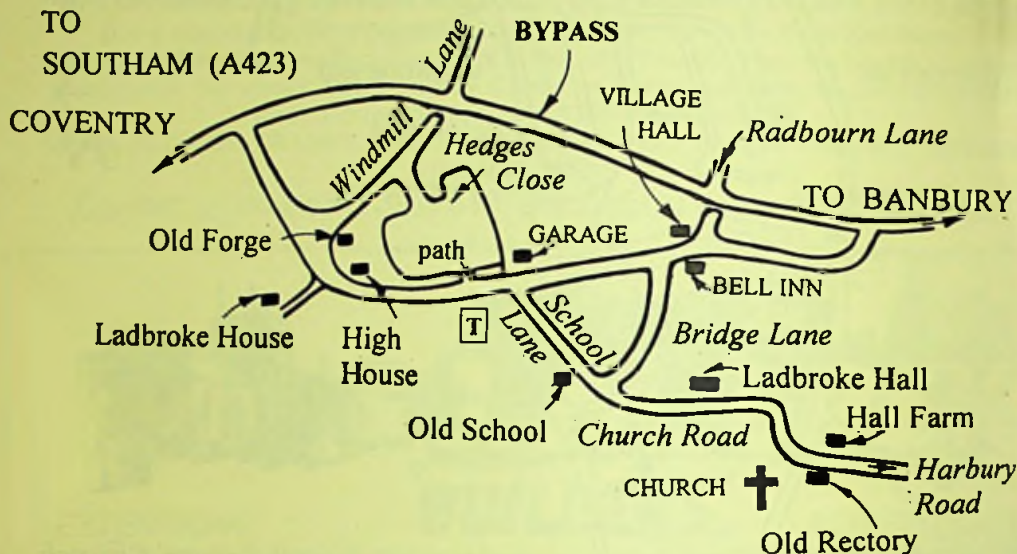


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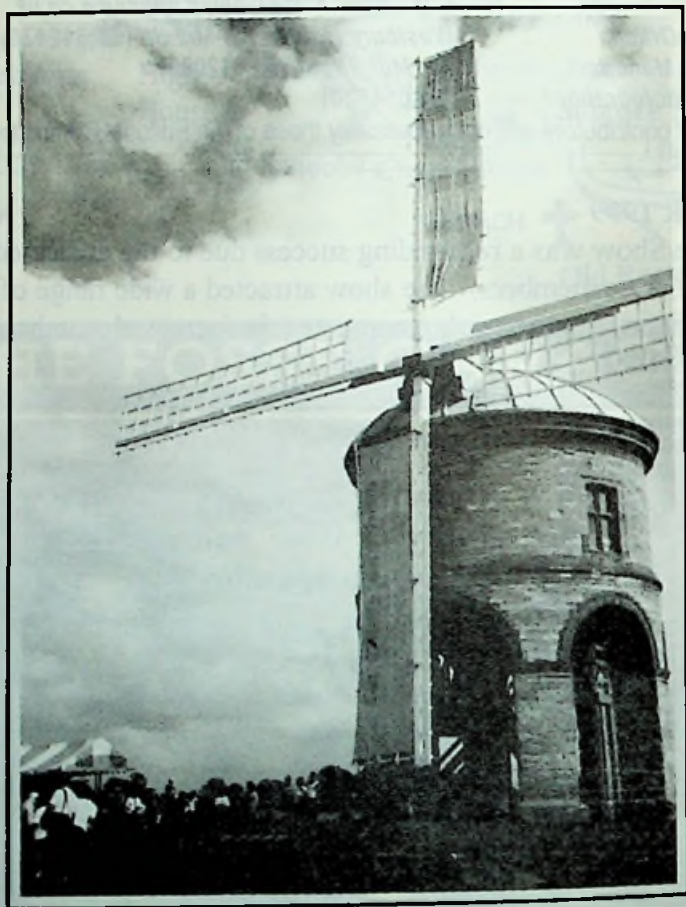
The Village Show was a resounding success due to the dedicated efforts of the committee members. The show attracted a wide range of entries, especially from children, who competed in increased numbers in the novelty classes.



Sarah and Pippa Roe with their prize winning miniature gardens

This month the eagerly awaited Millennium Chronicles has its world premiere in the Village Hall. No doubt many villagers will find themselves in the limelight as their everyday life has been recorded for prosperity at the turn of the Century.

The open weekend at Chesterton Windmill drew crowds of visitors and provided a rare opportunity to view the working interior of the 17th Century structure. There was also entertainment provided by Hereburgh Morris and 'Wally' the Clown alongside craft and refreshment stalls.



Chesterton Windmill displaying its new sails.

Finally, we express our sympathies to the families of Philip Cambray, Florence Goodwin and Ralph Gurden. Ralph will be remembered by villagers for his leadership of the Parish Council for many years.

Harbury Diary

OCTOBER

- Sun 3 18th Sunday After Trinity - Sung Eucharist 9.00am,
Evensong 6.30pm
- Tues 5 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society in Village Hall 8.00pm
- Wed 6 Holy Communion 2.00pm, Mothers' Union 2.30pm
Southam Leisure Centre Keep Fit in Village Hall 7.00pm
- Thurs 7 Holy Communion 9.45am
Storytelling in Library 10.00am
Youth Club in Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm
Folk Club in Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 8 NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
- Sat 9 Cricket Club Coffee Morning in T.Hauley Room 10.00am -12 noon
Millennium Video Showing in Village Hall 3.30pm and 7.30pm
- Sun 10 19th Sunday After Trinity - Holy Communion 8.00am, Sung
Eucharist 10.30am, Sunday School 10.30am, Evensong 6.30pm
- Mon 11 PTA AGM in School 8.00pm
- Tues 12 Toddlers' Service 2.15pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Prayer Group in Church 8.00pm
Village Hall Committee in Village Hall 8.00pm
- Wed 13 Southam Leisure Centre Keep Fit in Village Hall 7.00pm
- Thurs 14 Holy Communion 7.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm
W.I. in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
- Fri 15 ADVERTS TO: Westbury House, 79 Mill Street by 5.30pm
- Sat 16 Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am
Men's Group Coffee Morning in Village Hall 10.00am-12 noon
W.I. Autumn Fayre in Village Hall 2.00-4.00pm
- Sun 17 20th Sunday After Trinity - Holy Communion 8.00am
Family Communion 10.30am
- Tues 19 Holy Communion 7.30pm, Mothers' Union 8.00pm
Senior Citizens Committee in Village Hall 8.00pm
- Wed 20 Southam Leisure Centre Keep Fit in Village Hall 7.00pm
- Thurs 21 Holy Communion 9.45am
Youth Club in Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm
- Fri 22 NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
- Sat 23 Church Flowers Coffee Morning in T.Hauley Room 10.00am - 12 noon
- Sun 24 Last Sunday After Trinity - Holy Communion 8.00am, Sung
Eucharist 10.30am, Sunday School 10.30am, Evensong 6.30pm
- Tues 26 Harbury Society Talk - Hill Close Gardens in T.H. Room 7.00pm prompt
Holy Communion 7.30pm; Julian Group 8.00pm
- Wed 27 Southam Leisure Centre Keep Fit in Village Hall 7.00pm

- Thurs 28 St. Simon & St. Jude - Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
 Youth Club in Wagstaffe Room of Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm
 Parish Council in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 29 ARTICLES TO: Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm
 NSPCC Wine Tasting in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 30 P.T.A. Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am - 12noon
 Halloween Dance at Harbury Village Club 8.30pm
- Sun 31 CLOCKS GO BACK TODAY
 Celebrating All Saints' - Holy Communion 8.00am, Sung
 Eucharist 10.30am, Faith Lunch 12 noon, Evensong 4.00pm,
 Benediction 5.30pm

NOVEMBER

- Tues 2 All Souls - Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Horticultural Society in Village Hall 8.00pm
- Wed 3 Holy Communion 2.00pm, Mothers' Union 2.30pm
 Southam Leisure Centre Keep Fit in Village Hall 7.00pm
- Thurs 4 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Storytelling in Library 10.00am
 Youth Club in Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm
 Folk Club in The Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 5 NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
- Sat 6 Missions to Seamen Coffee Morning in T.H. Room 10.00am - 12 noon
 BONFIRE at Recreation Ground

Please note

Adverts to: Westbury House, 79 Mill Street by Friday 15th October

Articles to: Harbury Chemist, High Street by Friday 29th October

Bookings for:

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

THE PARISH COUNCIL

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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 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 Tues (Oct. to May) 8.00pm

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

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 Thursdays

6:30pm; Matches Saturday Afternoon

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

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, last Friday of Month 8:00pm

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

TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, Mon. 10:00-11:30am Wed. & 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

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- **For University/Job Applications, interviews, CVs:** Call Philip Bushill-Matthews 612476.
- **For Personal Tax Claims, Rebates on Tax Paid to Building Societies or on Shares:** Call Jim Chapple 612044.

