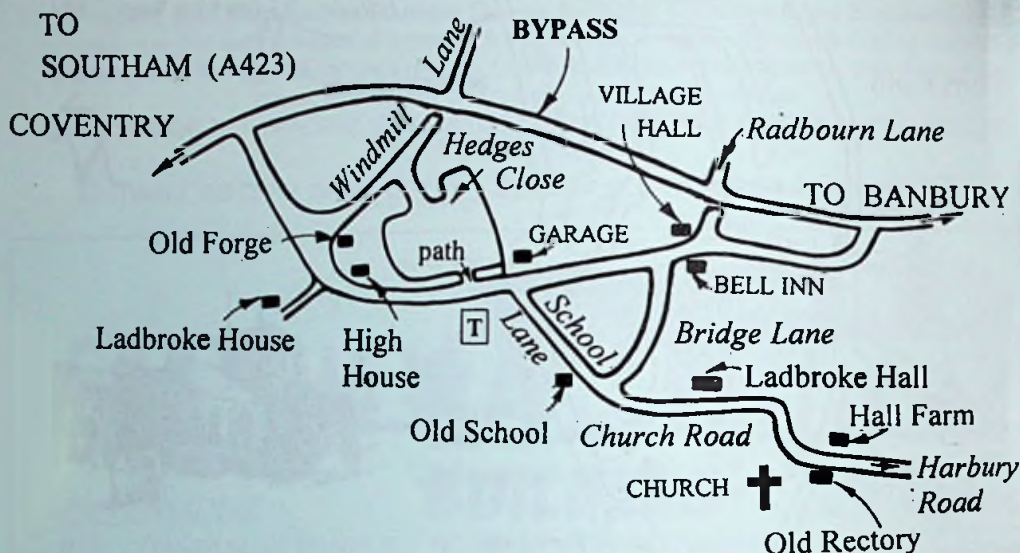


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The 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' has created a vivid array of foliage. This October has been recorded as having the most hours of sunshine in 40 years and the dry weather has undoubtedly resulted in the dramatic depth of colour. The beech trees in the cemetery have already shed a carpet of leaves which at one time was always swept up by Elsie Hughes who lived in the nearby cottage.



G.R. Post Box relocated



Nicola Smith and Nicola Goodwill

At the opposite end of Chapel Street, observant residents will have noticed that the redundant G.R. Post Box has found a home in Mill Lane. Fortunately, this is one of the village artefacts that has been preserved for posterity, but it is also important that memories from bygone times are recorded. There is a request this month, for reminiscences of earlier times to be written down for inclusion in a collection of village stories. Perhaps some older villagers could contribute details about their early life (for example Ron Brand who was a porter at the old Harbury and Southam Road railway station) for this project (see article on page 33).

The much acclaimed Harbury Chronicles' video, shown to packed audiences recently, reflected changes that have already taken place in the village in a short space of time.

This month we congratulate two villagers who have celebrated their 90th birthday: Win Bloxham, formerly of Ivy Lane and Daisy (Diz) Lander of Vicarage Lane. The Harbury & Ladbroke News will always be pleased to publish your announcements of births, special anniversaries and significant birthdays.



Ron Brand cycling past
the Wight School



Win Bloxham celebrating
her 90th Birthday

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Arthur Graydon, Owen Rolfe and Eleanor Thompson.

Harbury Diary

NOVEMBER

- Sun 7** 3rd Sunday before Advent - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 4.00pm
- Tues 9** Holy Communion 7.30pm
Village Hall committee in Village Hall 8.00pm
Prayer Group in Church 8.00pm
- Wed 10** Southam Leisure Keep Fit in Village Hall 7.00pm
- Thurs 11** Holy Communion 9.45am
Harbury Nursery School Open Afternoon 1.30-3.00pm
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
Myton Hospice Line Dancing at Harbury Village Club 7.30pm
WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
- Sat 13** Craft Circle at Village Hall 10.00am - 5.00pm
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room - British Legion
NSPCC Ceilidh in Village Hall
- Sun 14** Remembrance Sunday - Holy Communion 8.00am
Remembrance Service 10.15am and on to War Memorial for 11.00am
Sung Eucharist 4.00pm
- Mon 15** ADVERTS Westbury House, 79 Mill Street by 5.30pm
- Tues 16** Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union 8.00pm
Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8.00pm
- Wed 17** Southam Leisure Keep Fit in Village Hall 7.00pm
- Thurs 18** Holy Communion 9.45am
Youth Club in Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm
Myton Hospice Line Dancing at Harbury Village Club 7.30pm
- Fri 19** Newspaper collection
Coffee Morning for Myton Hospice at Fox Cottage, Chapel St. 10am-12noon
- Sat 20** Stage up in Village Hall
Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room - Mrs. Bloxham, Multiple Sclerosis
- Sun 21** Christ the King - Holy Communion 8.00am
Family Communion 10.30am
- Mon 22** Harbury Society's Archaeology Talk in Tom Hauley Room 7.30 for 8.00pm
- Tues 23** Holy Communion 7.30pm
Julian Group in Church 8.00pm
- Wed 24** Southam Leisure Keep Fit in Village Hall 7.00pm
PCC meeting in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm

- Thurs 25 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
 Myton Hospice Line Dancing at Harbury Village Club 7.30pm
 Parish Council meeting in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm
 Harbury Theatre Play in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 26 Harbury Theatre Play in Village Hall 7.30pm
ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm
- Sat 27 Harbury Theatre Play in Village Hall 2.30pm and 7.30pm
 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room - Hereburgh Morris
- Sun 28 Advent Sunday - Holy Communion 8am (Linda says am, Father says pm)
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 4.00pm
- Tues 30 St. Andrew - Holy Communion 7.30pm

DECEMBER

- Wed 1 Holy Communion 2pm; Mothers' Union 2.30pm
 Southam Leisure Keep Fit in Village Hall 7.00pm
- Thurs 2 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Storytelling in Library 10.00am
 Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
 Myton Hospice Line Dancing at Harbury Village Club 7.30pm
 Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 3 Newspaper collection
 WI Christmas Party in Village Hall
- Sat 4 PCC Christmas Fayre at Village Hall with Santa's Grotto
 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room - Mrs. Checkley, Church Funds
- Sun 5 Advent II - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 4.00pm

Please note

Adverts to Westbury House, 79, Mill Street by Monday 15th Nov.

Articles to Harbury Chemist by Friday 26th November

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

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Scout Hut	Mr. R. Flanagan	613612
Tom Hauley Room	Mrs. W. Stubbs	612782
T. Hauley Room Coffee Morning	Mrs. J. Windsor	612504
Village Hall	Mr. P. Winchester	614466
Wight School	Mrs. L. Hayes	613488

REGULAR DIARY DATES

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

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

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, Tuesdays 6:15-7:15pm

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

BROWNIES: Scout Hut, Mondays 6:00-7:30pm

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 6:30pm

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

CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesdays

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

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

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

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

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:

Under 7/8s: Training: Harbury School Pitch 9:00am
 Coaches: Adrian Hawley 614353 & Ron Razzano 614508

Under 9s: Training: Harbury School Pitch 10:30am
 Coaches: Joe Greenwell 613623 & Jim Ward 612401

Under 10s: Training: Playing Fields 9:00am
 Coaches: Steve Darby 613330 & Keith Guy

Under 12s: Training: Playing Fields 10:30am
 Coaches: John Wilkins 612115 & Steve Wilkins 614574

Under 14s: Training: Playing Fields 10:30am
 Coaches: Trevor Montague 612340 & Steve Fitzgerald 612164

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

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

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 613174

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

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Village Hall, 1st Tuesday of Month (Oct. to May) 8:00pm

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

LIBRARY: Mondays 2:00 - 5:00pm and 5:30 - 7:00pm;
 (619297) Thursdays 10:00am - 1:00pm; 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 Thursdays 6:30pm;
 Matches on Saturday Afternoon

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

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

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

THURSDAY CLUB: Farley Room of Village Hall 2nd & 4th Thursday of Month 2:30pm

TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, Monday 10:00-11:30am & Wednesday 1:30-3:00pm
W.I.: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday of Month 7:45pm
YOGA: Wight School, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm Diane Surgey Tel. 817904
YOUTH CLUB: Village Hall, Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm

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ODD JOBS ABOUT THE HOUSE: Call Jeff Bedford 612753.

