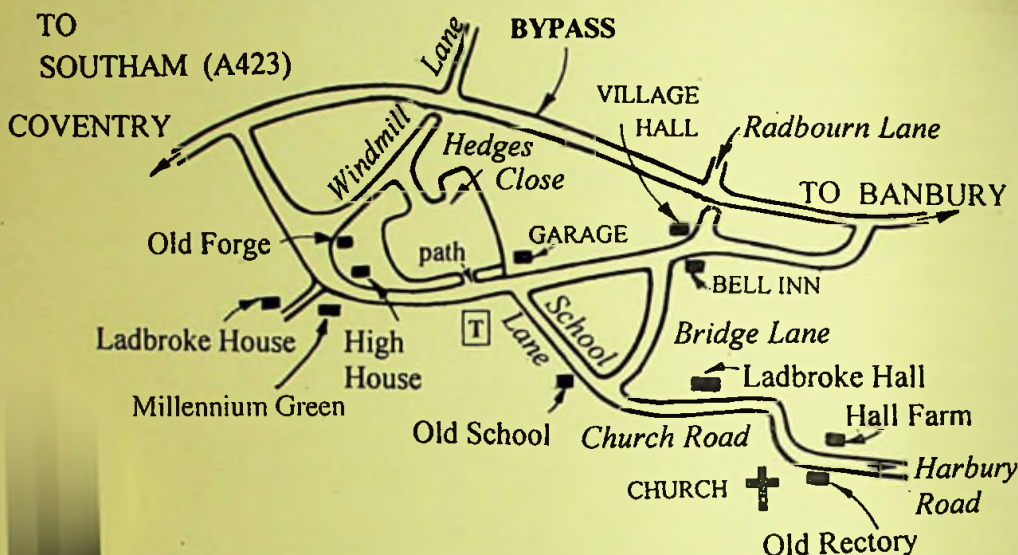


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The Christmas Fayre was an outstanding success and Father Christmas arrived on cue in his pony and trap, kindly provided by Colin Humphries.

We are pleased to hear that Father Roy recovered sufficiently to perform his many tasks during his 'busy season'. The Christmas

Services were full to overflowing and set the tone for the festive season.

Unfortunately the Editors were informed on December 27th that the printers of the Harbury & Ladbroke News ceased operating at the end of the month. It will be hard to find a replacement printer for Tripod Press Ltd., but it is to be hoped that one will be found in time to get the January issue to all our readers as soon as possible.

Another problem that has surfaced concerns the new 'road improvement' scheme in Deppers Bridge. Many residents have already voiced their concerns, and several individuals have put alternative solutions forward.

On a positive note, we have received information about new bus services covering both villages. Grant funding has enabled these services to be offered, and it is to be hoped that villagers will support them.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the families of Beryl Bedford, Jim Cox, Lily Marshall and Doug Powell.

We wish all our readers a very happy and peaceful 2003.

Harbury Diary

January 2003

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|-------|----|---|
| Sun | 5 | EPIPHANY - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evening Worship 6pm |
| Tues | 7 | Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society 8pm in Tom Hauley Room
Harbury Society Committee meeting 8pm at 1 The Beeches |
| Wed | 8 | <i>Talk it Through</i> , at 33 South Parade 8pm |
| Thurs | 9 | Holy Communion 9.45pm
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room |
| Fri | 10 | Recycling Collection |
| Sat | 11 | Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Tiddington Fields Home |
| Sun | 12 | BAPTISM OF CHRIST - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am |
| Tues | 14 | Holy Communion 7.30pm
Bookworms at 10 Manor Orchard 7.30pm
Village Hall Committee in Village Hall 8pm |
| Wed | 15 | Tea in Tom Hauley Room 3-4pm
Prayer meeting in Church 8pm |
| Thurs | 16 | Holy Communion 9.45am
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
Footpaths Open Meeting in Tom Hauley Room 8pm |
| Sat | 18 | Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Cricket Club |
| Sun | 19 | EPHPHANY 2 - Holy Communion 8am
Family Communion 10.30am; Evensong 6pm |

- Tues 21 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Mothers' Union Party 8pm
 Senior Citizens Benefit Association 8pm in Village Hall
- Wed 22 Drop in Tea for the Bereaved at 19 Farm Street 2.30-4.30pm
- Thurs 23 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
 PCC Meeting 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 24 Recycling Collection
ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm
- Sat 25 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge
 Women's Institute
- Sun 26 **EPIPHANY 3** - Holy Communion 8am
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am;
- Tues 28 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Thurs 30 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm

February

- Sat 1 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mothers' Union
- Sun 2 **CANDLEMASS** - Sung Eucharist 9am
 Evening Worship 6pm

All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

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| 1st Sunday in the month: | 9.00am Sung Eucharist
6.00pm Evening Worship |
| 2nd, 4th (and 5th) Sunday in the month: | 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Sung Eucharist |
| 3rd Sunday in the month: | 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.00pm Evensong |
| Every Sunday: | 10.30am Sunday School (in Term Time) |
- Rector:** Father Roy Brown, The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury
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From the Rector

We have had a very good Christmas Tide in All Saints'. All the services in both churches were well attended. There has been a strong sense of hope for the future.

But, as we start the New Year, we are aware that there is much strife in the world. I would like to see the faith and hope of peace shown at Christmas continue into 2003. For this I pray.

I would like to share with you a poem written by Helen Steiner Rice:
Faith is a Mighty Fortress.

*We stand once more at the end of the year
With mixed emotions of hope and fear,
Hope for the Peace we long have sought,
Fear that our hopes will come to nought . . .
Unwilling to trust in the Father's Will,
We count on our logic and shallow skill
And, in our arrogance and pride,
Man is no longer satisfied
To place his confidence and love
With Childlike Faith in God above . . .
But tiny hands and tousled heads
That kneel in prayer by little beds
Are closer to the dear Lord's heart
And of His Kingdom more a part
Than we who search and never find
The answers to our questioning mind,
For faith in things we cannot see
Requires a child's simplicity . . .
Oh, Father, grant once more to men
A simple Childlike Faith again,
Forgetting colour, race and creed
And seeing only the heart's deep need . . .
For Faith alone can save man's soul
And lead him to a higher goal,
For there's but one unfailing course –
We win by Faith and not by Force.*

So go forward into the New Year with continuing Faith.

