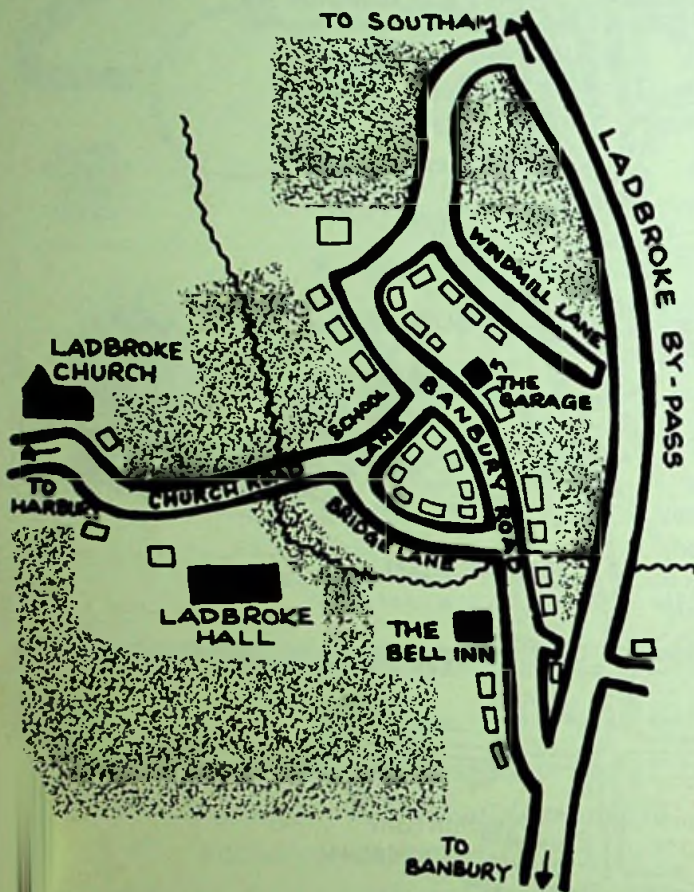


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This month's photograph shows Fairy Bowbells and her two charming companions! *Tom Cat's Tale*, played to full houses for most performances. The pantomime revealed a wealth of previously undiscovered talent from within the village, as the music & lyrics, written by Colin Wyburn, were quite outstanding (watch out Lloyd Webber!).

Credit must go to Anne Megeney, who wrote and directed the play. It was encouraging to see so many children and young people giving superb performances, under the tuition of Jean Champ.

All in all good family entertainment.

**Left to right: Keith Hayes, Carol Percival, Chris Barber**

As Harbury is blanketed by snow and ice, we ask you to remember our senior and less mobile villagers, who may need your help.

Please note that the AGM of the Harbury & Ladbroke News will be held on **Monday 4th March** in the Shakespeare Inn at 8pm. Please come along and air your views.



**Photographs by Mike Bloxham**

Congratulations to Jack and Win Bloxham, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding in January. Also congratulations to Margaret Warner and her horse Milverton, who won the British Sugar Trophy at Stoneleigh recently.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the family of Sydney Parker.



# Harbury Diary

## FEBRUARY

- Sun 4** 9th Before Easter - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 4pm  
Blood Donors in Village Hall  
Wight School Cake Stall outside the Library
- Tues 6** Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am  
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm  
Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Horticultural Society in Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 7** Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon  
Holy Communion in Church 2pm  
Mothers' Union in Church 2pm; meeting in T. Hauley Room 2.30pm  
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm  
Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
- Thurs 8** Holy Communion 9.45am  
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm  
Fun Français in Village Hall 4-6pm  
WI in Village Hall 7.45pm
- Sat 10** Scouts Jumble Sale in Village Hall  
Breakthrough Dance in Village Hall
- Sun 11** 8th Before Easter  
Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;  
Sunday School 10.50am
- Tues 13** Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am  
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm  
Toddlers' Service 2.15pm  
Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Village Hall Committee 8pm
- Wed 14** St. Valentine  
Grapevine Coffee Morning in T. Hauley Room 10-12noon  
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm  
Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
- Thurs 15** Holy Communion 9.45am  
Fun Français in Village Hall 4-6pm
- Fri 16** **Home Newspaper and Magazine Recycling Dates**  
Start of Half Term School Holiday
- Sat 17** Men's Prayer Breakfast at 7.30pm  
Harbury Nursery Playgroup 80/20 Auction in Village Hall  
Open meeting on Progressing Landscape Audit in V. Hall 2.30pm
- Sun 18** 7th Before Easter - Holy Communion 8am;  
Family Communion 10.30am; Sunday School 10.30am

- Tues 20 Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am  
**NO YOGA**  
 Holy Communion 7.30pm  
 Mothers' Union in Tom Hauley Room 8pm  
 Senior Citizens Committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 21 Ash Wednesday  
 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon  
 Sung Eucharist 7.30pm with Imposition of Ashes  
 Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
- Thurs 22 Holy Communion 9.45am  
 Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm  
 Fun Français in Village Hall 4-6pm  
 Parish Council in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 23 Harbury Society Theatre Supper (6.30pm) with Play 7.30pm  
*Dancing with the Devil* in Village Hall
- Sun 25 LENT I - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;  
 Sunday School 10.30am; Evensong 4pm  
 An expedition to Bishops Itchington 12 miles (pub  
 lunch) from Burton Dassett Hills & back. Meet below  
 Beacon 10am; £1, Children 50p
- Tues 27 Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm  
 Holy Communion with Address 7.30pm
- Wed 28 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon  
 Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm  
 Horse & Bamboo Theatre in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Thurs 29 Holy Communion 9.45am  
 Fun Français in Village Hall 4-6pm

## MARCH

- Fri 1 St. David's Day  
**Home Newspaper and Magazine Recycling Dates**  
 Conservatives Bridge Evening in Village Hall
- Sat 2 Beavers' Toy, Book and Cake Stall in Wight School 10-12noon  
 Hereburgh Morris Workshop in Village Hall 10am to 4pm
- Sun 3 LENT II - Sung Eucharist 9am; Sunday School 10.30am;  
 Evensong 4pm

All articles for **MARCH's** Harbury & Ladbroke News to  
 Pete's Place by Friday 23rd February 5.30pm

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

**For Tom Hauley Room Bookings**

**Mrs. Smith 613680**

**For Village Hall Bookings**

**Mrs. Hughes 612716**

**For Wight School Bookings**

**Mrs. Hayes 613488**

## **REGULAR DIARY DATES**

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

**BADMINTON:** Village Hall Tuesdays

**BEAVERS:** Scout Hut, 6-7pm Tuesdays

**BELLRINGING PRACTICE:** Church, 7.30pm Fridays

**BINGO:** Village Hall, 8pm Mondays

**BROWNIES:** Village Hall 6-7.30pm Tuesdays

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Church, 6.30pm Fridays

**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU:** Over Southam Magistrates Court,  
10am-3pm Tuesdays (Except Bank Holidays)

**COFFEE MORNING:** Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon Saturdays

**CUBS:** Scout Hut, Wednesdays

**DANCING CLASSES:** Farley Room Village Hall, Children & Adults 4-9pm  
Wednesdays.

**GRAPEVINE:** Tom Hauley Room, Coffee Morning 10-12noon Wednesdays

**GUIDES:** Scout Hut, 7-8.30pm Monday

**GYMNASTICS:** Harbury School, 6-7pm (U7-10yrs & Beginners 7-8pm;  
Over 10yrs 8-9pm) Mondays

**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** 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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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

During the past month we have, to use an expression, had the builders in. A number of cupboards and wardrobes have been fitted within the Rector's vestry, a length of lead flashing installed to one of the gables at roof level and the replacement sound system completed.

The sound system includes, apart from new speakers, an induction loop which allows the hard of hearing to obtain full benefit wherever they may be seated in Church, provided the appropriate adjustment is made to their hearing aid. We are sure full advantage will be taken of this facility.

