



Lindsey Dolphin with daughter Phoebe and friend

The Editors have endeavoured to make up for last month's omission of snow photographs. Our intrepid photographer went out to take a selection of pictures in the snow and was amazed to find one enthusiastic father putting the final touches to a snowman which he had begun building at 6.00am.

The village pantomime, *Beauty and the Beast* played to full houses. It was good to see so many children and young people performing with such enjoyment. Also it is pleasing to see these youngsters participating in a traditional village

event when others get criticised for antisocial behaviour.

The Editors are always looking for articles and photographs that provide unusual snippets of information to liven up the magazine. So put pen to paper or finger to keyboard and get in touch with the Harbury & Ladbroke News in the near future.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Canon Roy Churchill, Doris Frost, Bill Holyoake, and Millicent Morrison.

Harbury Diary

FEBRUARY

- Sun 4 4th BEFORE LENT – Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 4pm
Rugby Minis 7-12 home to Kersley
- Tues 6 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society 8pm Village Hall POT PLANTS
- Wed 7 Holy Communion 2pm; Mothers Union 2.30pm
Martial Arts in Village Hall 6pm
Talk it Through at 33, South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 8 Holy Communion 9.45am
Storytelling in the Library 10am
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club in The Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 9 Beat Buddies 9.30-11.30am & 2-3pm in Village Hall
NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
- Sat 10 Rugby 2nd XV home to Coventry Tech
WI Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room

- PTA Barn Dance in Village Hall
- Sun 11 3rd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
 Holy Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am
 Sunday School 10.30am; Evensong 4pm
- Tues 13 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Village Hall Committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 14 **ST VALENTINES DAY**
 Martial Arts in Village Hall 6pm
 Prayer meeting in Church 8pm
- Thurs 15 Holy Communion 9.45am
ADVERTS 31, Binswood End by 5.30pm
- Fri 16 **SCHOOL ENDS**
 Beat Buddies 9.30-11.30am & 2-3pm in Village Hall
- Sat 17 Men's Prayer Breakfast at 7.30am
 Netball Club's Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room
 Netball Club Valentines Dance in Village Hall
 Rugby 1st XV home to Bloxwich
- Sun 18 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
 Holy Communion 8am; Family Communion 10.30am
- Tues 20 Holy Communion 7.30pm; Mothers' Union 8pm
 Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 21 Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3-4pm
 Martial Arts in Village Hall 6pm
Talk it Through at 33, South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 22 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
 Parish Council 7.30pm Village Hall
- Fri 23 **NEWSPAPER COLLECTION**
 Beat Buddies 9.30-11.30am & 2-3pm in Village Hall
ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm
- Sat 24 Rugby 1st XV home to Coventrians
 Rotary's Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 25 NEXT SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
 Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
 PCC after 10.30 service; Evensong 4pm; Benediction 5.30pm
- Mon 26 **SCHOOL BEGINS**
- Tues 27 **SHROVE TUESDAY**
 French Circle Fancy Dress Pancake Party in Tom Hauley Room 6.30pm – 9pm
 (Tel 613607)
- Holy Communion 7.30pm; Julian Meeting 8pm
- Wed 28 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
 Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes 10.30am
 Martial Arts in Village Hall 6pm
 Prayer meeting in Church 8pm
ENGLAND PLAYS SPAIN

MARCH

- Thurs 1 **ST DAVID'S DAY** - Holy Communion 9.45am
 Storytelling I Library 10am
 Folk Club in Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 2 Beat Buddies 9.30-11.30am & 2-3pm in Village Hall
 Holy Communion 12 noon, Lent Lunch 12.30pm
- Sat 3 Rugby 1st XV home to Sutton Coldfield
 Meningitis Research Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 4 LENT I** - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 4pm

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

**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

REGULAR DIARY DATES

- BABY CLINIC:** Surgery, 2nd & 4th Wednesday 2:00-4:00pm
- BADMINTON:** Village Hall, Monday mornings (613174) 10:00am-12:00noon
Mondays (612627) (Seniors) 7:00-9:00pm;
Tuesdays (613413) (Club) 8:00-10:00pm;
Friday (612029) (Juniors) 2:00-3:00pm;
Sunday (613340) 7:00-10:00pm
- BEAVERS:** Scout Hut, Tuesdays 6:15-7:15pm
- BEAT BUDDIES:** Village Hall, Tuesdays 2pm
- BELL RINGING PRACTICE:** (613605) Church, Fridays 7:30pm
- BROWNIES:** Scout Hut, Mondays 6:15-7:30pm
- CHOIR PRACTICE:** Church, Fridays 6:30pm
- COFFEE MORNING:** Tom Hauley Room Saturdays 10:00am-12:00noon
- CUBS:** Scout Hut, Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm
- 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
Coach: Mike Grayson 613027, and
Jim Farrell 811216 (Mob. 0777 6130569)
 - Under 9/10s:** Training: Harbury School Pitch 10:30am
Coaches: Joe Greenwell 613623 & Jim Ward 612401, and
Adrian Hawley 614353 & Rob Wilkes 613948
 - Under 10/11s:** Training: Playing Fields 9:00am
Coaches: Steve Darby 613330 & Trevor Montague 612340
 - Under 12/13s:** Training: Playing Fields 10:30am
Coaches: John Wilkins 612115 & Steve Wilkins 614574
 - Under 14/15s:** Training: Playing Fields 10:30am
Coaches: Paul Harris 613148
- HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL:** School, Monday-Friday; 9:00am-12:00noon;
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 12:45pm-3:15pm
- HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL:** Wight School, High St. Monday 12:30 - 2:30pm;
Tuesday-Friday 9:00am - 12:00noon
- HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB:** Contact 612498
- HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS:** (613402) School Hall, Wednesdays 8:00-10:00pm
- HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:** Village Hall, 1st Tuesday of Month (Oct. to May) 8:00pm
- KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS:** (612734) Scout Hut, Saturdays, 10:00am-12:00noon
- LIBRARY:** (613297) Mondays 2:00 - 5:00pm and 5:30 - 7:00pm;
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
- LINE DANCING:** BEGINNERS, Harbury Village Club, Thursdays 7.30pm
- MARTIAL ARTS:** Village Hall, Wednesdays 6pm
- NETBALL CLUB:** (613239) Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays 6:30pm;
Matches on Saturday Afternoon
- SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm
- TAI CHI:** (614730) Village Hall, Wednesdays 7:30pm
- 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:** (612610) The Dog Inn, last Tuesday of Month 8:00pm
- THURSDAY CLUB:** (612273) 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

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

Harbury Helpline is for you!

EMERGENCY TRANSPORT: Call Tim Millington 612808 or Charles Catt 612864.

HELP WITH FORM FILLING:

- **Job Applications, CV's, Council Tax Forms, etc.:** Call Joanne Cooper 613859 or Jeff Bedford 612753.
- **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.

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.

A ll Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

Holy Communion, 8:00am

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

Family Service 10:30am on 3rd Sunday of Month

Evensong 6:30pm (Except 3rd Sunday)

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

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

Laugh Line

The vicar announced that next Sunday he would preach a special sermon and in the meantime he wanted everybody to read the 17th chapter of St. Mark's gospel.

A week later he asked all those in the congregation who had read the 17th chapter of St. Mark to raise their hands. Almost everyone did so.

Just as I thought, the vicar said. My sermon will be on honesty. There are only 16 chapters in the gospel of St. Mark.

From the Rector

The Elderly priest had been listening to the reminiscences about the good old days. He could keep silent no longer. *If I hear anyone else talking about the good old days, I'll scream. These are the good days, adding with awry smile at least they're the only days we've got.*

It is common to hear people saying that the world is in a terrible mess. They say that things seem to be getting worse and they look back to a golden age when everything seemed better.

But it is contrary to Christianity to go on as if everything was collapsing around us. God is at work in the world. In all of it. That is the message of the Epiphany at this time of the year. God came not just for the chosen few but for everyone. And in spite of human kind's indifference Christ has changed the whole of humanity. The Christian conviction is that of the pain and suffering we go through is in fact the pain of birth. The whole of creation is groaning because it is being reborn to life in Christ. Now that doesn't justify a refusal to do anything about the human suffering and misery all around us. But it does stop us from saying that everything is getting worse.