Fr. Roy

From the Registers

Confirmed by Bishop Anthony at All Saints' Harbury on December 8th: Natalie Dowdswell, Nicholas Steenstra, Katie Constable, Katie Holroyd, Katherine Abbott, Alasdair Rollason, Lily Clarke, Anna Wilson, Susan Lord, and Margaret Keen.

Holy Baptism at All Saints' Harbury

15th December - Maxwell John Drummond

22nd December - Olivia Jayne Taylor

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

19th December - Lily Marshall, 82

23rd December - Doug Powell, 78

Funerals at Oakley Wood

27th December - Beryl Bedford, 95



From the Churchwardens

If we were in the theatrical business, which we are not, we could justifiably say that during the past month we have played to full houses.

We began with the Mothers' Union Diocesan Advent Carol Service, went on to the Family Communion with the Christingle and then there were the Christmas services: the Dressing of the Crib, the Village Carol Service, Midnight Mass and the Christmas Morning Eucharist, which was celebrated by Father Tony Rowe. It was a special privilege to welcome him and members of his family back to Harbury.

It was very heartening to see how many children and young people attended the Christmas Services. Of course it is not a matter of packing 'em in, young or old, but rather of opening our hearts to the Christmas message, encapsulated in Father Roy's sermon; pass through the enlightenment of reason into the light of faith and carry the truth of Christ's birth and life into the future.

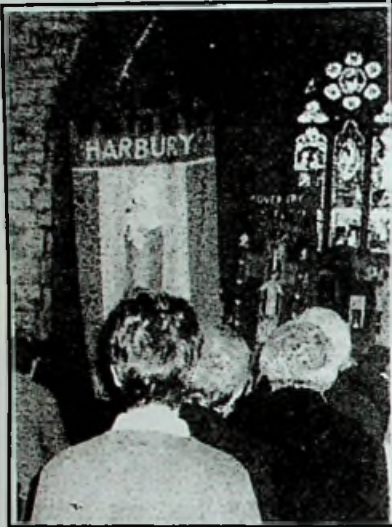
We wish you all a blessed, peaceful and happy New Year.

Lesley and Felicity



Mothers' Union

We had no meetings in December, but we hosted the M.U. Diocesan Advent Carol Service on December 2nd. The Rector welcomed members and Margaret Sweet, the Prayer and Spirituality Co-ordinator led the service. Well over 300 members came and it was an enjoyable occasion.



The parade of banners at the Diocesan Service

The collection raised £442.88 for the Mothers' Union work at home and overseas. Afterwards we served everyone with tea and mince pies.

The next meetings are:

Tuesday 21st January, 8pm – Bring & Share Supper

Wednesday 5th February, 3pm – Party (don't forget the lucky dip).

Sadly, Lily Marshall, one of our members, died in December. We give our sympathy to her family.

C.M. Catt

Toddlers' Service

In December Mrs. Bedford told us the Christmas story from the point of view of the animals. The children made the correct noise as each animal was mentioned. We had donkeys, cows, sheep, pigeons, dogs, cats, and a lion and a tiger crept in somehow.

After our prayer the children made paper donkeys and then we all sang *Little Donkey*.

The next Toddlers' Service will be on Tuesday 14th January at 2.15pm in the children's corner of the church.

C.M. Catt

What animal changes size twice a day?

A cat, which is let out at night and taken in in the morning.

Bible Study

There is a Bible Study Group, which has been meeting in Harbury for some years. We are of various denominations and meet twice a month in members' homes. The meetings are in the mornings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

We are having a break in January and the next meeting will be at 10.30am on **Tuesday 11th February** at 16, Dovehouse Lane. New members are always welcome. For more information, please ring 612864.

C.M. Catt

Laugh Line

After a Bishop had heard himself introduced over flatteringly, he said that he had just sent up two prayers: one for the man who had told so many lies and the other for himself for enjoying it so much.

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- Sun 26 **EPIPHANY 3** - Sung Communion

February

- Sun 2 **CANDLEMAS** - Family Communion 10.30am
- Sun 9 **FOURTH BEFORE LENT** - Sung Communion 9am

What animal would you like to be on a cold day?

A little otter

Ladbroke Flower Rota

12 th and 19 th January	- Valerie Copley
26 th January	- Susan Moore
2 nd February	- Susan Moore
9 th February	- Annie R. Johnson

Jane Rutherford

All Saints' Church Ladbroke

Development Plan

The Concert in Church on December 14th was a great success thanks to the Karousels. We were entertained by the women of the Choir with a wide variety of seasonal songs. Our grateful thanks to all those who gave the mince pies and the wine. The Church was lovely and warm, had a real Christmas feeling with the smell of hot mince pies and mulled wine.

We were able to raise a further £132 for the Development Fund - well done to all who supported this event. Sorry for those who missed it.

We have now made our application for planning permission and the notice has been posted on the church gate.

The committee is having a rest from organising events for a few months, but watch this space for future events in the spring.

Jo Sowerby

Reflections on the Season

I hope everyone has had as happy a Christmas as I have had, and that everyone living alone has found someone else to keep company with on the Day.

For our Crib Service there was, as usual, a full congregation despite there not being the usual nativity tableau. We did enjoy our children's Ladbroke Orchestra playing the carols for us. They played well, although Kate had a job keeping the Christmas excitement to a manageable level. Thank you Kate and children.

Something entirely different. Have you noticed that the Christmas cards have changed? I went to find some cards from last year

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because I was running short and they really looked 'old fashioned'. Completely new designs this year!

Another reflection: can someone please tell me how to address envelopes to couples with their partners? Do I just use Christian names?

One sad reflection: no bells at Ladbroke to welcome the Christ child on Christmas morning. We thought of ringing the one bell from the Vestry, but somehow one bell did not seem right.

Don't we have anyone interested in bell ringing now? We are so grateful to John Davies who comes from Gaydon to wind the clock and chime the one bell most Sunday mornings.

Enough! I wish everyone a Happy New Year – please God no war, or a monstrous airport in Rugby.

Betty Winkfield

Women's Fellowship

Our Christmas meeting was a great success. We started with a short service in Church with hymns and readings – thanks to Father Roy for this service. We were very pleased to see him after his stay in hospital and wish him well. We do appreciate his dedication to these small-attended services.

Our lunch was superb with everyone doing something towards the meal. Thanks to everyone.

We are not having a meeting in January, so please remember we will meet at Archers Rest on **Wednesday 12th February**. Anyone wishing to join us will be made most welcome.

