loss to Harbury if it were to lose a youth facility which has a framework of resources and support, but a lack of local commitment from its community.

If you think you can help in any way, please call Vikki Holroyd on 612527.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Vince for his hard work and in particular, Maria (Addison) for her years of support. Maria has been very faithful to the Club. She not only turned out every Wednesday evening, but also took on the duties of secretary to the management committee. On behalf of the committee, I would like to record our appreciation for Maria's time, effort and enthusiasm.

Finally our A.G.M. will be held on 9 December at 8pm in the meeting room of the Village Hall, when we will have a clearer picture of our future. Please come along and give us your support.

Vikki Holroyd

*F*olk Club - I can quite categorically confirm that there is no truth in the rumours that Mike Putnam has either been done in by persons unknown, or done a Lord Lucan. I did actually see him in the village albeit for a brief moment but it was sufficient to dispel these malicious rumours which have been brought about by his noticeable absence from folk clubs and Morris dancing during the last few months.

He was of course supposed to have been "in the driving seat" at last month's folk club which met on 7 November, but once again he was detained north of the border and not able to be among we Sassenachs. Unfortunately for Mike, he did miss a pretty good night.

Before his departure to Scotland, he set the theme of "money" which, to be honest, did not inspire me with desire to unearth a wealth of new material, but Liz and I

did resurrect a song about tossing pennies high etc., which we thought would suffice as a start to the evening. This was followed by our usual November folk club song in recognition of bonfire night, about a pyromaniac. Owing to an unfortunate bout of amnesia by the guitarist, this was little short of a disaster, but we consoled ourselves with the realisation that things could only get better.

And get better they did! The following items, for which many scored high marks for the way they were contrived to fit the theme of money, were excellent musically, and very entertaining. This, combined with a very convivial and jovial atmosphere, provided the essential ingredients of a first class meeting. It was particularly pleasing to see and hear Dave Tickle performing after an absence of more than 4 years, and it was also good to welcome Ian Edgar who was a newcomer to the club. He sang a couple of unaccompanied songs, at the end of which no one could have accused him of being a Tory! Other valuable contributions to the evening were made by Peter McDonald, Mike Houston, Ian & Sue Hartland, Gilly Derby, Steve Dudley & John Kemsley (the "Blues Fathers"), Frill & Dill, Des Patalong and Tony Bayliss. Many thanks for all who took part.

The raffle raised about £32.00 which will go towards the new wheelchair for Paul Winchester.

The next meeting of the folk club will be on 5 December, at 8.30 p.m. in The Dog Inn, and will be hosted by another stand-in for Mike (or who knows?, he might actually be there). There is no specific theme but generally this is the meeting where we dust off last year's pine needles from our music scores, and give our Yuletide numbers an airing. I'll see you there.

Pete Bones

*H*arbury Nursery Playgroup - A new nursery committee has been appointed, with Denise Vincent holding "Chair"!

We've had a busy time recently - thank you to everyone for all their hard work and support for the 80/20 Sale which was held in October. This was extremely successful and got our fund raising off with a Bang!

Our Sponsored Bike Ride saw lots of little legs pedalling furiously and helped boost our funds.

Thanks you to Gary Maxwell for all his efforts in photographing lots of smiling faces - we're sure there will be some very happy relatives this Christmas.

It's hard to believe we are about to finish another term. Kate Smart and her team are busy rehearsing with the children for their Christmas concert, which as always, will be a lovely event.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to the many events planned for 1997 - so watch this space!

Suzi Forrest

*W*ight School Playgroup - Having missed last month's deadline for submissions, I apologise for the length of this article - a lot has been and will be happening at the Wight School Playgroup.

Of course Christmas is largely on the agenda. We are looking forward to our Christmas Concert in conjunction with the Village Hall Playgroup on Friday 6 December at 11am in the Village Hall. This year we are very much looking forward to seeing our little ones re-enact the

Nativity. If you are free and do feel like venturing out to join us, you will be made to feel most welcome; and, of course, seasonal mince pies and refreshments will be available after the short performance.