Here is a prayer written over twenty-one centuries ago and to be found in the Book of Wisdom. Maybe we still need it today.

*In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a drop of morning dew
falling on the ground.*

*Yet you are merciful to all,
you love all that exists.*

*You hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence
for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.
You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life.*

Fr. Roy

From the Registers

Holy Baptism at All Saints' Harbury

14th January Alice May Lockley

Funerals at St. Andrew's Wilmcote

9th January Reverend Canon Roy Churchill, 88

Funerals at Oakley Wood

16th January Millicent Morrison, 98

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

17th January Bill Holyoake, 76

Funerals at All Saints' Ladbroke

30th January Doris Frost, 79

From the Churchwardens

The Forum held on January 13th, was well attended and produced some lively debate as to how the church in Harbury should develop. Since All Saints' is the only church in Harbury, we should try to make it a place of worship for all of the Christian faith. This should be not so much change but development of what currently takes place, in order to enable more people to feel comfortable in church.

Father Roy announced a revised Sunday evening service format to be detailed in the near future. Two key points which arose were our need to listen to what God wants us to do and to put our differences aside and join in worship following Jesus' teaching. A full report appears elsewhere.

The Family Service, which takes place on the third Sunday of every month, was led in January by Mary Catt. She took the theme of seeing Jesus in other people, and trying to be more like Him in our daily lives. The service was very well attended, with a strong message for everyone to build on.

We are sad to record the death of Canon Roy Churchill who was extremely supportive in this parish over many years, in spite of constant ill health. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Esmé, his daughters, Mary and Sue and all the family.

Felicity & John

Mothers' Union

LOGO

On January 6th, several members attended a service in Holy Trinity Church, Stratford, for the Commissioning of the new Diocesan President, Wendy Thomas, and of the Trustees. The Church was full to capacity for a Sung Eucharist, led by the Bishops of Coventry and Warwick. There was a great sense of unity, and once more we were reminded that we are part of a worldwide organisation, with a global voice, united in prayer and worship. This year M.U. celebrates its 125th Anniversary, and towards the end of the service, this prayer by Mary Sumner (founder of the Mothers' Union) was repeated by everyone present:

*All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many
lives as possible for Thee, and every life
I touch, do Thou by Thy Spirit quicken,
whether through the word I speak, the prayer
I breathe or the life I live. Amen.*

Afternoon Meeting: Guests from Ladbrooke Women's Fellowship joined Harbury MU for a tea party in the Tom Hauley Room. Everyone took part in games organised by Mary Catt and wits were certainly sharpened as the competitive spirit took over. There were famous faces to identify, and words to unscramble, all serving to increase the appetite for the delicious tea that followed. Each member then chose a gift from the 'lucky dip' to round off the excitement of the afternoon!

Evening Meeting: Another party – starting with games led by Trisha Harrison – *Games Mistress* for the evening! Once again, sharp wits were required for the two quizzes, with great hilarity when the answers were being checked. The meal was voted a great success, and thanks are due to all who helped in any way towards its preparation. The surprise entertainment at the end of the evening almost brought the house down, but Harbury Theatre Group need have no fear – Harbury MU will not be starting up in direct competition!

Next Meetings:

Wed. 7th Feb 2pm Service, 2.30pm Home Safety Check Scheme Age Concern
Tues. 20th Feb 7.30pm Service, 8pm *A very Special Recipe*, Helen Robertson

Anne Moore

Toddlers' Service

At our January service we thought about music. First we listened to Mr. Catt playing a tune. Then we 'made music' by singing *we're all together again*. We also sang our *Thank You* prayer.

The story was about David, the shepherd boy, who made up songs and played them on his harp, including *The Lord is my Shepherd*. Everybody then sang *Praise Him* while the children made a joyful noise with the percussion instruments. To finish the children made shakers to take home.

All babies and children under school age are very welcome to join us at our monthly service. The next will be on Tuesday 13th February, at 2.15pm in the children's corner of Church.

C. Mary Catt

CHURCH FORUM – the way out and the way in

In almost every village there is a church. A steadfast landmark, the old stones of our church have seen many generations pass, cart wheels give way to car tyres and new housing shelter an expanding population. The church stands serene and solid, a symbol of peace, security, history and continuity within the changing. It has been a place to visit for some - a building of tranquil elegance and historical interest. For many others it has been, through the ages, a source of inspiration, comfort, solace and joy. Countless weddings, funerals, baptisms and confirmations have been performed here for the people of the parish. The old and crooked algae-encrusted tombstones without sign the ancient passing of many residents whose voices once filled the nave and transept within in hymn and prayer.

There cannot be many living now in the village who do not have some feeling for this building. Not everyone goes inside, however. An empty church can emanate peace and uplift – all those years of praise and yearning leave their imprint. But a full or filling church can be unnerving, even intimidating, to the newcomer, the tyro worshipper...

unknown rituals, unfamiliar litanies, difficult words - and all those people watching. Are you, you wonder, the only one that doesn't know the rules? And will you be eagerly pressed to join the PCC or flower-arranging rota? Is there an initiation process with arcane ritual?

Spiritual development and worship are very personal matters, varying with every individual. The purpose of the church is to enable this to happen. The church must change and develop in order to serve Christians better and be relevant to their needs. Also, spiritual enquiry and growth happen equally in many places other than church.

These issues and many others have been discussed recently in open forum. Some 60 people came together to find ways “to love people into God’s Kingdom”. Love is at the heart of all spirituality. We aim, therefore, to be open, welcoming and helpful to all, whether newcomers or not, and seek ways to provide each other with the tools we need for growth. This is not a recruitment drive. People come to God in their own time and at their own pace. It would be a shame, however, to obstruct that process by creating conditions that discourage or an atmosphere that intimidates.

With this in mind we made together some proposals:

- ❖ The Family Service is successful in its aim of involving children. It could be broadened to be more inclusive for adults too.
- ❖ More effort will be made to reach out to people, particularly those who are new arrivals in the village. This will be done by welcome cards and letters.
- ❖ A website is currently in production. This will be regularly updated once in place, so that all church-based activities will be publicised; links will be established to other sites. A brochure will be drafted from the text on the site for use in church and elsewhere for those without Internet access (there are a few!)
- ❖ Quite a number of people enjoy smaller informal meetings and social events. Lunches and Bring and Share suppers offer an opportunity for sharing faith and views as well as food. The atmosphere at these is usually relaxed and jolly.
- ❖ At the same time the Bible Study and ‘Talk it Through’ sessions now carried out in private houses could become more flexible still to make them inviting to those who are not ready to join a formal service.
- ❖ Changes to services. The new Common Worship book is due to be brought into use in Harbury very soon. This allows us to devise our own tailored service and a degree of flexibility. At the same time, Father Roy has suggested that we change the evensong programme to two per month with one of these being more modern than the traditional Evensong.
- ❖ In common with all religions, Christianity is full of symbolism. Many regular churchgoers don’t know the significance of all of it. Father Roy offered to replace the sermon on occasions with explanations of the rituals and robes. He even offered to robe up in church - although some worry was expressed about the advisability of showing his sock repertoire in public.
- ❖ Father Roy is keen to extend a platform into the nave from the altar steps to allow for a nave altar at times, bringing the action into the main body of the church. This would also make it easier to see and hear some of the tinier performers at Family Services. This will not be possible without fund-raising.

Harbury has an active church. It encompasses over 30 different activities that span age ranges and interests. What we hope from this forum is to make everyone feel welcome to these activities and to make it easy for anyone to join in at any level or depth. There is plenty of room. We welcome further contributions to this debate. Comments and views to Fr. Roy at The Rectory or Bob Sherman at 8, Church Terrace.

