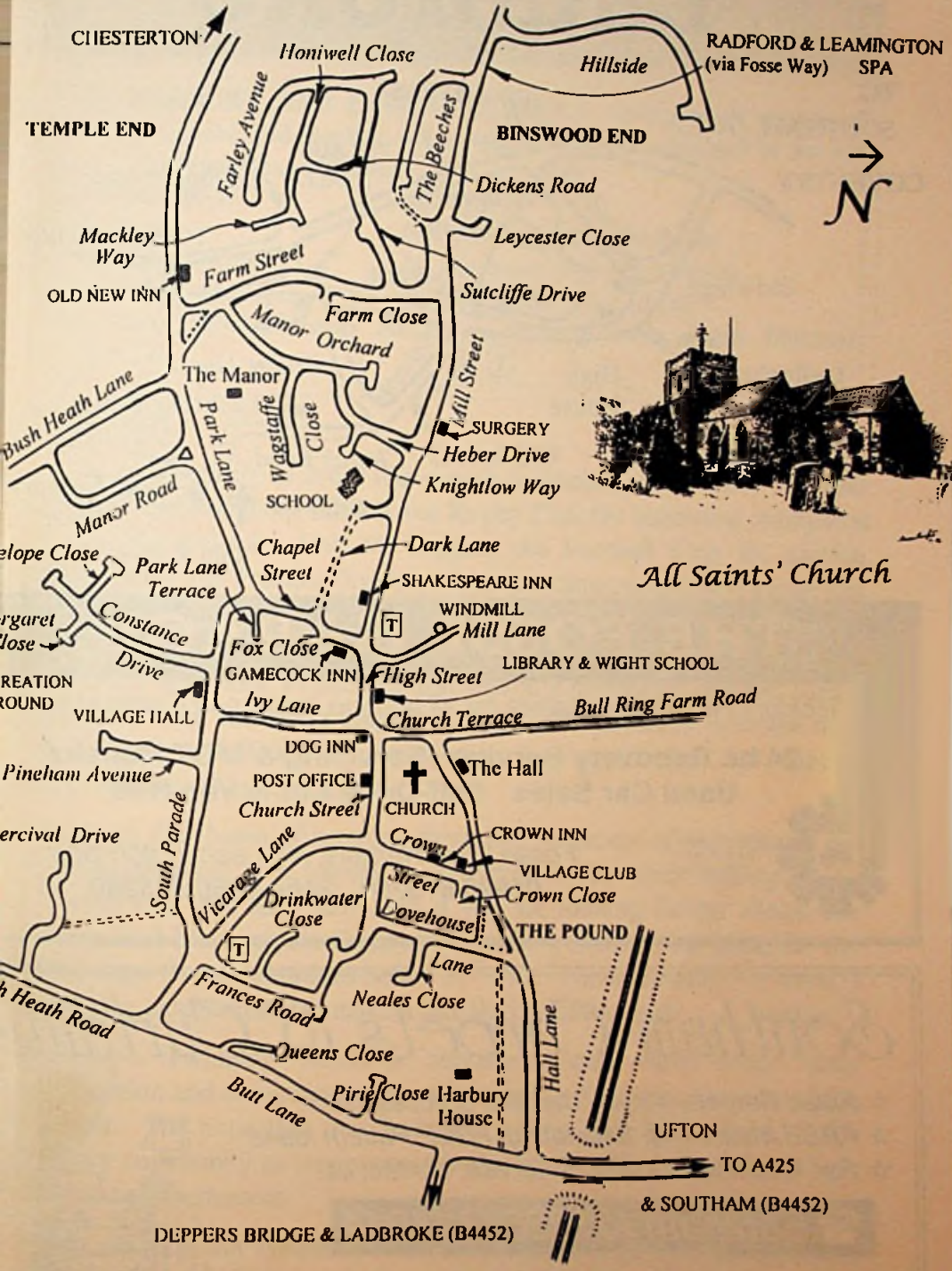
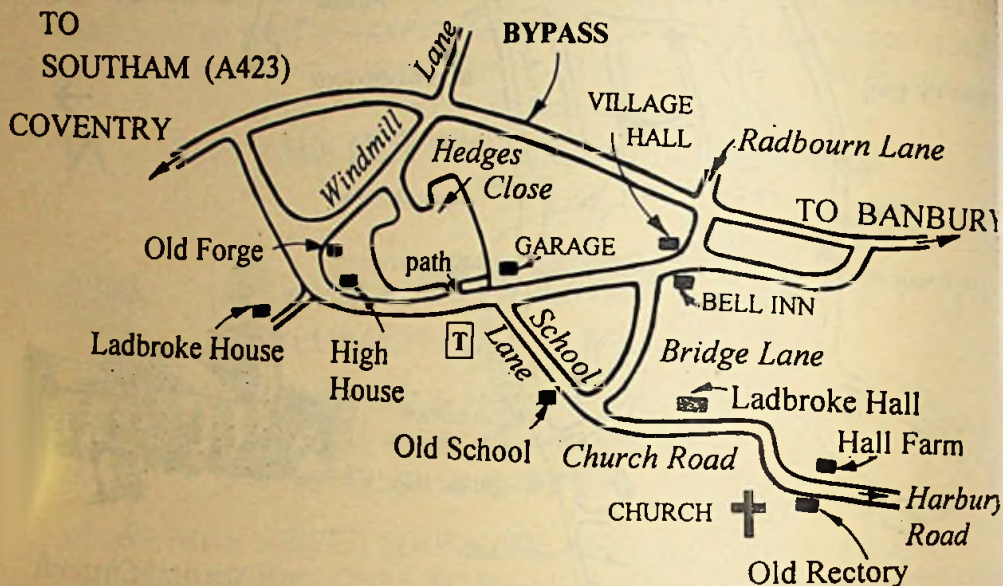


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Congratulations are in order this month to Harbury's fraternity for their excellent achievements; notably the Rugby Club for becoming champions of the Warwickshire 1997-98 League; the Football Club for gaining promotion to the Premier Division of the Leamington Sunday League and the Netball Club's "B" team for winning their Handicap Tournament. As the 'Summer' sports begin their season, we wish the best of luck to the Cricketers who hope to build on last season's promotion and the Tennis players as they start their league fixtures. All the clubs welcome new local talent and if active participation in a sport does not appeal, supporters are always welcome.

Whilst on the theme of support, there will be plenty of opportunity for your involvement in a variety of activities in the week leading up to Carnival Day in 7 days' time, but if you are looking further ahead, the Village Hall Management Committee would welcome your ideas for the Millennium Eve Celebrations before 31st July. There are only 579 days(!) before the celebrations, so make it like the crocodile soup snappy!

Harbury's Twinning Initiative continues apace and needs your participation and commitment to make it an equal success this side of the Channel. We hope that this Twinning will involve all sections of the Harbury community as involvement in the return visit will generate both interest and excitement.

Finally we offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Christian Land of Ladbroke who died recently in tragic circumstances.

Harbury Diary

JUNE

- Sun 7 Trinity Sunday - Sung Eucharist 9am
 Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
 Wheelbarrow Race hosted by the Shakespeare 12.30pm
 Cricket home to Welford
 Harbury Twinning Quiz Night in Village Club 8pm
- Mon 8 Jeu de Boules at the Dog Inn 7.30pm
- Tues 9 Village Hall committee in Village Hall 8pm
 Toddlers' Service 2.15pm; Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Prayer Group in Church 8.10pm
 Harbury Society Pub Walk 6.30pm
 Skittles and the Old New Inn 7.30pm
- Wed 10 Tennis Club - Petanque and Supper at the Dog Inn 6.30pm
 Test of Strength at the Gamecock 7.30pm
- Thurs 11 St. Barnabas - Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
 Line Dancing in Village Hall 8pm
 Quiz at the Crown 7.30pm
- Fri 12 Conservatives BBQ at Temple House 7.30pm Tickets 612273
- Sat 13 HARBURY GRAND CARNIVAL
 Hereburgh Morris dance at the Dog Inn 1pm
 Cricket at home to AEI Rugby
- Sun 14 Pentecost II - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
 Sunday School 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room; Evensong 4pm
 Hereburgh Morris dance at Castle Froma Fête 2.30pm
- Mon 15 ADVERTS 14, Binswood End by 5.30pm
- Tues 16 Horticultural Society outing to Wisley 8.45am
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Mothers' Union 8pm
 Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Thurs 18 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Line Dancing in Village Hall 8pm
- Fri 19 Newspaper collection
- Sat 20 Stage up in Village Hall
 Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am
- Sun 21 Pentecost III - Holy Communion 8am
 Family Communion 10.30am
 Longest Day
 Hereburgh Morris dance at Anne Hathaway's Cottage Stratford upon Avon in the afternoon
 NSPCC Treasure Hunt