On Thursday 5 December (sorry, I am working backwards this month!), we shall be holding a cake stall and Tombola outside the Library from 9.30am - 11am. This is a great opportunity for you to gather up some lovely home baked goodies in preparation for Christmas. Even more so, however, your support for the Playgroup would be very much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning at Ruth Coleman's house on 27 November. In fact a very big thank you to Ruth who despite having stepped down from her position as Chairman of the committee, continues to support us in her untiring way.

We were delighted with all the support which we received at the Victorian Street Fayre. We raised a grand total of £225 and were also thrilled to win Best Decorated Stall. Thank you to all the committee members who helped in so many different ways. A special thank you must be made to Lesley Wilkins who commandeered the decorating of our stall and donated so many items. It is very much appreciated, especially from someone who is neither on the committee nor has any children of Playgroup age. Thank you Lesley!

On Friday 20 December the Playgroup shall be having their annual Christmas party for the children. We are also ever hopeful of a visit from Father Christmas?!

Wishing everyone a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Happy 1997.

Alison Atkinson

*H*arbury C.E. Primary School - Could I please alert all of your readers and ask them to pass on to anyone (is there anyone?) who doesn't read the magazine the reasons for the security changes at the school.

We have had a large number of children, mostly of secondary school age, coming onto the site outside the normal school day. This is resulting in small amounts of damage to the building and the environment which all have to be repaid at cost to the school. Occasionally we even find broken glass from beer bottles scattered around as well as cigarette packets secreted away. Do you know where your children are and what they are doing?

Because the school is in the middle of the village and we have three points of entry to the premises, I have had serious worries about security for the children. While I accept that no school should look or act like a prison I have a duty of care for everyone on the site and it is necessary for all visitors to be seen arriving.

Therefore I have arrange for the two "field" gates to be locked outside school hours and during the day from 9.15am to 3pm. Visitors arriving between these times should use the front gate and then report to the school office as usual. This may cause inconvenience to some people and might even prevent what have become common practices continuing, but I am sure that everyone will understand the necessity for these improvements.

Paul Milner - Headteacher

*P*arent Teacher Association - Following the A.G.M. in October we bid farewell to some familiar faces on the committee. Thanks for all their wonderful efforts which has produced a tremendous year with over £6,000 raised! A big welcome to all new committee members, who have produced some amazingly diverse fund raising suggestions (some unprintable) and we have only had one meeting! We're getting our calendar of events organised and you'll be able to read all about it here, in the H&L News, first.

In the meantime we continue with our prior commitments as scheduled - the taxi service for the Senior Citizens Xmas Party (always a good initiation event for new committee members!) and of course there's Santa and his Grotto to look after at the Christmas Fair. Also, by the time you read this, we'll have been to the Warwick Street Fair that was held on the 28 November (hope you didn't miss it!), where we manned the butcher's shop(!) in conjunction with the Bishops Itchington School P.T.A. But it wasn't meat that we had for sale, instead lots of sweets and cakes - many baked by the fair hands of Harbury School children.

As you can see, not everything we do is geared at mega-buck raising. We, in association with the school, are part of the community and turn our hand to what ever's needed.

For the Christmas Holidays you will be able to purchase, at the incredibly low cost of £1, our Christmas Mindbender Quiz Sheet. This is definitely a must, no home should be without one. It is totally and completely addictive and what's more, it may win you prizes!

On 18 January we host a Coffee Morning in the Tom

Hauley Room. Please come and support us. Bake some cakes, donate a raffle prize or just come and buy. Put the date in your diaries now!

Sometime in February (date to be arranged) school children and parents can enjoy another Beetle Drive, a couple of hours of frantic fun in the School Hall.

Also in February and not to be missed by any right-minded thinking person (or even part-minded) is the superb, the one and only P.T.A. Quiz. If you pretend to any brain-cred in the village you must attend. Invitations will be sent to past participants, but new teams are always welcome, so please let us know if you want an entry form.

