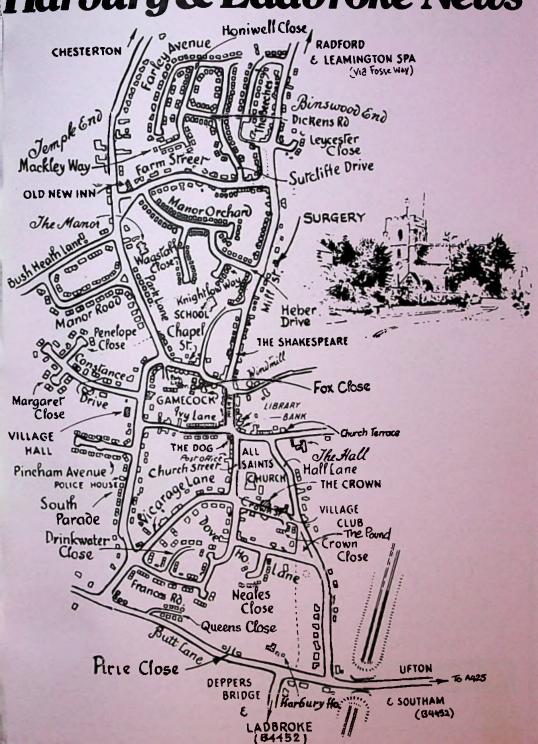
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Last month saw the demise of the cherry trees in Ivy Lane, which have given so much pleasure over the years in Springtime. The trees were planted in 1957 by Mr. Austin Hill, who lived in Ivy Lane, but now lives in Gaydon. Unfortunately the trees were diseased, but will be replaced at a later date. The Parish Council, in conjunction with the Harbury Society, are hoping to plant trees around the village for the Millenium and the landscape audit looked at possible sites.

An open meeting was held recently, inviting villagers to put forward their ideas to improve the village environs. The organisers were very pleased with the number of people, who turned up and made a positive contribution. The final analysis has yet to be compiled and will be published in a future issue.

The photographs below, which were on display for the landscape audit, illustrate ways in which trees can enhance the village landscape.





Many of you will probably have read in the local press about the reorganisation of night time visiting by GPs in our area. Please note that Harbury Surgery has joined the local co-operative and that the new service will start at the beginning of March. (See article on the Harbury Surgery News.)

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the families of Jean Fletcher and Donald Heydon.

## **Harbury Diary**

#### MARCH

Sun	3	LENT II - Sung Eucharist 9am; Sunday School 10.30am;
		Evensong 4pm
Mon	4	H. & L. News AGM in Shakespeare Inn 8pm All welcome
Tues		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	6	Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon
		Mothers' Union Lent Communion with address 2pm
		Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
		Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
Thurs	7	Cake Stall outside Library 9.30am
		Holy Communion 9.45am
		Storytelling in Library 10am
		Fun Français in Village Hall 4-6pm
		Harbury Nursery Playgroup Fashion Show in V.Hall 7.30pm
		Men's Society in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
		Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm
Fri	8	Holy Communion 12noon
		Lent Lunch in Tom Hauley Room 12.30pm
Sun	10	LENT III - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;
		Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am; Baptism 12.30pm;
		Evensong 4pm
Tues	12	Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
		Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
		Toddlers' Service 2.15pm;
		Holy Communion with address 7.30pm
		Village Hall Committee meeting 8pm

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Wed	13	Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
		Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
Thurs	14	Holy Communion 9.45am
		Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
		WI in Village Hall 7.45pm
Fri	15	Home Newspaper and Magazine Recycling
111/2		Holy Communion 12noon
		Lent Lunch in Tom Hauley Room 12.30pm
		Quiz Night by Southam Ladies' Circle in Village Hall
Sat	16	Men's Prayer Breakfast at 7.30am
Jai	10	Table Top Sale for Wight School Playgroup in Village Hall 2pm
		Murder Mystery NSPCC in Village Hall
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Sun	17	St. Patrick's Day - Mothering Sunday
		Holy Communion 8am; Family Communion 10.30am;
_		Sunday School 10.30am
Tues	19	Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
		Senior Citizens' Committee meeting in Village Hall
		Mothers' Union in Tom Hauley Room 8.15pm
Wed	20	Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon
		Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
		Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
Thurs	21	Holy Communion 9.45am
		Fun Français in Village Hall 4-6pm
		PCC meeting in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm
Fri	22	Holy Communion 12noon
		Lent Lunch in Tom Hauley Room 12.30pm
Sat	23	Myton Hospice Dance in Village Club
Sun	24	LENT V - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;
		Evensong 4pm
		Ufton Reserve Ramble, 2-4pm at Reserve; £1 adults, 50p other
Tues	28	Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
		Holy Communion with address 7.30pm
		Harbury Society AGM in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm followed by
		a talk on the Restoration of the Lord Leycester Hospital Garden
		by Susan Rhodes
		Julian Group in Church 8.10pm
Wed	27	Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon
		Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
		Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
Thurs	21	3 Holy Communion 9.45am
THAIS		Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
E.C.	~	Parish Council in Village Hall 7.30pm
Fri	2	Home Newspaper and Magazine Recycling
		Holy Communion 12noon
		Lent Lunch in Tom Hauley Room 12.30pm
		Start of School's Easter Holiday

Sat 30 Grand National Steeplechase Clocks go forward

Sun 31 PALM SUNDAY - Holy Communion 8am Sung Eucharist 10.30am (with procession from Harbury School 10.15am) Evensong 6.30pm

> All articles for APRIL's issue to Pete's Place by Friday 29th March, 5.30pm

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

For Tom Hauley Room Bookings For Village Hall Bookings For Wight School Bookings Mrs. Smith 613680 Mrs. Hughes 612716 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 10vrs 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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**EMERGENCY TRANSPORT:** Call Vivien Neill 613461 or John Algar 613864.

