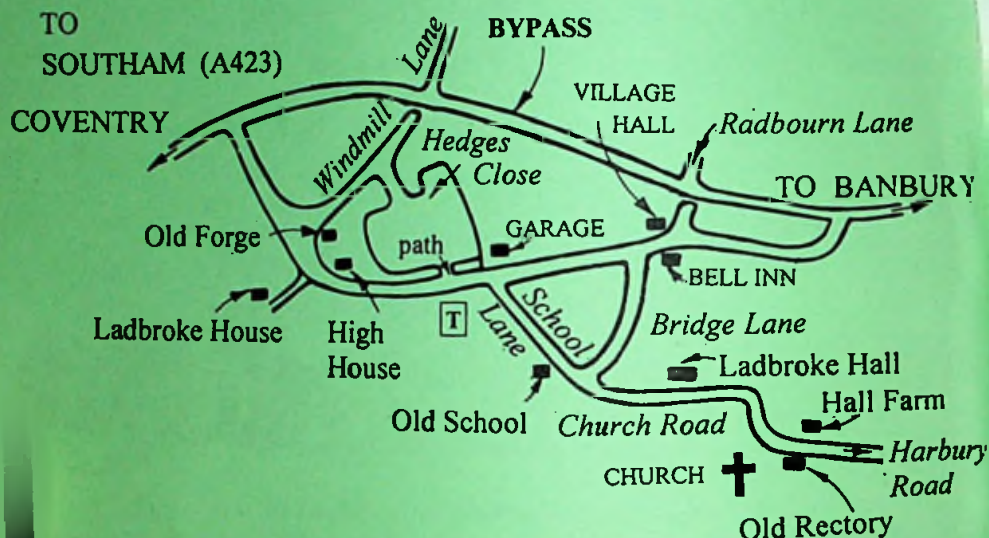


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**FEBRUARY 1999**

**No. 299**

It is heartening to know that the combined efforts of the Village Street Fayre Committee and all those who supported the event in October raised over £2,000 for the local branch of Mencap.



**Brian Ingram and Danny Killian presenting the cheque to Mencap in the Gamecock Inn**

For many of the residents in Chapel Street, the pub has been the focus of their activities in past years and a community spirit has evolved from the camaraderie of residents who work together for the benefit of the village. Last month we referred to the support given by the pubs for fund-raising activities and it should be recognised that they do serve a social purpose at the heart of the village.

It is a great shame that although there are those who work so hard for the good of our community, there are others who seek to destroy the fabric of the village. In recent weeks plants and window boxes have been damaged in Chapel Street and the Editors feel it is necessary to reiterate the request to parents to be aware of their children's activities at all times. It has also come to our notice that a number of ornaments have been stolen from front gardens and we ask everyone to be vigilant.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of William Denny, Eva Keeling and John Roberts.

## Harbury Diary

### FEBRUARY

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|-------|----|--|
| Sun   | 7  | <b>Second Sunday before Lent</b> - Sung Eucharist 9.00am<br>Sunday School 10.30am; Evensong 4.00pm<br>Harbury 7-12s Rugby Home to Earlsdon   |
| Tues  | 9  | Village Hall committee in Village Hall 8.00pm<br>Holy Communion 7.30pm; Prayer Group in Church 8.00pm  |
| Wed   | 10 | Harbury Primary School open afternoon 1.30-3.00pm  |
| Thurs | 11 | Holy Communion 9.45am<br>Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm<br>WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm  |
| Fri   | 12 | NEWSPAPER COLLECTION<br>SCHOOL BREAKS UP   |
| Sat   | 13 | Harbury 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rugby XV Home to Leam 2  |
| Sun   | 14 | <b>Sunday next before Lent</b> - Holy Communion 8.00am<br>Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Sunday School 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room;<br>Evensong 4.00pm<br>ST. VALENTINE's DAY<br>Harbury 7-12 Rugby Home to Daventry |
| Mon   | 15 | <b>ADVERTS 14, Binswood End by 5.30pm</b>  |

- Tues 16 SHROVE TUESDAY**  
Holy Communion 7.30pm; Mothers' Union in Tom Hauley Room 8.00pm  
Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8.30pm
- Wed 17 ASH WEDNESDAY - Sung Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes 7.30pm**
- Thurs 18 Holy Communion 9.45am**
- Sat 20 Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am**  
Rugby 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> XV Home to Rugby St. Andrews  
Photography at Village Hall
- Mon 22 RETURN TO SCHOOL**
- Sun 21 Lent I - Holy Communion 8.00am**  
Family Communion 10.30am
- Tues 23 Holy Communion 7.30pm**  
Julian Group in Church 8.10pm
- Thurs 25 Holy Communion 9.45am**  
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm  
Parish Council meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 26 NEWSPAPER COLLECTION**  
**ARTICLES to Party Paraphernalia by 5.30pm**  
PTA Quiz in School
- Sat 27 Harbury 2<sup>nd</sup> XV Home to Earlsdon**
- Sun 28 Lent II - Holy Communion 8am**  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am  
Evensong 4.00pm; Benediction 5.30pm  
Harbury Rugby Under 16, 14, & 13 Home to Baker Butts

## MARCH

- Tues 2 Horticultural Society in Village Hall 8.00pm**
- Wed 3 Holy Communion 2.00pm; Mothers' Union 2.30pm**  
Harbury Society AGM & Transport Strategy in Shakespeare Inn 8.00pm
- Thurs 4 Holy Communion 9.45am**  
Storytelling in Library 10.00am  
Men's Society 7.45pm  
Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Sun 7 Lent III - Sung Eucharist 9.00am; Evensong 4.00pm**  
Harbury Rugby 7-12 Home to Old Coventrians

**Please note:     Adverts to 14, Binswood End by Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Articles to Party Paraphernalia by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

As from 1<sup>st</sup> February 1999 the new secretary of Harbury Village Club can be contacted on 01926 - 613 174

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



For Scout Hut Bookings	Mr. R. Flanagan	613612
For Tom Hauley Room Bookings	Mrs. W. Stubbs	612782
For Village Hall Bookings	Mr. P. Winchester	614466
For Wight School Bookings	Mrs. L. Hayes	613488

## REGULAR DIARY DATES

**APPALACHIAN STEP DANCING:** (612734) Wight School, 10:00am-12:00noon Saturdays

**BABY CLINIC:** Surgery, 2:00-4:00pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday

**BADMINTON:** Village Hall, Mondays (Club) 7:00-9:00pm;  
Tuesdays (League) 8:00-10:00pm;  
Friday (Ladies) 2:00-3:00pm;  
Sunday (Mixed) 7:00-10:00pm