Jo Sowerby - 811749

Ladbroke Parish Council Report

The first meeting of 2003 will be held on **Wednesday 15th January** at 7.45 PM in the Village Hall, Ladbroke. On the agenda will be Planning Application 02/03127/FUL propose construction of a 'single storey extension at rear of church to house toilet and pantry facilities at All Saints' Church, Ladbroke.

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The Parish Council wishes every one a happy and peaceful New Year.

Janice Berry

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Finally, is it my imagination or do we really have quite a number of heavy lorries using Ladbroke as a short cut from the A423 to the B4451? Please let me know your opinion. Many thanks.

Janice Berry



Harbury Society

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Our Christmas Social was a great success, and was followed by the New Year Pub Walk. On **Tuesday 25th February**, (7.30 for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room) we will have a talk on Prime Ministers' Partners by Mr. Howe who entertained us last year with his views on the English Language.

On **January 16th** also in the Tom Hauley Room at 8pm the Parish Paths Partnership is holding an Open Meeting particularly for everyone who came forward through the Parish Review to volunteer to help. The Society will be exhibiting its draft Footpaths Guide and looking for help in illustrating, laying it out and arranging for publication. So if you have mapping or drawing skills to offer do come along.

The Parish Review is being analysed and as soon as we have the

results we will hold another meeting where you can see what has been discovered and give us your views on how problems can be resolved.

Linda Ridgley



Harbury Women's Institute

It is with sadness that we heard of the passing of Lily Marshall. A loyal member of the W.I. for many years, she was a great character, always with an appropriate retort in conversation. Our condolences go to all her family.

Members attended the Group Carol Service at Stockton. There were readings from all W.I.s, after which we enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine. All the more poignant as it was Lily's last W.I. outing.

Small bags were available to collect buttons of any kind, which will be taken to the Spring Council. These will be sent to Eastern Europe where buttons are so scarce. Jewellery, in any condition is also being collected. The last collection raised a great deal of money and was well worth the effort.



Our WI correspondent dressed for the occasion at the Christmas Fayre

Lists of guests and food have been made for the New Year's party on **Friday 17th January**, 7.30 for 8.00pm at the Tom Hauley Room. Anybody who has not applied, please do so as soon as possible.

We had a very interesting talk on Japanese Braiding by Sue Cooke. Japanese Braiding is a very ancient art and braids of silk were used to secure the Samurai Warrior's attire. Although braiding was previously an early form of textile construction and used for making rope, nowadays it has a more decorative use.

Sue brought her Japanese braiding stool with centre hole and bobbins counterbalanced by weights and proceeded to demonstrate how it was done. Sue uses machine-knitting threads although the traditional thread is silk. She sometimes incorporates beads into the braiding.

We were also shown how to make decorated eggs (not real) using tiny pieces of material, also greeting cards with designs in pretty paper and material. The results were very professional.

Members were so interested in Sue's work and gathered round afterwards to ask questions and participate in what she had demonstrated.

A lady of many more talents, we thank her for coming to our meeting and hope she returns.

January meeting: Mrs. Marian Millington, *Life in Baluchistan*.

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Folk Club

The 217th Harbury Folk Club had a Christmas theme, which matched the truly magnificent Christmas decorations at the Shakespeare.



L to R: Janny Freeman, St. Nicholas (Doug Freeman) and Maureen Darby



Susie and Daniel Bones

The Harvesters opened the evening with White Christmas followed by The King/The Last Snowflake. Peter McDonald was next, singing Christmas in Australia complete with the correct headgear in order that we could all imagine we were really there! Then we all enjoyed singing along to his version of When I'm sixty four. Pete & Liz returned to the theme with Patapan. Ron followed with a Christmas reading and then sang about a different kind of screw. Ruth sang a superb Latin carol followed by a Christmas spiritual entitled Sweet Little Jesus. Jenny & Andrew were multi lingual in their rendition of Oh Christmas Tree. Maureen & Janny closed the first half with a lovely St Nicholas Song complete with a surprise visit from St Nicholas himself!

Pete Grassby started the second half singing the Coventry Carol and The Holly and the Ivy. Peter followed with Winter Song and The Streets of London. Des sang The Cherry Tree Carol & The Good Old Way. Unfortunately Westlife could not be with us but at enormous expense and at very short notice we were able to persuade PondLife to perform The Trunch Calypso Carol. Daniel & Susie Bones finished the second half with 2 fabulous songs, Rhythm and Rhyme and Who will sing me Lullabys.

The third half began with Ron singing The Mummings Song. Paul Francis gave us Tidings of Comfort and Joy, and a recitation. Ruth sang The First Mercy and Pete Bones recited the famous Fanta poem or is it Santa? Peter McDonald, minus the hat, sang Here is my Home followed by Margaret with bells, singing about the most famous reindeer of all. Ian & Sue finished as they started with White Christmas.

The raffle made £32.00 for Macmillan Nurses. Thank you to everyone who took part and to the audience for being there. *Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to you all. See you in January.*

Sue Hartland

Carols around the Village

Harbury Folk Club and Hereburgh Morris joined forces on December 20th for our traditional Carol singing around the Harbury pubs and Social Club. The magnificent sum of £160 was collected and has been donated to the Leamington Christian Mission for the Homeless. We would like to thank all the licensees and their customers who gave so generously.

Doug Freeman



Harbury Nursery School

Parents, grandparents, relatives and carers packed the School Hall for a lovely end of term Christmas concert. Thirty five children took part and their confidence was amazing and showed how well they have all settled in this term, some of the children were not even three years old. The Nursery children enjoyed demonstrating their artwork, music, singing, drama and dance.



The Nursery children enjoyed learning about the Nativity through the eyes of some rather unusual animals and insects when Zoolab came to visit. The children showed curiosity, wonder and complete lack of fear as they touched and learned how to look after cockroaches, stick insects, gerbils and snakes!

Good news for the Nursery with the local education authority succeeding in a bid for more funds so that all our children who start school in September will continue to receive five free sessions. The loss of Government funding was a great worry to the Nursery as we are a charitable organisation, completely separate to school and dependent on government funding and parental fees. The Nursery has high running costs, for example rent and insurance, and a drop in the birth rate in the next year leaves the Nursery vulnerable to closure of sessions and loss of its highly experienced and well-trained staff, who have taken the Nursery through two excellent inspections. The Nursery is grateful for the support it receives from its parents, but also needs village support for its fundraising activities. The next event will be an '80s Night' in February. Please do buy tickets and join us for an enjoyable evening.