- Tues 23 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Julian Group in Church 8.10pm
- Thurs 25 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Amateur Community Theatre - One Act Play Festival in the Village Hall 8pm
Parish Council meeting in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm
Tennis - Midsummer Tennis Evening and Barbecue
- Fri 26 ACT - One Act Play Festival in Village Hall 8pm
ARTICLES to Paraphernalia by 5.30pm
- Sat 27 ACT - One Act Play Festival in Village Hall 8pm
Cricket home to Nuneaton Old Eds
Harbury Twinning Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10am
- Sun 28 Pentecost IV - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am; Evensong 4pm
Cricket home to Stratford Bards
- Mon 29 St. Peter - Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Tues 30 Holy Communion 7.30pm
PCC Standing Committee 8.10pm
Horticultural Society outing to Brook Cottage 5.45pm

JULY

- Wed 1 Mothers' Union 2.30pm
- Thurs 2 Holy Communion 9.45am
Storytelling in Library 10am
Men's Group AGM 7.45pm
Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 3 Newspaper collection
- Sun 5 Pentecost V - Sung Eucharist 9am
Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
Tumble Tots Workshop in Village Hall

Please note: Adverts to 14, Binswood End by Monday 15th June
 Articles to Paraphernalia by Friday 26th June

**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO:
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**For Tom Hauley Room Bookings
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For Wight School Bookings**

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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; 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 Thursday of Month; Term Time only
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 & 1.30-3pm Wed.
W.I.: Tom Hauley Room, 7.45pm 2nd Thursday of Month
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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion	8.00am
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
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Laugh Line

A former bishop of Reading used to relate the following story:

"After my walk through some of the rural parishes of the dioceses, received a home-made brochure produced by the school children containing a series of lurid pictures illustrating scenes from my visit. One of the pictures showed a vast figure in Episcopal purple accompanied by an only slightly less imposing figure in black, saying farewell to the children. The caption read: *And so the Bishop went up the lane with a crook to help him.*"

FROM THE RECTOR

Envy!

Bindweed or convolvulus, as gardeners will know, is one of the most dangerous and persistent weeds which can appear in a garden. Growing with amazing speed and vigour each summer it chokes all other plants exhausting the ground and all that is growing there. In winter there is no sign of it and you can be fooled into thinking that you have got rid of it, only to find that as soon as the climate is right next summer it reappears. The only sure way to eliminate bindweed is to dig out the roots completely. One tiny section left behind multiplies tenfold within months.

Envy is the bindweed of the heart. And its root is called "If only" If only I had been given a better chance in life by my parents If only I had married someone more dynamic like John If only I had got the cash he has to set me up in life If only I hadn't got these commitments I could be free to get ahead like Richard. These are the kind of excuses that spring up when we are envying another's success, while also supplying distractions which prevent us from facing the reality of our own failures and the misuse of our gifts.

The Renaissance artist Giotto once painted the Seven Deadly Sins in a chapel in Padua. Envy is represented as a woman with enormous bat-like eyes which spread out to catch every snip of gossip. She also has a poisonous snake-like tongue. The tongue coils back and stings the eyes of Envy herself, so that she is blind to the truth. Such blindness to the truth means that envy is the source of most of the uncharitable talk we hear about others as well as being a cause of great unhappiness to the one who cannot overcome it.

The Gospels are peppered with the discomfort of the envious and even Pilate could see the jealousy of the scribes and chief priests towards Jesus. But it is Jesus Himself who gives us the best picture of how envy can seep into hearts of otherwise good people in his story of the prodigal son. The elder son is jealous of his younger brother's warm welcome. One gets the impression that he also envied the riotous living. That's the trouble with many 'good' people - they turn into 'miserable saints' as they nurse their envy of the 'joyful sinners' they find around them.

Such 'miserable sanctity' is a very real hazard for Christians. Today the

Church offers us so many ways of healing and restoration in Christ's love that we grow enthusiastic yet complacent too about the 'garden of our soul'. We gain a false sense of security. Suddenly we find we feel aggrieved by another, indignant or depressed by some event or conversation. Look hard - there's probably a little root of envy left in that fertile ground.

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony at Harbury

9th May: Martyn Webster to Fiona Szolnoki

30th May: Tim Whittaker to Tessa Morton

Holy Baptism

Ladbroke: 3rd May - Henry James Malby and
Luke Nicholas Marsden

Harbury: 3rd May - Daniel Anthony Rees
10th May - Adam Mclean Jeffrey Grey

MOTHERS' UNION

Afternoon meeting: After a service of Holy Communion in Church, Lynda Howells gave a most interesting talk about the Women's Refuge. Women and children are taken in and helped to find new homes. Volunteers look after them until they can cope for themselves again. We all agreed how dedicated these helpers are and what a Christian job they have taken on.

Evening meeting: Following the Tuesday Communion service, a Bible Study, led by Mary Catt, explored the idea that faith is 'caught, rather than taught'. We can only teach by example and with God's help. We can only learn when we are ready to listen and hear the word of God.

Next meetings:

Tuesday 16th June, 8:00pm: Katharine Barker - *Textile Conservation*

Wednesday 1st July, 2:30pm: *Garden meeting and AGM.*

Audrey Tebaldi & Anne Moore

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TODDLERS' SERVICE

Our subject in May was "Rain". We sang a song praising God for the sun and the rain. Then we talked about what we like to drink and how much we need water which comes from the rain.

After singing "I love the Rain", we heard a Bible story telling how God cared for Elijah and a mother and her little boy when there was no rain and how at last God sent the rain to make the plants grow again.

We looked at some cress seeds which had been watered and some which hadn't and the children sowed cress seeds to take home - to water and watch them grow. The next service is on **Tuesday 9th June** when the subject will be *Wind*.

C. Mary Catt

Ladbroke News

JUNE

- Sun 7 Trinity Sunday** - Family Communion 10.30am
Ladbroke Children's Church 10am
- Wed 10 Holy Communion** 2pm; Women's Fellowship 2.45pm
- Sun 14 Pentecost II** - Sung Communion 9am
Children's Church 10am
Friends of Ladbroke Church Buffet Lunch 12.30pm
- Mon 15 ADVERTS 14, Binswood End, Harbury by 5.30pm**
- Fri 19 Ladbroke Village Hall** 60s Dance and Prize Draw
- Sun 21 Pentecost III** - Sung Communion 9am
Choral Evensong 6pm
- Wed 24 Birth of St. John the Baptist**; Holy Communion 7am
- Thurs 25 Ladbroke & Deppers WI** 7.30pm
- Fri 26 ARTICLES to Paraphernalia, Chapel Street Harbury by 5.30pm**
- Sun 28 Pentecost IV** - Sung Communion 9am
Children's Church 10am

JULY

- Fri 3 St. Thomas** - Holy Communion 7am
Ladbroke Village Hall Independence Day 2.00-7.30pm
- Sun 5 Pentecost V** - Family Communion 10.30am

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

14th June - Mrs. Peggy Askew

21st June - Mrs. Nancy Stubbs

28th June - Mrs. Gwynne Badman

5th July - Mrs. Maria Sopwith

Jane Rutherford

LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Once again the weather was very kind to us for the Open Air service in Deppers Bridge. We enjoyed singing the hymns with Lynne Cooke leading us on her accordion. Many thanks to all who provided the cakes and to the family 'next door' who let us use their electricity to boil the water for our cup of tea.

We are starting choir practice this coming Monday for our *Choral Evensong* on **Sunday 21st June** at 6:00pm.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Betty Winkfield

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Did any one spot the deliberate mistake? We meet at 10:05am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month (sorry we got the wrong Sundays) at 10:05am, following the morning service. All children most welcome.

Jane Steenstra

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We had our annual outing in May this year, because several members are on holiday in June. We couldn't have picked a better day whatever month it was. The weather was absolutely glorious. We went to Hanbury near Droitwich and visited the Hall there and the Jinny Ring Craft Centre where we had lunch. They've got a beautiful shop there! Some folks went up to the church. If you follow the Archers, on Radio 4, that is where some members of the Archer family have been married. Pictures prove it!