HOME VISITING: Caring for a sick or elderly relative and need a break for a few hours, or you would like someone to call on you. Call Sue Dormer 613254.

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 9am)
Family Service	10.30am on 3rd Sunday of Month
Evensong	6.30pm (Except 3rd Sunday)

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

Rector: Father Roy Brown, The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury
Tel.: 612377

Laugh Line

A young nurse who had been attending church for a few months was leaving to go to another hospital. The vicar said. *"We are sorry that Mary is leaving us; some nurses have long stays and others have short stays."*

FROM THE RECTOR

The person who invented wedding photographs knew what he was doing. Have you ever been to a wedding where there were no photographs? And really you would not expect things to be different. If there is one day that people want to be special, one memory that they want to preserve then it's their wedding day. People will often complain that the photographer took an awfully long time, but you would have to be a real kill-joy to say that he should not have been there at all.

Wedding photographs, like photographs of babies are important because they are records of a beginning. Two lives are beginning to be fused into one. Two life stories which up until then have been shared are now made into one. And it will be good to recall that beginning in later life. Sometimes it may be helpful to remember it when things get difficult later on.

But for Christians there is another reason for remembering their wedding day with gratitude. On that day they conferred a sacrament on each other. It was not only their love for each other that they were promising to share from that day on. They gave each other God's love and promised to share that too for all their lives. And by their wedding they

opened up a new way for God's love to reach out to others, to their family and to many people in the world.

Christian marriage is a vocation. God gives married people a part to play in the life of the Church. Their task is to make Christ and the Church present in their lives and homes. And they do this by sharing their love and living in God's love.

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony - All Saints' Harbury

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 3 rd September | - Jonathan Jennings to Julie Richards |
| 4 th September | - Julian Bowen-Rees to Louise Sampson |
| 24 th September | - Adrian French to Anne Badger |

Holy Matrimony - All Saints' Ladbroke

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| 18 th September | - Justin Sketchley to Lucy Barrett |
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Holy Baptism - All Saints' Harbury

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| 5 th September | - Owen Anthony Miles |
| 12 th September | - Megan Isobel Russell |

Holy Baptism - All Saints' Ladbroke

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| 26 th September | - Joseph Adam Turner |
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Funerals - Oakley Wood

- | | |
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| 3 rd September | - Florence May Goodwin |
| 20 th September | - Ralph Gurden |
| 24 th September | - Philip Cambray |

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

The Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service was a lively occasion with lots of children involved. Thanks are due to Vikki Holroyd for organising the presentation - and to all those who gave and arranged such a fine array of produce which has since been donated to the Helen Ley Care Centre.

Our Harvest Supper will be on **Saturday 2nd October** in the Village

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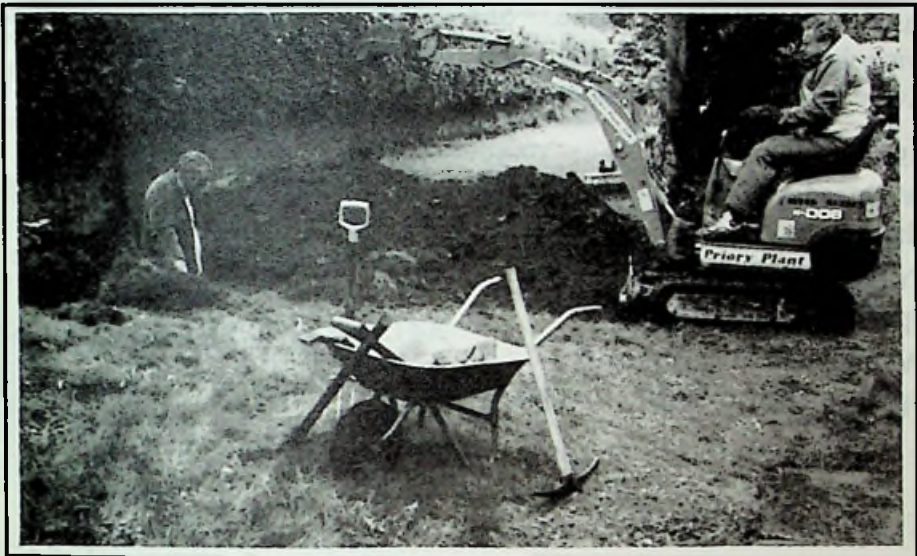
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Hall; tickets from Ruth Dodds (612529), Gill Guildford (614206) or Corina Bennet (612203). This is always an enjoyable evening so you may just have time to get tickets - if you move very quickly!

We are grateful to Harry Windsor - and his team - for replacing the church clock face. Hopefully, being steel, this one will last longer than the previous wooden version - see account of this project elsewhere in this issue.

The Choral Evensong at Ladbroke was a delightful act of worship with Clive Watts and the Harbury Church Choir, plus the Augmented Choir of both churches, providing the music.



Further improvements at the Church - Jeff Bedford and Charlie Catt excavate drains in the churchyard

Ruth and John

MOTHERS' UNION

Afternoon Meeting: The new year commenced with a service of Holy Communion and Address, given by Father Roy. Ruth Merrick was enrolled as a full member of M.U. during the service. This was followed by a meeting in the Tom Hauley Room and discussion over a cup of tea.

Two members attended the A.G.M. in Harrogate on September 8th.

Lady Christine Eames, World Wide President, who chaired the meeting, gave an inspirational talk on all that has been achieved during the last year and outlined plans for the Millennium year and beyond. She emphasised the importance of Jubilee 2000, which calls for the eradication of world debt - a cause which M.U. members wholeheartedly support.

Guest speakers were Farai Mariza, M.U. Trainer of Central Africa, resplendent in National Dress and Pam Rhodes, well-known presenter of 'Songs of Praise'.

Evening Meeting: Angela Haynes demonstrated Flower Arranging, based on a Christian theme. She created a most beautiful display symbolising 'Faith, Hope and Love', linking everything with prayer and giving much food for thought.

Next Meetings:

Wednesday 6th October, 2.30pm - 'Childhood Memories' - bring a photo.

Tuesday 19th October, 8.00pm - 'God's Patchwork for our lives'
Speaker - Cheryl Shipley.

Wednesday 3rd November, 2.3-pm - 'Wrapping up for Winter'
Speaker - David Julian - Energy Advice Centre.

Anne Moore

TODDLERS SERVICE

To start our September service we sang "Jesus' love is very wonderful," with actions and then Mrs Bedford told us how Jesus blessed the little children and that they were very important.

We then made animated pictures of children going to Jesus to be blessed.

On **Tuesday 12th October** at 2.15pm we shall have our Harvest Service. All babies and toddlers, with an adult, are very welcome.

Come and help us ring the church bell.