We all often express some astonishment at how quickly young people grow up and move on and away from the village. The Church Choir is no



exception and from time to time has to be re-formed. During 1994/95 a new young choir was established and we are all delighted at their enthusiasm and attendance which requires a practice evening as well as Sunday Services. Father Roy was very pleased a short time ago to officially induct them as full members of the choir and award them their ribbons and medals. They were Rhiannon Buck, Charlotte & Chesney Coleman, Claire Concannon, Sophie Eadon, Beth Whalley and Lauren & Luke Woodward. Jemma Phipps who has been a member of the choir some time longer was made head chorister. Jemma is distinguished by having a red ribbon whereas the other ribbons are blue. The other members of the choir are Nicola Brunt and Nicola Wilby.

We congratulate them and wish them well for the future.

Moving down the scale age-wise, the Sunday School, which was re-formed at the end of September last, is progressing well and Father Roy has a regular task of awarding Attendance Certificates to many of the children.

A left-over from Christmas. The collection taken at the Christmas Carol Service totalled slightly in excess of £450 and is being forwarded, as in previous years, to the Children's Society on behalf of the village.

**Ruth & Jeff**

## **FROM THE RECTOR**

I am forever amazed with the role of Motherhood. The following is based on an article I read some time ago and it was headed *And God Created Mother*.

When the Lord was creating Mothers, He was into His sixth day of overtime when an angel appeared and said: 'You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one.'

And the Lord said: 'Have you read the specifications on this order? She has to be completely washable - have 180 movable parts - run on black coffee and leftovers - have a lap that disappears when she stands up - a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair - and six pairs of hands.'

The angel shook her head and said: 'Six pairs of hands!'

The Lord said: 'It's not the hands that are causing the trouble, it's the three pairs of eyes.' He continued: 'One pair to see through closed doors, so she already knows when she asks the question: 'What are you doing there?' A pair in the back of her head to see what she shouldn't, but knows she ought to. And, of course, the ones in front that can look at a child when they get themselves into

trouble and say: *I understand and love you, without speaking a word!*

'Lord', said the angel, touching His sleeve gently, 'Go to bed.'

'I can't', said the Lord. 'I'm so close to finishing. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick, can feed a family of six on one pound of mince and can get a nine year old to have a bath.'

The angel circled the model very slowly. 'It's too soft', she sighed.

'But tough', said the Lord. 'You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure.'

'Can it think?' said the angel. 'Not only think, but it can reason and compromise.' Finally the angel bent over and ran her fingers across the cheek.

'There's a leak', she pronounced.

'It's not a leak', said the Lord, 'It's a tear.'

'What's it for?' she said.

'It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride.'

'You are a genius', said the angel.

The Lord looked sombre. 'I didn't put it there.'

What a tribute to motherhood and I have known many, many that come up to that specification.

**Fr. Roy**

## **FROM THE REGISTER**

### **Holy Baptism Sunday 28th January**

Ladbroke: Jordan Damon Clarke

Darby Anthony Wilcock

Harbury: Brad Jordan Lucas

### **Laugh Line**

The new vicar had preached his first sermon, but a sudden emergency had prevented one of the churchwardens from attending church that day. When the churchwarden saw the vicar during the week, the following conversation took place:

Churchwarden: *I was sorry to have missed your first sermon, vicar.*

Vicar, with great modesty: *Oh, you didn't miss much.*

Churchwarden: *So they tell me.*

## **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HARBURY - ELECTORAL ROLL**

Under laws governing The Church of England, a **new Electoral Roll** must be made every 6 years. This is now due.

The existing roll will be discontinued. If you wish your name to be

included on the new roll, will you please let me have your completed form by **Sunday 24th March**. Forms may be obtained from me or from the table at the back of the church.

### **What is the Church Electoral Roll?**

It is your parish church's register of electors, i.e.: it is the list of those qualified to attend and **vote** at the Annual Parochial Church meeting, where elections take place for:

- the Parochial Church Council;
- the parishes representative or the Deanery Synod.

It is intended, by the use of this system, that:

1. Church people at every level should feel that they are in touch with the Church as a whole, and can play their part in decision making;
2. The laity have their place in every aspect of Church life, including its doctrine and services.

**Electoral Roll Officer**

**Moya Waterman (612285)**

### **MOTHERS' UNION**

January was a month of festivities for M.U. We welcomed our friends from Ladbroke's Women's Fellowship to the afternoon Christmas party, when we played *Beetle* and ate tea provided by the committee. The party ended with carol-singing.

The evening meeting was replaced by a cooked supper (hardworking committee members again) followed by a talk from Gill Andrews, who is a *supporting actor* (they don't like to be called *extras*) in many TV programmes and films. She told us about her life behind the scenes and before the camera. It may not be the glamorous life that some people imagine, but she had many amusing and interesting anecdotes to entertain us.

On **Wednesday 7th February**, Celia Barrett will be our speaker on Children's Games. The evening meeting on **Tuesday 20th February** will take the form of a Bible Study, based on the new M.U. course *To Live and Work*.



Will members who have not yet given in their money from the *Twelve Days of Christmas* appeal let me have it as soon as possible please.

**C.Mary Catt**

### **TODDLERS' SERVICE**

We started looking at colours. Mrs. Catt showed us lots of things coloured **RED** and we talked about these and things we had seen at Christmas - Holly berries, red tinsel, chocolate wrappers.

We heard the story of the fishermen who saw the red glow of a fire on the shore which Jesus had lit to cook the fish they had caught. We sang *All things bright and beautiful*. Next month we shall look at the colour **GREEN**.

**Shirley Keir**

### **ALPHA LAUNCH GO-AHEAD**

Harbury plans to join more than 50 churches of varying denominations in the Coventry and Warwickshire area who have adopted the internationally acclaimed Alpha course as an up-to-date springboard for parish renewal and mission. On 25th January, PCC members heard the enthusiastic conclusions of their own research team - Tony Stubbs, Keith Dormer and John Eld - and the views of three Alpha-experienced church people specially invited from other parishes.

Alpha, the meeting was told, is commended by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and by our own Bishop Simon. The ten-week initial course is in use world-wide and has even been encountered by Keith on the Internet (an IBM PC, of course!).

On the recommendation of the research team it was decided to arrange an open parish conference during February as Harbury's first step on the Alpha road. The Rev. Justin Welby of Southam, regional adviser on Alpha, is to be invited to advise and assist.

Because the leaning churchyard wall is in a conservation area the problem has been referred to Stratford District Council who will send an officer to inspect the one suspect tree and advise on a possible tree-planting programme.

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Reporting from Harbury School, John Stringer, chairman of the governors, spoke of the *mainly painful* problems currently being experienced, including the departure at Easter of headteacher Gerry Bailey, who has been appointed head of Clapham Terrace First School in Leamington. A permanent successor would not be in place until the autumn, he said, but an acting head would take over for the Summer Term. Nigel Chapman, deputy head, would be returning from secondment after the summer holidays. John praised his *tremendously supportive* fellow governors.

Another successful Christmas fair raised £1,255 from which a donation of £200 was sent to *S.H.A.K.*, the Scout Hut Appeal. Organiser Ken Hughes and all involved were congratulated and thanked.

Warden Jeff Bedford reported refurbishment of the rector's vestry almost complete and the addition of lead flashing to an area of the roof, which should cure the leak over the Rector's stall.

The Rector called for strong support for Saturday coffee mornings for the flower arrangers on **Saturday 17th February and the PCC on Saturday 11th May.**

The Church annual meeting will be on **Sunday 14th April** and will follow a short service at 6.30pm. There will be a Sung Eucharist on **Maundy Thursday** at 8pm and this year's confirmation service will be at 6.30pm on **Sunday 9th June**, with matins in lieu of normal Sung Eucharist at 10.30am.

