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The bank on the Northern side of the Harbury cutting is being transformed with the removal of trees, (see photo on next page). This work, to stabilise the bank, is occurring at the same time as the Chief Executive of Connex blamed the British affection for trees for causing disruption to train services as a result of leaves on the line! Although this clearance may seem a shame, in the past the banks were regularly kept bare by red hot embers jettisoned from passing steam trains.

As a small consolation, 2 ornamental trees will be planted in the school grounds as a reward for the efforts of Harbury School children entering the Landscape Trees' Competition organised by Stratford District Council.



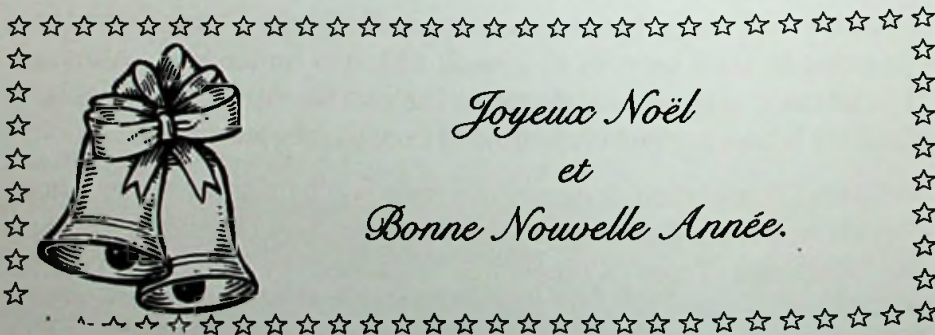
Northern Bank at Harbury Railway Cutting

Further Harbury talent was recognised with the success of Emmeline Smart in the Young Author's competition and John Wright for his literary efforts in the Over 60's category.

If anyone else in the village wishes to hone their writing skills, the Editors would welcome any articles of general interest.

The Entente Cordiale was finally sealed with acceptance of the Constitution for twinning with Samois-sur-Seine.

Finally, the Editors would like to wish every one a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



Harbury Diary

DECEMBER

- Sun 7 Advent II - Sung Eucharist 9am**
 Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am; Evensong 4pm
 Wl Carol Service at Priors Hardwick, leave Village Hall at 2pm
- Tues 9** Village Hall committee in Village Hall 8pm
 Toddlers' Service 2.15pm; Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Harbury-Samois Twinning Assoc. meeting in Wight School 8pm
- Wed 10** Harbury Carnival meeting in The Dog 8pm
- Thurs 11** Holy Communion 9.45am
 Harbury Village Playgroup's Nativity Play in the Wight School 11am
 Thursday Club Carol Service in Church 2.30pm
- Fri 12** Junior Football Christmas Party in Village Hall
 Nursery School's Christmas Concert in School 10.30am
- Sat 13** Senior Citizen's Christmas Party in Village Hall
- Sun 14 Advent III - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am**
 Evensong 4pm; Benediction 5.30pm
- Mon 15 ADVERTS 6 Knightlow Way by 5.30pm**
- Tues 16** Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 17** Toddlers' Christmas Party in Village Hall
 School Concert in Church 7.30pm
- Thurs 18** Holy Communion 9.45am
 School Concert in Church 2pm
- Fri 19** Newspaper collection
- Sat 20** Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am
 Christmas Coffee and Mince Pies in Tom Hauley Room 10am
- Sun 21 Advent IV - Holy Communion 8am**
 Family Communion and Christingle 10.30am
- Tues 23** Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 24 Christmas Eve - Dressing of the Crib, Children's Service**
 2.30pm
 No Baby Clinic today
 Village Carol Service 6.30pm; Midnight Mass 11.15pm
- Thurs 25 Christmas Day - Sung Eucharist 10.30am**
- Fri 26 Boxing Day - St. Stephen - Holy Communion 10.30am**
- Sat 27** St. John - Holy Communion 10.30am
- Sun 28 Sunday after Christmas - Holy Communion 8am**
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Mon 29** Holy Innocents - Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Tues 30** Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 31 New Year's Eve**



JANUARY 1998

- Thurs 1 **New Year's Day** - Circumcision of Christ; Holy Communion 9.45am
Hereburgh Morris's 'Hangover Tour' starting midday at The Crown
Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 2 Newspaper collection
ARTICLES to NIFTY NEEDLE by 5.30pm
- Sat 3 Church Flowers Rota Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am
- Sun 4 **Christmas 2** - Sung Eucharist 9am
Evensong 4pm
- Tues 6 Horticultural Society in Village Hall 8pm
Village Hall Committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Thurs 8 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
- Sun 11 **Epiphany I** - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Evensong 4pm

Please Note

- * Adverts: to 6, Knightlow Way by Monday 15th Dec. *
- * Articles: to Nifty Needle by Friday 2nd January 1998 *
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**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE
TO: LINDA RIDGLEY - TEL. 612792.**

For Tom Hauley Room Bookings	Mrs. Stubbs	612782
For Village Hall Bookings	Mrs. Hughes	612716
For Wight School Bookings	Mrs. Hayes	613488

REGULAR DIARY DATES

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

BADMINTON: Village Hall, Mondays (Club) 7-9pm; Tuesdays (League) 8-10pm; Friday (Ladies) 2-3pm; Sunday (Mixed) 7-10pm

BEAVERS: Scout Hut, 6-7pm Tuesdays

BELLRINGING PRACTICE: (613605) Church, 7.30pm Fridays

BINGO: Village Hall, 8pm Mondays

BROWNIES: Village Hall 6-7.30pm Tuesdays

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, 6.30pm Fridays

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

CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesdays

DANCING CLASSES: (613698) Farley Room Village Hall, Children & Adults
4-9pm Wednesdays.

