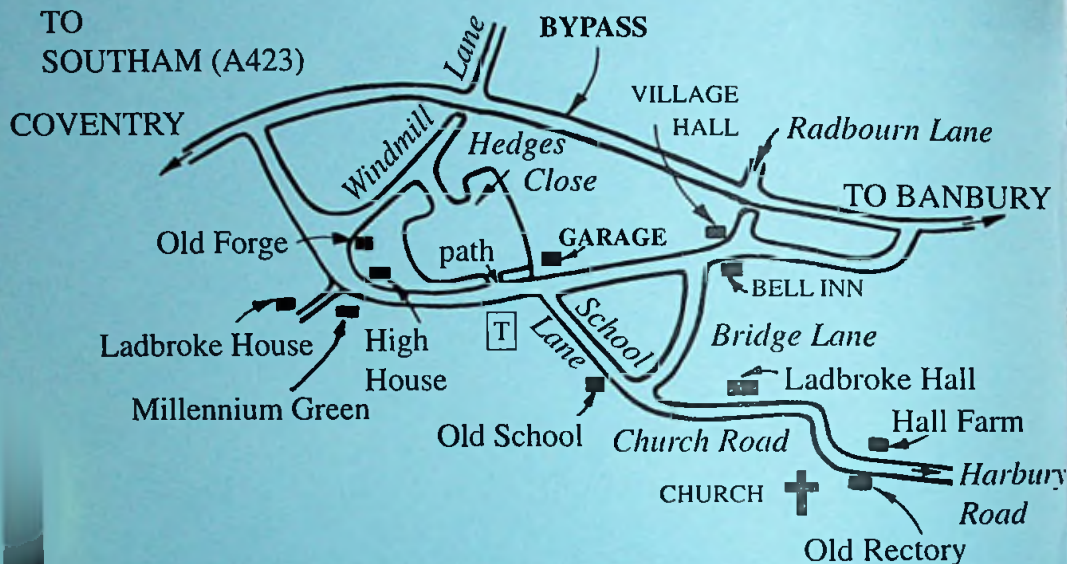


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Harbury and Ladbroke celebrated a traditional Christmas with carol services, festive lights and parties. Unusually there was a Christmastide wedding at both Churches.

We can celebrate village success and generosity at the end of the year. In Harbury, the Christmas Fayre and the Folk Club raised considerable sums for Myton Hospice, and Harbury MAD (our third millennium project) benefited from the New Year celebrations by the Folk Club and the Hereburgh Morris. In Ladbroke, money was raised for Village Hall maintenance.

Two thousand pounds was awarded to Harbury at the finals of The Village of the Year competition in London.

Looking forward to the New Year, the Nursery School is now able to offer longer sessions, and the Pre-School will be opening in refurbished premises.

We wish all our subscribers a "Happy New Year!"

Finally, we extend our sympathy to the families of Violet Davies, Violet Hunt and Hilda Wilkins.



"Jenny Patrick and Nicola Thompson Receive The 'Central England 2003 Winner' Plaque At The 'Calor Village Of The Year' Award Presentation In London"

Harbury Diary

JANUARY

- Friday 9 **RECYCLING COLLECTION**
- Sat 10 Coffee Morning, 10.00am in the Tom Hauley Room, in aid of STETS.
- Sun 11 **FIRST OF EPIPHANY - BAPTISM OF CHRIST**
Holy Communion, 8.00am. Sung Eucharist, 10.30am.
- Tue 13 Toddler's Service, 2.15pm in the children's corner of Church.
Holy Communion, 7.30pm.
- Wed 14 Prayer Meeting in Church, 8.00pm.
- Thu 15 Art Tutorial "Winter Wonderland", 10.00am-4.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room.
ADVERTS TO 31 BINSWOOD END, HARBURY BY 5.30PM.
Holy Communion, 9.45am.
- Fri 16 Women's Institute Party, 7.30pm.
- Sat 17 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7.30am in the Tom Hauley Room.
Coffee Morning, 10.00am in the Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Multiple Sclerosis.
- Sun 18 **EPIPHANY II**
Holy Communion, 8.00am. Family Communion, 10.30am. Evensong, 6.00pm.
- Tue 20 Holy Communion, 7.30pm.
Mothers' Union Faith Supper, 8.00pm.
Senior Citizens Committee, 8.30pm in the Village Hall.