John Algar

## Ladbroke News

### FEBRUARY

- Sun 4** 9th Before Easter; Family Communion 10.30am
- Wed 7** Holy Communion 9.45am
- Sun 11** 8th Before Easter - Sung Communion 9am
- Tues 13** Coffee Evening & Bring and Buy Stall at Ladbroke House, 7.30pm
- Wed 14** Holy Communion 2pm  
P.C.C. meeting in The Old Rectory 7.30pm

- Sun 18** 7th Before Easter  
Sung Communion 9am; Children's Church 11am;  
Evensong 3.30pm
- Wed 21** Ash Wednesday  
Holy Communion and imposition of Ashes 9.45am  
Lent Lunch at Catherine Spence, 7 Ladbroke Hall, 12.30pm  
Parish Council meeting in Village Hall, 7.45pm
- Thurs 22** WI meeting at Village Hall
- Sun 25** LENT I - Sung Communion 9am
- Wed 28** Holy Communion 9.45am  
Lent Lunch at Gwynne Badman, Sarah's Cottage,  
Bridge Lane, 12.30pm

## MARCH

- Sun 3** LENT II - Family Communion 10.30am
- Wed 6** Holy Communion 9.45am

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our 1996 didn't make a very good start - mainly because everyone was *under the weather*; with coughs, colds, etc. We tried to have an AGM, just 5 of us, but ended up watching Hazel's video of Egypt, which was very interesting. The next meeting will be here at Hall Farm, when I will give a report on the Swanwick Conference.

One item which should have been included in the January news, which was conspicuous by its absence, was the financial result of our Christmas Fayre - total £516; £258 of this was donated to Myton Hospice; the balance to church funds.

Ash Wednesday 21st February is the first day of Lent. It also heralds the start of our Lent lunches. I did read somewhere that we were not expected to go through Lent with glum faces, which is just as well when we have such a good time at these lunches. Any profits made will be donated to church funds.

Our Ash Wednesday service is at the usual time of our weekday Holy Communion, 9.45am. If you cannot get to a service at that time, please note that there is a Communion Service in Harbury at 7.30pm.

Lent boxes this year are for the Christian Mission Society and will be in church the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Please do take a box - we still have missionaries to support in the world.

Another date for your diary: **Wednesday 27th March, 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. The Church Annual General meeting - this is the time when all on the Church's Electoral Roll can raise issues regarding the church - please don't leave it to the usual few.

**Betty Winkfield**

## **LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.**

Members enjoyed a very entertaining talk and slide show on 25th January given by Mr. Plum who is a trainer with Dogs for the Disabled. It is quite amazing how dogs can be taught to assist disabled people thus helping them to live a fuller life. One dog takes his mistress to Samaritan duties and another has been aiding a girl since she was 9 years old. Mark, a puppy of one of Blue Peter's dogs, came too. He is back with Mr Plum for retraining.

On **Tuesday 13th February**: There will be a Coffee Evening and Bring and Buy Stall at 7.30pm at Ladbroke House, the home of Mrs. Jill Norgate in aid of the Stroke Association and the Meningitis Trust. Please come to support these worthwhile causes.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 22nd February**. Visitors are always welcome. If you need a lift to the Village Hall, please ring our president, Mrs. Catherine Spence, 7 Ladbroke Hall, who will be happy to arrange one.

**Hazel Sharples**

## **LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

After a break over the Christmas period, the Parish Council met again on Wednesday 17th January 1996 in the Village Hall.

Councillor Geof Timms took the chair in the absence of Councillor Peter Williamson. All other Parish Councillors and one member of the public were present.

Plans are still going ahead to create the footpath and bridle way across Windmill Lane. Pc Andy Went was pleased to inform us that no crime had been reported again in Ladbroke over the last two months. The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is working well in some areas of the village, but others do not seem to have such close co-ordination. At



present, Nigel Elkins is the co-ordinator for the lower Windmill Lane area and Cyril Spence for Ladbroke Hall, with Francis Badman as overall co-ordinator. Kip Warr is unable to take such an active part at the moment which leaves a gap on the main road, Bridge Lane and School Lane. Volunteers to be Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators are sought. Would anyone who feels they might be able to help in this, please contact Pc Andy Went at Southam Police Station.

Andy then enlivened the meeting with a break down of the 172 reported crimes last year in the 13 parishes over which he has jurisdiction. He was able to help us differentiate between burglary, theft and robbery, but was not so sure of the difference between *indecentcy* and *indecentcy other*. Needless to say it provoked lots of suggestions.

Back to business, the Council discussed a Planning Application for a change of use from offices to a residential unit by Mr. and Mrs. Fox at Deppers Bridge Farm. The Council had no reason to object to this application.

Geof Timms and Alan Gould were out last Saturday replacing the stile on the footpath where Ladbroke Hill meets Welsh Road West. It is our intention to publish a map with all the footpaths indicated, when all are complete.

Geof was sad to report the death of Mr. Reg Yates, who was the secretary of the Association of Local Councils, Southam Area. Ladbroke was represented at his funeral on 2nd January by Councillors Timms and Wilkinson and ex-Councillor Badman.

Following my last report, telling you of the proposed waste paper collection; boxes should now have been delivered to you. These will be collected by Biffa every two weeks. You should also have received a letter containing information about the dates for collection.

A letter had been received from the Council for Voluntary Service and Volunteer Bureaux specifically about the Voluntary Car Driver scheme, which transports people to Hospital, Doctor and Dentist appointments or to Day Care facilities. Before answering this letter, the council felt that they needed to understand any transport needs within the village. Could comments please be sent to Peter West at Briarwood, Windmill Lane.

In *Any other business*, Elsa offered to alert Warwickshire County Council of the broken bollard at the entrance to the village.

The next meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 21st February**, Village Hall, 7.45pm.

**Carol Northorpe**

## **BERKLEY HOMES (COSBY HOMES) DEVELOPMENT IN LADBROKE**

The Public Inquiry for the refusal of planning permission of 9 houses and 4 social houses off Windmill Lane, was held on 23rd and 24th January 1996 at Stratford Council Offices.

The inquiry was attended by Peter and Sylvia West, Mike and Ann Connon, Richard Walker, Marion Grainger and myself.

I had been told this was an informal inquiry over the refusal for planning, only to find out on attending, that it was to be two days of discussions on the *pros and cons* of paint emissions and noise from my garage and only three minutes on the 3½ metre width of the Windmill Lane road entrance to the site.

Cosby/Berkley Homes had brought in a highly priced barrister from London to represent them, who proceeded to question the planning legitimacy of my 75 year old business. On the opposition was Stratford Council who had turned down the planning application on the grounds of wanting an exclusion zone around my workshop, which meant the developers would need to move or remove 2 houses. They were not amused.

I had a chance to put my case across as the small independent business being trampled on by the *big boys*.

Peter West put the case across for the Windmill Lane residents and in the process put in a good word (or two) for me (thanks Pete).

On the third day, a deputation of councillors, solicitors and an inspector came to Ladbroke for a site visit.

We now have to wait for a decision from the Inspector, which I will submit for printing when received.

**Steve Birch, The Garage**

## PROFILE - ELSA GREENWAY

Elsa Greenway is a *Leamingtonian* and has lived there most of her life, until moving to Ladbroke with husband Stan in 1984.

Elsa's early educational years were marred by ill health - diphtheria followed by rheumatic fever. She was pushed around in a wheelchair for many months. Her parents were warned that she would have to take care all her life and energetic games were to be discouraged! Having failed the Grammar School entrance examination, Elsa went to the Central School for girls in Leicester Street, thoroughly enjoying every minute of it - one of her favourite subjects was gymnastics. When she left school she was determined to be a P.E. teacher.

Her first career started as a general dogs-body in the *Rag Trade*. Twelve years later she was appointed Company Secretary for the group. Throughout these years she continued her education by going to day release and evening classes, studying principally for the Chartered Institute of Secretaries qualification, plus French as a light relief. She gained a distinction in Law and Economics and was awarded a prize for being the best *mature* student. Stan and Elsa had a secret wedding on St. Peters Day at All Saints Church Leamington in 1962.