C.M. Catt

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- Sun 10 19th After Trinity: Sung Communion 9.00am
 Wed 13 Holy Communion 2.00pm; Women's Fellowship 2.45pm
 Fri 15 **ADVERTS TO:** Westbury House, 79 Mill Street, Harbury by 5.30pm
 Friends of Ladbroke Church at the home of Jim & Jean Clews
 Sun 17 20th After Trinity: Sung Communion 9.00am
 Children's Church 10.30am
 Mon 18 St. Luke Holy Communion 7.00am
 Wed 20 Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I. visit to Stratford Theatre - minibus pick up from
 Ladbroke Hall at 6.40pm
 Sun 24 Last After Trinity: Sung Communion 9.00am
 Thurs 28 Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I. A.G.M.
 Fri 29 **ARTICLES TO:** Harbury Chemist, High Street, Harbury by 5.30pm
 Millennium Green Trust A.G.M. in Village Hall 7.30pm
 Sun 31 Celebrating All Saints'; Holy Communion 9.00am
 Faith Lunch in the Torn Hauley Room, Harbury

NOVEMBER

- Tues 2 Ladbroke Village Hall A.G.M. at 8.00pm
 Sun 7 3rd before Advent - Family Communion - 10.30am

LADBROKE FLOWER ROTA

- 10th October Jean Clews
 17th October Nancy Stubbs
 24th October Rhian Kelsall & Joan Lesley
 31st October Rhian Kelsall & Joan Lesley
 7th November Chris Payne

LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Thank you to Clive Watts for training the augmented Choir and also to Harbury's junior Choir for making our Choral Evensong such a success. Indeed thank you to Harbury for turning out and making a good congregation for us.

It's all thank you's this month, many thanks to James Constable and Melanie Teverson and friend for cycling for us in the Sponsored Cycle Ride. James, ably supported by his father raised almost £100. Melanie is still collecting her money but that must be quite a substantial sum too. James Sopwith did a mad sprint too and visited 10 churches after he had

done his stint manning the church. Great stuff, to everyone concerned sponsors, church minders and cyclists.

We had a great time at our September Children's Church, making bread. Fourteen children all went home with some dough to bake - I wonder what it tasted like?

On a more serious note: St. Lukes day, **Monday 18th October** - Holy Communion at 7.00am, make it a good start to the day.

Betty Winkfield

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At our September meeting Mrs Lorna Carleton gave us a very interesting talk about Heraldry and tried to teach us the names of the different designs that make up the Coats of Arms. The Arms were of course how the leaders of different armies and members of Royalty were identified. Many thanks to Lorna for coming to speak to us. Next month, we hope our meeting will be at 16, Ladbroke Hall by invitation of Nancy Stubbs.

Betty Winkfield

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

Our afternoon tea on August 8th was rather a wet affair, but we had a good attendance and about 40 people managed to sit or stand in the dry in my bungalow. We raised £150 for the fund. Many thanks to everyone who made sandwiches, scones and cakes for the occasion.

The next get-together is on **Friday 15th October** at the home of Jim and Jean Clews. Our theme will be a Pie Supper. The fee will be £6.00 and if anybody would like to make a sweet I would be most obliged.

Gill Hoare

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The meeting was held in Ladbroke Village Hall on September 23rd. After the business the President welcomed our Speaker, Mr Brian Dwyer, from The County Air Ambulance Service. He gave a very interesting talk, illustrated with slides, on the work of the Service. A large area of the Midlands, South Yorkshire, Cheshire and Oxfordshire

are covered by the two helicopters from the Cosford base. A third helicopter should be in service shortly. Only two minutes after a call is received, the machines can be in the air enabling seriously injured persons to be taken to the appropriate hospital more quickly. A vote of thanks was given by Sue Halsall.

Invitations to a special meeting from Southam and Marton W.I.s were read out, together with an invitation to Harbury W.I.'s Autumn Fair on **Saturday afternoon, 16th October**. The visit to the Stratford Theatre was finalised for **Wednesday 20th October**, with a minibus picking up members at Ladbroke Hall at 6.40pm after a Southam pick up at 6.30pm.

Plans for our Christmas dinner were discussed. Two options are being investigated. The raffle was won by Anne Edwards, Wendy Nutter and Laura Eastwood.

The next meeting is the A.G.M. on **Thursday 28th October** when Sue Halsall and Chris Baker will be hostesses. We all send our best wishes to Wendy on her forthcoming marriage.

Hazel Sharples

THE VILLAGE HALL - LADBROKE

Please make a note in your diaries:- **Tuesday 2nd November** at 8.00pm
- Village Hall A.G.M.

Come and hear what great plans the Committee have for your Village Hall. This is also your chance to say whether you approve or not and to give us any of your good ideas.

We are for example opening the Hall on New Years Eve through to New Year's morning so that we can see the New Millennium in and to wish each other a Happy New Year. A drinks' licence has been applied for!

Some of the ladies are making lovely new curtains for the Hall and sometime in October the road-side hedge will be cut to a more uniform level and generally tidied up. There are many more jobs that need doing. Come to the A.G.M. - after all, the Hall belongs to us all and is part of what makes Ladbroke tick.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

County Councillor Bob Stevens joined the full Council in the Village Hall on September 15th.

Millennium Oaks: Chairman Peter Williamson gratefully accepted Michael Boden-Pritchett's offer of some oak saplings – which will be planted in the village to mark the Millennium.

Storm Damage Assessment: The surveyor from Stratford District Council has carried out a complete survey of all the storm drains and pipes in the village. He had spoken to villagers who had suffered flood damage and will be completing a report. The storm drain outside Village Farm will be repaired immediately.

County Councillor Bob Stevens said that the assessment is being carried out by Sub Contractors for both the District and County Council. They will be investigating the entire drainage system of Ladbroke.

Planning Applications: There were no objections to a change of use from light industry / storage to stabling to a building off Ladbroke Road, Bishops Itchington.

Footpath Report: Michael Boden-Pritchett has joined walkers on the inaugural walk of the Fifth Blue Lias Ring walk from Napton.

There are various reported incidents of unrestrained dogs in the village. Dog owners are asked to ensure that their dogs are kept under control on the footpaths by putting them on a lead.

COUNTY COUNCILOR'S REPORT

The Ofsted inspection: of the Local Education Authority reported a generally well run and managed education service. Recommendations included the need for quicker assessment for special needs and the need for more money to be spent on computer type training.

The 'van ban' preventing van owners from using the tip has been lifted. Drivers whose only vehicle is a van can now apply for a licence.

The inspectors report on the Warwickshire Structure Plan has been released.

Award Winning Compost Capsule: Peter Williamson's curiosity was 'piqued' by this item to be circulated in the items of correspondence.

Bob Stevens explained that The Compost Capsule, designed by the Department of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy was the winner of Amateur Gardening's award for new products. More information will be posted on the notice board.

Carol Northorpe

LADBROKE MILLENNIUM GREEN

I am pleased to inform you that the Biffaward Grant has been secured.

Following a competitive tendering exercise, the Works Contract has been awarded to Middlemarch Limited and development has now commenced.

The initial task is path laying, fence erection, planting of wild flowers and the siting of the Millennium Stone. Hedge and tree planting will be carried out in November, weather permitting.

A separate contract will be awarded in respect of the children's play area. It is anticipated these works will be carried out during the course of the next few months.

The Annual General Meeting of the Ladbroke Millennium Green Trust will take place on **Friday 29th October** in the Village Hall, commencing 7.30pm. Residents are invited to attend by the Trustees.

David Halsall

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 1999

It was a quiet meeting with several members absent which began with a minute silence in memory of Ralph Gurden, a past Chairman of the Council. *A native of Harbury who made a significant and prolonged contribution to the village*, Chairman John Hunt said.

Maintenance of play equipment is a necessary expense but the following all need attention this month: the Space Wheel, Slide, Fort, Fence, Rocking Horse, Basket Ball Post, Seat and Aerial Runway (which is no longer legal and has to go).

Some years ago Hopscotch put £6,000 into the Parish Council's hands for the replacement of the large slide. Since then they have pondered at

great length. Sometimes they nearly get there, but as now, they become bemused by the choice and postpone the decision. Long ago they decided on a Helter Skelter, but those pieces of equipment are now deemed to be too dangerous. The existing Slide is too high to meet current safety standards. As long as it remains, it is legal - move it and it won't get insurance cover. Councillors want to provide older children with something exciting to play on, but have to erect equipment the authorities and insurers think is safe. That costs money. A Play Tower starts at £14,000 and an Activity Net (a sort of Climbing Frame) at £10,000. They did decide to ask the young people what they would like and also to try these things for themselves, so if you are down at Newbold Comyn and see middle-aged men and women whizzing round on the equipment, don't be surprised - they could be your Councillors!