A questionnaire will soon be circulating among current and prospective parents to ascertain the needs of parents for their pre-school childcare. However, we have decided for the moment that we will not currently be lowering our starting age of 2 years 9 months, as this would involve a change in registration with an Ofsted inspection, increased insurance and improved toilet and sleeping facilities. As we are based predominantly in one room we do not feel that lowering the age of admission will be in the best interests of such young children. If parents are interested in the Nursery extending its hours, please contact Mrs. S. Bushill (614565).

Finally, congratulations to Marie who has worked hard to gain certificates in both Food Hygiene and Health and Safety. All of us look forward to Marie's cooking talents being shared with the children.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the Nursery or booking a place please ring Kate on 612656.

Mrs. S. Bushill

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Harbury Pre-School

During December the Harbury Pre-School has participated in many exciting activities during the lead-up to Christmas.

Christmas Activities: The children put up their own Christmas tree that they then beautifully dressed with decorations made by their little hands and some favourite pieces brought from home. They used all kinds of materials from shiny sweet wrappers to cotton wool. The tree wasn't particularly symmetrical, but looked really quite splendid!

The Pre-School put up its Christmas post box again this year, which the children used to post their Christmas cards to each other. They took turns to help sort the envelopes and gave them out.

At their Christmas Party the children played party games and ate a Christmas party tea. Even Father Christmas managed to find a space in his hectic schedule to visit and he gave each child and member of staff a present. Parents came along towards the end of the party to see an informal role-play of the Christmas story by the children. The Pre-School provided all the costumes, and each child was allowed to choose exactly who they wanted to be. We ended up with 3 Mary's – how brilliant! At the end everyone joined in with a Christmas carol sing-a-long.

Under 5's Christmas Disco. The disco was a roaring success – an amazing 70 children attended and they had a fantastic time. Our



The children at their Christmas Party tea



special guest, Father Christmas (he does get around, doesn't he?) gave every child a present. We have many thank you's to make. Firstly to the Village Club who again kindly allowed us to use their most excellent function room free of charge, to Father Christmas for coming so far at this busy time of year, to the face painters who painted flat-out the whole time, and to everyone who

supported the event. The main purpose of this event is to provide a Christmas event for the younger children of the village, and what little profit was made, has been put towards our Playbox outing on February 6th. All those involved loved every minute of it because the children had such a wonderful time.

Spring Term, starting Wednesday 8th January: We start the year in an extremely stable position with the number of children still growing. If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, then please contact Jane Kempton, the Chair on 613786. Alternatively, you can drop a note through Jane's door at Helen Owen House, Mill Street.

Harbury Pre-School Staff and Committee

NSPCC

Due to popular demand a Burns Night will be held on **Saturday 25th January** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This has been a very popular event and unfortunately tickets are limited so if you would like a ticket at £15 per head, then please contact 612179, 614664 or 613623. This will be a traditional Burns Night with food and entertainment.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Coffee Morning in November when £115 was raised.

NSPCC Committee

Harbury Primary School

Christmas Concerts. All the children did a fantastic job with learning their lines, stage movements, etc. and we managed to produce four excellent concerts thanks to them and the staff. We tried to get the maximum number of children involved on the stage with the minimum of fuss and disruption. We also wanted to remain in keeping with our Christian tradition, allow the children to help with the development and dialogue as well as dressing up and having fun!

Netball. Thanks to Southam Carpets & Curtains our soccer and cross country teams have a valuable sponsor. If anyone knows of a company/business who might be willing to sponsor the netball team we would be very interested. It would probably mean purchasing new tops/skirts etc. for the girls' team perhaps with a logo advertising their organisation.

Results tables. The newspapers call these league tables, the LEA calls them performance tables but they are essentially a list of school's key stage 2 SATs results. If anyone would like to see the Warwickshire schools' results they are available in booklet form from public libraries and on the web sites www.dfes.gov.uk/performance/tables and www.warwickshire.gov.uk/learning.

Thank you. Many thanks from all the staff for all the cards and good wishes from everyone. We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and all the best for 2003.



To all in Harbury: I would like to say thank you to all who have contributed to making the last 6+ years as headteacher of Harbury School so tremendously enjoyable. I am a very lucky man. I have had the privilege of working with dedicated and talented staff, demanding but supportive governors and parents as well as the most delightful children. I think that the school has come a long way in what is really a very short time thanks to everyone's efforts. I will miss you all. *Merry Christmas and all the best for 2003 and beyond.*

Paul Milner

Harbury School Concerts



Key Stage 2



Key Stage 1

The Christmas Cavalier



Karon Killick, the bear and Ricky Macmahon

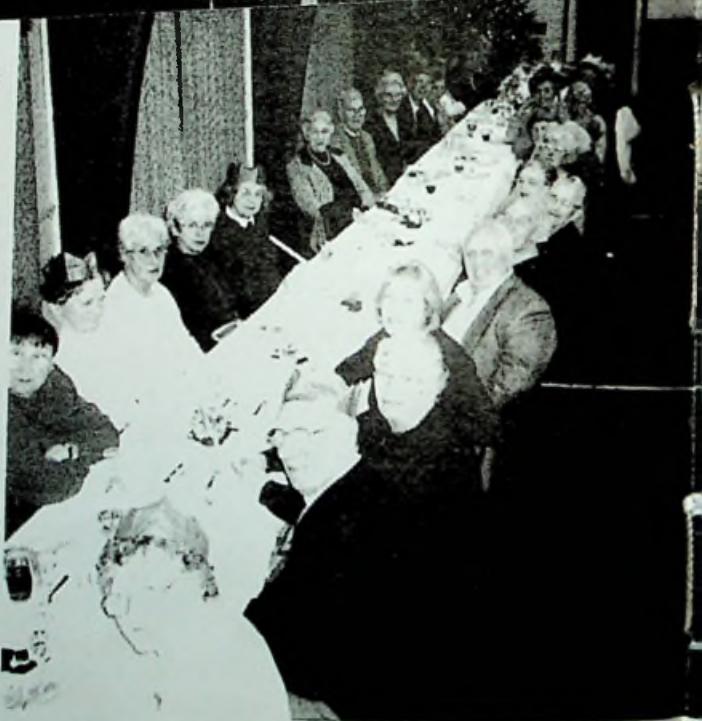


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Keith Hayes
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'back-room girls'



Christmas Party 2002



'front-of-hall girls'



good time



Doug Powell – remembered

Just before Christmas, a large congregation of relatives and friends from near and far joined Doug's close family to celebrate his life in Harbury. For many people, it seems that as far back as they can remember, Doug was a part of village life, but in fact he came to the Dog Inn in 1972.