- Wed 21 Afternoon Tea, 3.00pm-4.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room.
Talk It Through, 8.00pm at 33 South Parade, Harbury.
- Thu 22 Holy Communion, 9.45am.
Thursday Club, 2.30pm in the Farley Room of the Village Hall.
Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
- Fri 23 **RECYCLING COLLECTION**
Harbury Society Burns Night, 7.30pm (for 8.00pm) at the Crown Inn.
- Sat 24 Coffee Morning, 10.00am in the Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Mothers' Union.
- Sun 25 **EPIPHANY III - CONVERSION OF ST PAUL**
Holy Communion, 8.00am. Sung Eucharist, 10.30am.
- Mon 26 Alpha Course Celebratory Supper.
- Tue 27 Holy Communion, 7.30pm.
Harbury Theatre Group, 8.00pm at the Shakespeare Inn.
- Wed 28 Drop-In Tea For The Bereaved, 2.30pm-4.30pm at 19 Farm Street, Harbury.
Prayer Meeting in Church, 8.00pm.
- Thu 29 Holy Communion, 9.45am.
Blood Donor Sessions, 1.30pm-3.30pm and 4.30pm-7.30pm in the Village Hall.
- Fri 30 **ARTICLES TO HARBURY CHEMIST BY 5.30PM.**
- Sat 31 Coffee Morning, 10.00am in the Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Guide Dogs.

FEBRUARY

- Sun 1 **EPIPHANY IV - PRESENTATION OF CHRIST**
Sung Eucharist, 9.00am. Evening Worship, 6.00pm.
- Mon 2 Village Hall Committee, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.
- Tue 3 Holy Communion, 7.30pm.
Horticultural Society, 8.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room.
- Wed 4 Holy Communion, 2.00pm. Mothers' Union Meeting, 2.30pm.
Talk It Through, 8.00pm at 33 South Parade, Harbury.
- Thu 5 Holy Communion, 9.45am.
Art Tutorial "Trees In Winter", 10.00am-4.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room.
Men's Society Meeting, 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley Room.
Folk Club, 8.30pm at the Shakespeare Inn.
- Fri 6 **RECYCLING COLLECTION**
- Sat 7 Coffee Morning, 10.00am in the Tom Hauley Room, in aid of the Bell Ringers.
- Sun 8 **THIRD BEFORE LENT**
Holy Communion, 8.00am. Sung Eucharist, 10.30am.
- Thu 12 Thursday Club, 2.30pm in the Village Hall.
Women's Institute, 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley Room.
- Fri 13 **School Ends For Half-Term.**
- Sat 14 Coffee Morning, 10.00am in the Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Harbury Pre-School.
NSPCC Valentine Dance in the Village Hall.

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LINDA RIDGLEY - TELEPHONE 612792**

From The Rector

"The Drumochter Pass is closed to traffic", said the announcer on the radio as the snows asserted their authority once again, and many roads, including the A9 Perth to Inverness, became impassable. The helicopter crews, the mountain rescue teams, the drivers of the snowploughs and the shepherds were out all hours, day and night, rescuing people and animals in danger and in distress. The shepherds seem to symbolise the caring face of humanity coming to the rescue without too much concern for their own personal safety.

Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd. He loves the lost sheep so he goes out searching for them. He lays down his life for his sheep. This is the divine charity. Out of love for sinful men and women, God sent his son, Jesus Christ, to save us without counting the cost to himself. As God loves us, he wants us to love one another, without counting the cost to ourselves.

There lies a problem for us. In English, we use the one word 'love' to describe many ways of loving. We can say that a man loves his wife, loves his children, and loves his friends. Greek, the main language of the New Testament, has a different word to describe each of these ways of loving: 'Eros' describes the love a man has for a women, culminating in marriage and sexual loving. The love that arises spontaneously between the members of a family is known as 'Storge'. The love that exists between friends is described as 'Philia'.

When we are commanded to love others, the word that is used is neither Eros, Storge nor Philia, but 'Agape'. Agape might be described as the highest form of loving. It is to love another person, to keep their best interests at heart despite what they might do. Agape is the love of the good shepherd. It describes the love of the Good Samaritan. It is the way we are to love all people, and it is only possible with the grace of God.

We see many examples of this love, not only in the winter season but in every day of the year, and in every part of the world. It is the love that holds out a sure hope for all people, because it can only come from God.

"Faith, Hope and Love abide; the greatest of these is Love."