From 1971-1988 Elsa was a School Secretary at Blackdown High School. When it was changed to North Leamington School, she went first to Manor Hall, then Croft Hall. She was Clerk to the Governors of the four schools on the Campus. She was School First-Aider and took part in the school dramatic productions. Her *piece de la resistance* was as Mrs. Bumble in Lionel Bart's Musical *Oliver*. She resigned in 1988, due to ill-health.

In 1990 Elsa became secretary to Fr. Ian Campbell, Rural Dean of Warwick and Leamington and Vicar of All Saints Leamington. Elsa who had been a member of this church for 43 years, joined the Brownies in 1938, then Guides, taught in the Sunday School, was on the PCC and edited the Parish magazine. She retired from Guiding as District Commissioner for South Leamington in 1980. She had a mixed Ranger/Venture group and started Brownies, Guides and Rangers for the Asian Community. She was a life-saver and had both a QM. and Campers Licence. She played the piano, guitar, sang and did dance drama and produced several gang shows. She belonged to badminton and tennis



clubs, playing in matches and tournaments for both sports. She was a member of Lillington WI.

When Stan and Elsa moved to Ladbroke in 1984 she decided that having been secretary for as many organisations, covering 54 meetings a year, she would say NO to all secretarial requests. She is now *only* Ladbroke's Parish Clerk, (11 years), PCC Secretary (8 years) and has produced the weekly pew sheet for Harbury & Ladbroke Churches (2 years).

**Betty Winkfield**

## **HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - JANUARY**

There was no news of Mr. Heath's Appeal. Stratford passed plans for a pool at Deppers Bridge Farm, extensions at Sharmer Farm and tree work at Pool Yard and Ivy Lane. The Parish had no comments on Mr. Clarke's renewal, the felling of two Leylandii at Temple Cottage and a planning scheme for the house next to the Hall; a porch at 2, Wagstaffe Close; a new roof for the Farley Avenue Pumping Station and Summerfield Lodge.

Cllr Holtom reported the owner of Westbury House was willing to re-seed the verge where his building materials had been stored, but cars parked there made this impossible. Pc Boulstridge who was absent arresting someone, had been asked to clear up the parking problems at Yew Tree and West End Cottages where the pavement was obstructed. Cllrs Drinkwater, Middleton and Thompson would talk to the residents.

The Council agreed to ask Sheraton Leet to make safe and rebuild the outbuilding at Old Well Cottage, Farm Street. They would complain to the Telecom Advisory Committee and BT that the new telegraph pole in the conservation area at the Pound was erected without planning permission.

Severn Trent announced the upgraded Sewage Works would not be completed until late 1997, delaying developments in the area. It was not clear where these works were to be built.

The owner's solicitors declared the attempt to claim public access rights to the Spinney would fail and threatened to seek costs against the Parish, but the Council is still collecting evidence of the use of the Spinney for

recreation and Cllr Middleton agreed to visit the Open Spaces Society for assistance.

There was much hilarity at the news that Stratford was to implement the 1925 Public Health Act, giving local communities the right to object to developers' street names. The Clerk was instructed to seek action to reduce the excessive mud on Ufton Road, which was obscuring the tip signs.

The search for a new caretaker and alternative insurance cover for the playing fields continues. The Council's only solution to the overgrown plots at the allotments was to consider burning off the weeds and spraying them.

Cllr Woodward briefed his colleagues on a public meeting on **Saturday 17th February** in the Village Hall at 2.30pm, when villagers would be encouraged to put their views on progressing the recent Landscape Audit. Chairman Ken Stephenson wanted to be able to put firm proposals to the Annual Parish Meeting in the Spring.

A thousand pounds was pledged towards the cost of resurfacing the Netball Court, providing screening and bark for a spectator area. The precept was to be increased by £1,000 *less than 1p per Band A tax payer*, John Hunt explained.

The Council had decided not to distribute the Stratford District Travel Tokens along with their own vouchers, for fear of causing confusion amongst the elderly.

John Woodward has been looking after the playing fields until a new caretaker is appointed. The new anti-fouling notices have been erected and he believes that *Dog Mess increases as a cube of the number of notices!* He made a heartfelt plea for a better designed Dog Bin, now that he is having to empty it!

**Linda Ridgley**

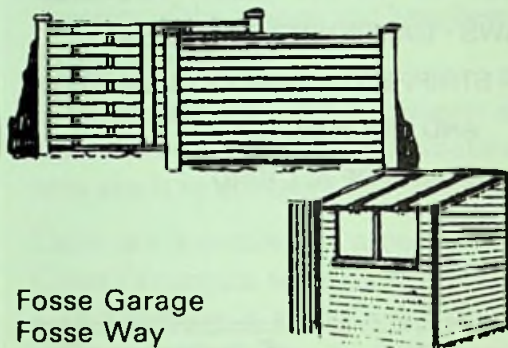
## **HARBURY SOCIETY**

Tickets are selling well for our Theatre Supper on **Friday 23rd February**. Remember, if you want a supper beforehand you must book a ticket with the secretary in advance. Supper is served at 6.30pm and costs £3. Play tickets are £4 (£3 OAPs).

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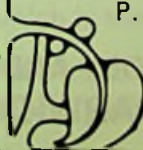
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Our AGM is **Tuesday 26th March** when Susan Rhodes will tell us about the re-creation of the Lord Leycester Hospital Garden.

Our Landscape Audit initiative has been singled out by Rural Action for praise and has received national publicity in a briefing paper, produced for MPs, Commissioners and other prominent people. We prioritised the elements of the scheme and have been concentrating on the Sentinel Oaks for the Millennium.

In the Spring, the County Museum is to undertake a survey of flora and advise us how we might help wildflowers to re-colonise. Our major long term aim is to safeguard the Paddock next to the Church.

There are a number of aspects which were more properly the Parish Council's concern and they will be holding a public meeting on **Saturday 17th February** in the Village Hall, where they want local people to give their support and ideas for improvements.



**Alan Deakin surveys the Spinney, which is the subject of debate.**

The Parish Council is also collecting evidence to prove that the Spinney has been used continuously since 1970 by parishioners for sport and



recreation. This would enable them to claim it as a Public Open Space and prevent access being denied. Anyone with a valid claim to have used the Spinney should complete a form from Pete's Place and return it to the Clerk at Rowan House, Binswood End.

**Finally:** What has happened to Rabbit Hill? The road to Warwick was always treacherous from the Ranch House to the Fosse, but since Christmas I know of at least five vehicles in the ditch. What has changed?

Parish Council Clerk, Alison Hodge and I have been bombarding the County with requests to investigate, but they say there is unlikely to be money to do more than sign the danger.

We need information about accidents to make them take notice, so if you have ended up in the ditch there this winter, can you let us know, Linda 612792, Alison 612029.

**Linda Ridgley**

## **HARBURY LANDSCAPE PROJECT**

It cannot have escaped your notice that your Parish Council, in conjunction with Harbury Society, have actively been seeking - and finding - ways to visually enhance the Parish and at the same time make it a safer and more satisfying place in which to live.

### **NOW WE WANT YOUR IDEAS**

Tell us what bugs you. What changes would you like to see in Harbury and Deppers Bridge?

- How can we improve our tatty and bare street verges and greens?
- Would you like more trees, shrubs, winter colour?
- Why do we have to suffer more and more posts and cables?
- How can we achieve less and slower traffic?
- What improvements to lighting would you like to see?
- Would a *softer* village centre be beneficial?
- How, with a little help, could you improve your outlook?

We are sure you have opinions and ideas for planting and other changes around the Parish and particularly near your home.