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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 4:00pm (Except 3rd Sunday)

Please see notice board in Church for weekday services or revised times on special occasions.

Rector: Father Roy Brown, The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury
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Laugh Line

The young curate liked to involve the congregation in the Family Service sermon. *Who was the funniest man in the Bible?* he asked. A teenage promptly replied: *Samson. He brought the house down.*

FROM THE RECTOR

We are now less than two months from the year 2000. To some it is just another new year, with no particular significance. Other people see the new millennium as a tremendous opportunity - time for making a new start, for taking new initiatives, for putting our mistakes and our past behind us. This I hope is how Christians will be looking at it.

We will be celebrating 2000 years of Christianity. During all that time the Church has had its ups and downs. It has gone through dark periods. But always God sees that a remnant remains of the faithful on which the Church has continued to grow.

I hope and pray that in the parishes of Harbury and Ladbroke we do not miss the significance of the occasion. We will be observing the millennium with services and the opportunity to spend time in our churches.

God is utterly loving. That is what He showed us in Jesus Christ - He is the God who loves His world so much that He came to share our vulnerable life, even to death. Let us put our faith in God, trusting Him

and staying close to Him as individuals and as a Church.

The pattern of services and events in both churches will be as follows:

ALL SAINTS' HARBURY

New Year's Eve: Sung Eucharist 6.30pm; The Church will remain open until after midnight. The Bells will ring in the New Year at midnight.

New Year's Day: Service of Thanksgiving for the Past and Hope for the Future, 11.30am, culminating with the ringing of the Bells at 12noon.

ALL SAINTS' LADBROKE

New Year's Eve: Bells rung at midnight.

New Year's Day: Communion Service, 10.00am; Bells rung 12noon.

I hope that everyone will have the opportunity of sharing in the worship as well as enjoying other festivities.

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism - All Saints' Ladbroke

17th October - Samuel Thomas Cameron Hill
24th October - Ellie Robert

Funerals - Oakley Wood

8th October - Arthur Graydon
19th October - Owen Rolfe
22nd October - Eleanor Thompson

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

The Harvest Supper was, as always, most enjoyable and thanks are due to all those who produced the excellent meal, set up and decorated the tables (and cleared up afterwards) and to the choir for serving throughout the evening.



Harbury Church Choir - ready to serve at the Harvest Supper

Nick Tawney staged a most amusing mock auction and then the highly energetic and talented Appalachian Dancers of **Kick Start** completed the entertainment.

With holidays and now half term mostly over, we are approaching the season of Advent and the run up to Christmas. With the change of the clocks, Evensong reverts to its Winter timing of 4.00pm and takes place every Sunday except the 3rd Sunday of the month.

However, the Service of Remembrance will take place on **Sunday 14th November** at 10.15am and on this special day the 4.00pm Service will be the Sung Eucharist. Don't miss the Family Service at 10.15am on the 3rd Sunday of each month - **November 21st** being the next.

Ruth and John

MOTHERS' UNION

Afternoon meeting: After a service of Holy Communion in Church, we held our meeting led by Lorna in the Tom Hauley Room. Each member brought a childhood photograph of themselves and these were passed round, causing many laughs. (How fashions change!) The stories which went with them brought back many happy memories. A most enjoyable afternoon, ending with tea and a chat.

Evening meeting: Cheryl Shipley brought along several beautiful samples of patchwork done by herself and friends. She told how patchwork first began - as a means of making warm garments and coverings from scraps of material, or by using the unworn portions of clothes which would otherwise be discarded.

As Cheryl described the many and varied methods, and the designs which can be created, she shared her thoughts on "God's Patchwork for our lives". Before setting out to make anything from patchwork, there has to be a detailed plan showing how every piece will eventually fit together to form the finished article (with no uneven edges) and the phrase which summed up the whole talk was "God knows the end from the beginning".

Next meetings:

Tues 16th Nov. - 8.00pm, *Thimbles*, by Joyce Orford

Wed 1st Dec. - 2.30pm, *Deep in the Heart of Texas*, by Jeanne Clarke

Audrey Tebaldi & Anne Moore

TODDLERS' SERVICE

At our October Service we thanked God for the Harvest.

To begin our service we sang *All things bright and beautiful*. We were then shown a large basket of fruit and vegetables and we gave each item its name.

We then had a lot of fun reciting a poem which took us through the process of making bread from the sowing of the seed to making our sandwiches!

We sang *Praise Him, Praise Him all you little children* and finished our

time together by sowing seeds of cress onto damp cotton wool, which we could take home and watch grow.

Lorna Bedford

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH - CHRISTMAS FAIR

Once again, Harbury Christmas Fair time is approaching and the event will take place on **Saturday 4th December** in the Village Hall, commencing at 2.00pm.

The usual attractions will be on offer: Hereburgh Morris, Father Christmas Grotto, Cakes, Toiletries, White Elephant, Tombola, Grand Raffle draw and many more interesting stalls.

This year the proceeds from the raffle will go to the Warwick Hospital's 'new' Accident and Emergency Appeal Fund. I think you will agree a local and much needed service.

We look forward to seeing you on the day - come along and have fun with us.

Colin Ingram

Ladbroke News

NOVEMBER

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| Sun | 7 | 3 rd Sunday before Advent - Family Communion 10.30am |
| Mon | 8 | Millennium Club's draw at The Bell Inn 8.00pm |
| Wed | 10 | Holy Communion 2.00pm |
| Sun | 14 | 2 nd Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Sunday;
Sung Communion with act of Remembrance 9am |
| Mon | 15 | ADVERTS Westbury House, 79 Mill Street by 5.30pm |
| Sat | 20 | Christmas Fayre in Village Hall 2.30pm |
| Sun | 21 | Christ the King - Sung Communion 9am |
| Thurs | 25 | Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI |
| Fri | 26 | ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm |
| Sun | 28 | Advent Sunday - Sung Communion 9am |
| Mon | 29 | Southam & District Local History Society meeting at St. Mary's School 7.30pm |
| Tues | 30 | PCC Meeting at 8.15pm
Ladbroke WI meeting |

DECEMBER

Thurs 2 Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge WI Christmas Dinner
 Sun 5 Advent II - Family Communion 9am

LADBROKE FLOWER ROTA

November 14th - Gill Moore
 November 21st - Gill Moore
 November 28th - No flowers until Christmas

LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

The harvest in all areas this year, has been a bumper one: in the garden, hedgerows and fields. Therefore, it seemed fitting that our Harvest Thanksgiving congregation was also a bumper one. What a marvellous turn out! Apart from adults, there were over 30 children, many taking part in the tableau.

This joyous feeling must have carried over from the Harvest Supper which had taken place the Friday before. Many thanks to the ladies who worked so hard (as usual) to provide such a grand spread. The entertainment was "a turn up for the books", what a surprise! I was in it and it was a surprise to me. What a laugh we all had - it was great fun. Just as a by-the-way, the raffle during the evening raised £130 for the Turkish Disaster Fund.

Our next major project is the Autumn Fair on **Saturday 20th November** at 2.30pm. The proceeds will be divided between Acorn Children's Hospice and Leamington Christian Mission (Steph and Geoff are coming to open the proceedings). We will be dropping 'mail shots' through your door any minute now, begging for cakes, prizes for the Tombola and bric-a-brac. If you don't know who to contact, please ring me on 812234, or leave what you are giving in the church - many thanks in anticipation.