Bob Sherman

Ladbroke News

FEBRUARY

- Sun 4 **4th BEFORE LENT** – Family Communion 10.30am
 Tues 6 Ladbroke & Deppers WI Short Mat Bowls Night at Harbury Club 8pm
 Sun 11 **3rd BEFORE LENT** - Sung Communion 9am
 Mon 12 Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club draw at The Bell Inn 8pm
 Wed 14 Holy Communion 2pm; Women's Fellowship 2.45pm
 Thurs 15 **ADVERTS 31, Binswood End, Harbury by 5.30pm**
 Sun 18 **2nd BEFORE LENT** - Sung communion 9am
 Children's Church 10.30am
 Thurs 22 Ladbroke & Deppers WI
 PCC Standing Committee 7.30pm
 Fri 23 **ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm**
 Sun 25 **NEXT BEFORE LENT** - Sung Communion 9am
 Children's Church 10.30am
 Wed 28 **ASH WEDNESDAY**; Holy Communion 7.30pm with imposition of ashes
 Lent Lunch 12noon at 3, Ladbroke Hall

MARCH

- Sun 4 **LENT I** - Sung Communion 10.30am

Women's Fellowship

An almost 'full house' at our January AGM meeting at Catherine Spence's home. Beryl Ross has agreed to be our Treasurer for one more year and I think I have already found my replacement for next year too.

For this year we have arranged our Lent Lunches - again the proceeds will go towards the education and welfare of the Sudanese boy we are sponsoring at the All Saints' Refuge in Cairo.

The first lunch, provided by Hazel and Catherine, is on Ash **Wednesday, 28th February** at 3, Ladbroke Hall, 12noon and costs £2.50.

Nancy Stubbs has invited us to her home, 16, Ladbroke Hall, for our next meeting, when the speaker, Joan Smith, will be talking about her time in the Middle East.

Betty Winkfield

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I .

The January meeting was held in Ladbroke Village Hall on the 25th. Unfortunately, our President was ill and unable to attend, but Mrs. Susan Moore, the Vice-President, took the chair. The meeting was well attended by members, three visitors and our Speaker who were all welcomed by Susan.

The Speaker, Miss Joy Wardle, of Warwick WI gave a slide show and commentary of Warwick. Her photography and talk were so interesting starting from the Castle and a circular tour of the beautiful historic buildings. The buildings of the nineteen sixties are less beautiful. Many of us felt that we must have our eyes shut when we visit Warwick, as many photographs were unrecognisable to us! We will be better

informed after we have done our own walk in the summer. Susan gave the vote of thanks.

The raffle prizes were won by Heather Wright and Tina Gilbert.

It was agreed that our WI should join the fundraising and buy a brick for the new Warwickshire WI County House. Several members said they would also purchase one.

The very wet weather in December prevented Susan from planting the tree for our WI but hopefully it will be planted in the spring.

A Scrabble evening is to be arranged with Irene Bennett.

The Spring Council Meeting will be held at The Spa Centre on **March 21st**. Names were taken for those members wishing to attend.

A Beetle Drive for all ages will be held during the Easter Holidays. The date will be announced later.

The next Short Mat Bowls night is on **February 6th**, at Harbury Club. We have a fun time and would like to see new people from our WI there at 8:00pm.

The **February** meeting is on **Thursday 22nd** when Mrs. Stella Douglas will be our Speaker talking about her unique collection of bags and purses.

Tea Hostesses will be Susan and Jo.

Visitors will be made most welcome.

Marie Kennedy

Ladbroke Village hall

The twelfth draw of the Millennium Club was held on January 8th at The Bell Inn. The winners were Carol Lane £80; A&E Pittaway £50; Jo Sowerby £25; Maureen Wright, Marwin Grainger, Trevor Surgey, Sylvia West and Jenny Barrett each won £10.

The next prize draw will be held on **Monday 12th February**, at 8:00pm at The Bell Inn. If anyone would like to join the Club, either ring me (814362), or speak to any of the committee members – we will be delighted to hear from you.

Catherine Spence

Ladbroke Parish Council

Two members of the public joined all 5 Parish Councillors and the Clerk in the Village Hall for the January meeting. Unfortunately the date clashed with a full Council meeting so apologies were received from our councillors.

Renovations in the village

Some repair work has been carried out on the pavement and kerb by Tollgate Cottage. The County Council will be informed that the next priority is the moss on the pavement outside Bell View and the potholes

and the torn verges Bridge Lane. It will also remind them of the need to widen Windmill Lane and bring to their attention the dead boughs on trees on the Ladbroke Hall side of Church Lane.

Drainage

Dave Tiley is in direct contact with Peter Derrick, one of the 'floodees'.

Planning Applications

Confirmation of approval had been received for dormer windows at New Cottage, office extensions at Harbury Road, Deppers Bridge and for the manege, subject to further details of the lighting.

There being no district or county councillors reports this very short meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Carol Lane

Southam Local History Society

Ladbroke Section

The cold spell between Christmas and the New Year threw working outside out the window, so I reverted to the warmer indoor pastime of Internet searching and fed it "Ladbroke".

Interspersed with Ladbroke Betting material I found much to interest me on Ladbroke itself, including the "L(*)dbrook(*)" family page. Here I found the family tree with its origins in the early 12th Century at Ladbroke, then referred to as Lodbrook. On this web page the family are trying to link the family trees together and produce a comprehensive directory of all the connections.

After the village of Ladbroke had been sold in 1349 by the family who took their name from it, one Robert Ladbroke of Idlicote, near Banbury, in 1776 tried to buy back the Manor. He bought the outlying parishes of Hodnell and Radbourne for £30,500, then in the occupation of Mathew Chalke, Samuel Grant and Elizabeth Hambridge and tried unsuccessfully to buy the village itself.

Taking apart the person whose name tells us he is from the village in question, at Ladbroke in the 14th Century we find families from nearby Flecknoe, Heyford, Blaby, Catesby, Thorpe and Arden. Then there were the sons of Christiana, Thomas, Roger, Benedict, Gregory and Francis, as well as the trades of Butcher, Clerk, Grainger and Cook (the latter usually associated with an eating house) and then a selection of names derived by other means, such as Alibone, a name still in evidence today with the "Alibone Trust".

The 2001 diary for the History Society is now in full swing and meetings are the last Monday of each month at 8pm at St Mary's Primary School in Southam. Membership is now due for 2001, but visitors are always welcome at a nominal charge of £1 per meeting. On **February 26th** Arthur Webster will be talking on "Mediaeval Warwickshire".

Ms Linda Doyle

Doris Frost

died on January 18th, aged 79 years. Our condolences and sympathy go to Doris' family at this sad time. She had been poorly for some time.

Doris and John farmed at Manor Farm in Ladbroke for many years. She had a very hard working life but still found time to go to church and help with the Christmas Fair. She came to Ladbroke as a Land Girl and worked for Fred Sedan at Ladbroke Farm.

Doris was a great friend to me when we first came to Ladbroke, we had many a good moan about our lot in life! She was a 'Brummie', like me, perhaps that had something to do with it.

Betty Winkfield

Harbury Parish Council

We had bollards yet again with a vengeance but also an interesting demonstration of political 'nouse'.

A vociferous objection to the Binswood End Bollard led to the suggestion it be removed (cost approx £800) and replaced with a more conventional light. Against overwhelming odds Ken Stephenson persisted with a vigorous defence but with only Dutch Van Spall for support he was outvoted.

Matters moved on, but near the end of the meeting Jack Heath revealed that extra costs of Playground Equipment and Deppers Bridge Traffic Calming had put the budget into deficit. The Council agreed to a modest rise in their element of the Council Tax (about £5.10 a year for Band D) and to restrict lighting spending to repairs and maintenance until they know if they will get a grant for the Play Equipment. This roused Ken Stephenson to action once more, fighting to continue with the lighting "improvements". The Chairman stressed the need for prudence, whereupon Dutch Van Spall suggested postponing removal of the Bollard to save costs! So the Bollard lives to light another night.

There was no reaction from Councillors to the news that the school was nearing capacity. It will get £9,000 extra this year and £20,000 next from the government. Parents dropping children off at school are still a problem. The Council was asked to tidy and improve Dark Lane to encourage people to walk. Sharon Hancock was annoyed that her request to include clearing litter from Dark Lane in the Contractor's schedule had been ignored. The Council seems intent on getting the job done by volunteers.