The street lights' review is proceeding but the really good news is that at last the Village Hall car park lights are on a timer and go off at 10.15pm. Despite the fact that the Southam area comes bottom of the league in the crime figures the Parish Council is still not happy with the lack of "visible presence" and the lack of progress with the police post. The Constabulary will be asked what contingency plans they have for the Millennium. Deppers Bridge is concerned about the increased heavy traffic now the weight limit has been removed from the bridge.

Planning: Stratford District Council granted extensions at Harbury Croft on Chesterton Road; Watersway; Deppers Bridge; 7, Frances Road; 12, Church Terrace, and 18, Farley Avenue. Tree felling at the Manor House, and the improvements to the Courts' area at the Playing Fields were also approved. They refused garaging at Holywell in Hall Lane and withdrew their own application for a house on land between Manor Road and Bush Heath Lane. The Enforcement Officer had visited Kestrel House and had issued a Stop Order on the Home Farm Barn conversion which the Parish Council believed was not adhering to the planning consent.

An important change in legislation relating to Tree Preservation Orders means that other than for commercial operations and routine pruning work, fruit trees in conservation areas and the grounds of listed buildings will need the same consent from the District Council that has to be obtained for all other trees. The Parish Council made no comments on plans for alterations at The Cottage, High Street; an implements store at

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RETAILERS FOR WELLA HIGH HAIR PRODUCTS

Harbury Fields Barn, and tree work at Harbury House. They suggested the field shelter for horses at Northfields could be sited on the edge of the field and commented that the dwelling at Brethren's Farm was in the conservation area and should be built with materials suitable for its situation. They had no objection to four trees being reduced in height at Childyke and were pleased that revised plans for 7, Farm Street retained the opening for the front door. They were delighted with the "unanimous approval" at the Burton Dassett area planning meeting for the Playing Field's improvements.

The Parish Council could not understand the Village Hall Committee complaints that they were not kept informed about plans to upgrade facilities at the Playing Fields when the Parish Council had had a representative on their committee. There are still problems with the Southam School bus reliability. The Parish Council would decide whether to give financial support to the Depot Bus when Stratford District Council told them how many Harbury teenagers made use of the facility. They agreed to purchase more Crocus bulbs from Breakthrough Breast Cancer and then think where to put them. The Twinning Association is off to Samois-sur-Seine again on May Day 2000, Chairman Ken Stephenson announced.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY SOCIETY

We have a rather special programme of events for the winter season. Please put the dates in your diary and try to come along. Everyone is welcome.

Hill Close Gardens - Revealed. Colin Burden, Landscape Architect will give the latest news on the rediscovery and renovation of the fascinating Victorian Pleasure Gardens overlooking Warwick Racecourse. This landscape feature of great historic significance was only recently recognised for what it was and protected from development. The individual gardens are now being brought back into use and the architecturally important Summerhouses rebuilt. The talk takes place earlier than usual, **Tuesday 26th October** starting prompt at 7.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

Monday 22nd November at 7.30 for 8.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room

when we have invited County Archaeologist, Stuart Palmer to explain the exciting finds from the recent Transco Pipeline Excavations and he will also give an update on other local digs.

Then after the Millennium Celebrations have died down we are holding our Social at the Village Hall with the play "Hunchback of Notre Dame" on **Saturday 5th February**.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY W.I.

There was plenty of activity in September. Celia Barrett and Dorothy Groves entered the Warwickshire Federation Outdoor Bowls Tournament for the John Innes Salver. They were runners up to Bidford, beaten by one shot. A great result considering that Dorothy is a once a year player and was playing with borrowed skirt, shoes and bowls.

There is a write up on the Produce Show, but we must congratulate all winners, especially the well supported children's section. All the amateur entries were of an excellent standard. Thanks to all who helped and donated.



Judging the children's art work

We had a super Harvest Supper. Members and guests enjoyed the delicious food prepared by Pat Smith and her team and appreciated all their hard work. Also thank you to all who contributed to making the evening a success.

Our special guests were Rector Roy and Pam Brown who gave a delightful account of Roy's decision to enter the Church at the age of 36 and the hardship and joys they faced together. The verses sung from "The Boyfriend" running through their talk was quite novel.

Now, to all the villagers of Harbury. Do visit our Autumn Fair on **Saturday 16th October**, 2.00 - 4.00pm at the Village Hall when there will be something for everyone. Come and browse, then enjoy refreshments.

The speaker at the last meeting was Mr. Leach, an ex-policeman, relating his experiences in Peru with slides. He was with the armed forces, and somewhere along the line was introduced to rock climbing. He has climbed in the British Isles, France and North Africa. Then some years ago he and friends made plans to climb in the Andes. Peru is a land of beauty but also much poverty. The Indians live in rundown houses where sanitation and hygiene is shocking, especially in villages, hence the mortality amongst children is high. Only 1 in 3 live above 15.

The market scenes were very colourful. Gatherings and festivals are celebrated with bands, dancing, home-made fireworks and much drinking. A national dish is guinea pig. The climate varies dramatically and one hundred and thirty thousand died in an earthquake in the 70's.

We saw the vast beautiful Andes and heard about the preparations for ascent, an experience that Mr. Leach will savour forever.

October Hostesses: Lyn Edwards, Sue Chaplin and Muriel Coupe.

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Rehearsals for our next production *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by C. S. Lewis are underway. This play which is a sequel to the well known story; *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* tells of the adventures of the Dawn Treader, a dragon-ship led by Caspian, King of Narnia. At his coronation, Caspian made the promise to search out the seven missing

Lords who, sent on a dangerous expedition across the sea beyond the Eastern Ocean, had never returned. On board are summoned Lucy, Edmund and their bossy cousin Eustace who, under the guidance of Aslan the Lion, not only help Caspian fulfill his promise but also learn a highly moral lesson. The story is a traditional quest and the marvels include dragons, invisible islanders and a lake that turns everything to gold.

The play has a cast of ten children and five adults and will provide excellent family entertainment. Performances will be on the **25th, 26th and 27th November** with a matinee on the Saturday afternoon. Details in next month's Harbury & Ladbroke News as to where tickets can be purchased from. Please make a note in your dairies now!

John Holden

HARBURY FOLK CLUB'S 15th BIRTHDAY

At the session on September 2nd, we celebrated Harbury Folk Club's 15th birthday with a theme of 'Celebration'. Margaret made a delicious birthday cake and, by delaying the cutting until the third half of the evening, there was just enough to go round!

As usual, the theme was embraced or ignored to varying degrees. It was amazing how many things could be celebrated – several events, a song-writer, an artist, a conquest, a home-coming, beer and even death. Those responsible were the Harvesters, Rick, Colin, Ruth, Des, Ron, Keith, 'Him and me' (alias John and Allan) and me. Steve brought our evening of celebration to a close with Wild Mountain Thyme with considerable assistance from an audience in very fine voice.

By the middle of the evening, the raffle appeared to have raised about £25 for the Turkish Earthquake Disaster Fund but, by the end, the total had risen to £50, thanks to numerous extra donations. In just a couple more days, the figure had become £141, due to the generous donations to Hereburgh Morris' collection at the Harbury Beer Festival.

The real celebration was, of course, the Folk Club, which has provided free, good-humoured, 'folk-ish' entertainment for Harbury over the past 15 years. In that time, over 100 people have performed for the sheer fun of it and many of them have made their performing debuts at the

Club. Apart from songs and tunes, we've had recitations, comic routines, dances, gymnastics, sketches and numerous opportunities to dress up. We'd like to thank the two pubs who have provided a venue for us - initially the Old New Inn and more recently, the Dog Inn.