GUIDES: Scout Hut, 7-8.30pm Mondays

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 Tuesday of Month

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB: (613358) 10.30am-12.30pm
Saturdays

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: (613402) School Hall, 8-10pm
Wednesdays

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL: School, 9am-12noon Monday-Friday

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

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Month; Term Time only

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LINE DANCING: (624454) Village Hall 8pm Wednesdays

NETBALL CLUB: (612841) Village Hall Car Park, Training 6.30pm
Thursdays; Matches Saturday Afternoon

PLAYGROUP: Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings

QUIZ EVENING: The Old New Inn, 8.30pm Saturdays

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, 7.45pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

TENNIS CLUB: (614614) (Apr-Sept) Tues & Thurs 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: Farley Room of V.Hall 2.30pm 2nd & 4th Thurs. of
Month

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

W.I.: Tom Hauley Room, 7.45pm 2nd Thursday of Month

YOGA: Wight School, 7.30-9.30pm Wednesdays, Diane Surgey Tel.817904



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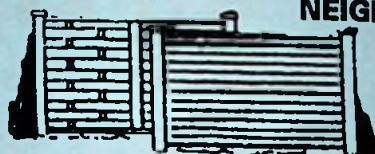
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Sung Eucharist 9am)

Family Service, 10.30am on 3rd Sunday of Month

Evensong, 6.30pm (Except 3rd Sunday)

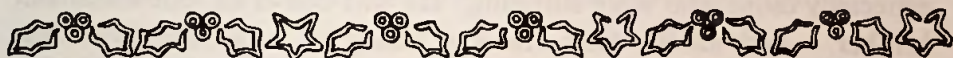
Please see notice board in Church for weekday services or revised times on special occasions.

Rector: Father Roy Brown, The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury

Tel.: 612377

Laugh Line

It was once suggested that the Post Office should frank the Christmas mail with an appropriate text from the Bible. One light-hearted sorter suggested that they should put "*The Lord deliver us*".



FROM THE RECTOR

What did Eve say to Adam at three o'clock on the first afternoon of creation? Well, she is supposed to have said: "*Adam, we live in a world of great change*".

It would be interesting to know when human beings started talking about the way things change. Conversations about the way things have changed are probably as old as conversations about the weather. When we begin to grow old - and we do that at a very early age - we begin to talk about the fact that everything has changed since we were young. But we grow accustomed to change. It would be dull if everything remained the same. We often say we would like to stop the clock and live for ever in some moment of great joy or success. But if we managed to do so we would quickly get bored. We need to change if

we are to grow and mature; we need change if we want to live.

Yet, in a world of change there are some things which remain the same. A recent advertisement reminded us that in a world where everything changes a certain brand of chocolate had remained the same. Fair enough! But there are other deeper things which remain the same no matter what is happening on the surface and it is essential that we find and hold on to these things. Peace means finding that calm place within us which remains calm no matter what storms and waves rage on the surface of our lives. And the things which remain the same are very often the simple things which mean most to us.

The meaning of Christmas never changes. The way we celebrate may change from year to year and age to age. The world in which we celebrate certainly changes all the time. Perhaps the way we feel about Christmas is different each year. But the one thing which does not change is the message; that is the same for all time.

God became man, not a special man or superman, but one of us. He was born of Mary, a baby in need of care; He grew up as a child and young man in need of others. He suffered and He knew what weakness was. He was our brother; He had a heart and time for everyone, especially those who were suffering. He was one of us, our friend and brother. And all the time He was telling us how God loved us. Christmas reminds us of all that. And when we hear the Bethlehem story again we know that God has chosen to be not above and beyond us, but with us.

May that deep peace which only Christ can give, fill your hearts and homes and all those you love. Happy Christmas.

Fr. Roy



FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony - All Saints' Harbury

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| 8 th November | Keith Kleinmann to Giuseppina Varriale |
| 15 th November | - John Winchester to Patricia Marlowe |

Holy Baptism - All Saints' Harbury

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| 2 nd November | - Annabel Chloe Jane Easton |
| | - Edward Christopher Philip Easton |
| 9 th November | - Richard John Wyndham Quin |
| 16 th November | - Oliver Bailey Thurogood |
| 23 rd November | - Eva Sophia Christine von Holstein |

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

The Parish Council is at present upgrading the street lighting around the village and as part of the scheme a lantern-type light is shortly to be installed within the lych gate. This will not only improve the lighting within Church Street, but also provide some permanent lighting to the church pathway.

The Church will provide a full programme of services during the Christmas Festival and a list of all services will be delivered to your homes during the next two weeks.

We would also ask you to particularly note the traditional pre-Christmas Coffee Morning will take place in the Tom Hauley Room on **Saturday 20th December**. Refreshments will be free. All welcome.

Concurrent with the coffee morning, the Church is holding a 'Gift Day' during which the Rector will be available in Church to receive tokens of your appreciation for the amenity of a living church within the community of Harbury.

Ruth & Jeff

MOTHERS' UNION

After a service of Holy Communion in Church, the November Afternoon Meeting continued in the Tom Hauley Room. Three new members from Radford Semele were welcomed and after Notices, Tony Brunton gave a most interesting talk on his hobby of Bee Keeping. He spoke of the practicalities as well as the history and various uses of honey. All were offered a taste of 'South Parade Honey' and Tony's wife Shirley had brought home-made honey biscuits for everyone to try.

The Evening Meeting followed the Tuesday Communion service, then members and friends were treated to a demonstration by Dorothy Travis of 'Flower Arranging for Christmas'. Flowers, ribbon, candles and greenery were transformed into delightful table decorations and Dorothy made it all look so easy, but had obviously spent a great deal of time beforehand in preparation, not to mention the gold and silver leaf-spraying! All were inspired to try out new ideas this Christmas and two ladies were lucky enough to win arrangements to take home.

No evening meeting in December. New members are always welcome.

Lorna Bedford & Anne Moore



CHRISTMAS COFFEE and MINCE PIES

On Saturday 20th December, we shall be holding our usual pre-Christmas Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room when the coffee and mince pies will be free. Everyone is cordially invited to attend especially those who come week by week and those who have in any way been involved during the year. The coffee mornings raise a lot of money for many different causes.

As usual, we shall be running a raffle, the proceeds this year going to the Alzheimer's Society. Most of us know of someone who is afflicted by this disease, causing distress to themselves and especially to relatives and friends. At present there is no known cure, but much can be done to improve the quality of life for sufferers and their families. Please come and support this worthwhile cause and at the same time enjoy what is on offer.

Joyce Windsor

TODDLERS' SERVICE



The 16 babies and toddlers attending the November Toddlers' Service, which was presented by Mrs. Dorothy Travis, learnt how Samuel was asked by God to anoint one of Jessie's sons. David, the youngest son and a shepherd boy, was the one chosen by God, and much later became King of Israel.

