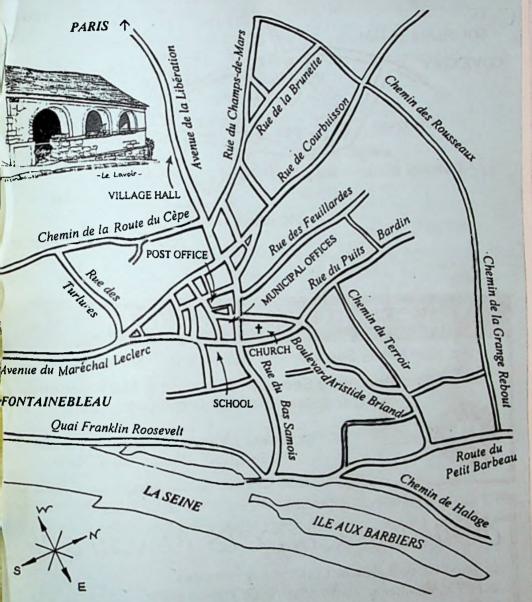
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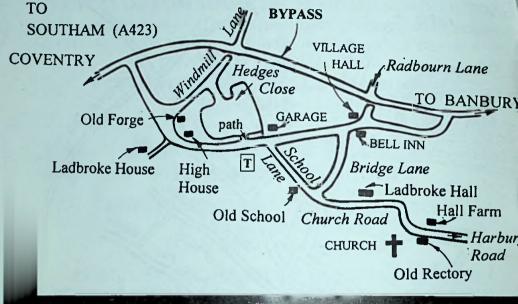
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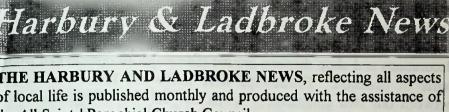
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John Hunt & Annick Irlinger hold the 'Key' to Harbury whilst Nelly **Touchard & Ken Stephenson display the Twinning Charter** 





For all those involved and for those who came to watch the Twinnin weekend ceremonies, it was a most exciting and memorable series events. Harbury looked at its best in the autumn sunshine and the decorations and shop displays around the village all contributed to the sense of occasion. Friendships were made and links were forge between our two communities which can only be strengthened over time. Thanks must go to those who organised the events and arranged the accommodation and to everyone who made the weekend so successful.

These events must not overshadow another feat of organisation - the Victorian Street Fayre, which raised over £2,200 for Southam District Mencap. Again the weather was clear and fine and helped to bring ou the crowds. It was a very successful evening enjoyed by all.

As we have received a number of articles and photographs related to the Twinning activities, we have had to hold over some other material until the December edition.

Lastly, our sympathies go to the family of Jack Stringer.



#### NOVEMBER

Sun	8	Remembrance Sunday - Holy Communion 8am;
		Remembrance Service 10.15am; Sung Eucharist 4pm
		Conservative Poppy Lunch at Flax Hill Ufton. Tickets £8 Tel. 612273
		Harbury Mini & Junior U6, 14, 13 & 7-12 Rugby Training
Tues	10	Myton Support Group Coffee Morning 10-12noon
	-	Toddlers' Service 2.15pm; Holy Communion 7.30pm
		Prover Group in Church 8 10pm
Wed	11	Harbury Soc. talk on Bees & Bee keeping in T.H. Room 7.30pm for 8pm
Thurs	12	Holy Communion 9.45am
		Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Sat	14	Craft Circle in Village Hall
1.0		Village Club Dance with 'Side Effects'
		Rugby 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> XV home to Atherstone
Sun	15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent - Holy Communion 8am
Juli	10	Family Communion 10.30am
		Rugby Minis & Juniors & 7-12s home to OLS
		ADVERTS 14, Binswood End by 5.30pm
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Tues	17	Holy Communion 7.30pm Mothers' Union 8pm
		Senior Citizens' Benefit Committee in Village Hall 8pm
		Harbury Charities at the Rectory 8.15pm
Wed	18	General meeting of Twinning Committee in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm
Thurs	19	Holy Communion 9.45am
	÷.,	PCC in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm
Fri		Newspaper collection
Sat	21	Harbury Rugby 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> XV home to Trinity Guild
		Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am
Sun	22	Christ the King - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
		Sunday School 10.30am; Evensong 4pm; Benediction 5.30pm
-		Harbury Mini & Juniors U13 & U14s home to Bedworth
Tues	24	Holy Communion 7.30pm
_		Julian Group in Church 8.10pm
Thurs	26	Holy Communion 9.45am
		Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
		Parish Council meeting in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm
		Aladdio in Village Hall 7.30pm
Fri	27	Aladdin in Village Hall 7.30pm
		ARTICLES to Party Paraphernalia by 5.30pm
Sat	28	Harbury Rugby 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV home to Alcester
		Aladdio in Village Hall 2.30pm & 7.30pm
Sun	29	Advent Sunday - Holy Communion 8am
		Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am
		Evensong 4pm
		Harbury Mini & Junior Rugby Training U16, 14, 13, 7-12s
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Tues		Holy Communion 7.30pm
		Horticultural Society in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
Thurs	3	Holy Communion 9.45am
	Ŭ	Storytelling in Library 10am
		Hereburgh Morris dance at Warwick Victorian Evening 7pm
		Men's Group in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
		Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm
Fri	4	Newspaper collection
		WI Christmas Party in Village Hall
Sat	5	PCC Christmas Fayre in Village Hall with Santa 2pm
		Rugby 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV home to Broadstreet 2
Sun	6	Advent 2 - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 6.30pm
A LAST		Harbury Minis & Juniors & 7-12s home to Stratford
		molt St

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Articles to Party Paraphernalia by Fri. 27th November

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TENNIS CLUB: (614614) (Apr-Sept) Tues & Thurs 6:30pm onwards (6:00pm for April); Sat 2:00-5:00pm, Mon & Wed 1:45-3:00pm

THEATRE GROUP: Wight School, 8:00pm last Friday of Month

THURSDAY CLUB: Farley Room of V.Hall 2:30pm 2nd & 4th Thurs. of Month

TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, Mon.10:00-11:30am; Wed.1:30-3:00pm 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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Evensong		6.30pm (Except 3rd Sunday)
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#### Laugh Line

Minister to little boy: I hear that God has brought you two lovely twin brothers.

Little boy: Yes, and what's more, He knows where their school fees will be coming from - I heard Daddy say so.

#### FROM THE RECTOR

Linda grizzled as they walked along the sea front. Dad turned round frowning. What's she cryin' for now? A look of despair swept over mum's face. I don't know. She's 'ad two packets of crisps, candy floss, a packet of liquorice chews, as well as fish and chips and a choc ice, and she still isn't happy!

It's a familiar situation to anyone who has had much social contact with children. Their eyes are always bigger than their tummies. As adults we like to think that we have grown out of such gluttony, but have we? The enormous success of the 'slimming businesses' is powerful evidence to the contrary. From the specially prepared food, to the magazines and health farms dedicated to helping people lose weight, we see one common factor - their clients keep coming back for more. There is no magic formula or potion for slimming. The hard truth is that the only way to lose the results of too much eating is to eat less, yet it seems impossible. The more we eat the more we want.

We think of the habit of overeating as gluttony, but many theologians would expand the definition to include the excessive use of almost anything which is in itself legitimate. If we are Christians, this idea of gluttony can offer one of the most serious challenges to our life of faith in conflict with twentieth century life styles. Where do we draw the line? What is the norm in food, possessions, income or alms giving? So much in our lives is relative and nowhere more so than in our spirituality.