I expect everyone has noticed how smart the church looks these days. The next work to be undertaken is the electrical rewiring, early in November. The bells will be taken away for repair in January and tenders are going out for work to begin on re-plastering and decorating the walls inside the church. Work has also to be carried out on the

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Lych gate. There are many other things being discussed, but they are going to need money raising events. Be warned!

The total amount raised in sponsorship by our three gallant cyclists was £230.50, which we sent to the Historic Churches' Trust. Many thanks to all concerned.

Betty Winkfield

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

The Pie Supper which we held on October 15th at the home of Jim & Jean Clews was a great success. The food, as usual, was lovely - many thanks to everyone who made pies, etc., also to the ladies who made all the delicious sweets. We made £261.40 to go into the funds.

Gill Moore

WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

Mrs. Ann Brooks joined us at our meeting in October and gave us an insight to her childhood. Ann had her hundredth birthday during the summer - what a marvellous lady she is. Many thanks to Nancy and Alan Stubbs for having us there.

Gill Moore has kindly invited us to her home for our November meeting. Stella Douglas will give us one of her talks; she hasn't told me yet what it will be about! That is on **Wednesday 10th November**. Holy Communion at 2.00pm in Church.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The meeting was held in Ladbroke Village Hall on October 28th and was our AGM. The President welcomed our visitors, Mrs. Rosemary Galilee the VCO and our tellers for the evening, Mrs. Dorothy Groves and Mrs. Celia Barrett from Harbury WI. The new committee was elected as follows:

President - Mrs. Susan Moore

Treasurer - Mrs. Sheena Healey

Secretary - Mrs. Marie Kennedy

Committee members:

Mrs. Anne Edwards Mrs. Hazel Sharples

Mrs. Tina Gilbert Mrs. Catherine Spence

Mrs. Sue Rayner

Once the official business of the evening was over, arrangements were made for our Christmas Dinner, to be held at the 'Duck on the Pond' on the evening of **Thursday 2nd December**. If there is anyone who was not at the meeting and would like to go to the Christmas Dinner, please contact Tina Gilbert.

We concluded the meeting with cheese and wine and the raffle was won by Jill Norgate, Jan Lowman and Beryl Ross.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 25th November**, when Laura Eastwood and Jill Norgate will be the hostesses.

Marie Kennedy

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

The eighth draw of the Millennium Club for 1999 was held on September 13th at the Bell Inn. The winners were Carol Northorpe £90; Maggie Edwards £50; Ann Connor £25; Linda Spence £25; M. Wright, Beryl Ross, Gwynne Badman, Hylde Overall and B&M Whitehouse each won £10.

The ninth draw of the Club for 1999 was held on October 11th at the Bell Inn. The winners were Avril Court £90; Jenny Barrett £50; Peter Towell £25; Ann Connor £25. The £10 winners were J&P Laidler, Sheena Healey, P. Edgar, Lois Workman and Gill Moore.

The next prize draw will take place on **Monday 8th November** at the Bell Inn at 8.00pm.

Catherine Spence

SOUTHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Ladbroke Section

Did you go to Southam's Mop Fair? If you did, then you followed in the footsteps of countless others from Ladbroke, who have trailed the road to Southam for several hundred years now!

These fairs originally developed from the old Charter Fairs of the 12th Century. Southam was large enough to be a market town and established its Charter Fair in 1257. By the late 14th Century, Coventry Priory was developing a new market place and tenements north of the old town, such was its importance. Until 1820 several annual fairs took place; the Charter Fair in July, the Lady Godiva procession and fair in June and the Mop Fairs for hiring servants in March and September, with the Runaway Mop Fair in Early October for the rehire of servants who did not like their employer.

Southam's Mop Fair, the first Monday after October 11th, is our remaining fair, alongside the annual May Carnival, which my own two youngsters have been fortunate enough to grow up with. Southam may be small, but it is because of this that the Mop has always had an intimacy that can only belong to a close community. There can't be a child in a local school who does not know the approaching date of the Mop Fair come October.

When I first went in 1976, the town centre had the added chaos of the Oxford to Coventry traffic, lorries and all, slowly winding their way down the middle of the main street, weaving through the amusements, their honking horns adding to the fairground blare. It started outside the Craven Arms Inn, with a hand-operated child's roundabout sticking well out into the main road! For several years, the same young, blond-haired lass operated the mechanical handle. I wonder how long that particular amusement had been going before it finally disappeared during the '80s.

The Ox roast by Southam Lions was always an added highlight of the evening, which was sadly given up a few years ago. There are pictures of the annual Ox roast going back into the last century.

What it is to be a part of local history. How glad I am that the villagers participating today are all there for their enjoyment and not one of the many Victorians who would have drowned their sorrows at Southam's

numerous public houses, because they were not hired that day. No job, no home, no wages, no food, no Social Security. Remember Thomas Hardy's *Far from the Madding Crowd*? From Southam they would have tramped on to Stratford-upon-Avon or Warwick or waited hopefully for the Runaway Mop. When the last fair passed, the Southam Union Workhouse (on the site of Southam's Junior School) was their last remaining option.

We have an exhibition at the Turner Craft Festival on Saturday 6th November at Southam High School and the next meeting of the Southam and District Local History Society is on **Monday 29th November** at St. Mary's School, 7.30pm.

Linda Doyle

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Chairman Peter Williamson was pleased to welcome 3 members of the public to the Village Hall on October 20th.

Matters arising: There was disappointment that even though some of the restorative work had been started by Warwickshire County Council, the very important repair needed to the storm drain in Banbury Road is still awaited.

Crime Report: There was no reported crime in September.

Planning Matters: Councillors had met during the month. Recommendations for approval were made to Stratford District Council for extensions to the rear of the Old Post Office and for the millennium stone in Macklin Green - with the suggestion that it is moved just 3ft to avoid the sight line from the Old Rectory to the church.

Local Area Meeting: Carol Northorpe and Beverley Bradley had represented Ladbroke at the local area meeting in Bishops Itchington. The Local Government Commission report on the composition of parishes is due to be published in November. A 'parish' is defined as 'a small distinctive and recognisable community'. The second speaker explained the proposed changes in the democratic structure of the County Council.

Carol Northorpe

William Henry Jake Webster-Wall

arrived on October 18th

Stephen and I would like to thank everyone in Ladbroke Village for the lovely gifts. A special thank you to Mary and Norman Coley for putting up the blue ribbons and balloons to let everyone know: It's a Boy!

Jane Webster

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - October 1999

The local beat officer P.c. Stuart Bosworth had the unenviable task of explaining to councillors the poor level of cover he and his colleague can provide from the Southam Station which serves ninety square miles of rural Warwickshire. "Rapid response" was available from Kenilworth, but as Sharon Hancock pointed, out there could hardly be a more awkward place to come from.

County Councillor Doody reported that when he recently had cause to call Kenilworth Station he hung up because he had waited so long. When he rang again he still could not contact the person he wanted. He thought the public was being treated "abysmally".

John Drinkwater said the news rendered him speechless but quickly went on to point out that in his day (forty years ago) there had been an Inspector, a Sergeant and seven constables to patrol an area with a much lower population.

Statistically crime figures are low in the Southam area but Councillors said this was because the Rural Beat Officers did such a good job. The Parish gave them their full support but were appalled at the "impossible situation" they found themselves in.

Stuart explained that he would not be able to attend Parish Council meetings and it was suggested that the Area Parish Council meetings would allow him and his colleague a forum at which to pass on information.

Councillor Van Spall reported that Deppers Bridge had been pleased to see the police in the village recently with the speed camera.

The good news is that Stuart and his colleague will be on duty on New Year's Eve and in this area (originally they were to patrol Kenilworth). Stuart asked everyone to remember thieves would be doing their shopping in the run up to Christmas and asked everyone to lock things up securely, and not leave gifts on view, especially in cars.