At our meeting in June my friend Eric is coming to talk to us about how he learnt to cope with blindness. We are meeting at Gwladys Goulds' home after our Communion Service which is at 2:00pm on **Wednesday**

10th June. We will be pleased to welcome anyone who would like to come and join us.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The meeting was held on 28th May. The President welcomed members. The group meeting on 6th May was well attended. Our WI was responsible for the raffle which took £87.

Jo reported on the plans for the collage, types of materials to be used and the backing. Sixteen photographs of Ladbroke have so far been selected and there will be additional ones from Deppers Bridge.

The President welcomed our guests, VCO Mrs. Galilee and the Warwick evening WI President. Our President was commended for the manner in which she conducted the business part of the meeting.

Mrs. Galilee spoke on the Resolutions being put forward at the IGM next week in Brighton. Discussions and votes were taken. Susan thanked Mrs. Galilee for her excellent help with the Resolutions. Sue Moore will be our Delegate with Jo, Anne and Hazel accompanying her.

Tina has framed the Shortmat bowls Runners-up certificate and it is now hanging in the Village Hall. The raffle prizes were won by Tina Gilbert and Ivy Harvey.

Next month the meeting is on **Thursday 25th June**, 7:30pm when The Very Reverend Lawrence Jackson will be our guest speaker. His talk called *Jottings from a Parson's Cuff*, should be amusing and we welcome visitors.

Tea Hostesses: Jill Norgate and Hazel Sharples.

Two dates to note:

23rd July - Strawberry Fair, Ladbroke Village Hall 7:30pm

18th Sept. - Beetle Drive for adults & children, Ladbroke V.H 7:00pm.

Hazel Sharples

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

On **Sunday 14th June** we are holding a *Buffet Lunch* at the home of David & Jane Rutherford, starting at 12:30pm. We would like as many

as possible in the village to come along. The charge is £6 for adults and £3 for children or £15 for a family.

A Treasure Hunt around the village will be run in conjunction with this event starting at 11:30am. Any offers of sweets for this luncheon will be appreciated. Please let your co-ordinators know by 10th June.

G.M. Moore

CHRISTIAN LAND - aged 16 years

We lost Jean Timms in January; some families are still having to cope with the flood damage from April and now the very tragic loss of Christian. It will take a long time for us to recover from the shock of that dreadful accident. We all offer our love and support to Stella and all the family as they struggle to come to terms with their loss.

A boy of the 1990s but 'bored' was never in his vocabulary. Polite, energetic, full of fun, everybody's friend. If you didn't know Christian, but are wondering why you haven't had a 'Leamington Review' lately - Christian used to deliver it.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE CHURCHYARD WALL

We hope that permission will be granted to begin work on restoring this grade II listed wall before long. As restoration of the wall - part of which collapsed through the outreaching roots of holly trees - was included in the application for a grant from English Heritage, no faculty can be granted until English Heritage make their decision whether or not to offer us a grant. The original application was made eleven months ago and we are assured that a decision should be reached 'soon'. It will be noted that the other and most important part of our application - replacing the nave aisle roofs and rainwater goods - is of even more urgency.

Michael Short

HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS

The Cheese and Wine party on 22nd May was a great success. £300 (including donations) was raised for Sponsoring a Child in The All Saints' Refuge Caïro. Thank you to all who helped and attended.

Hazel Sharples

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

Future dates for your diary:

Friday 19th June - *Village Hall Dance*;

Friday 3rd July - *Independence Day* 2:00 - 7:30pm at Attwood Cottage;

Friday 23rd October - *Casino Night*;

Do you want your Village Hall? It needs you - please give it your support.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

The fourth Prize Draw of the Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club was held on 11th May. The winners were Pete Edgar, £80; Tina Gilbert £50; Shirley Reading £25. Richard Walker, Catherine Spence, Ivy Harvey, Kim Ryan and Elizabeth Pittaway each received £10.

The next prize draw will take place on **Friday 19th June** at the *60's Dance* held at the Village Hall. Any new members will be very welcome. Please phone 814362.

Catherine Spence

LADBROKE MILLENNIUM GREEN PUBLIC MEETING

A further public meeting (third on this subject), took place on 18th May.

The meeting was chaired by Peter Derrick, Chairman of the Ladbroke Millennium Steering Committee, who explained that the previous public meeting had formally authorised the committee to purchase and establish a Green on Macklin. It had gone on to decide the basic format of the Green, in order to allow a design and costing exercise to be carried out.

This basic format was based on having 3 areas within the Green, i.e., one

for an informal playing and village event area, one for a small children's play area and one for a restful area with seating and with some wildlife enhancement, to allow views across the stream to the church to be enjoyed.

Within this basic format there was a need to decide the details of what should be included in each area and this meeting was for that purpose. It will allow the village to decide exactly what it wants in its Green, within the areas it has already chosen.

There was a great deal of discussion about how much, or how little, should be included in the Green. A number of general points were also cleared up, e.g. it was stated that it was the committee's view and also likely to be a planning condition that no vehicle access would be provided with the sole exception of access for maintenance machinery.

It was also stated that the size of the informal playing and events area should be based on maximising the 'flat' ground at the road end of the Green. The need to raise significant funds locally to match the grants being applied for, was emphasised by Peter Baker, Chairman of the fund raising group and with this in mind he outlined the need to have a number of features that could be identified for possible sale or sponsorship.

The meeting was brought to a close with the review and approval by the meeting of a number of details to be included in the Green, namely:

- A basic 3 area format, as agreed at the last public meeting;
- Seats in 3 places (about 6 in total);
- 3 Millennium oak trees with circular benches around each one;
- 2 Pathways;
- Wild flowers and shrubs to be planted;
- The stream to be fenced with picket style fencing;
- Simple wrought iron fencing in sections to be erected on the roadside boundary;
- New gates to allow for maintenance equipment and disabled access, with the kissing gate retained if practicable;
- An ornamental Arch to be erected (review after cost established);
- An environmental sculpture to be commissioned (review after cost established).

Peter West

SOUTHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Ladbroke Section

The Warwickshire Local and Family History Fair is on 6th June in the Coventry Memorial Park alongside the Godiva Procession this year.

The association with the Coventry Godiva Procession makes it all the more interesting to us, because 1998 celebrates Southam and Ladbroke's very own personal millennium!

A Charter was drawn up in the year 998 by King Alfred for the grant to Lord Leofwine of Coventry, of land at Southam, Ladbroke and Radburn (Radbourne).

The Charter has not yet been translated from its Saxon English, but an area included in it looks remarkably like the name Watergall and so the grant may also include the Saxon villages of Hodnell and Ascote, south of Ladbroke. The society is looking for someone to translate the documents and perhaps then a little more history will become clear. Meanwhile the Lady Godiva legend of this period is being extensively researched by our members, to see why Coventry and Southam both held Godiva Processions and why Southam had slightly different characters to Coventry.

Both started in the middle 17th Century. It appears on the surface that it may have been a rebellious response to Charles II returning to the throne after the Puritan years of the Commonwealth. Coventry still holds processions, though not on a continuous level, but Southam gave theirs up in the middle of the 19th Century.

Southam's procession included a Peeping Tom, Lady Godiva in a white veil, a Lady in a black veil and Old Brazen Face prancing around in the lead wearing a bull's mask. To the rear followed children, including 2 dressed up as a shepherd and shepherdess, all of which smacks of pagan fertility rights and one wonders if the Godiva Procession was a totally new introduction or a revival of an earlier Southam festival from pagan Saxon times?

It will be interesting to see what our research unravels!

Linda Doyle

HARBURY - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

You had to look closely to realise the Annual Parish Meeting was sparsely attended for Councillors sat in the body of the Village Hall with just the Chairman and the Secretary at the top table.

The Police reported a 25% detection rate for the Southam area and urged residents to report any suspicious occurrences as they happened. Questions to the District and County Councillors included complaints about the intrusive nature of the Chicken Factory on Squab Hall Farm, Harbury Lane, outside the Parish and Stratford District's legislation.

The Chairman highlighted the pressures for development, the Twinning initiative and the wonderful response by the village to help those marooned in Harbury by the floods. He thanked Alison Hodge who had retired as the Parish Clerk and Steve Norman who had resigned from the Council for all their hard work in the past.