The Chairman was dismissive of government responses on the GM crop trial and saddened the protestors who trashed the maize "did not have the courage to identify themselves".

Planning. Stratford D.C. granted: extensions at 38, Binswood End; Forella, Temple End and 2, Sutcliffe Drive; the felling of fruit trees at 9, Church Street and two ash trees at Harbury House. They explained that the applicant claimed to fear the Hall's horse chestnut was unsafe and could damage his property. A Tree Preservation Order had been placed on the walnut tree at Carlisle Lodge and the new house has been built the standard distance away from it.

The Parish made no representations on: plans for a garden store at Kestrel House, Mill Street; height reduction of Leylandii at Abberley, Hall Lane; a timber garage at 19, Ivy Lane and a two storey extension to the rear of 18, Farm Street. They comment that the dormer window proposed for Harbury Croft, Chesterton Road would add to the already large visual impact the property made on the skyline and said it was contrary to the Village Design Statement.

The Council turned down the Allotment Holders' request for an extra water tap, but want the County to provide materials to fill in the holes in the path. They agreed to padlock the chain between the car park and playing field and give keys to the Maintenance and Sports Teams.

The Chairman suggested putting a "fido" bin on the Old New Inn Green because the litterbin was being used for dog faeces. Sharon Hancock and Keith Thompson thought it would only encourage people not to take the excrement home, but the bin was ordered and they will think where to put it.

The yellow lines in Chapel Street will be repainted. Harbury Club asked for a contribution to resurfacing their car park as recompense for the wear and tear caused by the Mini Recycling Centre, but the Council wants to know the cost before it commits itself. They worried themselves silly over the bramble on Church Terrace/Hall Lane corner restricting visibility in the One Way Street.

They are complaining to **South Warwickshire** Housing Association that Leycester Close Garage wall has not been repaired and to Transco for blocking the footpath outside the filling station.

John Hunt reported on the meeting with **Warwickshire Rural** Housing Association on sheltered accommodation in the village. It was essential to gauge the true need as **South Warwickshire** Housing Association had only four requests for such homes. The Council resolved to undertake a Housing Needs Survey. **John Drinkwater declared an interest!**

Ken had a final flourish over **FLAG FLYING**. He presented a list of 26 dates when flags could be flown outside the Village Hall, but the Council cut him down to five: The Queen's actual Birthday; Remembrance Day; St George's Day; St David's Day, and St Andrew's Day - Sharon Hancock insisting that even in Harbury it would not be acceptable to fly the Union Flag on St Patrick's Day!

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Society

We begin our programme for the first half of the year 2001 with the AGM on Tuesday 6th March, 7.30pm for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room

followed by a talk on “**The Jephson Gardens, Past, Present and Future** by Nigel Bishop of Warwick District Council.

It is likely that we will be involved in the work of **the Parish Appraisal (or Review)**. This is an attempt to gather the views of all of the residents about the concerns of the moment and their ideas about how we should tackle the problems that face the Parish at the beginning of the new Century.

The survey will take place and the results will be used to formulate an Action Plan, which everyone will then be involved in implementing. But, we have to make sure that we **ask the right questions in the first place!**

Members are being asked their views. Suggestion boxes are going up round the village and there will be targetted events for special interest groups. Make sure you have your say!

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Women's Institute

January has raced by with its varied weather. At least we have seen the sun and had some dry days amongst the foul ones.

To commemorate the millennium Celia Barrett made a photograph collage of members incorporating the WI logo. Permission has been granted to hang the collage in the Tom Hauley Room.

A few members are entering *Design a Garden* for the Spring Council meeting and we are considering venues for outings. We have even discussed the Christmas Party!

We had a real character in Mr. Mike O'Connor who came to talk on gemstones and jewellery. He spoke of gold, which, centuries ago, was thought of as fallen sun drops. It is the most manageable of metals to make into jewellery, understandably keeping its price when one is told that from one ton of earth, 1 oz of gold is extracted. The different golds have metals added. The gold in this country is hallmarked but EU countries have no hallmark and can be far below British standard.

We were told of all the precious gems and their exotic origins and how the quality varies in different countries. For ladies with genuine pearls, avoid scent, which damages them.

Mr. O'Connor spoke of his experiences as a jeweller and the tricks of the trade. Members were eager to ask questions, some even brought along jewellery for advice.

Don't despair if you do not know what to buy your partner gentlemen. How about a £23,000 plus, gem encrusted, mobile phone!



Jeanne Beaumont, Celia Barrett and Peggy Middleton
seated on a bench given to Harbury School

February hostesses: Sue Chapman, Murier Coupe, Lyn Edwards

Please Note: *The WI Coffee Morning is on Saturday 10th February*

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Folk Club

I suppose, I could have been accused of being somewhat sanctimonious in selecting the theme of “abstinence” for the meeting of the Folk Club, which took place on January 4th. This was the result of an attempt of mine to recover from the over indulgences of Christmas and the New Year celebrations, by declaring January an alcohol-free month.

Whether it was the cold weather, or the evening clashing with other events, the numbers seemed to be less than usual at the start of the evening. However, half an hour into the evening, the numbers had grown and a warm atmosphere developed. This more than compensated for one of the heaters in the room, which decided to go on strike.

The artistes seemed to do fairly well in managing to incorporate the theme into most of their material, though abstaining from many things other than alcohol, such as from remembering the words, was often the subject! Many thanks to all those who took part. These included Des Patalong, Ron Shuttleworth, Ian and Sue Hartland, Mike Putnam, Doug (from Warwick) and Rick Middleton. If you took part and I haven't mentioned your name, please accept my apologies. I've lost the notes for the evening! Thanks also to Yvonne and Steve at The Dog Inn for their hospitality.

For me, the highlights of the evening were the contributions made by Ruth Fortey who was on vacation from her studies in music at the Boston Conservatoire. Her choice of material was varied and interesting and culminated with the singing of some well-known John Denver songs. These were to an impromptu accompaniment ably provided by Ian on guitar, and Doug on mouth organ.

The raffle raised £30.00, which appropriately has been donated to the Salvation Army. Many thanks for your contributions.

The next meeting will be on March 2nd when Bob Hodgkiss will be the host. As usual, it will be in the back room of The Dog Inn at 8.30 p.m.

Pete Bones

Christmas Morning Run and Cycle Ride



L to R: Peter Stagg, Ian and Sue (in front) Hartland, Jane & Dr. John Hancock, Roy & Maureen Lambert, Ann & Nicola Brunt

A small select group of runners and cyclists met in the centre of the village at 9:00am on Christmas morning for this now traditional event in the Harbury calendar.

These fine athletes sang their way out of the village on route to wish a Merry Christmas to Michael Thwaites at Hurdiss Farm, then on through Thwaites for our customary refreshment stop thanks to the excellent hospitality of Roy and Maureen Lambert. Finally back to Harbury to open those presents. Why not join us next Christmas morning? It is a great way to start the day,.

Doug Freeman

Harbury Nursery School

The new Nursery computer is now up and running and lots of our children have had great fun playing with our Thomas the Tank and Lego software. All the children who want to play on the computer have the chance to do so, and we have extra helpers who come in for some of our morning sessions to help the children use the software and to ensure that everyone has their turn and no child stays on the computer for too long!

The children really seem to enjoy playing with the games. Robert Rollason said: *I love playing the Thomas game. I like 'clicking' to wash him with the sponge and put oil on his wheels.*

The children have been celebrating Chinese New Year. They have enjoyed a variety of fun activities, printing good luck moneybags, making red and yellow decorations and trying out some real Chinese writing.

Many thanks to Mr. Smart who came into the Nursery to cook Chinese stir-fry with the children. They especially enjoyed smelling, tasting and eating the Chinese vegetables and 'doodles' (noodles!).

Dates for your diaries:

April 7th A social event in the Village Hall – more information next month.

May 19th Our 80/20 Sale in the Village Hall from 10:00am to 12noon. Please contact Marie Kennedy on 812244 for a number, if you have any items you wish to sell.