After the story, the children coloured paper crowns and wore them to sing the last song and say the final prayer.

Lorna Bedford

CHURCH FLOWERS

The new 1998 Flower Rota has now been prepared and can be found on the notice board in Church, extra copies can be taken from the table at the back of the Church. Extra helping hands are always welcome, so if anyone wishes to join us, please contact either Father Roy or give me a ring on Harbury 613892.

Christmas is fast approaching, and once again, can I please ask all members of the Flower Rota team, or anyone new who would like to join in, to make a note in their diary, all hands needed on **Tuesday 23rd December**, 11.30am onwards, to help decorate the Church for Christmas. Donations of holly, ivy and any other greenery gratefully received on or before the 23rd.

A Coffee Morning will be held in the Tom Hauley Room on **Saturday 3rd January 1998**. Please make it part of your New Year's resolutions to come along and support your Church Flower team, donations of cakes, raffle prizes or unwanted Christmas presents all gratefully received!

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported the Flower Fund throughout 1997 and to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Jo House



Ladbroke News

DECEMBER

Sun	7	Advent II - Family Communion 10.30am
Wed	10	Holy Communion 2.00pm
Sun	14	Advent III - Sung Communion 9.00am
Mon	15	ADVERTS 6 Knightlow Way, Harbury by 5.30pm
Wed	17	Holy Communion 9.45am
Sun	21	Advent IV - Sung Communion 9.00am; Evensong 6.00pm
Wed	24	Christmas Eve - Children's Service 3.30pm
Thurs	25	Christmas Day - Sung Communion 9.00am
Sun	28	Sunday after Christmas - Sung Communion 9.00am Village Carol Service 5.00pm
Wed	31	Holy Communion 9.45am



JANUARY 1998

Thurs	1	New Year's Day
Fri	2	ARTICLES to NIFTY NEEDLE, High Street Harbury by 5.30pm
Sun	4	Christmas 2 - Family Communion 10.30am
Tues	6	Epiphany - Sung Communion 7.30pm
Wed	7	Holy Communion 9.45am Ladbroke Village Hall AGM 7.30pm
Sun	1	Epiphany I - Sung Communion 9.00am

LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Advent is here. The preparation for Christ's Birthday - Christmas. Everyone will be receiving a Christmas card with the church service times in. The first service, which always has that element of excitement running through it, is at 3.30pm on Christmas Eve, when we 'Dress the Crib'. The children always enjoy this service, please bring them along. We would like them to take part in the little nativity play and we are still 'auditioning'; we have a rehearsal each Sunday morning at 10am.

Christmas Day Service is at 9am this year. Our turn to get up early, unless of course, the children have had you up since 5am, in which case there is **No Excuse**.

We are busily rehearsing for our Carol service which is on **Sunday 28th December** at 5pm. There will be wine and mince pies to follow and the retiring collection will be for 'Acorn', a hospice for children in



Birmingham. Always a beautiful evening: "*Carols by Candlelight*" - everyone invited of course.

May everyone reading this have a very joyous Christmas and a special greeting to the Editorial & Typing staff of this magazine (I know how hard and conscientiously they work for our benefit - voluntarily).

Betty Winkfield

WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

We had a very interesting talk and discussion with the Rector at our November meeting, about all the little traditional things we do in our preparations for Christmas - some of which we have adopted from other places in the world, e.g. Christmas tree. We had a great discussion about different traditions from areas around our own country. Thank you Rector and thank you Catherine for your hospitality. The December meeting is our special service with hymns and readings, followed by a Christmas Tea, which will be here at Hall Farm. All members, old and new, are very welcome.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The meeting was held in Ladbroke Village Hall at 7.30pm on 27th November. Our new president, Mrs. Susan Moore, opened the meeting with a welcome to all members. Sue expressed our appreciation to Mrs. Catherine Spence for her valued two years as president. Thanks were extended to Mrs. Jo Sowerby for her hard work as Treasurer and thanks also to Mrs. Sheena Healey for taking over this awesome task. Mrs. Marie Kennedy has joined the Committee. It was good to welcome Mrs. Di Bowen back to the fold.

Our Short-Mat Bowls team played (very professionally says our Captain!) against Barford WI and to our amazement, we won 12-5. The next match will be played in the new year. Unfortunately the speaker for the evening was unable to come but our talented Mrs. Jo Sowerby stepped in to give a demonstration of a decorated branch sprayed with gold paint and adorned with ribbon bows, ~~sheets of~~ gold tinsel, bells and baubles. She also demonstrated the making of petit fours in the shapes

of fruit and little decorated cakes and made the boxes ready for Christmas presents - fortunately there were enough for us all to sample!

Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Gill Moore and Mrs. Jill Norgate

The raffle was won by Mrs. Wendy Nutter and Mrs. Julie Harris.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 22nd January 1998**, when the speaker will be Mrs. Linda Doyle, who will be telling us about *A Local Deserted Village* with the aid of slides.

Tea hostesses: Mrs. Pam Collins and Mrs. Julie Harris.

Don't forget that subscriptions are due at this meeting. Visitors and new members are always welcome - come and hear about some local history.

Happy Christmas to all and a peaceful 1998.

Hazel Sharples



Mrs. José Wilcox of Ladbroke, displaying her flower arrangements at the Craft Fair in Harbury Village Hall

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Thank you to everyone who came and supported us at "*The Magic Lantern Show*". It truly was a magical evening seeing all those very old, hand painted slides, they were lovely. I hope everyone enjoyed the sausage and mash during the interval. The sausages were donated by Colin Clews and the potatoes were donated by Peter Healey of Green Leaf Nurseries (just along the main road towards Southam). A very special 'Thank You' to them both. We made £210 towards the continuing improvements of the Hall.

The AGM for the Village Hall is on **Wednesday 7th January, 7.30pm**. If you have an interest in the Village Hall and want to know what plans we have for it, please come along. It is good to know that people want their Village Hall and support its upkeep. There's a glass of wine for all who come - see you there!

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 19th November

Whilst we Councillors worked hard in the Village Hall at the November Parish Council meeting, there seems little of public interest to report this month.