**BEAVERS:** Scout Hut, 6:15-7:15pm Tuesdays

**BELLRINGING PRACTICE:** (613605) Church, 7:30pm Fridays

**BROWNIES:** Village Hall 6:00-7:30pm Tuesdays

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Church, 6:30pm Fridays

**COFFEE MORNING:** Tom Hauley Room 10:00am-12:00noon Saturdays

**CUBS:** Scout Hut, Wednesdays

**DANCING CLASSES:** (01789-842242) Farley Room Village Hall, Children & Adults 4:00-9:00pm Wednesdays.

**GUIDES:** Scout Hut, 7:00-8:30pm Mondays

**GYMNASTICS:** Harbury School, 6:00-7:00pm

**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** Dog Inn 8:30pm 1st Thursday of Month

**HARBURY FRIENDS:** School, 8:00pm 2nd Tuesday of Month

**HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:** (613358) 10:30am-12:30pm Saturdays

**HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB:** Contact 613174

**HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS:** (613402) School Hall, 8:00-10:00pm Wednesdays

**HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL:** School, 9:00am-12:00noon Monday-Friday; 12:45pm-3:15pm Mondays & Wednesdays

**HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL:** Wight School, High St. Tuesday-Friday 9:15am - 12:15pm

**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:** Village Hall, 8:00pm 1st Tues (Oct. to May)

**KEEP FIT (Bodywise):** (495368) Harbury School 6:30-7:30pm Fridays

**LIBRARY:** (613297) Mondays 2:00 - 5:00pm and 5:30 - 7:00pm;  
Thursdays 10am-1pm; 2:00 - 5:00pm  
& 5:30 - 7:00pm;

Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 10:00am 1st Thursday of Month; Term Time only

**NETBALL CLUB:** (612841) Village Hall Car Park, Training 6:30pm Thursdays; Matches Saturday Afternoon

**SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, 7:00pm Thursdays

**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  
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**HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE:** Call Tony Brunton 612191.

**ODD JOBS ABOUT THE HOUSE:** Call Jeff Bedford 612753.

**VISITING:** Hospital. If you are unable to visit a parent or relative, or parents would like support with a child in Hospital: Call Fr. Roy Brown 612377 or Keith Dormer 613254.

### **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES**

Holy Communion, 8:00am

Sung Eucharist 10:30am (Except 1st Sunday of Month:  
Sung Eucharist 9.00am)

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

Wistful thinking: One holiday Sunday, the vicar gazed wistfully at his tiny choir and depleted congregation and said with great feeling: *Our opening hymn will be 'Oh for a thousand tongues to sing'!*

## FROM THE RECTOR

The children laughed as they danced around in the circle, holding hands and singing with gusto: *He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.* The room was alive with the sound joyfully echoing off the ceiling. It was the end of the school Christmas party and soon each child would be collected and whisked off to who knew what delights in the holidays.

You might say that such a scene is common enough in a school where the children are happy and they love God and can express it. But what made the picture specially memorable was the variety of the children. There were black children, brown children, white children, children with almond eyes, children with sallow skin, children from as many different origins as you can imagine. And they were one in joyful song.

Children do not suffer from prejudice in the beginning. They respond to love and they laugh with joy and when they are sad they cry. It is only later that they learn the meaning of prejudice. Then they learn of the barriers that man has built in God's world. Northern Ireland is a classic example of this.

Jesus came to break down barriers between men. He died so that all might be one, that all might be drawn to Himself, that all might recognise that they were brothers and sisters with one Father, God.

Whenever we help to break down the barriers that man has put up we are sharing in Christ's mission and work. Now there are many barriers that we could help to break down and they spring from lack of understanding; from suspicions and fears. We need to try and grow in understanding and dispel the fears.

If we view with suspicion our neighbour who is black, yellow or white, the chances are that our neighbour will view us with suspicion because we are yellow, white or black. Feelings quite often are mutual and feed on each other.

There was a time when Christians were suspicious of each other. Ecumenism at its most basic has served this useful purpose, that at least we can view people of different Christian traditions with respect and with a readiness to learn from each other. There are still barriers and we must work to overcome them, until needless fear has gone.

Becoming an 'Easter People' requires more of us than that. We live among people of every shade and we are in danger of viewing our neighbour with suspicion because he or she is simply different. The Church teaches us that God is among these too. We must be prepared to approach our neighbour in friendliness and humility. There are barriers that are feared because people are misunderstood. And one of the sad things is that we fear the unknown. We will be able to give a much clearer and fearless account of our own confident faith in Christ our Saviour, if we are prepared to listen to the sincerely held beliefs of others. We should approach them in a spirit of openness and humility to learn to understand, to appreciate and gain from their religious traditions.

This will sound almost revolutionary to some, but such openness is the first step towards breaking down another barrier. Perhaps we give a different slant to the Gospel question: *Who is my Neighbour?* and go and find out.

Fr. Roy

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### *Funerals*

<i>8<sup>th</sup> January at Oakley Wood</i>	<i>Joan Roberts</i>
<i>8<sup>th</sup> January at Harbury</i>	<i>Eva Keeling</i>
<i>22<sup>nd</sup> January at Oakley Wood</i>	<i>William Denny</i>

## MOTHERS' UNION

Afternoon party: Our first meeting of the New Year was a party which was well attended. Once again we welcomed our friends from Ladbroke, which made a happy gathering. After one or two games (devised by Mary Catt) we all sat down to a delicious tea, then everyone received a small gift. All in all a most enjoyable afternoon.

Evening party: After the Tuesday Communion service, members and guests shared a Faith Supper in the Tom Hauley Room. During the meal we took part in various quiz games (provided by Trisha Harrison), a marvellous test of everyone's general knowledge and memory and a source of great amusement all round.

Next meetings: **Tues. 16<sup>th</sup> Feb.** - *Listening*, Margaret Backhouse  
**Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar.** - *Aspects of Prayer*, Violet Smith

**C. Mary Catt**

## TODDLERS' SERVICE

At our January service the topic was "Our Hands". Mrs. Catt, with the help of a puppet, told the bible story of how Jesus healed the man with the withered hand.

We said a prayer thanking God for our hands and then drew around our hands on a piece of paper.

Mr. Catt accompanied us on the clarinet and we sang *Jesus's Hands were kind hands* and *Two little eyes to look to God*. The next service will be on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February** at 2.15pm in Church.

**Lorna Bedford**

## CHURCH FLOWERS FOR THE MILLENNIUM

To celebrate the Millennium it has been proposed to hold a flower festival in Church during the week beginning Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2000.

A meeting will be held in the Tom Hauley Room on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.30pm to discuss this project. Anyone who would like to be involved in helping with the Flower Festival, please come along as all offers of help will be greatly appreciated!

**Jo House**



# Ladbroke News

## FEBRUARY

- Sun 7 **Second Sunday before Lent** - Family Communion 10.30am  
 Wed 10 Holy Communion 2.00pm; Women's Fellowship 2.45pm  
 Thurs 11 PCC Meeting at the Old Rectory 7.30pm  
 Sun 14 **Sunday next before Lent** - Sung Communion 9.00am  
 Mon 15 **ADVERTS 14, Binswood End, Harbury by 5.30pm**  
 WI Beetle Drive in Village Hall 7.00pm  
 Wed 17 **ASH WEDNESDAY** - Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes 7.00am  
 Fri 19 Village Hall Millennium Club Quiz Nigh 7.30pm  
 Sun 21 **LENT I** - Sung Communion 9.00am; Evensong 6.00pm  
 Wed 24 Holy Communion 7.00am  
**ARTICLES to Party Paraphernalia, Chapel Street Harbury by 5.30pm**  
 Sun 28 **LENT II** - Sung Communion 9.00am

## MARCH

- Tues 2 Holy Communion and Address 7.30pm  
 Sun 7 **LENT III** - Family Communion 10.30am

## LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

How quiet everything is after the excitement of Christmas. (We could talk about the weather!) In the church we are thinking about Lent and what that means. The Lent boxes this year will be for the Church Mission Society.