Finally, a word about the Auction of Promises. A joint venture with S.H.A.K. that was held in October. What a brilliant evening! Just over £3,000 was raised by you. Many, many thanks especially to all those who organised and helped with the event. The auctioneers were wonderful, the audience/punters were receptive, willing and very generous. Jocular insults were bandied but no exception was taken (we hope!).

The P.T.A. look forward to seeing you at most or all of our future events.

We wish you all a Joyful Christmas and our best wishes for the New Year.

*The P.T.A. Committee
Chairman: Sue Buck (614224)
Secretary: Jim Ward (612401)*



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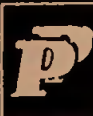
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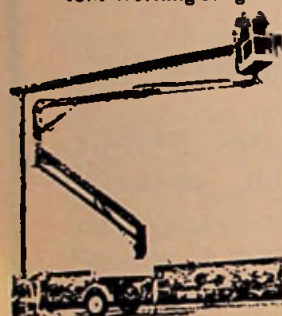
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Recs	1.00	2.00	6.00
Vibrating Plate	14.00	21.00	28.00

Breakers & Hammer Drills

	Day	2dy	Wk
Heavy Breaker 110v	22.00	33.00	44.00
Medium Breaker Drill 110v	13.00	22.00	33.00
Light Breaker Drill 110v	13.00	19.50	26.00
Hammer Drill 5/8 inch Chuck	9.00	13.50	18.00
Hammer Drill 1/2 inch Chuck	6.00	9.00	12.00
Hydraulic Breaker Pack	30.00	45.00	60.00
Reciprocating & Hammer Drill	10.00	15.00	20.00
Diamond Core Drill	Per		
Core Drill Bits	5.00	7.50	10.00
Pipe Aug & Drill	9.00	13.50	18.00

Decorating Equipment

	Day	2dy	Wk
Small 1/4" 2500psi Sprayer 240v	10.00	13.50	18.00
1/4" 2500psi Sprayer			
Paint Sprayer 240v	4.00	12.00	18.00
8" 1/2" Torch-Gas Extra	6.00	9.00	12.00
Torch Gun Rough Cast Gun	6.00	9.00	12.00
Torch Gun	7.00	10.50	14.00

Carpentry Tools

	Day	2dy	Wk
Planer 240v 110v	10.00	15.00	20.00
Table 110v	8.00	12.00	16.00

Cleaning Equipment

	Day	2dy	Wk
Copper 1000psi 240v	14.00	21.00	28.00
Pressure Washer 240v	13.00	19.50	26.00
Pressure Washer Pistol	34.00	51.00	68.00

Ladder

	Day	2dy	Wk
26 Ft Ladder	8.00	12.00	16.00
Roof Ladder	8.00	12.00	16.00
31 Ft Ladder	10.00	15.00	20.00

Concrete & Paving

	Day	2dy	Wk
3/2 Mixer Diesel	12.50	18.75	25.00
3/2 Mixer 110v 240v Petrol	11.00	16.50	22.00
Vibrating Paver 110v	14.00	21.00	28.00
Vibrating Paver - unit (Petrol)	24.00	36.00	48.00
Slab Cutter Manual	12.00	18.00	24.00
Slab Cutter Large	15.00	22.50	30.00

Saws Sanders & Grinders

	Day	2dy	Wk
Grinder 4 1/2 inch 110/240v	9.00	13.50	18.00
Grinder 8 inch 110v	9.00	13.50	18.00
Triangle Sander 240v	10.00	15.00	20.00
Palm Sander 240v	7.00	10.50	14.00
Orbital Sander 240v	9.00	13.50	18.00
Belt Sander 240v	9.00	13.50	18.00
Floor Sander 240v	23.00	34.50	46.00
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Jigsaw 110/240v	9.00	13.50	18.00
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Sabre Saw 240v	10.00	15.00	20.00
Quick Cut 110v	13.00	19.50	26.00
Quick Cut 2 Stroke	13.00	19.50	26.00
Floor Saw 14 inch Petrol	28.00	42.00	57.00
Floor Saw 18 inch Petrol	32.00	48.00	64.00

