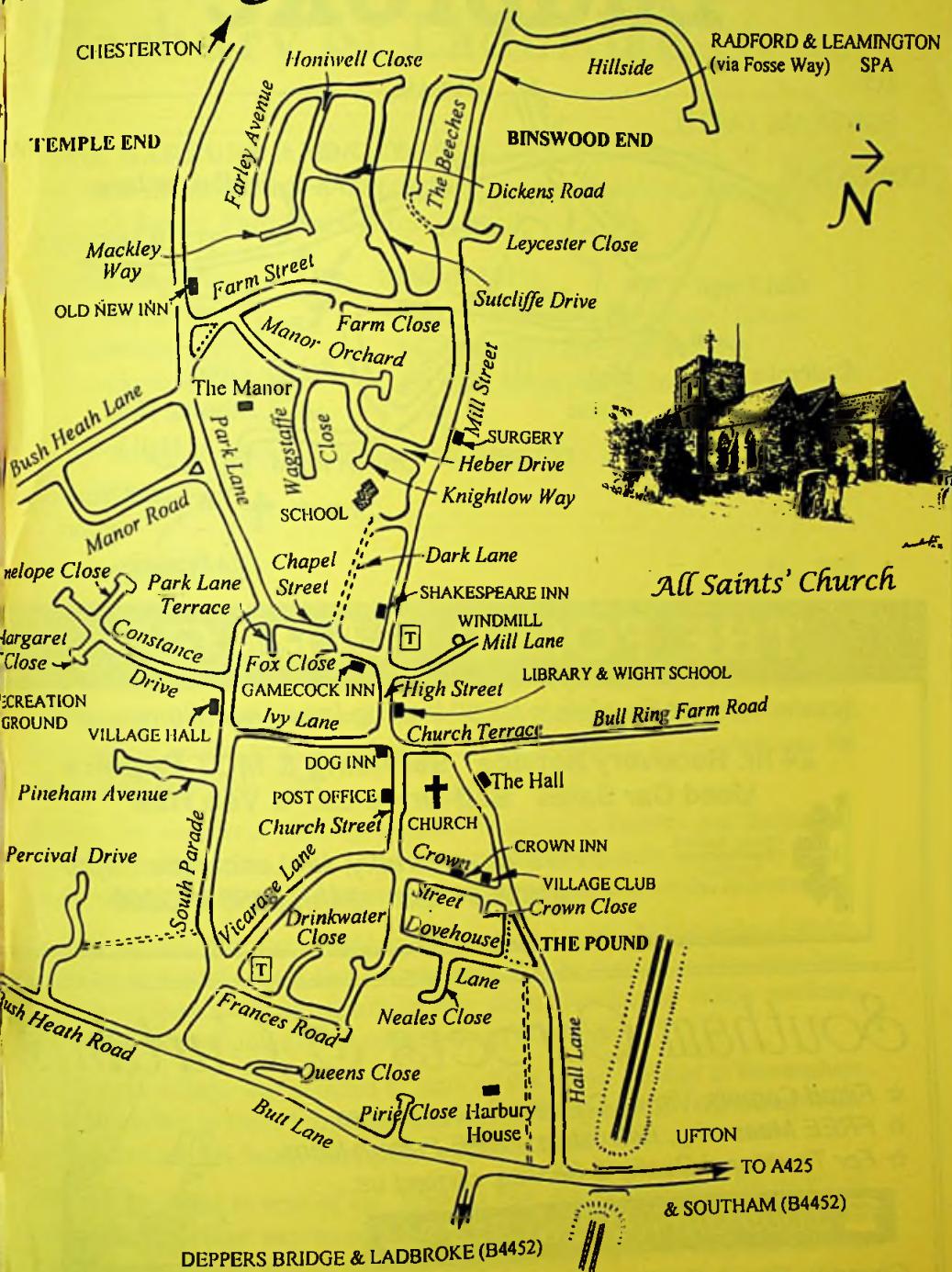
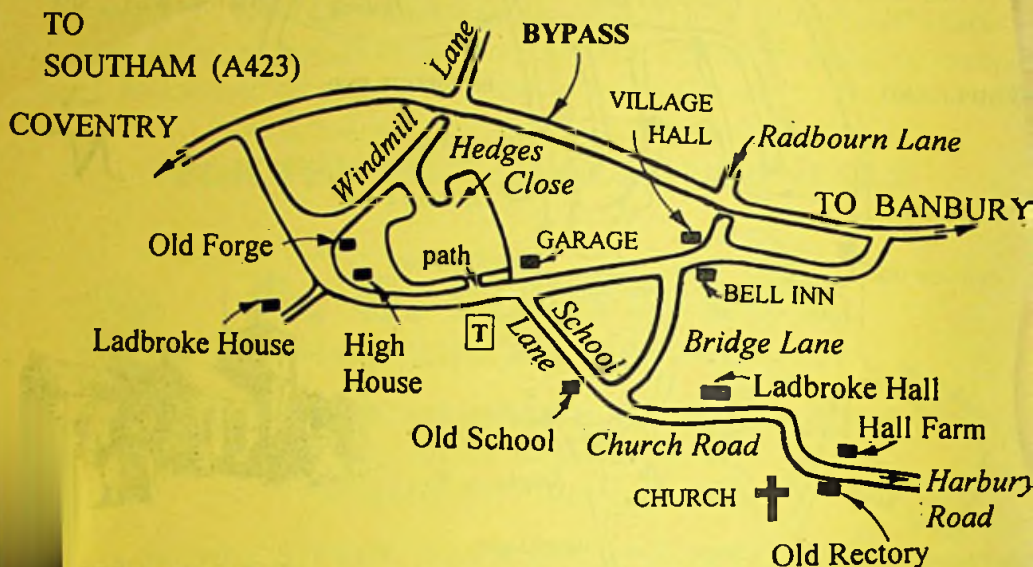


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The Village Show once again was a resounding success due to the hard work and enthusiasm of all those who displayed the 'fruits of their labours'. The Clarke family reigned supreme but in some categories they would have welcomed more competition from other entrants. It was however, encouraging to see so many imaginative entries from young people. Congratulations to the organisers for staging the enjoyable event.

Before our next issue the long awaited 'Twinning of Harbury and Samois Sur Siene' will have taken place. This is very much an event for all Harbury people and we hope that there will be as many villagers as possible at the ceremonies.

Further to our reference in last month's editorial to the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, it would appear that everyone needs to be vigilant as there have been reports of bogus officials (carrying fake identity) calling on elderly residents. Please be on your guard when opening doors to strangers.

The whole village was shocked to learn of the serious incident in Birmingham which resulted in Steve Fitzgerald receiving appalling injuries. Our thoughts are with Steve and his family during this traumatic time.

We are delighted to hear of the 'Walking Bus' which guarantees the safety of youngsters on their way to and from school. Safety is equally important for cyclists who should ensure that they have working lights so they can be seen during the dark evenings.

Due to there being a large number of articles this month it has been necessary to reduce the print size to enable us to publish all of the material we have received.

Lastly, our sympathies go to the families of Mary Hodges and Rachel Wall.



Prize Winners at the Village Show

Harbury Diary

OCTOBER

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|-------|---|--|
| Sat | 3 | Harvest Supper in Village Hall
Harbury Rugby Second XV home to Shipston
Victorian Street Fair, Chapel Street, starts 4.30pm |
| Sun | 4 | PENTECOST XVIII, Sung Eucharist 9.00am, Sunday School
in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am, Evensong 6.30pm
Harbury Mini & Junior Rugby Training |
| Mon | 5 | Harbury Playgroup A.G.M. in Wight School 8.00pm
Harbury Primary School P.T.A. AGM in School Hall 8.00pm |
| Tues | 6 | Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society in Village Hall 8.00pm
Harbury Primary School/Nursery School Photographs by Gary Maxwell
at School. Toddlers welcome. |
| Wed | 7 | Holy Communion 2.00pm, Mothers' Union 2.30pm
Harbury Society Talk on History of Warwickshire Constabulary 7.30pm
for 8.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room. All welcome. |
| Thurs | 8 | Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall at 2.30pm |

- Fri 9 NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
Race Nite for "GASS" in Village Hall from 7.15pm
- Sat 10 Harbury Nursery School 80/20 Sale in Village Hall
10.30am - 12.00noon
Harbury Rugby First & Third XV home to "Sills"
NSPCC Old Time Music Hall in Village Hall 7.15 for 7.30pm
Cricket Club 'Horse Race Night' at Village Club 8.00pm
- Sun 11 **PENTECOST XIV** - Holy Communion 8.00am, Sung Mattins 10.30am;
Confirmation with Bishop Colin Bennetts 6.30pm
Harbury Rugby Minis & Juniors U16, U14 and U13 home
to Leamington.
- Tues 13 Toddlers' Service 2.15pm; Holy Communion 7.30pm
Prayer Group in Church 8.00pm
Village Hall Committee in Village Hall 8.00pm
- Thurs 15 Holy Communion 9.45am
ADVERTS TO 14 Binswood End by 5.30pm
- Fri 16 VISITORS FROM SAMOIS-SUR-SEINE ARRIVE FOR OFFICIAL
TWINNING WEEKEND
- Sat 17 Twinning Party in Village Hall am & pm
Harbury Rugby Second XV home to Coventry Tech,
Third XV home to Wyvern
Dance at Village Club to "Blue Hotel" 8.00pm
- Sun 18 **ST. LUKE** - Holy Communion 8.00am; Family Communion 10.30am
Twinning Lunch in Village Hall
Harbury Rugby Mini & Juniors U16, 13 & 7-12 Training
- Mon 19 Tennis Club A.G.M. and Auction Tom Hauley Room 8.00pm
- Tues 20 Holy Communion 7.30pm, Mothers' Union 8.00pm
Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8.00pm
- Wed 21 Harbury Primary School breaks up for Half Term
- Thurs 22 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Parish Council in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 23 NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
- Sat 24 Harbury Rugby Second XV home to Spartans
Soroptomists Bridge Evening in Village Hall for Rehab. Hospital
- Sun 25 **CLOCKS BACK**
LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, Holy Communion 8.00am, Sung
Eucharist 10.30am, Evensong 4.00pm
Harbury Rugby Mini & Juniors U16, 14, 13 & 7-12 Training
- Tues 27 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Julian Group in Church 8.00pm
- Thurs 29 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 30 **ARTICLES TO: PARTY PARAPHERNALIA by 5.30pm**
- Sat 31 **HALLOWEEN**
County Air Ambulance Jumble/Tabletop Sale, Village Hall 2.30pm
Harbury Rugby First XV home to Trentham
Third XV home to OL's 5
Junior Football Disco in Village Hall
Village Club Fancy Dress Halloween Dance with
'The Challengers' 8.00pm