So come along to an **Open Meeting** for the Landscape Audit at:

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**TOM CAT's TALE**



**Jean Champ preparing her daughter Daniel's hair.**

**Back row, left to right:** Nicola Brunt, Sheri Byles, Kathy Freeman,  
 Sam Brunt, Julia Greenwell, Rachel Anderson and Lauren Woodward  
**Front row, left to right:** Hanna Burn, Melanie Heathcote, Jessica Farrell and  
 Sophie Eadon

The Panto played to packed houses (except Thursday), but it began for me over twelve months ago when I first put pen to paper. In my script, Dick Whittington travelled to London as a budding *pop* singer and I approached Colin Wyburn in the hope that he would play a few bars of rock 'n roll to illustrate this point. He and his wife Jeanette expressed great enthusiasm for the project and to my surprise they spent last summer writing a complete musical score, including some lovely songs. We decided to have all the musical numbers pre-recorded in a professional



recording studio. This was done for two reasons. Firstly, we were anxious to give our audience the best possible sound quality (the Village Hall acoustics are notorious) and secondly, we knew from past experience that untrained, unamplified voices cannot be heard above the music, especially when the accompaniment is sited in front of the stage, creating a sound barrier. I must stress that the voices heard were the voices of the people on stage.

An added bonus is that we have quality tapes for sale and these contain a brief narrative of the story between the songs. (Ring Colin on 612730.)

A wonderful cast worked hard through Christmas, flu and other commitments to bring the show to life. Mary Shelley, Julie Linforth and Amanda Kelly were responsible for the wonderful *cat* faces and *rat* masks. Jean Champ's dancers were the best behaved troupe we have worked with for a long time - well done!

Finally, thanks to Pete Andrews for selling the tickets. I hope you will continue to support him.

**Anne Megeney**

## **HARBURY WOMEN's INSTITUTE**

January's meeting was well attended and we welcomed two new members.

The Darts and Bowls teams have been chosen. Congratulations to Celia for winning the Interclub Knockout Short Mat Bowls final.

The speaker was May Watson, one of our own members, speaking on Guide Dogs for the Blind. They say never appear with dogs and children. Well, here was an example, as she brought two young dogs with her, who obviously were overwhelmed by the company (and who could blame them).

They each had their own chews to keep them occupied, but by the end of the session, after watching each other, one had eaten both chews. Whilst May was talking, Marjorie looked after Eve and proceeded to show her dog discipline, which worked at times. A hairy moment for Eileen when Eve took a fancy to her. Nora looked after Emma.

May said that she moved from Exeter, where she had experience of guide dogs, to the Leamington area, where she applied for dogs right away. Her present dog Emma, has been accepted as a brood bitch and will have pups at a later date when old enough. The breeding centre for the whole country is at Tollgate at Bishops Tachbrook.

May also looks after dogs whose minders go on holiday or to hospital. She spoke of the origin of the idea in Germany, at the end of the war. A doctor watched a blind patient walking with a German shepherd dog, who was guiding him away from obstacles and so the seed was sown. An American dog trainer heard of the training of dogs for the blind and went to see for herself, hence a school was started in Switzerland. Two ladies started the Guide Dogs for the Blind in Wallasey, Cheshire. The premises and situation proved unsuitable, so they transferred to the Midlands and Emscote Manor was acquired in the 50's. Today it is a well run centre with every amenity: puppy units; feeding units; vets; operating and X-ray units. There is also living accommodation for the client coming to get to know and train with their allocated dog for one month, the charge being £1 per week.

The dogs are given stringent examinations from birth right through to leaving the centre. They must be perfect for the job they have to perform. We are familiar with those in the village who look after pups until they are ten months old, then go on to more intensive training. They all have such lovely natures too.

The association has come a long way since the 50's and there are now seven centres around Great Britain.

Do you know that all the client pays for the dog is 50p plus £4 for their stay at Emscote Manor and the sum for training the animal right up to leaving with their owner is £2,500. Amazing isn't it, but that isn't all, as keep and food plus veterinary treatment is paid by the Association. It is an on-going situation. One has nothing but admiration for the association and realizes that donations, etc. are so important to help keep this wonderful service going.

**February teas:** Mary Thompson. Celia Barrett and Jeanne Beaumont

**Jeanne Beaumont**

## **HARBURY FOLK CLUB**

This should have been Sue's Irish Night, but unfortunately Sue had lost her voice! So it became Ian's Irish Night. Ian and the silent Sue opened the evening and set the scene with A Jug of Punch and Mountain Dew. Steve, accompanied by his son Aaron, did a splendid version of The Fields of Athenry. Pete and Liz followed with The Star of the County Down and Wild Geese and then Mike gave us a poem, entitled The Limerick Rake and also sang Ireland's latest entry in the Eurovision Song Contest! Jean said she didn't know any Irish songs, but we persuaded her to sing anyway. Peter McDonald closed the first half with that well known Irish song We'll Sing Alleluia, followed by Red is the Rose.

The second half opened with a Cabaret Act, called Molly's Follies, which included a haunting version of She Moved through the Fair, played on the Bowed Psaltery, by Maureen, followed by some expert Irish Dancing from Molly herself and Celia. Somewhat out of breath they finished with The Spinning Wheel Song. Ron entertained us next with Where the Praities Grow and Phil the Fluters Ball. Other contributions in this half came from Rick, whose concertina playing was a delight and Des who made us all laugh with I'm Walking Backwards to Christmas. Gilly wowed us all with her wonderful rendition of On Broadway and finally John Black and his invisible drummer closed the second half.

Contributions in the third half came from Rupe's Group + John Kemsley and Keith. It was good to see Tony Bayliss, who doesn't visit the club nearly enough these days. The evening was brought to a close with some rousing Irish chorus songs from The Odd Sods.

The raffle raised £40.50 for Arthritis Research.

### **The Silent One**

## **MORE FOLK**

Another chance to enjoy Folk Music locally, this month is on **Saturday Evening 10th February, 8pm at Southam School.**

Many of our own local artists will be performing and Steve has asked **The Harvesters** and **As the Crow Flies** from Birmingham, to do the main spots.

Tickets for this event are available from Bill Timson 612491 or the School 812560 and include a supper at £5 each. There will, of course, be a bar!

**Bill Timson**



## HARBURY SCOUTS & GUIDES SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Thank you to all the people who supported the Teddy Tombola at the Christmas Fair, so that all the bears were won, including the large one which I coveted!

The main fund raising event of the year is about to happen and I hope we will be supported as well as we usually are. The Jumble Sale will take place in the Village Hall on **Saturday 10th February**, starting at 10am, admission for adults: 10p. We ask that your donations of jumble be brought to the Village Hall between 6 and 8pm on Friday 9th February. If you have any difficulty in doing this, please telephone either of these numbers and arrangements will be made for collection: 612931 or 613419.

Very advanced warning: the Support Group AGM will be on **Tuesday 21st May** at 7.30pm in the Scout Hut.

**Jo Tancock**

## CUBS - S.O.S.



Thomas Ward and Jack Whorton are the first Harbury Cubs to receive the Adventure Crest Award and so gain a complete set of Cub Scout Awards. Well done, Jack and Thomas!

We hope that other boys will be able to follow in their footsteps, but at the moment Cubs is suffering from an acute shortage of leaders. Recently, two leaders have left and more help is urgently needed. You do not need to be an expert in scouting, as everything you need to know can be picked up as you go along.

Here are some of the activities the Cubs have been involved in over the last year: tracking, outside cooking, orienteering, shelter building, Spanish evening, Italian evening, visits to Southam Police Station and Leamington Fire Station, swimming, cross country, District Camp, District Athletics, wide games at Bascote Heath, visits to Ackers Trust for canoeing and rock climbing and the Gang Show.

Cubs meet at the Scout Hut every Wednesday 6.20-7.50pm. If you are able to offer help in any way, please let me know. I shall be very pleased to hear from you.

**Akela (Muriel Coupe), 612507**

### **BEAVERS TOYS, BOOKS & CAKE SALE**

At present 5 of us are working towards our challenge badge, which is made up of 4 parts. The one we are doing now is our caring badge and for this we will be holding the above sale at the Wight School on **Saturday 2nd March, 10am-12noon.**

Everyone is welcome to come along and for anyone interested, there will be a boot sale in the Wight School Car Park @ £2 per car. If you would like to book a car place, please call Gill Guilford, our Beaver leader on 614206.

All money raised on the morning will go to *S.H.A.K.* to help towards our new Scout Hut. Thank you.