Councillor John Hunt, Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee also paid tribute to Steve Norman's contributions. He went on to explain that due to projects taking longer to come to fruition than had been anticipated, there was £15,000 un-spent and the Council currently had assets of £25,000. He promised the Council would 'get to grips with the under-spend'. He explained to Mrs. Hodge that, because the Properties Committee Chairman had been succeeded, the money set aside for the replacement of the large slide had not been used.

The new post of Village Caretaker had attracted seven bids and it was hoped that the Parish would get better value for money and a more attractive village as a result of the appointment.

"Lighting has exercised us all" said Working Party Chairman Keith Thompson. New style lights like those put up in Ivy Lane would gradually be introduced in other parts of the Village. Mrs. Ridgley suggested that the public ought to be consulted about lighting and other proposals but Councillor Middleton did not think this was worthwhile as few residents bothered to attend either the monthly or the Annual Parish meetings. Mrs. Hodge said the Council could at least let people know what they intended by publicising it in the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

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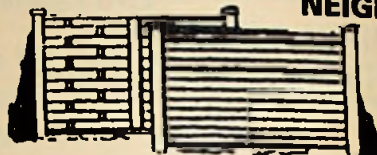
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New properties' Chairman, Ron Grey, reported that the Chapel and War Memorial had been refurbished. Sentinel Oaks had been planted in Harbury and Deppers Bridge and the Committee was attempting to get water provided at the allotments.

Sharon Hancock was pleased to report that twelve units of social housing for local people had been provided on the two new estates. The Co-op's application for illuminated advertising signs had been refused and was at appeal and BT's request to put a mast on the exchange had also been turned down.

Ron Grey thanked Deppers residents for litter picking round the newly installed barbecues. The hamlet had a temporary weight limit on the bridge, a 40 m.p.h. speed limit and had been promised traffic calming. Enforcement action had been taken against the landowner responsible for the unlawful tipping.

Sharon Hancock was proud Harbury had been chosen as one of three exemplar villages to pilot Village Design Statements in Warwickshire. It would enable the village to show what it valued and how it could be enhanced.

The steering group had a wealth of talent and had been working hard since November. She particularly praised the illustrations Maurice Bristow had produced and hoped that the Parish Council would provide sufficient grant aid to enable the group to have the guidelines printed in colour.

"Harbury School", said Keith Thompson "had 'turned a bit of a corner' and was more optimistic about its financial situation". There had been literacy training for the staff, the outside of the school had been decorated and the Nursery School had settled in well.

"We must not be complacent", Brian Ingram, Chairman of Harbury Village Hall told the meeting. "This Village Hall is effectively managed, but we must be conscious of the changing pattern of the community and promote the fine facilities more effectively".

Mr. Ingram reported a difficult year in which a new secretary had to be found and advertising was necessary to fill the booking gaps left by the closure of the Youth Club and the removal of the Nursery to Harbury

School. Plans for a feasibility study for a permanent stage had been abandoned due to general lack of support.

The threat of massive increases of 600% in the Water Rates for the disposal of 'Surface Water' still loomed over the Village Hall for the Millennium. The Chairman thought the government should be urged to increase rate relief and be more ready to provide grants when new legislation imposed additional constraints on the resources of Village Halls.

Harbury was luckier than many because it was a particularly active and socially aware community which supported its Village Hall, but he warned that the village had to be on its guard to ensure that it continued to provide the facilities the changing community required. Councillor Sharon Hancock moved that the Parish Council and Village Hall Committees join to begin to organise the Millennium Celebrations for Harbury.

Harbury's Design Statement was about 'managing change, not preventing it', Linda Ridgley told Councillors and the public. It was the result of wide consultation and discussion with questionnaires, workshops, displays and presentations.

The Statement had to be taken as a whole with an explanation of how the village had evolved into its present form and what it was that people valued. The guidelines themselves showed how the setting, landscape, form and detail of the buildings could be preserved and enhanced and it included suggestions for improvements.

In essence, it urged residents and developers to look closely at what existed and using the guidelines to be more sympathetic in the changes and the additions they made in Harbury. The guiding principles were: "keep it plain, keep it simple, keep it honest".

The draft was to be made available in the Library for further public comment and it was hoped Stratford District Council would formally adopt the guidelines by the Autumn. They would then be printed and distributed free to every household in the village.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY SOCIETY

Pub Walk - Tuesday 9th June, 6:30pm from the Plough at Eathorpe. Let John Lapraik on 613676 know if you intend to go and to arrange lifts.

Carnival Stall - Please sort out any old crockery for our stall. Donated items can be left in my garage at 16 Farm Street.

Visit to the National Herb Centre at Warmington - The National Herb Centre opened on 14th June last year on a magnificent site just south of Warmington Church. It is the initiative of the Herb Trade Association and brain child of Peter Turner and his family, owners of Lighthorne Herbs.

Lighthorne Herbs produced plants for Garden Centres and then branched out into Culinary Herbs for supermarkets. They employ over one hundred people all told, 50 - 70 of them packing seven and a half tonnes of herbs a week into 15 gms bottles. Producing for supermarkets is very taxing! Record keeping has to be super efficient and quality control is paramount.

Pot Herbs are worth £75 to £80 million a year and most of these are imported because Britain does not have the right climate, but it could capture some of the £150 million trade in Medicinal Herbs and Essential Oils. The National Herb Centre was set up to research this aspect of the trade.

There is a restaurant, shop, plant centre, exhibition space and a nature trail open to the public which all help to support the main aim: research. Dr. Rosemary Cole from Horticultural Research International (Wellesbourne) joined them to undertake the scientific work and there are a further fifteen employees on the site.

The double glazed glass houses are all automated with humidity control, computerised watering, ventilation and heating. In the open, herbs are grown in relatively small blocks in traditional fields where wildlife is positively encouraged. This pays off because the beneficial insects are so efficient that spraying is rarely necessary.

There were six demonstration gardens, somewhat ravaged by the rabbits, where herbs can be displayed in an attractive and natural way. The group did not explore the nature walk for although it looked very inviting, with the wood and pool in the valley, the thought of the long

haul back up the hill was too discouraging. We went instead to investigate the delights of the garden centre!

Linda Ridgley

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Copies of the Final Draft of the Village Design Statement are available, on request, in the Library. The Statement described Harbury's main features and sets out design principles for the future. We think it reflects the views of all those who have contributed. We would like your comments. Send them to Sharon Hancock, at 32 Mill Street.

Here is a summary of what the Design Statement says:

Landscape setting and the Village edge: No development east of Butt Lane or further down the hills to the west. On the village edge, development should keep all existing trees and hedges and plant more. No development should obscure views of the Mill, Church and tall trees.

Views out and open spaces: Important views out of the village to be protected and extra views made through new housing. Mature trees kept and more trees planted. No development on open spaces such as the Paddock and allotments round the Church; the Spinney and the Paddock next to it.

The settlement pattern and new development: New development should be small scale, integrated with the old and sympathetic to village character. Significant number of 'affordable' homes for local people to be included on larger developments. No housing allowed on back land. Houses built on gardens or orchards must reflect the character of the surroundings.

Roads, boundaries and paths: Roads in new developments should curve, follow the contours and not create easier routes through the village for cars. Trees, old road boundaries and public rights of way to be kept; new pedestrian and cycle links created. Highway standards to take account of rural character. Existing roads not to be widened or straightened.

Buildings and materials: Older buildings should be kept and altered or extended in materials and styles which maintain their character. New development close to traditional buildings must reflect colours, textures,

materials, shapes and proportions of buildings nearby. On the village edge they should keep to the scale and limited colour range of the older buildings and avoid fussy decoration. They should have traditional verges, or setts, picket fences, stone or brick walls and native species hedges.

Working buildings: Working buildings should be kept and not converted to housing. Quiet, small-scale new employment should be encouraged. When converting barns and outbuildings alter street facades as little as possible and retain features that show their architecture or history.

Signs and advertisements: Signs and adverts kept to a minimum, relevant to location and of restrained appearance.

Artefacts and enhancements: Historic features like fire plaques to be preserved and granite kerbs retained. Alterations are opportunities for improvements - pitched roofs for flat ones; advertising re-designed, hedges and walls on old street boundaries re-instated, poles and wires removed and barren open spaces screened or landscaped. Street lamps should be low energy, white lights, properly shielded to prevent light spillage or glare and on the edges of the village, screened by planting.

Linda Ridgley

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Millennium Eve 31st December 1999

There has been obvious increasing interest in what capacity the Village Hall will function on the important night of 31st December 1999. We, as a committee had started to consider this matter and as a first stage had invited the village and all its organisations to come and put forward any suggestions, plans or ideas it might have at our AGM in April.

