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The Editorial usually comments on the content of the magazine, selecting items of interest from our regular contributors. Although there have been many events and activities enjoyed by a great number of people in the last month, we feel that we are not receiving the variety of material that completely reflects the diversity of interest within the village.

We are certain that there are stories out there that would fascinate our readers and are waiting to be told. Have you an unusual hobby; have you been to a different place recently; or does your work bring you into contact with interesting people?

The H&L News is a community effort and it can only flourish with your valued input on an as wide a range of topics as possible. Last year we won the Warwickshire Village Venture's competition for the best newsletter in the area and we are keen to maintain interest in the content for all our readers. We are hoping to encourage articles from anyone in the village who feels that they have some interesting material to share. With this in mind we intend to include regular contributions from younger readers who are being encouraged to send in articles on their views and interests.

Finally we express our sympathy to the families of Jean Timms, Frank Spreckley, and Archie Taylor.

Harbury Diary

FEBRUARY

- Sun 8 Pentecost 7** - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 4pm
- Tues 10** Village Hall Committee Mtg. 8.00pm in Village Hall
 Todders Service 2.15pm, Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Prayer Group 8.10pm
 S.H.A.K. Informal Meeting 8.00pm in the Scout Hut
- Thurs 12** Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
 Line Dancing in afternoon in Village Hall
- Fri 13** NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
- Sat 14** ST. VALENTINES DAY
- Sun 15 EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER**
 Holy Communion 8.00pm, Family Communion 10.30am,
 Celebration of Marriage 4.00pm (Everyone welcome)
ADVERTS:- 6 Knightlow Way by 5.30pm
- Mon 16** Harbury Society Talk "Geology & Scenery 7.30 for 8.00pm
 Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 17** Holy Communion 7.30pm, Mothers' Union 8.00pm
- Wed 18** Half Term Circus Workshop in Village Hall (Morning and afternoon)
- Thurs 19** Holy Communion 9.45am
 Line Dancing in Village Hall
- Sun 22 SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER**
 Holy Communion 8.00am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
 Sunday School 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room; Evensong 4.00pm
 Pop Quiz in Harbury Village Club 8.00pm
- Mon 23** BACK TO SCHOOL
- Tues 24 SHROVE TUESDAY**
 Holy Communion 7.30pm, Julian Group 8.10pm in Church
 Horticultural Soc. Sausage & Mash Social Evening in T.H.Room 8pm
- Wed 25 ASH WEDNESDAY**
 Holy Communion 7.30pm with imposition of Ashes
- Thurs 26** Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 27** NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
 Working from Home Club in Dog Inn at Noon
ARTICLES TO NIFTY NEEDLE by 5.30pm
- Sat 28** BLOOD DONORS IN VILLAGE HALL

MARCH

- Sun 1 ST. DAVID'S DAY**
 LENT I, Sung Eucharist 9.00am, Sunday School 10.30am,
 Evensong 4.00pm
- Tues 3** Holy Communion 7.30pm with Address
 Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Village Hall

- Thurs 5 Harbury Nursery School Cake Stall, outside Library 9.15am
 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Story Telling in Library at 10.00am
 Line Dancing in Village Hall
 Men's Society in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
 Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.00pm
- Sat 7 WI Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10.00-12.00 Noon
 Harbury Nursery School 'Casino Evening' in Village Hall 7.30 for 8.00pm
- Sun 8 LENT II, Holy Communion 8.00am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am, Sunday
 School 10.30am, Evensong 4.00pm

Please note: **Adverts to 6, Knightlow Way by Sun. 15th February**
 Articles to Nifty Needle by Friday 27th February

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

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For Village Hall Bookings	Mrs. Hughes	612716
For Wight School Bookings	Mrs. Hayes	613488

REGULAR DIARY DATES

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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;
12.45pm-3.15pm Mondays & Wednesdays

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

KEEP FIT (Bodywise): (495368) Harbury School 6.30-7.30pm Fridays

LIBRARY: (613297) Mondays 2 - 5pm and 5.30 - 7pm;
Thursdays 10am-1pm; 2 - 5pm and 5.30 - 7pm;
Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 10am 1st Thurs. of Month;
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LINE DANCING: (613478) Village Hall 8pm Thursdays (except 4th Thurs.)

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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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.

Rector: Father Roy Brown, The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury
Tel.: 612377

LAUGH LINE

A farmer was reading from Holy Scripture at a morning service. As he reached the bottom of the page he read the words 'and Moses was sick'. He then turned over two pages at once, and continued 'and the lot fell on Aaven'.

FROM THE RECTOR

Nowadays even the mention of family life can set us thinking about difficulties and crises. So much of what we hear and read about the family is to do with the supposed weakening of the bond of family life. It is good to remind ourselves every so often that there are lots of good families around. There are many strong families who can cope with many of the difficulties in their path and serve as loving and loveable people. There are families who provide a really healthy place where children can grow and mature. There are families who have hidden resources of strength to cope with upsets and in this way give their children an education and it is good to think of them.

Some time ago a survey carried out in America asked the question: What makes a family strong? Their answer was a list of qualities which they found again and again in the happy families they spoke to. I would like to share the list with you, just for you to think about and perhaps you might like to use it as a sort of check-list when you reflect on your family life.