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**HELP WITH FORM FILLING:** Job Applications, CV's, Council Tax Forms, etc.: Call Joanne Cooper 613859 or Jeff Bedford 612753.

For Personal Tax Claims, Rebates on Tax Paid to Building Societies or on Shares: Call Jim Chapple 612044.

**HOME VISITING:** Caring for a sick or elderly relative and need a break for a few hours, or you would like someone to call on you: Call Betty Knappe 612679 or Sue Dormer 613254.

HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE: Call Tony Brunton 612191.

ODD JOBS ABOUT THE HOUSE: Call Jeff Bedford 612753.

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

#### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion, 8am Sung Eucharist, 10.30am (Except 1st Sunday of Month: Sung Eucharist 9am) Family Service, 10.30am on 3rd Sunday of Month Evensong, 6.30pm (Except 3rd Sunday) Please see notice board in Church for weekday services or revised times on special occasions.

#### FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

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The cold weather period has this year extended well into February and like many others we have been kept busy spreading rock salt and keeping the pathways clear of ice. It did seem slightly odd to have snow lying around for the Ash Wednesday services. In spite of the cold snap, Church attendances have been maintained particularly for the Family Service, which is held on the third Sunday of each month. During March the Family Service will coincide with Mothering Sunday.

The new sound system is fully operational and we have received favourable observations from those who have been able to derive an

advantage from the induction loop. Should you have comments please do not hesitate to let us know, as your views assist with the fine tuning of the equipment.

A reminder that during Lent there is a service each Friday at Noon, followed by a light lunch at 12.30pm. These services are beneficial to many people and there is the opportunity for social relaxation afterwards.

#### **Ruth and Jeff**

#### FROM THE RECTOR

Many people seem to think that we have lost our sense of sin. You hear people saying that things are too easy now. Even priests, they say, will not always give you a straight answer on whether something is sin or not.

Lent is a time for thinking about many things and sin is one of them. But we should not think of sin in isolation. It can only be seen in its true light if we think of it together with the love of God. We need to see sin not as if it is a virus causing disease, which strikes us from time to time, but as a denial of God's love - a refusal to accept that love. We sin when we turn the other way - away from God's love.

We fail and fall many times a day because of our weakness or passions or stubborn hearts. But serious sin is different from these momentary lapses. We do not fall in and out of serious sin many times a day, it is more of an *all of the time* matter. It is a definite rejection of God, which is fixed in our hearts before anything appears on the surface, before we *do a sin*, as children often say in confession.

Real sin is a turning away from God and it lies at the root of every seriously sinful thought, word, or action. We do not suddenly become great sinners. Our heart grows sinful just as it should be growing in the opposite direction, into the love of God.

God asks us for a total giving of our life to him, our whole life, all the time, inside and out. That is his commandment and all sin depends on whether we are keeping it or not. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbour as yourself.

If we have lost our sense of sin then it may be because we have lost our sense of the love of God. And if we think that things are too easy

nowadays, perhaps it is because we fail to see the tremendous challenge involved in taking these two great commandments of God to heart.

I ask you, therefore, to join with me and use Lent to examine our consciences and turn our hearts and lives towards the love of God.

Fr. Roy

#### Laugh Line

A minister coming home from church on Sunday met two little boys proudly carrying fishing nets and jars full of tiddlers. "Do you know where little boys go to, who go fishing on Sunday?" he said solemnly.

"Oh yes", one of them replied eagerly, "up the cut, under the third bridge!"

#### FROM THE REGISTER

Holy Baptism - Harbury

18th February:	Kerry Ellen Dorning
25th February:	Katie Georgina Concannon
	Clare Maria Concannon
	Christy Franco Concannon
	Christopher Michael Collins

#### Funeral

28th February at Oakley Wood - Jean Fletcher of Deppers Bridge

#### **MOTHERS' UNION**

We were all taken back to childhood at the afternoon meeting, when Celia Barrett talked to us about Children's Games. Janny Freeman sang us some of the Dutch versions and we finished a most enjoyable, nostalgic afternoon with our rendition of *Heads*, *Shoulders*, *Knees & Toes*.

The evening meeting was more serious as we studied Bible passages, particularly 2 Corinthians 9, vv 6-15, on the theme of *Caring*. We

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discussed why people care for others, how we had felt when we had been cared for and we tried to decide how we can improve the care available for people in need.

March promises to be a busy month. We have a Lent Service on Wednesday 6th and the evening meeting on Tuesday 19th, when Mrs. Andrea Adams will speak about the Council for World Mission (please note that this meeting will start later than usual at 8.15pm). From 17th to 23rd March, it will be M.U. Week with exhibitions around the diocese, our own display in church and the library and one in the Royal Priors from the 20th to 22nd.

Don't forget our project, collecting items for young, homeless people.

#### **C.Mary** Catt

#### **TODDLERS' SERVICE**

In our series on *Colours*, the Rector talked about GREEN things. We looked at a green banana, but ate a yellow one. We also ate coloured sweets, including green ones.

Afterwards we sang For the Beauty of the Earth and said a Thank You prayer.