Fr. Roy

Thought For The Month

The supreme happiness in life is
the conviction that we are loved.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

December 7th Sophie Bishop
21st Stephanie May Kitchener

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Ladbroke

December 14th George Robert Williams
14th Evangeline Lilly May Bastin
14th Poppy Lou Bastin

Holy Matrimony, All Saints' Ladbroke

December 24th Andrew Bendjak to Kim Ryan

Marriage Blessing, All Saints' Harbury

December 28th Hermélia and Mark Hayes

Funerals, All Saints' Harbury

December 4th Violet Hunt (83)

Funerals, Oakley Wood

December 18th Violet Davies (89)
29th Hilda Wilkins (90)





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From The Churchwardens

December was a busy month, beginning on the 7th with the concert "God Rest You Merry", given by the Circle Singers under the leadership of their musical director, Beresford King-Smith. Their music made an inspiring beginning to Christmas. Generously, they gave their time and talents free, and we were able to raise almost £400 for Myton Hamlet Hospice.



The Christmas Services began with the Family Communion with Christingle made especially celebratory by the baptism of Stephanie May. All the Christmas Services were very well attended; at the Carol Service in particular we felt like yelling "Full House"! At this special time, we do

thank Father Roy for his ministry, and would also like to say thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make God's house a fitting place in which to welcome the birth of his son.

The photographs show Stephanie May and her mum, and Joshua - winner of the prize for the first competition on the children's page of All Saints' website - well done! The current



competition is now on the website: www.harburychurch.fsnet.co.uk. Parental help is not forbidden; the main point is that everyone has a go!

We are now looking forward to the Alpha Course celebratory supper on January 26th. Meanwhile, we wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Lesley and Felicity



Mothers' Union

In December, Betty Connelly, with her husband David, told us about their visit to Ethiopia, illustrated by their slides. Their daughter, Helen, was working in Addis Ababa for two years as a missionary doctor and they visited her there.

The mission house where they stayed was comfortable and had electricity and, unlike most of the city, a sewage system. None of the water was safe to drink. The centre of Addis Ababa was a modern city but most buildings, including the mission house, were made of wattle and daub, with corrugated iron roofs. Many people lived on the streets. The boys often worked as shoeshine boys – much needed because of the dusty state of the roads.

In spite of their poverty, people were very hospitable, and Betty and David were invited to a number of homes for coffee or a meal (consisting of a kind of pancake with stew of vegetables and a little meat or egg).

The countryside was lovely, and Betty and David visited the beautiful Blue Nile Falls. On their journey they saw people ploughing with oxen and sowing seed by hand as in Biblical times. The girls and women carried water on their backs for long distances.

On another occasion they accompanied a group of children from the mission's Saturday club, to a lake where they stayed in huts and all enjoyed boating and swimming. The children were reluctant to return home.

Helen has now returned to England, and they are still in touch with a number of their Ethiopian friends. Betty and David found their visit an unforgettable experience.

NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday	7 th	January	3.00pm	Party.
Tuesday	20 th	January	8.00pm	Faith Supper.
Wednesday	4 th	February	2.30pm	Favourite Piece of Jewellery.

C. M. Catt

Toddlers' Service

At our service in December, Mrs Jen Ingram retold us the story of the birth of Jesus in a stable, and the visit of the shepherds and the kings. We sang two songs, "Little Donkey" and "Away In A Manager". For our activity, we sprinkled glitter onto cut-out paper angels.

The next service will be on Tuesday 13th January at 2.15pm in the children's corner of church. All babies and toddlers are very welcome, accompanied by an adult.

Lorna Bedford

Ladbroke News



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- Mon 12** Village Hall Millennium Club Draw, 8.00pm at The Bell Inn.
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- Wed 21** Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm at Ladbroke Village Hall.
- Sun 25** EPIPHANY III - CONVERSION OF ST PAUL Sung Communion, 9.00am.

FEBRUARY

- Sun 1** EPIPHANY IV - PRESENTATION OF CHRIST Family Communion, 10.30am.
- Sun 8** THIRD BEFORE LENT Sung Communion, 9.00am.

Ladbroke Flower Rota

January 11th and January 18th ☼ Stella Douglas
 January 25th and February 1st ☼ Annie R Johnson
 February 8th and February 15th ☼ Margaret Bosworth

Jane Rutherford

Ladbroke Parish Council

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st January, 7.45pm at Ladbroke Village Hall, not Wednesday 14th as previously specified.