NOVEMBER

- Sun** 1 **ALL SAINTS** - Sung Eucharist 9.00am, Faith Lunch at Noon in Tom Hauley Room, Evensong 4.00pm
Harbury Rugby Mini & Juniors U16, 14 & 13s home to Kenilworth
- Mon** 2 **ALL SOULS**, Holy Communion 7.30pm
Harbury Primary return to School
- Tues** 3 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society 8.00pm in Village Hall
- Wed** 4 Holy Communion 2.00pm
- Thurs** 5 Holy Communion 9.45am
Storytelling in Library 10.00am
Mens Group in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
Folk Club in Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri** 6 **NEWSPAPER COLLECTION**
- Sat** 7 **BONFIRE PARTY AT RECREATION GROUND** 6.00pm
Rugby Third XV home to Warwick
- Sun** 8 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
Holy Communion 8.00am, Remembrance Service 10.15am, Sung Eucharist 4.00pm
Harbury Mini & Junior U6, 14, 13 & 7-12 Rugby Training

Please note: **Adverts to 14 Binswood End by Thursday 15th October**
 Articles to Nifty Needle by Friday 30th October

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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
Tel.: 612377

Laugh Line

It was our Harvest Festival Sunday. My husband had cut his ear while shaving. We arrived at the Church to sing - *'First the blade and then the ear.'*

FROM THE RECTOR

In a Churchyard in Dorset the inscription on the grave of Benjamin Jesty reads: "He was particularly noted for having been the first person that introduced the Cow Pox by inoculation and who, from his great strength of mind made the experiment (from the Cow) on his wife and two sons in the year 1774." One cannot help wondering how Mrs Jesty felt about being used in such a way! But then most marriages contain certain elements of the unexpected which can turn out to be surprisingly beneficial

Maureen and Peter had been married for five years when their marriage began to show signs of severe strain. Peter sought consolation elsewhere. Maureen recalls her feelings: "We had virtually given up practising our faith and I felt utterly alone and isolated. Pride stopped me talking to my family about our situation. We discussed divorce. I genuinely thought Peter might be happier with someone else. Then I looked at the children and I realised how hard it would be on them apart from having to live with a terrific sense of failure myself. Recognising my own faults I prayed for a restoration of my faith, deciding that irrespective of right or wrong I would try to be a 'perfect' wife - I could at least then die with a good conscience! I had abandoned any hope of future happiness. I would accept Peter as he was without trying to change him even if that meant living with his infidelities."

"In the years since I have repeatedly failed in most of my good intentions but there have been some fantastic bonuses. Peter and I have built a happy and supportive marriage. My faith is now deep and rewarding. Seeing our children starting life happily in good jobs is another gift, but perhaps the greatest bonus is my personal sense of peace and liberation."

"From the depths of despair I experienced in a very real way God's loving care for me through marriage. Whereas before I depended on others to make me happy by loving me, I now find I am happy just being and seeing my family happy. In a strange way the minute I started to lose myself and let go I began to find myself in a new way."

Maureen's story is a true one and it sums up the very heart of the vocation of marriage and family life. She succeeded where others fail because she accepted the difficulties as a chance to grow not as an excuse to give up.

We are all given such chances to 'grow', we need to recognise them for what they are and take a chance with God. Inoculations are successful because the body becomes immune to the disease by fighting and overcoming it. Maybe that gravestone in Dorset tells us more than one thing about the surprises of family life!

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony at Ladbroke

12th September - James Daniels to Jennifer Knott

Holy Matrimony at Harbury

26th September - Dominic Sayers to Sam Wilkinson

Holy Baptism

6th September - Joseph Christopher Mann

13th September - Corinne Knowles

20th September - Luke Paul Moreau

27th September - Babette Victoria Ritson

Joshua Charles Ritson

Jade Shannon Burnie

Funerals

7th August at Oakley Wood - Mary Hodges

4th September at All Saints', Ladbroke - Rachel Wall

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

A final reminder that the Confirmation Service will be held in Church on Sunday 11th October at 6.30pm. The Bishop of Coventry, the Right Rev. Colin Bennetts will preside.

All Saints Day 1st November, which is our Patronal Festival, falls this year on a Sunday and to celebrate we shall be holding a Faith Lunch in the Tom Hauley Room at 12 noon. Further details will appear on the notice board and in the pew sheet.

We are delighted to have received the gift of an electronic organ for the Church. We are sure it will soon be in regular use and we offer grateful thanks to the donor.

Looking ahead, the Christmas Fair will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th December.

Ruth & Jeff

MOTHERS' UNION

We began our 1998/99 year with two devotional meetings.

At the afternoon meeting, Canon Ken Phillips gave an address on the subject of 'Be Open.' This was followed by discussion and tea in the Tom Hauley Room.

For the evening meeting Father Peter Snow's subject was 'Can we believe the Bible?' - also followed by a discussion.

Our Next Meetings are:

Wednesday October 7th - 2.30pm 'The History of Knitting'

Tuesday October 20th - 8.00pm 'Favourite Keepsakes'
(Members please bring a keepsake to share with others)

Audrey Tebaldi & Anne Moore

TODDLERS' SERVICE

At our September service Mrs Bedford told us the story of David and Goliath. We heard how God helped little David to beat the giant and how He can help us to do difficult things.

First we sang "My God is so Big" accompanied by Mr Catt on his Clarinet.

Afterwards the children made "Giants" out of paper plates and card.

The next service is at 2.15pm on **Tuesday October 13th**.

C. Mary Catt

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| Fri | 9 | Harvest Supper 7.30pm in Village Hall |
| Sun | 11 | Pentecost 19 - Sung Communion 9.00am |
| Tues | 13 | Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club Prize Draw, The Bell Inn 8.00pm |
| Wed | 14 | Women's Fellowship 'Quiet Day' at Offchurch |
| Thurs | 15 | ADVERTS TO: 14 Binswood End, Harbury by 5.30pm |
| Fri | 16 | Millennium Green Trust A.G.M. at the Village Hall 7.00pm |
| Sun | 18 | ST. LUKE - Sung Communion 9.00am; Evensong 6.00pm
Children's Church 10.30am |
| Thurs | 22 | Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I. A.G.M. |
| Fri | 23 | 'Las Vegas' Evening at the Village Hall 7.30pm |

- Sun 25** Last Sunday after Trinity, Sung Communion 9.00am
Mon 26 Southam & District Local History Society meeting at St. Mary's School, Southam 7.30pm
Wed 28 ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE, Holy Communion 7.30pm
Fri 30 ARTICLES TO: Paraphernalia, Chapel Street, Harbury by 5.30pm

NOVEMBER

- Sun 1** All Saints: - Family Communion 10.30am, Faith Lunch 12.00 noon at Harbury in the Tom Hauley Room
Wed 4 Ladbroke Village Hall A.G.M. at 8.00pm
Sun 8 Remembrance Service; Sung Communion & Act of Remembrance 9.00am

FLOWER ROTA

- 11th October - Mrs Beryl Darkes 1st November - Mrs Jane Lesley
 18th October - Mrs Kate Todman 8th November - Mrs Sue Moore
 25th October - Mrs Rhiann Kelsall (Remembrance Sunday)

Jane Rutherford

LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS



We managed to get four young members of our community to take part in the sponsored cycle ride on September 12th. They all did exceptionally well. How much money they raised we shall know by November's magazine. Jenny Dodds (14 yrs) and her friend Vicky Cowley (14 yrs) and James Constable (12 yrs) and his friend Philip Brierly (12 yrs) managed well over 20 miles each. We are all really proud of them.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving is at the Family Service 10.30am this weekend - will children please bring their baskets of produce? There are still some tickets for the Harvest Supper. **Friday 9th October** - 7.30pm in the Village Hall - usually a full house so don't leave it to the last minute.

As we have lost Gwladys Gould as one of the Children's Church helpers; for the time being we shall be meeting just once a month at the old time of 10.30am on the third Sunday. Therefore the next meeting will be **October 18th** St. Luke's day. New members always welcome.

Betty Winkfield

WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

Many thanks to Elsa and Stan Greenway for the use of their conservatory for our September meeting. A very pleasant venue on a sunny afternoon. It was good to welcome Gwynne back again. She is making a slow recovery back to full mobility.

Pam Brown gave us an insight into the way the family had to adapt to the changes they all had to make while Roy was away for three years doing his theological training in Oxford. Not least of which was the financial problems and almost being a "one parent family". Thank you Pam.

Next month we are having a "Quiet Day" at Offa House on **Wednesday 14th October**. Arriving there in time for coffee at 10.30am and leaving after tea about 4.00pm. The price is £10.00 each which includes lunch. Please let me know if you would like to join us by **Monday 12th October** so that I can confirm numbers to Offa House. Anyone is most welcome to join us.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The Beetle Drive, held on September 18th was very poorly attended. Even so, we had a great evening - the adults enjoyed it as much as the children. We plan to hold another one in the future, on a day more amenable to the children. The September Meeting was held on the 24th when we had a very good attendance to receive the W.I.M.P.S. (W.I. Members Promotional Services). The President welcomed them and three visitors. Four County House members gave us an interesting evening (wine included). The ladies were asked what they could suggest to improve their W.I. and there were no complaints! No wonder the Committee had thought that they deserved an evening out which will be a Bowling evening and dinner at Helidon Lakes, on **September 28th**. - not on W.I. funds I should add!