**C.Mary** Catt

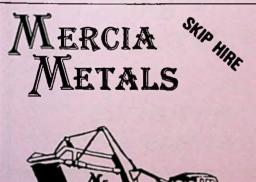
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Sun		LENT III - Sung Communion 9am		
Wed		Lent Lunch 12.30pm, Hall Farm; Holy Communion 2pm		
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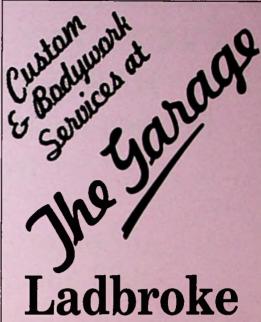
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		Mothers Union in Tom Hauley Room 8pm	
Ned	20	Holy Communion 9.45am	
		Lent Lunch 12.30pm, 'Cotswold' Windmill Lane	
Thurs	21	Home Newspaper and Magazine Recycling	
Sun	24	LENT V - Sung Communion 9am	
Mon	25	The Annunciation. Holy Communion 7.30pm	
Ned	27	Holy Communion 9.45am	
		Lent Lunch 12.30pm, 'The Bungalow' Banbury Road	
		Vestry and Church AGM in Village Hall, 7.30pm	
Sun	31	PALM SUNDAY - Sung Communion 9am	
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- Wed 3 Holy Communion 9.45am; Lent Lunch 12.30pm, 15 Ladbroke Hall
- Thurs 4 Home Newspaper and Magazine Recycling

#### LADBROKE CHURCH

Is there anyone with a head for heights and an hour or two to spare, who is willing to help remove the cobwebs from the church?

We have a regular team of ladies cleaning the church weekly, but we do not have arms or any equipment long enough to cope with the cobwebs in the roof. Any willing hands will be much appreciated, so please contact me on 813736 or 5, Ladbroke Hall, thus enabling us to arrange some evening dates for this project. We have a beautiful church, but it would look even more beautiful without the adorning cobwebs!

Waiting to hear from you,

#### **Hazel Sharples**

#### FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

Our Poultry/Game Party on 16th February was a great success. Pheasant, venison, chicken, turkey - you name it, we seemed to have it, followed by lovely desserts. Our grateful thanks to our hosts Jim and Jean Clewes; Jean for her pheasant & broccoli pie and Jim for providing two very good competitions. Oh yes and we also banked a nice little sum.

#### WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

Our Lent lunches started today - Ash Wednesday - which followed a really good congregation at Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes. I hope we can keep this up throughout Lent.

Our meeting in February was a discussion on some points raised at the Swanwick Conference and at least gave us food for thought.

Next month the lady from Southam Garden Centre is coming to talk to us. We shall meet at the home of Alan & Gwladys Gould.

#### **Church News**

While there is no need to remind everyone about the special Lent Services in both churches, they are well advertised - I'm sure you will want to be reminded of the special Mothering Sunday Service on 17th March at 3.30pm. The lovely posies, made by Pearl Edwards, will be handed out during the service.

**Palm Sunday, 31st March**. The service is at 9am, when Palm Crosses will be distributed and blessed. That will be the beginning of Holy Week, leading to Easter; surely not still snowing! The Easter cards with service tunes will hopefully have been delivered to everyone beforehand.

#### **Stop Press News**

We have just taken 84 kilos of aluminium cans to Alcan and came home with £44. So keep drinking folks, every little helps!

#### **Betty Winkfield**

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

Two of our members played in the W.I. Scrabble competition. Congratulations to both on being placed 1st and 5th. Mrs. Irene Bennett goes through to the next round, playing on 4th March.

The bowls team are playing a team from Marton on Tuesday 5th March 8pm at Harbury Club. Supporters will be very welcome.

The February meeting, when we were entertained by Gabriella Leonowicz, with her talk entitled: *Nickers*, was well attended. She had us rolling in the aisles as she recounted stories of her childhood; her

thirteen years in the police force and about John, her long time boy friend, to whom she proposes each leap year!

The next meeting is on **28th March**, when Mr. David Wallsgrove will be giving us a talk on *Vehicle Accident Rescue*, with a slide show.

We are pleased to welcome two new members and we hope they will be happy with us.

A visit to Ely has been arranged for 18th April. There are a few seats left, so if you would like to join us, please contact Mrs. Julie Harris of Deppers Bridge.

#### **Hazel Sharples**

#### LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - 21st February

District Councillor Bov Stevens and all councillors were present, except for Marion, who missed her first meeting in 5 years of office, in order to cheer Aston Villa into the finals of the Coca Cola Cup. Did anyone see her run on the pitch after the match?

The broken bollard at the entrance to the village has been reported and is on the list for repair.

Sergeant Ian Tew is to write to every household, inviting villagers to become Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators. This is not an onerous task and just involves the passage of information between neighbours. A Farm Watch is also being offered to farmers, who are unanimously enthusiastic. There was just one burglary in the village this month!

Sergeant Tew was asked to note the occasional parking of cars in the village, which blocked the pavement.

Councillor Peter West fed back from the public enquiry about the Berkeley Homes development. As Steve said in the February H&L News, the majority of the hearing centred on the proposed houses to be built close to the garage. The report is expected within a few weeks.

Councillors Marion Grainger and Geof Timms had represented Ladbroke at the Southam Area meeting in Harbury on 15th February, where it was agreed that a donation of £50 would be sent to the Guide Dogs for the Blind in memory of Reg Yates. The County Council Transport and Planning Officer told the meeting that his department will be concentrating on traffic calming measures. Five large villages are to have experimental initiatives. The Chief Fire Officer indicated that the fire stations at Fenny Compton and Tysoe were to remain for the foreseeable future. The sporadic nature of the new door to door waste paper collection was the subject of much discussion. To re-iterate for those whose explanation notes blew away: the bins are due to be collected on 7th March and every other Thursday after that and must be taken to the highway.