Linda Doyle

Ladbroke Women's Fellowship

On Wednesday 10th December, we had a very nice service in church, with readings and hymns. Thank you to Nancy for playing the piano, and to Father Roy for a lovely service. We all returned to Archers Rest for a Faith Luncheon and what a spread we had – thanks to everyone for their contributions.

We are not having a meeting in January, but we have been invited to join Harbury's Mothers' Union for their New Year celebrations on Wednesday 7th January. All are welcome to come.

Our next meeting will be in February.

Jo Sowerby

Ladbroke Neighbourhood Watch

TELEPHONE FRAUD

The following is the content of a Neighbourhood Watch notice by Thames Valley Police:

'The following notice has been received from Trading Standards:

We have been notified of this telephone scam currently happening throughout the country. Details are as follows:

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There are similar scams to this, one of which leaves your phone line open for the person calling you to make long international calls which are charged to your account. If someone or a recorded message asks you to press a key on your phone NEVER EVER DO THIS unless you yourself have made the call AND you are quite confident it is to a reputable company.

Janice Berry

Ladbroke Village Hall

On December 5th, the Village Hall hosted a Cheese and Wine Evening with a difference. Doreen and Tom Hillier brought along a fascinating selection of their grape and English fruit wines produced on their tiny vineyard at Hellidon Windmill. While the Village Hall Committee handed round an unusual selection of cheeses made on the local farms of Warwickshire, Tom filled the glasses for tasting, and Doreen gave us all an interesting and enlightening talk about wine. All fifty tickets were sold for the evening, and the lucky winner of the door raffle prize was Dorothy Wallis who, with the guidance of her husband, selected a favourite bottle to take home. The evening raised our spirits ready for Christmas, as well as £150 towards Village Hall maintenance.

Meanwhile, leading up to Christmas, many of us have been practising our belly-dancing skills and teaching newcomers to the art. These sessions have now finished, but the Committee are looking at a possible belly-dancing workshop in the spring.

Our next evening of interest will be a historical one: On Friday 26th March, Kevin Hicks will be introducing us to the "Red Coat of Waterloo", so Sean Bean as 'Sharpe' eat your heart out, because he's got nothing on this guy when it comes to being a soldier!

Linda Doyle

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Ladbroke Millennium Club

The November Draw of the Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club took place in The Bell Inn at Ladbroke on Wednesday 10th December. The prize-winners were: £80 Pam Collins. £25 Mary Coley and Pat Kennedy. £10 Lorna Carleton, Bernard Billings, Mike Radburn, Maureen Whitehouse and Alan Stubbs.

The next draw will take place at The Bell Inn on Monday January 12th at 8.00pm.

Mike Radburn

Ladbroke News In General

Happy New Year to everyone! You've made it! Although, some of us not all in one piece:



Geoff Timms certainly hit the headlines, as well as the road, when he came off his bike. Front doors opened length and breadth of the village to see him airlifted by helicopter to hospital from Farm Yard Field. Geoff has sustained a severe complicated compound fracture of his leg, but I am glad to say he is safely back home now, being well looked after. Sorry to hear that he will have to miss his holiday to India though!



Our other casualty, Gwynne Badman also fell and broke her ankle and had to spend Christmas in hospital. Gwynne slipped in the kitchen trying to save a plate but she won't say what happened to that! Hopefully she is also home.

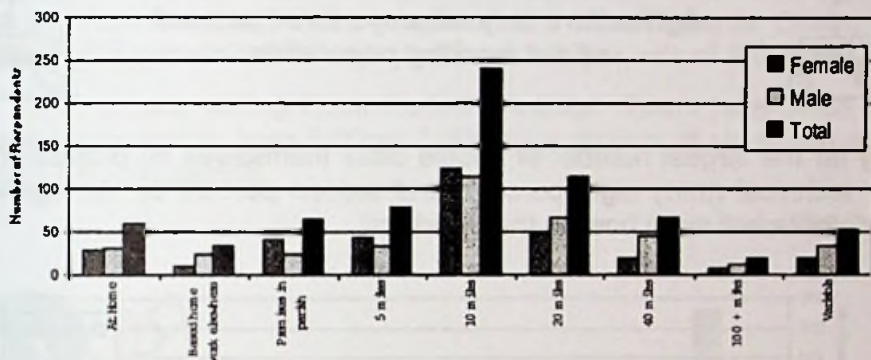
The Festival of Christmas and the celebration of our lord's birth did shine forth after all the excitement. We had an almost full church on Christmas morning, and even more people at our Carol Service on the Sunday evening after Christmas. That was a marvellous evening; the Choir was excellent, due in no small part to Michael Short, our choirmaster. Susan Moore organised refreshments after the service, which rounded off the evening well.