One of our members celebrates a Special Birthday this month and she had made two delicious cakes which were enjoyed by all.

The raffle prizes were won by Jill, Beryl and Reidun.

The October meeting is on **October 22nd** when it is our A.G.M. Hope to see you there - I don't yet know what the Committee has in store for you.

The Autumn Council meeting is at The Benn Hall Rugby on **October 20th**. Lifts are being arranged - if you need one, please contact our President, Susan Moore. Names are being taken for our Christmas dinner in December.

Tea Hostesses for October are: Gwynne Badman and Beryl Darkes.

Hazel Sharples

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

The A.G.M. of Ladbroke Village Hall will take place on **4th November** at 8.00pm. All are welcome.

The next function will be a Las Vegas evening on **Friday October 23rd** at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5.00 to include a Ploughman's Supper.

The eighth prize draw of the Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club was held on September 14th at the Bell Inn. The winners were Muriel Grey - £80.00, Ivy Harvey - £50.00, Peter Edgar - £25.00. The £10.00 prizes went to Beryl Ross, Kim Ryan, Sheena Healey, Ron Abbott and Gwladys Gould. The next prize draw will take place on **Tuesday 13th October** at the Bell Inn at 8.00pm. Any new members will be welcome. Please make contact on 814362.

Catherine Spence

LADBROKE MILLENNIUM NEWS

GRANTS UPDATE

We are delighted to report that we have been successful in our application to the Countryside Commission/Millennium Commission, Lottery Fund, for a grant to assist with our Millennium Green.

They have granted us 50% of the cost of purchasing the land and creating and establishing the Green.

This is a huge step forward for us and what we now have to do is concentrate on raising the other 50%. The endorsement of our proposals by these major National organisations may well assist us in our attempts to get other Grant funds.

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Your Pledge - for any amount - should be sent to Peter Baker at April Cottage, Hedges Close (Tel. 811606).

Millennium Green Trust

The Trust is now in existence and the ownership and maintenance of the Green will be vested in the Trust. The Trustees have called the first A.G.M. of the Trust - to be held on **Friday 16th October** in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting is open to the public and it is hoped that as many villagers as possible will attend.

The AGM will be followed by an update of the progress to date on the Planning and Management aspects of the Green.

Peter Baker

SOUTHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Ladbroke Section

If you missed our history display in St. James' Church, Southam, we are now looking towards the John Turner Festival at Southam School, **November 7th**, for further displays. This is another opportunity to look up our local history, (including Ladbroke) and speak to the experts, as well as our opportunity to gather information in from yourselves.

At Leamington Library on **Thursday October 29th**, 10.00am - 4.00pm, there is a Local History Roadshow. Historical objects can be identified and you can learn how to trace your family or research your house.

Our next meeting is at St. Mary's School, Southam on **Monday October 26th**, 7.30pm, when Bernard Pumfrey will talk about the Country Houses of Mercia. Visitors welcome at £1.00.

A snippet from Ladbroke's past.

October is the time for the Mop Fairs and the Ladbroke residents would have walked to join Southam's Fairs. Today it is a children's and teenager's delight of colourful rides, bright lights and loud music, but originally it was the opportunity for the locals to change their jobs.

Southam once had two fairs; the one for initial hiring and a run-a-way mop for those who had badly chosen and needed to re-hire themselves.

The School Log Book of Victorian Ladbroke gives us an insight into the village's association with these Mop Fairs, when there was regular non-attendance after lunchtime. So much so, that by the turn of the 20th Century it became a half-day holiday for each Fair.

Fox Hunting was another opportunity to be absent, but here stronger measures of punishment restricted their absence.

1885 - "Foxhounds came to Ladbroke again, but no children went after them I gave those who absented themselves from school last week, lines to write."

Linda Doyle

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

At the September meeting of the Ladbroke Parish Council, Councillor Peter West took the Chair, in the absence of Mr Peter Williamson. County Councillor Bob Stevens attended, with Michael Boden Pritchett to present the footpaths report and one member of the public. (A different one from usual!)

Crime Report

Two cars had been broken into during the month of July but there was no reported crime in August.

Resurfacing of Windmill Lane and Banbury Road

In an attempt to co-ordinate all of the services which need to dig up the road before the resurfacing takes place, a letter is to be sent to the Planning and Transport Co-ordinator alerting him that the Electricity Board will need access as well as Severn Trent Water Authority.

Warwickshire Structure Plan

Most Councillors have had the opportunity to view the video explaining the Warwickshire Structure Plan. All thought it was an effective way of presenting the information. There does not seem to be anything within the plan which will affect this village.

Carol Northorpe

SPECIAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - SEPTEMBER

A special meeting was called mainly to discuss financial assistance to the Twinning Association for which there was ample public support in the Hall. The first item, however, was fees and charges - there will be no increase in allotment rents from September 1999, nor in cemetery charges, but despite a move by John Woodward to freeze it, there will be an increase of £5.00 in the Football Club rent to £175.00 p.a.

The Victorian Street Fair Committee donate all their profits to charity and so they have no funds of their own. They wanted a grant towards the cost of purchasing new decorative lights at a cost of approximately £300.00. Your Council supported the Committee and decided to buy the lights, put them in the safe keeping of the Village Hall Committee and make them available to the Street Fair Committee and any other village organisation that was interested.

And so to the main item on the agenda - financial assistance to the Twinning Association for the return visit by Samois which takes place on 16/17 October. The Association has raised funds of its own (£1,500 so far, and expected finally to be £2,000) obtained sponsorship from Massey Ferguson (£200 + gifts), obtained an EU grant (£4,700) and approached Stratford District Council (who have since granted £330.00) and also the County Council (who are unable to assist). It was asking the Parish Council to provide a 'bridging' loan which is needed pending receipt of the promised EU grant paid retrospectively against eligible expenses.

From the tone of the meeting, the Association was always going to get what it wanted. Councillors all supported the event (even John Woodward and Ron Grey who felt they were being bounced into providing the funds), but they were very keen to stress that the grant was towards one-off expenses of lasting benefit to the village - it was not towards "junketing" as hospitality would be provided by fund-raising efforts, hosting of the French families by the villagers and by ticket sales for Harbury people attending the Saturday night Celebration Dinner. A grant of £1,500 was awarded towards, amongst other things, a permanent flagpole with three flags in front of the Village Hall, three road signs and bunting to be kept by the Village Hall Committee, and which will probably be used first by the Victorian Street Fair. They would all remain in the ownership of the Parish Council to be available for appropriate future occasions.

There was understandably close questioning from John Woodward on the need for the loan. Before the Council approved it, John Hunt wanted a guarantee from the Association (which Ken Stephenson gave). The Parish Council was satisfied that the grant will be received, but not until after the

event as actual amounts would not be known until the expenditure was incurred. Eventually, an interest-free loan of up to £5,000 was approved pending receipt by the Association of the EU grant. A move by John Woodward and Ron Grey to charge interest was defeated. The Association would not seek any Parish Council grant which could have been provided for 'qualifying organisations' of the Parish. The Parish Council wished the event every success.

And so to lighting at Hillside - a 5m. column had been installed instead of the 4m. column specified. Having seen it, John Hunt was happy with it but wanted his colleagues to take a look. John Woodward offered a different view. Further discussion would take place at the next meeting.

A planning application had been received from the Cement Works - it was massive - thirteen industrial units, a one hundred bedroom hotel plus houses. There was general support for some industrial development, but concern at the inappropriate infra-structure (particularly roads) to support the development.

A new application at Tresco Farm for a four-bedroom, two bathroom house was not supported.

Problems with the shared homes at Hillside will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

John Lapraik

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Here is the Parish Council News for 24th September 1998 BT.

A commemorative tree will be planted and four flags raised on the new Flagpole outside the Village Hall for the Twinning Ceremony on 17th October. The Village Hall fence is to be painted black and Ken Stephenson is keen to have all the upgraded footway lighting in place **Before the Twinning**. He wants directions signs straightened, **BT**; weeds removed from the footpaths, **BT**; the Ivy Lane lamps painted, **BT**; the lychgate light cleared of dead flies, **BT**; etc, etc!

There was lengthy wrangling over lights elsewhere. The Give Way sign in Farm St cannot be illuminated so they want to move it opposite the cottages where it can connect to the electricity. Chairman Sharon Hancock warned the protagonists that they were told to consult the residents. The men also argued tediously over whether the Hillside lamps should stay at 5 metres or be reduced to 4 metres and who would pay for the changes.

The Youth Club was wound up but has considerable assets it wants the PC to use for the benefit of young people. There is a possibility that the Youth Video Group may set up a club financed by the District.

Cllr Drinkwater reported vandalism and disorder at the Playing Fields during the conker season with cars damaged and windows broken. The Police have been asked to deal with the disgraceful incidents of cats being deliberately shot and Cllr Andrew Cooley asked the PC to give the District details as they have to identify anti-social behaviour under the Crime and Disorder Act.

Complaints that the Dog Fouling signs were too high up to be read (by dogs?) were countered by the explanation they had been moved up the posts to deter vandals. Cllr Woodward is to plant a thousand crocus bulbs round the village.

Pc Bosworth has spoken to parents who persist in dropping children off at school and cause congestion and danger at the Mill Street entrance. The Councillors were delighted with the innovative idea of the "Virtual Bus" where parents on a rota basis pick up groups of children and WALK them to school safely.