'Doug at the Dog', was well known for keeping an excellent pint and his natural

Yorkshire friendliness, combined with a great understanding of people, ensured that he built up a faithful trade of customers. He had previously been a licensee at several pubs in the Coventry area and he engendered such loyalty in his staff that Tony Woodfield came to join him in Harbury as Head Barman. Over the years, several local people, including Maggie, Sue and Zeta served with Doug behind the bar, which became a 'second home' to many regulars who loved the atmosphere he created. There was always a hive of activity with crib, darts and dominoes and the Dog provided a welcome haven for many celebrations, for both family and village society events. The Harbury Cricket Club returned to enjoy their annual Christmas Dinner for many years, which was a testimony to Doug's hospitality, as well as to the culinary skills provided by his 'back-up' team.

After his retirement from the pub, which had been the centre of his life, he continued to provide active support as a relief barman at both the Village Club and the Harbury Rugby Club. In both these ventures, Doug was again recognised for his unfailing good humour and all his former customers talk of him as being a 'perfect gentleman' who had a 'way with people'. He had a Northerner's natural instinct of finding the right balance between genuine friendliness and interest in his customers combined with a strength of character which commanded respect. Maybe Doug acquired his quiet dignity as a result of his time in the Marines, which he joined straight from school. He was present

at the D-Day landings in 1944 and after active service he made the decision to make the licensed trade his career.

As Ian Holroyd said in his tribute to Doug at the Thanksgiving Service on December 23rd (which would have been Powelly's 79th birthday), "behind every good man, there is always a good woman", which is a sentiment that would be endorsed by all those who have known Doug and Mavis over the years. They had enjoyed 57 years together and were fortunate to have son David and daughter Sue and their families in the village to share their close family life.

In recent years, Doug and Mavis continued to play crib and dominoes and were familiar, happy faces in the local pubs. Doug was also secretary of the local Domino League and had raised money for the Senior Citizens Benefit Association during Shield Presentation nights.

Harbury Village has lost one of its stalwarts and all those who supported the family at the Funeral Service, will retain many treasured memories of his 30 years at the centre of village life.

Chris Finch

Harbury Netball Club

Welcome to the new updates from one of the local groups in the village. Harbury Ladies Netball Club has been going for many years now and has been doing rather well in the Coventry league. Training is on a Thursday evening in Offchurch during the winter period and in Harbury when it is lighter – from 6.30 – 8pm

We have become even busier on fund raising than in recent years. A Safari Night in November raised £200. The starters were hosted in Bishops Itchington homes and the main course in Harbury, with desserts and raffle at the Shakespeare Inn. It was a very good night with lots of lovely food. We would like to open this event out to new faces in the New Year.

The coffee morning at the Tom Hauley Room raised £85 and we would like to thank all who helped, contributed and purchased cakes and bread.

Valentines Night is our next fund raising event, with a dinner at the Social Club in Harbury. This event will be on **22nd February 2003**, with a 3-course meal, wine, band and disco. These evenings have been a great success in the past, so please come along and enjoy.

There will be 80 tickets available for £19.50. If you would like to attend, please contact Karena 613867.

Other events that will be going on are an Easter Egg Hunt with pie and peas; Mixed Netball tournament (any groups in the village willing to test their abilities against us?) and possibly a games night.

For further information, please contact Karena 613867

New Year, New Bus Services for the Southam Area

Two new bus services will begin operating in Southam and the surrounding villages from 6th January 2003. The services, funded by Warwickshire County Council are the result of a successful bid to the Government's Rural Bus Challenge scheme, and will drastically improve the quality and quantity of bus travel opportunities in the area.

The first of the new services is the 'Flexibus', which is a wheelchair accessible bus service using a bus with a lift fitted to the rear. A trained care assistant travels on the service to ensure that specialist help is at hand, if necessary. The bus operates to a scheduled timetable but will make small diversions to collect you closer to home, if you have mobility problems.

On Mondays and Fridays, the new 500 service to Stratford-upon-Avon starts at Long Itchington with stops at Southam, Bishop's Itchington and Harbury.

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the 497 service to Leamington Spa starts at Redlands with stops at Bishop's Itchington, Harbury and Radford Semele.

On Thursdays and Saturdays, the 498 service to Banbury starts at Radford Semele with stops at Harbury, Moreton Morrell, Lighthorne, Warmington and Shotteswell.

The 499 Service to Southam starts at Fenny Compton with stops at Northend, Knightcote and Bishop's Itchington.

The second of the two new services is the Southam Shuttle, which will link residents from the smaller villages to more regular services, travelling between Southam and Rugby or Leamington Spa. New bus stops and shelters have been installed in the centre of Southam to allow people travelling on the shuttle to connect with these services. Not only does this service provide you with more access to the county's towns and shopping facilities, but it also means that shoppers

can travel into Southam itself. As part of a pilot programme, the Shuttle will stop at Napton and Grandborough village green at a scheduled time every day and wait for 3 to 4 minutes for any passengers. It means that you can stay in your homes until it arrives, rather than wait outside in the bad weather. The Shuttle runs three different routes, every day from Monday to Saturday. Route one stops at Napton, Priors Marston and Priors Hardwick, route two at Lower Shuckburgh, Flecknoe, Sawbridge, Grandborough and Broadwell and route three at Ladbroke.

Timetables are available from Southam, Leamington and Rugby Libraries and Southam Town Council Offices and local Post Offices and shops as well as Leamington and Rugby. You can also request one by post by phoning the Transport Operations Publicity Team on 01926 412987.

There are some fantastic introductory fare deals as part of the scheme. Stagecoach as a special offer are making their day return ticket on Services 63/64 a maximum of only £3 for adults and £2 for children for travel after 09.00 (Monday to Friday) and all day on Saturday. All journeys on the Shuttle are £1 for adults and 65p for children. If you purchase a Stagecoach day return ticket to Leamington or Rugby and travel back on the Southam Shuttle, your return journey is free when you purchase the Stagecoach ticket.

Warwickshire Rural Community Council

Parish Paths Partnership

Open Meeting – Thursday 16th January

The Parish Review revealed that a large number of people are interested in the work of the Parish Paths Team. We have therefore decided to hold an open meeting to tell you what we do and discuss what we might do if we had more volunteers. The meeting will be at 8.00pm on Thursday 16th January in the Tom Hauley Room.