We had only little response, but feel that before any concrete bookings or plans are made, we should ask again, as publicly as possible, for a mandate from as large a section of the Village as possible. The Village Hall belongs to the whole village and many people have put many hours of time and large amounts of money into its upkeep over the years. It thus follows that on the Millennium Eve, as many people as possible, who wish to be involved should be able to be together at this venue.

Plans need to commence in the near future, so can we please ask for any interested people - old or young, (or even middle aged!) to contact Anne Woodward on 613536 so that we may (provide your own cliché). Could we also ask that this is done by **Friday 31st July 1998**, so that we can arrange a meeting for all interested parties by the beginning of September.

Anne Woodward

CLERK OF HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs. A.M. Hodge continues to be contacted in her former capacity as Clerk of the Parish Council. It would be appreciated if Harbury residents will please note that the Clerk of the Parish Council is now:

Mrs. L.F. Long 33, Mill Street, Tel. 614646.

John Hunt

ACT (Amateur Community Theatre of Warwickshire) ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL

On June 25th, 26th and 27th, Harbury will be hosting the ACT Festival when we hope that you will come and watch one-act plays performed by ourselves and other groups, including Barford, Phoenix Players, Shipston, Lighthorne and Southam.

This event happens every couple of years and the groups take it in turn to play host. It is great fun to come to more than one night and see the variety of plays and the great local dramatic talent.

Tickets will be available soon - special offer is you come 3 times! £3 per events, £5 for 2 evenings, £7 for all 3.

They will be available from Carol Percival 612175, put your order in now to avoid disappointment. There will be a bar.

Carol Percival

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

The 162nd Harbury Folk Club brought a change from the usual format - we had a guest night. Colin Squire from Monks Kirby gave us an excellent 2nd half which included two songs about a subject close to my heart wine!

In the first half we had contributions from Rick, who seems to arrive with a different instrument each month; this time it was an Appalachian Dulcimer. Ron and Mike both chose songs for the occasion, "Election Time at the Music Hall" and "Eurovision Song Contest". Theresa made her 2nd appearance at the Club with a French song and Peter sang an old favourite "Struck it Right This Time". Des sang a moving version of "Turning of the Road" and John typically sang "Morris Dancers, Spend Your Dawn Rituals Without Me". Ruth, who is fast becoming a firm favourite at the Club with her superb singing gave us "Paul's Song". Oh and I forgot to say The Harvesters sang "Moon in a Bottle".

The third half kicked off with The Harvesters singing "Middle England" followed by Gilly in traditional mood. Newcomer Zoë sang a haunting version of "Wild Geese" and Steve played a Harmonica instrumental with yours truly playing Bodhran. Further contributions came from Ron, Des, John, Peter and Ruth. Our guest Colin brought the evening to a close with a rousing version of "English Meadow". I think that I must just mention the audience who were in fine singing form and gave our guest and the new performers an excellent welcome.

The raffle raised £42.00 for Myton Hospice - thank you for your generosity.

Sue Hartland

GUIDES AND SCOUTS SUPPORT COMMITTEE

We are delighted to inform you that the New Scout Hut will be officially opened and inaugurated at 1:30pm on **Sunday 12th July 1998**.

Please come along and share in this momentous occasion. This is an open invitation to all those who have been associated with the Guide and Scouting movements in Harbury - past and present and to all those who have so generously supported S.H.A.K.'s fund raising efforts.

From 12:30pm we are organising a BBQ (see details elsewhere in this issue) for which there will be a small charge but **all are welcome to view the new hut and enjoy the opening ceremony.**

The refurbished hut would not be in existence were it not for the tremendous fund raising efforts of the **S.H.A.K.** team who, in a short space of time, reached and exceeded their £20,000 target. The Harbury residents also deserve a big "Thank you" as it is from their pockets, purses and bank accounts that this money has been raised!

Please come along and see how well your money has been spent, see the wonderful transformation. Over the last few weeks the building site has received many visitors, curious to see the progress for themselves, so we know that the project has generated a lot of local interest.

Cast aside memories of spiders and broken window panes, cold and damp, swirling draughts and the lack of basic facilities. Come along and admire the comprehensive amenities now on offer - electricity, water, heating, a kitchen and splendid cloakroom arrangements.

The Dark Ages are behind us, the Scout Hut is being launched into the 20th Century - just in time for the 21st!

G. A. S. S.

CHRISTIAN AID

Many thanks from both Christian Aid and me to all those who contributed financially and with time and effort to raise this year's total and sort the money for banking. It will bring much relief to the recipients who I am sure, will be extremely grateful for our support.

		1997
Harbury	£903.87	£71.47
Ladbroke	-	<u>£8.21</u>
		£479.68

The above average total this year was due to an increase in individual giving and a generous donation from a local branch of a Building Society.

If anyone has an envelope that was not collected, please telephone me on 613207 to arrange either collection or delivery.

Brian Jones

HARBURY PLAYGROUP

It is hard to believe that Summer is almost here again and with it comes the Carnival and the last few weeks of Playgroup.

Our children enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Fire Station, even if the sirens were a bit scary! They all had the experience of clambering on to the Fire Engine and playing with the hose pipe. I think the firemen appealed to the children and mothers alike, but perhaps for different reasons!

We had another successful cake stall and are looking forward to the Carnival. Our theme this year is Baa Baa Black Sheep.

Nicola Guy

HARBURY's SPORTING SUCCESS

Did you know.....?

Over the last 12 months much has been reported in the local press and in the H&L News concerning the many successes of the village's four sporting clubs: Soccer, Rugby, Cricket and Netball. Are the villagers aware of what efforts and results are being achieved by these clubs?

Soccer Club: Two teams play every Sunday morning on the village playing fields on what is considered one of the best playing surfaces in the area. The Club continues to perform well - this year the first team gained promotion from the First to the Premier Division of the Leamington Sunday League. The Club encourages young players who have helped the Club to this year's success.

Rugby Club: Senior Club - Champions - Warwickshire League 1997 - 1998. Only 1 defeat and 100+ tries scored. Three teams each Saturday. Facilities for a Junior League Club are as good as any in the county. Large Clubhouse, three full size pitches. A big effort has been made by the Club over the last 2 years (coach appointed) after the Club was slipping into oblivion.

Minis and Juniors - Amongst the best in Warwickshire - over 100 boys representing the Club in all age groups. Sunday morning play and a Junior/Mini festival at the end of September, which is one of the most successful events in the rugby calendar.

Cricket Club: Promoted at the end of last season in its first season in the Coventry and District League - now playing in Division 3. Saturday League and Sunday friendlies, Midweek League Leamington and District League Premier Division. Again, excellent facilities (at the Rugby Club ground) with one of the best village wickets in the county. Adverts for new players at the start of each season yield very little response - this year one mother enquired whether there was a junior team for her 2 young sons (this has been noted).

Netball Club: Four teams playing in the Coventry League (high standard) with the "A" team players in the 1st Division (8 divisions + Premier Division). Excellent facilities provided by a dedicated team of stalwarts with further ambitions (floodlight et al). These facilities are self supporting, money being raised by various fund raising events.

In all cases these teams consist of many outsiders who come to Harbury and play their sport for the various club teams. Support is minimum - many teams report much more support for the visiting teams than for the Harbury teams.

So COME ON VILLAGERS - where are you?

New houses are springing up daily, new faces appearing in ever increasing numbers. There must be both players and supporters amongst this ever increasing population.

All the four clubs have two things in common:

1. A high standard of play,
2. Very little support,

from villagers on and off the field. Village life has always included local sporting teams. There are still a few of us who wish to see these traditions continue. We are making every effort to see that this happens - we look to you for support. Please join us in keeping this aspect of the village alive!

We look forward to seeing you and welcoming you to our successful sporting arena.

Ian Holroyd
Rugby Club President
Cricket Club Secretary and
supporter of the Netball and Soccer Clubs

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

The Club's AGM was held on 28th May and Janet reported on a fairly successful season for all 4 teams. The "A" team finished near to the top of their division and the "B" team won their Handicap Tournament. The "C" and "D" teams often worked together to overcome injury and other problems and everyone agreed that they had enjoyed the netball this season.

Janet, Hilary and Helen have completed their term of office and on behalf of the Club I would like to thank them for all their hard work and commitment.