It is strange how everything seems to go flat after all the excitement but, back to the old routine next week!

Betty Winkfield

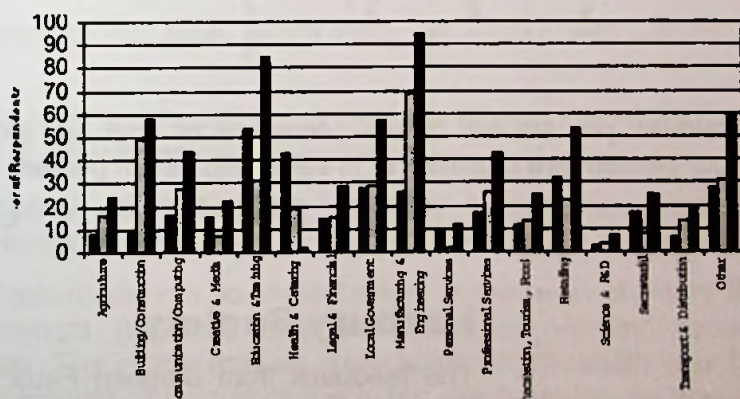
Twenty-eight percent were full-time employees, and six percent were part-timers. Thirteen percent were themselves employers, which gives us a working population of fifty-two percent with just over two percent unemployed, nine percent in full-time education or training, one percent disabled and five and a half percent acting as carers.

Sixty people (eight percent of those who responded) worked at home. Thirty-three (four and a half percent) had businesses based in the parish and sixty-four people (almost nine percent) worked at premises within the parish.



That is 157 (a fifth of the employed population) working in our parish!

A third work up to ten miles from Harbury, and eighteen people (two and a half percent) work a massive hundred-plus miles away from the parish.



The employment base is mixed.

We have thirteen percent in manufacturing or engineering, traditional but declining industries in this area, and about twelve percent in education and training. Next comes health and catering together with

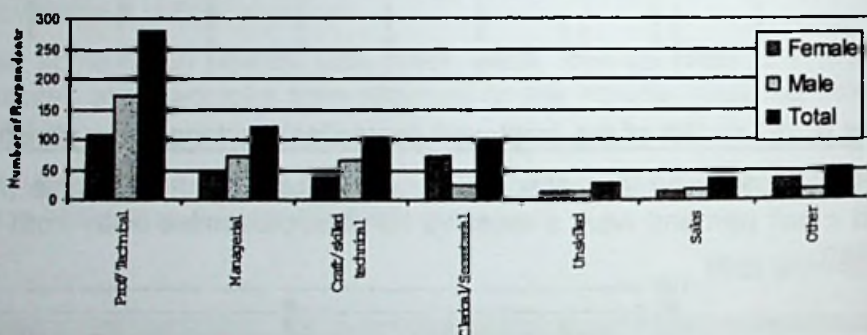
building and construction with eight percent each. Thanks to the apprenticeships many locals undertook at the Quarries, Harbury still has a pool of skilled craftsmen. Local government employs just under eight percent and retailing seven and a half percent. We have six percent in communications and computing, with three percent in creative and media jobs. The professional services employ six percent, with legal and financial at four percent, and science, research and development at one percent.



***Agriculture only employs three percent
of our working population.***



By far the largest number of people class themselves as professional or technical (thirty eight percent) and sixteen percent as managerial. So, there are more bosses than workers!



Fourteen percent are clerical/secretarial or craft and skilled workers. Four percent are unskilled or in sales with seven percent unclassified.

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Society

The feedback from Stephen Faulk's talk on the Warwickshire Landscape has been very positive and we hope to invite him again.

The Photograph Quiz at the Christmas Fayre attracted many old friends but the winner was young Sam Wilkins, who with his group of friends managed to identify most of the very difficult garden ornaments

and embellishments. It is very pleasing to find the youth of the village have such a knowledge and interest in the place they live in.