The next Folk Club is on **Thursday, October 7th**, at 8:30pm in the Dog Inn, and the theme is 'Getting High'.

Peter McDonald

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL - Learning Through Play

The tranquil season of mists and mellow fruitfulness has arrived and it will inspire a lot of our work this month. We have already talked about the Harvest both on farms and in our gardens as well as the harvest of nuts and berries by wildlife. The children have just been to the village church to celebrate Harvest Festival when they all brought food to the church to represent their own thanksgiving for harvest. It will be donated to the Helen Ley Centre. We will develop projects about the rich colours and crisp, crackling sounds of autumn and will go on more of our nature rambles around the village, collecting conkers, acorns and golden leaves which will be used in our artwork. We will be discussing the ways in which animals prepare for winter and look at our own preparations like swapping shorts for long trousers!

Cookery is going to be another theme this term. We thought we should start with fairy cakes and rock cakes before moving onto pumpkin soup (and consequently pumpkin lanterns!) and then bird cake once the colder weather starts. We also have an ambitious recipe for edible bird nests and if it goes wrong then the hungry birds of Harbury should do rather well this winter. As usual, structured through the art, stories, projects and discussions our themes are counting, sorting, number and letter games to encourage familiarity with these building blocks of education. Above all, we try to ensure that the children have lots of fun and the opportunity to participate in new experiences in a positive and friendly environment.

At the moment we have 19 children on the roll which is the highest number at the start of the year that we have ever had. As the year goes on, the numbers will increase so if your child will attain the great age of 2 years and 9 months this year and you think our activities might

interest them, then do come along soon to talk to the staff about what would suit your child best since the number of places is limited. We will be holding another 'Open Morning' on **Thursday 4th November** from 9.30am to 12noon which will give you a chance to see the Pre-School in action and to talk to staff and parents.

Very many thanks to our wonderful helpers who toiled so hard to provide the food for the beer festival. A late flurry of holidays meant that responsibility passed onto just a few people who were truly magnificent. We raised approximately £550 which is a great start to the year. Other things to look forward to are the preparations for a safe and colourful Bonfire Night and then Diwali from 7-14 November. Marie and Gill will complete the Diploma in Pre-School Practice this year and that will be cause for an even bigger fireworks celebration of all their hard work. The AGM takes place between the deadline for this month's H&L News and its publication so you'll just have to make sure you continue your subscription to find out what happens next!

Harbury Pre-School Committee

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL

There are lots of teddy bears living at the Nursery at the moment. There's Pooh and James, Thread Bear and Sam, Sheila and Turbo Ted and Teddy Bear Brown. This half term we are talking about them.

Joanna: I have a fluffy bear. He is snow white. He is a polar bear. His name is Joanna. He lives in my bed and goes to teddy parties. He plays dominoes and eats fish fingers.

Ben D brought his Mum's old teddy in to show us. He's called Mr. Tubby. One day when his Mummy was little, she thought he was cold and put him very close to the fire. Now he has to wear a little patch where his fur got burnt.

On the Nursery walls there are photographs of us with our bears and paintings of our bears. We have also made a collage of "Five Teddies in Bed" to go with our action song.

We don't know anyone who's ever been to a teddy party, but if you listen carefully, late at night when everyone's asleep, you can hear the sound of play-dough being rolled out at Harbury Nursery and furry

voices singing "Five Teddies in Bed"...

By the time you read this, the Nursery's new Committee will have met to plan the autumn's events and fund-raising activities. A very big thank you to the out-going Committee, especially Mary-Beth Boyea, Kate Mitchell, Nicola Thompson and Chair Sue Graydon for their immense hard work over the last year (and previous years!) which has ensured that this new academic year we will all benefit from a very well cared-for and well equipped Nursery. If you are interested in a place, please call Kate Smart on 612609.

Sarah Woods

HARBURY SCHOOL P.T.A.

Looking back to July, the P.T.A. Beer Walk was great fun for all those who participated. The sun shone, the beer flowed and amazingly, no one got lost. Congratulations to those who completed the whole 11 miles, including some 7 year olds!



The walkers disappear into the countryside



Welcome refreshment at Bishops Itchington

The incomparable P.T.A. Quiz takes place on **Friday 19th November** with the usual cut-throat competition and slick presentation, courtesy of Messrs Walshe and Randall. Put it in your diary now - entry forms will be available soon.

On a more serious note, the Annual General Meeting takes place on **Monday 11th October** at 8.00pm. The P.T.A. has consistently helped the School buy the special items that cannot be afforded within the still meagre state budget - the latest target being a major contribution to the planned computer suite. But it also arranges events such as barn dances, discos and fairs which provide fun for both children and parents.

Most of the current Committee will be retiring on October 11th and so we need keen new parents to take on this exciting and enjoyable role. Please come along on the night, you can phone me on 614242 if you require any more information. Thank you.

Alan Guy

HARBURY BONFIRE & VILLAGE FIREWORKS 1999

SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 99

One of the central community events of the year is fast approaching again, and as usual I am making my annual plea for help to build the Village bonfire.

My experience is that you can have as much fun building the bonfire as attending the event itself. Again we need anyone with access to trailers and or cars with tow bars to assist. We particularly need 4 x 4 vehicles, especially if the weather is not good.

Don't worry if you can't help with this, we can still put you to work collecting wood and materials from around the village. Remember many hands make light work.

When we moved to Harbury 5 years ago, this was one of the first village events we attended. If you are new to Harbury and would like to help, please give me a call, it's a great way to meet new friends and have lots of fun.

As for the evening itself, we were amazed at the size of the fire and the quality of the fireworks. The amount of people supporting the event and the fact that the food was included in the ticket price was incredible. £3 for adults and £2 for children. These will be on sale at Muggleston's Country Fayre from mid October. So if you can help again, and it would be great to see a few new faces, we start building the fire at 9.00am on the Recreation ground. If you want bonfire material collected, the forms will be at Muggleston's and the Co-op.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Julie Linforth (612696)

N.S.P.C.C. - HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION

Many thanks to all our helpers who collected a grand total of £704.78 in and around Harbury. We have a very willing 'core' of helpers but always need more help with this annual event. We also need more help with our monthly collections at the M40 Service Stations (once a month) if you can spare one hour please ring 612179.

Our next fund raising event will be a 'Wine Tasting with Cheese'

evening to be held on **Friday 29th October 1999** at the Tom Hauley Room - see posters for details.

N.S.P.C.C. Committee

MILLENNIUM EVE IN HARBURY

With less than thirteen weeks to go, plans for arranging the facilities and events in the village on Millennium Eve are now taking shape.

Funds are accumulating slowly and these will be used to light up the following areas with strip lighting:

- ◇ Crown Street, from the Village Club to near the War Memorial.
- ◇ All of High Street and Chapel Street and Mill Street down to the Shakespeare.
- ◇ The Village Hall will also be outlined in strip lights.
- ◇ It is hoped that All Saints' Church will be flood-lit and that two illuminated display features can be located in Park Lane on each corner of the Manor Road Green.
- ◇ Either a further display feature or more strip lighting will be used at the Old New Inn.

As there is only so much that can be done with the limited funds available, it is hoped that as many of you as possible will help to light up Harbury on the night by lighting up your own homes!

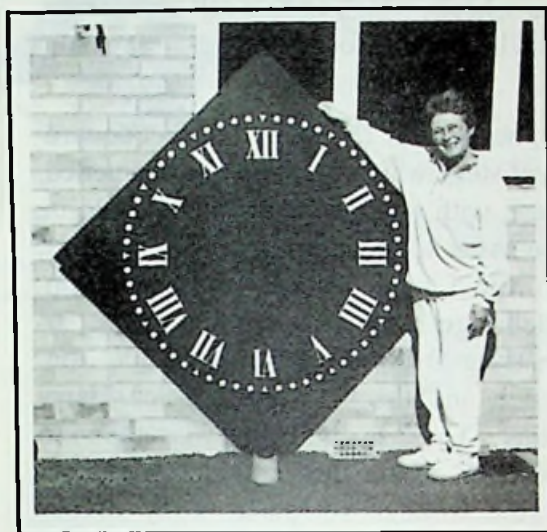
A television projector and screens will be installed in the Village Hall for anyone who, rather than stay at home, might like to see in the New Year with a few friends in comfort - it might after all be raining or even snowing! Whatever the weather, all will be welcome, (up to the limit of the Hall's capacity) and whilst some free refreshments are planned, do please feel free, if you want to, to bring along your own.