#### **Carol Northorpe**

#### LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL SKITTLES EVENING

Friday 15th March at 8pm. Come and enjoy yourself, you don't have to be an accomplished bowler! Just enjoy a Ploughman's supper and a laugh. Licensed bar. Tickets £2.50. See you there!

#### **Coffee Evening**

Thank you to everyone who came to my Coffee Evening and Bring and Buy in aid of the Stroke Association and the Meningitis Trust. You will be pleased to know that we made  $\pounds 100$ .

#### **Jill Norgate**

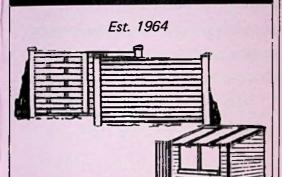
#### HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - FEBRUARY

There is definitely a green tinge to your Council these days and the most active of the Greens is Steve Norman of Deppers Bridge. He invited his neighbours in to discuss the police traffic survey, which revealed 55,000 vehicles powered through the hamlet over a 16 day period. Only 44% of them below the speed limit; 42% under 50m/hr and 13% over that.

The police want the road geometry changed to reduce speed, but Deppers wants a speed camera box and signs and is willing to pay for the box. The PC will support them and send a copy of the report to County Highways. Deppers also decided that speeds were slower before the row of Elms died and they want to replant the avenue with suitable trees.

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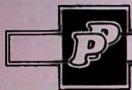
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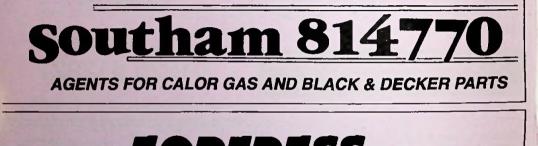
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FAST, FRIENDLY AND EFFICIENT SERVICE WARWICK 493414 Mr. Heath of Deppers lost his appeal and has 12 weeks to remove two metal containers and 9 months to get rid of the 3,400 cubic metres of material tipped without permission. The inspector made it clear that he appreciated the disturbance this would cause, but that the principle, which required planning permission, must be upheld.

Stratford District has taken enforcement action to have the Brethren's Farm site tidied up. It allowed the felling of Cypress at Temple Cottage and the PC had no objection to: sycamore roots being removed from the church wall; a storm tank at Deppers Sewage Works or Mr. Nakkar's planned Fishing Lodge at the Quarries.

Neighbours were present to put their case against Mr. Carter's second application to build a large house behind the Hall and the Parish Council supported their objections. John Woodward described it as *development* by stealth. The garden and ha-ha were being destroyed, important trees were at risk, there was only a shared access, other properties were overlooked, no provision was made for a septic tank and it was all in the conservation area.

The Council was concerned about the apparent *industrial* development beyond the railway, which was spreading mud on the road. A practice not helped by the leak from the water tower itself.

The ponding at Mugleston's caused by the recent resurfacing had formed a *Glass Lake* in the recent cold weather and Sharon Hancock was concerned someone would break a hip. The county had been warned, but had done nothing.

The recreation ground no longer flooded, since the drainage work, but someone had driven a 4x4 vehicle over the field, carving it up and compacting the soil, which could cause flooding again.

James Turner, our District Councillor was demanding a survey of the B4451 and B4452, because of the huge increase in traffic caused by Junction 12 of the Motorway. A noise bund had been installed at the Service Station, which might benefit Harbury.

Cllr. John Drinkwater was not pleased that Pc Boulstridge had once again not attended the meeting, nor had he taken action over dangerous parking in Wagstaffe Close or at the Farm Street/Mill Street junction. Sharon Hancock was appalled that mothers with prams were forced into the road by the car parked on the pavement. It was a police matter.

Cllr. Drinkwater had found the resident of Yew Tree Cottage uncooperative about parking on the verge. When building work was complete the Parish would pass the problem to the highways authority.

Steve Norman came up with the Green solution to the overgrown allotments. They will be strimmed and covered with thick black plastic.

Four Councillors will attend Stratford Local Agenda 21 Conference despite the clash with their own March meeting. They agreed to invite David Barber (Stratford's LA 21 Co-ordinator) to address the Annual Parish Meeting and to ask to be included in the District's Community Consensus Initiative.

John Woodward asked for £80 to pay for trimming hedges besides the allotments, car park and Village Hall. He has already had  $\pounds400+$  for decorative trees and shrubs for the Recreation Ground. The cemetery conifers will also be trimmed and he promised to justify to Cllr. Shelley the need to fell the Chapel Holly.

The Parish was happy with Mark Easton's work on grass mowing and accepted his quote. They are investigating the cost of a new mower, or leasing one. Repairs to the old one would be  $\pounds 500$ .

John Hunt was pleased to recommend renewal of the  $\pounds 25$  subscription to Stratford CVS and a grant of  $\pounds 150$  to the summer playscheme one of the most worthwhile events in the village.

#### **Linda Ridgley**

#### **HARBURY SOCIETY**

Last summer we undertook a Landscape Audit of the village to look for sites for Sentinel Oaks for the Millennium and to use the experience of a professional Landscape Architect to give advice on enhancing the environment.

Since then we have concentrated on finding suitable sites for the Oak trees and investigating costs and suppliers. We prioritised the different elements of the draft report on the audit and gave the Parish Council a list of those items we thought we could tackle and those that were more properly the concern of others, including them.

The PC wanted to get on with things and called a public meeting at which we provided an extensive display of the audit findings. The Council asked the audience their views on how the local environment could be improved and who should be involved. Whilst there was general agreement for action, predictably, keeping the streets clear of dog muck and litter was high on the list, as was traffic calming.