Our next event is the Burns Night at the Crown Inn, 7.30pm for 8.00pm, on Friday 23rd January (sorry the wrong date was specified in December's magazine). The cost will be £18 each, and the standard menu is Cullen Skink, Haggis and Scotch Pie, and Chocolate Mousse. Alternatives (melon, salmon and a vegetarian dish) are available. If you are interested, call Alan Lord on 613722.

For our Annual General Meeting on Monday 29th March in the Tom Hauley Room, we will have a talk on the New Records Office by Richard Chamberlain-Brothers. Coffee at 7.30pm, talk at 8.00pm.

In April, we are visiting Hook Norton Brewery. Tours take place on weekday evenings from 5.00pm-7.00pm for groups of up to ten and cost £7.50 per person.

Linda Ridgley



Harbury Women's Institute

Members enjoyed the Group Carol Service at Ladbroke Church to get us in the festive mood.

We look forward to our New Year's Party on Friday 16th January, 7.30pm.

Mr Winterburn gave an interesting talk on 'Little Known Warwickshire'. Here is some of the information her quoted:

- ✧ The Fosse Way - along its whole length ran a ditch, the old name for which was a Fosse.
- ✧ Bowshot Crossroads was so named when, in the reign of Henry II, two landowners (Waltham Hall and Compton Verney) raced greyhounds. The winner fired an arrow length and breadth wise to claim that amount of land from the loser; the boundary is now a Bowshot away.
- ✧ Nearer Harbury, the crossroads were the haunt of a highwayman called Bendigo Mitchell.
- ✧ Pubs are interesting - at the Tipperary Inn at Balsall Common, a

local man wrote "It's a long way to Tipperary"; The Simple Simon on Emscote Road in Warwick was opposite the Fleur de Lis pie factory, as the workers were frequent customers, the name was changed so that Simple Simon could meet the pie man; The Mother Huff Cap Inn at Great Alne is named after a local farmers wife who brewed a frothing tube of ale; The Black Dog at Southam has no dog on its sign but a knight on horseback. Piers Gaveston (a favourite of King Edward II) was an objectionable character hated by the Barons for whom he had derisory nicknames - he called the Earl of Warwick 'The Black Dog of Arden' - Warwick captured him and after a mockery trial was beheaded.

- ✧ In St Mary's Church in Warwick is the tomb of Thomas Beauchamp, the first earl to take the bear as his emblem. His son, Thomas was outspoken against King Richard II. Thomas was imprisoned but released and the king said "I've been unable to muzzle you, but I can muzzle your bear". From then on, the heraldic bear has been muzzled and chained to a ragged staff.
- ✧ The Gunpowder Plot was a Warwickshire plot and the conspirators first met at the Manor of Ashby, St Ledger.
- ✧ A group of thatched properties opposite Kenilworth Castle known as Little Virginia date back to the first crop of potatoes to be successfully grown. The soil was likened to that in Virginia, hence the name.
- ✧ The Masonic rooms in Warwick are a good example of the Window Tax where bricking up windows to avoid tax made rooms darker, hence the expression "daylight robbery".
- ✧ The stocks at Berkswell has five holes, said to accommodate a man with a wooden leg who was always in trouble.
- ✧ The first Lawn Tennis Club in the world was founded at the Manor House Hotel, Leamington in 1872.
- ✧ The first dispensary in the world was opened in Southam by Dr Henry Lilley Smith. He purchased land for allotments in surrounding villages for young men to learn gardening. He also opened a small free library.

Our speaker in January will be Mr Bushill-Matthews.

Thursday Club

Did you know that The Thursday Club meets at 2.30pm on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, in the Farley Room of the Village Hall?

We invite a different speaker to every meeting, and we have some interesting subjects lined up for the coming months, including the life of an airline pilot, learning about a local vineyard and tasting their produce, getting a glimpse of royal residences and regalia, and being introduced to the dogs that help the deaf to live a richer life. Magic, memories and the experiences of a television researcher are also on the agenda

Everyone, male or female, of any age, is very welcome and we would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to come. Just turn up to any meeting (except January 8th, when we will be having our Christmas Lunch in the Tom Hauley Room), or contact Annette Hughes (612273), Beryl Checkley (612519) or Ruth Dodds (612526). We ask you for £1 each meeting to cover the costs of the hall, speaker, and a cup of tea and a biscuit. We look forward to seeing you

Annette Hughes

Harbury Folk Club

DECEMBER. This was my first effort as MC for the Harbury Folk Club, and I have to admit that by the end of the evening, I was pleased to have got through it without collapsing in a heap. The evening was as busy as I had ever seen the Club when it was not a special guest night. In no particular order we were treated to the talents of John and Stuart, The Harvesters, Margaret and Peter McDonald, Maureen and Janny, half of the Bones family (with Peter donning his gown-less evening straps to do the raffle), Double Up, Pete Mason, Rick, Gilly, Keith Donnelly, Pete (yes, yet another one) Grassby, Brian, Ron, the Folk Club Choir, and some antipodean cousins from Australia called Cloudstreet. If I have missed anyone I apologise, and likewise to anybody I overlooked who may have wanted to sing on the night.