The new committee was elected and is as follows:

Chairperson: Paula Wallington

Secretary: Becci McDaid

Treasurer: Lucy Lewitt

Fix. Sec.: Stephanie Talbot

Umpires Rep.: Hilary Wilson



Refurbishment of the netball courts by Club members

Left to right: Jenny Evans, Pat Summers and
Marie Wallington

The subscriptions will remain the same as last year. The selection committee still has to be announced. The fund raising will be undertaken on a team basis. There will be an 8 week break from 'netball', but other sporting activities will be arranged in its place. Serious training will commence at the beginning of August - with selection for next year's teams taking place on four Thursday evenings: 27th Aug, 3rd, 10th and 17th Sept. between 7 and 10:00pm.

Lastly, a reminder that you can see the girls at the Carnival on 13th June because a tournament has been arranged from 2:00pm onwards. In the evening there will be a DISCO, which includes a short presentation of netball trophies, at the Village Club. Tickets for this are £6 including a buffet and obtainable from Marie Wallington, 7 Manor Road (613205).

Any other queries to me on 612059.

Pat Summers

HARBURY RUGBY CLUB

Harbury Rugby Club recorded a 72-0 victory in the last league match of the season against Rugby Welsh and as a result became Warwickshire League Champions for 1997-98. As a result they will be playing in the Staffordshire - Warwickshire League next season. The win was a culmination of a tremendous season for the Club and was even more satisfying considering all the hard work and effort put in by the Club over the last 2 seasons, following the demise of the Club 3-4 years ago.

A blend of young players coming up through the minis and juniors plus the experience of players who have stuck by the Club during the more difficult times, resulted in some great rugby playing during the year. As the season progressed, Harbury became better and better.

Full marks to the Club for appointing coach Clive Hunt, who brought not only his own experience of the game, but also some new experienced players. The 2nd and 3rd's supported the Club's playing side so well that 3 teams were put out nearly every week. Without them and the support of the vice-presidents (several of whom are villagers), we would not have a Club. Thanks also for the sprinkling of supporters who come down to watch, including the Rector, who is as delighted as we all are to see the progress made over the last 2 years!

Many thanks to all the players and supporters for such an enjoyable season. The photo is of the victorious team on the remarkable day at the end of the season against Rugby Welsh.

Ian Holroyd

P.S. For the 1997/98 Results table see page 30.

HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB 1ST XV 1997-98

English Clubs Championship Champions - Warwickshire League



Back row:

Steve Byford, Til Talamini, Steve Mack, Baz Wastell, Clive Hunt, Neil Weston,
Dave Westwood, Colin Phillips and Pete Whitehouse

Front row:

Sam Hawkins, Pete Rollason, Jim Holmes, Mike Haws, Nick Brown (Captain),
Richard Mazurek and Alan Padbury

The 1997/98 Season - Final Picture

		Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	
						For	Against
1 st XV	League Results	18	15	1	2	623	100
	All Matches	26	16	8	2	727	363
Total of 110 tries scored by the team							
2 nd XV		27	12	14	1	513	666
3 rd XV		21	9	13	0		

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

The promoted League XI has had a difficult start to the season, with major availability problems. They lost their first match (sponsored by the Old New Inn) against Massey Ferguson after dismissing the visitors for 121 in 50 overs with Ed Russell taking 7-54. Harbury's innings started encouragingly, but then the home side crumbled to 72 all out, and lost by 49 runs. Further disappointment against Dunchurch/Bilton when Harbury was dismissed for 119, though Zak Briggs produced a defiant 40. Dunchurch replied with 121-3 to win by 7 wickets, with Zak Briggs taking all three wickets for 35 runs. However, a change of pace against Greenmore Road on the 16th brought pleasure to Club Treasurer, Don Vincent, and his Corner Coventry firm who sponsored the match. Harbury toiled in the heat to restrict the visitors to 162-10 in only 38 overs, with Ed Russell again outstanding with 6-62. Harbury's batting proved a little fragile again, though there were fighting innings from the Russells - Will (54) and Ed (30). Victory came when Gary Haynes hit the winner on 164-6, after veterans Les Sollis (26*) and Ian Jackson (1) had battled for 45 minutes to score 33 runs. For part of this match, Harbury had a crowd of a couple of hundred with several minor pitch invasions. However, the spectators all seemed to disappear when the mini-rugby presentations began in the Club House. They clearly couldn't stand the excitement of seeing Sollis and Jackson at the wicket. On 23rd May, the League side ran into a real problem against Pychlie

losing by 118 runs. Pychlie scored 160-9 but Harbury could only scrape 42 all out. This match was sponsored by the Old New Inn. In the Coventry League Cup on the 19th, Harbury struggled to 100 in spite of a good knock from Will Russell. A considerably reinforced Coventry University side reached 101-2 with little trouble in 13 overs.

In the Leamington Midweek League, the side led by Greg Sherrington had a very good win against last season's cup holders Leek Wootton. Harbury scored 125-5, with a good 47 from Will Russell and then skittled out the opposition for 99 with Paul Bennett taking 3-19. On the 21st against Southam (match sponsored by Miles Rollason Solicitors), Harbury only achieved 92-10 in reply to a strong Southam side scoring 160-9 and lost by 68 runs. In the Midweek League Cup, Cavaliers could only score 108 all out after Harbury had posted 176-5 with a forceful century from Will Russell.

After three weeks of 'flooded off' fixtures, Harbury Sunday XI began with a 3 wicket win over Kineton II, who reached 147 for 9 at tea. Harbury's fielding was rusty, as Ian Holroyd pointed out from the boundary when the ball went through someone's legs. Zak Briggs persevered for 3-41 and took a magnificent catch on the boundary, but the star bowler was Harbury's skipper, Mike Daniels, who took 4-16 off 5 overs. The major celebration involved Derek Clack, who took his first wicket of this season - and last season. Who said that Harbury and Bishops Itchington couldn't work together? Harbury was given a steady start by Mike Daniels (23) and John Wilkinson (36). The middle order was baffled by leg spin, but the game was wrapped up, in a biting wind and some rain - roll on Summer and the cameraman from Harbury Chronicles.

On the 17th Harbury Sunday XI batted first against Barford. A steady performance, with John Clifford scoring a good 53 and Phil Linnett with a fine 60 not out, gave Harbury 182-4 at tea. Barford batted valiantly but only three players reached double figures. Paul Bennett (4-31) and Gary Lowe (3-18) led the attack, though John Clifford bowled a very tight 9 overs for 3 runs. Harbury's failure to remove the last Barford batsmen allowed them to hold on for a draw with 110-8. The Harbury team can only blame themselves, since they managed to drop half a dozen catches, but fortunately Ian Holroyd was not present. The Club will shortly advertise for a Director of Catching.

The Sunday XI discovered a different problem on the 24th. Their catching was much better - three out of four - but the batting proved fragile. Kissing Tree House from Stratford compiled a hard hitting 199 for 9 at tea. Harbury's bowlers struggled, though Gary Lowe (4-29) and John Clifford (3-26) had some success, and veteran wicket keeper Richard Carr had two smart stumpings. Harbury's confidence in their batting was misplaced, and disaster struck against some very variable bowling, and they were all out for 58. Victor Meldrew might have commented, "I don't believe it". Look at the score book, Victor.

Saturday XI				Sunday XI		
Midweek XI				Occasionals		
13/06	Peugeot Talbot	A		14/06	Hockley Heath	A
<i>tba</i>	<i>Samuels</i>	<i>A</i>				
20/06	Bharat Sports	A		21/06	Preston Capes	A
<i>tba</i>	<i>Cup Round 3</i>			21/06	<i>tba</i>	<i>A</i>
27/06	Nuneaton Old Eds.	H	Old New Inn Harbury	28/06	Stratford Bards	H
<i>tba</i>	<i>Lillington</i>	<i>A</i>				
4/07	Massey Ferguson	A		5/07	Willoughby Six-a Side	A
				5/07	Kineton II	A
<i>tba</i>	<i>Leek Wootton</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>Moneywise Centre Leamington</i>			
11/07	Dunchurch Bilton	H	Rollason Miles Solicitors	12/07	Lighthorne	A
<i>tba</i>	<i>Southam</i>	<i>A</i>				
18/07	Greenmore Road	A		19/07	Hockley Heath	H
<i>tba</i>	<i>Norton Lindsey</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>Old New Inn Harbury</i>	19/07	<i>tba</i>	<i>A</i>
25/07	Pychlie	A		26/07	Shilton	A
<i>tba</i>	<i>Samuels</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>Old New Inn Harbury</i>			

Ian Jackson

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Straight into the Summer Leagues, our one team narrowly lost to Tysoe in early April. We have since struggled against Hook Norton, Brackley and Deddington, ...but early days yet. Our Captain, Geoff Prince so aptly summed up our performance so far as being "weak on tennis, but strong on beer"!