During his police report. Pc Andy Went informed the meeting of one garage break-in resulting in the theft of electrical equipment and vandalism to the traffic lights governing the road works. There was some discussion concerning the presence of the refreshment wagon in the lay by. This is not causing any problems on the actual highway so it is of concern to the Environmental Health Department only.

Andy concurred with a previously reported account of a motorcycle speeding down the bypass, having witnessed it for himself during the month. We were advised that the body to contact is the Road Safety Traffic Management section of Warwick Constabulary.

Mr. Jackson, Managing Director of Crosby Homes, had replied following the complaints previously put to him. He generally agreed that the problems had been caused by sub-standard workmanship, but at that time still expected the sewage works on the Banbury Road to be finished

"in the next couple of days"! The five lights agreed on the plans for Hedges Close are still to be erected.

Michael Boden-Pritchett had been busy during the month and had much to report regarding the availability of help in funding, for example, to create leaflets describing circular walks leading from Ladbroke.

In his report, County Councillor Bob Stevens brought the meeting up to date with the latest in the fire station debate. Subject to final approval there will be an application to close Tysoe, but to keep Fenny Compton open. A new fire station may be built at Wellesbourne.

The application for the new Tesco's store is to be discussed at the December Dasset Planning meeting.

Carol Northorpe



HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - NOVEMBER

This month the Parish Council said their official goodbyes to Alison Hodge, but she will be back in January to help the new Clerk ease herself into the job. Alison explained that she had taken on the role of Parish Councils' Officer for the County Association. She thanked Councillors for their support and their praise. She had valued the encouragement they had given her, especially in the early days and she was sure they would give the same help to Lana Long, the new Clerk.

The remainder of the meeting was dominated by Planning Matters and the enticement offered by the District Council for Harbury to undertake a Parish Appraisal. Both the District Councillors and the Officers are pressing us to survey local opinion and they have substantial carrots to dangle.

Not only is there £50,000 worth of Playground Improvement money and trees on offer, the Appraisal Officer also has a substantial budget to progress projects highlighted in appraisals.

The Housing Department wants the Parish to think seriously about where to put affordable housing to meet the needs uncovered in the latest housing survey.

Sharon Hancock pointed out Harbury was concentrating for the moment on its Village Design Statement.

In the spirit of innovation and consultation Keith Thompson suggested that Farm Street residents be asked where they would like the Parish Council to put the new lamp for which they had set aside funding.

Various Councillors were keen for Harbury to take part in the Blue Lias Ring Walks initiative which would mean upgrading paths as well as producing a Footpath's Guide. Harbury Society is already working to upgrade "*Cross the Stile*" and will be asked if it wants to participate.

Ken Stephenson still clings to the hope we can provide a Police Post in the Wight School for Pc Stuart Bosworth but there are problems about resourcing it and the Beat Bobby cannot guarantee when he will be available there. Most Councillors thought it better that he park centrally and walk about the village, talking to residents as much as he can.

John Woodward would like to renovate the Chapel of Rest in the Burial Grounds and is seeking quotes for the work. The Clerk was concerned that 13 out of 44 allotments will soon be vacant. She has ordered the Oak whips for the Sentinel Oaks, but John Woodward is still waiting for the free crocus bulbs promised last month.

Planning: Stratford District Council agreed tree work at Stonewalls and Sycamore House, Butt Lane. They passed plans for French doors at the Manor; a pitched roof at 1, Mackley Way and the canopy at Mercia House, High Street.

They refused Mr. Trice permission for an Agricultural Worker's Dwelling behind Brethren's Farm and the barn conversion at Westfields Farm was refused on appeal.

The Parish Council objected to plans to convert Harbury Hall Stables and create an opening in the high wall in Hall Lane. They had no comment about plans at 2, Mill Street; 3, Farm Close or a renewal at the Quarries.

They asked Stratford District Council to take enforcement action at Tresco Barn, Vicarage Lane and over the hoardings which appeared overnight at the Co-op supermarket.

Houses on the Hillside Farm development are in the process of being allocated. Ken Stephenson still wants the Parish Council to have an

input but it was explained there is a common Housing and Allocation Policy district wide.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY SOCIETY

Christine Wright came from Ilmington to tell us about their 'Apple Day'.

She brought Tom Crossley and he brought his apples - dozens of them; tiny Blenheims, grown on old stock and varieties ranging from Laxton Superbs to Newton and Howgate Wonders - whopping great apples both!

And our members brought their own apples. Maurice Bristow had one of Warwickshire's own apples - the Wyken Pippin and Mary Entwistle came with a basket full of sweet cherry red ones, grown from a pip, but she had none to take home, for we ate them all!

It was a lovely relaxed and interesting evening and left us all feeling - Yes, we could do that in Harbury too. But then we wondered who would have the time and commitment to organise it?

Do come to our Photographic Quiz at the Christmas Fair and put in your diaries the following dates:

Tuesday 27th January - 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room when Cecil Bloxham will tell us about the Quarry workers.

The evening of **Saturday 14th March** when the touring theatre company, Pentabus perform 'The Wright Stuff' for one night only.

Finally, if you did not take part in the Village Design Statement Workshop, you still have a chance to have your say. Complete and return the violet form from last month's Harbury & Ladbroke News before it gets thrown away!

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY WOMEN's INSTITUTE

November is always our AGM when new officers are voted in. Wendy Knowles has been our president for three years. She was rather thrown in at the deep end, not having been in WI very long, but she bravely accepted the post and proved how capable she was.

She was ably assisted by Dorothy Groves as her secretary. Celia Barrett is our new president and Dorothy is staying as secretary to assist Celia. Peggy Middleton remains our efficient treasurer and most of the committee are the same, plus two new members.

Both Short Mat Bowls teams have played their matches, but I'm afraid it is not their year. However, the Darts team were luckier and have won theirs.

We hope for members support at the Christmas Fair on 6th December with cakes and preserves. We look forward to the Carol Service at Priors Hardwick on **Sunday 7th December**, leaving the Village Hall at 2.00pm.

The speaker at the December's meeting will be Patrick Kingston - *Royal Trains and their Passengers* and sherry and mince pies will be served. Don't forget the bran tub present ladies!