1. Appreciation:- Family members gave one another compliments. They tried to make the others feel appreciated and good about themselves.
2. Ability to cope with crises:- They tried to deal with the inevitable upset in a positive way and looked for ways of growing closer to God and one another even in difficult times.
3. Spending time together:- The family ensured that they spent time together at meals, work and relaxation. It was very often the time that people 'wasted' together that brought them closer to one another.
4. Commitment:- There was a need to take definite steps to promote each person's happiness and welfare.

5. Communication:- Families spent time talking to each other. More importantly they were willing to take time to listen.

Although not all the families interviewed were church-goers, they all described themselves as religious people. The strength of their family life was enhanced by realising that the family itself was a gift of God.

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

23rd January at Ladbroke - Jean Timms

28th January at Harbury - Archie Taylor

MOTHERS' UNION



Our friends from Ladbroke joined us for the afternoon meeting which was our Christmas party. After games and a quiz, all enjoyed a lovely

tea, provided by the committee. Everyone had a small gift from the Bran Tub before going home. It was a most enjoyable afternoon.

Next Meetings:

4th February 2.30pm - The Swings and Roundabouts of Family Life
(Jeanne Clarke)

17th February 8.00pm - Work with Drug Addicts

Audrey Tebaldi

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

At least once during each month Father Roy has the pleasant duty of presenting awards to the young children of the Sunday School for achieving a particular number of attendances. At the end of January he was also able to make a further presentation but for a very different achievement. Joyce Windsor was given a painting in recognition of the last eight years as caretaker of the Tom Hauley Room.



We have particularly not used the term retirement as Joyce will continue with the organisation of the Saturday Coffee mornings which gives many village groups the opportunity to raise funds for their organisation or charity.

The gift to Joyce was very much a token of appreciation not only for her care of the Tom Hauley Room but for the steadfast work she has carried out for the Church over many years. Our photograph

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shows Joyce with the painting and the artist Lesley Jones. Lesley has taken over as caretaker from Joyce and we are sure you will give her your full support.

A few years ago it became necessary to remove the decaying flagpole from above the Bell Tower. We are pleased to announce a replacement is to be installed which will permit a flag to fly again above the Church on special occasions.

Ruth and Jeff

Ladbroke News

FEBRUARY

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| Sun | 8 | Pentecost 7 - Children's Church meeting at 10.05am |
| Mon | 9 | W.I. Scrabble Evening |
| Wed | 11 | Holy Communion 2.00pm |
| Sat | 14 | W.I. Coffee Morning at Ford Farm, Southam 10.30am |
| Sun | 15 | 8TH BEFORE EASTER, Sung Communion 9.00am,
Children's Church 11.00am |
| | | <u>ADVERTS TO:</u> 6 knightlow Way, Harbury by 5.30pm |
| Wed | 18 | Holy Communion 9.45am. P.C.C. Meeting 7.30pm |
| Fri | 20 | Ladbroke Village Hall Quiz Nigh 7.30pm |
| Sun | 22 | 7th BEFORE EASTER, Sung Communion 9.00am
Children's Church meeting at 10.05am |
| Wed | 25 | ASH WEDNESDAY, Holy Communion 7.00am with imposition of Ashes
Start of Lent Lunches - at Gwladys' home |
| Thurs | 26 | W.I. meeting |
| Fri | 27 | <u>ARTICLES TO:</u> NIFTY NEEDLE, High Street, Harbury by 5.30pm |

MARCH

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| Sun | 1 | LENT 1, Family communion 10.30am |
| Wed | 4 | Holy Communion 9.45am |
| Sun | 8 | LENT 2, Sung Communion 9.00am |

Jean Timms 1939 to 1998

With the death of Jean a little light has gone out in Ladbroke. I don't know anyone who knew Jean who didn't love her. She exuded laughter, energy, friendship and love.

We in Ladbroke are already missing her very much. We hope that the love and support we are all giving to Geoff and Nick will help them cope with their pain and loss.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Our main news really concerns the Children's Church. Having regrouped, and thought out a new structure, our first meeting will be on **Sunday 8th February** at 10.05am for an hour. We are going to have Children's Church fortnightly so the following meeting will be **Sunday 22nd February** - same time 10.05am. There will be two age groups: one for the Under 6's and one for Over 7's. (If you are 6 years old you have a choice!)

Talking to some of the teenagers in the village there did seem to be some interest in starting a discussion group; one evening in the week in someone's sitting room. The discussions would be about problems/topics of the moment. I want to get away from the Sunday School idea, but I do want them to be Christian based, with reference to Christ's teachings. Those concerned please read the letters and give it some thought. I would like to think the meetings were on a relaxed friendship level with everyone putting in their thoughts and ideas.

Last, but by no means least: Ash Wednesday - beginning of Lent. Our service in Ladbroke Church is at 7am - Holy Communion. Get up early, what a good way to begin Lent.

Betty Winkfield

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Firstly, a very big "Thank You" to Harbury Mothers' Union for inviting us to their party on 7th January. We had a lovely time.

Hazel told us about her visit to Cairo at our January meeting and more about the All Saints' Refuge there. It cares for Sudanese refugees, but can only cater for about 100 people at a time. They are cared for, have somewhere to sleep and in return have a workshop where they make items for sale. We are hoping to sponsor one of the children there, through their education and hopefully a training for adult life.