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The Winter Mixed Doubles Competition was deservedly won by Keith Thompson and Pauline Hayes, with consistency and determination showing through.

Forthcoming events: please put them in your diary now!

Wednesday 10th June: *Petanque and Supper* at The Dog Inn 6:30pm onwards.

Thursday 25th June: *Midsummer Tennis Evening + BBQ + Strawberries and Cream.*

Sunday 12th July: *Tennis Afternoon 2:30pm.*

Saturday 8th August: *Coffee Morning.* Raffle prizes and cakes in abundance please!

Ladies Doubles to be arranged for Saturday 5th September at 2:00pm.

The Singles Ladder will be organised for the summer if members support the idea.

For detailed information, see *Regular Diary Dates* or give me a call if you are interested in coming along to any of the above events.

David Snell

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Bus vouchers for Senior Citizens, Registered Disabled and Handicapped Persons

Bus vouchers will be issued in July to the above categories of residents living within the Parish. "Senior Citizen" means a person of State pensionable age, i.e. 60 and above for a woman and 65 for a man. For 1998 the total value of vouchers to be issued is £15 and each voucher is worth 50pence towards Stagecoach Midland Red services 63, 64, 65, 66 and 67 and Village Taxi Bus services. There is no time limit on the use of the vouchers, but if you have some left from previous years, please use them up before using this year's vouchers.

To obtain the vouchers, please register for the scheme by getting a form from either the Post Office, the Co-op, the Library, Kane's News or from the Clerk of the Council, Mrs. Lana Long at 33 Mill Street.

The forms must be completed and returned to one of the above by no later than Monday 6th July.

Vouchers will be issued at the Farley Room in the Village Hall on **Monday 20th July** and on **Tuesday 21st July** between 2 and 4pm.

Please note that only in very exceptional circumstances can vouchers be issued to persons who do not register by the due date of 6th July.

In addition to the Parish Council's scheme, Stratford District Council also issue travel tokens to senior citizens and registered disabled persons. If you have previously applied to the District Council for tokens, there is no need to apply again; you should receive £18's worth by post during July. If you have not previously applied, forms are available in the Library or by telephoning 01789 260 402 or 01789 260 423.

Mrs. Lana Long

HARBURY CARNIVAL



Carnival Queen Sam Brunt and Attendants Jenny Hodge (left) and Kathy Freeman

Carnival Day is almost upon us, so time for a few last minute reminders.

First an apology. We gave the wrong number for Paul Gladden. The correct one is 612398. Please call him if you are interested in the 6 a side football competition on Carnival Day.

Will last year's winners please return cups and shields to Kane's News as soon as possible so that they are available on Carnival Day.

We need cakes (plenty of them!) for the afternoon teas. Please take any kind donations to the Village Hall on Carnival morning.

There is still time to book a stall, but please contact Dan Killian on 612265 as soon as possible.

The Wheelbarrow Race on the **Sunday 7th June** will commence from the Shakespeare. Please have your team in place by 12:30pm so that Honest Cecil can study form and set the odds. If you still need to enter please contact Dan Killian.

For the other events taking place during Carnival week please assemble at the appropriate pub at 7:30pm. There has been a change in the order of events which appeared in last month's H&L News. This will now be:

Monday	Boules at The Dog Inn
Tuesday	Skittles at The Old New Inn
Wednesday	Test of Strength at The Gamecock
Thursday	Quiz at The Crown

Please help to make this a success and enter a team. You need a squad of up to 12 people with any 6 to compete on the night.

Programmes and raffle tickets are available from various shops in the village and from committee members. Tickets for the Carnival Barn Dance are available from Party Paraphernalia or Carol Percival.

To ensure the success of the event we hope that you will support us with your usual enthusiasm, floats, groups and fancy dress. The absence of water from last year's procession was welcomed by all - so please let's continue this.

John Broomfield

A SUMMER CONCERT

The Tom Hauley Room has proved to be a very popular venue, a real asset and so many of you have come to Coffee Mornings, Christenings, Family Receptions, a wide variety of meetings; the list just goes on.....!

Now here's another date for your diary: **Saturday 11th July**. Come and join us for a light-hearted entertainment - *Songs for a Summer Evening*, with music arranged by Mike Grimes. Tickets at £5 each to include a Light Supper and a glass of wine are obtainable from Liz Bunting, Tony Stubbs, Jeff Bedford and Ruth Dodds. Proceeds towards the maintenance of the Tom Hauley Room.

Liz Bunting

THE HARBURY CHRONICLES

Our thanks go to the Warwickshire Singers for a most enjoyable musical evening that raised £184 for the Chronicles.

Thanks also to Tom and Rhonda at the Mill for allowing Warwick to film the interior of their lovely home. I hear that having clambered to the topmost part of the tower he startled a pair of jackdaws roosting peacefully in a dusty corner. After a heated exchange in uncomplimentary languages, Warwick issued a temporary eviction order and the birds flew off until he had finished filming. (You can imagine the indignation of the birds - "Can't get peace anywhere - treating this place like a hotel!")

The Carnival procession will probably be filmed, down here, by Chris (a graduate of Warwick's) while Warwick attempts aerial shots from a light aircraft. Tony and Ruth Dodds kindly arranged this episode for us.

Mary Shelley

A SHORT WALK

Earlier in the year I wrote about a six mile long walk. This one is very short, at a brisk pace it takes about 90 seconds, but 10 minutes is probably a better length of time to take, as there is much to see. The start and finish point is the Lych gate and the walk takes us round the Church in a clockwise direction.

Harbury is a closed churchyard, that is, no burials take place there and have not done so since before the First World War. Many of the gravestones are difficult to read both because they're old and because many of them were made of Hornton Stone, which is very soft and weathers relatively quickly. The Lych gate was rebuilt a few years ago retaining a few of the oak timbers of the 1904 build - there is a date on one of the old ones. As the churchyard is closed, it is possible for the church to hand over the responsibility for its maintenance to the District Council and this has now been done. However, they are not able to do anything without the approval of the church authorities, so the mowing regime which has been set up to increase the amount of wild flowers in the Churchyard will continue. An agreement has been reached on the phased felling of the rotting pollarded trees, the first batch will be coming down this year and the rest will be felled over the next seven or eight years. All the new trees will be planted in the Autumn planting season - the positions have been marked with stakes. The new trees will include some Midland hawthorn, an English yew and a holly and others. The aim has been to have a variety of trees so that the current situation where a great number need felling at the same time will not recur. The English yew could even see in the 4th millennium in 3001.

Pollarding was a method of getting the maximum amount of timber for charcoal production and other uses from limes and other trees in areas where browsing animals such as cattle and deer had access. It is similar to coppicing, but at high level to stop new growth being eaten.

Following the signs to the Tom Hauley Room the area on the right with the 'Stobo' memorial is a feast of flowers in the Spring with winter aconite, snowdrops and miniature irises. After turning the corner of the tower, the wall on the left has the memorials of some of the Harbury residents who have been cremated over the years. At the base of the wall towards the far end, violets flower in Spring. The shrub nearby is a cotoneaster.

Passing along the damp shaded path between the Tom Hauley Room and the boundary wall, the walk opens up to reveal a Duke of Argyll's Tea plant (which has purple flowers in Summer) and a Norwegian spruce. Under the spruce near the shed is a clump of greater celandine which is fairly uncommon in the area, although there are other clumps in the Churchyard. It is more closely related to poppies than to the lesser

celandine which is common in the Spring. Passing the flowering currant, the main area of the Churchyard is reached. At the far end of the beech hedge is an Irish yew which grows much more upright than the English yew and there is a horse chestnut near it. Those who have lived in Harbury for more than 20 years or so will remember the huge horse chestnut that used to grow here - the new tree has been grown from a conker from the old one. The corner between Church Street and Crown Street is not mown until the end of July to allow the flowers to set and distribute seed. This has already increased the number and variety of flowers that grow in this area, especially primroses, lady's smocks, vetches and fox and cubs (a brilliant orange flower of the daisy family). Last year also saw the appearance of the first spotted orchid.