Jesus knew man's weakness for excess. He also knew that heavy laws about how much to eat, when to eat, what to eat, and what to give away were never going to bring man's appetites under control, or lead him closer to his Heavenly Father. This is because external laws are rather like a corset - they restrict and squeeze any excesses but don't eliminate them.

Anything that encourages us to look inwards, away from our Heavenly Father is dangerous because it means we turn away from the whole purpose of our existence - peace, joy and unity in Him. That is the danger with any form of gluttony. We become pre-occupied with it as a self indulgent experience, which of its nature means we are putting ourselves before God. We misuse and abuse the good gifts he provides in His love. The saddest misuse of His love and goodness is surely to be found in our spiritual gluttony. We constantly search for spiritual consolation, sweetness and inner peace, and complain bitterly if we think that God has decided that we have had enough. But too many good meals without any exercise, sleep, work or relaxation, make us sick and lethargic. Lots of spiritual goodies on their own have a similar effect, they make spiritual Linda's of us all. And we still wouldn't be happy!

#### Fr. Roy

#### FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony at Harbury

10 <sup>th</sup> October	- Martin Groom to Sue Hodgson
31 <sup>st</sup> October	- David Collins to Janet Kempton

Holy Baptism at Harbury

4 <sup>th</sup> October	- Aimee Susan Luke
18 <sup>th</sup> October	- Olivia Alice Snell

Confirmation by Bishop Colin on 11<sup>th</sup> October at All Saints' Harbury

Jean Cooper, Joanne Dorning, Wendy Dowdeswell, Ruth Guy, Andrew Moore, James and Peter Smart

Funerals at Oakley Wood

19<sup>th</sup> October - Jack Stringer

#### FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

With effect from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November there has been a change to the source of readings for all services using the Alternative Service book (AS). The readings are now to be found within a revised common lectionary which provides for a 3-year cycle of readings denoted as years A, B and C.

Readings from the Alternative Service book will no longer be used although the order of services will remain for the time being. At the present time we have only 3 copies of the new lectionary together with a larger version for the lectern. It is understandable that many of those reading will wish to look through the particular passage prior to the service. Two of the copies will be made available in the vestry for this purpose.

The print in the new lectionary happens to be quite small and we recommend all readings are made direct from the lectionary upon the lectern. Details of the future weeks' readings are always set out at page 3 of the weekly pew sheet.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Rector or ourselves.

The Annual Church Christmas Fayre will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. There will be a variety of traditional stalls and once again Father Christmas will be welcoming all to his grotto!

#### **Ruth and Jeff**

#### **TODDLERS' SERVICE**

We celebrated Harvest at our Toddlers' Service in October and started by singing Praise Him, Praise Him, all you little children.

We heard the story of the Little Red Hen who found some wheat. After the story we had to locate paper fruit shapes hidden under the pews in the Children's Corner and we then stuck them into a paper fruit bowl.

Mrs. Catt let us put our fingers into some freshly made bread dough and afterwards some bread rolls were put into the oven and we all took home a freshly baked roll for our tea.

Our next Service is on Tuesday November 10th at 2.15pm.

#### Lorna Bedford

#### **MOTHERS' UNION**

<u>Afternoon meeting</u>: After a service of Holy Communion in church, we held our meeting in the Tom Hauley Room. Mrs. Stella Douglas brought a wonderful collection of bags and purses, many of them dating back to the last century. Some were made of leather or chain links, some embroidered or knitted and some from Mother of Pearl and shells. There were also long purses for men to keep change in their pockets. Everyone enjoyed a very interesting afternoon and it brought back many memories of what Grandmas used long ago.

Evening meeting: Each member was invited to bring along a keepsake There was a wide variety of articles (carving, jewellery, to share. greeting cards, photos, a baby's dress, even a china ornament in the shape of a baby's pot!) All were precious keepsakes from childhood to marriage and parenthood and each had a most interesting story attached with very special family memories for the folk concerned.

#### Next meetings:

Tues. Nov. 17th 8pm - New Mothers' Union in Tenerife by Wendy Thomas:

Wed. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2.30pm - The Work of Children's Society by Mr. Wilmot.

Audrey Tebaldi & Anne Moore



#### NOVEMBER

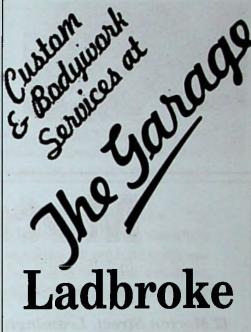
Sun	8	Remembrance Service - Sung Comm. & Act of Remembrance 9am
Mon	9	Ladbroke Village Hall prize draw at the Bell inn 8pm
Wed	11	Holy Communion 2pm
Sun	15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Before Advent - Sung Communion 9am BCP;
		Children's Church 10.30am; Evensong 6pm
Tues	17	ADVERTS 14, Binswood End, Harbury by 5.30pm
Wed	18	Ladbroke Parish Council meeting in Village Hall 7.45pm
Sun	22	Christ the King - Sung Communion 9am
Wed		Holy Communion 7am
Thurs		W/L meeting
		ARTICLES to Party Paraphernalia, Chapel Street Harbury by 5.30pm
Sat	28	Christmas Fayre 2.30pm
Sun		Advent Sunday - Holy Communion 9am
Mon		St. Andrew; Holy Communion 7am
		History Society meeting at St. Mary's School
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Wed	2 Holy Communion 2pm
COLUMN STATE	PCC at the Old Rectory 7.30pm
Thurs	3 W.I. Christmas Party at Hellidon Lake
Sun	6 Advent 2 - Family Communion 10.30







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#### LADBROKE FLOWER ROTA

22<sup>nd</sup> November - Mrs. Chris Pane No flowers in Advent

#### LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Firstly, regarding the sponsored cycle ride, I managed to send just over £200 to the Coventry and Warwickshire Historic Churches Trust, collected from the 'magnificent four' - marvellous result - many thanks to sponsors and cyclists.

The Harvest Thanksgiving was as usual a very happy service. The produce was taken to Castel Froma the next day. It was very thankfully received. I remember when I first started taking the produce there was just about room for me in the car. Now it is just a 'boot full' (car boot, not boot boot!) There were fewer apples about this year, which may have had something to do with it.

Remembrance Day Service is on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. The British Legion have said they will be with us to sound the 'Last Post' and 'Reveille'.

Also in November - the Children's Church will be deciding what they will do for the *Dressing of the Crib Service* on **Christmas Eve**. Don't forget we are meeting at 10:30am on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November**.

#### **Betty Winkfield**

#### WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

Our Quiet Day at Offa House was just that. Maybe it had something to do with the house itself - a peaceful, friendly, retreat. Maybe the fellowship between us all also had something to do with it. I'm sure though that we were in the 'Presence of the Lord'.

Our Rector chose as the theme for the day 'from the heart' with readings from two of St. Paul's epistles. I hope everyone went home as refreshed as I did.

For our November meeting we are going to Pat Kennedy's home in Napton - following our service in church at 2:00pm on Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, most of the members will have a story to relate of something they remember from the last war (giving our age: away).

#### **Betty Winkfield**

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

The meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October was our AGM. The new committee was elected as last year, with Sue Rayner taking the place of Jo Sowerby and Susan Moore agreeing to stand a further year as President. Our Tellers for the evening were Dorothy Groves and Celia Barrett of Harbury W.I., who once again did a wonderful job. We were also joined by Betty Faulkner of Wolvey and Burton Hastings W.I. our guest V.C.O.

Stella Douglas the new co-ordinator of our Millennium Collage, informed us that we were eligible for various grants and assistance with the design and she is holding a meeting at her home on 3<sup>rd</sup> November to discuss ideas.

This year's Christmas Party has been booked at Hellidon Lakes on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**, when we shall have a game of ten pin bowling followed by a Christmas dinner - a minibus has also been arranged. For more details contact Susan Moore.