Southam School's exam results had been very good Councillor Hancock reported and the school had secured industrial sponsorship for its bid for technology status. Not only would this bring resources to the school itself, but the benefits would spread down to the local feeder schools. Less than five percent of the parents turned up to Harbury School's Annual Meeting despite the PTA organising Cheese & Wine to follow.

Both Councillor Hancock and Warwickshire County Council Councillor Doody had protested about the school bus service and had been assured that problems would not recur. There should be no more absent, late, or lost buses. They are interested in the outcome.

Planning: Stratford District Council approved applications for the demolition of the stone cottage at 7, Farm Street; the construction of an implements' store at Harbury Fields Barn; a Field Shelter at Northfields Mill Lane; alterations at the Cottage, High Street and the reduction in the height of trees at Childyke.

The Parish Council made no representations on an extension at 7, South Parade; amendments to plans for a new house at Threeways; a carport at 2, The Beeches; two storey extensions at 38, South Parade and 1, Wagstaffe Close. They commented adversely on the application from the owners of Tresco Barn who want to keep the unauthorised changes they have made to the roof and roof lights. Chairman John Hunt had inspected the facilities at Newbold Common and preferred Harbury's existing large slide but admitted that the children seemed to favour the large "activity net".

Councillor Thompson has arranged for the older children at Harbury School to illustrate their ideas for the slide's replacement. They will visit other parks to see what is on offer and present their findings to the next Parish Council meeting.

Various repairs, replacements and minor improvements to the existing play equipment in Harbury and Deppers Bridge are in hand.

Referring to the Tennis/Netball Court improvements, the Chairman reported that a Draft Management Scheme had been circulated and representatives from the Parish Council, Football, Tennis and Netball Clubs would form the Working Group. The Parish Council would decide when and for what length of time the floodlights would be illuminated.

John Hunt was critical of the clarity and objectivity of the recent survey about Playing Field improvements and was supported by his colleagues who argued that there had been fair, open, honest and endless opportunities for public debate on the scheme.

The time controls for the car park lighting had at last been installed. There was now the facility to delay the normal switching off time of 10.15pm when functions were taking place in the Village Hall.

The Parish Paths' group have surveyed all the footpaths, cleared vegetation from SM62a and plan to install a stile on the route from Temple End to Beggars Lane. It was suggested they might like to consider replacing stiles with kissing gates which would allow the less supple to access the paths.

The Parish Council agreed to a donation towards the Depot bus for young people which visited Harbury during the summer holidays but were disappointed by the number of youngsters who used the bus. For future visits the publicity would have to be improved.

The union flag will be hoisted on Remembrance Sunday at the Village Hall. Harbury's certificate for second place in the Best Kept Village Competition will be displayed at the Post Office. Unfortunately the Parish Council's bid for Breakthrough crocuses was too late.

The Harbury Society had protested that the new **No Parking** sign outside the Burial Grounds was too strident and officious. Sharon Hancock thought it might offend those visiting the cemetery and it was agreed to look again at the wording and materials.

The County Council wants to publicise the upgrade of the village signage and lighting and in its press release gives the Chairman the quote that the improvements "add to the ambience" of Harbury!

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY SOCIETY

Colin Burden of Plincke Landscape believes Garden Design is less about style and more about the need to recognise what already exists and make an appropriate response to it.

When Leamington's Jephson Gardens failed to secure a lottery grant, Colin reworked the bid and won £2.9million for a progressive and striking redevelopment of the derelict Nursery Site. Following this he worked up an application for a grant to restore the Hill Close Pleasure Gardens in Warwick.

Since the Second World War the gardens were used as allotments but they were laid out in 1845 by Edward Wilson of Exhall as speculative detached pleasure gardens surrounded by tall evergreen hedges with flowers and fruit trees. They had elaborate summerhouses, with a stove or fireplace and formed the focus of activity for the Victorian families who had a growing interest in gardening but little land with their town houses in Warwick.

The local community group who revealed and preserved the gardens have a strong desire to cultivate them and the master plan will balance this wish with the need for public access. The gardens will be split into two; the upper parts remaining allotments and the lower gardens planted up more elaborately with a trail linking them with the other historic gardens of Warwick.

The Hill Close landscape grew out of the social pressures of the Victorian era and now they are to be renovated for later generations. There are but six detached pleasure gardens remaining in the country and only Hill Close retains its summerhouses. It is unique.

Christine Hodgetts will give guided tours next year but for the near future please put in your diary **Thursday 18th November 8.00pm** Channel 4 when there will be a television programme on part of the gardens.

Monday 22nd November at 7.30 for 8.00pm Tom Hauley Room County Archaeologist, Stuart Palmer explains the exciting finds from the recent Transco Pipeline Excavations and update on other digs.

Linda Ridgley

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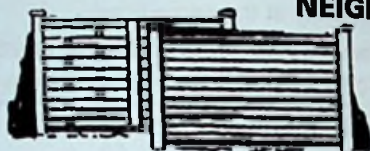
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HARBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Autumn Fair was a huge success due to the excellent support from members. They provided a varied display of stalls, with refreshments for visitors to enjoy. Thanks to everyone concerned, but a special thank you to all who came on the day. The grand total was £368.

We have some first class speakers and October's speaker was no exception. Mr. Terry Bullington from St. Dunstons accompanied by his wife Maria. He was the only serviceman to lose his sight in the Falklands War, 18 years ago. His account of the action leading up to his injury brought back images of the familiar sounding landmarks and of boats that took part in the conflict. After his awful ordeal, he was transferred from boat to plane and ended his journey at Morefields eye hospital in London. He was then sent to St. Dunstons near Brighton for rehabilitation.

St. Dunstons was established in 1915 and blind servicemen and civilians are trained to eventually lead as normal a life as possible. They must have all gone through the 'why me?' bitterness and the awful lows that Terry did. Together they learn that life has much to offer and humour plays a big part in recovery. Even the smallest function like putting toothpaste into one's mouth to prevent it repeatedly falling off the brush is cause for celebration.

Nowadays they participate in athletics, swimming, and golf with ease. Recently there have been a blind speed driver and another one who is going to do an unaccompanied drive on an airstrip.

Terry and Maria are official fund raisers for St. Dunstons and they travel all over the country speaking to organisations. Terry's attitude to life and his magnetic personality is an inspiration to us all.

He requests that we never hesitate to offer help to a blind person as nowadays traffic is horrendous.

November hostesses: Kath Mansell, Nita Waddell and June Sharpe

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HARBURY FOLK CLUB

*I'll tell you the tale of a climber
A drama of love on the crags.*

These lines from "The Ballad of Idwell Slabs" opened just one of the many performances at the October's Folk Club, whose theme was 'Getting High'. Rarely has the theme been so cunningly adhered to.

On the mountaineering and climbing theme, Ron gave us several songs, including two versions of the "Manchester Rambler", and Doug and I did "Idwell Slabs", complete with digitally enhanced display board.

Phil & Drill were thinking of other highs with strange tales of "Happy Little Clouds" from the Incredible String Band days. Gilly hit the nail on the head with a song entitled "High" and the 'Band of Folk' had a high old time with a medley of tunes.

Rick went for "High Germany", the Blues Fathers visited "The House of the Rising Sun" and Peter went for a river song, which presumably started high in the mountains. By a cunning inversion of the theme, Doug went 'Down below' but the ingenuity award goes to The Harvesters for Ian's new song about Viagra!

The Raffle fetched £30 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Mike Putnam

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP



We present: *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, by C.S. Lewis, adapted by Glyn Robbins.

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In their search they encounter invisible islanders, dragons and a lake that turns everything to gold. As in all the Narnia stories they are guided by

the omnipresent Aslan, the lion.