**Peter & James Smart,  
Thomas Wilkins  
Adam Johnson and  
Edward Fleming, ages 7 & 8**

### **THE WIGHT SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

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crucial to the financing of our playgroup.

We have invited Gary Maxwell along to the Wight School on **Tuesday 5th March**. Anyone who would like their children photographed is welcome to bring them along between 9.30 and 10.15am. Gary has a very good reputation, so these would make excellent Easter, Mother's Day (17th March), Father's Day (16th June) or Birthday presents!

Finally, we have been very pleased to welcome quite a number of toddlers along to our monthly sessions. Any toddlers from 2½ to 3 years and their parents/guardians are welcome to come along to the playgroup on the first Friday of each month from 10-11.30am. You'll be guaranteed a warm welcome.

**Alison Atkinson, 613291**

## **HARBURY YOUTH CLUB**

### **COMING SOON**

#### **HORSE and BAMBOO THEATRE's performance of *VISIONS OF HILDEGARD***

This is an opportunity to see Europe's leading puppeteers and go back stage to meet the cast and see how the show is put together.

The performance re-creates a world of medieval austerity, which is punctured by the swirling vivid visions of Hildegard. Her story is told with humour, hidden devices and strange puppetry.

**Don't miss it:** Harbury Village Hall on **Wednesday 28th February** at 7.30pm. Suitable for all ages over nine. There will be a charge of £2 adults; 50p children. Tickets from Pete's Place.

It is hoped that the company will return in the Summer with their Horse Drawn Show.

**Vikki Holroyd**

## **HARBURY SCHOOL - from DELAMERE (Y7)**

Harbury School's orchestra was invited to perform in the Warwickshire Music Festival at Bedworth Civic Centre on Saturday 27th January.

A group of Y7 girls, who are also members of the orchestra, wrote and performed the following poems:

## My Clarinet

Long, slim, beautiful.  
 Harmony, melody, musical.  
 Thoughtful, peaceful, dreamy, deep.  
 Happy, romantic, send you to sleep.

Clarinet, Clarinet, take me away,  
 to the world I imagine,  
 day after day.

by Samantha Brunt

## Sunday Flute

Here I am playing the flute  
 On a dreary Sunday night.  
 Dreadful scales up and down  
 Minuet Waltz, toot, toot, toot.  
 F sharps, G sharps, all around  
 They make me crazy,  
 Through 'till Monday.  
 As Tuesday gets here, all is fine,  
 But now it's Friday cool!  
 It's early to school,  
 Playing tunes and tunes,  
 But no dreadful scales.  
 It's orchestra, of course.

by Jennie Norman



## Clarinet

*Squeaking high, blowing low  
Sometimes fast, sometimes slow*

*Oh, I hate that not high E  
Why can't it be like low D.*

*Playing softly with the flow  
Up and down the music goes.  
Now back you go my little pet  
Oh, why did I choose the Clarinet?*

*by Sophie Eadon*

## Tenirale

*Every day I always get  
a feeling of enjoyment as I play my Clarinet.*

*I sometimes play gently, soft and quiet  
and sometimes so loud, I cause a riot!*

*New tunes are impossible and really frustrating.*

*Sometimes so hard, my teeth start grating!*

*It's not always the tune we play, when learning a new piece,  
it's usually the harmony, which makes it quite a treat.*

*The notes are long and flowing, or even short and sharp,  
but it makes no difference really 'cos they hit you like a dart.*

*I do enjoy playing the Clarinet, it can be exciting and fun,  
but I have to put it away now, because my poem is done.*

*by Sarah Watkin*

## Flute my Queen

Out she comes  
the queen herself  
to make her servants dance.

Round they prance,  
round they whirl.  
Suddenly the spell is shattered,  
broken.

It's high G,  
that awful squeaker.

EEEEK!  
Oh God I hate this piece!

So back in her box  
until next time  
she comes once more  
to make her servants dance.

But wait,  
she comes again.  
This time the Valets dance.  
The crotchets, minims fly.  
The river of notes,  
how fast it flows.

JENNY, IT'S TIME TO GO.  
YOU'LL BE LATE YOU KNOW!

I'm sorry Queen.  
I've got to leave.  
Back you go  
you sweet thing.

by Jennie Fodge

## HARBURY NURSERY PLAYGROUP

Exciting news for bargain hunters! The January sales may be over, but the Nursery's 80/20 sale is back at the Village Hall on **Saturday 17th February**. This is an increasingly popular and busy annual sale of quality second hand toys, children's clothes and equipment; a really good opportunity to snap up some bargains, so don't miss it! Doors open 10.30am (until 12noon) and refreshments will also be available. Prospective sellers should contact Linda Roe on 613107.

Following the success of the *weekender* fashion show 2 years ago, the Nursery have decided to stage a similar event on **Thursday 7th March**, again at the Village Hall. We are all looking forward to a chance to view and buy some *high street names* at good prices - and maybe see some familiar faces modelling them (no, sorry not Cindy Crawford). There will also be a licensed bar, so all in all it should be a really enjoyable evening. Tickets £3, are available from Pete's Place or any of the Nursery Committee. A limited number will also be on sale on the night. Show starts 7.30pm. See you there!

**Emma Evans**

## HARBURY SCHOOL

Harbury School has commissioned two artists to work with children in the creation of two permanent pieces of art.

Infant children are working with Elisabeth Green, creating a 3D metallic sculpture of Noah's Ark. This is to be displayed in the Infant Cloakroom.

The Junior children will be assisting Hilary Angle, to produce a large mural for their Cloakroom Area. The mural will reflect community life in Harbury. We hope to incorporate as much of village life as possible into its design.

If you have ideas, sketches, or photographs, which you think should be included in our view of Harbury, please contact:

**Gerry Bailey or  
Vikki Holroyd**



## **HARBURY SCHOOL - from ASHDOWN (Y5)**

On Monday 15th January, Class 5 and 6 went to Birmingham to the Old Rep Theatre to see the Borrowers. We went by coach. When we got there, we had to go up some stairs. When we got to the top we went into the theatre room. We were sitting on the balcony. Most people took sweets. I took some wine gums.

The Borrowers are about little people who borrow things from houses. I wondered how they would make the people small. To make the people small they made the humans bigger. They blew this kind of balloon up in the shape of a boy's head. It was all very good. The stage was a revolving stage. It was on for about an hour and a half. At 4.15 we came back to Harbury.

by George Clarke

## **HARBURY SCHOOL PTA**

Please put some dates in your diary for the following events. More information will be coming out for each of the events either from School or in the 'News', nearer the time.

<b>Friday</b>	<b>9th February</b>	<b>Children's Barn Dance (Y4 to Y7)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1st March</b>	<b>Quiz Evening</b>
	<b>Early March</b>	<b>Younger Children's Entertainment</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27th April</b>	<b>Family Barn Dance</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11th May</b>	<b>School Sponsored Walk</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6th July</b>	<b>Summer Ball</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12th October</b>	<b>Promise Auction with S.H.A.K.</b>

With regards to the Quiz, nearly all of the recognised societies and groups in the village have been invited (I say nearly, because I have probably forgotten one or two). If anyone else can get a team of four together and would like to take part in what is a most enjoyable evening, please give me a ring as soon as possible.

**Stephen Kelly, 613175**

## **HARBURY PTA CHRISTMAS MINDTEASER**

The PTA committee have asked me to say a big *thank you* to all the people who paid £1 each to have their minds teased over Christmas and

*sorry* to those who haven't yet recovered from the experience, particularly to the lady who told me that she woke in the middle of the night with an answer, only to spend nearly an hour wide awake, struggling with the next question!

39 CSSS gave the most trouble and as a child of the 60's I especially like one answer: *39 Clapping Song Six Short*, once I worked it out!

As the quiz was so well subscribed the PTA committee decided to award a £10 second prize in addition to the £25 first prize, but even so nearly £200 was generated for PTA funds.

No one provided an absolutely word perfect entry, but seven were extremely close and the winners were drawn from those by the school's caretaker, Mrs. Diane Nockalls.