The evening was rounded off with some very tasty cheese and wine and the raffle prizes were won by Val Steel, Susan Moore and Gill Moore.

The November meeting is on 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Marie Kennedy**

#### **VILLAGE NEWS**

The addicted gamblers amongst us had a great time at the Las Vegas evening. It was certainly worth braving the elements for. We made  $\pounds 150$  towards the Millennium Green project - not bad for the evening.

We have also had the BBC in town, in case anyone hadn't noticed. They have spent four days filming scenes for the Dalziel and Pascoe series, two days were filmed in church. The amount of vehicles and support people that were in attendance - well - it was almost a village within a village. It's been great excitement and very quiet now they've gone. I'm sure the centre of the village is also much more relaxed now that Severn Trent have finished digging up the roads. For a time it felt as though there was just no way out of Ladbroke, even the 'back lane' Kineton Road to Southam had traffic lights. Be warned! the water pipes have still to be connected to the houses - the workmen will be back 'ere long.

#### **Betty Winkfield**

#### LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

The ninth prize draw of the Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club was held on 13<sup>th</sup> October at the Bell Inn.

The winners were: Peter Derrick £80; Chris McQuistan £50, and Lois Workman £25. The £10 winners were Beverley Bradley, Ann Connor, Elizabeth Pittaway, Ron Abbott and Peter Fisher.

The next prize draw will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November at the Bell Inn at 8:00pm. Any new member will be very welcome. Please make contact on 814362.

#### **Catherine Spence**

#### SOUTHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

#### Ladbroke Section

Michael Farr's talk on crime in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century was quite fascinating. He has transcribed the court rolls of Warwickshire for the year 1262 and gave a selection of examples which came before the judge. Written in a clear hand, the records had remained in their roll on the shelf for centuries. The outside was in very poor condition, some eaten by mice, but the inner 95% is as clean as the day it was written.

If you killed someone, whether deliberately or accidentally, the best thing to do was to leave the county and hide. It very much appeared to be what the eye did not see, then the crime was not committed. Either that, or if you were rich enough you paid your way out.

One of Mr. Farr's examples was about Thomas de Ladbroke, a parson and son of Sir Henry Lord of Ladbroke Manor. He was before the courts having taken a Danish Axe to a man and cut his shoulder to the bone and then with friends from Radbourne he had been responsible for a brawl. He paid a hefty fine for this action and walked away, but it is not known if the man survived his wounds.

There was also reference to the Miller of Ladbroke being involved with Thomas de Ladbroke. There were very few windmills at this time, which may possibly further indicate the presence of a watermill in Ladbroke.

A local woman died when haymaking with her husband. In pulling the rope tight over the load of hay, the rope broke and the woman fell to her death from the cart. Her husband was not charged with her death, but he had to pay the court the price of the rope which was the cause of her death. Such was the strange way a price was put on a person's life.

The insight into local life in Warwickshire from these rolls is incredible and I wonder what further information could be found about the de Ladbroke family and the village of Ladbroke, but the time spent by Mr. Farr in the Kew Records Office in London for one roll alone means I must retire now!

Our next meeting is on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November at St. Mary's School, when we will have Victorian Christmas readings and a Faith Supper.

#### Linda Doyle

#### **HEART OF ENGLAND SCHOOLS' CELEBRATION**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Year 6 went to the Heart of England Schools' Celebration at Coventry Cathedral. There were lots of fun activities, including face painting, juggling, magic and puppet shows, also there was a man on stilts. The whole class enjoyed the activities.

The other children who were there were very polite and friendly. They all joined in as well. During the celebration we had a special service when we sang lots of songs, and the Bishop of Coventry told us an interesting story about his dog. We think that Rev. Martin Green, who organised the event, and all his helpers, made it a very exciting day for all the schools that took part.

Also that day we went to the Coventry Museum of Road Transport. While we were there we visited the Blitz exhibition which told us more about what went on in the war in Coventry. We saw lots of artefacts left over from the war. We also saw a lot of famous people's cars including Queen Mary's Daimler and Lady Diana's little metro. Also there were

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lots of photos of the Royal family, some of them when they were very young.

#### Benjamin Emms & Catherine Nash

#### LADBROKE ALL SAINTS' CHURCH - Harvest Supper

The evening was a great success. Thank you to the catering ladies, delegated cooks and flower arrangers for their hard work.

The entertainment by Mike and Michael was much enjoyed by all and the Rector's jokes completed a most enjoyable time.

I must add a thank you to the people who came, as without them this social evening would not be possible. The proceeds from the raffle of  $\pounds 61.50$  will be sent to the Bangladesh Flood Relief fund.



Jennifer Emma Knott, only daughter of Linda and Stephen Doyle of Ladbroke, married James Carey Daniels, the eldest son of Shirley and Carey Daniels of Wiltshire on September 12<sup>th</sup> at Ladbroke Church.

Jennifer who is an assistant accountant and James who is a computer and electrical engineer are both members of the civil war re-enactment society, the Sealed Knot. After honeymooning in Italy the couple are to live in Bristol.

#### LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - October

<u>Crime Report</u>. P.C. Andy Went was pleased to report to the Parish Councillors, Elsa Geenway, Parish Clerk and District Councillor Jim Taylor that apparently no crime had been committed in September. There was further discussion regarding the motorcyclists who reach excessive speeds on the bypass particularly on Sundays, but action to prevent this is difficult.

<u>Surfacing of Windmill Lane</u>. The Council was assured that the repairs to the road surface will begin when Severn Trent have completed the pipe laying work. Stratford District Council have promised to clear the stream of 2 fallen trees and to send the bill to the owner who no longer lives in the village. Councillors are mindful of the need to keep this waterway open after the disastrous events of last Easter.

Street Lighting. The fifth of the six new lights has been wired and now provides 'excellent' illumination for the entrance to Hedges Close.

Bench in Church Road. The bench has been repaired and awaits re-positioning in Church Road. Our grateful thanks go to the generous and talented villager who has effected this repair.

Site of Village Notice Board. There appears to be a groundswell of opinion for the notice board to be moved from School Lane to somewhere near to the post box, so that all villagers are able to express their feelings and exercise their right to decide on this. A vote will be taken at the Annual General Meeting.

Date of next meeting. Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Hall at 7.45pm.

#### **Carol Northorpe**

#### **HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MARCH**

Who could think that traditional children's pursuits like conker collecting could cause so much mayhem! Cars, roofs and people have all been in the firing line as village youths attacked the Playground Horse Chestnut trees and then hurled conkers as missiles careless of where they might land. Residents petitioned the Parish Council to abate the nuisance pointing out that children as young as eight were involved, climbing into the trees and getting dangerously near the power lines. The Police were concerned enough to suggest the culprits should be videoed for it appeared that residents who remonstrated with the youngsters were threatened with retribution.

Community Safety Forum Funds were available for schemes which helped deflect young people's energies and keep them from crime. The village was asked to complete a Crime Audit for the Forum and residents will be asked to contribute.

The Police reported that action had been taken over the attacks on cats in Sutcliffe Pastures. Ron Grey thanked them for the Traffic Calming in Deppers Bridge and the Parish Council would ask the County Council to run speed checks on vehicles in South Parade. The promised Police Post at the Wight School was still held up by the lack of a phone line.

Twinning was deemed to have been a "brilliant success" by those who took part; a "genuine entente" the Chairman declared, reminding the meeting the Parish Council's only cash contribution was the interest free loan (maximum cost  $\pounds 100$ ).

Sharon Hancock thanked everyone who had put efforts into making the exchange a success and John Hunt praised the village caretaker for tidying up the village for the Twinning and the Best Kept Village competition.