Several youngsters in Harbury are rising to the challenge of learning to carry swords and being shipwrecked on stage!

Performances will be at Harbury Village Hall on **Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th November** at 7.30pm with a matinee at 2.30pm on Saturday. Tickets are £4, concessions £2.50 obtainable from Kath Ellis Hairdressers, Chapel Street, Harbury, or Tel 612175 or pay on the door.

Ali Hodge

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL - LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Our new committee is in place and coming to terms with the paperwork and planning that their predecessors handled with such apparent ease! At the AGM, thanks were given to the outgoing committee for a year of very hard work which saw Ofsted approval of the Pre-School and the raising of sufficient funds to replace the chairs and tables. The new committee includes Linda Casement as Chair, Kathy Sampson as Treasurer, Josie Whalley as Secretary and Susie Tawney, Robin Cheesman, Jackie Bullock, Lana Long and Carolyn Dorning as active supporters. We therefore have expertise in civil engineering, accountancy, life saving, horticulture, agriculture, design, administration, secretarial and Parish Council work, IT and museum work which could lead to a lovely project to create a bridge to rescue stranded sheep, planted with shrubs in line with the Village Design Statement (all to an audited budget) which could feature on the Web and join the collections of Warwickshire Museum Service. And then again, perhaps we'll leave the activities to the professional staff of the Pre-School.

People often hear sounds of laughter from the playground of the Wight School and ask 'what exactly are the children doing?' The children themselves tend not to give detailed descriptions of their Pre-School activities once they are home and doing something else so here are some of the highlights of a few weeks ago.

Monday: We counted cars and bikes which went past the Library. Two horses came by. We went to the Post Office and bought some stamps and posted letters. Marie read us a story about three

witches who flew to the moon. We all pretended to be witches flying to the moon.

Tuesday: A lady brought in some seeds and berries and showed us how things grow. We ran, hopped and skipped outside and caught big and little balls. We ate toast and I spread my own butter.

Wednesday: I joined up the dots to write my name. We all painted leaves different colours and stuck them to a big tree on the wall. We baked cakes to eat with our milk.

Thursday: I played in the sand with Gill who added some water so that the sand castles didn't crumble. We went looking for conkers and bugs and we saw spiders' webs. We picked up all sorts of different leaves and stuck them to our tree.

Friday: We danced and made music and lots of noise. We all had to make noises like the rain, the wind and thunder. We cut out pictures of apples and carrots and stuck them to a card. We had apples with our milk today.

Fund raising is starting again and, with the onset of winter, what better service can we offer than to valet your car? Vacuum cleaners with 'hyper-suck' will be wielded with as much professionalism as we can muster in the car park of the Shakespeare on both **Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st November** from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Just think, all those old raisins, breadsticks and grapes from the summer holidays plus all the mud, dead leaves and chocolate wrappers from the autumn, cleared away from your car to support a very good cause. We look forward to seeing you!

Harbury Pre-School Committee

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL

Social Services carried out its annual inspection of the Nursery in October and the inspector was very impressed with the Nursery and how happy all the children were. She commented on how much she had enjoyed her morning and was looking forward to coming back next year.

The Nursery finished its topic of bears with several picnics including tasty teddy bear treats of honey 'bear' sandwiches. These went down

very well with both the bears and the children. The children talked about their favourite foods. Ralph's favourite tea was sweets, biscuits, chocolate, banana and tuna!

Please do come to our open afternoon on **Thursday 11th November** 1.30 - 3.00pm and see our 'teddy' photographs with their proud owners or why not read Bethany, Joanna, Poppy and Millie's teddy story about Sheila bear going to a party? Parents, grandparents, carers and children are welcome to see the Nursery in action, talk to the staff and join in our activities. We accept children from 2 years 9 months from Harbury and surrounding areas. To find the Nursery, turn right just inside Harbury School's front gate and follow the signs.

For further information please ring Kate Smart on 612609.

Marie Kennedy

HARBURY C. of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

It may seem early to many people, but we are beginning to collate details about all the children of pre-school age who will be eligible to attend school from September 2000. This includes all those whose date of birth falls between September 1st 1995 and August 31st 1996. Over the last few years our school has filled up very rapidly, many of the children coming from outlying areas as well as our priority area.

The government's new regulations mean that we will not be allowed to accept children into our reception class once the numbers reach thirty (30). Therefore it is imperative that we are made aware of any children within our school's priority area who may be needing a place from next September. Not every child of pre-school age attends either of the pre-school provisions in Harbury.

If you have, or if you know of anyone else who has a child in this situation please get in touch with school as soon as possible. We would hate to have to disappoint a family with every right to attend our school simply because we didn't know of their existence.

Priority area includes: Harbury, Deppers Bridge and Chesterton. We also have children from Bascote, Ladbroke, Bishop's Itchington, Leamington and Southam.

Paul Milner

HARBURY PTA

The last AGM of the millennium was also the end of an era for the PTA. Many members of the previous committee did not stand again and it looked at one stage as if the PTA might not be able to continue in its present form. However, after lengthy discussions, blackmail, bribery, etc. we formed a new committee.

A big vote of thanks goes to all the outgoing members for the hard work over the last year, raising funds and providing more new equipment for the school. Special thanks go to Alan Guy (outgoing Chairman) whose contribution over many years will be missed. Also Helen Manley (outgoing Secretary) who has been at the heart of the PTA, and the tireless Alice Price who as an excellent Treasurer and with the promise of a new abacus has volunteered to continue as Treasurer for another year, much to everyone's relief!

Lastly thanks go to Gwen Austin (outgoing Vice Chair) who after a bottle of white wine agreed to stay on for another year - although this will definitely be the last time!

So, the core of the new committee is myself, as Chairman, it wasn't me in those photo's, honest! Gwen continues as Vice Chair, Alice as Treasurer and we welcome Sue Graydon as the new Secretary (she was the only person left who could do joined up typing!). We need more help so if anyone feels moved in any way, shape or form, then please come along to the next PTA meeting at the school, 8.00pm on **Thursday 11th November**. We will be initiating new members into the committee so if anyone has a couple of chickens and a goat.

The next main event is the world beating PTA Quiz on **Friday 19th November**. If you want to enter a team or help (Please!!) then call me on 613304 after the half term holidays. Once again no expense has been spared and Peter Walshe and Martin Randall will be performing such feats of mind-bending extravagance that you must be there to appreciate it.

Lastly, the highlight of the AGM was Nigel Chapman winning one of the Hundred Club draws. It was suggested that the cheque be made out to 'The Dog Inn' and cut out the middleman!

See you on Thursday 11th November (he writes hopefully).

Ian Ashworth

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB - End of Season Report

During the summer holidays the Club again ran a coaching course for youngsters. Senior coach Mike Daniels was pleased with the response and the photograph shows some of the participants.



Harbury CC Summer Youth Coaching Course 1999

Back row from left - Mike Daniels (Senior Coach), Michael Armitage, Tom Ward, David Mugleston, Chris Coleman, Stuart Mugleston and Ian Jackson (Assistant Coach)

Front row from left - David Coleman, Daniel Ward, Philip Mugleston, Matthew Farrell, James Armitage and Oliver Ward

The Sunday Team enjoyed one of its most successful seasons for many years with a record of won 5, drawn 6 and lost 4. Two matches were abandoned because of heavy rain. The winning performances were generally outstanding with 81 run and 56 run wins over Hockley Heath, a 111 run win over Kissing Tree House and a 9 wicket win over Kinton. Skipper Mike Daniels was particularly impressed by the two leading players - John Clifford and Ian Lowe. John topped both batting (12-2-371-37.1) and bowling (136-23-420-11.7) averages, with Ian not far behind in both - batting (10-0-230-23.0) and bowling (143-27-440-14.2). John scored four half centuries and Ian two and both took more than 5 wickets in a match three times. Other notable batting came from

new star Adrian Clack (average 17.3) and from the old faithfuls Phil Linnett (17.5), Les Sollis (15.4) and Richard Carr (15.0). Tim Clayton (17.3) and Gary Lowe (21.3) also bowled well. Perhaps the Lowe point of the season came at Broughton and North Newington when both Ian and Gary achieved ducks and Richard Lowe was prevented from proving he could bat by two veterans (who will remain nameless, but you can guess) scratching about in the middle.