Lauren Woodward has produced an attractive design for a piece of commemorative glassware. The design was approved unanimously by the committee and the production of this glass is now in hand. These glasses will be sold for only £1 each and we are sure that many of you will want to own what we believe will become a very collectable item.

The bric-a-brac sale run by Janet Thornley last August resulted in a very welcome contribution to our funds and we would like to thank all those of you who supported this event.

Millennium Steering Committee

THE STORY OF THE CHURCH CLOCK FACE



Ruth Dodds alongside the new clock face



William Jones fixing the hands

As most people will have noticed, after the church clock was renovated and converted to automatic winding (part of the R.O.C. appeal) the painting of the face rapidly deteriorated, the paint peeling off the oak background to the extent that the numbers were coming off. Approaches to the renovator met with no response (due to the person concerned having broken his leg!) and so an alternative source had to be found. The major clock manufacturers, whilst doing a first class job, produced very expensive quotations, with the result that we decided to examine a "do it yourself" procedure.

This story is really about an ex-Chorister, Bellringer, Server and Cross Bearer, as Christopher Windsor made the whole thing possible. In 1982 he left Harbury to do a Business Studies degree and during this did a placement with a Screen Printing firm, Coton Bashforth Screen Print, based in Sheffield. At the conclusion of his degree he took employment with this firm and is now Managing Director. So thoughts at Harbury about the need for a very durable finish to the face of the clock, together with durable letters turned to the expertise which had developed during his years of training. A telephone conversation with Chris established

that the printing inks should be suitable for all kinds of weather, so a durable background finish was required. Stove enamelling suggested itself, since it is used for motor car wheels, which endure salt spray, rain, small stones, etc., and yes, it would be suitable for printing on, especially if it was a matt finish.

The existing face was very heavy, being solid 1½" oak, four feet square. Calculations showed that a sheet of steel, which can be stove enamelled, 3mm thick, on an angle iron frame, with a wooden surround would be lighter than the original and so be easier to lift into place. The sheet of steel and the angle iron came from Legge Fabheat of Leamington. William Jones (Server and Bellringer), who is about to go to Loughborough to take an Engineering Degree, cut out the angle iron. He then marked out and drilled it and the face, after which Harry Windsor welded the pieces together. The face and hands were taken to Handscombe Engineering at Southam, where they were powder coat enamelled. Andy Brunt made the wooden surround, Tony Stubbs selected the paint and painted it (with four coats of the best!) and then Harry and William screwed it all together. The thread on the nut securing the hands was found to be stripped, so Harry had to make another one. The sheet of coated steel had to be taken to Sheffield. Various people offered to transport it, but the only cars it would go into were David Clarke's Volvo and Harry's Metro, so David took it up there and Harry and Joyce fetched it back. Chris organised the artwork, artwork films and printing. The Artwork was prepared by Sean Gallagher, the artwork films by Geoff Fearn (G & L Services) and the printing by Paul Ingham (Corton Bashforth Screen Print).

The old face was taken down and the new one erected with the help of scaffold provided by Neville Ellis and a labour gang of David, Jeff Bedford, Neville, William and Harry. Finally William attached the hands and we now wait to see if the new paintwork will endure for longer than the original.

We are indebted to all those who helped with this project, particularly the Sheffield contingency, who gave their services free of charge.

The moral of the story is to treat your Choristers, Servers, Cross Bearers, Bellringers etc., well, whilst they are here - you never know, you might need them in the future.

H.M. Windsor



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VLORE - Albania



David and Pam Clarke, seated on the left, with friends in Vlore

About eighteen months ago Pam & David Clarke were asked by the Baptist Missionary Society to carry out a project in Albania for which money had been donated as a memorial to a Christian Lady. The project was to totally refurbish the Infective Disease Control Hospital in the City of Vlore in the south of the Country on the coast of the Adriatic sea. They arrived in Tirane, the capital, on the first of June 1998 where for the first three weeks they did a crash course in the Albanian language, called Shqip, and then plunged head first into planning and organising the total reconstruction of the Building.

During their time there, David's experience in the Rwandan refugee camps in Zaire was called upon by the National Alliance of Christian Churches seeking advice on how to help Kosovan refugees. The troubles had begun at this time and many refugees were entering Albania.

After arrival in Vlore the practical and political problems associated with the rebuilding of the hospital occupied much of their time although Sunday was always kept free and there were times when they were able to get out and about on the local buses. Due to the number of guns held illegally, the regularity of murders in the city, the sporadic gunfire at night and the Mafia activities it was prudent not to be out after dark.

In September there was insurrection in the country with tanks on the streets and much small arms fire. At one point the British Embassy was

arranging to get them out by helicopter if things got worse.

They came home for Christmas and David returned for two weeks each month to keep things going.

In March, NATO got involved in Kosovo & David got involved again with refugee camps on top of the ongoing Hospital work. All flights out of the country were cancelled & David had to find other ways to travel. First taking a ferry to Italy and then either a train across Europe via the chunnel to England or by plane from Napoli.

In April David was caught up in the murder of a neighbour and its aftermath. When the refugees went back David was involved with helping to make good some of the damage to buildings caused by the overwhelming numbers accommodated. In the Hospital things were not easy and at one stage there was a shoot out when thieves tried to steal some of the material.

The Hospital was opened on 29th of July 1999 and is now fully operational.

David Clarke

An extract of verse from David Clarke's memories. Other sections will be featured in future months.

Memories of a B.M.S. Mission Half Spent

We came home from Israel to Harbury last year.
We put down our bags, then - What did we hear?
When we looked at the answerphone it showed a green light.
A message was left: "Help us fight the good fight".

We want you in Albania, it's a job made for you
Will you please come and join us, we'll explain what to do.
What followed is history, you know it and more
'Cos we moved to Albania to live in Vlore.

Our first weeks in the capital, Tirana's the name
Were days learning Shqip, (they all seemed the same).

We learned 'Falemnderit' - that's "thankyou" to you
And we tried to learn other things, Oh what a 'to do'.

Soon came the great day, we moved down in force
And prayed very fervently we'd both stay the course.
There were gunshots at night and explosions came too
And news of Pam's parents was gloomy and blue.

PUSSY DOWN THE WELL? NEARLY!



Sub Officer Mike Hill with Fireman Daryl Townsend

Newcomers to the village, Louise and Neil Wilson had an unusual welcome to Harbury when their pet cat Burt disappeared down an open drain cover.

The couple, who live in Hillside, were forced to call in the Fire brigade after the furry feline refused to come out of the underground network.

It took six fire-fighters, four-hundred gallons of water, two chimney brushes and a distress signal to get the pussy out.

We had not seen him for a day and a half, said Louise, I called him for his dinner and could hear him crying.

Louise and Neil set off round the estate to see if they could find their furry friend and eventually decided the animal was underneath them.

We could hear him meowing but the sound was coming from under our feet, said Neil, I realised we were standing near a drain cover and when I bent down and put my ear to the ground I could hear him much louder.

The couple called and called the cat but to no avail, so Louise rang to see if the fire service could help. A retained crew from Southam turned up just before quarter to seven and began their rescue operation. They soon discovered an open drain cover down the road which was how

Burt got in. It quickly became clear the cat was not coming out the way he went in. Sub Officer Mike Hill ordered the covers off four more drains and sent firemen down two of them. The men called and called the cat but by this stage it was too frightened to come out. Next they tried chimney brushes but the shafts were not long enough to reach the animal. They then let off a distress signal down the drain in a bid to scare the cat out but it still didn't budge.