Wishing all readers - Seasons Greetings.

January hostesses: Lyn Hayes, Sandra Leigh, and Wendy Knowles.

Jeanne Beaumont

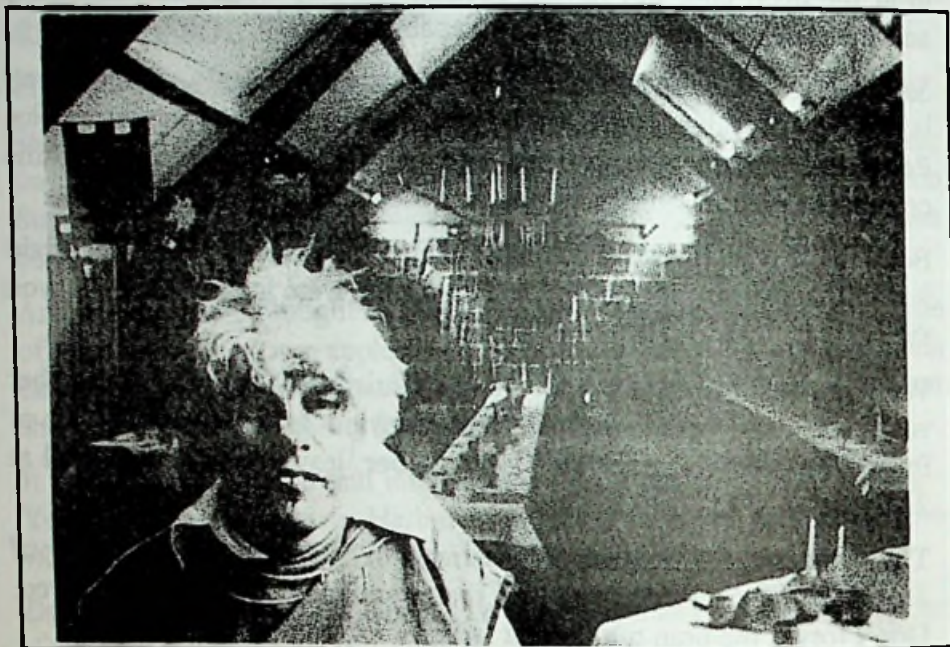
HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Medieval Banquet

What must onlookers have thought on a dark and rainy night, when ninety-nine exquisitely robed Lords and Ladies arrived at the Banqueting Hall for a night of feasting and revelry? Indeed evenings where the wine flows freely, guests are presented with a sumptuous five course meal and are entertained by strolling players and minstrels only happen on very few occasions in a lifetime.

Harbury Theatre Group's third medieval banquet was a runaway success, not only because of the hard work in preparation (and a special thanks here to Sally Stringer and Carol Percival for catering expertise

second to none), but also because of the guests who obviously enjoyed dressing for the occasion. They entered into the true spirit of the event with gusto!



The photograph shows the Banqueting Hall prior to the guests' arrival, with one Quasimodo (alias John Kemsley, I think) whose No.1 hit "*I've got a hunch that you don't love me anymore Esmerelda*" was as popular as ever.

Gordon Robbins

The Scottish Play

It's been several years now since I have been backed into a corner and 'persuaded' to produce a full length play, but now looks as if I have run out of excuses, and my turn has come again. To be truthful, I have found a play that I think could be fun. It's called *The Scottish Play* by Graham Holliday and was first broadcast on BBC Radio. It's well written, amusing, interesting and sad, but it does have one problem, it has rather a large cast, especially men, (always a problem).

Up until a few months ago this would have been a very good reason to put it on the back burner, but following our recent recruitment drive, we

have had a surge of interest from people from Harbury, Bishops Itchington and Leamington. So it looks as if it might just be possible. This has still to be proven of course, as we haven't yet read the play, let alone cast it, but I do think it's well worth a try. Incidentally, if there are any more of you out there who would like to be involved, in any way at all, on or off stage, please do come forward. We are a very friendly group and we have a lot of fun together.

We are running through quite a busy programme at the moment. A lot of our members have just been in the Church Play, and Anne Megeney's Christmas Play "*The Toy Cupboard*" is still in rehearsal (don't forget to order your tickets for 16th & 17th January). So this means that I will not be able to cast the Scottish Play until some time in January, but I must be in rehearsal before the beginning of February, if I am to have it ready by the 2nd April (first night).

I won't tell you any more about the play at the moment, but I will try to keep the village informed about its progress as I go along.

In the mean time if there are any potential thespians or backstage helpers out there who would like to be involved, please phone me on 613488.

Keith Hayes

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

The Folk Club celebrated Guy Fawkes' Night with style, on 6th November. The performances sparkled with wit, humour and other pyrotechnic innovations. I opened the first box of fireworks, lit the blue touch paper and retired to enjoy the show.

The display included Pete's melodeon "Mortars" and Pete and Liz's "Roman Candles". Bob's "Jack-in-the-Box" had us in hysterics. Jilly was her usual smouldering 'Volcano'. The two 'Star bursts' were supplied by The Harvesters and Phil and Drill, with self-penned songs that incorporated all the themes - Pirates, Parrots and Pyrotechnics.

The next two boxes contained some amazing special effects from Jean singing with oxygen backing. This was followed by Ron and his "Jumping Jacks" and "Whizzbangs" from Keith. "Rockets" flew as we

joined in Steve's chorus. The evening drew to a close, with a guitar and harmonica "Laser display" from Brendon and Doug.

After checking that the bonfire was finally out, I was pleased to discover that the raffle had raised £40 for Christian Aid's Ethical Trading Campaign. The first Folk Club of 1998 will be on **Thursday 1st January**, at 8.30pm in the Dog. See you there!

Mike Putnam

***S.H.A.K.* and THE NEW SCOUT HUT**

It's the season for good news.

S.H.A.K., having raised over £22,000 over the last couple of years, has been working hard behind the scenes.

We have put a considerable amount of effort into sorting out the potential building programme and, more importantly, a new lease which will secure both the building of a new Scout Hut and the future of the Guiding and Scouting movements in the village.

S.H.A.K. is now confident that we will have a new lease in place shortly and for that we would like to thank Father Roy and his advisers for their positive and continued support.