Miscellaneous

	Day	2dy	Wk
Acorn Pliers	One week min	2.00	
Drum Roller	One week min	5.00	
Warning Lights	One week min	5.00	
1 Tonne 4 Wheel Trolley	10.00	15.00	20.00
Builder Wheel Barrow	One week min	10.00	
Engine Crane	8.00	12.00	16.00
Dumpster	22.00	33.00	44.00

Power & Lighting

	Day	2dy	Wk
Generator 4 Kw	15.00	22.50	30.00
Generator 2 Kw	18.00	27.00	36.00
Generator 1 Kw	22.00	33.00	44.00
4 Stroke Generator Diesel	23.00	34.50	46.00
Transformer 1 Kw	3.00	4.50	6.00
Transformer 2 Kw	3.50	5.25	7.00
Transformer 3 Kw	5.00	7.50	10.00
Transformer 4 Kw	7.00	10.50	14.00
2 Way Junction Box 110v	One week min	5.00	
4 Way Junction Box 110v	One week min	8.00	
Stand Off Light 110v	8.00	12.00	16.00
Lighting String 110v Bulbs extra	9.00	13.50	18.00
Flood Light	7.00	10.50	14.00
Extension Leads 110/240v	3.00	4.50	6.00
Red On Circuit Breaker	FOC		

Pumps

	Day	2dy	Wk
2" Centrifugal/Diaphragm Pump	18.00	27.00	36.00
3" Diaphragm C/W 20 x 20 hose	25.75	38.63	51.50
3" Centrifugal C/W 20 x 20 hose	31.50	47.25	63.00
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Compaction Equipment

	Day	2dy	Wk
Trench Rammer	17.00	25.50	34.00
Compaction Plate Petrol	18.00	27.00	36.00
FIR Compact Plate Petrol	30.00	45.00	60.00
FIR Compact Plate Diesel	30.00	45.00	60.00
"28" Pedestrian Roller	20.00	30.00	40.00

Buffers

	Day	2dy	Wk
250 Gallon Water	One Week Min	20.00	
500 Gallon Water	One Week Min	25.00	
250 Gallon Fuel	One Week Min	20.00	
500 Gallon Fuel	One Week Min	25.00	
800 Gallon Fuel	One Week Min	35.00	

Small Earth Movers

	Day	2dy	Wk
Skid Steer Loader	100.00	150.00	200.00
12 Ton Mini Digger	100.00	150.00	200.00
750 Kg Skip Loader Dumper	65.00	97.50	130.00

Garden Tools

	Day	2dy	Wk
Garden Roller	6.00	9.00	12.00
Rotavator 5 Hp Petrol	27.00	33.00	44.00
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Hedge Cutter 18/21 inch 240v	12.50	18.75	25.00
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	Day	2dy	Wk
13m Access Platform	80.00	140.00	220.00

Rugby Club - The season progresses well so far, since the last report in the October H&L News the club has made steady progress and the president's optimism continues! The 1st team at present lie joint top of the Warwickshire League having lost only to Claverdon and drawn against Fords. All the other league fixtures have been won so the club looks forward to 1997 with the prospect of promotion a strong possibility. The team has progressed well under the coach Clive Hunt and young players brought in have equipped themselves well.

Another success is that the playing strength of the club has increased significantly and we are now able to field 3 sides without too much difficulty - if they continue as they are, there is a possible 4th team in the making! Full marks to Peter Rollason who has really made a success of his 3rd team, with some excellent new players, a lot of them younger players who have won most of their games. Congratulations to Peter and Moira for increasing their own team as well with the arrival of Robert.

So 1997 looks better for the club and let's hope progress continues for the rest of the season.

Date for 1997 - The Annual Barbecue will take place on Saturday 5 July. The 60's band is "Amen Corner".