February's meeting is at the Old Rectory House by kind invitation of Gwladys. The speaker is Jenny Farr from the St. John's Ambulance, talking about their appeal for the St. John's Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem. They are raising funds to send a member of staff to work at the hospital for a year.

At this point, it brings me to this year's *Lent Lunches* which start on **Ash Wednesday 25th February**. The first one is also at Gwladys' home. Please check pew sheets for the time (12.30pm??) and also for the venue for the second lunch.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The January meeting was held in Ladbroke Village Hall. The President welcomed members. It was good to see so many visitors and we hope that they like us well enough; like what we do and decide to become members. Three men and one boy were also visitors as the Speaker's talk was of special local interest.

Short mat bowls news. The team played Warwick daytime W.I. at St. Nicholas Leisure Centre and won 9-6. The next round is to be arranged.

A *Scrabble evening* is to be held on **Monday 9th February**. Venue to be confirmed.

Marie Kennedy is holding a *Coffee Morning* at 10.30am on **Saturday 14th March** at Ford Farm, Southam, in aid of the Meningitis Trust.

There will be a cake stall and raffle. Please make a note in your diary. Names were taken for the *Gala Show at Kenilworth Priory Theatre* on **Thursday 30th April**.

Gill Moore will be our delegate at the *Spring Council meeting* at the Spa Centre on **Thursday 2nd April**. Four members hope to go to the *I.G.M in Brighton* on **Wednesday 3rd June**. Sue Moore will be the delegate.

Jo Sowerby suggested that we could make a collage of Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge for the Millennium . The suggestion was greeted with great enthusiasm. Jo will begin work on the design.

Mrs. Stella Douglas will enter an embroidered picture for the County competition.

Mrs. Linda Doyle was the speaker. She has done so much research into the demise of the villages of Hodnell, Watergall and Chapel Ascot. Her talk and slides kept us enthralled. We now know of the connections with the Spencers of Althorp, the Catesbys of gunpowder plot fame, the Nuns of Nuneaton, the Salt Way and so much more. Thanks again Linda.

Raffle prizes were won by: Pat Kennedy, Pam Collins and a visitor.

The February meeting is on **Thursday 26th** when Mr. Mike Grimes from Harbury will be talking to us about *Amateur Dramatics*.

Tea Hostesses: Mrs. C. Spence and Mrs. R. Wilks

Hazel Sharples

SOUTHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

At the end of last year, Southam Library put in a computer, which gives us access to a never ending range of old photographs of Southam and the surrounding villages. There are not many for Ladbroke, but do put some time aside when visiting Southam to have a look. The programme is easy to follow and help is available. The library will also be pleased to hear from anyone who has old photographs of Ladbroke to add to the collection. Can I also make a plea to our older residents to have a look at the school photographs; we have names for the oldest

photograph, but I would like the names of the children in costume for 1926 and for the more up to date one at the closing of Ladbroke School in 1978!

On Monday 30 March, 7.30pm at The Stoneythorpe Hotel, Neil Wishaw from the Sealed Knot, dressed in full Civil War gear, will talk about soldiering in the Civil War.

A Snippet from Ladbroke - In March 1642, William Palmer of Ladbroke exchanged his Ladbroke Estate for his cousin's Estate (*Sir* William Palmer) at Hill, Bedfordshire.

On 23rd October 1642, the Battle of Edgehill was fought and the King went on to Oxford. On 2nd November, William Palmer was knighted by King Charles in Oxford, so one assumes that the young man distinguished himself at Edgehill.

According to a letter between Sir R. Burgoyne and Sir R. Verney in 1644, Ladbroke remained unharmed, Sir William Palmer of Hill having visited recently. This William remained faithful to the King and lost his Estate at Hill in consequence and paid heavily for its return, spending the Commonwealth years in great poverty.

Meanwhile, *Sir* William Palmer, now of Ladbroke, kept a very low profile. He did not reside at Ladbroke, but kept out of the way either at his rented house in Clerkenwell, London or his father's house in Essex. When he died in 1682, Ladbroke passed to his 2nd surviving son, another William Palmer, who later took up residence in Ladbroke and built the first stages of Ladbroke Hall.

Ladbroke Rectory changed hands at the start of the Civil War. Dr. Edward Brouncker, cousin to Dame Alice Dudley, had been Rector since 1629. He died there in April 1642 after a long illness.

A native of Ladbroke returned to be Rector. Thomas Gibbs, the 2nd son of Thomas and Mary Gibbs of Watergall, was born in 1600. He baptised his two children in All Saints' Church; Mary in 1651 and Thomas in 1654. He died in 1657, having lived through the Civil War and Commonwealth, and retained his position by keeping a low profile and was possibly therefore not a very stiff high churchman.

Linda Doyle

DISTRIBUTOR/CO-ORDINATOR

I am very pleased to announce that Pearl Edwards is making good progress after having a really serious operation at the beginning of January. It all happened very quickly - well done the N.H.S.!

As I'm sure everyone knows Pearl has been distributor for this magazine in Ladbroke ever since it became the Harbury & Ladbroke News in 1982. She had thought of retiring from the job before her operation, but now she really will have to stop. We have come to expect the magazine to drop through our letterbox every month without giving a thought as to who delivers it. Now we need another 'pearl' - urgently -. There are 4 people in the village who deliver in this area, but we need a distributor/co-ordinator. Please ring me on 812234.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

There will be a *Quiz Night* at Ladbroke Village Hall on **Friday 20th February** at 7.30pm. During the interval there will be the first Prize Draw of the Millennium Club.