I think Ladbroke is (after catching the 'flu) now getting the Millennium bug! Linda Doyle wants ideas for things to go in a time capsule. This will be placed under a plaque in the Millennium green. We do need ideas for items from the church - representing the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Something that will not rot.

The calendar of events is filling up, it's beginning to sound quite exciting. It is important that any organisations planning events get in touch with Michael Todman as soon as possible. Also, if you are planning to use the Village Hall for a public or private event in 2000 you need to book it now. Ring Gwynne Badman on 812 187 to avoid disappointment.

Betty Winkfield

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## WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

We got through quite a lot of business at our AGM in January. There were 10 of us at the meeting in the Bungalow in Windmill Lane. Many thanks to Gill Moore for her generous hospitality.

We arranged our Lent lunch rota. The proceeds from this will go to the Sudanese child we are sponsoring at the Cairo Refuge. The first lunch is on **Ash Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**.

The rota is:

17 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	5, Ladbroke Hall	Hostesses: Hazel & Catherine
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	15, Ladbroke Hall	Hostesses: Chris & Nancy
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Walworth Farm	Hostesses: Sue & Marie
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Hall Farm	Hostesses: Pam & Gwynne
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Field Farm	Hostesses: Beryl & Betty
24 <sup>th</sup> March	The Bungalow, Windmill Lane	Hostesses: Gill & Pat

For our outing in June we are going to Upton House by popular agreement.

John Trussler is coming to show us more slides of his walking holidays. He is always very popular and certainly cheers up a winter's afternoon. The meeting is here at Hall Farm, following Holy Communion in Church at 2pm on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**.

**Betty Winkfield**

## LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Sorry folks, I missed the deadline for the January issue of the H&L News. Our Christmas Party at Hellidon Lakes began with all of the lanes being taken by us and a hilarious time was had by all. The meal and the company was great - what a good start for the Festive Season. One of our members travelled from Essex to join us.

The second round of the Short-mat Bowls was played at Alcester against Barford WI. It was a very good venue and a very good game but, unfortunately, we lost.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. Ian Fryer of Albright and Wilson who told the members about all aspects of food additives which was extremely interesting.

The raffle prizes were won by Beryl Ross, Sue Halsall and Sheena Healy. We are holding another *Beetle Drive*, during the Half Term holiday, at Ladbroke Village Hall on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 7pm**. We hope to see the children bringing their parents again. Come and join us for a good laugh. Light refreshments will be included in the admission fee of 50p. There will also be a raffle.

Next month the Speaker will be Mrs Linda Jones who will speak on *Chocolate* and give a demonstration.

**Hazel Sharples**

### **LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL**

The twelfth prize draw of the Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club was held on January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Bell Inn. The winners were: P. Fisher £80; G. Carleton £50; Ivy Harvey £25; Francis Badman, Anne Edwards, Hazel Sharples, Richard Walker and Peter Derrick each received £10.

The next prize draw will take place on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February** at the Bell Inn at 8.00pm. Any new members will be very welcome. Please make contact on 814362.

The next function will be a *Quiz Night* for the Don Northorpe Cup on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.30p. The cost will be £8 for a team of 4. There will be a bar. To book phone 811606.

**Catherine Spence**

### **SOUTHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

#### **Ladbroke Section**

The Local History Society re-elected its committee for another year at the AGM and a programme is available from Linda Doyle. A major consideration was our contribution to Southam and the surrounding District's millennium projects.

Ladbroke will certainly be including a historical exhibition and ideas are already being put into action. Ladbroke's historical background has always been rural and it is interesting to make a small comparison between the land surrounding the village 100 years ago and 1000 years ago.

One major difference in the year 1000, was the large lake south of the village at Watergall which had not gone until the late 1700s. Coupled with this, there was also more surface water and marsh in the form of natural ponds as well as man-made fish ponds, such as those still in evidence in Farmyard Field near the church and near the bridle path at Chapel Ascote. Even this winter's rainfall has failed to permanently fill these old workings, silt and modern drainage having its effect.

Still with water, it is thought that the Domesday mill mentioned for Ladbroke was a watermill and not one of the windmills which later stood on Windmill Hill and Weddington Hill. So consider how much water is needed to run a watermill and associate that with the stream running through the village - was there ever that much running water? There must have been!

Then there is the land surrounding the village which 100 years ago was virtually all grassland. Indeed, it supported well the dairy herds close to the village and sheep which grazed further afield. However, under that grass (almost ploughed out today) was the old ridge and furrow. So go back 1000 years and a vast area of the land surrounding the village was under the plough, hence the formation of the ridge and furrow! The oxen and few sheep were grazed on the water-meadows and medieval field names indicate their crops of flax, beans, wheat and oats.

Areas of woodland were small then as they are now, but sheltered a far wider diversity of wildlife and flowers and probably included coppiced trees as well.

**Linda Doyle**

### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 1998**

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year's Poppy Appeal. I am pleased to announce the total for the Southam District is £3,382.60 of which £152.30 was collected within Ladbroke.

A big thank you must go to Mr. & Mrs. Badman, who have collected for many years in Ladbroke, but unfortunately were unable to do so this year. We wish you both well and hope you'll be back next year.



We would also like to thank Mrs. Hazel Sharples for stepping in at short notice and collecting at Ladbroke Hall.

**J. Barnett**

**Honorary Poppy Organiser Southam R.B.L.**

## **LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

A full house of Parish, County and District Councillors, as well as 2 members of the public discussed some of the ongoing issues, these being:

As a result of complaints about the breaking up of the new road surface on the bypass, it is now being swept free of pebbles on a fortnightly basis.

Having laid the main water supply, more work awaits to be undertaken by Severn Trent to tap into households. Repair work to the roads and verges will be pressed for when this is completed.

Local councillors were amazed to hear of the legal difficulties of removing the fallen tree trunk which threatens to occlude the free running of the stream. The absent owner of the land has not replied to the request for permission to remove it.

On the general topic of flooding, there still does not seem to have been an analysis of the events which led up to the Easter crisis. District Councillor Jim Taylor is to follow this up and find out what, if anything, can be done to prevent a recurrence in Ladbroke.

The offer by the County Council for sand bags to be stored in a centralised area of the village was rejected as impractical. However, individual householders might be wise to acquire some for themselves so that they are seen to have done everything possible to prevent flooding to their properties. The course of action to be taken in the first instance is to contact the County Council and make wishes known. A central village 'dropping off' point would then have to be decided as the Council are not prepared to deliver to individual households.

Better weather is awaited before the repaired bench can be concreted into its former position in Church Road.