There were some stunningly simple, but effective suggestions: the Parish should employ someone to sweep the streets; it should install cycle racks to encourage people to use their bikes more; it should change to energy efficient street lamps with down lighters, and it should produce a map showing the ownership of all verges, open spaces and greens.

One unresolved area of conflict was between those who wanted to beautify the village with bulb planting, hanging baskets and flowering trees and the nature conservationists, who espoused a more traditional and restrained planting with native species.

John Woodward, who called this community consensus meeting, announced that he had already planted bulbs in half a dozen spots round the village and had ordered several hundred pounds worth of decorative trees and shrubs for the playing fields!

The Society intends to plant Sentinel Oaks next autumn, when they will have the best chance of survival. The county ecologist will complete her survey of the roadside flora in spring and advise how the verges may be managed to encourage wildflowers to recolonise. Other small scale sympathetic schemes of enhancement are also being pursued.

Our next event is the AGM on Tuesday 26th March, 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room. It will be followed by a talk by Susan Rhodes on the *Restoration of the Lord Leycester Hospital Garden*. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Linda Ridgley

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February was bleak, but quite a few members braved the weather to attend. Various activities were offered: Hat Green Bowls, a trip to Braunston Canal Basin; a walk to Clifford Chambers; a Cockney Evening with fish and chips supper at Claverdon and a Painting Day.

Our Scrabble and Bowls teams had no success in their recent matches. Better luck next time.

Our recent speaker was Mrs. Monica Evans on Denmark, the Land of Fairy Tales. With the aid of slides we were able to see the lovely country, which has many small islands and is surrounded by water. Denmark is very flat, rather like Holland, so bikes take priority. Traffic has a 40 mph speed limit with on the spot fines (we could do with that in Harbury). A spotless, litter free country too (Harbury also note).

The sea has played an important part in people's lives over the years. The Vikings sailed to other lands, centuries ago and a complete Viking ship with its contents, dating back to the 900's, was unearthed and is now on show. There is a model boat in every church.

The majority of properties are built low, because of the gales and winds in the winter. The style of buildings is different, but attractive. The Fairy Tales referred to those stories by Hans Christian Anderson. He was born in Gdense in the early 1800's, the son of a shoemaker. The family lived in one room and were poor, but the parents were very caring. Father would take Hans to places of interest and encourage his learning. Hans seemed to be a loner with a vivid imagination and at an early age, he would make up stories. Unfortunately his father died when he was 11, so his mother took in washing to support the family. At 14 Hans went to Copenhagen where he worked in a theatre. A family befriended him and paid for his education so he could go to university.

Hans was a very strange man and many of his stories were based on his own life. He loved travelling and visited many countries, although he always arrived hours before a train was due and then worried if he was on the right one. Surprisingly, he had a fear of animals and fire, since he never went anywhere without a coil or rope.

He loved children and was happy to tell them stories. However, he never married, although there were ladies in his life. Perhaps it was just as well if he was so neurotic. He was very popular with the local people and when he was given his freedom of Gdense, the town was illuminated in his honour.

Obviously a Gypsy's prophesy years before, that he would be a great success and that his name would be illuminated, came true!

Helen will be visiting Denmark this year and it will be interesting to hear her views.

Note that if you wish to donate to the Romanian appeal, please bring any cotton tops and skirts, also toiletries of any kind to the meeting in March.

May I, on behalf of all members, thank the super people who have visited people in the village during the recent bad weather, keeping the services going.

We are arranging a luncheon after our Coffee Morning at the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 4th May.

March teas: Iris Timbs, Sandra Leigh and Jan Hamlin.

#### Jeanne Beaumont

#### HARBURY FOLK CLUB

Running a folk club evening is a nerve racking experience. My somewhat impulsive suggestion the previous month that the theme should be *Love*, had me worried. Would anyone show up? .... but folkies are clearly a romantic lot and they turned up in droves to hear a total of sixteen performers give their versions of love songs, old and new.

Everyone managed to incorporate some aspect of love into their performances, although sometimes the links were a little tenuous. Tony's *Peggy Gordon*, Dez's *Love Song* and The Harvesters' *Moth to a Flame*, were all obvious contenders, but credibility was stretched by The Jug Band's *Mrs. Modo* and the despicable Barry and Freda's *Let's Do It*.

More superb songs were forthcoming; Peter and Margaret's Woman's Heart; Phil and Drill's Bourbon Street; Keith's Try for the Sun; Ron's Regina vs Collins and Jean's topical John Anderson, by the famous Scottish Jew, Rabbi Burns. Somehow all the performers got two spots at the front and the raffle raised £50 towards Sheelac's education in Zimbabwe.

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Thanks to the Hancocks and the landlord for donating raffle prizes.

The next Folk Club is on the 7th March and is being hosted by Peter McDonald, who has chosen the theme of Food and Drink. No need to worry Peter, we'll be there.

#### **Mike Putnam**

#### HARBURY NURSERY PLAYGROUP

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent 80/20 sale, this was a huge success and raised a total of £147.78 for Playgroup funds.

Please don't forget *The Fashion Show* on Thursday 7th March at the Village Hall. This promises to be a good evening, where you can view and purchase high street names at bargain prices. All are welcome and tickets are available at a cost of  $\pounds 3$  (includes a free glass of wine) from Pete's Place, Denise (613285) or Sue (612479).

#### **Gill Holden**

#### **THE WIGHT SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

Our cake stall and raffle at the beginning of February, once again, proved a success. Thank you to everyone who supported us. We have decided to hold our next cake stall on **Thursday 28th March**, so do come along and stock up for Easter. We shall be outside the library from 9.30am as usual.