Unfortunately the holly tree will never have berries. Although it flowers prolifically, it is a male tree - hollies are quite unusual in having male and female flowers on different trees. Another tree growing in the meadow area is a tree of heaven - an appropriate name in this location.

We now arrive back at the starting point. While walking round the church, note the number of different types of rock that have been used in its building. This was the subject of the Harbury Society's talk earlier in the year.

Charles A. Catt

'AU PAIR' WANTED

I am regularly contacted by people in France or in Martinique (French West Indies) requesting English 'au pair' girls for a short or a long period, or wanting to send their daughter to England.

Until now, I haven't been very successful, but demands keep on coming to me. The last request concerns two French families ready to 'share' an 'au pair' in Beauvais (50 minutes by car north of Paris) from September.

For more information (I have a whole detailed file on the families and what they offer), or if you are able to help by offering your home for a French 'au pair' girl or are interested in any similar exchange, please contact

Jacqueline Clarke 613607

HELP! THE FRENCH ARE COMING!

According to a well-informed source, a party of some seventy French (of which 27 children) from the village of Samois-sur-Seine is set to cross the Channel and visit Harbury over the weekend of 16th-18th October.

The full details for the weekend have not yet been finalised, but plans have been made for a Ceilidh Dance and Entertainment evening for Saturday.

A number of fund raising activities have been organised for this month:

- Sunday 7th June: Quiz Night at the Village Club, 8:00pm
- Saturday 13th June: Carnival Stall
- Saturday 27th June: Coffee Morning at the Tom Hauley Room.

Please attend as many of the events as possible. You will find members of the Twinning Association at each event who will be pleased to provide you with information about the French visit. Furthermore, if you can assist in either receiving a French family or helping to organise events, we'd be pleased to hear from you.

For information and to offer your help, please contact Sally Stringer on 613214.

Jonathan Clarke

PLAYSCHEME LEGACY including "RACING NEWS"

Aintree, Epsom, Ascot, Harbury - truly great racing venues seem just to trip off the tongue. HARBURY? but of course, if you were at the Village Hall for the last *G.A.S.S. Race Night*. The punters paid for an interactive racing experience and that is precisely what they got!

- ⇒ Audience participation in setting the courses and 'riding' the geegees;
- ⇒ Beating the tote and disputing the steward's inquiries - especially so when one poor nag was deemed unfit to complete a race!
- ⇒ The thrill of the chase and the cheering, vociferously at times, as their winners romped home.

Over £1,300 was raised on the night, which is a fantastic amount by any standards. Many thanks to all who came along and entered into the spirit of the occasion. This event was the Racing Game's first trial under starter's orders.

The game itself was commissioned from the proceeds of the now, sadly, defunct Playscheme. It has been lovingly made by an expert craftsman. When Playscheme ended, we had to decide how best to use the modest residual balances. We resolved to invest in something that would both give pleasure and raise money for other organisations and assembled crowds.

If you are interested in using the game as part of your fund raising efforts, or you know of anyone in neighbouring villages who might be, please telephone either of the numbers listed below for details. From July, we will also have a large BBQ (also ex-Playscheme) for use by other organisations and, of course, the Face Paints. Playscheme lives on - albeit in another guise.

Julie Linforth 612696

Sue Buck 614224

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

After our last talk there shouldn't be any queries or excuses, should our clematis fail to thrive! Mr. & Mrs. Farer gave us detailed information on all types of the climbing flower, which come from many different parts of the world. I thought they still had their nursery, sorry, there weren't any clematis for sale!

The evening concluded with coffee and light refreshments, thank you for those who helped - especially a certain lady who went home for tea towels, as I had forgotten them! I think our guests from Bishops Tatchbrook enjoyed themselves; there might also be a few prospective members from that village. It was nice to see them.

For the outing to Wisley on **Tuesday 16th June**, the coach will leave promptly, so please be at the Village Hall at 8:45am. We hope the weather will be kind; take your umbrella just in case! We also keep our fingers crossed for our evening jaunt to Brook Cottage on **Tuesday 30th June**, another early start please, 5:45pm at the Village Hall.



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The Leamington Horticultural Society has a programme of outings, one of them on **Sunday 26th July** to *Ness Botanical Gardens*. Anyone wanting more information, please contact Mrs. Pat Smith 612650.

The *Walkabout Weekend* on **11th and 12th July** will soon be here. This year there will not be a Craft Fair in the Village Hall, however, there will be two crafts on display in gardens. Garden ornaments in one and cards in another - both under cover. Please would anybody like a plant stall? Ring Mrs. Pat Smith. The Open Gardens Weekend is the Society's main fund raising event, please make it a success and support it - we hope the weather will do so too!

The Village Show is creeping ever closer, just a point of interest: In the jam section, for example, blackberry and apple jam is not classed as a soft fruit jam. Blackberries are all right by themselves, the apples are the problem, they are a hard fruit. The actual seal of the preserve is very important, please consult "On with the Show" pages 97/98, both the WI and the Society have copies. We shall probably have our Garden Produce Stall - donations please, more information nearer the time.

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

Roses and honeysuckle in full bloom and fragrances carried on a warm breeze make the traditional picture for this month. Lawns too are looking good, but need a nitrogen rich feed now and possibly an application of weed and moss killer. If you do use a weed killer do not put the grass clippings on the compost heap.

Lawns do not need watering but shrubs and trees planted this year do need a regular drink. Do not allow any grass to grow close to them for the first two years. Prune any shrubs which flower up to the end of this month as soon as the flowers fade. Ornamental cherries can be pruned now as a natural gum will be produced by the plants to seal the wounds. It is also time for hedge trimming and weeding in the hedge bottom.

Leave the foliage on all the spring bulbs until they die off, but if you need the space for the summer bedding plants, dig up the bulbs and put them at the back of the border. Make yourself a note to remember to

get them out again in the autumn! The early herbaceous plants such as lupins and hardy geraniums (cranesbills), will give a second show if they are cut back almost to ground level when the flowers fade. Give a liquid feed to give them a boost. Dead-heading also keeps the flowers coming. Wallflower and Sweet William seeds can be sown now in the vegetable plot to provide your own plants for bedding out in the autumn. Take cuttings of tender fuchsias, etc.

Soft fruits need water when the fruits start to swell but a mulch around the bushes helps to retain moisture. Tie in new growth on blackberries and pull out any excessive new growth on raspberries. Protect cherries and currants from the birds.

Thin out seedlings in the vegetable plot to give the correct spacing. Plant out marrow and courgettes and outdoor tomatoes. Cut up canes for beans and plant out seedlings or sow seeds. The white flowered Desiree or Mergoles are reputed to give a better bean set.

Plant of the month: Hardy Geraniums

The true English geranium is our native meadow cranesbill, the name derived from the resemblance of the seed head to a crane's head. The name geranium coming from the Greek word for crane - geranos. Gerard in his 'Herbal' of 1597 knew of the plant as a cure for 'ruptures or bursting'. The dried and ground roots had to be taken for twenty days in old claret!

Today we have varieties brought in from many countries, so it is possible to find a type to suit almost every garden. *Geranium dalmaticum* is easily grown on a rockery, the bright pink flowers standing only 4" high. *Geranium psilostemon* will quickly make a mound 30" tall and a yard across. Many of the varieties have pink or purple flowers, but there are blues and whites as well. Most of them prefer a well drained soil and some sun, but they tolerate shade well. Even without the flowers the plants are attractive and are good ground cover.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

We would like to say a big thank you to colleagues, friends and clients for all the cards, gifts (hand made and bought) and wishes sent on the birth of our precious daughter Kirsty Skye Wakeing born on the 16th March.

Love Christine (Kathleen Ellis) and Colin

Dear Editors

The Harbury Support Group for Myton Hospice would like to thank Jay for the use of the Dog Inn car park on Saturday for our plant sale, as we had problems with the Wight School Playground. We made £583.

Also thank you to everyone who helped at the Coffee Morning and all those who supported it - we made £110.

Harbury Support Group

Dear Editors

It was good to see the new bus timetable with the revised times in its smart new case - but would it not be better if it faced the pavement instead of facing the road?

Yours faithfully

C.M. Catt

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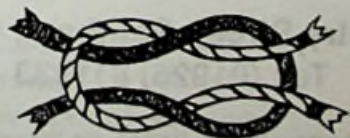
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