Harbury CC Sunday XI

Back row from left - Ian Lowe, Les Sollis, Gary Lowe (Vice-Captain), Neil Humphreys, Richard Lowe, Derek Clack, Phil Linnett and Phil Holtom

Front row from left - John Clifford, Richard Carr, Mike Daniels (Captain), John Wilkinson and Ian Jackson

The Saturday League side in Coventry League Division Three (now renamed West Midlands Division Six East) under Will Russell had an uneven season, largely as a result of the unavailability of key players, and their final performance in the league was not particularly good. More seriously, it appears that this unavailability is likely to become more pronounced next season and the future of the side is now in doubt.

There is plenty of opportunity for younger players to join the Club and make a real contribution, or has afternoon shopping replaced cricket as

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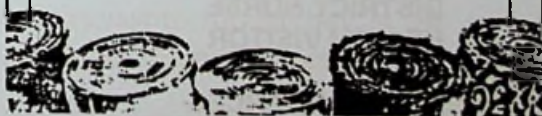
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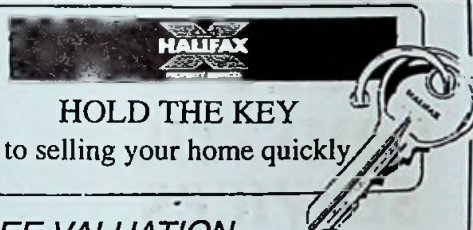
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the village summer sport? Nevertheless there were some outstanding performances from some of the players with Will Russell scoring two centuries to achieve the remarkable average of 42.2 from 14 innings, and his brother and Club Chairman, Ed, achieving an excellent 33 wickets in 13 matches for an average of 14.7. Ed's best bowling was 6 for 19 and his batting average achieved a very respectable 20.9, while Will's bowling included 13 wickets at 20.7. Other good batting performances came from Ben Adams (29.5), Zak Briggs (24.1) and Gregg Sherrington (21.4).

The Midweek side playing in the Leamington League also achieved some good wins, but again their outstanding performance was in winning one of the Midweek Cup competitions.
(The averages will be available shortly.)

Ian Jackson

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

The Club's AGM was in upbeat mood following its hugely enjoyable Ceilidh held on the previous Friday night. The assembled audience was informed that the year had been very successful in every respect. Membership was up which had done the balance sheet no harm at all and there had been a steady increase in the amount of tennis being played, both social and competitive. The Club had run a second team in the Banbury Summer League for the first time and the internal competitions had been a resounding success with the men's and ladies' singles being 'seriously' contested for the first time in many years and a men's doubles tournament being held for the first time.

The close links formed with the Netball Club and the Junior Football Club had strengthened and the co-operation between them had been a major factor in securing planning permission for the proposed improvements at the playing field. The social and fund raising side had also been very active with all profits being 'ring fenced' for the Millennium Project which was better off by around £1,700.

However, the jewel in the crown had been the establishment of the Intermediate and Junior sections which had 72 members and exceeded all expectations. They were always enthusiastic, turned out in all weathers and had shown a steady improvement during the season, but most importantly, enjoyed themselves.

Anyway, after that we all patted ourselves on the back and toddled off to the pub!

Pictured below are the finalists of the Under 16s and Under 12s tournaments.



Under 16s

From Left to Right: Nicola Brunt (winner), Alicia MacWhinnie (runner up), Oliver Cook (runner up) and Joe Crowton (winner)



Under 12s

From Left to Right: Adam Johnson (runner up), Rory Cook (winner), Emma Hickin (winner) and Kate Flanagan (runner up)

Colin Mercer

HARBURY CRAFT CIRCLE

We would like to draw your attention to the forthcoming Craft Fair on **Saturday 13th November**, 10.00am -5pm in the Village Hall.

Some old favourites will be there, plus some new crafters. We really look forward to seeing you and hope that you are able to make some inroad into your Christmas shopping.

Sadly, this Craft Fair will be the last one to be organised by us. We have greatly enjoyed doing this for a number of years, but now the time has come for a change. So, firstly, may we say thank you to you all for your support in the past and, secondly, if anyone out there is willing to take on the organisation of this event, or wishes to explore the possibilities, please contact Mavis for more information. We will, of course, be available to give advice should you need it!

See you on November 13th for excellent crafts, tasty food and pleasant company!

Mavis Taylor 612983
Moya Waterman 612285

VLORE, ALBANIA *(continued from last month)*

Memories of a B.M.S. mission half spent

We were home in July for a week and a day
and while we were there Pam's Dad slipped away.
It was agreed with her Mum that David came back
Pam stayed with her Mum till things looked less black.

The next weeks were harder for Pam than me here
I journeyed to building sites, some far and some near

I looked at the quality, admin. work too
to be sure we got a builder who knew what to do.

Came a heat wave in August and temperatures zoomed
there was no chance in that heat of looking well groomed

Each person you saw was dripping with sweat
and the dust blew around - we were covered in grit.

But we stuck to our work (and shirts and socks too)
and we worked and we worked till the work was all through

The builders we chose just had to compete

It was no time now for getting cold feet.

They were left to their prices all on their own
 While David returned to help Grandson at home
 Both of us returned on the ninth of September
 and the events that came after we'll always remember.

We returned to Tirane for some shopping for us
 While Salli Berisha and his mob made a fuss
 We returned to Vlore the new builder to find
 and by noon of that day it was all sealed and signed.

Signing Ceremony - the 14th September - we were feeling quite
 glum.

The B.M.S. officials were unable to come.
 Berisha had started what looked like a war.
 There were tanks, there were guns, there were fights by the
 score.

We telephoned home to say things were quiet.
 We put the phone down - in the street came a RIOT.
 There were guns in the alleyways, guns in the street
 all banging and clashing - not much of a treat!

Later that night we heard the world news
 "Get in touch with your Embassy, it's yours for to use"
 We rang the Vice- Consul who was helpful and kind
 We'll send a helicopter for you if it's worse - we don't mind!

It all quietened down, they went home to their lairs
 we worked at a pace on the hospital -- Theirs!!
 The work started quick but soon trouble we found
 There were people who had stolen Hospital ground.

No official would move, they were frightened and so
 WE gave the order to GO! GO! GO! GO!!!
 We kept to the Law, We used `reason and tact'
 but we didn't just talk, we got on with our act.

We had kidnapping threats and violence thrown in
 when our work was smashed down; when the man couldn't win
 But we stuck to our task like good builders do
 and long before Christmas they could see something new.

Our return for Christ's birthday was tinged with some fear
 because Mum's operation for cancer was near.
 She came through just fine but sad for to tell
 when she came up to Harbury she did not do well.

The flu laid her low and the Hospital were sure
 had she arrived there much later we'd have seen her no more
 Pam now stays at home to be within reach
 if emergencies arise-- please God NO! we beseech.

There's more to this tale that is yet to unfold
 of high points and low points - it all will be told
 we'll tell you in time of the "why where and when"
 and how God is moving. -- Keep smiling till then.

GOD BLESS.

(With profuse apologies to any poet or any purist English teacher who may chance to read this).

Roddy:- It has been said that it takes a wit to write a poem. Please note this is only half a poem!

David Clarke

HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS - JANUARY EDITION

To enable the typist and the editors celebrate and enjoy the Christmas holiday and the Millennium to the full, please note that the deadline for articles for the January edition will be **Friday 24 December**.