Once we have the lease secured, we plan to start the building programme around Easter next year.

Our initial objective was a daunting one - we didn't underestimate it, and we would like to thank the whole village for its support, encouragement, advice, constructive comments and monies in our exciting (and exhausting) venture so far. We look forward to sharing the results with everybody in 1998.

Pete Woodward, Kommandant

G.A.S.S. (GUIDE AND SCOUT SUPPORT)

A new name: A new committee for a new beginning!

Following the tremendous efforts of *S.H.A.K.* in raising the money required for the new Scout Hut, a new committee has been formed to

ensure that the ongoing interests of the Guiding and Scouting movements are safeguarded.

The needs of the groups have been looked after for many years by the 1st Harbury Scout & Guide Support Group, who have served the movements superbly for longer than most of the committee members chose to admit!. On behalf of everybody in the village who has benefited from the endeavours of all who have served on that committee, a belated, but very genuine thank you for all your efforts.

But what of the future? The *G.A.S.S.* (*Guide And Scout Support*) committee was formed in July from members of *S.H.A.K.* and the old Support Group. The new committee's aims are as follows:

Firstly, to raise sufficient funds each year to provide new equipment and replace (when necessary) old equipment for all the Guide, Scout, Brownie, Cub and Beaver movements.

Secondly, to maintain the new Scout Hut when it is finally completed next year.

Our first fund-raising event - even if you hadn't realised it! - was the Bonfire and Firework Night which generated a profit of £400. As usual, the village turned out in force during the day to help. It would be impossible (and, if not, certainly risky!) to name everybody who helped. We'd just like to say a massive 'Thank You' to everybody - bonfire builders and marshallers, firework lighters, ticket sellers, caterers and everyone else who came (and hopefully enjoyed) the evening. See you all next year.

This year *G.A.S.S.* will be taking over the Christmas postal service that *S.H.A.K.* have operated successfully for the last couple of years. Last year *S.H.A.K.* delivered about 2,200 Christmas cards around the village - look out elsewhere in this edition for full details of this year's service.

And for the future *G.A.S.S.* is proud to promote a unique event that Harbury has never seen before. Put **Saturday 31st January 1998** in your diary if you like lots of fun, plenty of laughs, good food, beer and wine . . . it's a *Race Night*, but a Race Night with a difference - no films to watch, no horses to sit on or pull . . . intriguing? . . . definitely! . . . watch out for details.

Pete Woodward

XMAS POST BY *G.A.S.S.*

A service for Harbury this Christmas!

The *G.A.S.S.* (*Guide And Scout Support*) committee can save your shoe leather, your time and your energy by delivering your Christmas cards for you. How does this sound for a good deal?



You put your feet up in the hectic run up to Christmas, you let us do the work and you support this worthy charity at the same time!

G.A.S.S. will replicate *S.H.A.K.*'s successful service of the last two years. All you need to do is to 'post' your village cards in the special box at Mugglestons starting on **Saturday 6th December right up to and including Sunday 21st December** and we will do the rest. The cards must be to an address in the village. They will be stamped with the *G.A.S.S.* logo (so that your friends will see that you have supported us) and they will catch the next available delivery - we will be delivering at least three times a week.

Oh! and please don't forget to make your donation! - there will be a clearly marked donation slot in the 'post box'.

Save you feet and help support the Scouting and Guiding movements and the new Scout Hut.

From all of us at *G.A.S.S.* to all of you - Have a good Christmas. Let our feet do the walking.

Peter Walshe

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL

Christmas is nearly upon us now and most of the children seemed to have worked out who Baby Jesus is, although we are still getting some very strange renditions of 'Away in a Manger'. All this activity is for this year's Christmas Concert on **Friday 12th December** at 10.30am in the School Hall. Please do come along and see the Nursery children perform and join us for a mince pie afterwards.

Fund-raising has continued as ever with a great profit of £103 being made from the coffee morning. This was largely due to Gail's fantastic

efforts at putting together a superb Xmas hamper which was definitely *the* raffle prize of the year!

The sponsored bike ride was well supported even though Francesca Holden thought it was a spectator event and stayed in the car! We are still collecting sponsor money, but will let you know how much we raised in the next issue.

Finally, on behalf of the committee members, I wish Kate Smart, all her staff, the children and their parents a very happy (and peaceful!) Christmas.

Jackie Snell

HARBURY VILLAGE PLAYGROUP

We have had a busy month fund-raising. Our coffee morning at Ruth Coleman's house was very successful, raising a grand total of £85. Although the day of the jumble sale was cold and rainy we still raised the excellent sum of £155. We are intending to use this money to buy some new books and toys.



Auditions are now over. The greasepaint is out, as the serious work of rehearsing the nativity play is underway. I have it on good authority that we can expect some award winning performances from all cast members. So, why not come along and enjoy the fun at the Wight School, on **Thursday 11th December**, at 11am.

Wishing you all a Peaceful and Joyful Christmas and New Year.

Nicola A. Guy

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Tennis in the village continues through the winter, although, as we don't have floodlights, we only play at weekends.

We are fielding two sides in the Banbury leagues. Both the 'A' and 'B' sides got off to a good start, and results at the time of writing are won two, lost two for the 'A' team and won two, lost one for the 'B' team.

Geoff Prince and Pauline Hayes are the Summer Mixed Doubles

Champions for 1997, after beating Ed Wilson and Sue Panton in the finals. We will be running a similar event throughout the winter, but have decided against doing the same for singles, due mainly to lack of daylight hours!