The theme I had chosen was 'Family'. In part, this was to reflect this is a time of year when there is great concentration on family, but did not preclude those who wished to interpret this in seasonal fashion and celebrate the first family of Christianity. Most of the singers were able

to find some connection, with several seasonal Christmas contributions. Two of the seasonal contributions were sung twice as variations on "The Cherry Tree Carol" and "The Holly And The Ivy", and we also had "The Wexford Carol". Others dug deep into the folk tradition for songs of betrayal and family cruelty that at one point had Keith Donnelly crying loudly into his beer. This did not deter him from offering his own distinct brand of comedic folk during the evening, as well as being the star heckler. The standard of the contributions was excellent as always.

Rounding off the evening was Cloudstreet. Despite enduring some good-natured ribbing about Rugby and the World Cup with some in the club threatening to sing "Swing Low Sweet Chariot", they ended the evening in great style. The evening ran on rather later than normal, which is as much to do with the good time everyone was having, as with my inexperience at running the Club and having huge numbers of performers to accommodate, not to mention a couple of encores for Cloudstreet.

In keeping with the theme, and the closeness of World AIDS Day to this Club date, I chose to focus for the raffle on the devastating impact on family life of AIDS and the work that UNICEF do for children whose families have been decimated or have been orphaned because of the pandemic in Africa. The raffle collected £53.10 for UNICEF (the 10p having liberated itself from someone's purse and found lying around unclaimed). For those interested in knowing more about UNICEF's work there is a detailed website at <http://www.unicef.org/>

Des Patalong

JANUARY. With all the parties and social events likely to have taken place around the New Year, it was predicted that not many people would be inspired, or have the energy, to come the Folk Club planned for January 1st. I therefore decided to have a sing-around session with people sitting in a large circle instead of having the more formal stage area. I must admit that I was pleased to be wrong on this occasion. From very early in the evening we had nearly forty people packed into the Garden Room of the Shakespeare, and not only did we have quantity, we had quality as well.

I always associate January with being a miserable grey month. The weather is usually as uninspiring as the compulsory resolutions we have made in response to our over-indulgences over the Christmas period. As an antidote, I chose "Colour" as the theme and many

people put on bright-coloured clothing in response.

During the evening, it was evident that most people were recovering from the previous night's revelries so the atmosphere was not quite as riotous as some meetings. However, most songs and tunes were specifically about colour or at least mentioned a colour, and were well performed and contributed to another pleasant and successful evening. Many thanks to all who took part. I will not list them all, but I will mention how nice it was to see and hear Ruth Forte again after many months of absence. It was also good that two regulars who rarely perform made contributions. John Hancock recited three poems, literally ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous, and Doug Freeman led us very competently in the singing of "Raining In My Heart". Pete McDonald ended the organised sing-around with the Paul Metsers Song "Farewell To The Gold" (always a favourite of mine), before the totally unexpected arrival of plates of hot mince pies kindly provided by Andrew and Carole, and these, with a short impromptu music session, brought the evening to a festive close.

The raffle was in aid of "The Friends of Quetta Hospital" and raised about £40.00.

Once again, many thanks to Carole and Andrew for the mince pies and for making us so very welcome throughout 2003.

The next folk club will be Thursday 5th February starting at 8.30pm in the Garden Room of the Shakespeare Inn. It will be led by Sue Hartland with the theme "Hearts and Flowers".

Peter Bones

Superstars In Concert

Perhaps the superstars in the world of folk music are not exactly household names but, for those 'in the know', December 12th was an exciting occasion in Harbury. The village hosted a concert, which in the normal course of events would have been held at the Bridgehouse Theatre in Warwick but it was unavailable on this date, so Graham Bradshaw and Dick Dixon of Tradarts turned to Harbury for help and were not disappointed. Doug Freeman masterminded the arrangements and mobilised numerous volunteers from Hereburgh Morris and the Folk Club to do all the necessary tasks before, during and after the concert.