The first prize went to Carol Lovelock, c/o Southam School and the second prize went to Stanley Keen of Kinton; cheques in the post.

There will be another Mindteaser for you in the Summer and to the *seekers after truth*, who actually paced out the Panama Canal, measured Mount Everest and counted the keys on pianos, I guarantee no greater degree of accuracy, but to those who knew their Bible - what can I say? However often you checked typing, mistakes still seem to slip through.

Thank you again for your support. I hope you enjoyed it.

27 B in the OT .....	27 books in the Old Testament
12 S of the Z .....	12 signs of the Zodiac
2001: ASO .....	2001 a space Odyssey
240: OP in a P .....	240 old pence in a pound
1760 Y in a M .....	1760 yards in a mile
999: ETN .....	999 emergency telephone number
7 C in a R .....	7 colours in a rainbow
3 BF for BBBS .....	3 bags full for a Baa Baa Black Sheep
5 T on a HF .....	5 toes on a human foot
13 C in a S .....	13 cards in a suit
100 DC: BP of W .....	100 degrees centigrade; boiling point of water
8: SR of SF .....	8 square root of sixty four
64 S on a CB .....	64 squares on a chess board
88 PK .....	88 piano keys
57 HV .....	57 Heinz varieties
4 and 20 BB in a P .....	4 and 20 Blackbirds baked in a pie
8 F in a M .....	8 furlongs in a mile
39 CSSS .....	39 continental shoe size six
MMLJ: 4 G .....	Matthew, Mark, Luke, John; 4 Gospels

60 D in EA of an ET .....	60 degrees in each angle of an equilateral triangle
501 LSJ.....	501 Levi Strauss jeans
VVGB: 1853.....	Vincent van Gogh, born 1853
13 S on the AF.....	13 stripes on the American flag
29002: H of ME in F .....	29002 height of Mount Everest in feet
13: UFS .....	13 unlucky for some
1929: WSC .....	1929 Wall Street crash
6 B in a O.....	6 balls in an over
650 S in the H of C.....	650 seats in the House of Commons
200 PFPG in M .....	200 pounds for passing go in Monopoly
26 L in the A.....	26 letters in the Alphabet
7 D for SW.....	7 dwarves for Snow White
37 P by WS.....	37 plays by William Shakespeare
1440 M in a D.....	1440 minutes in a day
13: BD.....	13 bakers dozen
12: M (or W) in a J .....	12 men (or women) in a jury
SY: W 1212 .....	Scotland Yard, Whitehall 1212
56 P in a HH .....	56 pounds in a half hundredweight
21 S in a G.....	21 Shillings in a Guinea
144 is a G .....	144 is a gross
40 M: L of PC.....	40 miles; length of Panama Canal
76 T in the BP .....	76 trombones in the big parade
1940: B of B .....	1940 Battle of Britain
3658 AM from L to WDC..	3658 air miles from London to Washington DC
18: VA.....	18 voting age
101 D.....	101 Dalmatians
12 D of C .....	12 days of Christmas
90 D in a RA .....	90 degrees in a right angle
20,000 LU the S .....	20,000 leagues under the sea
6 F in a F .....	6 feet in a fathom
21 S on a D.....	21 spots on a die

**Note:** There will be 50 completely different questions in the Summer Mindteaser.

**Chris Goodman**

## **MENINGITIS TRUST FUND**

Thank you so much to everyone who supported my coffee morning for the National Meningitis Trust. On the day £145 was raised and with an individual donation of £50, a grand total of £195 was sent to the Trust.

Many thanks to everyone who came and for donating raffle prizes. Also to my willing(?) helpers on the day, Peggie, Jeanne, Dorothy, May, Wendy and Ian.

**Celia Barrett**



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## THE JESSICA BEERE's TRUST FUND

I would like to thank Harbury Playgroup and Nursery School for donating the sum of £33 for Jessica, from collections at their Christmas concert.

Many thanks also to Danny Killian who organised a *Guess the Date* for the birth of Hamish Falconer and ran the *Test of Strength* competition at the Dog Barbeque.

Thanks also to Jay and family from the Dog for organising the Barbeque. A total of £150 was raised. Thanks Trevor for the free food.

Jessica is still responding to treatment, although her sight is very limited in her remaining eye. Once again, thank you to every one.

**Margaret Warner**

## HARBURY AND DISTRICT BRITISH LEGION

Once again you answered the Poppy Appeal superbly with a staggering total of £1,336.89. Our sincerest thank you to all you generous donors and to wonderful collectors in Deppers Bridge, Ufton, Chesterton and Harbury (if anyone can find time to be a collector, I would be most grateful for some names in reserve).

We would also like to thank Mrs. Allington and her helpers for the kind efforts with the Annual Ufton Whist Drive for the Harbury and District British Legion.

With great sadness we recently recorded the loss of one of our long serving stalwarts, Mr. Bunny Rabey. He was always a very active member and greatly respected. Very man thanks, Marie for your most thoughtful gift to the Harbury British Legion and the church collection and donations. We greatly appreciate your gesture.

**Mike Bishop**

## HARBURY CARNIVAL 1996

This year's Carnival will be held on **Saturday 8th June**, with all the usual attractions and we hope you will support and enjoy the day. As in the last few years, individual charities and organisations will be able to book space for their own stalls (at a charge of £7) in order to raise money for their good causes. Anyone wishing to do so, please contact Dan Killian on 612265 for a booking form.



We are hoping the Grand Procession will be even *grander* this year and hope to see more floats, walking groups, etc. than ever before. Details of assembly and procession times will be given in a later issue of the News.

There will be a *white elephant* stall again this year, therefore don't throw away any small items between now and the Carnival (please - no large items such as wardrobes!). Details of collection date and time will be given later.

**Harbury Carnival Committee**

### **WHEELBARROW RACE**

Some of you may remember the Wheelbarrow Race, held in the dim and distant past, some of you may even have nightmares about it, if you took part! The race consists of one person pushing the wheelbarrow and one person riding in it and the route is round the local pubs with both participants having to drink a half of beer at each pub (*pushers and riders* are allowed to change places at each stop). Sounds easy doesn't it? However, during a discussion held in one of the local hostleries, someone asked if the race could be resurrected, someone so confident that he said he could drink a **PINT** at each pub. Therefore, a challenge has been issued by Martin and Paul Fryer and if there are enough people interested (please contact me on 612265) we will try to arrange the race to take place around the time of the Carnival. To add to the racing theme, Cecil Bloxham has very kindly agreed to run a *tote*, so that the race goers can have a bet on their favourite team.

**Dan Killian**

### **VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE 1996**

The Street Fayre Committee are pleased to announce that the Street Fayre will be held in Chapel Street on **Saturday 28th September 1996**.

Organisations wishing to take part, may pre-book their stalls by contacting Danny Killian or Brian Ingram and if anyone has any new ideas that they would wish to put forward, please contact Danny (612265) or Brian (612418).

**Brian Ingram**  
**Victorian Street Fayre Cttee**

## FROM KNIGHTS TO TAYLORS: A shop with a history

There has been a shop on the site of the present Post Office since before the turn of the century. The Leamington Courier of 1st September 1888 carried an article crammed with detail describing an *alarming and disastrous fire*, which broke out at what was then known as Knight's General Supply Stores. The fire was caused by the explosion of a benzoline lamp, being carried by Mrs. Knight. It spread rapidly and despite the efforts of her sons and the local Pc, they were unable to extinguish it *owing to an insufficient supply of water*.

The fire continued to rage, the church bell was run as an alarm and a messenger was sent to Southam Fire Brigade.

However, the wells which supplied the fire-fighters were soon emptied and when the fire began to threaten the four adjoining cottages, a horsedrawn fire-engine was dispatched after a short delay (*owing to the want of horses*) from Leamington. By this time, the fire had almost burnt itself out and water pumped from a well in the vicarage grounds eventually completed the job.

The Courier reported that *the entire premises were destroyed and damage, estimated at close upon £2,000 was done*.