Sarah Manchester, the County Council's Community Paths Officer for the south of the County will tell us about the maintenance and use of the Rights of Way network and various members of the Team will describe the work we have done to date. There will be displays of the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way, the survey work we have done and the materials and tools we use. Suggestions for further work we might consider include; updating the 'Cross the Stile' booklet of local

walks, preparing a set of separate individual walks leaflets, starting a regular programme of footpath walks, creating another 'easy access' route, and extending our work into surrounding parishes.

Do come along to the meeting if you are interested in any aspect or our rights of way network.

Parish Paths Team

Bookworms

It is almost a year since we began a programme of reading, which turned out to be not only a literary journey, but also something of a geographical one. Our travels took us to Paris, Warsaw, the Far East, the Wild West, New York and the Europe of the future, fortunately winding up on home territory for an excellent Christmas meal together at The Crown Inn. A glance through the new programme, taking us up to September offers the prospect of whaling in the Arctic, the deserts of Morocco, the birthday letters of Yorkshireman Ted Hughes and a trip to 17th Century Holland.

If you enjoy a good book and fancy broadening your reading horizons, why not join us? A strong constitution and a pair of stout books recommended (only joking!). The group is 17 strong but meetings average 8 to 10 people. We meet in the Tom Hauley Room on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 7.30pm. If you are interested, give us a call and we will drop a programme round to you.

Kate Thomas 614793, and Lesley Jones 613207

The Grange Players

The panto season has not finished yet and the Grange Players, located in Southam, would like to invite you all along to their production of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", which is running for two weekends in February: 7th & 8th, and 14th & 15th at 2pm and 7pm.

It will be fun for all the family and tickets are available from Karena - 613867. Hope to see you there.

Karena Ellis

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Village Traders in the Early Part of Last Century

Some of the first items to appear in the Local Collection at the school were copies of the Harbury entries in White's and Spennell's annual Directories taken from the originals kept in Leamington Library. These listed people of note in the village, and their occupations.

It is interesting how self-sufficient the village still was in 1904, which is the date of one of the Directories. Alongside the farmers, agricultural labourers, quarry workers and railway employees that you would expect to find, are the following:

			AGE
E. Beasley	Grocer and saddler	Chapel St	83
Wm Blick	Wheelwright & b'smith	Binswood End	71
Fred Boffin	Dealer & mkt gdnr	Binswood End	60
Alfred Burgess	Farrier & b'smith	Temple End	49
Ed Cooper	Saddler	High St	
Wm Duckles	Co-op shop	High St	
Charles Field	Blacksmith	Binswood End	38
John Henry Gascoigne	Tailor	Church Terrace	43
George Green	Draper	Chapel St	
Mrs Hillyard	Dressmaker	Mill St	
John Horley	Butcher	High St	31
Eli Keyte	Wheelwright	South Parade	53
Mrs Knight	Grocer & draper	Bullring	
C.P. Knight	Grocer etc.	Church St.	
Miss Porteous	Dressmaker	Church St	
Edward Pratt	Bootmaker	Church St	
Wm Pratt	Butcher	Mill St	35
Mrs Robbins	Dressmaker		
Miss Steane	Shopkeeper	Little Row	
Arthur Thornicroft	Baker	The Pool	

			AGE
Edwin Thomicroft	Baker	Chapel St	
Alf Turner	Bootmaker	Mill St	
Miss Whitehead	Dressmaker	Co-operative Terrace	
Ed Wilkins	Blacksmith	South Parade	57
John Wilkins	Blacksmith	Church Terrace	

Wm Blick's blacksmith shop was where Old Forge House is now; by 1924 Burgess also had a forge in the garage of Crown Cottage in Crown Street, and Charles Field was located where the flats are now in Binswood End. Later, Sidney Enefer had a blacksmith's shop on the corner of Chapel Street and Park Lane, where the new bungalow has been built. Blacksmiths, wheelwrights and farriers often tended to work in close proximity, or be skilled in more than one of the trades.

In 1904, horses still ruled, of course, and there was nobody in the motor trade. The two saddlers were also harness makers. Beasley's shop was the houses now called Bridles and Saddlers in Chapel Street. There were waggoners and carriers to transport goods and people to town, though most people would rarely, if ever, leave the village.

The Verney family, minus, of course, one of its members (see article "Shocking Death In A Windmill"), was still represented as owners and proprietors of the windmill.

Clothing was obtained from the tailors, drapers, dressmakers, boot and shoemakers in the village, other items often being made by home workers. George Green's shop has recently been used as a party shop.

Most importantly, all the pubs are represented in the 1904 Directory, with the added bonus of The Fox Inn, run by Thomas Boneham, which stood opposite Mugleston's. The only other change has been the New Inn becoming The Gamecock.

Nigel Chapman

Shops in the village before WWII

Phoenix House on the corner of Chapel St and High St was John Horley's butcher's shop until G.T. Alcock took over just before WW1. Next door was another butcher's run by John Sprawson and then by William Bird. Yet another butcher was Mr Cowley with a shop opposite The Crown, in a lean-to attached to the big house. At one time there was also a butcher in what is now The Old New Inn car park.

Arthur Thornicroft had a bakery at what is now 17 Farm St, and the same family ran another one from 1868 in Chapel St, in the building now Muggleston's, having taken it over from a Mr Paine. The Co-op bakery was at the back of the present Co-op, and Bull Ring Garage was built as a bakery too. Knight's Stores in Church Street had one also!

The first Co-op was in Mill St where No 12 now stands, next to Mr Trice's farm, run by the Bustin family, Enoch and eventually Jabez. Bull Ring Stores was run by Miss Knight and ultimately by Mr Messer, and its drapery department was in the little annex which became Midland Bank and recently the estate agents.

The original Post Office was in the little house on the left hand corner of Mill Lane, and was owned by the Cooper family.

Sweet shops have come and gone. At one time there were two in Chapel St. Mr and Mrs Edward Bayliss at No. 9 and Mr & Mrs Treen at 2 and 3, where the hairdresser's is now. There was a small one at the end of South Parade round about where No 5 is. Mrs Boynton ran another in Sloane Cottage in Binswood End.

There was a cycle agent and repair shop at the corner of Chapel Street and Mill St. owned by a Mr Paxton, and similarly in Ivy Lane in Ivy Cottage, run by Edward and Fred Blackford.

If any of this is wrong, I would love to know. Please do not mutter darkly – I have done my best – let me know and I will correct it next month. If anyone can expand on this basic information, it would be useful to add to our collection.