The Walking Bus in Farm Street

In years gone by Parishes "Beat the Bounds" on Rogation Sunday to ensure that neighbours did not "steal" their territory so that all parishioners knew the Parish lands intimately. Now it seems few people, even Councillors, know or care what is ours.

The new owner of Crown Cottage wanted to buy some of the land in front of his house. Some Councillors favoured this but fortunately John Drinkwater was able to show that the land is registered "Village Green" and cannot be sold. He questioned why the Crown Street footpath did not extend in front of the Homestead but was assured that the land was privately owned.

However, when it comes to even bigger parcels of land all the Councillors seem willing to give away our birthright. They will discuss boundary changes giving Bishops Itchington our part of Harbury Quarries and the Works at the next meeting on Thursday October 22nd 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Planning Stratford DC granted tree work at Denys Close, Temple End; extensions at 7, Ivy Lane, The Spires, Chesterton Road, 6a, Mill Street, 21, Deppers Bridge, The Old Bakery Chapel Street, and 2, Farm Close. The application to build two bungalows at Threeways was withdrawn.

The Parish Council made no comments on tree work at West End Cottage, Mill Street and 41, Farm Street, a conservatory at Northcote, Deppers Bridge, an extension at 35, Farm Street, a pitched roof at 7, Heber Drive and the change from 'industrial' to 'residential' at Dovehouse Autos.

The carport planned for 25, South Parade was too large and too far forward and they asked the authority to check the building line on plans for Hall Bungalow. Moores application for a change of use from 'agricultural' to 'industrial' use was supported in principle but there were concerns about environmental safeguards and access.

Plans for "Tresco Barn" were an over development of the listed Barn, materials were not specified and access was also a problem. The Council was also concerned about the traffic implications of the substantial development planned by Blue Circle at the Quarries where they wanted to build a very large hotel.

Other Planning Matters: The Village Design Statement was going through the approval procedure and District Councillor Cooley urged the Parish Council to quote it when opposing development in future. Cllr Middleton had asked that the Enforcement Officer get BT to remove their Mast from the Exchange. Councillors were mulling over the Deposit Draft of the Structure Plan and intended to re-iterate their objections to the housing policies.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY SOCIETY

The WASP video is the County Council's innovative way of illustrating the Structure Plan - the Document that will guide development in Warwickshire to 2011. We showed the latest version to a select few on Wednesday 16th September and the response was very lively.

The plan has to provide for housing not only for our own natural increase but for migration from the West Midlands, however planners are trying to ensure this development is as "sustainable" as possible. Housing will have to relate to employment, to public transport and to the ability of settlements to absorb and service the extra people. Most of the increase is to be absorbed in the urban areas and where possible on "Brownfield sites" that is those that are derelict or previously developed, rather than "greenfield sites".

But the plan makes clear that if rural communities have actually expressed a desire or need for housing, employment etc through consultations like Parish Appraisals then the policies will not preclude them getting what they want! It keeps out the big builders but lets small villages have some "organic" growth.

Comments on the plan can be made on the official forms available with the plan (cost £5.00) from Anni Alsop at the County Council (410410) up until 16th October 1998.

Hungry Harbury (£4.00) has been reprinted and is available from Linda Ridgley 612792.

On Wednesday 7th October we have invited Graham Sutherland to tell us about the Evolution of the Police Force. We meet 7.30pm for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

Then it is back to stinging insects on Wednesday 11th November when John Home of Deppers Bridge gives a talk on Bees and Beekeeping (same time and venue as above).

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Harbury is at the forefront of this innovative project and on 21st September our Village Design Statement took its first step towards being approved as Supplementary Planning Guidance, which will give it legal clout.

VDS from six south Warwickshire parishes were endorsed by the Community Service Committee and when finally adopted these six will double the national total of Village Design Statements.

With six waiting to be adopted at Christmas and another six in the New Year, Warwickshire (and Harbury) are setting the standard for other communities who want to have a say in how their villages develop in future.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the well attended September meeting members enjoyed 'A Musical Evening with Keyboard' with Mrs Christine Sheen. As Christine said she had previously had bad experiences with pianos when asked to play, she invested in a keyboard and her problems were solved. To show its versatility she started with Chopin, Bach, Scott Joplin and Strauss, each played with the appropriate sounding accompaniment. She then played one piece in different styles and The Queen of Sheba as played by two pianists, then on to Latin American and Jazz.

Christine has a beautiful voice and with her pre-recorded accompaniment sang a piece from Carmen, an hilarious song about Weight Watchers, some American Folk songs and to finish, Armenian and Azerbaijan songs in their mother tongue. Not only a versatile keyboard but a talented lady.

The Produce Show was successful and the entries were of a high standard despite the awful weather we have had. The children's entries were super and they all deserved to win. Congratulations to Pam Merchant and Celia Barrett who were awarded cups for their efforts.

Members and guests had a excellent evening at the W.I. Harvest Supper. Many thanks to Pat Smith and her team for the delicious meal and service, to Sylvia Burdett for the flower arrangements and to all helpers.

Mr Richard Westcott is an actor who has just finished playing Bottom in Midsummer Nights Dream but he is also a Pantomime Dame and that is what he was on the night. It was fascinating to see him transform himself, firstly with makeup, then his layers of clothing with high heel shoes, hat, wig and earrings. His personality changed completely as he dressed and became a dame. He chatted and joked and we all joined with him in his banter and songs. "Oh, yes it was a happy evening. Oh, no it wasn't" a dull one.

October Hostesses: Pam Merchant, Wendy Knowles, Jeanne Beaumont.

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP - *Aladdin*

At the end of November we are producing a family pantomime - *Aladdin* by David Swan. *Aladdin* was last produced in Harbury in 1984 so none of you will remember the story!

We have some well-loved (old!) faces in the panto as well as some new names and faces. Some of the youngsters you will remember from "The Toy Story" Nicky Brunt is to play *Aladdin* with Rhiannon Buck as Princess Jasmine. And the Genie will be Robert Stringer. We will be the envy of other theatre groups with the casting of the twins Chop-Chop and Na-Na because we have real life twins Chesney and Charlotte Coleman.

I vaguely remember that Keith Hayes played Widow Twankey superbly last time and this is the role he has in the production. But he won't be able to just polish up last time's script - we don't believe in making things easy.

Watch out for the posters and further details which will appear in next month's Harbury News. But if you want to make sure of your tickets now, please book them in advance by phoning me. Dates are 26th, 27th and 28th November - with a matinee on the Saturday and tickets will be £4.00 for adults and £2.00 for children.

Competition: 2 free children's tickets for the first person "out of the hat" on 12th October who can tell me who played Aladdin, The Genie, The Princess and Widow Twankey in our last production. Written entries and non-Theatre Group members only.

Carol Percival
12 Farm Street (612175)

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

It was during the August Folk Club when I was reminded that it was my turn to host the meeting which was to be held on September 3rd. Suddenly I panicked as I had no idea what theme to select for the evening. I consulted my diary to find that the folk club was just before the Beer Festival and also the Harbury Hash. I therefore thought it would be appropriate to have "Hash and Beer" as the theme. Liz and I started the evening with the familiar song about beer, "Doll Thy Ale", but couldn't think of anything to do with hash, so we sang "Flash Company", as it rhymed.

This seemed to set the course of the evening. There were plenty of songs about beer and the like, but very few about hashing. Having said that, the highlight of the evening for me was a hilarious self-penned rendition entitled "On-on Again" performed by Harbury's own Hashmaster, Mike Putnam.

During the evening there was a varied selection of contributions, all performed to a very high standard by our other regulars namely The Harvesters, Rick Middleton, Peter McDonald, Steve Dudley, Des, Ron and John Black. In addition to this it was also good to have more of the next generation taking part when Daniel and Aaron delighted us with their deft guitar playing. Also it was good to welcome Michael Melbourne from New Zealand (very confusing!), who was visiting the club for the first time. He entertained us with some accomplished classical guitar playing.

Any fear I may have had that the evening would be without humour, were dispelled when Keith Donolly turned up somewhat expectedly. He is a very good friend of the club and his quick witted jokes and musical ability, made what would have been a good evening, even better. Many thanks to all who took part, and also to Jay for once again allowing us the free use of his back room.

Many thanks also to those who took part in the raffle. I have no idea how much it made but I do know the proceeds went towards the costs involved in the folk club exchange weekend. This was with the Stranraer Folk club and took place a couple of weeks later.

By the time you read this, the October's meeting will have been and gone, so the next meeting to publicise is the one which will be on **November 5th**. This will be hosted by John Kemsley, providing no one's put him on top of a bonfire!

Pete Bones

1ST HARBURY GUIDES

As you know, when Pam Shepherd retired recently, Carolyn Dorning and Ursula Bowyer agreed to run the unit for a six week trial period. They and the girls have got on very well and have made all sorts of plans, but unfortunately because of domestic arrangements, neither Ursula nor Carolyn are able to continue with the arrangement.

This means that next **Monday 28th September** will be the last meeting for the Harbury Guides, unless anybody is prepared to come forward to take over running the unit. To comply with Guiding regulations and for insurance purposes, it is necessary to have at least one leader in uniform.

We appreciate that there have been a number of pleas over recent months for help with Guides in Harbury, which have met with little or no response, but without this help, regretfully Guides will cease in the village.

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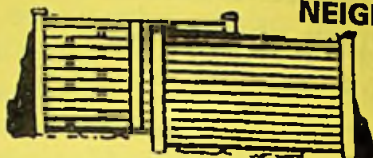
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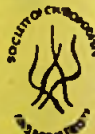
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A number of mums have said that they would be prepared to help out on odd occasions - perhaps you could get together to discuss the possibility of a rota system with two taking overall responsibility on alternate weeks?

There are sixteen keen Guides in the unit - it would be a great shame to see that enthusiasm lost. The other three units in the District are all well attended and would therefore be unlikely to take any extra Guides at present.