Ian Holroyd

Paul Winchester Wheelchair Fund - We are very pleased to report that the fund already stands at £1,425.00. This is due to an excellent Quiz Night, which was very well attended - 30 teams crammed into the Rugby Club. Many thanks to Margaret Sherrington who organised the whole event. As well as this successful event the fund has been increased considerably by some

very generous private contributions from villagers and friends of Paul. We are very grateful for the generosity shown by these donations and we are confident of reaching our target.

Plans have been finalised for the three remaining events:

Saturday 14 December - Cabaret Night at the Village Club. Tickets are selling extremely well - a few are still available - contact Paul Gladden (613082).

Friday 2 January - Race Night at the Village Hall. All races have now been sponsored, so it should be another great night. Tickets are available from George Mann (614296) or Margaret Sherrington (613704).

Thursday 20 February - Sportsman Dinner at the Regent Hotel, Leamington. Speakers are Pat Crerand (Manchester United, Scotland and ITV pundit) and TV and Radio comedian Patrick Tansey. Tickets will be available from Ian Holroyd (612527). If you want to book (table booking available).

We are delighted to report the Paul is making steady progress and is getting home to Harbury for weekends.

We look forward to continued success with this village appeal.

Ian Holroyd

Auction of Promises (P.T.A. / S.H.A.K.) - Events like the recent "Auction of Promises" in October are rare. When up to 130 people claim to have had a "great" time (and the majority of the other comments were far less restrained!) and significant funds are raised for village organisations, the event has to be an unqualified success.

After months of planning and arduous meetings at local conference centres, Harbury School P.T.A. and the

S.H.A.K. Kommittee jointly organised what was probably the highest earning single event ever staged in the village.

The evening of 12 October saw a packed Village Hall attracted by an astronomical entrance price of £3 per head (including a gourmet meal). The scene was set... the lights were dimmed... the full house was expectant... and then the evening was abandoned to the tender care of two unknown individuals who then introduced themselves as Julian and André... (Did we really do that!)

We needn't have worried. Terry and "June" took over and not only entertained for over three hours but begged, pleaded, cajoled, flattered, insulted and teased over £3,000 in auction bids from the audience for a wonderfully varied selection of 78 promises ranging from Weekends for Two to French lessons and Helicopter Rides to Unicycle lessons.

Once the dust had settled, the evening had raised the staggering total of just over £3,400.00.

We suspect that everybody who was there will have their own particular memory of the night - a one-off quip, an incredible bid, a particular bargain - but who was it who paid £11 for a bag of onions? and who was it who was bidding over £80 for their spouse to cook them a meal? and who did buy the two hours of bicycle maintenance? and how did they remember everybody's names?

We've got our own memories but S.H.A.K. and the P.T.A. would like to remember and give special thanks to, firstly, all the individuals and companies who were so generous in donating the promises and secondly to everybody who came and participated (not just the successful bidders!)

The two committees worked well together on this unique venture - we're even still talking to each other! and we hope that everybody had a great evening. We're certain

that the children of the village who will benefit from the funds raised by both organisations will really appreciate the ultimate results. With thanks from

Harbury School P.T.A. &
S.H.A.K. Kommittee



Race Night Photo

Question: What do you get if you mix a 6ft 3" yellow polka-dotted jockey, a Pavarotti look-a-like with a whirring machine, a spiv in a hat collecting money in a back room, an excellent meal and a bow-tied bar tender?

Answer: Some ingredients of S.H.A.K.'s Race Night 2.

16 November saw another successful S.H.A.K. event in the Village Hall. From the minute the starter's flag fell for the first race, normally restrained people took on alternative personas, becoming totally animated and starting to shout encouragement to horses who were completely oblivious to their exhortations ... being

encased on celluloid!