We have reserved a car place at the Beavers' car boot on Saturday 2nd March, so if anyone has any bric-a-brac etc., that they would like to donate to our car, please leave it in at the Wight School during playgroup hours (Monday-Friday 9.15am-12.15pm). Every little helps.

Gary Maxwell Photography will be in the Wight School on Tuesday 5th March. Anyone who would like their child(ren) photographed is welcome to come along between 9.30 and 10.15am.

Our main fundraising event this term is the Table Top Sale, which will be on Saturday 16th March in the Village Hall from 2-4pm. Tables can be pre-booked at a cost of £4 per table, or alternatively, you can hire a table for £5 on the day. Please telephone Ruth Coleman on 612146 for more information or to pre-book your table. Refreshments will be available on the day.

#### **Alison Atkinson**

#### HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

The Quiz night at the end of January raised  $\pounds 109.50$  for netball funds and we would like to thank Roger Eaton for compiling the questions and hosting the evening. The aim was to have a *social gathering* as well as raising some money and this we succeeded in doing. Thank you to the people who donated bottles of wine for the prizes and to the staff at the Club for their assistance. We'll be back **on Sunday 21st April** for the next one!

I have been putting together a grant-aid application to Stratford District Council as the Netball Club needs to re-surface the court and upgrade their facilities. The Parish Council have been very supportive and given us the amount in the *sinking fund* that we have contributed over the years, which amounts to  $\pounds1,000$ . We now need the District Council to be a little more generous - or match it - as the total bill for benches, a run-off area and a new topping to the court, will cost around  $\pounds4,000$ . John Woodward, the local parish councillor, has been a great help and made many proposals and recommendations to Stratford on our behalf. Thank you very much John. You are appreciated!

Two Saturdays ago, the Netball court was in a dreadful state, with mud and gravel all over it. It was dangerous to play on and many people blamed horses and youngsters, who were knocking mud off their football boots onto it! **PLEASE** remember that it's not to be abused - and help us to keep it in good condition. Last Saturday someone had cleaned/brushed the court and we would like to thank that person, as it made the world of difference to the games - in fact the "D" team won their first game this season!

Finally, we would like to wish a speedy return to Netball to many girls who have sustained injuries or been ill during the season. We are missing you: Kay, Becky, Shirley, Teresa, Janet - and hope that you will all be returning soon.

Pat Summers (612059)

#### **HARBURY CRICKET CLUB**

At the recent AGM of the Cricket Club, Will Russell was elected club captain for the new 1996 season with Mike Daniels again taking on the 2nd team captaincy. The club has installed a new net for practice, which will start in April. The season starts the 3rd weekend in April and again will have a full fixture list for both 1st and 2nd XI's for Sunday afternoons. Again the club is playing mid-week league cricket in the Leamington & District Premier Division.

Richard Carr is nursing his square through the winter weather and again promises us a worthy pitch for the new season.

As ever, the club is eager to recruit new players, whatever their cricketing talent and whatever age. We will especially welcome younger players and net practice will be a couple of nights a week.

For information about the club, time of net practice and anyone wanting

to play, please phone: Will Russe

will Russell	012078
Mike Daniels	612600
Rex Humphry	612885
Ian Holroyd	612527

**Casino Evening**. The Cricket Club is holding a Casino evening at the Rugby Club on Saturday 30th March (see advert). Tickets are on sale £7.50, including food.

#### Ian Holroyd

#### **BREAKTHROUGH BREAST CANCER**

We hope you enjoyed our Dixieland Ball and thank you all for supporting Breakthrough once again. We made a profit of £544 on the evening, thank you.

Above this we sold £70 of raffle tickets for the tea-set, which is continuing. The Tea-set is blue/white Victorian Wedgwood China, donated to us by a lady who recently lost her daughter to breast cancer. We are told that is probably worth around £250 and thought it a good idea to raffle it over the next few months, to be drawn at the Carnival. You will be able to view it again at the Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 23rd March. I have photos of it at Nifty Needle, if you wish to purchase a ticket in the meantime.



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Thank you for the donations received this month and also to the Theatre Group for the profits made from their recent Panto.

#### **Chris Carter**

#### **COFFEE MORNING FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS**

Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning on 10th February. The amount raised was  $\pm 315.00$ . We appreciated too the help on the day from Sylvia, Helen, Celia, Chris and Joan Lodge with her fantastic raffle.

#### Brenda Turner & Doreen Bloxham

The following article was taken from an extract of the Leamington Spa Courier & Warwickshire Standard, dated 16th February 1940.

#### "A COUNTRY DOCTOR'S DIFFICULTIES IN THE SNOW

One of the Heroes of the abnormally heavy snowfalls was Dr. J. Pirie, of Harbury, who in the absence of other medical men on war services, had the oversight of a very wide rural area.

Chatting about the experiences to the Courier, Dr. Pirie said he could not recall a period of more exceptional difficulty. It was physically impossible to call and see many of his patients in the outlying parts and in the case of one seriously ill at Knightcote - a hamlet completely cut off from all transport communication, he had to telephone directions for treatment.

People coming to his surgery for medicine also encountered great difficulties. One such - Mr. Stephen Moffatt, of Lighthorne, called at the surgery at 6 o'clock one evening and arrived home at 2 o'clock the next morning, having lost his way in huge snow drifts.

Skidding on the road, Dr. Pirie's car turned on its side in a deep snow drift. I was jammed with the steering wheel until a lorry came along, he said. The driver forced open my sunshine roof and I was able to crawl out. At that moment another car came along and the driver had just glanced to see what had happened when he too, skidded and crashed into a telegraph pole, his radiator being knocked off. It was fortunate he was near Fenny Compton garage.