Jill Norgate

LADBROKE MILLENNIUM GREEN

A well attended and very successful public meeting was held in the Village Hall which confirmed the villagers desire to have a Millennium Village Green on the site known for many years as "Macklin".

This meeting was the 3rd Millennium consultation exercise, and followed a very successful survey by questionnaire which had recently been circulated with a letter of explanation about the opportunity to acquire "Macklin".

The survey had produced a very satisfactory response rate of 80%, and had generated an 80.3% YES vote in favour of buying "Macklin". This is obviously a very significant and impressive vote in favour of the principle of acquiring a Village Green.

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The public meeting was therefore arranged to follow up this result and give the villagers the opportunity to express their views on how to proceed with the project; what to include, how to manage and own the Green.

The meeting passed a number of resolutions covering the detail of the acquisition and management, the application for grants from the Countryside Commission and others, the position if C.C. grants are not available, and how the maintenance of the Green should be financed.

The meeting also discussed the actions that should follow the meeting and decided that an action group be formed to take the ideas that had been expressed at this meeting, through the design stages and through the working phase that would lead to the creation and establishment of a Millennium Green on "Macklin".

There would be a need for much help of a voluntary nature: donations of materials, loan of equipment, and people's time and expertise would be required. The serious task of fund-raising would be paramount.

The meeting therefore closed with an appeal for volunteers and donations of all sorts.

Volunteers of any sort should contact Peter West, Secretary, Ladbroke Millennium Steering Committee, at Briarwood, Windmill Lane, Ladbroke at this stage.

Any donations or pledges of money should be addressed to Stan Greenway, Treasurer, Ladbroke Millennium Steering Committee, at Bellview Cottage, Banbury Road, Ladbroke.

Peter West

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

It would be unkind to suggest that the 100% turn-out was anything to do with the presence of the Millennium Video-makers, but it did allow the Chairman to express the Council's appreciation of the loyal service Alison Hodge had given as Clerk since 1991 and welcome Lana Long, her replacement.

It also gave John Drinkwater a platform for his continuing complaints

against policing in Harbury and the failure of plans he believes were "scotched" by the hierarchy to provide a Police Post. Sharon Hancock made the point that P.C. Bosworth does walk round the village and that the Council appreciated his efforts.

There was talk of traffic calming in Ivy Lane following a near miss with a cyclist and regularising the parking in Mill Street. Both will be investigated and discussed again.

Stratford granted permission for applications previously reported at: 26 Ivy Lane; Stonehouse; Mill Street; Bishop's Bowl; 3 Farm Close; and Hillside, Binswood End. The Parish made no representation on revised landscaping at: 3 Farm Close; extensions at Orchard House; Hall Lane; 13 Honiwell Close; for Mr Emms, Harbury Lane or at Stapenhall Farm.

The Parish supported plans for an office and studio at Lower Westfields Farm and for the conversion of Harbury Hall Stables into a dwelling with additional building to the south. They agreed to visit the site of an extension at 11, Deppers Bridge. Complaints that the natural drainage has been altered so that the bridleway is frequently flooded at the Deppers Bridge site where an Enforcement Notice was served were supported by the Council.

Bryant's solicitors had still not completed the transfer agreement for the amenity land and a resident had complained that the verge had been damaged by tyres. Over half the Parish's budget is consumed by maintenance of property especially the Playing Fields and Cemetery. Tenders were out for a Village Caretaker to do the work. Councillors envisaged this would be a firm which provided its own equipment.

John Woodward offered to help Manor Road Green residents plan to make good the Green and plant suitable trees to enhance the area. He would also progress the Sentinel Oak planting.

Anne Megeney wrote complaining that low-cost homes on the new estates were "bringing in immigrants from Bishops Itchington" and wanted an explanation of the allocation's policy. Ken Stephenson arranged a meeting with the Housing Association to clarify the situation. Linda Ridgley reminded Councillors of the binding legal agreement stipulating who could occupy the homes and Mary Shelley made it clear that the Parish Council had no influence over who got a house.

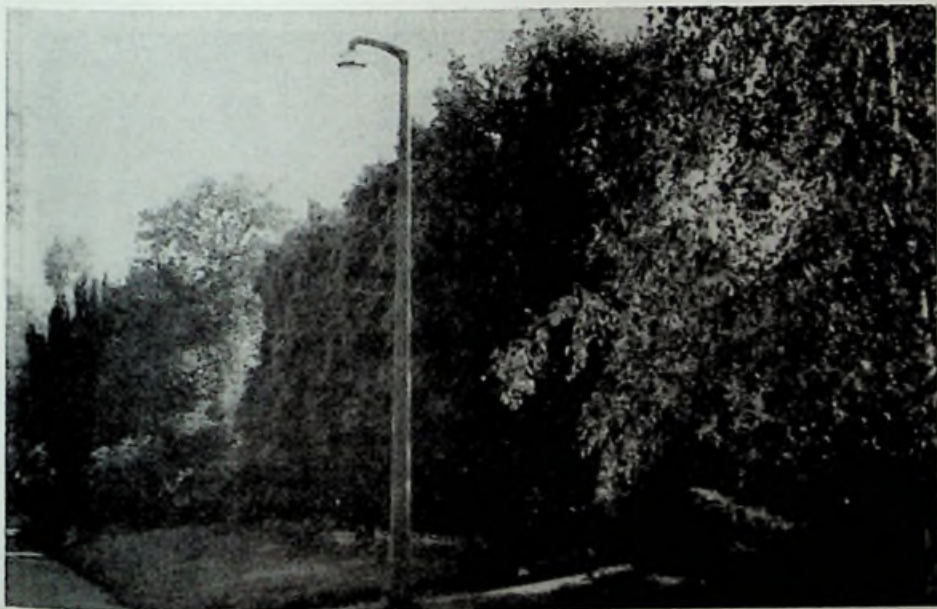
The Council agreed to allow Mike Thompson to park his blue minibus at the Playing Fields for a maximum of six months whilst he secured alternative parking arrangements.