The S.H.A.K. Kommittee would like to thank everybody who came, everybody who bought horses and, particularly, all the race sponsors: Avonvale Veterinary Group; Bull Ring Garage; Car Consultants; The Crown Inn; The Dog Inn; Kane's News; Mugleston's Country Fayre; The Shakespeare Inn; Sutcliff; Reynolds; Fitzgerald and Wright Hassall. The Kommittee are also once again indebted to S.H.A.K.'s sponsor Barclays Bank Community Partners scheme.

Although the profit figure has yet to be finalised, it appears likely that S.H.A.K. raised in excess of £800 on the evening.

The Kommandant (Pete Woodward)

R.S.P.C.A. - The coffee morning on 30 October raised the grand total of £530, a record. Thanks to all our generous supporters.

Pam Sperling

Postal Service by S.H.A.K. - A service for Harbury this Christmas! Did you know that if you put all of the streets of Harbury end to end they would stretch from here to Stratford-upon-Avon? Halfway through the Channel Tunnel? Or twice the height of Everest?

Have you ever wondered why you felt so tired after traipsing around the village to deliver your Christmas cards....?

Well this year S.H.A.K. can save your shoe leather, your time and your energy. All you need to is to "post" your

village cards in the special box at Mugleston's Country Fayre and we will do the rest. The cards must be to an address in the village. They will then be stamped with the S.H.A.K. logo (so that your friends will see that you have supported us) and they will catch the next available delivery - we will be delivering at least three times a week starting on Saturday 7 December, right up to and including Saturday 21 December.

Oh! and please don't forget to make a donation! (There will be a clearly marked donation slot in the "posting box"). Save your feet and help save the Scout Hut. From all of us at S.H.A.K. to all of you - Have a good Christmas.

Peter Walshe

STOP PRESS - Playscheme 1997 - If anybody is interested in helping to organise / 'man' Playscheme 1997, please phone me on 612401 as soon as possible.

Sue Ward

Coffee and Mince Pies - On Saturday 21 December we shall be holding our usual free pre-Christmas coffee and mince pie morning in the Tom Hauley Room. We would very much like to see you there, particularly all the people who have been involved during the year with the weekly coffee mornings and those who come week by week.

However, we shall be running a raffle, the proceeds of which will be given to the Get a Head Charity. This is a charity based at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham working on the treatment of facial and head cancers. Those of you who know Pino Iacaruso will know

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how important this work is. It ensures that patients get the best treatment possible, which is so vital in the field of cancer treatment.

Pino has offered to make the mince pies and provide contributions to the raffle, so they will be extra special. All we ask of you is that you should come along between 10am and 12noon and enjoy what is on offer.

Joyce Windsor

Victorian Street Fayre 1996 - We are pleased to announce we will be presenting £1,300.00 to the Leamington and Warwick Multiple Sclerosis Society from the profits raised from the Street Fayre's Grand Draw and Committee Members' stalls on the evening; also the proceeds from this year's Beer Festival food. The presentation will be held in one of the local public houses early in December, date to be advised.

We are unable to ascertain the overall funds raised on the evening as we have had very little response to our request for this information from individual stall-holders.

The committee would, once again, like to thank everyone involved with the event for their support.

Victorian Street Fayre committee

Harbury Bonfire - What a windy day it was! I'm sure the helpers would rather have stayed at home in front of a nice roaring fire, but in true Harbury spirit they dressed up and turned out to help with this annual event. Talking of dressing up, I still have two items of clothing which were left in my car. Please phone me on 612696 to claim them.



Bonfire photo

This year, as well as the old die-hards, we were lucky to have five new helpers - all of whom looked like they were enjoying themselves (see you next year!).

Hampered by the wind we almost managed to complete the collections and build the bonfire by the time the long reach loader arrived. Many thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Mann for the use of this equipment, there is no doubt that it makes the bonfire builders' job much, much easier.

The fireworks display was changed this year, for the good I think, you'll agree. Thanks to Brian and his merry team.

Did any of you miss the soup? No . . . I didn't think so. Thanks to the Scout Support Committee for organising the food; they did so well.