Please do give careful consideration to the problem - it is time consuming and it is a commitment, but it is worthwhile and fun, and you're never alone! There is a great deal of backup and support available, as well as training. The community will be a poorer place without Guides - do help if you can! Please telephone me if you are prepared to help in any way on 01926 812183.

Lesley Foster
Southam District Commissioner

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL

"Lizzie, Lizzie spinning top,
 Ever ready, never stop.
 Dancing in the morning dew,
 Barefoot tap, one-two, one-two".

The theme for the first half of this autumn term is toys. The children have each made a Lizzie Doll puppet and have enjoyed learning the rhyme for Lizzie to dance to.

With a very busy start to the term, the first two lines probably also apply to Kate Smart and her staff! There are lots of new faces, while the older children have left Nursery and started School with hardly a backwards glance.

The Nursery School runs five morning sessions, from 9.00am - 12.00 noon and Monday afternoon 12.45 - 3.15pm. Kate is also hoping to start a Wednesday afternoon session after half term.

A new Committee has been elected, so fund-raising will begin again. Some dates for your diaries are:

A Book Week in conjunction with the School running from **Monday September 28th until Friday October 2nd**.

Gary Maxwell returns to photograph the Nursery and School children on **Tuesday October 6th**. Any parents with a young child who would like to take advantage of this good value pack, please come to the Nursery at 9.00am that morning.

In the Village Hall on **Saturday October 10th**, there will be an 80/20 Sale of Children's clothes, toys and baby equipment. It runs from 10.30am - 12 noon and admission is 20p per person. If you have things you want to sell, please call Nicola on 612821.

On **Thursday October 22nd** there will be a sponsored bike ride for Nursery children and on **Thursday December 3rd** there will be a Christmas Coffee Morning and raffle in the Tom Hauley Room.

Sarah Woods

HARBURY PLAYGROUP

The new term is under way and we are pleased to welcome the children back to Playgroup. The Staff and Committee have had a busy summer, following our decision to apply for government funding for four year olds. Once our application has been accepted an OFSTED inspection will take place, probably early in the New Year.

We are sorry to lose Carol Phipps as Playgroup Supervisor. Her tireless patience and care have benefited so many children over the years. We all wish her luck for the future. The children will remain in excellent hands under our new Supervisor, Marie Coleman, who has worked at Playgroup for the past five years. We welcome Gill Guilford as Deputy Supervisor and Chris Baldwin and Diane Clark as Playgroup Assistants. Sue Van Hoorbeck will be retiring from her regular mornings, but we are pleased to say she will be popping in to see the children and give relief cover when needed.

At Playgroup the emphasis, as always, is on learning through play. Our newly decorated playroom provides a homely environment for the under-fives where they can make new friends and have lots of fun with games and toys. There is a wide variety of stimulating activities including painting, model-making, sand and water play, all of them supervised by our experienced staff. If you have a pre-school child and would like to visit the Playgroup, please call in anytime Tuesday to Friday 9.15am - 12.15pm, or telephone Marie Coleman on 612959 for more information.

Playgroup's AGM with cheese and wine will take place at 8.00pm on **Monday 5th October** at the Wight School. Please come along to hear about Playgroup's work during the last twelve months and our exciting plans for the year ahead. We would particularly like to invite parents of pre-school children who may be interested in sending their child to Playgroup and also anyone who would like to help with the work of the Committee. For more information, please telephone Carolyn Dorning on 612307.

We will have a stall at the Victorian Street Fayre selling home-made soup and baked potatoes with a variety of tasty fillings. Your custom will be most appreciated and all the money raised will help support the work of the Playgroup.

Playgroup Committee

HARBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

A smile from summer

We are looking into the possibility of starting a 'Steel pans for adults' evening class. If you are interested in learning to play these wonderful instruments please get in touch sooner rather than later. Sessions are likely to be on Tuesdays from 7.00pm. ☎ Mrs Nikki Jones 613982.

Evening Activities

Coventry Olympic Gymnastics club meets every Monday evening in the school hall, a wide range of gymnastics for all abilities, all children from four upwards are welcome esp. Beginners, 6.00 - 7.00pm, come along or ☎ 01203 711068 Mr Tex Coton.

Keepfit to music Thursdays 7.30 to 9.00 and Fridays 6.30 to 7.30pm.

Morris Dancers Wednesdays 8.00 - 10.00pm.

Decision time for Brownies and Guides

The future of these groups in Harbury is in considerable doubt as the search for new leaders has so far been unsuccessful. The Guides face immediate closure. Brownies will have only one leader from half term and this contravenes adult:child ratios and Health & Safety regulations. It is decision time! If you wish to see Brownies and Guides provide a positive outlet for girls and you can give up a little of your time please contact Mrs Ursel Bowyer ☎ 613057 (Guides) or Mrs Karen Bradford ☎ 612776 (Brownies).

Kids Club

Staff needed to cover holiday leave: 2 weeks (paid) from 5th October, mornings only. A playscheme will operate during October half term 8.30am to 5.30pm. Contact Mrs Lynn Jackson ☎ 613740 for either/both as soon as possible.

Calendar

Next year the School is planning to publish a calendar, which will be produced by children using a digital camera and PC. The calendar will feature portraits of children whose birthday is in that month, interspaced with advertisements for local companies or organisations. There are some spare

boxes available and we are asking for a donation of £5.00 for each box per month. If you know of any organisation that would like to be involved please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible.

Paul Milner (Headteacher)

HARBURY PTA

At the Victorian Street Fair we will be running a "Jam Jar Jamboree" stall as seen at this year's Summer Fair.

The A.G.M. is an excellent opportunity to meet the Committee in convivial surroundings, find out what's been happening, how much money has been raised and what it's been spent on and maybe even join in. Any questions please contact Mr Alan Guy on 614242. Please remember that this is your PTA and its aims are to help provide/improve facilities and conditions for your children at school, as well as organising fun activities for everyone.

Alan Guy

HARBURY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB 1998/9 SEASON

The new football season is already well under way, with last season's exploits, the World Cup Finals and even Harbury's own 6 a side tournament beginning to dwindle in the mind.

For the unaware, Harbury has a thriving Junior Football Club with over 100 players enjoying regular training sessions as well as friendly and fully competitive league matches in the appropriate age groups.

This season Harbury Juniors will compete in three age groups (Under 15's, Under 13's and Under 11's) within the Woodford and District League, playing home matches on the Playing Fields pitches. We also have an Under 9's group based at the Playing Fields and our youngest group, the Under 8's, play on the school pitch courtesy of Paul Milner, headmaster of Harbury School. Our thanks to Paul for his continued support of Junior Football in the village. The two younger age groups have a programme of friendly matches arranged for them to prepare for the competitive matches to come as they grow older.

The Club has grown considerably in recent seasons, and as it fields more Harbury teams, so the pressure on pitches mounts. We are writing to surrounding landowners to see if they can help us. If anyone does want to come to our aid please call Joe Greenwell on 613623.

The Club also has a flourishing fund raising and social programme. Parents and village supporters have been tremendously generous, enabling us to ensure we are well equipped with footballs, nets, cones, flags, new 5 a side

tournament goals as well as match strips etc. One of our coaches, Steve Darby (who has a morbid fascination for Aston Villa!) is already planning the Club trip to see an Aston Villa home game this season. To be fair, as they say, this was a highlight of last season, with two coachloads from the village descending on Aston in the morning for a 5 a side tournament followed by the match - a great day out. There is also talk of our first international fixture as we take on a side from our Twin Town this season.

The Club has a very enthusiastic, committed and able (in most cases) group of coaches. We would like more coaches, referees or training helpers, therefore if there are any budding Glenn Hoddles who feel able to help us on a regular basis, again please give me a call. If fund-raising is more in your line I can put you in touch with our Fund-raising Group, who would welcome new supporters.

If you just want to watch football or introduce your child to us then come to the Village Hall or school pitches on any weekend and talk to any coach. We would like to see more villagers support the teams on match days - it gives the players an extra lift. You can't miss the coaches, they are the stressed out ones, wearing odd clothing and moving with difficulty.

A final, polite request to dog owners regarding the Village Hall pitches. Last season the evidence that not all dog owners were abiding by the rules concerning the fouling of the grounds was occasionally all too clear. Given the use of the football pitches this coming year, and the reaction of home and opposition players to the problem last season, we would appreciate it if dog owners could help in keeping the pitches clean. Many thanks.

Joe Greenwell (613623)

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

We're 'between seasons' this month and the only activity going on (apart from Club Nights) is the semi-finals and finals of the Dave Brown Trophy. Semi-finalists are David Snell and Lucy Thompson versus Keith Phipps and Sue Panton. Geoff Prince and Susie Tawney versus Colin Mercer and Pauline Hayes are on the other side of the draw.

Our recent Jumble Sale was a great success - thank you to everyone who supported us.

Dates for the diaries!

- **AGM and Auction 19th October at 8.00pm (Tom Hauley Room)**
PLEASE TRY AND COME!
- **Tennis and Balti evening Sunday 15th November.**

David Snell



HARBURY



Jane Hancock, only daughter of John and Sharon Hancock married Peter Stagg, younger son of Brian and Marion Stagg of Farnham, Surrey on August 8th at Harbury Church. Jane who is a Primary School teacher met Peter who is a Mechanical Engineer at an Orienteering event in Sweden. Since then they have travelled the world but are now settled in Bath.

WEDDINGS



Elizabeth Travis only daughter of John and Dorothy Travis married Mark Kitchener on August 15th at Harbury Church. Elizabeth who is a Primary School teacher met Mark who is a Motor Technician in Bath. The couple honeymooned on a cruise up the Danube and they are living in Peterborough.

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB - SEPTEMBER

The League XI crashed to defeat against Bahrain Sports in Division III of the Coventry League. Bharat amassed 262, though Ed Russell managed a creditable 4-48. Harbury struggled hard for a draw but were eventually all out for 134 with 3 overs to go. Ed Russell (39), Seb Briggs (19) and Les Sollis (18) were part of the effort. More success against Nuneaton Old Eds. in the last match of the League season. Nevertheless Harbury are likely to drop back into Division IV for next season.