**Planning Applications:** A further planning application, this time accompanied by an environmental assessment, has been received for the pig farm at Chapel Ascote. As promised following the previous application, an independent review has been undertaken which raises a number of serious issues. Elsa will write to the Chief Planning Officer asking for these to be checked as a matter of urgency. Other approved applications include a holiday home at Manor Farm and changes to the house and garage at Old Rectory House.

Some of the Parish Councillors are to attend a training day which has been set up by the Association of Planning Officers to help parishes become more *au fait* with current planning laws.

**Footpaths:** Michael Boden Pritchett presented a report on the state of the Ladbroke footpaths. There was a disappointing turnout of 'Ladbrokians' to work on the footpath over Ladbroke Hill, but the way was cleared with the help of the Southam Ramblers Association. There is a lot more detail if anyone wishes to contact Michael.

**Reports from County and District Council:** In his report from the County Council, Bob Stevens identified many of the expected cost pressures which will affect next year's council tax - education, transport and social services, for example. In an attempt to streamline local government, there is to be a cabinet style committee with a leader and further strategy committees.

From the District Council, Jim Taylor made us aware of the periodic electoral review which gave various options in alterations to the boundaries and administration. A letter will be sent confirming that we wish the arrangements for Ladbroke to remain the same.

**Millennium News:** In an update on the Millennium Green, Peter West advised those present that there is still a stage to go before the grant from Biffa is finally approved. Watch out for notice of suggested Millennium events and for the date of the next public meeting in March.

**Carol Northorpe**

## HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Residents packed the Farley Room to hear representatives from the Tennis and Netball Clubs' outline plans to enlarge the Netball court to provide a larger multi-use hard play area for Netball, Tennis and possibly other sports.

The Clubs had surveyed opinion and researched the costs. They intended to provide a modest clubhouse made of wood which would be situated between the two sets of courts and also provide floodlighting to increase the time that the courts could be used. Their aims were to increase the usage of the play area and attract more members. The Tennis Club was actively recruiting youngsters and hoped to be able to provide coaching for them. The Netball Club stressed that theirs was a game for young women (apparently you're past it by 50!). They stressed the benefits to the community that would accrue: sustainability by having facilities on the doorstep; health; boosted local economy and more facilities for the young.

The Junior Football Club had already expressed an interest in using the extended Netball court area and Keith Phipps had found up to twenty young people eager to learn how to play tennis. The scheme had been costed and funding sources had been investigated. Planning permission was needed for the Clubhouse and floodlights and the Parish Council was asked to support the bid.

Residents were assured that a maximum of twenty spectators was expected at any one time and the floodlights would be only eight metres high; focused only on the playing areas with no spillage from the courts. Residents would be shown existing facilities with floodlighting similar to that proposed, so that they could see for themselves the limited impact the lights had on adjacent areas.

The majority of comments from the public referred to problems on the Playing Fields car park which the Parish Council has already taken steps to alleviate. But relevant concerns were: usage by a minority of the population; removing the sports to the Rugby Club; encroachment on the site of the Bonfire(!); changing the Recreation Grounds from informal to organised sports; level of and maintenance costs; noise and the effect of the floodlighting.



Some supporters of the idea of providing a Bowling Rink asked if they could join the scheme, but their needs were not compatible with the present proposals.

**Linda Ridgley**

## **HARBURY SOCIETY**

### **A 'Hangover' Walk**

It was 10 o'clock on a lovely, mild morning between Christmas and New Year, the birds were singing in the treetops and the swans with last year's cygnets were gliding around the duck pond - and it was time to walk off the excess of Christmas. 13 of us plus 3 dogs were going to explore the wilds of Long Itchington and its surroundings.

Leaving the duck pond and village green behind us, we set off down Church Road which takes you in the direction of..... well, the Church. Turning right at the bus stop, we followed the Village Nature Trail past the cemetery and through the allotments. Soon back on Church Road, we turned left and then right onto Bascote Road. Over the bridge that crosses the River Itchen, we climbed a stile on the right into a field. We had joined part of the Bascote Nature Trail.

Keeping the hedge on our left, we soon crossed another stile where there was a sign giving very clear instructions of what to do and where to go. We couldn't possibly get lost on this little stretch! Walking up the field, again with the hedge on our left, we passed through a kissing gate to cross the old, disused railway line. Through another kissing gate and a small spinney into a very large field. The path over the field wasn't very clear, but it crosses straight across the middle almost to the far hedgerow before turning left towards a gap leading back onto Bascote Road.

Turning right here to the canal bridge, we now had a choice - turn right along the canal towpath to put in a big loop that would bring us back to the bridge, or cut off the loop. We cut off the loop! Turning left along the canal towpath, we soon passed beneath the old, disused railway towards the A423 Southam - Coventry road. Decisions - do we take a clearly signed shortcut back to Long Itchington or go on a bit further? It was still early, "so let's go on a bit further." Anyway, there was a pub just beyond the bridge - but it was shut.

We followed the canal towpath a little further to where it was crossed by the Stockton Road. Emerging onto the road, we turned left for the walk back into Long Itchington.

Just over 3 miles of very gentle strolling which had bits of variety - the village, the river, open fields and the canal - and back to the Harvester where we were all made very welcome. They even moved the furniture so we could all sit together for lunch. Now that's what I call enjoyment! And 4 hardy souls took themselves off for another walk over the gluepot fields around Compton Verney and Combroke in the afternoon!

The winner of the Harbury Society Gates' Quiz at the Christmas Fayre was Isobel Clarke who correctly identified all 21 photographs. Second was Sue Ward with 20, Sheila & Ian Jackson, David & Jill Winter and Moira Rollason got 17 right.



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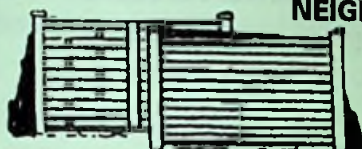
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These ideas have been refined through consultation, to produce a series of options used in the 'Action Pack' and it is this that we will try out at the AGM.

Your views count! Do come along and 'play' this 'game'. As well as being of vital importance it is fun!

**Linda Ridgley**

## **HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The lights! The lights! Like a moth to the flame your Councillors are drawn back again and again to lamps, whilst bollards are also rearing their heads!

After lots of chewing the cud the Council agreed to support, in principle, the Tennis/Netball Club's initiative to enhance provision for sports on their courts and to make a final decision when a planning application is presented. Councillors and residents concerned about the possible intrusion of the floodlights will be able to see similar lights at Warwick Football Club.

Ken Stephenson suggested bollards to replace the Percival Drive lights by the low-cost housing. Bollards appealed to John Hunt and they agreed that three should be installed. Councillor Woodward said other lights in Percival Drive and Pirie Close were still the developer's responsibility and they should mask them to prevent light spillage.

The Hillside columns were still too high and although Ken Stephenson reported a pleasant reaction to the village lighting enhancement scheme, he admitted there had been complaints about those columns which were too high. The second illuminated Give Way sign in Farm Street had been moved to the other side of the street when neighbours complained and so it no longer illuminated the foot way.