Planning:- Stratford District Council granted tree work at 41 Farm St. and West End Cottage; extensions at 35 Farm St., Harbury Hall Bungalow, 25 South Parade, Church Terrace, Northcote at Deppers Bridge and a pitched roof at 7 Heber Drive. BT were to be told that if the aerial on the exchange was not removed, enforcement action would be taken. Stratford District Council was looking into the work being done in the Conservation Area on Crown Cottage.

Residential development was refused for the Water Tower, but commercial use was granted at Churchland's Farm with conditions attached. Illuminated advertising signs for the Co-op were refused on appeal.

The Parish made no comments on the change of use of the former Nifty

Needle from a shop to an office, dropped kerbs at Compton House, High Street, or for an extension to Westfield House, Middle Road.

Councillors complained that plans for extensions to 21 Ivy Lane were a gross over development of the site and would affect neighbours in South Parade. They also condemned plans for the rear of Heron's Cabin and Poole Farm as backland development detrimental to the conservation area and creating a precedent for future building.

John Hunt reported that potential buyers of the Hillside "affordable" houses were still in limbo, but that they had been offered short-term tenancies until the mortgage problem could be resolved. The secretary of the Housing Association had offered to attend the next Parish Council meeting to explain the difficulties.

The Youth Club's residual funds of  $\pounds 1,000$  will be administered by the Parish Council to give small grants to new community based projects for 11-16 year olds (schools and existing organisations are excluded).

The Tennis and Netball clubs are looking for lottery money for a joint project to floodlight the courts. The Council was asked to give financial support to the Cricket club's plans for an all weather wicket. It is intended to encourage more youngsters to play. It gave its support in principle to moves to provide flexible staging for the Village Hall as a Millennium project. The Parish Council will have a joint meeting with the Parochial Church Council to formulate plans to celebrate the Millennium.

Good news! Having studied a map, the Council realised just how much land would be lost if they let Bishops have the Quarries and they will now resist boundary changes.

John Woodward had at last received his thousand crocus bulbs and asked "in the interest of democracy" where the Parish Council wanted him to plant them. Pump Green was chosen for the deed.

#### Linda Ridgley

#### **HARBURY SOCIETY**

Graham Sutherland (Police Inspector, Beadle and Town Crier of Warwick) took us through the history of the Police Force from the Parish Constables to the present day. Parish and Ward Constables had existed since Saxon times, but were often ineffective old men. When there was real trouble the army had to be called out. In 1780 between six to seven hundred people were killed by the Military in the Gordon Riots in London. But in 1833 the Coldbath Field riots which were put down by the Police force armed only with their truncheons, just one person was killed and public opinion turned in favour of the Police.

When transportation finished in 1860 there were still over three hundred offences for which hanging was the penalty but criminals were deterred more by the thought that their corpses were taken for medical dissection. Most riots at hangings took place after the sentence was carried out when relatives attempted to take the body for burial and save it from the surgeons.

Even before Robert Peel's London 'Bobbies', Warwick and Learnington had their own force with the Bear and Ragged Staff as emblem and the nickname of the 'Bears' and by 1857 the County force was begun with its Headquarters in Kenilworth.

During the Second World War Commander Kemble was Warwickshire's Chief Constable. He was high handed, much feared and hated. In 1941 there was a Home Office Inquiry into the 'Gestapo' state of the Warwickshire Constabulary! The motoring press went so far as to warn everyone to avoid Warwickshire because he was fanatical about catching motoring offenders. After the War his contract was not renewed and as a result he shot himself.

P.C. Hine of Fenny Compton was beaten and stabbed one night and his body was found in the Canal. In 1939 the IRA bombed the Booking Hall at Milverton Railway Station and William Rowlands of Nuneaton was killed along with a Special Constable in an air raid in 1941. In 1945 the mysterious Meon Hill pitchfork murder took place and Fabian of the Yard was called in. The mystery has never been solved. Detective Superintendent Capstick of Scotland Yard was similarly unsuccessful in solving the murder of a young girl found under a tombstone.

Next meeting: Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. - John Home on Bees and Bee keeping.

Linda Ridgley

#### HARBURY THEATRE GROUP - Aladdin

At the end of November we are producing a family pantomime -Aladdin by David Swann.

Rehearsals are going well and with the added bonus of Richard Cox and Keith Burford doing the music and Jean Champ the choreography, it should be really worth going to see.

There is a poster with details of where to get tickets and how much they are. If you are bringing a party of children please get your tickets in advance, as there are regulations for seating in the Village Hall and it is heartbreaking having to turn a youngster away.

The winner of the competition was Anne Moore - Aladdin was me (!), the Genie - Anthony Gulliver, the Princess - Hayley Green and Widow Twankey was, of course, Keith Hayes.

Also if you support the proposal for a new portable stage for the Village Hall don't forget to send your letter to Ruth Thorogood.

#### **Carol Percival**

#### **HARBURY WOMEN's INSTITUTE**

Apologies to Jean Hadley for omitting to mention her award at the Produce Show. Also any member who would make a Simnel cake for the Spring Council meeting please contact Celia.

Members enjoyed Mrs. Susan Rhodes speaking about the Master's Garden. For 7 years her husband has been Master of the Lord Leycester Hospital at Warwick. In the 14<sup>th</sup> Century the Guild of St. George was granted land by the Earl of Warwick and built the Guildhall. This still stands together with the Great Hall and Galleried Courtyard. The Guilds continued until suppressed during Henry VIII reign. Robert Dudley, Earl of Leycester and favourite of Elizabeth I acquired the building in 1571. He created a home for twelve old soldiers, known as Brethren and appointed a 'Master' in charge. Brethren are resident in the hospital to this day.

At the back of these buildings is the lovely walled Master's Garden. When the Rhodes arrived the garden was neglected, but Mrs. Rhodes had vibes about the place. She had studied garden design and history so

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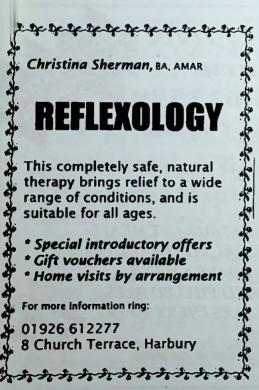
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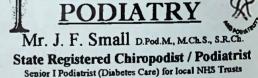


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One example is the cobbled base of the thatched summer house described by the American, Nathaniel Hawthorne on his visit in 1855, which was unearthed and rebuilt.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Century Norman arch was discovered during restoration of the chapel in 1860 and repositioned to the south side of the Nilometer. This huge stone vase, believed to be 2000 years old, crowned one of the columns that stood on the bank of the river Nile. These columns measured the rise and fall of the river. An early pineapple pit, based on a Roman hypocaust (under floor heating system) was discovered. The stove for the pit is under the old dovecote, now a gazebo. All construction work was rebuilt mainly by hand using much of the original materials and techniques. Warwickshire craftsmen were used wherever possible. Local children were invited to study the transformation. The elderly lime and magnolia trees and box hedges are features of the garden together with the more recent planting, making a visit to the Master's Garden 'a must'. We will certainly do so.

November Hostesses: Jean Abraham, Gunde Walshe and Sylvia Burdett

#### Jeanne Beaumont

#### HARBURY FOLK CLUB

SD went AWOL on the Kari-folky Theme and co-opted a 'noncommittee' regular to arrange the evening. After a brief explanation the evening started with ABC running through to QRS, with a different A being introduced, accompanied by an extended group from L, who in turn did several 'trim numbers'!

There was a rather outstanding performance from M, but P had some trouble with a rather large Q. QRS performed a rendition which caused an unseemly outbreak, extending some of the audience beyond the usual heckling to throwing projectiles! Most unlike Harbury, I just hope the French visitors get better treatment.