In the Leamington Midweek League the side led by Greg Sherrington won the League Cup with some outstanding performances and finished in mid-table with 12 points in the premier Division. In a competition with some prestigious local sides this must be seen as a considerable success.

Put in to bat by the St Benedict's Club from Alcester on August 30th., Harbury Sunday XI started very slowly reaching 30 for 1 off 15 overs with John Wilkinson (26). However a very rapid 57 from Ian Lowe, and 19 from returning veteran, Ian Jackson, complete with bad back, took Harbury to 176 for 7 off 40 overs. In reply the St Benedict's Club made a confident start. However Harbury's bowlers gradually took control, with Ian Lowe taking 5-21 and skipper, Mike Daniels, 4-17, to reduce St Benedict's to 120 all out. At Barford, Harbury Sunday XI made their now traditional slow start reaching 41 for 2 off 20 overs with John Wilkinson (17). Fortunately Phil Linnett showed a little more drive with a swift 85, and with 15 from New Zealander Brian Tegg 19, Harbury reached 148 for 5 at tea. Phil Linnett hit six sixes, came in with the score on 15 and left when it reached 138. In reply Barford started well, but only three players reached double figures. Nevertheless the tail enders hung on for a draw on 96-8. As usual John Clifford bowled very tidily to take 1-15 off 12 overs, but the star bowler was Richard Lowe with 7-51 off 19 overs. Richard Lowe bowled fast and straight in a lifetime best performance and all seven wickets were clean bowled. A tremendous end to the season for one of Harbury's regular bowlers. The Sunday XI is only disappointed that it has not been asked to put out a team to play the French exchange visitors. There has been some muttering that it would be nice to play against a side, where there was at least a chance of winning. However, wiser counsels and better judgements have prevailed.

The success of the holiday coaching scheme for 11-15 year olds has been warmly welcomed by the Committee who have expressed thanks to Senior Coach Mike Daniels and to John Clifford and Nathan Smith. Mike is pencilled in for a Coaches Course at Edgbaston this winter. The Club were so impressed with the enthusiasm of the youngsters that they are considering not

only further youth coaching next summer, but the possibility of some indoor youth nets as well. The scheme was visited by David Parsons, the Cricket Development Officer with Warwickshire CCC. It is likely that there will again be indoor nets for senior players at Southam School in the New Year.



Youngsters attending the Holiday Coaching Scheme

The Committee approved funding for a major upgrade of the grass wicket area by a specialist contractor, who has already completed the work on the square, in an attempt to improve playing surfaces. This follows detailed discussion between visiting Worcestershire CCC Senior Groundsman Roy McClaren and Club Ground Chairman, Richard Carr. The Club has also put in bids for grants to provide a permanent non-turf wicket for next Spring. These developments are underpinned by a further extension of the Club's lease of the Middle Road Ground from the very supportive Harbury Rugby Club. The new facilities are seen as vital to the future of the Club, not least for the encouragement of youth cricket.

The Club are planning social and fund raising activities over the winter months, beginning with a Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on **October 3rd**, followed by a Race Night on **October 10th** at the Village Club - please see advert - and please come. Ed Russell is also organising a special fund raising Wheel Chair Marathon on **October 11th** in Victoria Park, Leamington. Half the proceeds from this event are to be donated to the fund to help Daniel Ashworth, so sponsors would be very welcome indeed.

Ian Jackson (Chairman)

612615

HARBURY RUGBY CLUB

September saw the start of the new rugby season - after last seasons winning of the Warwickshire League, Harbury are now playing in the Staffs/ Warwick's League. The club are optimistic that they will consolidate themselves in the new league where competition will be tougher than last year. The new Captain Baz Wassell is very confident and apart from one player who has left the Midlands, all last year's team have returned for the new season, together with several new players who have joined the club. Also several players who have come through the ranks of minis and juniors are now distinguishing themselves in the senior team. Despite pressure from more senior clubs the majority are happy to continue playing for the local club, something which the club very much appreciates.

The club intend turning out 3 teams again this season - the first and second teams at a more serious level and a third for the older generation and the younger ones wanting to learn more about the game. So as is my normal plea at this time of the year - something for every rugby enthusiast who wants a game on a Saturday afternoon. The club would welcome players of any shape, size and standard, plus of course any spectators who come down on a Saturday afternoon. Details of fixtures are listed in the Harbury News monthly diary.

The minis and junior section continue to thrive under their very active committee and again would welcome any interested youngsters to their ranks.

For further information please contact:

Ian Holroyd	612527	Graham Lewis	815196
Peter Rollason	613422		

Minis and Juniors Mike Cannon 811169

The Club looks forward to seeing new and old faces on and off the field during the coming season.

Ian Holroyd (President)

NSPCC

The NSPCC have been given permission to collect on both the Northbound and Southbound M40 service stations for a year. This has proved to be a fantastic opportunity and has so far raised £6,726. We desperately need more help so if anyone can spare two hours on October 17th and 18th please call Joan Broomfield on 614258.

Our house to house collection in July raised a total of £1,260. Thank you to all those who contributed so generously.

The next fund-raising event will be an Old Time Music Hall on **Saturday 10th October** in the Village Hall. On **21st November** the choral group Divertimento will be performing in the Church with their repertoire of seasonal songs. Please reserve these dates in your diary.

The NSPCC is known for the help and support it gives to children who suffer physical abuse but it also provides much needed advice and support for children in care. This is the Children's Advice and Representation Service (CARS). The following is a case history of a young boy called John.

John came to the Children's Advice and Representations Service for advice. He lives with his parents locally and has turned sixteen but looks only 12 and is still at school. He has a part time job at a local store which pays him £25.00 a week. His problem is that at home his Father charges him £1.00 for a shower, £1.00 for a wash and he is banned from sitting on the three piece suite and must instead sit on a dining room chair that he brings in and that costs him 50 pence.

His meals are eaten alone and he must pay for each portion on his plate. He also has to pay for any other expenses such as clothes and travel. As far as his parents are concerned he has an independent income and they are quite legally, and to all intents and purposes, justifiably choosing to behave in this way.

John knows he cannot afford to go to college but he is bright and in despair about the future. John has now had several sessions with a trained NSPCC volunteer Independent Visitor and for the first time he understands the Children's Act, which is supposed to support him; whether his parents threats are empty or valid; his rights to ask to come into care and who is responsible for his education. He also has access to good legal advice, which now means he understands which of his parents acts against him are illegal or something he can do nothing about.

At last he can see a future and a way through the hurt, deprivation and depression. He will be helped into independence and Further Education and will no longer have to think about sleeping rough in London, something he thought about a great deal before.

The work with John has been mainly centred around educating John to understand his rights and responsibilities. Later, when he goes into care, which is likely, even if it is only a temporary transition into independent living, we will be providing one of our volunteers to keep a watching brief, a sort of friendly Uncle or Aunt experience for him that he can trust during the difficult period that lies ahead.

John's experience illustrates well the work of a CARS project with aspects of advice and prevention at the start of a problem, monitoring throughout the situation and support afterwards.

This is just one case, there are many more similar situations where the NSPCC is providing support. Please continue to support us with our fund raising activities.

Sue Lord

COUNTY AIR AMBULANCE

We are holding a Jumble/Tabletop Sale on **Saturday 31st October** at Harbury Village Hall, 2.30pm - 5.30pm.

If you have any jumble or would like to book a table for £4.00 to sell your goods please contact Mary - 613140 or Sally - 614290.

We look forward to hearing from you, in support of this very worthwhile cause. Many thanks.

Mary Revitt

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MIND OF INFORMATION

Mid Warwickshire Mind launched its new Information service to offer confidential information and support in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. The service aims to raise the profile of mental health issues and debates, including the wide incidence of rural mental distress.

The service holds information on issues such as Mental Health Services, Mental Distress, Self - Help, Medication, Legal Rights and various Social Security benefits. The information service is available to all users (and survivors) of the mental health system as well as friends and families, carers, mental health workers, students and interested members of the public.

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Mid Warwickshire Mind has launched a new and unique Mental Health Medication Information service. This service is the first of its type in this area and provides free and confidential information about medication and the various side effects it can cause. This service is available on an appointment basis every other Tuesday. A fully qualified and experienced pharmacist in a private consultation area provides all the information.

The information service will also give priority in raising awareness of existing services such as Home Support, Asian Women's Group, Employment Advice, the Organic Allotment Project and the Phoenix Project (The Pulse Café.)

The service offers confidentiality to all written enquiries and information will be sent out in a plain envelope. The information service will be open every Monday and Wednesday from 10.30am to 4.00pm and will operate on an appointment basis for the rest of the days. For more details please contact Alison Shorrocks or George Randhawa at the information service on 01926 450745.

George Randhawa (Information Officer)

8TH HARBURY HASH

Sunday 13th September, another fine hashing afternoon as 72 hashers set off from an excellent new venue at Wood Farm. This year we broke from tradition and set the pack off in the correct direction, much to the confusion of those experienced hashers who assumed it to be a long false trail. The trail was over a mixture of farm land, footpaths, canal towpaths, a secret wood, and of course mud. We had a good mix of walkers and runners, and the pack was soon spread out snaking across the rolling countryside. To cater for all the different abilities, Dun Inn, being the fittest hare, stayed at the back to guide the family groups with younger children, whilst Easy Pickings and Womble ran with the main pack.

When the main pack entered the secret wood, the true hashers were still strolling along the canal towpath. No worry, Easy Pickings had announced a special Children's check with the promise of sweets hidden in the wood. The Children's check had been cleverly positioned under a "Danger Alarm Mines" sign, but the sweets were selfishly taken by the main pack leaving none for the family groups at the back! The true hashers then reached the Lemonade check, and again they found that the greedy front runners had left them none! The latter part of the trail quite rightly penalised the front runners with an extra two miles including a gruelling hill climb. This allowed the true hashers to short cut and stroll up a slight incline to the On In. This great accident of organisation had all hashers arriving home within twenty minutes, compared with one hour last year.