Ken Stephenson wanted the County Council to reduce their quotation for a timer and override for the Recreation Ground Car Park lights. He reported that a resident had asked for extra lighting in Pineham Avenue.

Youth: Pupil numbers were up to 216 at the School with a substantial increase expected for the coming year, showing its popularity.

Negotiations were in hand for a Youth Leader for Harbury and Councillor Booth (Stratford District Council) announced that the Depot Bus (with a range of facilities for village youngsters) should be coming to the village for one night a week for a six week period.

The Parish Council had applied for funding to replace the large slide with a climbing net, but the children had petitioned to keep it and some Councillors believed that the Big Slide should be replaced with a similar piece of equipment.

Police: There was progress at last on the Police Post. The Scout Hut was identified as a suitable site and the Parish Council agreed to provide signposts and a small sum to cover lighting and heating.

Planning: Stratford District Council granted permission for the gas pipeline, changes at Compton International in High Street, renewal of permission for a dwelling at Bishop Bowl Lakes and the amendment to plans for Tresco Barn in Vicarage Lane.

The Parish Council made no comment on an extension to Kingston Farm, Chesterton or the renewal of permission for a Fisherman's Clubhouse at Bishop Bowl. Plans for renovation of The Cottage, High Street only elicited the suggestion that both gables should be repaired.

There were new plans to develop Sheen Farmyard in Temple End and Mr. & Mrs. Brough were there to answer Councillors questions on the development. They provided helpful photographs positioning the site in the landscape and showing how it was shielded by trees. They explained that they had taken advice from Stratford Planners and the Conservation Architect. The Parish Council will determine their response after a site visit.

Sharon Hancock reminded Councillors that they had now to refer to the Village Design Statement when assessing Planning Applications. She thanked everyone who had been involved in this community consultation and said how pleased she was with the result.

Councillor Woodward expressed concern that the conditions attached to the Churchlands Farm application were not being adhered to. Councillor also expressed annoyance at the length of time the flags advertising the Hillside development had been allowed to remain.



Roads: Councillors made several references to the County Council's decision to cut winter gritting and were angry that village residents had suffered because of this.

They praised the stand taken by Andrew Bell who had spoken out about the policy.

Anti-social actions: Danny Killian successfully petitioned for Parish Council support for Chapel Street residents' campaign to prevent the Gamecock being remodelled and extended. Besides wishing to protect their pub from change they proved that there was only just sufficient on-street parking for the residents and no more parking spaces would be provided for the extra clientele expected at the Gamecock.

Councillor Woodward had filled three black bin sacks with polythene bags full of dog muck which had been discarded on the Playing Fields. He vowed that he would ensure that offenders were prosecuted. There is a softer side to the Councillor for he was reimbursed for providing pansies for the village.

**Linda Ridgley**

## **HARBURY WOMEN's INSTITUTE**

This month's speaker was Mr. Jim Steele who, as many readers will know, was the helpful owner of Southam Carpets. Not anymore though as his two sons now run the business. Jim makes Windsor chairs as a hobby and it has grown from there.

Windsor chairs were made by hand in their hundreds at the beginning of the century at High Wycombe. Many were sent to Windsor hence the name, which sounded more grand than Wycombe. The Bodger would cut coppiced Ash to make the spindles for the back, legs and stretchers. The seat was made of Elm, carved by the Bottomer and the chair was assembled by a Framer.

Craftsmen, keen on keeping these crafts alive formed The Association of Pole Lathe Turners in the 1980's and only a few continue to make the traditional Windsor chair. Using a pole lathe and traditional tools, Mr. Steele demonstrated how he makes these beautiful chairs, also explaining the steam bending used to shape the backs and curved parts. A dining chair takes about 15 hours to make, a large rocking chair about 40 hours.

His love of working in wood is obvious and of which he never tires. Understandable as the look and feel of the finished chair is quite something and members could not believe how comfortable they were - without a doubt they are the heirlooms of the future.

February hostesses: Kath Mansell, Nita Waddell and June Sharpe.

**Jeanne Beaumont**

## **REMEMBER EVA KEELING**

*We shall miss 'little Eva' in so many ways. A WI member at Harbury for about 50 years, her memories and experience were often called upon and her opinions much respected.*



*We all knew of her skill with the needle and we are lucky to have a small piece of that in our WI hanging.*

*She also enjoyed a Wednesday night down at the Village club for a game of short mat bowls and could always hold her own on the mat, and also with the lads who came for a chat and a joke with Mrs K.*

*Who could forget her as the 'baby' on the carnival float and last year as Mother Teresa; her excitement at hearing a brass band, the wave of the hand as she whizzed by in her little car.*

*A small figure who made a big impact - we shall miss you Eva.*

**Celia Barrett**

## HARBURY FOLK CLUB

January's 'politically correct' Folk Club saw what was probably the smallest crowd ever to grace the back room of the Dog Inn, but as we're not size'ist we won't dwell on that. The theme was adhered to with varying degrees of success, but the audience and the nine performers kept the entertainment going all evening.

Music and song came from Pet & Liz, Dez, Ron, Peter McDonald and newcomer Jonathan. Rosemary gave us an amusing monologue on Christmas presents and a strange couple called Freda and Barry (aka Molly and I) demonstrated a certain marital incompatibility.

For me, the highlight of the evening was Peter's song *Woman* which seemed to encapsulate all that is politically correct about the modern human condition, a sentiment the crowd responded to by throwing a variety of missiles at him.

The raffle raised £22 for Amnesty International, for which many thanks. On, on to the next folk night.

**Mike Putnam**

## HARBURY GUIDES, PARENTS and any interested parties:

Despite requests for help to run the Guide unit, none has been forthcoming and although Ursula Bowyer was willing to carry on, she felt unable to do so on her own. It has therefore been decided to suspend the unit for the foreseeable future.

If any of the Guides wish to continue, there are vacancies at the Bishops Itchington Unit. They meet on **Thursdays from 7.15-9.00pm** at the Church Hall. Contact Yvonne Keyte, Guider, 613138 for further details.

Should anyone feel they would like to run or help to run the Harbury unit, please contact me, Lesley Foster 812182. I hope that the unit will restart sometime in the future because I know there are quite a few Brownies who will soon be old enough to move up to Guides and it will be a shame if they are unable to do so.

**Lesley Foster, District Commissioner**



## HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL

Our current topic is Winter. We have made a weather chart with different symbols. Each day we look out of the window and decide which fits: a dark cloud, a white cloud, sun, frost, snow.

We have learnt a new song called *Sing a Song of Winter* which we are practising so that we can record it onto tape and send it to the Samoa Nursery Children. We have also been talking about the sort of clothes we wear in Winter weather. We looked at some clothes and took turns at putting Summer clothes in one hoop and Winter ones in another. When we found a cap which we thought could be worn in Summer or Winter, we talked about how we could fit it in both hoops. . . when we tried overlapping the two hoops, we were amazed to find that the cap was in both!

We enjoyed the story of Elmer in the Snow and made a big collage of Elmer out of coloured squares and sponge-painted snow. We also made up our own story about a snowman and are now busy drawing pictures to make it into a book. If anyone wants to come in and look at it, it will be on display in the Nursery.