It must have been rebuilt and refitted, as it was still a shop with an old bread oven in the back of the premises, when Mr. A. Taylor bought it in 1947. The shop still has some original pre-war fittings, including hooks to hang the bacon on. In 1948 the Post Office moved from what is now the Newsagent's and became part of the Harbury General & Wine Stores - more popularly known as the *Top shop*. Mr. A. Taylor ran the business for 21 years until 1969, when his son Brian Taylor took over.

With no Post Office branches at Ladbroke, Chesterton, or now Ufton, the Harbury office continues to do well. The quality of its service was recognised in 1994 when it was runner-up in the competition for the Best Post Office in Coventry & Warwickshire, coming second out of 250.

Five postmen/women are employed to deliver over the whole of the parish and local mail continues to be sorted at the back of the shop. Brian Taylor is helped at the Post Office counter by Mary Ceney (who has been with the business for over 30 years) and Jill Carter.

The shop is also busy and benefits from sharing customers with the Post

Office. Apart from groceries, wines and frozen foods, it offers fresh-cut bacon, cooked ham and cheese, as well as a choice of speciality cut cheeses. The friendly and personal service from Mary Newbold and Pat Weeks and occasionally Mr. Taylor Senior, make visiting the *Top shop* a pleasure.

Long may this busy Post Office and shop thrive, as its continued presence is nothing less than essential for the community of Harbury.

Lesley Jones

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Hopefully most of the 'flu bugs have gone and will not recur. In fact, the lady who gave the very interesting talk on Euphorbias and Digitalis, was still suffering the after effects of 'flu.

This did not stop her giving us an intriguing insight into surprising *family* connections. The days are certainly drawing out and it is lovely to see the flower buds of primroses etc. starting to peep through. We have had some penetrating rain, so I hope the Water Boards are feeling a bit happier, but Ron wondered if the hose pipe ban will continue this Summer. We shall have to wait and see, I hope not!

Pat Smith has been busy and has succeeded in getting new discounts for members - **Hintons** 10% discount on plants only and **Charlecote Garden Centre** 10% off everything. Also **Moreton Morrell College** offers 10% for regular customers, ask them for details. Please produce your membership card before cashing up, not after the transaction has been put through the till.

The outings are well in hand. For the all day trip in early June, the coach has been booked, so we shall soon need to know how many people want to go, as there is a limit to the number of seats.

The Social Evening, including the Plant Sale, has been booked for May, more information soon. In the meantime, perhaps sow more seeds than you require, pot them on and sell them at the Social Evening.

For the Walkabout this year, we are asking people who often open their gardens, would they be prepared to open **also** on the Sunday afternoon? We have been told many people cannot visit the Open Gardens, because they work all day Saturday. Always the chance, should Saturday be raining, the Sunday might be fine!



Once again, Ryton will be holding its *Potato Day* this year on **Saturday 10th February**, from 10am to 4pm. There will be many varieties on display and 75 kinds of seed potato on sale, some real rarities, get there early otherwise some may be sold out. See the notice board at the next meeting.

The next talk on **Tuesday 6th February** is given by an old friend of the society: Mr. Thacker. His subject will be *Climbers and Clematis* and judging by past experience, it will be amusing and very informative.

**Muriel Grey**

## GARDENING NOTES

*February fill dyke, be it black or white.* Whether or not the old prediction is true, gardens this month are soggy and uninviting. On good days get a breath of fresh air and get ahead with a few pruning jobs. Cut back any clematis which flowers after June by taking off stems down to the 2 lowest buds. This keeps the flowers where they can be seen, as many plants put on 6 to 12 feet in a season. Hard prune Buddleia davidii (butterfly bush) and other late flowering shrubs.

Check ornamental trees and take out any branches which cross because chafed areas may allow diseases to enter the plant. Leave a small stump on the trunk, for although this does not look as neat, it does heal more readily. Exceptions to this dormant pruning are Cherry and Plum, which should be left until after blooming to avoid attack by silver leaf disease.

Top dress borders with rotted manure or compost. Cover any areas earmarked for early sowing, with clear polythene. This dries and warms the soil, making weed seeds germinate before you make your sowings. Nettles do not rest in winter, each node can produce 2 new plants, so be sure to weed them out now along with any other perennial weeds. Deadhead winter pansies. I've found the blue ones are blooming the best. Clip wall trained pyracantha with shears for easy maintenance.

### **Plant of the Month - Hellebores**

This group of mainly winter flowering plants belongs to the Buttercup family. It was named by the Greeks and was known to have been used by Hippocrates, the physician, in 400BC. Today's garden flowers originate in Central and South Europe and Asia Minor. Helleborus niger is the well known Christmas rose, but H. orientalis, the Lenten rose, is much easier

to grow and being taller, the flowers in shades of purples and pinks are very good cut flowers. *H. foetidus* and *H. corsicus* have clusters of green flowers and give a long season of interest with their finger like leaves. They all prefer moist, shady sites and resent disturbance, but every garden could find a place for them.

Pat Smith

## Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who have been so kind to us during Stephanie's illness. We have been overwhelmed by people's generosity - the many cards, gifts and flowers Stephanie has received. A big thank you too, to all those who have offered and given help in looking after our other children.

Stephanie is making a good recovery and by the time this letter is in print, should be out and about in *society* again. Many thanks.

Sue, Colin, Alex, Rhiannon, Lizzie and  
our little *star* Stephanie Buck

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Dear Editors

May I through your Harbury & Ladbroke News say thank you to my family and friends for the get well cards and visits to me in Warwick Hospital. To Mr. Ray Padbury (chairman), Mr. Jim Smith (hon. secretary Harbury Branch RBC) for their kindness; it was all much appreciated.

Also thank you to Father Roy. Although December was a busy month for him, he found time to come and have a chat on a couple of occasions. It was very nice of him.

J. Hopkins

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Dear Editors

I am grateful for the black box, kindly provided by Biffa a few weeks ago, which I now use instead of plastic bags as I continue to take my newspapers to the recycling centre in the Club car park. At first, in my innocence I imagined that if I followed Biffa's magic shaded calendar

instructions and put out the box fortnightly on refuse collection day, its contents would be collected. Silly me to be so naive!

**John Algar**

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Dear Editors

Whenever possible, I make my daily journey to work in Warwick on my very old push-bike.

Although it makes a pleasant start to the day, I find the stretch of Harbury Lane, between the Fosse Way and Tachbrook Road, very dangerous and stressful for cyclists, because of the heavy traffic.

Could I therefore ask, if there is any interest in putting pressure on the powers that be, to carry out improvements to the surface of the bridleway between the Fosse Garage and Golf Lane, Whitnash. There is only about one kilometre which is impassable for a bike and if this was improved, it would complete a safe and pleasant route all the way from Harbury to Warwick and Leamington only using country lanes, bridleways, traffic-calmed roads and the Myton Cycleway.

If anyone else shares my view and would like to pursue the matter further, please could you give me a ring and we'll discuss an appropriate course of action.

**Peter Bones (612832)**

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Dear Editors

### **The local Plan Inquiry & the Inspector's Report**

I have been receiving several enquiries about the progress of the Inspector's report and when it will be published.

As many are aware, the local plan mainly concerns our future allocation of new houses or estates and near which sites or villages they might be located. I know many people are understandably very concerned that, until any decisions and recommendations are made in the Inspector's report, their own properties could be effectively *frozen*, in terms of resale or improvement.

To everyone's consternation, the report and its publication have been further delayed by the Inspector's own spell off work through sickness. I



have, in view of my own and other's concern over this delay, been making representations that an Assistant Inspector should be brought in as soon as possible to clear up the backlog and indeed, this was also the Planning Inspectorate's (DoE) proposal, as long ago as last September. If this is achieved, it could lop 6 or 9 months off the current delay and allow everyone affected locally to plan their future properly.

I will let your readers know the outcome, but I would be delighted to progress any local residents' queries in the meantime.

**Councillor James Turner**

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