£32.15 was raised without a raffle, saving the embarrassment of someone getting stuck with a Tub of Denture Fixative. The proceeds will go to Leukaemia Research at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

O made a capital contribution, almost ending the evening with 'Earwig O'. Thank you to all who attended, including all performers A to S, and Jay. See you on Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### A (John Black)

#### SCOUTS AND GUIDES SUPPORT COMMITTEE

After over 20 years of being Harbury's very own Baden Powell, Joe van Hoorebeek has decided to hang up his woggle and retire from leading the Scouts at Christmas.

I'm sure that current and former scouts, their respective parents, plus everyone else involved in the organisation would like to say a very big Thank You to Joe. His energy and enthusiasm, coupled with a selfless dedication and loyalty to the cause, has been a constant source of inspiration to scouts and helpers (!) alike over the years. He'll be much missed, but after all these years he certainly deserves the rest.

Unfortunately, as frequently seems to be the way these days, there isn't a direct replacement available to fill the position of leader. So, if there is anyone who would be interested in taking on this challenging yet fulfilling role, the merry band of helpers would be delighted to hear from you. Indeed, anyone prepared to lend a hand would be most welcome our meetings are usually at 7:00pm on Thursdays in the Scout Hut. Please contact us if you can help.

> Steve Dorning 612037 Andy Linforth 612696 Jim Ward 612401

#### HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL - learning through play

A new school year and a new name! The Harbury Playgroup has decided to change its name to Harbury Pre-School to reflect its formal embrace of OFSTED and the Pre-School Learning Alliance. Parents should be reassured that play remains absolutely fundamental to the work of the Pre-School and the introduction of young children to learning and life outside the home. For the first half of the term, the children have been exploring the theme of festivals and have enjoyed making objects and sampling the food associated with the Hindu festival of Diwali and the Celtic festival of Halloween. They also had a super time at the village Church for Harvest Festival and we are very grateful to everyone who made the visit possible.

At the AGM special presentations were made to Carol Phipps and Sue van Hoorebeek to thank them for all the work they have put into the Playgroup over the past years. A new committee was elected and it is very encouraging to note that parents of children who are not yet old enough to attend the Pre-School, as well as parents whose children have been coming for a long time, are willing to devote time and energy to supporting the group. As a result, we feel very confident about the future of the Pre-School and in the meantime, the children are really enjoying the family atmosphere of the small classes. There will be an open morning on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 9:30am -11:30am. Anyone who is thinking about bringing their child to this group, wishes to meet the supervisors and to see what we do, is very welcome.

Fund raising continues. Thanks to everyone who nobly scoffed vast quantities of potatoes and soup at the Victorian Street Fayre - we raised over £140! We have two more fund raising events in November.

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, Ruth Coleman has very kindly offered to host a *Coffee Morning* in her home, 1 Dickens Road, between 10:00am and 12:00noon. There will be cakes on sale, a raffle and some Christmassy goods to buy.

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November there will be a *Jumble Sale* in the Wight School between 10:00am and 12:00noon. This is a terrific opportunity to clear out your cupboards and wardrobes before Christmas as well as an opportunity to stock up for winter!

You can deliver jumble to the Wight School during Pre-School hours or between 6:00pm and 7:00pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. For those of you wanting to get rid of the cupboards themselves or vast quantities of goods, please call Carolyn Dorning on 612037 to arrange collection.

#### **Pre-School Committee**

#### HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL

As a consequence of the Twinning weekend, some young friendships are just beginning. The visitors from Samois brought pictures from their nursery-age children with them which we've made into a display. Our children are starting to send back pictures and photographs of themselves with the hope that friendships started early may grow with them.

'Book Week' raised  $\pounds 43.00$  for the Nursery. The 80/20 sale was well supported and raised  $\pounds 190.00$ . Bargain hunters should look out for the next one which will be held in May 1999. We have now bought a new sofa and a Polaroid camera to capture those fleeting moments.

As we break for half-term, Nursery is busy - but spaces are still available, especially in the afternoon sessions. If you have a child who is coming up to nursery age, or you would just like to find out more, then come to the open afternoon on Wednesday Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - between 1:30pm and 3:00pm. There will be displays to look at, Kate will be around to chat and sort out bookings, while children can play with the toys.

Another date for your diary is the *Christmas Coffee Morning* at the Tom Hauley Room on **Thursday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 10:00am to 11:30am. There will be crafts, books, a raffle, Christmas cards and wrapping paper. Everyone is welcome.

#### Sarah Woods

#### **HARBURY CRICKET CLUB**

The Cricket Club have had a lively month of fund raising, which is to be directed towards the new permanent non-turf wicket for next Spring.

The Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on October  $3^{rd}$  raised £100 for Club funds and we are most grateful to the Church for allowing us to use the room and to the Coffee Morning Customers for their support. The Race Night on October  $10^{th}$  at the Village Club was a great success with the going firm rather than good. The Club raised over £200 and it was most enjoyable. Ed Russell organised a special fund raising Wheel Chair Marathon on October  $11^{th}$  in Victoria Park, Learnington. Half the proceeds from this event are to be donated to the fund to help Daniel Ashworth. The sponsorship money is still being collected, but the fitter members of the Club managed to complete the marathon.

The permanent non-turf wicket fund has had a major boost with a substantial grant from Stratford District Council and the Club has asked

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Harbury Parish Council if it can assist as well. The Club's development of a youth cricket programme has gained a national mention in the annual report of the Brian Johnston Memorial Trust.

The *Players' Presentation Night* with Ian Holroyd as MC takes place at the Old New Inn on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November** and the *Annual Dinner* is planned for **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January** at the Dog Inn. The *AGM* is on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February** at the Old New Inn. The winter net programme will begin in the New Year at Southam Sports Hall.



#### Harbury CC Sunday XI - August 1998

Back row from left: Ian Lowe, Les Sollis, Nathan Smith, Richard Lowe, Malcolm Tanner, and the correspondent turned umpire Front row from left: Phil Linnett, Richard Carr, Mike Daniels (Capt.), Gary Lowe (Vice Capt.), John Wilkinson, John Clifford

Ian Jackson

# Harbury / Samois-sur-Seine Twin





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Tree planting ceremony outside Village Hall

Left to Right: Mayor Cllr. Annick Irlinger - Samois-sur-Seine Mike Doody - Warwickshire County Cllr. Cllr. Ken Stephenson - Chairman Harbury Twinning Association



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#### **HARBURY NETBALL CLUB**

Unfortunately, the 1998 season has begun with us having to drop our 4<sup>th</sup> team - the "D" team - which was formed in 1990.

Many young people earn money by working at the weekends and the older players juggle homes, young children, work and other leisure activities and this means that we cannot expect the same commitment from players that we have had in the past. I suppose we should applaud the fact that there is such a variety of things to do, although I do feel a little sad that in such a large community we cannot find 30 regular Netball players.

Looking on the bright side, it means that our "A", "B", and "C" teams are strong, and the "C" team has a pool of talent to call upon each week. So many players in fact, that my playing days for Harbury can come to an end. My loyalties will always be with Harbury Club and if anyone has any queries about the game or the Club I shall be happy to answer them, but I am going to concentrate on umpiring games in the future. Many people will say that after over 30 years it's about time!