There had been complaints that the new lamp in Ivy Lane obstructs the pavement and the Council will attempt to get it moved at no cost. "Fresh from our success in Ivy lane" said Keith Thompson as he introduced plans for a new lamp in Farm Street only to find Councillors did not like that site and will present alternatives.

There was confusion over the lighting proposed for Hillside Farm and new Clerk Lana Long was moved to ask how she was to sum up discussion. "We have decided we can't decide" Bill Middleton told her.

Sharon Hancock reported on a very successful Village Design Workshop and she was delighted with the turn-out and the photographs, despite the gloomy, wet weather. There was a lot of information which was being refined down and clear themes were emerging. An exhibition of the photographs would be mounted in the Library soon.

Linda Ridgley



Existing street lamp in Farm Street

These photographs were entered in the Harbury Society Christmas Fair competition. Can you recognise where they are situated in the village?



Answers at the back of this magazine.



HARBURY SOCIETY

Cecil Bloxham began by paying tribute to Fred Hutchins who encouraged his public speaking. Fred had been a good friend to many people and Cecil was grateful for his support. Bonzo then entertained us with the history and characters of the quarries.

Real prosperity for all in Harbury only came with the railways. GWR wanted to go through Stoneythorpe and Bascote to Leamington. The Hunt stopped them so they decided to go via Harbury and dig the Cutting (600 yards wide and 100 feet deep) instead. Its construction revealed the Lias Limestone near the surface and lime kilns for mortar for the brickwork of the tunnel, bridges and culverts, were constructed on the eastern side of the tunnel.

Greaves, Bull and Kershaw used the canal at Stockton for transport to their lime works. They appreciated that the railways could be used to bring in coal cheaply and transport the lime. They joined Lakins (local landowners) to form Greaves, Bull and Lakin to build sidings and kilns by the railway.

Blue Lias was found at Flaxhill when quarrying at Harbury began to reach its limit. 1870-1920 were the glory days of the navvies. Steam shovels came in during the 1914-18 war and Flaxhill was worked out. The company had to bore through the road to Walworth Quarry and in 1927 found the Plesiosaurus, with the larger Ichthyosarus uncovered in the 1930s.

In 1934 they found White Lias at Ufton Hill Farm. It had a high carbonate content and so could be mixed with the Harbury stone - clay included. The company bought the farm, built a road and put in a washer and crusher. Two thirds of Ufton Parish was dug out and landscaped, all except the nature reserve area.

The Knight family had Harbury sown up! They were shopkeepers, tailors and bakers and still own land in the village. The growth of the Co-operative movement threatened their commercial supremacy. The Bustins - big Chapel men formed the Co-op but fell out with one of their biggest savers and had to sell Co-op Terrace for £900 to Percy Knight.

Monday 16th February: Hugh Jones on *Geology and Scenery in Warwickshire* 7.30 for 8.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

Saturday 14th March: "*The Wright Stuff*" (A comedy about football and faith, passion and infidelity) by the Touring Theatre at the Village Hall 8.00pm.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

For interested members there is a Quiz, a Basic Hygiene session, B&Q free decorating courses and Indoor Pairs Bowling in March. We hope to visit Pebble Mill to see Style Challenge in March and see the W.I. show at the Priory Theatre, Kenilworth in May.

Our speaker was Mrs. Rosemary Galilee - *Chicken but no Chips*. She is very well known to us having been on executive committee at County House and a regular judge at the Produce Show.

Describing herself as a "Townie", but always fascinated by country life and animals, she joined the Young Farmers at 11. She later enrolled as a farm student at Northampton to train with cattle, but realised that she was not strong enough to do all the required jobs, so changed to poultry in which she excelled. She asked to take higher qualifications and after lecturing, a job became vacant to start a poultry unit demo.

After marrying a Morton Morrell lecturer and bringing up her family she became a liaison tutor there. Affectionately addressed as Mrs. Chicken, Mum and Old Bat, ex-pupils keep in touch to this day.

Mrs. Galilee spoke of the history of poultry dating back 3000 years BC, about superstitions, witch doctors and cock fighting. Those clever Romans had it all worked out - keeping their poultry in coops and rearing them for food. They showed us Brits! They 'came, saw and conquered' when we were still using chickens for fighting. It wasn't until 1842 that cock fighting became illegal.

After the First World War, it was feared that the country was going to starve as agriculture had declined. When the ex-soldiers came home, they wanted to cultivate the land, and then poultry increased. Factory farming was introduced where laying is controlled by light. We were

told about the chicken inside and out. Their reproduction system is amazing and we went home having learnt quite a lot that evening, even why the free range egg seems much tastier!