If you wish to register a place for your child, or require any information about the Nursery, please contact either Kate Smart on 612656 or Anne-Marie Campion on 614496.

Marie Kennedy

The Pre-School - Learning Through Play

The Pre-School is held in the Wight School behind the Library.

We are delighted to welcome a new team to work with the children at the Pre-School. Jeanette Andrews will be known to most parents of young children in the village since she has worked with a number of families here as their nanny, been a babysitter for many more children and has been to most of the infant activities in Harbury for the last five years, including Toddlers, ballet and birthday parties. For this alone, many readers may feel she deserves a medal! Jeanette is fully qualified in pre-school practice and is leading the programme until half term. In this she is brilliantly supported by a wonderful group of helpers who combine experience with enthusiasm and who have rallied to the support of the Pre-School with generosity and determination.

Our sincere thanks go to Gill Davies, Mary Shelley, Joan Smith, Daphne Wallington and Pat Woodward who are giving up their mornings to play and work with our children. The children themselves are having a fantastic time and the atmosphere in the Pre-School is one of contentment and 'busy-ness'! Assisted by the Pre-School Learning Association, we are recruiting full-time staff for the future. Although we need one person who is already qualified, we can recruit helpers who are prepared to undertake the training. If this sort of work, handily based in the village and structured in term-time alone, appeals to you, please contact Sheila Malin through the Pre-School.



The programme for this half-term concentrates on the theme '*all about me*'. Not only does it provide opportunities for the children and the helpers to get to know each other and establish relationships, it will also help the children to gain a greater understanding of themselves as individuals and members of a community as well as the environment in which they live. We have been talking about our families, our feelings, how we should treat others and comparing our favourite things. The theme

**Jeanette Andrews with Gill Davis
outside the Wight School**

has found practical expression through playing together with the dolls' house and in the play kitchen, painting lovely pictures of themselves and generally having a lot of fun. Some important members of our families have been invited to the pre-school, notably Ladybird the guinea pig who now has many other homes in the village open to him should he fancy a holiday! Jeanette has also organised a letter of the week and gaining familiarity with this letter is structured into the activities. The letter 'b' saw all the children working together to make a big picture of a bus, which they called the 'birthday bus'. All the children who have birthdays in January have put their pictures in the bus. The children born in February are getting very excited!

As ever, fund-raising continues. By the time you read this, our coffee morning will be over but we would like to thank the energetic helpers, the enthusiastic coffee drinkers, the kind cake-makers and the lucky winners of the wine, chocolates, flowers and other goodies so kindly donated by all of you out there.

Finally, it has been so encouraging to have had so many people in the village express their support for the Pre-School, even if it has been a decade or so since their own children attended it! We are determined to ensure that it continues, so if you are thinking about early years education for your child then please, do come along to talk to staff, parents and committee members to see if the ways in which we operate will suit your child. Certainly, the parents of the children who attend now (who include a number of teachers) rate it very highly!

Harbury Pre-School Committee

Harbury Cricket Club

Midwinter is the time for looking back at the summer cricket season for Harbury Cricket Club. It was a very active season with at various times, five separate teams representing the Club.

Firstly the Saturday league team was a combined Harbury and Southam team. It was decided due to Harbury being unable to raise 11 able players, that we join with Southam's third team for a league team with all home fixtures being played at Harbury. This was ably run by Southam's Neil Moran and Harbury's Ed Russell and, after a most successful season, they have gained promotion. Thanks, on Harbury's behalf, to Ed Russell who was the main reason that league cricket was kept going at Harbury.

Secondly, the Club fielded a team in the Leamington & District Midweek league. This was run by Tim Clayton, who fielded very much a 50/50 split of older and younger players. Although not high up in the league, it has proved an ideal grounding of many of the younger players. Tim will continue to run this team for the 2001 season.

Thirdly, the regular Sunday XI team was run again by Mike Daniels. Results were: Played 18; Won 5; Lost 5, and Drawn 8. As ever, it was a most enjoyable season despite the dreadful summer weather. Most of the players were at the more mature end of the cricketing spectrum, but it was good to see some of the younger players playing as the season progressed. Sadly, Mike Daniels has decided to 'hang up the coin' and finishing captaining the side. The Club are very grateful to Mike for all

his hard work in the years he has captained the Sunday team – he has done an excellent job.

Fourthly, the ‘occasionals’ have played 5 matches. The idea of the team was to bring on the young players. This has been very successful with some very notable contributions. The Club appreciates the efforts put in by Ian Jackson who is running this team – his work should encourage and develop new players and guarantee the Club a healthy future.

Last, but not least, the junior members, captained by Stuart Muggleston, put out a team against a touring side from Staffordshire. They also held a cricket week during August, which was well supported by the younger players. These events give the club optimism for the future. The Club is much indebted to Mike Daniels, John Clifford and Ian Jackson who ran the cricket week.

None of the above teams could have functioned without the wonderful support of Richard Carr who, as groundsman, gave Harbury an excellent reputation of providing first class playing conditions. Also we must not forget Sheila Carr for being such a splendid tea lady!

Trophy winners:

Player of the Season: Ed Russell, batting average of 35 and 50 wickets taken at an average of 9.8 runs per wicket.

Sunday Player: Ian Lowe, an excellent all round performance.

Duck of the Year: Phil Linnett – despite his one blemish, Phil was top of the batting average with an average of 40 (4 scores over 50 runs).

Bunny Raby Trophy: Tim Clayton –splendid effort in running the midweek team.

Young Player of the Year: Greg Neale – a very promising player, may it be at Harbury. His highlight was taking 5 wickets for 12 runs for the Sunday XI.

The Club is very grateful to ESSO UK who, through Rob and Margaret Sherrington’s garage business, made a generous donation via the ESSO Community Watch Programme to furthering the development of youth cricket in the village.

Finally, many thanks to all the players who turned out for the Club, whatever teams and whatever standard. It is an enjoyable way of spending a summer afternoon – come April let’s hope more villagers join the Club.

Ian Holroyd – Club Secretary

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust

Harbury Spoilbank – Nature Reserve

The 17-acre reserve is an area of calcareous grassland, scrub and woodland, which forms part of a larger Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) particularly for butterflies and flowers.

The reserve lies alongside the B4452, the Harbury to Deppers Bridge road. A local contractor, hired by the Trust has cut back the overgrown hedge along the roadside. Now it looks bare.

A photographic and written record of the regeneration of the hedge has been started and will run over the next three years. There are regular work parties on reserve carrying out grassland management activities and the wild flowers species count will continue this coming year. If you would like to learn more about the reserve and the activities of the Trust, phone the Reserve's Officer responsible, Dave Rogerson, at the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust on 02476 302 912.

Marian Millington



One of the 'village horses' in the Paddock alongside the Church



'R' for Resolution! 'R' for Recycling! Harbury residents show a commitment to environmental conservation after the New Year

Harbury Christmas Pantomime



**Helen Cooper (Fairy Rose) Keith Hayes (Dr.Tootle),
Jonathan Clarke (Jasper & Casper) and Ian Panton (Widow
Bonbon)**



**Ian Panton (Window Bonbon) and
Matthew Whorton (Beast)**



Dancers from the Jean Champ Stage School



Chesney Coleman (Bonnie), Gigi the Pantomime Horse, Charlotte Coleman and Mathew Hiscoe (Traffic Wardens)

Harbury Twinning Association

The association is now eagerly looking forward to the visit of over 80 of our French friends from our twin village of Samoix-sur-Seine which will take place from **Saturday 28th April to Tuesday 1st May**.

Many members of the association have already indicated their willingness to host French guests. However, in view of the large number of visitors expected, it is likely that we shall be looking for additional host families. If you would be interested in offering accommodation please contact me on 612585.

David Winter, Chairman

Funding Available for Rural Groups

Rural community groups often feel they miss out on charitable funding to their urban neighbours, where needs are apparently more visible.

The Heart of England Community Foundation, a local charitable trust and Warwickshire Rural Community Council are running a series of workshops for rurally based groups to find out about funding that is applicable to them.