The obligatory "Down Downs" followed the BBQ with the normal high standard of penalties being awarded for being hares, first hashers, visiting from Australia, Michigan or Chesterton, and being caught short under a bridge. The proceedings were concluded when the young hashers demanded that Easy Pickings be punished for his sweet crimes, and Womble and Dun Inn obliged by drowning him with cold water.

Our special thanks to Derek Hiatt for access to his farm and the use of the outbuildings. The gardens, flowers, birds and restored farm carts made a beautiful setting for the after Hash BBQ. We are pleased to report that the Hash raised over £100 for the Harbury Scouts and Guides, and a donation made to Harbury school for the the use of the BBQs. Our thanks to Steve Darby (Hash Fire), Sue Hartland (Hash Cash), Sharon Hancock (Hash Drinks) and all those who donated salads.

A final acknowledgement to our Mismanagement Committee; GM and Hare "Mike (Easy Pickings) Putnam", RA and Hare "John (Womble) Hancock", and strolling Hare "Doug (Dun Inn) Freeman". Don't miss the 9th Harbury Hash in September 1999.

Doug Freeman

HARBURY CARNIVAL JUNE 13TH, 1998

Just a few follow up items, with apologies for the delay, but we were not able to meet last month's publication deadline.

There were some items of lost property handed in on carnival day which Gill Thorpe has in her possession. They were found in the vicinity of the village hall. Anyone wishing to enquire about them should contact Gill on 613801.

In our post carnival article we omitted to mention two of the prizes which were won. They were:

The Sue Andrews Cup for best adult costume on a float - won by Mary Entwistle on the WI float

The Tim Percival Cup for best child costume on a float - won by Rhys Overton on the Harbury Nursery School float

You will be pleased to know that from the proceeds of the carnival this year we were able to donate £1,000 to the Village Hall Fund and of course many other organisations benefited as well.

Unfortunately two members of our committee have decided to stand down this year - John Kemsley, our Chairman and Margaret Sherrington. Their contribution will be greatly missed and I am sure you would like to join the

Committee in saying a very big thank you to them for all their hard work and dedication in support of the carnival over the years. Thank you both very much indeed.

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

IT'S A GASS

Laugh? I nearly cried.

The GASS 'Racenight with a Difference' is returning by popular request and believe you me, **YOU ARE IN FOR A TREAT.**

The beautifully made racecourse complete with horses will return under spotlights on **Friday October 9th** in the Village Hall from 7.15pm.

Look out for jockeys 'Sizzling' Susie Buck, Amanda 'Ace' McKenzie and Clerk of the Course Julie 'Luscious' Linforth.

If the Stewards Enquiry (headed by Andy 'Amphetamines' Linforth) doesn't get you, the visit to the Vet (Pete 'Needles' Woodward) might, and mind the waterjump

We guarantee you will be screaming from the stands, flinging yourself at fences and panicking in the paddock.

Meal provided, great Bar, six different races and the Race of Champions and all for only a fiver - plus 'Racing' Raymond Flanagan at the Tote.

Come and take part (it is an interactive night of tremendous fun).

Tickets from any committee member or at Muglestones or phone 612696.

Bring your lucky horseshoe, wear your favourite rosette but most of all whip yourself along to the Return of the Racenight with a Difference - **Fri 9th**.

Peter 'Honest' Walshe

MUSICAL MINORS

Due to the popularity of our musical sessions for 0-4 year olds, I feel it necessary to limit our Harbury sessions to approximately 15 children. I have therefore introduced a reservation system for the remainder of this term.

Sessions can be pre-booked (for the remainder of the term) either by phoning me on 613291 or by seeing me on a Tuesday in the Tom Hauley Room (1.45 - 2.15pm). If you reserve a place and find you are unable to make it, please do give me a call so that I can offer the place to someone else.

As from **Friday 16th October** I will be starting up an additional Musical Minors session in The Grange Hall, Coventry Road, Southam from 2.15 - 2.45pm. Places for this session are presently unlimited.

As from January 1999, I intend to offer the facility to pre-book and pay termly in advance. If you require further details or would like to book a place please give me a call.

Alison Atkinson (613291)

HARBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Yes! This is the home stretch before our special weekend. On both sides of the Channel everybody is looking forward to it. Our programme is ready and in good hands. Here is a little taster:

- **Friday 16th October**, two coaches loaded with the people of Samois will be trying to find their way to the Village Hall at around 7.00pm where the 35 host families will welcome them.
- **Saturday 17th is the big date:** the morning from 9.45am till 12.30 will be dedicated to the official part of the ceremony i.e. presentation of the symbolic key of the Village to the Mayor of Samois, singing of the National Anthems performed by the School children of Harbury, Speeches of the local personalities, Reading and Signing of the Twinning Oath, Signing of the Charter, Tree planting ceremony and Unveiling of the European Union nameplates at the entrance to the Village.
- In the afternoon, several activities have been organised for all ages, cultural activities as well as sporting ones. (e.g. Guided tour of Harbury led by a local historian, visit to Stratford for shopping, visit to Warwick Castle, football match Harbury Vs Samois!, games for the little ones such as three-legged race etc.)

You are all welcome to join in the festivities even if you are not directly involved with the Twinning Association.

- A celebration dinner offered to our guests and their hosts in the School Hall will be followed by Ceilidh Dance and music provided by musicians from the village. The village of Samois is contributing to this musical evening since they are coming with their own modern "choir."

If you come to Church on the **Sunday**, you will be part of a very special Family Service as it will be an Ecumenical bi-lingual one!

And finally, before the departure of the French Villagers of Samois, a buffet will be provided in the Village Hall.

During the whole weekend there will be, in the Village Hall, an exhibition of work by artists resident in the village.

We hope that during these two days you can come and give your support to the Twinning by seeing what is going on.

Jacqueline Clarke

HARBURY BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS 1998 -

SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER

Yes, it's that time of year again! This is where I plead for offers of help, from anyone with access to trailers and/or cars with towbars. We particularly need 4x4 vehicles, especially if the weather is not good. Even if you are unable to help with any of the above, don't worry, we can still make use of your body, many hands make light work.

If you are new to the village and would like to help, please feel free to give me a call for more information. It's a great opportunity to meet people and have lots of fun.

It was one of the first events we experienced when we moved into Harbury. We were amazed at the size of the bonfire, the quality of fireworks, the amount of people supporting the event and the fact that the food was included in the ticket price!

We will start building the bonfire at about 9.00am on the Recreation Ground which is behind the Village Hall and look forward to seeing you there.

Also, forms for collection of bonfire materials can be found at most village shops.

Julie Linforth (612696)

HARBURY CRAFT FAIR

We shall be holding our Craft Fair in the Village Hall on **Saturday 14th November 1998**. Make a note in your diaries to come and do your Christmas Shopping, no hassle, no parking problems. Delicious food served all day. Bring your families, we have lots of original items to suit everyone's pocket. Entry is FREE.

Are you a potter, painter, potpourri specialist or even perfect at propagating plants. Whatever your preference we want to see it. Why not take a small stand, it is very easy and great fun. For further information ring Mavis Taylor on 612983.

Mavis Taylor

HARBURY CHAPEL

Look closely, we have a wonderful old building in the cemetery; you might not have known this. Although, the chapel was deconsecrated some long time ago it has been kept in very good condition by the Parish Council since then.

As an asset belonging to the village, many have thought it might be put to a much better use than its present role as a "general store" for ground maintenance equipment and carnival assortments.

Bearing in mind the location of the chapel, we have received some ideas for a more beneficial use of the building: a place for reflection, a meeting place, a club house for an appropriate group

If you do have a need or idea, then the Parish Council would like to know of your suggestions. Please write or phone,

Cllr. Ken Stephenson

4, Dovehouse Lane,

Tel: 612537

Parish Clerk Debbie Steele

9, Sutcliffe Drive, Tel: 614646.

Ken Stephenson

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Another year, another Village Show over, many thanks to everybody who worked so hard to make it the success it was. Our thanks also to the shop keepers and other outlets for having the schedules. The generous response for the Tombola prizes was very gratifying, thank you all very much, the proceeds help the funding of the show. The cut off date on the previous Wednesday helped considerably with the planning and clerking, it was much appreciated. The number of entries was on a par with last year, again the judges had to earn their fees! The entries were of good quality, a good effort

and display all round. The weather had not been kind to people trying to grow fruit, vegetables and flowers, in fact it was a difficult season. However, it was good to see new competitors and, as last, year didn't the children do well!



Young Prizewinners Lily Clarke, William Randall & Eleanor Clarke holding their Cups

Another year means Subs are due already, still only £2.00 each member and very good value for 12 months of interesting talks and events, also the popular party and outings!

Our new season starts on **Tuesday 5th October** in the Farley Room with a talk on "Penstemons" to be given by Mr Hardy, which I am sure will be informative and very interesting. At this meeting Christmas cards will be sold in aid of the Gardener's Benevolent Fund. We also hope to have some seed catalogues available.

The A.G.M. will be in November. Any nominations for the Committee should be in writing and addressed to the Secretary, Mrs Julie Clarke by **Saturday 17th October** please. We are looking for new Committee members, a new Chairman, Secretary and Show Secretary.

With the start of our new season the dark evenings are already here as you may have noticed. I am sure members who have cars would give lifts to the meeting to those who haven't transport, just ask them!

Finally here is the list of Cup Winners.