No doubt contributors will wish to have their articles ready by this time to avoid being forgotten during the celebrations.

The Editors

TIME FLIES TOWARDS THE MILLENNIUM

Every visitor to the Doctor's Surgery in Mill Street will undoubtedly have spent some time studying the picture containing panoramic views of Harbury. The majority of people will only see it as a photographic record of the centre of the village, but a handful of people know that the picture hides a secret.

The photographs were taken 15 years ago by Joe Griffin who at that time lived in Church Terrace. In 1985, the 'lid' of the Harbury Windmill was removed for renovation and Joe with son Michael took a series of pictures in sequence by walking around the exposed cap - a never to be repeated exercise in itself.

The picture originally hung in the Public Bar of The Dog Inn where it was admired by regulars and visitors alike. On one notable evening four 'good men and true' (including one woman!) decided that it should be more than a pictorial record of the time and they included items that made it into a 'time capsule'.

As the millennium approaches, the original 'Dog Inn Four' would like to collect further items documenting village life as far back as anyone cares to remember. So, if you wish to offer a contribution of 'fascinating, but true' facts reflecting the life and times of Harbury, comments and details would be much appreciated.

For further information please ring Joe on 613151 or Mavis on 612426. It's your chance to record little known village anecdotes for posterity - on small pieces of paper please!

Joe Griffin and Mavis Powell

TWINNING ASSOCIATION's LATEST NEWS

Please make a note in your diaries: our official visit to Samoa has been arranged for the weekend of **Saturday 29th, Sunday 30th April and Monday 1st May 2000** and this visit will be around a specific topic. Further information will be published nearer the date.

Samois have also invited us to participate in a mini Olympics event in Samoa sometime in May or June along with other twinned villages in the Samoa area. Again, more information at a later date.

Our Christmas Party will be held in the Tom Hauley Room on **Friday 10th December** at 7.30pm. You are welcome to come along and celebrate with us, further details will be announced nearer the date.

Janet Thornley, Secretary

HARBURY CHRONICLES

Two and a half years ago an idea was born. Let's make a film about Harbury. For a moment the Parish Council sat stunned, then elder statesman, John Drinkwater, cleared his throat (as he does before

pronouncing something of great importance) and agreed *I think we should give it a go!*

On October 9th 1999 the film was shown to packed houses in the Village Hall. It was a triumph - a wonderful day for us all. 320 people enjoyed a great party. Joan Stephenson and her team did the catering, there was an exhibition of old photographs by Celia Barrett, flowers by Bertha Kettle, entertainment by The Harvesters, and the flag was flown by Brian Ingram and Danny Killian. Two hundred videos have been sold already, some travelling to Australia and America.

I am proud to have been at the heart of such an ambitious community project and have worked in partnership with a great team. Most particularly with Anne Megeney whose constant effort, enthusiasm, industry and imagination was invaluable. It could not have happened without her. Now the master copy passes into the safekeeping of Warwick Records Office so that future generations will have the means to learn about life in Harbury at the end of the millennium.

Thanks to the village and the Chronicles Committee: Pete Woodward (chairman), Robert Waterman (treasurer), Anne Megeney, Peter McDonald, Janel Thornley, Celia Barrett, Bill Middleton and Danny Killian.

Mary Shelley

PENSIONER's PATIO

With a spot of luck, a simple D.I.Y. job can produce a surprisingly effective improvement. We had often felt vaguely dissatisfied with the look of the terrace, which accounts for about a third of the garden. Only this summer did it hit us that the gaps between the slabs had never been properly filled. Now even an octogenarian (given a good day) can manage a few hours of mixing and filling - the result? A transformed terrace.

Hopefully there may be a spin-off, for now the woodlice and ants which lived in the cracks have less room to breed. So maybe there'll be no repetition of the time when ants marched into the kitchen and even invaded the cake tin. The birds did well for the next few days. Well, would you fancy an ant-infested sponge sandwich?

The clematis montana has enjoyed itself this summer. Not so its near neighbours - the Nelly Moser has disappeared under the tangle and the deciduous ceanothus, still bravely producing more flower buds, is constantly attacked by the Montana's vicious tendrils, which throw handcuffs around the ceanothus' stems whenever the two plants touch. Something drastic will have to be done, and I don't think genetic modification would fit the bill.

Moral: If you have a patio garden, stick to Nelly Moser, she, at least, behaves like a lady, not like a would be Trifid!

Edyth Algar

John Drinkwater was born in Handsworth, Birmingham in 1911 and educated at the Grammar School in Aston. After leaving school he had miscellaneous clerical jobs. In 1942 he married Irene. The marriage has lasted fifty one years and they have one daughter, Sheila.

When John was 22 years of age he joined the Warwickshire Constabulary with whom he served until

1959. The whole of the time was spent in the Rugby area, mainly on the rural beat in Long Itchington. He stayed there until he retired in 1959. He then went to work in the Highways Department with the Warwickshire County Council where he remained until complete retirement at the age of 65.

During his time at Long Itchington he was leader of the local boys' club. After retiring from the police force he became Social Secretary of the





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In 1962 he became a member of Harbury Parish Council and is still serving on the Council. In 1976 - 1986 he represented the Harbury Ward as a District Councillor on the Stratford District Council. John was awarded the M.B.E. for his voluntary services to the general community over many years and on October 14th he went to Buckingham Palace and received his award from Her Majesty the Queen.

Joan Lodge

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

I understand we missed an interesting talk on Fuchsias whilst on holiday. Mr. Oke gave many tips on taking cuttings etc., even suggested leaving them out all year in a sheltered place. The winters are less severe at present, but it would be prudent to hedge your bets and also take cuttings! It was a very good start to our new season of talks - thank you Mrs. Zonik for making the bookings which is not always an easy task!

November is here, so also are the Seed Catalogues. As usual to qualify for the various discounts, the Society has to spend a certain sum with Dobies, Sutton's and Marshall's, so when ordering please spread your order between all three. When the weather is bad and days are short, it is very pleasant to dream by looking through the catalogues!

By the time this edition is published and distributed, the AGM and talk will be history. Although as yet there haven't been any new names of members to join the committee, I am sure Mrs. Pat Smith would be delighted to talk to anyone who is interested, even if it is after the official election.

A Bursary, will again be awarded for 1999/2000 at the December meeting. The successful member will have a choice of selected courses at Ryton, Moreton Morrell or Pershore. For anyone who is interested, please give your name to Mrs. Pat Smith.

The Society has renewed the Ryton Gardens' ticket. This admits two people to the gardens, FREE every day of the year, but not on Christmas Day, and is available from Mrs. Zonik on 612365. Ron and I attended

the 'Apple Day' which was very interesting and blessed with a beautiful day. The gardens have seen many changes and new projects these last few years. The shop has been updated too. I suspect many people are tired of all the food scares, perhaps it is better for our well being to have less reliance on chemicals. There is plenty of organically grown produce on sale, many interesting books, also garden equipment and toys.

The December talk will be given by Mr. Webster entitled *Gardening for Wildlife* on Tuesday 7th December followed by our social.

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

This should be the month for getting the preparations for winter out of the way before we begin to think about Christmas. However, many of the plants in my garden do not yet realise that their flowering time should be over, so it seems cruel to chop them down. They can run their course and be tidied up later, with the attractive seed heads providing food for birds and winter interest.

Protect semi-hardy plants with leaves, bark or evergreen clippings. Move containers to sheltered spots and finish planting winter displays. Top up the chippings around alpine plants and prick the soil to improve the drainage. Plant tulips before the end of the month and on light soil, young hardy perennials can go in, but wait until spring on clay soil. Other small bulbs can still be put in, but they will flower a little later. Check the sowing times on seed packets as some do need to be left in the seedtrays in cold conditions.

In the greenhouse put plants as high as possible and grouped together, with the agricultural fleece or the newspaper handy for the cold nights.