Congratulations to Ellie Playdon on gaining her place in the "A" team. Welcome back to Lucy Thompson and Emma Finch after their time away at University and to new player Kate Klein. Teams for this season are:

"A" team	- Ellie, Paula, Leah, Vanessa, Lucy, Hilary and Sue.
"B" team	- Mal, Gemma, Jean, Beccy, Lucy, Mandy and Janet.
"C" team	- Steph, Di, Kelly, Aliceia, Marie, Jenny, Lisa, Leone,
	Emma Helen Hallane and Kate

Last season's roll of honour was as follows:

Shield for the most improved player: Stephanie Talbot Cup for the 'club member' of the year: Lucy Lewitt "A" team player of the year: Sue Leng "B" team player of the year: Gemma Cooper "C" team player of the year: Kelly Marshall "D" team player of the year: Hallane Hill

Before our Christmas 'social event' we have got time for some fund raising activities. A Fashion Show at the Village Hall and a Quiz at the Village Club.

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The Fashion Show is back by popular demand on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 7:30pm, tickets £3, which includes entry to the raffle The clothes are modelled first and then purchased by the audience. Many top brand names are available at a fraction of their original cost and all in time for Christmas! Mainly ladies' fashions, but some children's and men's clothes. Refreshments available and at the same time there is space for a few Christmas stalls, so it should be a good night out with lots of bargains! Ring Paula if you need other details on 612398.

#### **Pat Summers**

#### HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

#### End of Term Report!

With the onset of winter, we are still playing tennis - and still playing matches - indeed we are running two league teams through until next Spring. If anyone wants to play competitive tennis, please give me a call - we are always looking for players.

Our AGM was held in mid October. Colin Mercer presided over a busy meeting culminating in an Auction of Tennis goodies kindly donated by Kinji Ito, raising over £100 for the club - thanks Kinji - wherever you are in Japan!

We've had a good year, with an increase in membership, moderate success in the Leagues, great success with our own internal competitions (particularly the on-going Dave Brown Trophy) and a very lively and imaginative social calendar.

We've also started to examine where the Club is heading - and what the locals want from the Harbury Tennis Club. A village-wide questionnaire threw up some interesting points which we are now acting upon.

We are looking at ways in which we can expand the Club and get better facilities through outside funding and we are also planning to start a Junior Section in early 1999. With youth development in mind, Keith Phipps joined the Committee in the Summer and is already helping to provide an invaluable insight into what the juniors in the village actually want. Keith has also come on by leaps and bounds as a player and now plays regularly for the 'A' team.

Eileen Braham has attended a Short Tennis Coaching course run by the

LTA which I am sure will prove useful. If anyone would like to take advantage of the numerous (subsidised) courses that the LTA hold - or just want to help with fund raising or the Junior development - please give me a call on 614614.

Roll of Honour Dave Brown Trophy Ladies Doubles Mixed Doubles

- Pauline Hayes and Keith Thompson
  Pauline Hayes and Sue Mercer
- Susie Tawney and Geoff Prince

#### Forthcoming Events

Billesley Tennis followed by Castle Balti Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. (tennis 5 to 7); Theme Night at the Dog Inn in early December as our Xmas 'do'.

Give me a call if you are interested in coming along to any of the above.

#### **David Snell**

#### **HARBURY & DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

We are holding a *Coffee Morning* in the Tom Hauley Room on **Saturday** 7<sup>th</sup> **November**. Everyone is welcome and any donations of cakes, raffle prizes, etc. will be greatly appreciated.

#### J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

#### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE - SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER**

Once again the season of Christmas approaches and a welcome preview is the Harbury Christmas Fayre.

Santa will be in his grotto after a 'snow covered' trip round the village. There will be a varied selection of stalls not forgetting the ever popular home made cake stall. This year's raffle and tombola stalls will give everyone the opportunity of going away with some exciting Christmas 'goodies'.

Come and have fun with us on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. - the fair opens at 2:00pm, but before then we will be entertained by Hereburgh Morris.

#### Santa Claus

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#### **HARBURY VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE - 1998**



Anne Woodward and son Luke welcome visitors From the proceeds of the to their stall

Well, we did it! Even though we sav it ourselves, the Fayre was a resounding success and we have received many comments that it was 'the best ever' We were disappointed that our appeal for help only resulted in one reply but we couldn't have hoped for a better 'partner' than the Stratford & District Mencap, Southam area. The members, ably led by Helen and Margaret put a lot of time and effort into helping with the organisation of the Fayre, particularly the Grand Draw and Tombola and the catering at the Beer Festival.

Beer Festival food, the Grand Draw, the Mencap

stalls at the Fayre and many generous donations received, we are delighted that we will be able to donate a total of £2,200 to Southam Area Mencap.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Fayre by organising stalls and to congratulate 'Butterflies' for winning the 'most attractive stall' prize. It was a hard task for the judges as all the stalls looked superb and we hope you all made a healthy profit and enjoyed yourselves at the same time! We have contacted many of the stall holders following the Fayre and it appears that an overall profit of approximately £5,500 was made - congratulations! Not only did the

stalls look wonderful, but the new 'Parish Lights' had their first outing at the Fayre and weren't they beautiful.

We must also say a special 'thank you' to all the businesses and residents in the Chapel Street area for keeping the street vehicle-free and for providing electricity for the stalls - we couldn't do without your co-operation. We hope you didn't experience too much disruption but as most of you were involved with the Fayre in one way or another we hope it was worth it!

It was good to see so many entries for the Children's Fancy Dress competition and congratulations to Hamish Falconer and Emma Neal who were the winners. Again, a very difficult decision for the judges as all the children who took part had gone to a lot of trouble (and so had the mums and dads no doubt) and it was a pity we couldn't give them all a prize.

A list of Grand Draw prize winners is available from Dan Killian on 612265 and our thanks to everyone who bought tickets. There were 6 correct entries for the Film Quiz and the winner, drawn out of a hat, was Laura Merlin of Southam.

Once again, very many thanks to everyone, not forgetting all those people who visited the Fayre and spent so generously.

Harbury Victorian Street Fayre Committee in Association with Stratford & District Mencap -Southam Area

#### VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE BALLOON RACE

Another good evening for Harbury. Much support and fund raising for local organisations.

Our third balloon race and what fun letting those balloons go! The winner was Jack Baldwin, who has received a cheque for  $\pounds 10$  - well done. The balloon was found at Andover, Hampshire.

Once again many thanks for all your support for local businesses.

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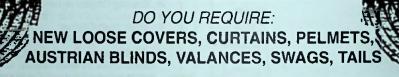
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#### NURSE JUNE LUKE RETIRES



Dr. Snowdon, Dr. Giles, Nurse June, Dr. Wilne and Dr. Hancock

The Harbury Practice met on Wednesday evening September 30th in the Tom Hauley Room to say goodbye to June and wish her and Ken the very best in their retirement. Earlier that day June had conducted her last surgery bringing to an end years of dedicated work both for the practice and the village as a whole. She will be remembered for her unfailing sense of humour and her ability to get on with anyone - both traits of the true Geordie, I'm led to believe.

Forty practice staff past and present came along with their partners to wish June well.

We now welcome Mrs. Linda Jackson to work alongside Mrs. Paulene Snowdon as practice nurse.

John Hancock



Left to Right: Ken Stephenson, John Hunt, Nelly Touchard, Annick Irlinger and James Turner

#### AN APPRECIATION

I am certain that those of us who enjoyed the events of the Twinning weekend without having had to bear the huge burden of its organisation would want formally to record our sincere congratulations and thanks to all those in any way involved with its planning and execution, especially the Twinning Association's organising committee.

Also I want to record the immense pride I felt in the music making of our school children at the Saturday morning ceremony and on their conduct during what must have been for them a rather tedious occasion. Our uniformed children's groups also performed their role in the ceremony with great panache and the school had been prepared most attractively as the venue for both the morning ceremony and the evening dinner. The staff at school and the leaders of the uniformed groups are entitled to feel delighted with and proud of the children's contribution to a memorable event and they deserve our congratulations and heartfelt appreciation. I suppose that after almost thirty years in Harbury I should cease to be surprised at the village's ability to 'deliver the goods' whatever the occasion with immense competence and style. But this was something exceptional and for everybody privileged to be involved, it was a weekend that will remain a cherished memory for the rest of our lives.