The workshop will be held on **Tuesday 6th March**, Shire Hall, Warwick at 11:00am. All welcome. The programme will include information on funding available:

- Community Foundation grants
- Community Champions Fund
- SRB6 PIE Community Chest (South Warwickshire)
- Awards for All (National Lottery);
- Charitable Trusts (Lloyds TSB Foundation, etc);
- Community Development Fund (Warwick County Council).

Also hints and tips on applying for funds. This will also be the opportunity for informal discussions about funding for your projects with Rural Community Council and Community Foundation representatives.

**Polly Dickinson - Heart of England
Community Foundation 02476 884 386**

A Harbury Welcome!



Malcolm and Bobbi Atwal in their well-stocked shop

The ATWAL surname may be the same, but the new owners of the Londis shop are, in fact, not related to the previous traders. Malcolm and Bobbi took over the shop at the beginning of November and already feel that many of their customers have extended a true Harbury welcome.

There may be some village residents who may remember Malcolm from his previous occupation, as he worked at A.P. for 18 years when it was one of the major employers in the area. When he was made redundant 8 years ago, in one of the many cutbacks, he decided to move into the retail trade. Malcolm and Bobbi have been in the Leamington area for 33 years and are currently living on the new Heathcote development. Bobbi spent several years working as a supervisor at Elizabeth the Chef, in between looking after their three children who were all educated locally. Their elder son has completed his degree course at London University and is now working for B.A as an accountant, whilst the younger son is in the VIth year at Myton School. Their daughter has moved on to Henley College, Coventry where she is also taking her 'A' levels.

Malcolm and Bobbi have already established themselves as very friendly, approachable traders and they are looking at ways in which they can provide new services for the village community. They still provide a lottery outlet, where residents who would not wish to face Chris Tarrant, can still dream of becoming a millionaire! They have also retained the video franchise for hiring up-to-date videos on a short-term loan, but the size of the chilled cabinet at the back of the shop is being reduced to make way for a wider range of new lines. Already 'special offers' have been made on several products, especially on wines and spirits and Malcolm and Bobbi will save newspapers and magazines for regular customers. They would be happy to order specialist magazines and would also be pleased to hear about any products, which customers

would like to see in the village, which are not currently available. They have plans to develop new services in the not-too-distant future, including birthday cake orders and warm snack foods. As the shop no longer retains the Londis franchise, the name will also be changed to reflect the proposed new developments.

Malcolm and Bobbi are delighted to have become part of the vital 'face of the village' and they work long hours to provide the type of retail service, which many villages have lost in recent years. The 'Harbury and Ladbrooke News' has always encouraged villagers to support all the local businesses, the shops, the Post Office, the pubs and the Club, as they are a vital part of the fabric of our rural society. The traders provide a life-line to those villagers who cannot easily travel to obtain the goods they need, but families, which are mobile, might find items on their door-step that make quick trips to the 'town' unnecessary. Remember, if there was another 'fuel crisis', we might all be dependent on the local stockists!

Welcome to the village, Malcolm and Bobbi - we are pleased you have joined the other traders, who provide a good range of shops in our community's centre, rather than the empty premises found elsewhere.

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 7.00am - 8.30pm
Sunday 8.00am - 1.00pm and 6.00pm - 8.30pm

Future articles in the H & L News will feature other newcomers to the business community in the village.

Editors

*M*aking *A* *D*ifference to Melhanma Village

The village *Making A Difference* project raised over £5,000 for two projects: Women's Hospitals in Balochistan and a village like our own in Nepal. WaterAid, the charity who are managing the project in Nepal, have just reported back to us and a copy of their full report is in our library. Here are a few headlines from Melhanma in South East Nepal.

So far, with local labour and matched funding:

- 30 fresh water wells have been drilled and fitted with hand pumps.
- 26 latrines have been constructed and 18 are already in use. Pump attendants and well caretakers have been trained. More than half the latrines needed by the two primary schools have been built. Community training in hygiene is well under way – with emphasis on teaching the children, who have a great influence on their parents.
- A hundred households have constructed dish racks, keeping cooking utensils off the ground, and they have dug pits for the disposal of rubbish and manure.
- Thirty households have started kitchen gardens, providing them with both fresh food and additional income.

Before this development, over a third of the population suffered with waterborne diseases, including dysentery and typhoid. The total cost of the Melhanma developments is over £17,000, but they would not have

been possible without your contributions. In both Nepal and Balochistan, Harbury has made a difference for the new Millennium.

John Stringer, 613214

Melhanma - Nepal

Feedback report to the Harbury **Making A Difference**
Millennium Project

Partner Rural Service Team

Project Costs £17,379

Number of Beneficiaries 2772

Background

Melhanma is in South East Nepal in Sagarmatha Zone and is inhabited by a number of different ethnic groups. The main occupations of the people are agriculture and labouring. The main food crops are paddy, wheat and maize. Vegetables are also grown. The main language is Maithali and within the project area are 2 primary schools and a sub-health post.

Over a third of the population are using water from sources, which are polluted and cause diarrhoea, dysentery, typhoid and many other waterborne diseases. The situation is made worse by the complete absence of latrines as everyone has been defecating in the surrounding fields, by the roadside or in the adjoining jungle. Over half the villagers rely on their own remedies to overcome illness, making use of herbs as the basis of their medicines. Unfortunately these are often completely ineffective.

This project covers 550 households, 2 primary schools with 406 students and a sub-health post. The intention is to sink 58 tube wells and also to improve sanitation and hygiene practices.

Community Participation and Construction

So far some 30 tube wells have been drilled, capped and fitted with hand pumps. Sites have been chosen for the remaining wells and the necessary equipment is available. Work on these is already underway.

The villagers have contributed sufficient funds for the production of 50 sets of latrine components. 46 of these have been distributed and to date, 26 latrines have been constructed. Of these 18 are now in use. In addition, about 60% of the school latrines have been built.

The water committee have worked with great enthusiasm and have been responsible for obtaining materials when these have been available locally and for organising the manual labour, which the villagers have provided as well as participating in the initial planning.

Hygiene Education

Hygiene education is an integral part of all WaterAid programmes so that the benefits of clean, safe water are not lost through poor hygiene. Community training in hygiene is underway and will continue for the next 6 months. During group discussions and through house visits the community will learn about personal hygiene, the use of safe water, the prevention of water related diseases and environmental sanitation which includes the importance of cleaning their houses and surroundings.

Particular attention is paid to teaching the children these good habits for they can have a great influence on their parents. We find children to be more open to new ideas and inspired by their enthusiasm.

Over 100 households have constructed dish racks to ensure that cooking utensils are no longer stored on the ground and about half that number have dug pits for the disposal of garbage and manure. Just over 30 households are cultivating kitchen gardens and thus helping not only to improve their own food supplies but also providing a source of income from selling any surplus.

Training for pump attendants and bore well caretakers has taken place and it is refreshing to find that women as well as men are involved in these duties.

Thank you for your support of this project in Melhanma. With your help people are improving their water supplies and gaining skills, which they will be able to use in all areas of their lives.



WaterAid/Caroline Penn (<http://www.wateraid.org.uk>)

Harbury Carnival – June 9th 2001

Work has already started on the organisation of this year's carnival and there will again be a week of events leading up to it, starting with the Wheelbarrow Race on Sunday June 3rd. This year, to encourage more participants, we are planning to have a separate race, which will not

involve the consumption of alcohol. More details in the months to come but please make a note of the dates.

I know we said this last year and probably the year before, but it would be nice if we could get more groups involved in the procession. It is not too early to start thinking about taking part, whether it be with a float, as a walking group or whatever. I know we can count on those who regularly participate but it would be good to have some new people and to welcome back those who used to be involved but have in recent years fallen by the wayside. Please give some serious thought to this and help us make it a bumper event. Anyone who would like more information can contact John Broomfield on 614258.

This year's selection process for the King and Queen will be the same as last year but will be carried out earlier. Any child between the ages of 6 and 12 will shortly be able to nominate themselves by writing their name, address and telephone number on a piece of paper and putting it in a special box outside Harbury School. Final selection will be by way of a popular vote amongst the children.