For the "administration and disruption" fee of £1 we can let you have complete copies of any of these directories. They cover

every 10 years from 1884 to 1924. Simply ring or call in at the school. E-mail admin@3032.wgfl.net

Nigel Chapman

Musings of a Country Garden (6)

CATS (wild) Attila.

Sixteen months ago, a very young black and white cat appeared in the garden with one paw around her ear and a lump on her head. She was as thin as an HB pencil. Obviously a vehicle on the Bypass had hit her. In spite of adversity she went through the garden like a streak of lightening. I telephoned the immediate neighbours asking them to keep a watch in case their dogs tried to chase it. It was agreed that whichever garden the cat stopped in, would be the one where food and drink would be supplied. It tried diagonally opposite first then she appeared in Bell View Garden on a regular basis, three times a day in fact. We had no dogs; this could have been the attraction. Unfortunately, the cat was feral and therefore untouchable. One large tin of evaporated milk a day, (diluted 50%) plus sautéed chicken livers, and finely chopped poached chicken breasts got her strength back up and her fourth paw eventually touched the ground. Hours of talking to it brought it inside the kitchen throughout the winter - as long as I did not move whilst she was eating and drinking.

A couple of weeks ago I noticed that she was eating with difficulty and only having about three laps of milk. Now, for a cat that could drink for Great Britain and win, this was cause for concern. She became more and more distressed so I asked for help from the RSPCA. They were brilliant. Unfortunately first catch your cat!

Allan, my diagonal neighbour, who has a way with animals, spent hours trying to entice her into a cat basket. Eventually, with Brenda's help 'tilla went into the basket. I named her Attila the cat (NOT the Hun!) as she missed nothing that moved. The next day the RSPCA collected her and she had an operation to remove a mouse bone that was stuck in her throat. Fur balls could not be swallowed so she was in real distress. She was given a few stitches in her neck, a feline M. O.T. - declared fit, (she DID have a lovely shiny coat but then if we all had two large tins of evaporated milk and sautéed chicken livers etc. every day, our coats would be equally as shiny!?) She has now gone to live on a farm in Staffordshire. The vet said that she would never

become domesticated, as she was a real wild cat. I miss her! She was a character. The vet said that she was around two years old, which means that when she appeared injured in Bell View garden she was less than one year old.

Elsa Greenway



Horticultural Society

A Happy New Year to you all. Anybody who did not come to the last talk and party afterwards missed a very enjoyable evening. Mrs. Kaye showed us slides of some gardens of the East Midlands and told us in detail of many interesting facts about the owners, the gardeners, and some of the plants in each. The spread of food was excellent, provided by the members. Many thanks to everybody who contributed, also to Ron and John, popping the wine corks in the kitchen. There were compliments both on the food and Ron's choice of wines - thank you all.

When we cleared up afterwards we found three unclaimed items: two plates and a dish, which I have at home. I will take them to the January meeting; I hope I remember.

The Bursary was drawn at the meeting. Mrs. Pat Smith was the winner, and will choose from a selected list of courses; we hope she will enjoy it and find it interesting.

The 'Potato Weekend' at Ryton Gardens will be on **Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd February**. If you go, it is advisable to get there early, selling starts at 9.30am, otherwise the popular varieties do tend to sell out quickly.

I thought you would like some information on our logo. It is an adaptation of the Swedish botanist Linnaeus's sketch to represent the family of plants whose flowers bore eight stamens - the Octandria (although this classification has now been superseded).

The next talk: *Plants for Difficult Situations*, will take place on **Tuesday 7th January** at 8pm. Our old friend Mr. Brian Cook will speak and no doubt will inform us and most certainly entertain us on this subject.

Muriel Grey

Gardening Notes

Gardening in January was more a month for future plans than actual hands on work, and it does still depend on the weather. If it is a cold winter, or more probably wet, just sit back until March! When, however, the odd ray of sunshine tempts you out there are some energetic jobs that will keep you warm.

Complete planting roses, deciduous trees and shrubs when weather permits, i.e. not wet, snow or frost. Prune out any dead branches on established trees. Clear away the dead tops of herbaceous plants and dig up perennial weeds. Continue to check for any plants which may have been lifted and firm them in again.

Sow seeds in trays that need exposure to frost, and keep them in a sheltered spot. Sow peas under cloches and sow in pots for early crops of broad beans. Continue to prepare seed beds for early plantings of other vegetables. Dig a deep trench for beans, and over the following weeks put in all vegetable peelings etc. to rot down to make a nutrient high bed for a bumper crop of beans in summer. If you want to help the refuse problem, a trench anywhere in the garden would take all organic waste through the winter months, and lighten the load in the dustbin. At end of month place early seed potatoes in trays in a light, frost free place to 'chit'.

Spray against peach leaf-curl on fruiting and ornamental trees with Bordeaux mixture, at fortnightly intervals through this month and February. Plant rhubarb and feed well with manure. Repair wooden structures and do any other general repairs in the garden. Wash canes, pots and trays in Jeyes fluid solution. Restock all garden sundries and buy in packets of seeds whilst there is a good choice.

Bring in bulbs in pots to flower in the house. Plant them out in the garden when they finish, but give them a weekly feed from when the buds fully open, to the time when the leaves yellow and die down. Feed all flowering plants in the house. Poinsettias and azaleas must be kept well watered.

Plant of the month – Hamamelis

Some of the most reliable winter flowering shrubs are Hamamelis, commonly known as Witch Hazel. Native to China and Japan the spidery, scented flowers appear on leafless stems from December through to March, withstanding winds and severe frosts. The Chinese

H. mollis have the best flowers, especially the variety Pallida, whilst the hybrids of Chinese and Japanese ones, known as H.xintermedia have good flowers and brilliant autumn colour. Look for 'Diane' or 'Jelena' the latter being more tolerant of more alkaline soils.

The name wych or witch comes from the old English word 'wik' meaning to bend. When early settlers in N.America saw hamamelis they mistook it for hazel, long used for water divining, and tried to use it for that purpose. So the shrub became known as Wych hazel, and as such was sent to Britain by John Bartram, an American plant collector in the mid-1700s. His plant H. virginiana is not a good garden shrub but is the source of bay rum and is used in cosmetics and skin treatments.

Buy Hamamelis now to see the flower colour of yellow, red or orange, but they are slow growing and expensive because they are difficult to propagate, mainly grafted on to the American rootstock. When planting, in a sunny spot, in preferably neutral soil but certainly deep, rich loam, be sure to keep the graft join above ground. A background of dark evergreens will show off the yellow flowers, and a sunny site will light the reds. In summer, to lift the rather dull leaves, grow a clematis through the shrub, but remember to cut it right back in November.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

Mavis, Sue, David and their families would like to take this opportunity to thank friends and family for the love and support, which has been extended to them since the sudden death of Doug.