Please note that we are holding our *Coffee Morning* on **Saturday 7th March** at the Tom Hauley Room when there will be cakes etc. on sale. Everyone is welcome.

March Hostesses: D. Bloxham, S. Smith and J. Beaumont

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

It seems hard to believe that in 158 Folk Clubs we had not yet had a Scottish Night. As the first Folk Club of 1998 fell on 1st January, this seemed too good an opportunity to miss. The January club has traditionally been an evening of costumed jollity and the Scottish theme offered an obvious chance for a surprising number of men to show off their knees in tartan regalia. Not that the ladies didn't shine as well. And in true Hogmanay style, the evening was a mixture of song, music, poetry, story and dance.

A packed room saw the evening kicked off by The Harvesters, digging into their past for some true Scottish material. Mike followed with a convincing accent and then Pete and Liz mixed Scottish with a seasonal Wassail song. Teresa gave a rare and welcome appearance and was followed by Peter Mc. with a set of accordion reels and a Dougie MacLean song. The first half was brought to a humorous close by Dick Dixon with a song and a story.

Into the second half and performances from the Hereburgh Morris musicians and their "Shetland Fiddlers" maintained the authenticity of the theme. Following a rousing set by Des, a rendition of "Auld Lang Syne" by John Hancock in full Highland outfit had the audience literally on their feet. Ron followed in vibrant form with a 150-year old parody. Then Celia danced over two lethal-looking swords and deservedly received enthusiastic applause. Rick had the onerous task of following her, but rose to the occasion as always. Next came a wonderfully convincing story from Andrew about disposing of surplus whisky by

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drinking it! The humour continued with a highly amusing poem from Bob that had us all in stitches. (The subject matter is hardly suitable for this publication!) The half closed with Dougie playing his harmonica to "Rose of Allandale", provided by Sue.

The final lap was opened by the ever-popular Blues Fathers and followed by a newcomer, Edward, reading his own poetry. Lynne, a rare visitor to the club, played an emotive "Mrs. Saggs" on her accordion, accompanied by Peter Mc. Another welcome visitor from Warwick was Pam who read two of her original and thought-provoking poems and the evening was brought to a thunderous close by Ron with a spirited rendition of "It's a Braw Bricht Moonlicht Nicht!"

Those of you who missed the club may not be aware that Jean Shuttleworth sadly died at the beginning of December. She was a popular and enthusiastic performer at the club and will be greatly missed. In commemoration of her many contributions, the raffle was donated to the British Heart Foundation and raised a truly magnificent £60. Thanks must also go to the staff of Barclays Bank, Kenilworth, who donated some of the mouth-watering prizes. An excellent evening then, if tinged with some sadness, but a wonderful start to the New Year. The first Thursday of every month should be highlighted in everyone's diary and the back room of The Dog is the place to be.

Ian Hartland

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

We have had the play reading for our next play and against all the odds, and despite all the difficulties I have cast it. The first rehearsals have taken place and it is already showing promise.

So I now feel that I can afford to tell you all a little more about it. It's called "The Scottish Play" by Graham Holliday. Now before you all become confused and jump to the conclusion that it's that famous play that nobody dares to mention the name of, I will try to explain some of the plot.

It's about a Theatre Group, not unlike Harbury, and concerns the trials and tribulations involved when they try to put on Mc---- (oh nuts, let's just throw caution to the wind it's "Macbeth"). The leading character,

is a middle class professional with a good job and a lovely wife but will all be well by the end of the show; will the rest of the cast survive his temper tantrums as he wrestles to direct this mammoth production? I think you will find that you have fun finding out when you come along to watch the show on the **Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd of April.**

This play was originally written for radio and contains a huge number of scenes. Some of them require an extremely quick change, the sound cues are numerous and the lighting requirements are vast, so this play is going to stretch us to the limit. We are going to need a bigger back stage team than we have ever had before, and they will have to rehearse the scene changes along with the rest of the cast. In fact, the technical side of this play is as big a challenge as the play itself, so I count myself extremely fortunate in having Alan Barr as Stage Manager and Assistant Director. We are already working well together and I feel that we should be capable of producing a show that we can all be proud of. Please do come along in April and find out if we can pull it off.

Keith Hayes

S.H.A.K. AND THE SCOUT HUT

Yes, we know it's been a long time coming, but we now have a definite plan when we intend to start building the "new" Scout Hut. That we can do this is due to the incredible support and generosity from the village over the last couple of years which has helped to raise a total of over £20,000.

We are now looking to provide drainage to the building (for the first time!), build the extension and re-clad the existing frame.

This, however, is on the bold assumption that there are enough volunteers to help with the first phase of the development on which work will start (subject to having sufficient bodies) on **Easter Monday 13th April** and continue through the week. People have already volunteered to give their time for all or part of this week during which it is planned to lay the drainage and construct the foundations and floor slab of the extension. Following this, subsequent phases will be handled by professional builders; specialist steel cladders and so on.

The plan (assuming all the phases are completed to plan!) is to complete the project by September, ready for the Autumn Term.

Could I therefore appeal to any reader who has a practical bent, and who may have some time to spare, to become involved in this project? We think that it will be enjoyable and the results will certainly benefit the young people of Harbury for many years to come.