If you want to book a stall or space on the field for carnival day, please call Kary Hunt on 613598.

**John Broomfield - on behalf of the
Carnival Committee**

Daytrippers

Do you fancy doing something different for a change? Why not get away for the day with Chiltern Railways? Groups of 3 or 4 adults can travel for the price of 2 with our GroupSave offer. Bringing children? Up to 2 kids per adult can travel for just £1 each. As for places to go, the choice is endless. Of course you can travel to London to sample the sites, indulge in some shopping, or visit the world famous theatres, museums, art galleries and restaurants.

However, if you don't want to head towards the big smoke, there are plenty of other exciting destinations to choose from. Bicester International Retail Village offers your favourite international brand names from Bond Street and Knightsbridge reduced by up to 60%. Alternatively, Birmingham is a gem of a city. It's lively, bright and cosmopolitan, proving to be a match for the delights of London.

Yearning for history and times gone by? Royal Leamington Spa and Stratford-Upon-Avon present the opportunity to visit the wonderful Royal Pump Room and Gardens and Shakespeare's birthplace. Alternatively, Warwick Castle is only a short walk from Warwick Station. Here you can immerse yourself in the wonders of medieval times by visiting The Kingmaker Exhibition, State Rooms, Ghost Tower, Torture Chamber and Dungeon.

If anything of the above entices you or you would like to find out other offers and deals from Chiltern Railways, please ask at your local station or call our telesales bureau on 08705 165 165. Alternatively you can visit www.chilternrailways.co.uk.

Kerry Dalton

Parish Pump

The Parish Council is considering how to refurbish the Pump in Crown Street. It would be helpful to know what it looked like originally. Linda Ridgley, 16 Farm Street or phone 612792 would like to hear from anyone who has old photographs showing the Pump. Thanks.

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Senior Citizens

Once again villagers have swung into fund raising action. The Committee would like to thank Beryl Checkley, Marjorie King and Midge Keen and all their friends who supported them, for the donation of £103.49 raised at the Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room.

Our thanks also go to Carole and Andrew at The Shakespeare Inn and all their customers for the magnificent sum of £139.90 raised from money put in the bottle that stands on the bar.



Bottle opening at The Shakespeare Inn

L to R: Marie Wallington, Thelma Gulliver, Margaret Taylor, Carole Cleaver, Ethel Sollis and Eveylyn Woodfield

We do appreciate the efforts of the village to assist us in providing a summer outing and a Christmas dinner for the Senior Citizens of Harbury. Once again, our thanks to everyone.

Jenny Evans, Secretary

Pensioners' Patio

Birds learnt to cope with wintry weather long before humans became interested in helping them to survive. After the post-Christmas snow I looked up at the chimney occupied by the jackdaw pair and saw one of them moving up the slope of the roof, scooping up snow in his beak. Then, with a 'down-the-hatch' toss of his head, he swallowed it – his thirst was assuaged.

In the garden, the chief blackbird refused to accept a helping hand till he had done his best to stab through the thick ice in the birdbath with his bill; the alternative, a shallow dish of water put out moments earlier, was

ignored. I felt like opening the window and telling him he hadn't got the sense he was born with.

But I could sympathise with his desire for natural food; that, I imagine, was what he wanted when he wrecked the corner of the lawn by digging it over in search of grubs, insects, maybe even worms. I was reminded of my mother's joyful exclamation when the greens in the garden were ready at last after a spell without fresh vegetables. This was, of course, before we'd learnt to expect parsnips in summer and strawberries at Christmas. We children weren't exactly heartbroken by the absence of sprouts and cauliflowers: we were quite happy as long as the village poacher came regularly to present our mother with a rabbit. Everyone concerned knew it had probably been caught in one of my father's fields, but there was an unspoken gentleman's agreement about that and no questions were asked.

As for the blackbird, he met his match when a bowl of wild birdseed attracted seven collared doves all at once. They took little notice of his protests and, hopelessly outnumbered, he withdrew under a shrub to sulk. And for the first time that I remember here, a pair of long tailed tits came more than once to sample the bird nuts. A reader has also mentioned seeing them. Handsome birds, these – with their black and white plumage set off by touches of a delicate pink, they have an understated elegance all their own.

The garden itself at the moment looks beyond the capabilities of the Ground Force team themselves, stop carping, it tells me – wait and see what spring can do.

Edyth Algar

Horticultural Society

The gremlins were at work at the beginning of the New Year, the combination of the cold weather and the absence of heating in the Farley Room, tipped the balance to cancel the talk *Lust and Loveliness in the Garden*. We hope all members were contacted and nobody turned up at the Hall. However, if anybody did, please accept our apologies.

Ryton Gardens hold their annual Potato Days on **Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th February** this year and I am sure the magazine will not be out in time. However, with the Society's membership card, 2 people can visit the gardens free of charge any day of the year other than Christmas Day. Please contact Mrs. Zonik (612365).

The outings are in hand, Judy knows the importance of a good restaurant for the day trip in June – a restaurant which will have a power supply! Daphné has been busy getting discounts from nurseries: Bridge Nursery at Napton, open from April to October, are specialists in ornamental grasses, and the two at Charlcoate – please see the Notice Board for details at the next meeting.

Most people appreciate organically grown fruit and vegetables. I understand there are a fair number of empty allotments in the village. Undertaking one does mean a lot of effort, but the resulting produce can be very rewarding.

Please would those members who have ordered and paid for seeds, but not yet collected them, do so at the next meeting? This brings me nicely to this subject: a representative from Nottcuts will give a talk on *Pot Plants* on **Tuesday 6th February**, 8:00pm in the Farley Room of the Village Hall. The screen is not needed so I expect he will be busy with plenty of demonstrations.

Muriel Grey

Gardening Notes

There has been much more seasonal weather lately and the frost and snow have added a new interest to the garden although most of us view it from the window. Now may be the time to decide to change things to provide more features, which will give pleasure when viewed from the house. It is also the time to remove or re-position any deciduous shrubs that have outgrown their space. Clumps of bulbs can also be carefully moved as they appear and replanted in another area.

Begin to tidy up the borders, but still leave any remaining seed heads as food for birds for they are very reliant on gardens as regular feeding stations. National Nest Box Week is this month, so put up nesting boxes on trees or walls. Position them to be out of the midday sun and sheltered from wind and rain as much as possible.

Whilst plants are dormant treat any wooden structures with preservative and check plant ties and stakes. Any areas that need to be dug can be covered with thick polythene sheeting to keep off the frost or rain and they will remain workable even in bad weather. Work in plenty of organic matter to break up clay soils or help lighter ones retain moisture. If you do not have a compost area try to find space for one as even the smallest plastic bin can cope with the vegetable peelings and produce a useful amount of compost.

Warm the soil with cloches or black polythene for early sowing of broad beans and peas.

Prune wisteria by shortening all side shoots to just two buds. Cut down clematis that flower after midsummer to about a foot from the ground, unless you still have the label which tells you otherwise. Prune apples and pears to keep their shape. Prune gooseberry bushes to let in air and light. Sprinkle sulphate of potash around all fruit bushes. Occasionally water fuchsias and other overwintering tender plants and check for pests. At the end of the month prune dead fuchsia stems to encourage new stems to grow.

Plant of the month: Hazel

There are 15 species of this hardy, deciduous, nut bearing group of trees and shrubs, known by the Greek name: *Corylus*. They are native to Europe, West Asia and North Africa and are familiar to almost everyone by their catkins in spring. In Britain *Corylus avellana* grows in many hedgerows as a bush rather than as a tree. All through the last few months the male flowers have been waiting to expand into the fluffy pollen laden 'lamb's tails'. The female flowers can be found close to the stems as little green structures with crimson centres that catch the wind-borne pollen and then grow into the cobnuts. It's capacity to regenerate

rapidly made hazel useful for coppicing. The wood was used for weaving hurdles and as the 'wattle' in wattle and daub buildings. Other uses were for basket making, thatching spars, pea and bean sticks and firewood.