It was getting dark and it was obvious the cat was not moving, so I ordered the men to put water down the drains to flush the animal out, said Mr. Hill. Leading fireman Andy Duckett went down one drain while jet hoses were turned on down other outlets. After nearly an hour and a half, knee deep in cold water, Mr. Duckett could hear the cat's cries getting louder. Several minutes later a small black and very wet, Burt appeared and Mr. Duckett grabbed him.

Terrified but safe at last the cat was handed over to a relieved Louise who took the animal inside to dry him off. *We were so grateful to get Burt back,* said Neil, *The firemen were great and we would like to thank them for saving him.*

I would like to add that it is an unusual way to meet your neighbours, but it was a pleasure - after they had got the cat back of course.

Carol Geere (of Hillside)

HARBURY HASH

The 9th Harbury Hash was run on September 12th in unseasonably warm but welcome weather. 56 adults and 44 children took to the fields around Walworth Farm and followed the colour-coded routes along the precipitous sides of Bishops Bowl Lakes and thence across precariously ploughed fields and through winding woodland paths before finally returning for a bountiful barbecue, situated uncomfortably downwind of the manure heap and the traditional "down down." The runners' paths were pioneered in white by Easy Pickings (Mike Putnam) and Clog Dancer (Roger Parkinson) and the walkers' in blue by Dun In (Doug Freeman), whose enthusiastic woodland markings provided ample opportunity for endless diversions. A Hash View allowed for mid-run rejuvenation and a beer stop was to be found in the comfortable surroundings of the Butcher's Arms in Bishops Itchington.

Punishments were handed out to the short-cutters, the followers of fluorescent fashion and even a hapless toddler whose only apparent crime was a mismatch of trouser and trainers. The customary soaking was meted out to Easy Pickings for his peerless organisation.

Thanks must go to Sue and John Moore for giving their permission to use Walworth Farm, to Mr Kerr for permission to use Bishops Bowl Lakes and to John and Sharon Hancock for negotiating those permissions. Thanks must also go to Fred Pratt for the publicity, Sue Hartland for being 'Hash Cash', the Landlord of The Butcher's Arms for allowing us to stage the beer stop and to everyone who provided salads for the barbecue. The event made a profit of £60, following contributions to the Scouts and Harbury School for the loan of the barbecues and some of this money will be 'invested' to provide commemorative T-shirts for next year's 10th Harbury Hash. As these will possibly be the last T-shirts we produce, they may become collectors' items and you are therefore urged to make a note to take part in next year's Hash in order to secure one of these valuable items. You won't regret it!

Biker Bill (Ian Hartland)

HARBURY

*Speed up Treen's Hill from the
curves of the Fosse Way,
Pass by the dwellings that shape
Binswood End
Which once had its own shops,
Its sweep and its blacksmith
And travelling tinkers cried
'Old pans to mend?'*

*Sweep down the long link of
Mill Street admiring
The surgery serving the people nearby,
Pause to buy butter, cards,
carrots and aspirin —
Then a long drink where the Bard
hangs on high.*

*Slalom your way through the
 traffic in Church Street,
 Ponder the puzzle of the tower
 Of two-toned fame,
 Wander through the primroses,
 the lady's smocks and fox-and-cubs
 And go to have a coffee in the
 room that bears Tom's name.*

*There's football on the playing field
 and drama in the hall,
 Dancing, playschemes, social groups
 --activities for all.
 The Council keeps an eagle
 eye on footpaths (canines too!)
 And if a stranger says 'hello,'
 then yes, it's meant for you.*

*Where do the roads lead?
 To Bishops or Southam
 Or Temple End westward, to
 See again how
 Old farmsteads in new guise
 move into the next age
 While moderns dance Morris
 beside the pub now.*

*Off to the ends of the earth?
 You'll come home
 To where the proud plinth of
 the Old Mill stands free
 And new estate dwellers share
 history with those
 Whose names are engraved in
 the tales of old Harbury.*

Edyth Algar

THE VILLAGE BUS NEWS

As from **Monday 11th October** the Village Bus **ROUTE** and **TIMETABLE** will alter to the following:

Harbury on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Bus will leave Harbury at 10.00am and 14.00 (2.00pm).

It will return starting at ASDA at 12.20pm and again 14.15 (2.15pm).

Harbury on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Bus will leave Harbury at approximately 10.30am.

It will return starting at ASDA at 12.45pm.

The new routes for all buses will include the new **TESCO** store in Warwick.

We are sorry we have had to cut some services, but we feel that our customers would rather we included the new **TESCO** store.

Please let us know if this causes you problems and we will endeavour to find a way round to suit your needs.

Mike Thompson

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Some of the 1999 Village Show prize winners

Left to Right: Paddy Clarke, Sally-Anne Batty, Dorothy Grove, Eleanor Zonik, John Smith and Jeanne Beaumont

Front row: Pippa Roe, Harriet Randall and Lily Clarke

Another year, another Village Show over, many thanks to everybody who worked hard to make it the success it was. Our thanks to the shop keepers for having the Schedules, our "home grown" judges and stewards, the side shows, produce stall, teas etc. etc..... Thanks to your generosity the tombola was wonderful! The proceeds all helped to fund the show, in fact we almost broke even! It was good to see many new faces and names, we hope to see you again! The entries were down slightly on last year, the handicrafts and cooking were thin, but there were a nice number of Simnel cakes, apple pies and tea loaves though! The sunflowers for the children were a disaster. I think the seeds did not quite fit the description on the packet - they were supposed to be 2' 6" tall and multi-headed. I know many were ruined by the strong winds back in June/July time. Has anyone any suggestions for next year please? They must be grown in a pot, (not every competitor has access to a garden) and colourful for Show weekend - second weekend in September, in fact tumbler tomatoes have already been suggested. Ron, as usual, worked very hard this year. He had Janice to help him, same again next year please?

Tuesday 5th October is the start of our new season, Mr. Oke will talk on "Fuchsias" which I am sure will be informative and interesting. This also means £2 subs will be due for the next 12 months of talks and events, not to mention the popular outings. Visitors are very welcome, for just 30p per meeting. The Royal Mail eventually delivered the promised Rockery bulbs after the Show, so they will be on sale at this meeting, also Christmas cards in aid of the Gardeners Benevolent Society.

The AGM will be in November, any nominations for the Committee or resolutions will be very welcome and should be in writing and addressed to the Secretary, Mrs. Julie Clarke, 32, South Parade before the next meeting **Tuesday 2nd November** when the talk entitled "Vegetables in Small Gardens" will be given by Mr. Gatherham. I am sure the November issue will not be distributed before this meeting. Watch the notice boards in any case.

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

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Finally, here is the list of award winners.

Award Winners 1999

Buck Trophy	Lily Clarke
Jean Dunn Cup Up to 7 Yrs	Pippa Roe
Fred Lines Cup 8 - 12 Yrs	Harriet Randall
Allotment Holders Cup	Mr. A Pratt
Finch Cup	Mr. P Clarke
Top Tray Gold	Mr. R Lawson
	Silver Mr. P Clarke
	Bronze Mr. J Brunt
Top Vase Gold	Mr. P Clarke
Farley Cup Veg.	Mr. P Clarke
Grey Cup Novice Veg.	Mr. C Such
Courier Cup Flowers	Mr. P Clarke
Schofield Trophy (Best in Section - Flowers)	Mr. P Clarke
All Saints' Cup	Mrs. H Turner
Reg. Harris Cup (Best in Section - Fruit)	Mrs. M Snow
Brunton Cup (Flower arrangement)	Mrs. E Zonik
Daniel Trophy (Cookery)	Mrs. D Groves
Zonik Cup (Wines)	Mrs. J Beaumont
Hort. Soc. Cup (Handicrafts)	Mrs. A Brunt
Rigden Cup (Photos)	Mr. J Smith
W.I. Trophy	Mrs. J Beaumont
Barnes Cup	Mrs. S Batty
Wilkins Cup	Mr. P Clarke



**Jeanne Beaumont and the
W.I. Crafts Judge**

P.S. I have one clear plastic cake container lonely and abandoned after the Show.