In the few inadequate words that I inflicted on the audience at the Saturday morning ceremony I said that: the weekend will have been no more than the end of the beginning of the bond between us and that we in Harbury look forward eagerly to a long and enriching association with Samois. I do hope that over the years more and more Harburians will feel able to share in the joy that such an association can bring. It doesn't mean that healthy competition with France on the sports field or in other fields of endeavour has to be abandoned but it does mean making a conscious effort to promote goodwill between our two communities and countries. Over the weekend of October  $16^{th}$ - $18^{th}$  I felt there was a lot of that about.

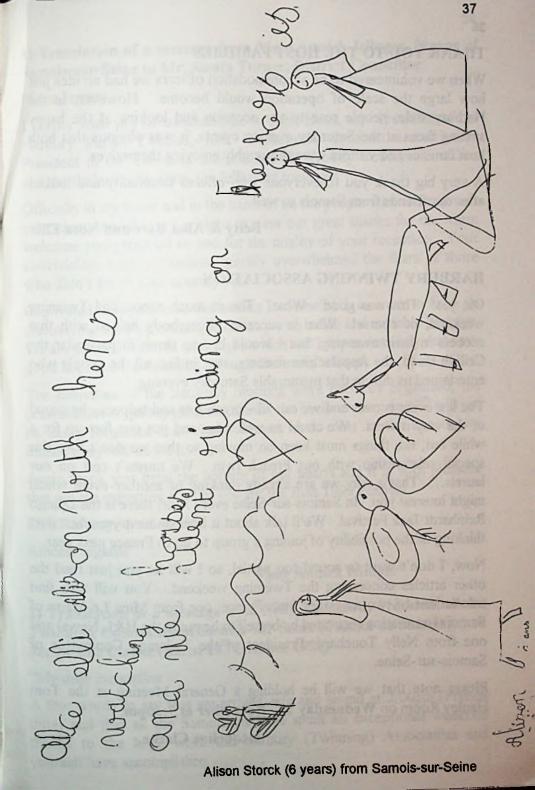
There was no particular significance in our visitors being French and in our being English - what was significant and immensely rewarding was that people from two different countries and cultures came together, communicated despite in many cases an imperfect understanding of the language and discovered, perhaps to their surprise, how much they had in common. We should not characterise a country and its people by the words and deeds of specific interest groups and least of all of its politicians. The promotion of international friendship and contact between countries and communities is surely the way to eliminate entrenched and irrational prejudices and thereby to create a more harmonious and peaceful world. I feel confident that over the coming years Harbury's link with Samois will contribute to that worthy objective.

#### John Hunt, Chairman Harbury Parish Council

I thought the Twinning ceremony was fun. I had someone called Augustin staying at my house. He liked tennis and Lego. I don't prefer tennis to football. I love football. I support Aston Villa. The Ceilidh was fun. I watched Mummy do Appalachian dancing while I sipped my coke. The Harbury Wasps were planning to play football against the French, but no French turned up, so it was England against England, but we didn't mind that much.

Chey showed me three here at one rooster one of there heres we brown and the two others were yellow. Chen they showed me true how one was called Marmade and the other one was called fing the wore girls. Two hap later we went on the horses backs. 20 minuts later we want back home and gare names to the horse. Chen we went back to the bus. Use wore so huchy to be the purt of me such a nice foundly. I wish to see them soon. I purt of me such a With wont to darowy I me duce and car. Hetene Itonda 8 and 1/2. Hélène Storck

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#### THANK YOU TO THE HOST FAMILIES

When we volunteered to be accommodation officers we had no idea just how large the scale of operation would become. However, in the Harbury style, people rose to the occasion and looking at the happy smiling faces at the Saturday evening events, it was obvious that both host families and visitors were thoroughly enjoying themselves.

A very big thank you to everyone who offered hospitality and looked after our friends from Samois so well.

#### Betty & Alan Barr and Nora Ellis

#### **HARBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

Oh, yes! That was good! What? The so much announced Twinning weekend, of course! What a success! Everybody helped with that success in their own way, but I would like to thank in particular the Ceilidh Band, the Appalachian dancers, etc., in fact all the people who entertained us during that memorable Saturday evening.

The big event is over and we can all - organisers and helpers - be proud of the way it went. We could as well relax and put our feet up for a while but, no, things must keep on moving so that we don't lose this special relationship with our French twin. We mustn't rest on our laurels.... That's why we are already thinking of another event which might interest you. In Samois-sur-Seine every June, there is the Django Reinhardt Jazz Festival. We'll talk about it later on next year, but start thinking of the possibility of joining a group to go to France next year.

Now, I don't want to sound too partial, so I will let you just read the other articles concerning the Twinning weekend. You will also find translations of two messages from France: one from Mme Le Maire of Samois (translation requested by herself to be put in the H&L News) and one from Nelly Touchard, President of the Twinning Committee of Samois-sur-Seine.

Please note that we will be holding a General Meeting at the Tom Hauley Room on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm.

**Jacqueline Clarke** 

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1) Translation of a message from Mme Annick Irlinger, Mayor of Samois-sur-Seine to Mr. James Turner, District Councillor

"Dear James

I hereby wish you to communicate to John Hunt, new President of the Harbury Parish Council, Ken Stephenson, dynamic and friendly President of the Twinning Association, Mr. Doody County Councillor and the tireless Jacqueline, the following message:

Officially in my name and in the name of all the people who went to visit your charming village, I wish to express our great thanks for the warm welcome you provided us and for the quality of your reception. Your conviviality, your enthusiasm quickly overwhelmed the fears of those who didn't know your country yet.

Captivated they promised themselves to come back in order to keep on discovering such a picturesque country with a rich and enviable heritage. We are pleased with the exchanges which will happen next July and have good hope for the 'learning through discovery' classes.

The festivities of the Saturday morning were perfectly organised, the presentation of quality gifts, the dinner, the lively evening on  $17^{46}$  will not be easily forgotten and when we meet each other in the streets, we immediately talk about it.

Again thank you from the bottom of our hearts and it is with pleasure that we are expecting a lot of you for the June 1999 Festival.

Live Harbury, live Samois,

Kindest regards

#### **Mme Annick Irlinger**"

2) Translation of a message from Nelly Touchard, President of the Twinning Committee of Samois-sur-Seine (Comité de Jumelage) to Jacqueline Clarke (dated 19<sup>th</sup> October 1998)

"My dear Jacqueline

A few words to say that we arrived safe and sound at 2:00am (French time) and that all the Samoisiens have spent an exceptional weekend thanks to the huge work the Harbury (Twinning) Association and yourself have accomplished. We have been submerged with presents and are still under the effect or your wonderful welcome. On behalf of the Twinning Committee o Samois, I present to all our friends of Harbury our warm thanks.

You created an atmosphere of friendship during those two days that none of us here will forget. We have so many splendid memories in common now and this is just the beginning of our great adventure.

Thank you all for the happy moments we experienced together.

#### Nelly Touchard"

#### HARBURY HASH - ON, ON!

Just to write down my personal vivid impression of the very enjoyable Twinning ceremony between Harbury and Samois taking place on the weekend of October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 1998.

Swedish by birth, but the only one representing Samois in the Hash Harrier Run, I had a very exciting experience on the Sunday morning of the Twinning. Dressed in Mrs. Alison Hunt's garden outfit (having left all my own sports wear in Samois), I ran/walked for 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours together with approximately 20 Harbury people of all ages through the beautiful, pastoral landscape of Harbury.