Here are a few of the poems we made when Mrs. Smart asked us to close our eyes and imagine we were standing outside in the cold playground:

I am wearing my hat and gloves and scarf

I can see my friends

It is cold and frosty

I wish it was sunny

I wish I could splash in the waves.

Peter, Katy and Freya

I shiver with cold

Frost is on the ground

it is white like the clouds

I wish it would snow

I can see snow coming down.

Sam B. and Polly

The Nursery School breaks up for half term on **Friday February 12<sup>th</sup>** and returns on **Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Over half term there will be a sponsored Treasure Hunt. Another date for your diary is Casino Night on **Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm in Harbury Village Hall. For further information, please call Sue Graydon on 612479.

**Sarah Woods**

### **HARBURY PRE SCHOOL - Learning through play**

Since most of the exciting things for the Pre-School are happening between the deadline for the H&L News and the weekend it is delivered, we thought we would save them for the March issue and bring you a feature on the staff of the Pre-School instead. Of course, if your delivery person is particularly quick off the mark and you are reading this before 12noon on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February, then fling the magazine into the back of the sofa and rush up to the Tom Hauley Room to catch the end of our fabulous, fund raising coffee morning!



**Left to Right: Chris Baldwin, Marie Coleman, Diane Clark and Gill Guilford**

Meanwhile, the Pre-School has a team of five staff. We operate a keyworker system which gives each child in the group one special adult

who they know has particular responsibility for them. This not only helps the child to settle in more quickly, it also allows the keyworker to adjust the curriculum to the needs of a particular child.

**Marie Coleman** is the supervisor and has been working with us for 5 years. She used to visit Harbury as a child and thought what a nice place it was. Fortunately, she married a man who shared this view and they have lived here for about 15 years. She has 3 daughters and her involvement with the Pre-School started when her youngest child attended it. She is currently working for the Diploma in Pre-School Practice. Marie enjoys the different characters of the children, their honesty and their practical view of the world. She likes explaining things to them and seeing their understanding grow.

**Diane Clark** has two sons aged 8 and 10 (and a husband) and the family enjoy swimming, gym and country walks. She joined the team in September 1998 and has attended the Basic Pre-School Playgroups Association course, Child Protection and Equal Opportunities courses and has an attendance certificate for the Diploma in Pre-School Practice. She enjoys mixing with the children and encouraging their development.

**Gill Guilford** is the Deputy Supervisor and also joined the team in September. She has attended the same courses as Diane and is currently working towards the Diploma in Pre-School Practice. Gill came to Harbury 8 years ago and has two children aged 12 and 15. She likes the friendly, co-operative atmosphere of the Pre-School and the sense of teamwork.

**Chris Baldwin** has been on the emergency staff for some time and joined the main staff in September. Her son is another graduate of the Pre-School. **Lynn Hill** joined the team in September too and has first aid training. She has also attended courses on sign language, basic counselling, AIDS awareness, psychology and food hygiene and has completed a Kids Club course. Both Lynn and Chris were away when we interviewed the staff so we asked the other three to take it in turns to describe each other!

Marie is bubbly, warm and a natural leader. Diane is quiet, endlessly patient and very involved with the children who all took to her straight away. Gill has a genuine love of children to which they respond and



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she is usually buried in them. Chris is gentle, kind and always busy - she sees what needs doing and gets on with it. Lynn is very experienced, confident and affectionate.

The Committee would like to thank all the staff for their brilliant work in preparing for the OFSTED inspection and for the energy and thoughtfulness they put in to caring for our children. Oh, and it was really interesting to learn that Chris likes to join in with the dressing up!

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

## **HARBURY SCHOOL**

Harbury Primary School is having a 'Week of Reading' from **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March to Friday 26<sup>th</sup>**. During that week we will be involving the children in a variety of activities to do with books, stories, poems, reading in all its guises. The intention is to promote the act of reading for enjoyment. There will be a display of books from a company called Quality Book Events, which will be open for browsing after school and everyone is welcome.

We would like to involve local people in this venture and if you, or anyone you know, is interested in sharing a book, a story, a poem, etc. with a small or large group of children we would very much like to invite you into school at a convenient time during this week. There is a wealth of talent in Harbury and we would very much like to tap into it for this one week. Even if you are simply interested in sharing a book with a child, listening/helping him/her read, that would be wonderful.

Please do get in touch before the week begins so that we can timetable visitors and make the necessary decisions about who goes where, when and with whom. We look forward to a big response.

Also: We are still in need of midday supervisors, either part-time or as stand-ins for the days when any of our regulars are absent. We have a lovely group of people already working here but would welcome extras. It is a fairly straightforward case of looking after 216 children with kindness, fairness and when necessary, firmness.



One of the new basketball rings was damaged on the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> January. If anyone has any information about who was in the school grounds that night, I would appreciate knowing. I would very much like to send their family the bill for repairs.

**Paul Milner**

## **HARBURY PTA**

December was a busy month for the PTA. We held a very successful concert, starring Keith Donnelly and Gilly Darbey. The cabaret-style evening was a great opportunity for the audience to sit back and be entertained in style.

We assembled a rather bijou grotto for Father Christmas at the Village Christmas Fair, where we also ran a children's tombola.

Here are some dates for your diary:

The inimitable PTA Quiz will be held on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February** in the School Hall. We have contacted all the teams who compete regularly and we hope to see them again. If you have never been to one of these quizzes and are thinking of having a go, contact Helen Manley on 614127. Teams usually consist of 4 people. You do not need to be an experienced quiz-goer, nor be an expert in any subject area at all. You are guaranteed a really fun evening and teams can compete for the stunning Sutcliffe Reynolds Fitzgerald Trophy or may just come to savour the wine or beer and marvel at Martin Randall's electronic wizardry on the score board.

On **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March** there will be a Family Barn Dance, open to the public - both children and adults at the Village Hall. Local Ceilidh band ***Reel to Reel*** will be providing the music and Peter Bones will be calling. This promises to be a wonderfully relaxed and enjoyable evening. Tickets will be on sale from mid-February.

The lucky winners in our 100 Club draw were announced in December. They were: Mrs. M. Jenkins, Mr. L. Potter, Mr. R. Sherrington, Mr. A. Brunt and Mrs. M. Rollason. Congratulations and thanks to all participants. If you would like to enter this regular draw and support your school at the same time, please contact Mrs. L. Goodman on 614114 as there are five numbers now available.

**Alan Guy**

## **S.O.S. - St. Michael's Hospital Shop**

A team of three from Harbury have gone to run the Shop at St. Michael's Hospital, Warwick (formerly Hatton) for many years now. We go on the third Wednesday of every month in the morning, leaving Harbury about 9.15am and returning about 12.45pm.

We would very much like to have some new faces to join our volunteer helpers. The present people have been going for many years and would like a change. It is a busy little shop, in the foyer of St. Michael's, serving drinks and selling sweets, cigarettes and toiletries. We are a small but very important part of the WRVS service to the Hospital. All profits from the shop are ploughed back into the hospital.

If you think you could spare the time to join us, please let me know. We should be delighted to show you the ropes and include you in our team.