David Snell

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB (continued from last month)

Averages for 1997 Season, Batting - Qualification 7 Innings

Sunday Friendly XI					
NAME	RUNS	HIGHEST SCORE	INNINGS	NOT OUT	AVERAGE
John Clifford	327	83	8	0	40.9
Phil Linnett	238	103*	12	2	34.1
Ian Lowe	308	69	10	0	30.8
Gary Lowe	206	41	15	1	14.7
Ian Jackson	100	27	9	2	14.3
Les Sollis	216	54	16	0	13.5
Richard Carr	144	30	15	3	12.0
Mike Daniels	57	17	11	3	7.1

All Matches					
NAME	RUNS	HIGHEST SCORE	INNINGS	NOT OUT	AVERAGE
Zak Briggs	445	85*	14	3	40.5
Paul Linnett	341	103*	12	2	34.1
Will Russell	544	67	19	2	32.0
Seb Briggs	286	44	12	3	31.8
Ian Lowe	308	69	10	0	30.8
Ed Russell	357	100	16	4	29.8
John Clifford	393	83	16	0	24.6
Paul Bennett	292	41	18	1	17.2
Gary Lowe	206	41	15	1	14.7
Greg Sherrington	188	26	14	2	15.7
Ian Jackson	102	27	10	2	12.8
Les Sollis	216	54	17	0	12.7
Richard Carr	144	30	16	3	11.1
Ian Brearley	33	10	8	5	11.0
Ian Barrett	83	37	9	0	9.2
Neil Maunder	60	18	10	3	8.6
Mike Daniels	57	17	11	3	7.1
Gary Haynes	32	11	9	4	6.4



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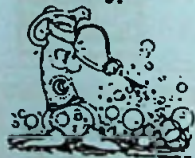
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HARBURY - SAMOIS TWINNING ASSOCIATION

We are now official! 4th November saw the inaugural meeting of the Association when the constitution was finalised and adopted and a management committee elected. This means that we can, if necessary, now apply for various grants from County, European Commission etc. and also start a membership list for all those interested.

The aim is to promote links between Harbury and Samois-sur-Seine through the school, various clubs, families and individuals of all ages and it will, I am sure, prove very worthwhile. If you are interested, our Treasurer, Martine Jenkins (6, Margaret Close, tel. 613857) will be delighted to take your names and receive your subscriptions. They are as follows:

Individual membership	£3 per annum
Family membership	£5 per annum
Club membership	£10 per annum

N.B. You don't have to be fluent in French or even to speak it at all, interest is the only requirement.

At the beginning of November we received our first guests from France. The party consisted of 4 adults and 4 children/teenagers and they did manage to pack a lot into their weekend - Harbury and its immediate surroundings, Warwick Castle, Stratford, Halloween Dance, English Pub, Church Coffee Morning and village Bonfire. I think I speak for everyone involved (on both sides of the Channel) when I say it was a thoroughly enjoyable weekend, so do please join us. If anyone would like further details please give me a call (613214).

Next committee meeting is on **Tuesday 9th December**, at 8pm in the Wight School.

Sally Stringer

HARBURY CARNIVAL, 13th June 1998

Would you like to help with the organisation of next year's Carnival and associated events? Work has already started but we are a small committee and some additional help would be welcomed. The sort of

things involved are: booking stall space and entertainment, obtaining raffle prizes, selling programmes and raffle tickets, organising and running the pub games in the week preceding the carnival, clearing up the field after the event. Nothing onerous but a little help goes a long way.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, come along to our next meeting on **Wednesday 10th December**, 8pm in The Dog. Alternatively, call John Kemsley on 613556.

**John Broomfield on behalf of the
Carnival Committee**

HARBURY LIBRARY

November 3rd-9th was National Libraries Week and we had a very successful coffee morning on Thursday 6th. In addition to our monthly storytime session for the Under fives, we had a display and quiz on healthy living, and a collection of books with an Indian theme: "*Gateway to the East*", with a chance to sample some Indian sweets.

During the week, two Harbury residents were presented with prizes for their literary successes in Countywide competitions.

Emmeline Smart, aged 10, was the overall winner of the 'Animorphs' competition. She wrote about the animal she would most like to become, and what she would do whilst living as that creature. Emmeline won signed books and a T-shirt for herself and also a visit to Harbury School by a famous author.

Mr. John Wright won a Parker fountain pen for his entry in the Warwickshire Over 60s writing competition. He was awarded second place in the long essay section, writing about country life and customs. There were over 200 entries in the competition and the standard was very high.

Sue Bell



HARBURY CHRONICLES

The camera kept rolling during November, continuing to capture Harbury on film through the seasons. That family event, the Village Bonfire and Firework Display, provided plenty of sound as well as vision while, in contrast, it was important to record the quiet solemnity of the Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial. On November 11th, our brave cameraman had to turn out before sunrise, using the latest digital technology to record one of the oldest traditions in England. Ken Stephenson, Chairman of the Parish Council, joined representatives of other villages in the dark on a mound near Ryton on Dunsmore to pay the Wroth Silver on Harbury's behalf (13 shillings and 6 pence!). Out of respect for the tradition, camera lights were not permitted so we may not see Ken trying to work out how much 13/6 is in 'new' money! After the ceremony, 200 people enjoyed a substantial breakfast in marquees by the Bull & Butcher pub.

During December, the filming will feature a flavour of the social life in Harbury's pubs, including a session at the Folk Club. The atmosphere of Christmas will be captured by the Village Carol Service on Christmas Eve and other traditional activities.



On the fund-raising front, the Halloween Dance was a great success and raised over £400. It was masterminded by Janet Thornley but those who decorated the Village Hall and prepared the food also deserve a special mention. The next major event for your diaries is a production of *'The Toy Cupboard'*, a Christmas Story by Anne Megeney, on **January 16th and 17th, 1998.**

Peter McDonald

HARBURY CRAFT CIRCLE

We had a splendid craft fair in November. Thank you to all those who supported us; we hope you were pleased with all your purchases. We did have a lot of people during the day and if some of the new faces were some of our new residents, thank you for coming.

We know we had a good number of visitors from outside the village and that was extremely rewarding, as were the compliments on the quality

and variety of crafts.

The food served all day by the Horticultural Society caterers was just delicious. It was lovely to see groups of families and friends all having a good time and being tempted by the tantalising smells from the kitchen. Our thanks to the caterers.

We shall not be putting on a Craft Fair in the Summer of '98 when the Garden Walkabout is held - it hasn't been finalised but there may be some crafts in the gardens over the two day event. We will be back again though in November when we shall endeavour to bring together the quality and variety of crafts which you obviously appreciate.

Our profits as always will be ploughed back into village good causes. If you are interested in taking a stand - if you are hiding a talent we would all wish to see, then ring us. See you next November!