Cut back tall shrubs by about a third to reduce wind-rock. Lop trees and save some twigs for pea-sticks and plant supports. Check stakes and ties which may be chaffing or cutting into the woody stems. Prune out 1 in 3 of the old stems on blackcurrants, shorten the side shoots of gooseberries and thin the centre of the bush. Plant new fruit trees and bushes. Be sure that you put them in at the same depth as they were growing in the nursery.

Cover some parsley, chives and mint with cloches. Plant garlic. Broad beans and early peas can be sown. Split rhubarb crowns which will grow in almost any soil but the plant does enjoy plenty of organic matter. Examine stored crops regularly.

In the house feed azaleas and cyclamen with a liquid fertiliser every fortnight. Plant amaryllis and check bowls of bulbs which were planted earlier. When the flower buds can be seen, bring the bowls into more light but keep them very cool.

Plant of the month: Euonymus

This is a varied group of about 175 species of deciduous and evergreen shrubs and trees. The small evergreen shrubs are of two groups. The sprawly Fortunei types are spreading, but not rampant and can be pruned to shape in the spring. They are grown to provide colourful foliage throughout the year. They will grow in sun or shade, although the ones with gold variegations, do best in the sun. These have descriptive names, such as Emerald 'n Gold, Golden Prince and Sunspot.

For a tough, grow anywhere shrub, look for Emerald Gaiety with glossy leaves and white variegations. Once established, these will even tolerate the dry soil under trees. The Japonica group are more bushy, less hardy, but very tolerant of poor soils and pollution. Both types come from China and Japan.

The deciduous Euonymus Europaeus has long been valued for its hard wood, earning it the name of spindle tree. These will give brilliant autumn colours and colourful fruits and unusually for a tree with these attributes, prefers limey soil. Look for the variety Red Cascade for good berries, Alatus for brilliant leaf colour, or Oxyphyllus which has both but is slow growing. A word of warning, the plant name comes from the Greek eu = good, onoma = name, yet all the berries produced by these plants are poisonous.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

We would like to thank our friends and neighbours for their beautiful sympathy cards, lovely flowers and kind donations and for their love and support at the crematorium on the passing of our dear Mum and Nan, Florence Mary Goodwin.

We also wish to thank Father Roy Brown for his kindness and moving service and finally, our thanks to the Emergency Doctors who came out on August 28th to give all their help.

Mavis, Susan, John & Family

Dear Editors

We would like to thank all friends, neighbours and Harbury Rugby Club for their cards, letters and kindness to us in the sudden loss of a dear husband, father, grandfather and father-in-law.

Also thank you for your donations to Warwick Hospital Accident and Emergency appeal in memory of Ralph.

Thank you to all of you who attended the funeral service. Thanks to the Reverend Marion Hartwell for the lovely service.

Gillian, Madeleine, Marcia and Family

Dear Editors

Norman and Mary Coley wish to thank everyone who gave cakes, items for the bring & buy, and generally made The Nescafé Worldwide Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning such a huge success.

Thank you too to everyone who came along and supported us so generously, whereby the grand total of £325 was raised.

Norman & Mary

Dear Editors

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning on September 25th for the Rotary Club. The magnificent sum of £96.47 was realised. This will be divided between local charities and Hope and Homes for children.

At this event we also distributed 20 'Rotary Shoe Boxes' which when filled, will be sent to deprived folk in Eastern Europe. Anyone wishing to know more about this scheme, please contact me on 614104.

Thank you for helping Rotary International.

Bill Davies

Dear Editors

I am writing on behalf of Harbury Junior Football Club to underline the Club's support for the planned expansion of facilities at the Village playing fields.

The Club's coaches were puzzled and disappointed at the suggestion made by Mr. Middleton in last month's H&L News that the Tennis and Netball Clubs were including football in their literature and arguments to artificially inflate their claims concerning local support for the project.

The truth is the Junior Football Club has not been a mute bystander to this process. It gave its support publicly to the project at a Parish Council meeting earlier this year and has allied itself to it subsequently through the planning approval procedure.

We do have well over 100 young players playing regularly and the active support of parents, many of whom signed a petition in favour of the planned development. This number is not artificial and it is an impressive indication of the interest in football of the young in Harbury.

Our reasons for supporting the plans are also straightforward. Our coaches travel to other villages in the area to play matches and in many cases they find facilities superior to our own in Harbury. We do need a floodlit all-weather surface on which to train and prepare for competitive games, particularly in winter months when early darkness and bad weather restrict the use of the existing pitches.

Last winter as one example, our Under 11 coaches took an average of 15 boys from the village all the way to Daventry Sports Park on Friday evenings for one hour's floodlit training for which each boy paid £1. That is the level of commitment that exists in Harbury. The developments at the Playing Fields will allow players to enjoy such facilities within our own village.

On the subject of vandalism I should make it clear that the Club takes its responsibilities very seriously. Our coaches have explained to all our players the general standard of behaviour that we expect during supervised sessions and the necessity to respect the needs and concerns of residents adjacent to the playing areas at all times. We shall be reinforcing the message to players on a regular basis. We believe that giving local youngsters the opportunity to participate in well-organised competitive sports can help to prevent anti-social behaviour.

The Club feels that the new facilities will be of benefit to the village in the longer term. Certainly many young footballers, tennis and netball players will have cause to thank the Parish Council for its farsightedness.

We shall work closely with the Tennis and Netball Clubs together with the planned Management Committee to ensure we play our part in minimising residents' concerns.

Yours sincerely

Joe Greenwell

Dear Editors

I would like to make a brief response to Bill Middleton's letter in last month's H&L News about the proposed improvements at the Playing Fields. I will restrict my comments to two issues, the accusation that we are trying to 'swell' the numbers to impress and the comments regarding vandalism.

As far as numbers are concerned the Junior Football Club would be able to use the multi-use court as an area for skills training which can involve many young players at any one time. The potential numbers and proposed usage was explained at great length at numerous

meetings attended by Bill Middleton when he was a councillor. I have also written to him on the subject.

With reference to the vandalism claim, I can assure readers that both the Tennis and Netball Clubs' members do try to prevent youngsters climbing trees which appears to be the extent of the vandalism which allegedly took place. I asked Bill to provide more details of when the incident he refers to took place. He was unable to do so, but suggested the person who told him would be in touch with me. At the time of writing no such contact has been made.

Bill assures me that it is only the floodlighting aspect which is the bone of contention and that there is no problem with the other proposals, but continues to snipe at the efforts of the three clubs involved to improve the recreation ground facilities. How sad.

Yours faithfully!

Colin Mercer

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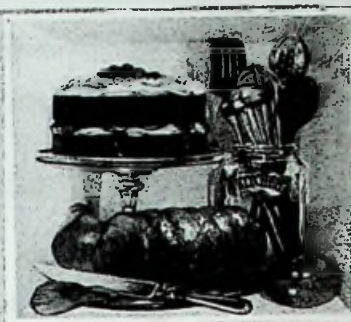


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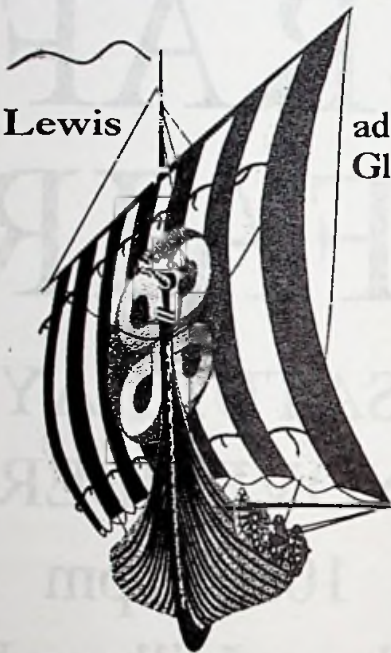
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