During this time of stress, said Dr. Pirie, the difficulties were added to by a frightful epidemic of measles and mumps in the village. I have never had such a time, he added.

High tribute was paid by Dr. Pirie to the pluck of district nurse Hartshorne of Bishops Itchington, who worked splendidly all through, attending confinement cases in remote spots and overcoming many obstacles in order to reach sick people."

#### **Celia Barrett**

#### HARBURY CARNIVAL - 8th JUNE 1996

As well as Carnival Day, we propose a second date for your diary: Sunday 2nd June when there will be a Carnival Wheelbarrow Race. Details will be published closer to the time, but in the meantime, you may wish to start thinking about training requirements. We will leave this to your imagination, but suffice it to say, you will need two persons per team and a knowledge of the location of the various village hostelries!

If you are an organisation who could sponsor or suggest other events to take place during the week of 2nd to 8th June, we would like to hear from you. Please contact John Kemsley on 613556.

On Carnival Day there will be a table top bric-a-brac sale, so please start saving suitable items for donation (table top size please - no wardrobes).

As we draw near to the end of the reign of Queen Gillian and King Dean, we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for a job well done. Watch out for a date in April for the choosing of their successors.

And finally, any person or group interested in organising or running a stall on Carnival Day, should contact Danny Killian on 612265.

John Broomfield

#### **HARBURY SURGERY NEWS**

As you may have already read in the Courier, GPs in the area are setting up a Co-Operative to handle night calls. Along with the majority of practices in the Warwick, Learnington, Kenilworth and Southam areas, Harbury Surgery will be joining the Co-Op. The Co-Op consists of 53 local GPs who will take it in turns (two GPs per shift) to cover night time emergencies.

The service will start at the beginning of March to cover all emergency night calls. Experience in other areas (similar schemes have been up and running for a number of years) has been encouraging with both GPs and Patients alike, finding the system more favourable than the old On Call System.

The standard of General Practice in South Warwickshire is high and as only local GPs will be working in the Co-Op, we believe that the practice's high standards will be maintained (even exceeded!).

The effects of the change will hopefully be hardly noticed by yourselves, as the average household only calls the GP out at night once every 5 years!

In the event of a night call having to be made, please ring 612232, as usual.

John Hancock Colin Snowdon Jonathan Wilkinson

#### **FROG ALERT**

Many people take pleasure in watching frogs and enjoy the benefits they provide in terms of garden pest control and we should be vigilant for any unusual causes of death.

We recently found six adult frogs dead in our small pond with no obvious cause. I made enquiries and found that there had been an increase in recent years of unusual deaths of frogs and toads, particularly in garden ponds, which cannot be explained. Frogs often live more than six years, but often fall victim to predators, such as owls; kestrels; bitterns; herons; weasels and otters. Badgers, foxes and grass snakes are also partial to frogs. These are all considered part of the normal *food chain* of nature and may be beneficial in the long term by controlling population and removing sickly individuals. Frogs may also die when over-wintering at the bottom of ponds which freeze over, causing a build-up of noxious compounds from plant and animal decomposition and lack of oxygen in the water. (Leave a plastic bucket or ball in the pond to prevent it freezing over completely.)

Incidents of large numbers of adult frogs dying with no easily explainable cause is alarming. Reports show that some have died with no obvious cause; others may exhibit haemorrhaging, breakdown of limbs, emaciation, lesions or skin ulcers, or combinations of these.

The Herpetofauna Consultants and the Institute of Zoology have, with funding from the RSPCA, set up the Frog Mortality Project to carry out research into these incidents and would like to hear from you if you have found dead frogs in your pond. Write to:

> FMP P.O. Box 1 Halesworth Suffolk, IP10 0AE

Please enclose a photo of your pond and frogs, if possible, or telephone 01986 784 518.

I have an information leaflet with more details in than I can give here and would be happy to pass copies on to anyone interested in knowing more.

#### **Barbara Andrews**

#### SOUTHAM VOLUNTEER BUREAU

#### **Community Transport Information Sheet**

The Southam Volunteer Bureau is one of many Bureaux throughout the country, which was established to assist the voluntary sector and organise community activities.

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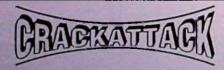
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Additionally, we are seeking to recruit more drivers in villages around Southam and if anyone can give a little of their time, we would be pleased to hear from them. We particularly require people on a Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm. We pay drivers 31.7 pence per mile to cover petrol and vehicle running costs.

#### A.C. Bartlett Community Transport Development Officer

#### SOUTHAM UNITED BOWLING CLUB

Southam United Bowling Club requires new members. The Bowls Club is part of the Southam United Sports Club Ltd., which also encompasses the Southam United Football Club and various social sections.

Both Ladies and Gentlemen are welcome, please apply in writing for full details and membership form to the Secretary Southam United Bowling Club, Banbury Road Southam or Telephone 814649. Full coaching is available to all new bowlers.

#### **Ron Shippey**

#### **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

The weather really did interfere with our last meeting, sorry about that, but compared with other parts of the country we have so far, been spared the worst of it. You never know we might even have a reasonable spring this year and no late frosts, as some one said - and pigs might fly!

The schedule for the September Show is now mostly settled and all will be revealed in due course; there should be something for everyone.

The Harbury Society have kindly invited us to their meeting on Tuesday 26th March in the Tom Hauley Room at 7.30pm. The talk on the Restoration of the Lord Leycester Hospital Garden, will be given by Susan Rhodes.