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

As the warmth from the sun's rays weakens, use the heat in the soil to get biennials and winter displays off to a good start. If plants, such as wallflowers, have been growing in a nursery bed, water them well and plant them into their flowering positions next day. When buying biennials look for Canterbury bells, foxgloves, honesty and Brompton stocks too.

Check stakes and ties on plants which will have to face strong winds in the next few months. Watch out for mildew on roses and Michaelmas daises. The first frosts will blacken growth of dahlias and gladioli so lift them towards the end of the month. Cut off the stems to about 3 inches and stand dahlia tubers upside down in a box to drain them. Store gladioli corms, after they have dried, in strong paper bags and dahlia tubers in a box of dry compost.

Move tender plants which have been growing in containers, into the house or greenhouse. Many of these summer flowers can be kept if you have the space for them, otherwise add them to the compost heap.

Complete the planting of bulbs, except tulips and check bulbs in bowls. They may need a little water but should still stay in a dark place. Evergreens should not be planted after the onset of frosts so the beginning of the month is the last chance until next April.

Divide any perennials which have outgrown their space or did not flower well this year. Pot up a few pieces to give to friends. Tidy up dying stems but leave seed heads for winter interest in the garden, but dig up any weeds which will scatter their seeds to produce a bumper crop in the Spring!

If you saw hedgehogs in your garden encourage one to stay by providing winter quarters under a pile of twigs and leaves. Put out seed and water for the birds.

Christmas cactus plants need dark nights to develop flower buds so do not have them in a room which is used in the evenings. Once the flower buds have developed they can be brought into artificial light again and they will go on to flower at the end of the year.

Plant of the Month - *Sedum*

There are over 600 species of these fleshy leafed plants, from places as diverse as Mongolia and western N. America. Growing as annuals, biennials but mostly evergreen perennials they can take a place in borders, rockeries, greenhouses and as houseplants.

The name derives from the Latin 'Sedo', to sit, an apt name for the low growing types which do sit on rocks and walls. These are more commonly known as stonecrop with yellow flowers and a tendency to be invasive.

This month the taller Sedum plants with their flat heads of pink, red or purple flowers are most noticeable. Sedum spectabile or Ice plant, because its leaves always feel cold to the touch, provides nectar for bees and vital food for the butterflies which hibernate as adults. Small tortoiseshell, Peacock, Comma and Brimstone butterflies are drawn to these late flowers, although the variety 'Autumn Joy' does not seem as attractive to them as the other hybrids.

From May when the low growing Sedum roseum begins to flower, through to December when the rusty red spent flower heads of Sedum spectabile and Sedum maximum still provide interest, these plants are good value. Plant them in almost any soil in sun or part shade and leave them alone unless they outgrow their space. Divide them in winter or spring to produce new smaller plants.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

Sheila & Gerry on behalf of Polly, would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their cards and donations and messages of sympathy on her recent sad loss.

Many thanks to all who attended the funeral and to Father Roy Brown. Thank you also to Celia Barrett and The Harbury Village Club, for their kind words about John in last month's issue of the Harbury News.

*Sheila, & Gerry,
for Polly Parker*

Dear Editors

I should like to express my thanks publicly to all members, past and present of "Harbury Parish Council" who contributed to the successful evening at the Tom Hauley Room on the 18th September to acknowledge

my recent award of the M.B.E.

It was much appreciated by my wife and myself and Rene would also like to say "Thank you," not only for the beautiful bouquet of flowers presented to her, but to everyone in the village who has sent cards and telephoned their expressions of sympathy during the period of her present illness.

What a caring community we are so fortunate to be resident in!

John and Rene Drinkwater

Dear Editors

To Early Doors, Regulars, Crib and Darts teams, Staff - (Carol, Mandy, Rachael, Sam and Craig) and of course reliable Dennis.

We would like to thank all of you for your warmth and kindness over the past difficult weeks. It was not our choice to leave the Crown so hastily, but we were put in a position by "The Brewery," that left us with absolutely no alternative.

Malc and I were both overwhelmed by the presentations we received from "Early Doors" and the beautiful clock from the "Regulars."

We cannot say that life is easy at the moment, but our priority is to keep life as normal as possible for Bradley. His first "big day" at school, was the day we had to leave the pub.

We plan to stay in the area and hopefully find somewhere to live very soon. Once again thank you to everyone who helped in any way!

*Karen, Malc, Bradley
and of course Henry!*

Dear Editors

Proposed Improvements and Floodlighting

I feel I cannot let David Snell's letter in last month's magazine go unanswered. In the order in which his comments are made - if the project has been blown out of all proportion then at least it has served to inform the village as a whole of the situation. I agree that the lights will be directed downwards which is what I assume he means to

"carefully shielded" but as for additional landscaping, who is he kidding. Any additions will take years, if at all, to reach the height of the lights at 23ft. and in any event during the winter months there will be few if any leaves on the trees! As for the inclusion of five-a-side football, I fail to see how a game of football can take place on such a small area, due to the fact that there will be fencing between the Netball court and the new multi-purpose area. I therefore believe that by including "football" in their literature and arguments, they are playing the numbers' game, i.e. attempting to swell their numbers by artificial means to impress. (He now refers to the Tennis, Netball and Football Millennium project - a change of title! - in his advert for the Grand Ceilidh Dance).

If the scheme goes ahead and is a success then there certainly will be traffic congestion and parking problems because even sports people arrive in their cars.

Unfortunately, I doubt whether the bored youngsters and vandals are the ones who will be interested in their sports and I have heard of vandalism taking place whilst Club members were playing, yet no action was taken.

Incidentally, John Hunt states in his letter that "the control and management of the facilities will be subject to a detailed agreement yet to be negotiated between the Parish Council and the Clubs." When the decision was made in June to support the Planning Application no details had been agreed (and still have not been agreed!) hence our reference to the fact that at the present time the lights do have permission for seven evenings a week as granted by Stratford District Council.

After reading this letter you may be forgiven for wondering which side is guilty of misrepresenting the facts!

We are not going away!

Yours faithfully

Bill Middleton

Dear Editors

On behalf of the R.N.L.I., I would like to thank all those who came to the Tom Hauley Room on September 4th (resisting the temptations of the nearby Beer Festival?) and who spent so generously. By the end of the morning the splendid sum of £320 had been raised. Thank you once again.

Heather Turner

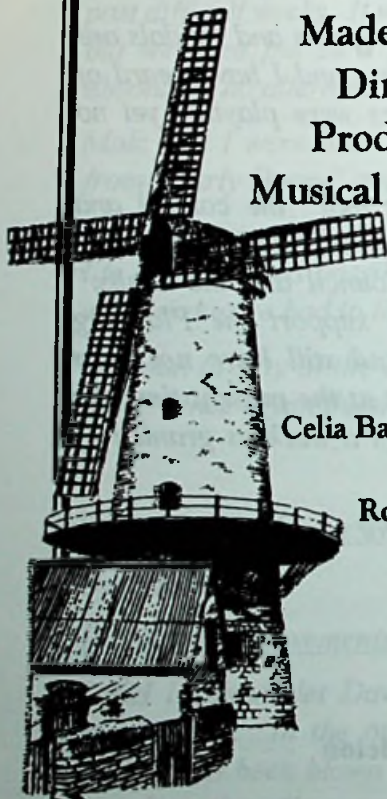
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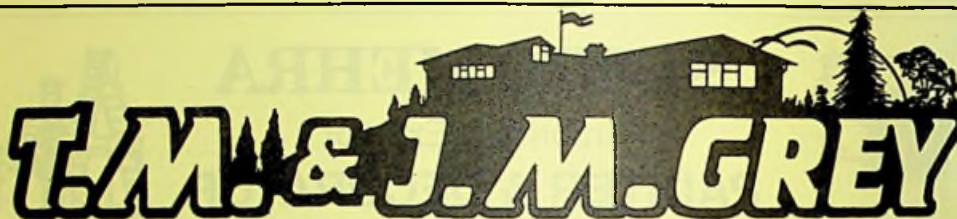
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