**Liz Bunting - 612 450**

## **PROPOSED BOWLING GREEN**

Following my article in the December edition of your magazine I am reporting on the special Parish Council meeting held on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

You will recall this was primarily to receive the proposals of the Tennis Club and the Netball Club, but I had hoped my suggestion could be incorporated somehow. Unfortunately this was not the case - apart from anything else their plans were already well advanced. Undeterred and following encouraging comments received, I am pursuing several avenues.

However, it is obvious from my investigations that the first essential is that a Bowling Club must be formed (even though we do not have a green!) with a proper constitution, because quite understandably any Grant Application could not be made by individuals.

If you are still interested (and this is **not** only a sport for the older generation) then please take the trouble to let me know. We shall need to raise some funds, but rest assured that if our efforts came to nothing then any surplus would be returned. We shall also need a small committee - volunteers and ideas would be welcomed.

**Peggie Middleton 612 877**

## BACK TO WORK

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**Jane Berry -**

**Project Development Manager**

## MILLENNIUM EVENING STEERING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the above group was held in January during which many thoughts and ideas for celebrating the millennium in Harbury were discussed. The group itself is a loose collection of individuals unaffiliated to any specific village organisation.

We would welcome involvement of any further interested parties, either as individuals or as a spokesperson for a society. We are still in the early days of discussion and wish to explore as many avenues as possible, although we are mindful that time passes quickly and outline plans need to be in place sooner rather than later.

Please don't delay in contacting Brian Ingram (612418), Anne Woodward (613536) or Sue Buck (614224).



Let's all work together to make Harbury a special place to be, to celebrate the dawning of the New Millennium.

### **The Steering Committee**

#### **HARBURY CARNIVAL JUNE 12TH, 1999**

Work has already started on the organisation of this year's carnival and there will again be a week of events leading up to it, starting with the wheelbarrow race on **Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please make a note of the dates.

In the meantime there are a few items to bring up. Firstly, it is becoming more and more difficult to obtain raffle prizes from outside sources and we need your help. Would anyone who has any ideas, be prepared to donate a prize or can obtain one, please get in touch with Roy Coupe on 612507.

Secondly, the Theatre Group, who have run the carnival dance for many years, are unable to do so this year and so we are looking for another organisation to take this on. If you are interested, please contact John Broomfield on 614258 for more information.

Last, but not least, it is not too early to be thinking about booking a stall on the field for Carnival Day. Those who wish to do so should ring Kary Hunt on 613598 (Kary has taken over this task from Dan Killian).

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

#### **HARBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

Samois-sur-Seine and the surrounding villages are organising a huge Carnival in January 2000 in which the Twinning Association is taking part. The theme is *The Forest*. Harbury is therefore invited and they are expecting our visit for the weekend of **22<sup>nd</sup> January 2000**. People of Harbury will stay with families. Samois-sur-Seine needs to know how many of us will be there for this event, so please contact Sally Stringer on 613214 or myself on 613607 for more details and to put your names down before the end of February 1999.

The Twinning Association of Samois-sur-Seine are very keen to welcome the children of Harbury Primary School, especially those from

Y5 and Y6. Therefore the Harbury Twinning Association is ready to make such a visit possible from **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1999.**

For the moment we need to find out how many parents are interested in sending their child(ren) as well as being prepared to accompany them. By the time this article is published, parents of Y5 and Y6 children will have received a detailed letter. For more information regarding this trip, please contact Martine Jenkins on 613857 or Alan Guy on 614242.

As we have already mentioned in a previous issue of the H&L News, at the end of June 1999 an International Jazz Festival will take place in Samois-sur-Seine. Soon we will be able to tell you the exact dates. Can we stress that because of its popularity at this period, the village will be very busy. If you are interested in attending this event, you will have to organise your own accommodation. However, we will be able to provide you with details of hotels, etc. available in the area.

**Jacqueline Clarke**

## **VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT**

The Design Statements are now being delivered to those who returned their reply slips. You can still order your ONE free copy from Bill Middleton, Butcher's Barn, High Street; Linda Ridgley, 16 Farm Street, or Sharon Hancock, 32, Mill Street. If you have lost the slip, please write Village Design Statement and state your name and address clearly on your letter. Further copies of the Village Design Statement (£3 each) can be ordered from the same addresses.

**Linda Ridgley**

## **PRESENTATION TO MENCAP**

On December 15<sup>th</sup> 1998, a cheque for £2,200.00 was presented to Stratford & District Mencap (Southam Area) at The Gamecock Inn. This amount was made up of the proceeds from the Beer Festival food which was organised by Helen and Margaret from Mencap supported by friends & family and the proceeds from the Victorian Street Fayre of which Mencap members also formed part of the organising team.



**Helen & Margaret from Mencap and their clients with members of the Victorian Street Fayre team in the Gamecock Inn.**

**Dan Killian**

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## **THE KAREN BOND APPEAL FUND**

Karen, who was a Southam School pupil and consequently has many friends in the Southam, Ladbroke, Harbury, Bishops Itchington and the surrounding villages, was on holiday in Canada when the accident happened. A faulty furnace and leaking propane gas cylinder caused the massive explosion which local residents described as sounding like a bomb.





Fire investigators found it unbelievable that anyone survived. Karen received third degree burns to the whole of her face, upper chest, back, forearms and hands. She was flown by air-ambulance to Vancouver General Hospital, where she has undergone many operations, skin grafts and plastic surgery. Many more operations will be needed. She was originally in intensive care, but has now been taken off the life support machine and her condition is now described as 'stable'. Hospital staff have said: *Karen will have a long hard road ahead.*

The reason I want to put an article in the Harbury & Ladbroke News is:

1. I still have not been able to contact all of her friends and many of them are in the Harbury area. Karen needs as many friends as possible to contact her to keep her spirits up.
2. To appeal for donations. Karen's travel insurance was for \$15,000 Canadian dollars. My Dad had already received two bills for \$25,000 by the first week in January. Cheques should be made payable to The Karen Bond Appeal Fund and forwarded to the above address.
3. For people to get in touch with Clare Finch (642861) who is organising a School Reunion / Fund raising evening for pupils who went to Southam School between 1982 - 1996. The reunion is planned for May 1999.
4. I am also appealing to local companies to donate raffle prizes for many forthcoming events.

It is hoped Karen will be flown home when she is well enough to receive hospital treatment in the UK. Karen will have to wear a special face mask for 23 hours per day for at least a year and special gloves for up to two years (which have to be replaced every 3 months). Karen will be unable to work for at least two years. After completing hospital treatment, Karen will go to live with my Mum in Warwick. My Dad, who is from Southam, has flown out to be with Karen until such time as she is well enough to fly home.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Mrs. Rachel Andrews (01788 339 160)**



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## **BLACKPOOL FOR JUST £106**

The Rotary Club of Southam 2000 is offering holidays this year to Senior Citizens from Southam and surrounding villages who would benefit from a week away at this ever popular resort.