Special thanks go to Eve Woodfield, Janet Ayres, Debbie Ellis, Shirley and Ted Heal and Dr Snowdon, for their immediate help, to Father Roy for the lovely service and to Clive Watts for playing the organ as he had done for Doug at the Dog Inn so many years ago.

Harbury village welcomed Mavis and Doug when they first arrived in the 70s so it was special that so many came to join us on what would have been Doug's 79th birthday.

Doug gave much to so many people in the village and would have appreciated you being there as we said our farewells.

Mavis Powell and family

Dear Editors

We would like to thank you all for the support and good wishes following the death of our mother Mrs. Lilian Marshall. The collection at her funeral for the Salvation Army amounted to £270. Thank you all

Val and Elaine, her daughters

Dear Editors

I want to say how grateful I am for all the love and support I have received on the death of my husband Jim. I was overwhelmed with all the cards, flowers, telephone calls, letters and prayers from dear friends in the village, that I have been strengthened beyond expectation. I shall not forget.

My family joins me in gratitude.

Betty Cox and family

Dear Editors

We would like to thank our family and all our friends for the support and many cards we received while Ralph was in hospital. He is now home and making a good recovery. Thank you all.

Ralph and Audrey Lawson

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Dear Editors

Deppers Bridge Chicanes

Having experienced the chicanes for several weeks whilst driving to work from Harbury to Southam, I have the following observations:

When the 30mph was imposed the traffic did slow down to 30mph, especially important on the bend in the middle of the street.

However, when the chicanes were installed, traffic speed increased from 30mph to 40mph as the driver's line of vision was diverted from the School kids waiting for their bus or walking along the pavement (drivers trying to reverse out on to the road) to looking past the chicane to traffic coming in the other direction. This is especially dangerous at the middle chicane, where the school kids wait!

There is a rush to get through the gap before the vehicle coming in the other direction, especially if the oncoming driver is hesitant.

The 'Colin McRae' in many drivers see the chicanes as a challenge, and it is possible to go through them at 45-50mph with careful positioning of the vehicle.

AT NIGHT, the chicanes are sheer hell! The reflective badges on them are confusing and it is not easy to work out on which side of the road the bollard is actually sited. Drivers swerve from side to side trying to decide where the bollard is. The bollards have no blue directional arrows, and they are unlit so driving with DIPPED headlights with headlights from cars coming towards you, the bollards are almost invisible! When the daylight hours return in the spring I am not looking forward to cycling to work again.

Issues for cyclists are:

Traffic queued waiting to get past a bollard will have to squeeze past cyclists or queue behind until there is no queued traffic in the other lane.

If I use the "cycle lane" then having passed through the chicane, traffic will suddenly appear on my right with a subsequent squeeze if there is oncoming traffic.

I offer suggestions to alleviate these problems:

1. Take out the chicanes and experiment with unhindered 30mph.
2. Put in sleeping policemen (but not of the type in Barford as they are ineffective and annoy the residents with noise).

3. Put in speed cameras to slow the traffic (expensive!).
4. Leave the chicanes and
 - a) light them at night,
 - b) create a devoted "cycle only" lane through Deppers Bridge,
 - c) place blue directional arrows on the bollards,
 - d) remove the dangerous middle chicane and put in a sleeping policeman, or change the texture of road surface (e.g. as in Guys Cliffe Avenue, Leamington Spa).

The above views are shared by other people who have driven through these chicanes. One elderly/ hesitant driver who I followed one night was so alarmed by trying to locate the position of the bollard that he swerved all over the road from one side to the other and crawled at 20-25mph through the entire stretch.

Having received the Harbury & Leadbroke News this afternoon, I noticed that Cllr. Biddle has suggested sign-illumination, but this was quashed as too expensive. The signs and those dreaded curbstones need decent lighting! It was a bodged job on a tight budget, now it has to be put right. Extra finance should have been put aside for alterations, or, it should never have been built in the first place.

I welcome suggestions as to how I can now safely cycle to and from Southam, not using the A425 Southam to Leamington road, and take the opportunity to say **THANK YOU** for the cycle route from the Jet garage on the Fosse Way through to Leamington.

Annoyed and concerned Council Tax payer of Harbury.

Kind regards

Geoff Mumford

Dear Editors

On behalf of the Save the Children Fund, I would like to thank all the people who so generously supported our cause when he had our coffee morning on November 30th. We took £330 and had a very happy morning. Thank you everybody.

Gunda Walsh

Dear Editors

Harbury All Saints' Christmas Fayre 2002



Organiser in Chief Colin Ingram and Muriel Grey

On behalf of the committee I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part and supported a very enjoyable event.

The weather was not too good but Hereburgh Morris was able to entertain us as they dodged the showers - well done you brave people.

The raffle raised a record £925 and we are delighted that a cheque will be presented to Myton Hospice.

Santa's Grotto was as popular as ever and we had some new Christmas lights to make the entrance even more exciting.

The Fayre buzzed all afternoon and the 'Refreshment Parlour' was kept busy all of the time.

We have a wonderful community spirit in Harbury and now we look forward to next year's Fayre. Once again many thanks to everyone.

Colin Ingram

Dear Editors

Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Southam would like to thank the residents of Harbury for their support at our Coffee Morning at the Tom Hauley Room on December 8th.

In spite of the grand Christmas Fayre being held that same day, we raised the splendid sum of £150 in aid of Cancer Research! Many thanks for your generosity.

Yours sincerely

Kath Beddoes

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Harbury Ladies Netball Club coffee morning on 14th December. With your support, we raised £85.

Hope your Christmas was a good one and that 2003 is great for everyone.

From Harbury Ladies Netball Club

Dear Editors

On behalf of Leanne and Sally-Anne, may I thank everybody who baked and gave to our Cake stall at the Christmas Fayre? We made £167.12, which was more than last year - thank you again.

Muriel Grey

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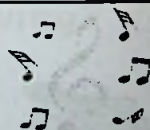
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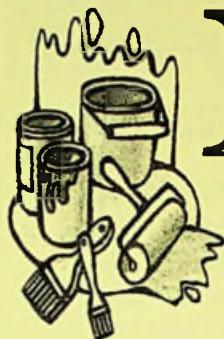
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