Would you like to join the Birmingham Post's Peter Surridge Gardening Club? If so, please see the Notice Board at our next meeting, which is on **Tuesday 5th March**. A talk about Ponds in your Garden will be given by Mr. Howell, as many of the ponds and naturally damp areas have been drained for agricultural purposes, garden ponds are very important to wild life.

#### **Muriel Grey**

#### **GARDENING NOTES**

This is the start of the gardeners' year, so on the bright days enjoy the pruning, feeding and general tidying, which now has to be done. There will inevitably be some losses in the border after this winter, so clean up and fill the spaces in the cheapest way be dividing hardy perennials you already have. Towards the end of the month, evergreens can be planted and bare rooted roses can still be planted up to mid March. Some hardy annuals can also be sown to fill gaps, but remember that even though the first day of Spring is 21st March, seeds need an average day temperature of 6°C before they begin to germinate. Divide snowdrops as soon as they finish flowering.

Feed roses, shrubs and young trees with a general fertiliser. Rake lawns and apply a nitrogen rich feed. Compost the dead grass and moss. Feed autumn planted vegetables and dig in plenty of compost where you intend to grow peas and beans. Plant potatoes and onion sets, sow parsnips, spinach, radish and spring onions.

Prune roses and any shrubs which flower on new wood. They are usually the one which flower from July onwards. Cut, to almost ground level,

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any shrubs grown for their colourful winter stems.

Start into growth, with more water, all the tender plants, such as begonias and fuchsias, which you have overwintered.

#### Plant of the Month - Narcissus

Within this group of plants come also the daffodils and jonquils. The majority are natives of Europe and N. Africa. Most gardens grow a few varieties from amongst the list of over 8000 available today. Once planted, these cheerful harbingers of Spring, will multiply and so are good value. They will grow in almost any soil, but sand in the bottom of the planting hole helps in heavy soils. Fertile ground suits them best so give a general fertiliser when flowering finishes, to enable the leaves to feed the bulb for next years blooms. Do not tie up the leaves, but mask them with other plants.

Let him who hath two loaves sell one and buy flower of narcissus; for bread is but food for the body, whereas narcissus is food for the soul. Muhammad c600 BC. Evidently the founder of Islam appreciated these beautiful Spring flowers as much as we do.

**Pat Smith** 

# Letters to the Editors

#### **Dear Editors**

Having been recently discharged from Hospital after a serious illness, I was invited by a very good friend of mine, Dorothy Astill, to stay with her at her house in Harbury for a period of recuperation. Previously Dorothy has looked after my dogs when I have been away, usually on holiday, and although the dogs know the village, I didn't.

Walking about the village I have been pleasantly treated and greeted by most people, even drivers of cars have raised their hand in greeting! It may be that people have recognised the dogs, a pair of Springer Spaniels, but nevertheless the openness of the Harbury residents has been extremely refreshing and has restored my confidence in human nature. 30

Well done Harbury, you are a lovely village with lovely people and I feel privileged to have spent time here and I hope to do so again in the future.

Yours faithfully

Alan Langston, Alcester

#### **Dear Editors**

May I, through the Harbury and Ladbroke News, thank Mike Bishop for his kind words in the February issue, thanking me for donating money to the Harbury British Legion in Dad's memory and for the church collection.

I feel I must thank everybody who attended the funeral in November '95 and gave generously in his memory, although to my knowledge the money received was in fact cheques donated by my family and cheques from Taylor's funeral services.

I would also like to thank Pat Summers and all my Netball friends for their lovely idea of a plaque - I would very much like to donate a bench when the time comes. Thank you all for caring.

Marie Wallington

#### **Dear Editors**

Thank you for publishing my letter about the lack of progress on the District Plan. My support for an assistant inspector is being processed and hopefully the final report will be issued six months earlier - in 1996/7.

I am still fighting the prospect of a big new (200 plus) housing estate by Blue Circle on their lands between Harbury and Bishops Itchington. I had hoped this threat (possibly joining the two villages) had passed away, but unfortunately Lib. Dem. Councillors Booth and Cooley reawakened this project on 16th August '95 by convening a special onsite meeting with Blue Circle and thus unexpectedly raising these developers hopes again.

It may be that the Lib Dems ruling party at Stratford wish to divert and

reduce the size of alternative new housing estates at both Stockton and Lighthorne!

I will be resisting all these attempts to impose any of these houses between Harbury and Bishops - both villages have had more than their fair share and consequently suffered from horrendous traffic, builders noise and enormous refuse skips to the new Ufton tip.

In view of my overall concern, I have now put down a notice of motion to the Lib/Lab - controlled Stratford Council to demand a properly funded traffic and development appraisal for the two 'B' roads, linking Harbury, Deppers & Bishops to the new M40 junction. I want this done to reduce accidents (there has already been at least one fatality); limit sporadic industrial and domestic development and divert the heavies from our village roads and I hope to be successful in getting this commissioned.

If anyone needs further information on these problems and how it could affect them, please phone me on Harbury 612915 any time.

Distr. Cllr. James Turner

#### Dear Editors

We lived in Harbury for 30 years, but moved to Herefordshire 6 years ago. I always have the H&L News each month, and I read that the WI had a reference to the Guide Dogs. I should like to make a correction: The Guide Dogs were started in Wallasey by Captain Nikolas Linkof and his wife, who escaped from Russia during the Revolution. They moved to Emscote Manor in 1943 not 1950; we knew them very well. The book about them is in the Library with photos. They both died a few years ago, but I am still in very close touch with their two daughters, Tatiana and Abou. They went to Leamington High School with my daughters.

I feel I had to clear this up as The Guide Dog Association is now world wide and Captain Linkof's name is never mentioned, which I think is very sad.

Edna Lines, Leominster

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