For this year the hotels have been upgraded to include ensuite facilities in every room. This week's holiday in Blackpool costs just £106.00 and in addition there is a single room supplement of £15. The cost includes: all meals, ensuite accommodation, coach travel to and from Southam, and entertainment.

Rotary has been organising holidays in Blackpool since 1992 and last year more than 3,000 Midlands folk enjoyed these breaks, including increasing numbers from the Southam area who have been taking part for the past 3 years.

Rotary feels that people who would benefit from a holiday do not take one for many reasons, including the formality of making all the arrangements themselves, difficulty of arranging the travel, carrying luggage or lack of a companion. Experience has shown that once in Blackpool, people are anything but lonely and friendships develop and carry on from year to year. Families can join together to pay for relatives who deserve to get away - they may be married, single, widowed or couples. Holiday makers must be able to climb stairs as the small comfortable family type hotels do not have lifts.

On arrival by coach at Blackpool, people will be transferred with their luggage to their rooms and will have tea or coffee and biscuits to settle in before the evening meal. Included within the price will be a Mystery Tour, Western Night, Bingo and Sing-along nights. Wednesday is Party Night with a buffet. Additional excursions are also available at reduced prices.

Holidays are available for the week from **Thursday 13 May to Thursday 20 May 1999.**

Anyone interested in going on holiday, or wanting to nominate someone they feel deserves to go, should collect an application form from one of the addresses overleaf.

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Taylor's Chemist, Southam

The Post Office, Napton

The Post Office, Harbury

or contact John Dugmore, The Skoppy, Cox's Lane, Napton,  
CV23 8LW - Telephone 01926 815145.

Completed forms should be returned to John Dugmore no later than  
**8<sup>th</sup> March 1999.**

### **Rotary Club of Southam 2000**

#### **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Our last talk - given by Mr. Webster - was both entertaining and informative. He showed us slides of many familiar shrubs and trees, even clumps of grasses which gave much the same effect as shrubs. He then ended with a recorded 'Dawn Chorus', a sample of the spring ahead we trust?

As I have just mentioned Spring, have your cameras at the ready, because 'Springtime' is the subject for the landscape class in the Village Show in September.

On **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March** at the Stoneythorpe Hotel at Southam, a talk entitled *Practical Ideas for Garden Design* will be given by Russell Garden Centres. The cost will be £4.50 including refreshments and will start at 7.30pm - all welcome.

'Potato Day' at Ryton will soon be with us again on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February** 10.00am to 4.30pm. This has proved a very successful event and I have been assured it will be well organised to deal with the expected crowds of people. With this in mind it is advisable to get there early, the price of admission is £2.50. Many old, unusual and, 'exclusive to Ryton' varieties will be on sale. Obviously the most popular varieties will sell out first, - have a good day!

The Malvern 'Spring Show' will take place in **May** from **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** inclusive and in order to get tickets for £8.50 - a reduced price - we need the minimum of 10 people. Anyone interested, please contact Mrs. Pat Smith 612650.

P.S. Advance notice: Mr. Brian Cook will give a talk entitled *Cuttings* on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - watch the village notice boards.

**Muriel Grey**

## GARDENING NOTES

Rain, and yet more rain is making even the thought of gardening out of the question. However, in the hope that some time this month we will be able to get onto the sodden ground I shall remind you of the jobs to be done.

When the early bulbs begin to flower sprinkle a general fertiliser, about 1-2oz. per sq.yd. around them. Treat all the spring bulbs to this annual feed to ensure good blooming. Top dress borders with well rotted manure or compost, if it was not done last month. Dig out any perennial weeds as you find them, or you may be feeding them too. Cover any areas scheduled for early sowing of vegetables or hardy annuals with polythene. This dries the soil, warms it and encourages weed seeds to germinate before you make the sowings. Clumps of perennials can be divided at the end of the month.

Deciduous trees can be shaped and diseased or crossing branches can be removed whilst the trees are dormant. Leave Cherry and Plum until after they have bloomed to avoid an attack of silver leaf. Buddleia davidii can be cut back almost to the ground or to a framework of stems because they can quickly outgrow their space if left alone. Wisteria should have all side shoots pruned back to two buds. Traditionally the later flowering Clematis are pruned at the end of this month, by taking out the old growth down to two strong buds about 12 to 18 inches from the ground. However, if the plant is growing into a tree it can just be cut back to the lower branches. This is only general advice and in certain situations it may be better to leave the plant to roam until it becomes too large or unsightly and then to be rather brutal for one season.

Renew grease bands on fruit trees. Buy seeds whilst the choice is good, but heed a warning from Geoff Hamilton: "*Seedsmen reckon that their stock in trade is not seeds at all. . . it's optimism*".



### Plant of the month - Iris

Iris is named for the Greek goddess of the rainbow, signifying the many hues of the flowers. There are 300 types found throughout the Northern Hemisphere from the Arctic Circle to the Tropic of Cancer and a large number of them can be grown in Great Britain. The flower has long been the emblem of the royal house of France, as the fleur de lys. The story is that King Clovis I was trapped with his army near Cologne, on the Rhine. He noticed the water iris and knowing that here the water would be shallow, he was able to ford the river and escape. The beauty of the flowers had been noticed long before this and probably the earliest portrayal is on a carved marble panel in the temple of the Theban Ammon at Karnak dating from about 1950 BC. Orris, or Iris root was widely used medicinally to cure a variety of complaints from the ague to the bite of an adder.

In the garden the first iris of the winter is the one from Algeria which was brought here around 1845. Then it was called *Iris stylosa*, but now it bears the tag *unguicularis*, meaning claw like, referring to its petal shape. The lavender coloured flowers appear from November through to March and will grow in any well drained soil, although their preferred site is in poor ground which gets well baked in the summer.

Cut down their straggly leaves in June. Flowering now, are the early dwarf iris, native to Turkey and Turkistan. These grow from bulbs with thick storage roots and feeding roots, which if damaged delay the development of the plant. The earliest is *Iris histrioides* with bright azure flowers and then the lime loving *Iris reticulata*, both needing a sunny site.

Pat Smith

## Letters to the Editors

*Dear Editors*

*On behalf of myself and my committee I would like to thank everyone who took part and supported the Harbury Christmas Fair.*

*The weather was rather nasty an hour before opening time, but it did*

*not stop the crowds from turning out to see Father Christmas and a heartening display by our village Morris Dancers.*

*The raffle once again broke all records and we were able to donate £790 to Myton Hospice - well done everyone.*

*Characters from the shows were numerous and we all had a thoroughly good afternoon. Thank you Harbury for supporting us and we look forward to another cracking event in December 1999.*

**Colin Ingram**

*Dear Editors*

*Once again, the wonderful generosity of our friends in Chesterton, Deppers Bridge, Ufton and Harbury came to the fore with a superb Poppy Appeal total of £1,471. Our sincere thanks to the dedicated collectors and you the loyal public.*

**Mick G. Bishop**

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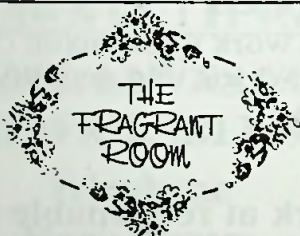
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