Cup Winners 1998

Allotment Holders Cup 1st - Mr A Pratt 2nd - Mr C Corp 3rd - Mr R Lawson

Top Tray 1st - Mr P Clarke 2nd - Mr J Brunt 3rd - Mr R Lawson

Finch Cup (Allot. Holders Tray) Mr P Clarke

Buck Trophy - Best Bizzie Lizzie Benjamin Tawney

(Under 7) Jean Dunn Cup Lily Clarke

(8-12 years) Fred Lines Cup William Randall

Fruit All Saints' Cup (Most Points) Mrs H Turner

Reg Harris Cup (Best in Section) Mr R Sherman

Handicrafts Horticultural Society Cup Mrs Celia Barratt (Best in Section)

Wines Zonik Trophy Mr W Cooper

Photos Rigden Cup Mrs Lizzie M^cBride

Flower
Arrange. Brunton Cup Mrs P Merchant

Cooking Daniel Trophy Mrs J Hadley

Flowers Courier Cup (Most Points) Mr P Clarke

Rosemary Schofield Salver Mr P Clarke (Best in Section)

Novice Veg. Grey Cup Dr J Clifford

Veg. Farley Cup Mr P Clarke

W.I. Trophy Mrs P Merchant

Barnes Cup Mr R Lawson

Wilkins Cup Mr P Clarke

P.S. The talk on Tuesday 3rd November will be entitled "Small Garden Design."

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

'Bowed with the weight of centuries he leans upon his hoe and gazes at the ground'. This is taken from a poem by Edwin Markham and I cannot help wondering if he was thinking that it was about time to put some nourishment back into the ground. So in far less poetic manner, when the crops and the flowers have been cleared this is the month to do any digging and manuring. Do remember to leave attractive seedheads for winter interest and on plants which are slightly tender, such as osteospermums and redhot poker leave the foliage to protect the plant. Plant bulbs, with the exception of tulips, which

need not be put in until next month. Depth of planting is important, daffodils and narcissus need at least 3 in of soil above them. Too shallow planting is one of the causes of 'blindness' - that is, without flowers. It is sometimes difficult to decide which way up to plant some of the smaller bulbs, but do not worry they will right themselves.

Tender plants need to be brought inside or given winter protection. Dry material such as straw, dead leaves or conifer clippings make good insulation over the roots. Dahlias and gladioli are usually dug up after the first frost. I take a chance and leave them in because they are planted deep with the contents of a Grobag piled over the crowns. Rambler roses can be pruned now and the late clematis viticella can be shortened back to prevent the wind breaking off the long shoots. Shorten long shoots on flowering shrubs too. Cut out the fruited stems of blackberries, etc. Rake up fallen leaves and compost them or store them in a sack where they slowly rot.

Divide herbaceous perennials which did not flower well or are too big for their allotted place. Put in new perennials whilst the soil is still warm and sow ones which need a frost to break their dormancy. Aquilegias and delphiniums need this treatment but check the instructions on the seed packets for others which must also be left outside through the winter.

Plant of the Month: *Leycesteria*



Exotic-looking blooms of *Leycesteria formosa* are borne from July

Named to commemorate W. Leycester, one time Chief Justice in Bengal, this flowering shrub is also known as Himalayan nutmeg tree, or Pheasant berry. There are only six species, all native to the shady mountain forests of Himalayan India and China. However, in Britain it gives its best show of coloured bracts when in sun. It is quick growing and from August through to the frosts the tassels of wine coloured bracts and purple berries make a lovely show at the back of the border. It will grow in any soil except very alkaline and needs only a mulch and feed with a fertiliser for flowering plants in May to keep it going for years. Cut it back to ground level in early Spring and it never outgrows its place.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Children, Parents and all the Staff at Harbury School,

Thank you so much for all my lovely cards, presents, flowers and wonderful collection.

Also a very big thank you to the girl's for my great night out and lovely bracelet. I feel so very lucky to have worked at Harbury School, I have had twenty two very happy years and loved every minute of it. I will miss you all at dinner time.

Love to all the boys and girls, past and present. A very big thank you once again.

With Love

Hazel (Mrs Ceney)

Dear Friends

Since first coming to Warwickshire in 1991, Ladbroke then Harbury, Max and I have been shown great community spirit and great kindness, I have been made to feel most welcome. Firstly, by Betty Winkfield and the members of the Women's Fellowship, then by my dear friend Hazel with my introduction to Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.

I have been privileged to have made so many friends in the area and to have taken part in so many wonderful events with, Friends of Ladbroke Church, Ladbroke Hall, the Village Hall and not forgetting All Saints' Church.

Jamie and Kelly since coming to live with us have been made to feel part of a very large family and we shall all miss each and everyone of you.

Gone but not forgotten. We will be back.

Love,

Jo & Max Sowerby,

Kelly & Jamie



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Dear Editors

I would like to say thank you to everyone who made by daughter's wedding day on the 12th so special.

It was not just that so many friends in Ladbroke wished her well, but that so many friends were involved on a professional level that made it even more special.

Jennie grew up with the 1953 Riley and its chauffeur, has rung the bells since she was 11 years old and did her work experience with Studio 54 Photography. So special thanks to you all, we have you on video!!

Thank you also to Sylvia Clews for helping me with the flowers, the Winkfields for extra car parking, Mavis our wonderful organist and Jane Steenstra for her excellent reading.

Last but not least, thanks also to Father Roy for conducting the service, which was as someone said, so comfortable and friendly.

Jennie and James have left for a honeymoon in Italy before returning to their new home in Bristol. Thank you.

Linda Doyle

Dear Harbury People

I, Olga, am retiring as Bookings Secretary for the Village Hall at the beginning of October but will remain on the Committee until the end of December.

My twelve years have been most enjoyable and I have made very many good and faithful friends in all those years, as did my little pekingese Mandy - I shall miss you all - Committee Members and Harbury residents alike - and I hope to continue to see you around the village or in my home from time to time.

Paul Winchester has nobly offered to take over from me and I am sure he will be a worthy successor so I hope you will give him the support and help shown to me and that he will enjoy the job as much as I have in the past.

Thank you one and all for twelve happy years.

Sincerely

Olga I Hughes

Dear Harbury Village

A New Portable Stage Facility - A Millennium Project

As the Millennium approaches, it offers us all a wonderful opportunity to bring together all the different sections in our community. This is not just for single events, but to create a village facility that would benefit everyone, long after the celebrations are over.

A number of groups and individuals in Harbury have indicated in the past that they believe that the village needs new stage facilities at the Village Hall. Some research into flexible staging systems has already been undertaken by the Harbury Theatre Group and it is clear that a system of this nature has enormous potential in a village where there is so much going on.

Here are some of the advantages a flexible staging system can offer:

- *easy and quick to construct*
- *compact to store*
- *portable, so it can be used at other venues*
- *adjustable for shape, size and height*
- *can be used as a whole stage, or in various sections*
- *adaptable for concerts, shows, exhibitions, fund-raising events or presentations*
- *suitable for different age groups*

It is clear that such a facility would be both versatile and flexible.

The cost of the stage will, of course, depend on the ultimate design chosen, but the good news is that grant funding, particularly for Millennium Projects, is available from a large number of sources. Villages are being encouraged by Stratford District Council, for example, to apply for funds towards such projects and to approach as many fund providers as possible. Whilst it is likely that some fund raising will be required, one thing is clear - there is grant money available for this type of project.

The key to success lies in proving that demand exists across the community for a new stage. Initially, the only way to do this is to gather names. If support exists a meeting will be held at a later date to discuss, in more detail, the types of staging available, their potential uses, costs and funding. If you are willing to add your support to this project and believe you could be the new stage system please contact me by telephone (613415) or in writing at the above address by 5th November 1998.

Thank you.

Ruth Thurogood
Harbury Theatre Group

Dear Editors

An open letter to parents of 13-16 year olds

Question: Do you know the whereabouts of your children after school and during the evening?

For several of you, the answer must be 'no'. I speak on behalf of an increasingly concerned neighbourhood in voicing my concern over the growth of loutish behaviour by a group of young teenagers in the village.

Specifically:-

- i) they hang around the bus-stop at the top of South Parade, smoking, dropping litter and blocking entrances to the adjoining drives.
- ii) they rampage up and down the cycle way into Percival Drive, using it as a rollerblading alley. I once had to go out at 1am, during the summer to request that they went away. The cycleway is not a recreational area.
- iii) they kick fences, climb up them to look into adjoining gardens and they scrawl graffiti.
- iv) they abuse - verbally - children alighting from the Warwick Schools' bus at the Village Hall and (at this time of year) hurl conkers at them! Younger children are terrified.

Might I politely request that everyone is allowed to enjoy an idyllic rural environment and that their property and privacy are respected:

J.C. Cook

Dear Editors

Waiting for an accident to happen

Sometime ago there was an article in the Harbury News about motorists using Treens Hill and horse riders.

I feel compelled to write and say couldn't the horse riders give the same consideration to motorists.

I live in one of the cottages at the bottom of Farm Street facing up Binswood End and am appalled at some of the horse riders, riding two abreast sometimes one behind never attempting to get on the side and let the motorists pass. Binswood End is a very busy road and there is often a lot of parking up there. Also some of the riders are not wearing riding hats, what an example to young riders, what a 'hoo-ha' there would be if there was an accident.

E. Sollis (Mrs)

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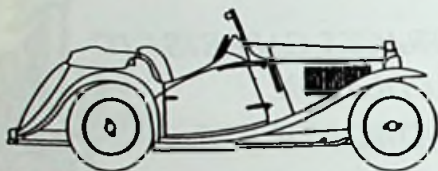
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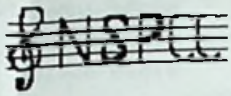


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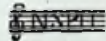
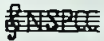


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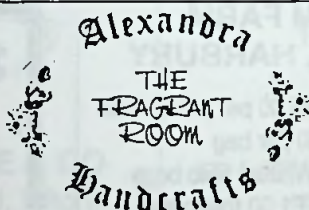
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