In 1863, E.A. Bowles, a well-known plants man, found a mutant plant in a Gloucestershire hedgerow. From this he grew the Corkscrew Hazel also known as Harry Lauder's Walking stick, and a fine bush of this can be seen in 'Bowles Corner' at Wisley. Against a pale winter sky the contorted stems show to advantage and later this month are decorated by bright golden catkins. There is also a yellow leaved form and one with purple foliage and pink catkins, which make attractive garden plants that will produce nuts. You may not harvest them if a squirrel lives nearby! In Kent the trees are grown commercially and at Sissinghurst Castle there is a hazel orchard carpeted with primroses in the spring. To copy this idea plant hazel from now until March and under plant with yellow crocus and small winter iris.

Pat Smith

Please note:

Adverts to 31, Binswood End by Thursday 15th February

Articles to Harbury Chemist by Friday 23rd February

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

Sue, Mary and I would like to say a very warm thank you to all our wonderful friends for all your love, support and prayers and all your letters and cards and to those of you who came to Wilmcote for the funeral. Your great kindness has upheld us during this sad time.

The Rector took a beautiful service for us in Harbury church on January 16th. We are so very grateful to him and to the many of you who came to remember Roy. Our thanks to the Mothers' Union who kindly altered their party for us to have the service that evening.

I want to thank Doctor Hancock and the surgery for all their care of Roy over very many years – District Nurse Frances Moscof and her nurses and Dawn Ayres and her fellow helpers – who looked after Roy during his last months.

The family has been completely overwhelmed by all your messages to us and I am certain Roy would thank you for all your care of us.

Esmé Churchill

Dear Editors

Canon A.G.R. (Roy) Churchill

The many clergy who attended the requiem mass for Canon Roy Churchill on January 9th in a packed St. Andrew's Church at Wilmcote,

where he was the devoted parish priest for a quarter of a century, spoke eloquently of the esteem and affection of former colleagues. They included two from Harbury: the Rector, Canon Roy Brown, who paid his own personal tribute to Roy during the service, and the Reverend Peter Snow. Also present with Harbury links were a former Rector, Canon Antony Rowe, and the Reverend David Capron, Rector of Alcester, who in his youth played rugby for Harbury.

Canon Churchill came to Harbury on retirement in 1976 with the Bishop's permission to officiate, which of necessity was frequently exercised through two interregnums here, and a lengthy period when Priors Marston and Priors Hardwick were without a clergyman.

He was both a gifted preacher and a dedicated priest who accorded a very high priority to his pastoral work among the sick and elderly who in turn welcomed the prayerful visits of this gently, courteous man whose deep spirituality shone through every aspect of his ministry. His congregation at Wilmcote often included people drawn from miles around by his Angle-Catholic churchmanship.

An Honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral since 1972, he celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination as priest last year in Wilmcote church. He was born at Sherborne in Dorset, and after Theological College was ordained deacon in Portsmouth Cathedral in 1940. He occupied posts in Banbury and Coventry before being appointed vicar of Wilmcote, to which responsibility for Billesley was added four years later. And he was Rural Dean of Alcester for a decade from 1959.

He was 88 and leaves Esmé and their daughters Sue and Mary. He will be greatly missed.

John Algar

Dear Editors

London Marathon / Asthma Research Campaign

Our family was touched by the number of donations sent to The National Asthma Campaign in memory of our son Andrew. We chose this charity because wheezing and allergies affected Andrew most of his life, although he was in no way as bad as some people can be. Asthma is the fastest growing occupational disease and every year in this country between 1500-2000 new cases are diagnosed. In the UK a child with asthma is admitted to hospital every ten minutes.

Early in the New Year we received a letter from Dominic King, a friend of Andrew. He was at university with him and the only one of his group to do exactly the same course. They shared hall and house for their time at Nottingham. He was the lad who spoke about Andrew at the funeral service. I can think of no better way to explain this than to quote from his letter:

“You will be surprised to hear that I have decided to run the London Marathon - as both my Mum and I and several friends are asthmatic, the NAC is obviously a charity very close to my heart. However, the main reason for choosing this charity was as a result of it being the charity you requested donations to be made to in lieu of flowers at Andy's funeral. I tried to think of something I could do to raise money for this

appropriate charity in Andy's memory. I had thought running the Marathon before and thought it would be an ideal way to raise the money, I approached the NAC and they offered me one of their guaranteed places. When I accepted this place, I had to pledge to raise a minimum of £1,000. At the moment I am on course to raise well over that. The training is going well, although I sense many long hours ahead pounding the streets.

Re sponsorship: If anyone is interested and they would like to make donations, I am going to set up a separate bank account and cheques can be paid directly to me – I'm very trustworthy! If you would rather people contacted me directly rather than through you, please feel free to pass on my address or email."

I am going to try and squeeze a small poster and sponsorship form on the Co-op notice board. I thought that there might be some people in the village who have no connection with us, but might have an interest in supporting Asthma Research. They might think this is a good way of doing so. I am happy to pass on anything to Dom and collect from the sponsorship form either before or after the race. Alternatively my phone number is 613503. Dom's email is Kingdom23@hotmail.com and his address is Dominic King, 10 Weston Park, Thames Ditton, Surrey, KT7 0HQ. Can I just request that should anyone contribute directly that, if they pay tax, they give their name and address so that the NAC can claim back an extra 28p on every pound donated? Thank you.

Jill Cadogan

Dear Editors

May Tony and I take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all our many friends in Harbury and Ladbroke for all the prayer, good wishes, flowers and cards we have received during this past two months. We have drawn so much comfort from the help and support of so many good friends. Thank you and God bless you all.

Wendy Stubbs

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Hereburgh Morris Hangover Tour

Hereburgh Morris, as tradition dictates, celebrated New Year's day by dancing outside all the Harbury pubs.

We would like to say thank you to the pub landlords for supporting this event, and to those who watched us and donated to our collection for Macmillan Nurses. We raised £140.

Mike Putnam - Squire

Dear Editors

Harbury Cricket Club

Following my retirement as Captain of the Sunday XI in order to give youth a chance! May I record my heartfelt appreciation of the

presentation made to me by the committee and players of the fair-weather figurine at the Cricket dinner.

It came as a complete surprise and once again demonstrates the thoughtfulness and friendliness that exists throughout the Club.

My thanks to all.

Michael Daniels

Dear Editors

The Harbury MAD project

On behalf of the membership of the Harbury MAD project, please let me congratulate and thank the people of Harbury for the support you gave our campaign. Everybody gave something, and some people gave very generously indeed. The final figure exceeded £5,000, which was a wonderful achievement.



Marian Millington, Robert Holland, Andrew Patrick, Nicola Guy and Mat from WaterAid

On Tuesday, on a very pleasant evening in the Tom Hauley Room, we handed over two ceremonial cheques for £2,525 each to representatives of WaterAid and of the Quetta Christian Hospital women's health clinics.

We now look forward to receiving feedback from time to time to tell us how our help is being used. On their behalf, thank you very much!

Andrew Patrick - Chairman, Harbury MAD

Dear Editors

Harbury Cricket Club

Many thanks to all the villagers who supported the Saturday morning Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room. A total of £140 was raised which will be used to buy new equipment and help maintain the ground.

The Club appreciates the support it received from the village.

Yours sincerely

Ian Holroyd

Dear Editors

Reading Linda Doyle's excellent chronicle of Ladbroke's history, I recall when I first came across "knight's fees", although I was somewhat disconcerted at the time to find "a third of a knight's fee". Sounded a bit off! In those days, before money rent became the norm, tenants-in-chief held their lands by a variety of tenures and by 'service'.

A knight's fee obliged the holder to provide a fully armed knight and his servants for 40 days a year – a considerable expense comparable to providing a tank these days. If a land-holding couldn't support such an outlay it might then be assessed at a "third of a knight's fee" – what a relief. Another common form of service was by 'serjeanty', which as well as military service included personal service to the sovereign. Some fees were quite romantic – 'by rendering a pair of silver spurs' or 'by rendering one goshawk yearly'. Life is more mundane today.

Yours sincerely

Lorna R. Carleton