If you have any skills in bricklaying, carpentry, plumbing, as an electrician or any other building-related craft, your help would be particularly valuable. If, however, you feel you could only handle a spade or a paint brush we would still be delighted to hear from you.

Equally, if you have any contacts which may enable us to acquire any building materials at reduced rates (or even free!) please also let us know. Of course, if companies do make generous donations, we will be only too happy to acknowledge them and publicise their business.

If you can offer any time, materials or services throughout the coming Spring and Summer, please come to an informal meeting on **Tuesday 10th February** at 8.00pm in the Scout Hut. If you can't make this meeting, but would like to help, please contact me on 614632/613536; Jim Ward on 612401 or Pete Bones on 612832.

Many thanks in anticipation.

Pete Woodward
S.H.A.K. Kommandant

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL

The Spring term has sprung into action with the election of a new chair, vice chair and treasurer for the Nursery School Committee. Welcome to Sue Graydon, Mary-Beth Boyea and Nicola Thompson and many thanks also to Gail Conway, Kate Wilson and Janet Hoskins for their hard work during last time.

Monte Carlo will be returning to Harbury on **Saturday 7th March** at 7.30pm when the Nursery School has, for the second year running, its Casino Night. This was great fun and very successful last year, so do please come and join in the gambling! Tickets are £7.50 from any Nursery School Committee member and includes food.

We mustn't forget the most important people of all at the Nursery School - the children of course. Kate Smart has been listening with intrigue and sometimes horror as the children's imagination runs riot in their description of the pet monsters. Darcy Boyea seems to have a particularly vivid imagination: "My monster is called grass, he likes to eat coats, ears, legs, noses and hair. He lives in Mrs. Smart's house and scares Mrs. Smart"!

Jackie Snell

HARBURY PTA

The children's disco in December was a great success - especially the Teletubbies! Thanks to DJ Sasha Burns for putting on such a good show; the kids loved it.

After doing our stint as elves in Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Fair, we then had a well attended Coffee Morning in January - thanks to everyone who came along and supported the School.

Prepare yourselves for the 'Clash of the Titans' at the unbeatable *PTA Quiz Night* on **Friday 27th February**. If you only ever go to one quiz, this has to be it. Why not grab a few friends and enter a team (teams of four), the sillier the name the better (ring Peter Walshe 612477).

Finally, he's back! The *indescribable Les Barker and the Mrs. Ackroyd Band* are on tour and will hit Harbury on **Friday 27th March**. The ideal evening for those who like a blend of bizarre, incisive wit with superb musical accompaniment. Be there!

Alan Guy

PTA QUIZ BRIBERY & CORRUPTION

Is that the only way to ensure that 'Black Sheep' do not seize the Sutcliffe Reynolds Fitzgerald PTA Quiz trophy again on **Friday 27th February**? Certainly Martin 'Bung' Randall (my co-question setter) is completely above board and not worth approaching with a brown envelope - unless it is really bulging with readies. But maybe there is a cheaper way?

How about ensuring you are in a team for this wonderful evening of: Drinking (a great bar); Eating (free food at the interval); Joking and Chatting (all the best people will be there).

Talking of Bribery and Corruption, all you need is £3 a person and a team of four and to turn up at 7.30pm on Friday 27th February at the Harbury School Hall. We can only take a maximum of 28 teams, so please ring me on 612477, as soon as possible, to ensure your place.

See you at the completely clean, fair, above board PTA 3rd Sutcliffe Reynolds Fitzgerald Trophy Quiz. Honest, Guv.

Peter Walshe

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

Before the 1997-98 season started there was much debate as to whether the village could continue to field two senior teams in the Sunday morning league. Only one of last year's first team had re-signed (Rob Davis) and there was also a need for a second manager, as Craig Knowles had decided to move on.

In the event, it was decided to run two teams, not least because it offered younger village players a better chance of easing into the rough and tumble of senior football. Last season's reserve team therefore (joined Rob!) and became the first team, managed by John Sheasby. Trevor Betts continued to manage the Reserves with a fresh crop of players.

The Club is grateful to the Village Club and John Sheasby (Heating and Plumbing) for team kit sponsorship. Thanks are also extended to Dave "Kipper" Warner for organising the weekly bonus ball competition and the recent Christmas prize draw, both critical to meet the escalating cost of running two teams. What about the football??

Currently the 1st team is leading the Division 1 table:-

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Harbury	12	9	3	0	30
S/Siddons	9	8	1	0	25
Kineton	9	6	1	2	19
Stockton	9	5	1	3	16

The remaining 10 games, including two against Sarah Siddons, hold some hope for a group of players that was playing in Division 5 three years ago.

Squad:- Vinnie Crossan; Sean Smith: Terry, Ricky & John Sheasby: Chris Dolling; Steve Dorgon; Keith Beck; Stuart McCabe: Iain MacKinnon; Rob Davis; Max Romero; Eddie Fitzpatrick: Robbie Bedford.

A young reserve team is placed mid table in Division 2:

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Harbury Reserves	11	3	1	7	10

Despite a poor start to the season, a good team spirit has developed and recent performances have been encouraging. So much so that a number of players will be competing for future 1st team places.

Squad:- Dean Merrick; Mark Ward; John Larder: Dave Swain: Barry Dolphin; Andy Betteley; Nathan Smith; Pete Evans; Steve Tasker; Andy Daniels; Paul Gussin; Colin Harvey; Steve Ceney.