Mavis, Bob & Moya



Councillor and Mrs. Turner admire wooden items at the stall of Bob and Mavis Taylor

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- Bird Watching (Ornithology) for beginners
- German for beginners
- Preparation for retirement
- Upholstery & Soft furnishing; for all abilities

TUESDAYS

- Craft skills; beginners welcome
- Keyboarding and Word Processing, Word 7
- Calligraphy for all
- Windows95 basic computer literacy with Microsoft Office (Word7 & Excel7)

WEDNESDAYS

- Pillow lace making. Beginners welcome
- Windows95 basic computer literacy with the latest software of Microsoft Office (Word 7 & Excel 7)
- Keep Fit for Men
- Conversational Spanish for beginners
- Art & Craft, including Gizmos, Gadgets and Toys

THURSDAYS

- German for the more advanced
- Drawing and water colour painting; beginners welcome
- Family Badminton for beginners 7.30-8.30pm
- Badminton for all 8.30-9.30pm
- Introduction to Book-keeping
- Conversational French; a course for all abilities
- Intensive RYA Coastal Navigation

DAYTIME Courses at Southam School

Monday	10.30am-12.30pm	- History of Music
Tuesday	1.00pm- 3.00pm	- Tai Chi classes for all ages
	1.00pm- 3.00pm	- Upholstery & Soft Furnishing for all abilities
	5.00pm- 7.00pm	- Tai Chi classes for all ages
Wednesday	9.45am-10.15am	- Keep Fit to Music for ladies
Thursday	9.45am-11.45am	- Yoga for Relaxation
	1.00am- 3.00pm	- Water Colour Painting

EVENING Courses at Harbury C.E. Primary School

Water Colour Painting	Tuesday
Keep Fit to Music for ladies	Thursday
Conversational French for all	Thursday

EVENING Courses at the Wight School, Harbury

Yoga	Wednesday 7.30pm-9.30pm
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For further details, enrolment, start date, etc. please telephone Gerry Young at the centre on 814264.

Gerry Young

THE SECOND KALIZARUS VILLAGE 'BOP'

For the second time since changing its name from the Hereburgh Ceilidh Band, Kalizarus staged a ceilidh 'just for fun'. Again, it WAS great fun (at least the band enjoyed it!), and we'd like to thank *S.H.A.K.* for providing a first class bar, and snacks for the evening. Unintentionally, it clashed with the Children in Need night, so rather than let a golden opportunity pass, Celia Neill hastily organised a raffle, which raised £50.00. This was doubled by Barclays Bank, when Sue paid it in on the following Monday. I hope all who attended enjoyed it as much as we did. If you did, please let us know. Pass the word around - and WATCH THIS SPACE for the next Kalizarus Village 'bop'.

Lynne, Peter, Margaret, Ian, Sue and caller Pete

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The illustrated talk "*Colour in the Winter Garden*" really was eventful! Mr. Hardy had difficulty finding Harbury and his projector broke, but luckily Sally Ann had one which took his slides. However, once he started he more than made up for all the problems! It seems many of us have been trying for years to put the wrong plants together. He very much liked many different greens together with shapes and textures playing a large role. Whilst he sorted out his difficulties the AGM took place. Mrs. Pat Smith is chairman with the majority of the committee as before.

I think Christmas shopping started in Harbury with the November Craft Fair. For the third year the Society provided the food and refreshments for the event. Once again on behalf of Pat Woodward and myself, many, many thanks for our superb team of helpers, skivvies, cooks, etc., we managed to add to our funds. As last year, it was a typical November day dull and drizzly, and our services were obviously appreciated by the stall holders and public alike.

Please would everybody submit their seed orders - and monies, to Mrs. Heather Turner, either to the meeting or at her home by **Tuesday 6th January 1998** at the very latest.



When shopping at the Garden Centres, please remember to present a current membership card 1997-'98 in order to get any discount, which may be available, so if anybody hasn't paid their subscriptions, I am sure Mr. John Clifford will be pleased to see you!

Finally, may I wish the hard working Editorial Staff and all our members a Very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES for DECEMBER

Borders and beds now look rather forlorn and other activities seem much more appealing than a soggy garden. However, now is the time to decide whether or not winter plants are making a display or just a token effort. Along with the Christmas shopping, bring home from the garden centre some of the winter flowering plants. Plant them all together, near the front door and you have a cheering sight every time you go in or out.



Fences and walls can be repaired whilst they are clear of plants. Continue to collect fallen leaves and compost them. Clear debris from under roses and fruit trees to help prevent disease but do not add this to the compost heap. Look out for mice as you go round the garden, for they love to dig up crocus bulbs now. Check stored fruit and vegetables too. Recently I found apples and potatoes were being nibbled. Leather gardening gloves had also provided a few meals to a whole family of mice feeding at once, judging by the loss of so many finger ends. I was not very forgiving!

In the greenhouse keep an eye on the overwintering plants. They must be kept on the dry side but if the sun does come out, the temperature under glass quickly rises. Automatic vents are useful if you are out all day, and would be a very acceptable present. Fungal diseases attack pelargoniums in particular so try to arrange plants so that air can move freely around them. Sow seeds of gloxinias and streptocarpus. Look through the seed catalogues and plan next year's displays.

Plant of the month - *Arum italicum Pictum*

This lovely form of our native, 'Lords and Ladies', is now pushing up glossy, green and cream marbled leaves beside the fading stems of

orange berries. The leaves last all winter through and provide good cut foliage to use with snowdrops and other early flowers. Plant them in almost any soil in a bed with winter interest plants. The unusual pale yellow-green flowers which appear in April consist of a modified leaf shaped like a hood surrounding a yellow spike, but are not the main attraction of the plant. When the flower fades the green berries gradually turn orange to give a second season of interest to the plant which is native to Europe.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

A belated, but sincere thank you to all those who supported the Mission to Seamen Coffee Morning on 25th October. £121.06 was raised from the sale of gift ware and the raffle.

Thank you very much for your kind support and prayers for the Anglican Churches ministry to seafarers.

Bill Davis, Hon. Sec. Mission to Seamen

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May we offer our grateful thanks to all who donated cakes, prizes and other gifts to the coffee morning on 8th November in aid of the Royal British Legion.

And also to every one who attended and made it such a success. A total of £179.65 was raised for the branch. Many thanks.

J. Smith, Hon. Secretary



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