Thanks to everyone old and new who helped with trailers,

vehicles, muscles, fencing, 1st aid boxes and manning the gates, etc. Last, but not least, thanks to all who came along on the evening - I hope you all had a good night.

One more thing: The scout trailer appears to be missing. If you have borrowed it and forgotten to return it, please could you contact Brian Wade on 612831.

Julie Linforth

Etes-vous Francophile? - I guess many of us will secretly admit to an intermittent love-affair with France, especially at Summer holiday time. The wine, the food, the cafés, the scenery. We may have been lucky enough to discover how friendly and hospitable the natives can be when you get to know them. And we probably try to bring a little bit of France back with us, in the shape of a bottle or two, some cheeses and wonderful memories.

Wouldn't it be nice if such contacts could be more frequent than once a year? If, say, Harbury were to be twinned with somewhere similar on the other side of the Channel? Well, a possibility has presented itself. The village of Samois-sur-Seine, which has been looking for a potential twinning partner for a few months, has heard of Harbury(!) and would like to know more. Nothing definite yet: no wedding vows or anything like that at this stage, just a wish to find out how much the two communities have in common.

As the name implies, Samois is on the Seine. It's below Paris on the map, but upstream, about 3 miles NE of Fontainebleau. It has the river on one side and a huge forest on the other. Like Harbury, there are shops and

plenty of eating places; they have a primary school in the village and the secondary pupils travel to the town nearby. They have tournaments in football, petanque, tennis and table tennis and there seems to be lots of horse riding. They have an annual book fair, art exhibition and jazz festival (in memory of Django Reinhardt). Also, like Harbury, it isn't overrun with tourists, but there are plenty of interesting places close by.

Links like this are best taken gently to start with, but already we think Samois could have something to offer Harbury - and they seem to feel the same about us.

On Remembrance Sunday, 10 November, Mme. Nellie Tuchard visited Harbury. She met as many villagers as possible, was shown around the parish and provided with Harbury's hospitality in its many forms.

Nellie is a lively and likeable person and by all accounts will present an enthusiastic report to Samois Council during this month. Likewise, many in Harbury, including the School, can see the potential for sporting, cultural, educational and fun activities, not forgetting the opportunity of developing good personal friendships and exchange visits.

If you would like to know more, an illustrated presentation about Samois-sur-Seine and its surrounding area, will be held in the Tom Hauley Room on Tuesday 10 December at 7.15pm. Find out what twinning is all about and how have others succeeded with a twinning with France. Could every association in the village please send at least one representative? There might be a glass or two of wine. In the meantime, if you want more information, please talk to: Andrew Patrick (614359), James Turner (612915) or

Ken Stephenson (612537)

*H*orticultural Society - Our friend Mr. Thacker was certainly on top form for our November talk entitled "Patio and Pots", especially as he stepped in at the eleventh hour. He stressed most strongly the importance of drainage, he also imparted surprising information on the use of fresh manure for containers, especially for Busy Lizzies, which provided a topic for hilarity!



Craft Fair in the Village Hall

The annual November Craft Fair has taken place with the Horticultural Society providing the refreshments and lunches etc. during the day. What a superb band of helpers we have for the Fair, which resulted in valuable funds. Many thanks to you all - please come again! It was a typical November dull drizzly day and our services were obviously appreciated.

Please would everybody submit their seed orders and

monies to Mrs. Heather Tuner by Tuesday 3 December. This leads in nicely to the next meeting, which will be held in the Tom Hauley Room on the Tuesday 3 December. The talk will be on "Rockerries", followed by our Christmas Social when a buffet supper will be served.

Muriel Grey

Gardening Notes for December - Getting into the wellingtons and out into the garden is not going to be a priority this month, but there are still some jobs to be done. Plant deciduous trees and shrubs during mild spells. Planting areas could be covered with clear polythene to warm the soil and if bare rooted plants have to be kept waiting pack moist compost around the roots. Clear debris from under roses and fruit trees to prevent pests and diseases living on. It is safest to dispose of the leaves. Mulch Christmas roses with chipped bark to prevent mud-splash.