After eventually having understood that 'flour' meant <u>flour</u> to mark the way we were supposed to run and not 'flower'. I spent a delightful, sunny morning passing muddy meadows, the windmill and the very old church of Chesterton. We also had a short but very appreciated 'refreshment stop' at the mill to encourage further running as well as inducing spirit in us. An excellent idea!

It all ended up - as it always does for a virgin hasher I have been told with the expectation on you to force a whole bottle of beer down your throat without a drop passing your lips - while on-looking Hash Harriers sing and cheer! Sporty and social, isn't it!

I really felt like one of you Harbury people that day, the atmosphere was wonderful and I am most grateful to Mrs. Alison Hunt for lending me her outfit - it did it all!

P.S. A curious thing is that Fred Prat from Harbury initiated the Hash Run in Fonainebleau some 16 years ago!

Christina Brusewitz

Etrangère Amitié

A cela je n'aurais pas pensé Et pourtant c'est arrivé! S'inscrire au jumelage pour sortir de chez moi, Et l'amitié rencontrer à des miles de Samois. A balbutier Molière et Shakespeare, Il fallait s'attendre au pire; Et pourtant, sans complication, Nous avons démêlé nos conversations. Aimables, attentifs et chaleureux, Ils sont un cocktail généreus; Merci, Sally et Golin, Pour ce week-end vraiment "in". Les chevaux sont sa passion, Avec les enfants il est à l'unisson; Lourquoi sont-ils si loin? Je les aurais aimés voisins. Liliane Samson

#### TWINNING WEEKEND SUNDAY LUNCH TIME

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- 1 Pyrex rectangular 'lasagne' dish
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Sharon Hancock on 612860

#### **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Although I wasn't present at the October talk on 'Penstemons', understand Mr. Hardy brought with him over 30 specimens which greatly added to the interest of the subject. It seems it is good practice to leave the dead-headed flower stalks as protection against winter weather and as long as their feet are dry in the winter they seem happy. They actually like our Blue Lias clay - or will put up with it!

November means Seed Catalogues, anybody who missed the meeting and would like some, please contact Mrs. Heather Turner on 612915. As usual to qualify for the discount, the Society has to spend a certain sum with each of them. In the past we have had problems, so please bear this in mind when ordering, try and spread your order between all three: Dobies, Suttons and Marshalls. Please could all orders be in by the December meeting at the very latest?

When members bring plants to sell at meetings, would they please make themselves responsible for them. On the subject of things to sell, I understand there are still some crocus and tulip bulbs available from Mrs. Pat Smith (612650).

A Bursary will again be awarded for 1999 at the December meeting. The successful member will have a choice of a selected course at Ryton, Moreton Morrell or Pershore. Those people interested in the bursary, please tell Mrs. Pat Smith - the draw will be at the December meeting.

Subs are due, still only £2.00 per member for a season of interesting talks, events and outings etc. On the subject of memberships, as a result of the Twinning of Harbury and Samois, the Society has gained two honorary members! New members nearer to Harbury will also be very welcome!

Once again the Society will be providing the food for the Craft Fair on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November and if anybody would like to help in any way, particularly with cooking, please contact me on 612515. We would be pleased to see you on that day for a delicious hot lunch or for a cup of tea of course! There will also be some nice cakes available and possibly a hot mince pie!

As the Harbury and Ladbroke News will not be available in time for our next meeting, here is a reminder: The talk entitled "So many plants, so little space" to be given by Mr. Bob Brown will take place in the Tom

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#### **Muriel Grey**

### Letters to the Editors

#### Dear Editors

I would like to say an enormous THANK YOU to everyone who has sent messages and flowers after Steve's horrific incident and I am very touched by how well liked and respected he is by the Harbury community.

My children have been wonderfully cared for in my absence by a group of friends, masterminded brilliantly by Bev Walshe; my house has been cleaned, my ironing done, my grass mown, what more could I ask for! This has left me free to spend as much time at the hospital in Birmingham as needed, day or night.

Steve, I'm pleased to say, has now been moved closer to home and is recovering slowly but has made remarkable progress so far - we look forward to the time he is back home with us again.

Thank you all - I couldn't have coped without you! Love and best wishes from

Pauline, Jessica, Jack Fitzgerald Mick Fitzgerald (Steve's Dad) and the rest of our families

#### Dear Editors

"That was an evening and a half" were the words quoted by Ron coming away from the Ceilidh dance held in the Village Hall in honour of the Twinning Association's guests.

We both thought the compere did well explaining to everybody - in English - the various dances and it certainly helped having couples, who knew what they were doing, well distributed round the hall!

It was all great fun. The Hort. Soc. have even acquired two honorary

members as a result of the weekend! It was a very enjoyable event a. part of the well orchestrated weekend.

**Muriel Grey** 

#### Dear Editors

Harbury Support Group for Myton Hospice would like to thank everyone who supported our plant sales. We made £2,575.55. Thanks also to Jay for allowing us to use the Dog Inn car park. We could not have raised this money, without your support. Also thanks to Lancet Nursery for supplying the plants.

We are holding a Coffee Morning on Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-12:00noon at Fox Cottage, Chapel Street. Please support us. Everyone welcome.

**Myton Support Group** 

#### **Dear Editors**

The Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) would like to thank all those who came to the Coffee Morning on September  $12^{th}$  and contributed so generously. A splendid total of more than £170 was raised.

#### Heather Turner

#### Dear Editors

We were delighted to welcome Sylvie Chaudouet, a member of the Samois choir, to our home and she quickly became part of our family for two days. We had time to talk together about Samois and her family.

It was a hectic but enjoyable weekend during which the Samois ladies choir performed very well, trained by their strict conductor, Michel!

Sylvie asked if we could go to Stratford on the Sunday morning - and could we also take two of her choir friends? This journey on a beautiful sunny, crisp Autumn morning, via Barford and Charlecote, was great fun and an unforgettable experience for all of us. When the Samois visitors left Harbury for France, Sylvie kissed me and said: "You have looked after me like a mother" - this made it all worth while!

Congratulations to the Twinning committee for their brilliant

organisation of a memorable weekend.

Eileen & Leslie Reynolds

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Macmillan Cancer Relief Coffee Morning on October  $2^{nd}$  at the Post Office. We made £184.

Brian & Mary

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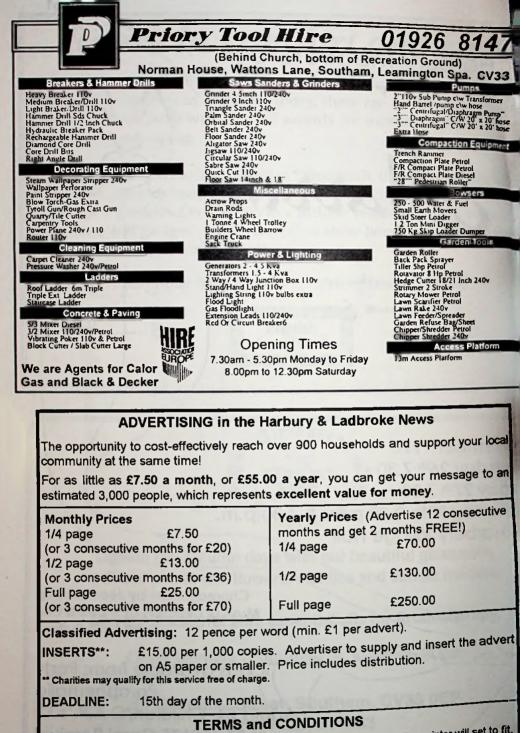
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