Iain MacKinnon

HARBURY CARNIVAL - SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

We are going to need your help in selecting a King and Queen for this year's Carnival. In the past they have been chosen by the Youth Club but since this is no more we have to think again. So, in next month's



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Harbury News, we will be asking you for nominations. Full details will be published but in the meantime please give some thought to who you might like to nominate.

John Broomfield
on behalf of the Carnival Committee

SOUTHAM SCHOOL P.T.A.

Calling all parents, relations and other interested parties of youngsters at Southam School.

Southam P.T.A. presents an EARTH SHATTERINGLY good evening of entertainment with the EXCITING band "THE CHALLENGERS" (formerly "The Roddis Brothers").

To all of you who missed last year's extravaganza, HERE IS YOUR CHANCE!!!!!! for only £6 a person including a SUMPTUOUS Supper, to take advantage of an opportunity too good to miss.

All this will take place on **Saturday 4th April** at SOUTHAM SCHOOL. The proceeds this year will be used to buy a much needed new freezer for the Science Department and portable staging units to extend the existing stage. Last year, Southam PTA helped the P.E. Department to buy high jump equipment. So you see, you can have a GREAT NIGHT OUT, while you support your local school.

Don't forget to write the date in your diary: **Saturday 4th April** at **Southam School**. Tickets are available from, **Moi Hughes** on 614136, NO ORDER TOO BIG.

Moi Hughes

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our first talk in the New Year "Herbs, Plot to Pot" given by Mrs Eleanor Zonik was informative and entertaining. I knew Sweet Cecily was useful to sweeten fruit, but did not realise Angelica could be used for much the same purpose, but not as effectively, thank you Mrs Zonik.

Ryton Gardens hold their annual Potato Day on **Sunday 8th February**, entrance is £2.50 and there will be a wide selection of varieties on sale, most of them very reasonably priced. Don't forget two people could use

our membership card, please contact Mrs Zonik 612365. If anyone is interested in courses and lectures at Ryton, Pershore or Moreton Morrell please contact Mrs Pat Smith 612650.

Congratulations to Mr Nick Tawney who has won the Bursary - we hope he enjoys the course.

Although we have not heard much about the flatworm lately, it is still with us. When buying plants, please inspect the roots and surrounding soil carefully before planting.

When sowing seeds in the weeks to come, sow more than you need, then the plants can be sold (you will receive the proceeds) at various stalls at the *Walkabout Weekend 11th and 12th July*. Then, of course, in September there will be a Garden Produce Stall at the Show - another outlet.

February can be a horrible month in many ways, so our *Sausage and Mash Social Evening* on **Tuesday 24th February** at 8.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room will cheer things up considerably. The cost will be £2.00 which includes a glass of wine.

The outings have been arranged, the whole day at Wisley on **Tuesday 16th June**, then on **Tuesday 30th June** an evening at Brook Cottage, Alkerton.

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

On the 1st February 1560 a seed shop opened in Pudding Lane, London and it would certainly have disappeared in 1666 in the Great Fire which started in the same street. Fortunately many more seed shops now offer us a huge choice, and this is the time to make sure you have all the seeds you need for the coming season. In a greenhouse, pots of parsley seeds can be started off, along with broad beans and butterhead lettuce. Set seed potatoes to chit in a frost free place. Warm areas of the vegetable patch with clear plastic. Winter wash fruit trees on a calm day, and renew grease bands. Autumn fruiting raspberries should have all old canes cut out at ground level. Dig out any canes which are out of the row and cut out the tips of summer fruiting varieties. Prune apples and

pears now, but leave plums and cherries until after they have blossomed, to prevent silver leaf disease.

Check all tubers, corms and bulbs in storage. Cut out areas of rot and dust with sulphur. Inspect spring bedding and firm in, if necessary. Newly planted trees of more than 5ft tall should have been staked, so check these, and the fastenings on older trees, as they may need loosening to allow for growth. The recommendation now is that a tree stake should be one-third of the tree's height, placed on the windward side and secured to the tree with a rubber belt.

Plant of the Month - Garrya

These evergreen shrubs are native to North America but only one species is grown here. *Garrya elliptica* was introduced about 180 years ago as a plant for winter interest with its long tassels of greyish catkins. There are male and female plants, with the males being the most showy, and the variety James Roof having foot long catkins.

April is the month to plant a container grown plant and it will need a moderately sheltered spot in sun or partial shade. Any soil except a wet one is suitable and in 5 years the shrub should grow to 7-8ft in height and width.

Pat Smith

*Answers to photograph quiz: page 18: Crown Inn and Kingston House.
Page 19: Chapel Street and Shakespeare Inn.*

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who has sent cards and messages of sympathy following the sudden death of my husband Peter on January 2nd. Although we moved to Southam two and a half years ago, the warmth and comfort of Harbury friendship continues.

Pat Hunt, Paul and Jeremy.

Dear Editors

Pearl and Family would like to thank all her kind friends for their good wishes, cards and flowers, which she received during her stay in hospital.

Family Edwards

Dear Editors

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who helped me bring "The Toy Cupboard" to the Harbury stage.

Among the more experienced performers were several young girls who tread the boards only occasionally and they each gave a first rate performance. I was proud of them.

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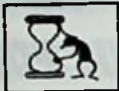
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