Repair fences and walls whilst plants are dormant. Clear ponds of leaves and protect liners by floating an inflatable ball in the water. Make a pile of twigs and leaves in a corner in which small mammals may find winter quarters. Feed the birds and they will seek out garden pests. Many of our common birds now rely on the food they find in gardens to see them through the cold months.

Ventilate the greenhouse for a short time whenever there is some sunshine. Check over the plants you are overwintering. Lift a few root crops in case the ground becomes frozen. Stake tall Brussels sprouts. Hoe any weeds and particularly watch for nettles which go on growing through the winter.

Prune out autumn fruiting raspberry canes and tie in

new growth on summer varieties. Prune back new growth by half on gooseberries, red and white currants. Bring bowls of bulbs into a cool but well lit position when the flower buds are visible. Feed and water them regularly. When it is time to pot up the Christmas tree remember, that too, needs watering. A 6ft tree needs a pint a day.

Plant of the month - Poinsettia

Poinsettias or *Euphorbia pulcherrima* (which does not exactly trip off the tongue!), hail from Mexico and naturally are tall autumn flowering shrubs. Growers have artificially retarded the growth and induced them to flower in the short winter days to provide a fairly easy to please house plant which gives an instant festive touch. When buying, look for short compact plants with the small yellow flower intact in the centre of the coloured bracts. Originally these were only red, but now there are varieties with pink, yellow, white or even spotted bracts. Keep the plant in a good light position in normal room temperature and out of draughts as this will cause leaf drop. Water sparingly but stand the pot on damp pebbles and feed every 2 weeks. With this care you should keep it for 2 or 3 months. When the leaves fall, discard the plant.

N.B. All parts are poisonous and sap is irritant.

Pat Smith

Elderly Lady requires assistance when going to bed (approx. 6-7pm). Also some other times by arrangement. Centre of village.

TLC essential, which will be reciprocated!

If you are looking for a part time job and would like to help, please phone **612273**.

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

I would just like to thank all the people who came to my aid just recently, especially John & Rosemary Eld, who learned of my plight, came and rescued my dog and cared for him - thank you folks.

To Mrs. May Watson who dropped everything to get me to hospital, such kindness. To Mrs. Szolnocki and Betty Cox and many others. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone. My back is much improved, my cracked ribs have healed and my arm is coming along nicely, in fact I feel a new woman. God bless.

Alice Wilkins

Dear Editors

Ref.: Possible Village Hall Lottery Application

I would like to thank all the clubs/societies and individuals who completed and returned the questionnaire in connection with the above. The results will shortly be passed to the Village Hall committee.

Brian Thurogood

Dear Editors

Thank you everyone who supported our coffee morning in aid of Missions to Seamen, on Saturday 2 November - the magnificent sum of £107.49 was raised and forwarded to the Mission's headquarters.

Most of us rarely, if ever, come into contact with seafarers. Yet we all depend on them. They bring in foodstuffs, raw materials, oil and other essentials. They

deliver our exports, which are vital to the economy, and they need us too!

Bill Davies

Dear Editors

Just a short note to wish all the Youth Club members all the best for their future. They are a great bunch and we have had some great times together.

I must say thank you to the management committee for the help they have given Vince and I over the last year. It was much appreciated.

Special thanks to Mrs. Vikki Holroyd.

I will still keep an eye on you lads (Ha!Ha!).

Maria Addison

Dear Editors

On behalf of the membership of Harbury and District Royal British Legion, may I say Thank you very much to all who supported the coffee morning on 9 November, i.e. Donators of raffle prizes, cake bakers and all who attended on the day.

The net result was a marvellous £157. Once again many thanks.

Jo Smith

Dear Editors

I have not been in Harbury all that long, I am now moving again, but before I go I would like to say Thank You to all the "Good Mornings" - "How are yous", the "Hellos" everyone has been so good wishing me.

Amy Stockwell

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