The concert was one of a series (the 'Nu Routes' tour) sponsored by the Arts Council to promote young 'up and coming' musicians but, as

compère Graham observed, everyone on the bill had already 'up and come'! The first half featured Emily Smith and Jim Moray, both names familiar to folk festival goers this year. Emily, from the south-west of Scotland, gave a delightful and self-assured performance, accompanying her pure voice on piano and accordion, with occasional sympathetic contributions from Jamie McClennan on fiddle. Despite her young years, she performed with great maturity using subtle and original arrangements. In complete contrast to Emily's gentle approach was Jim Moray, who is making a name for himself for his original and, sometimes, experimental treatment of traditional songs. On this occasion, leaving his computer and special effects behind, he sang, played piano and guitar in his own distinctive 'attacking' style. Even if he was not your cup of tea, you had to admire his originality and fresh approach.

Top of the bill, after the interval, came the eagerly awaited John McCusker Band. In addition to John, the band members are all very accomplished performers in their own rights (melodeon virtuoso, Andy Cutting; guitar wizard, Ian Carr; double-bass player and singer, Kris Drever), a veritable 'super-group' if ever there was one! John himself has already had a distinguished career as a folk musician, including eleven years with Scotland's renowned Battlefield Band, and deservedly received the 'Folk Musician of the Year' award from the BBC last year. Not only is he a fine composer and fiddle player, but he also demonstrated considerable skill on cittern and whistle and, as the front-man, proved himself to be engaging and amusing, developing a great rapport with the audience.

They treated us to a wonderful set of tunes and songs with a strong Scottish flavour, all skilfully arranged and performed with great attention to detail. The capacity audience, not all of them folk fans, thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the band responded to their appreciation with two encores, inviting Emily, Jamie and Jim back on stage to play along with them. There was a real 'buzz' in the hall, quite unlike anything that I can remember in there in the past.

The Village Hall itself looked good with a special backdrop and extra lighting and the soundman did a great job with those tricky acoustics. Overall, a wonderful concert and a great credit to all those involved – not just the expert performers, but also the huge team who had organised it. Let's hope we can do it again some time!

Peter McDonald

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Senior Citizens Christmas Party



"Enjoying The Festivities."

This was held on 13th December in the Village Hall, when a delicious supper was enjoyed by more than 120 guests, wearing festive hats. This was followed by entertainment from Jean Champ Stage School, and then "Tommy Cooper" made a guest appearance - the magic tricks seemed as funny as ever. Congratulation and thanks must go to the Senior Citizens Committee for arranging a pleasurable and entertaining party, the food and transportation.



"Serving Festive Pudding."

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2003



"Waiting
At The Gate."

"Dressed
For The
Occasion (!?!)"



"Beatlemania"

Harbury All Saints' Christmas Fayre

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

The weather was very cold but thankfully dry, and I would like to say how much we enjoyed watching the Hereburgh Morris Dancing.

Our thanks also go to Father Christmas, who did his rounds in the pony and trap, kindly driven by Colin.



"Father Christmas Handing Out Sweets in The Pony And Trap"

The raffle raised a record £980, and a cheque will be presented to Myton Hospice. Santa's grotto was a popular attraction and our thanks go to Harbury School PTA for decorating it so magnificently.

The Fayre "buzzed" all afternoon, and the refreshment rooms were busy all afternoon as always. Harbury once again showed a real community spirit, and everyone seemed to enjoy the atmosphere.

Once again, many thanks for supporting the Fayre in such a generous way.

Colin Ingram

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AFRICAN EVENING



Hereburgh Morris

Our traditional Hangover Tour around the village started with a warm-up drink in The Crown Inn, after which we were ready to dance to an appreciative audience. The Dog Inn had not opened so we moved on to our next spot at The Gamecock. We had made some hockey sticks for a New Year's Eve game, and eager to use these again, we could not resist a game in the street. We then danced at The Shakespeare Inn and The Old New Inn, stopping on the way at John and Sharon's for a New Year's drink, and for a hot toddy at Steve and Maureen's.



"Dancing
Outside
The Crown,
On
1st January
2004."

We would like to say a big thank you to the licensees of the Harbury pubs for welcoming us; the audience for watching; John and Sharon for letting us 'dance for a drink on their drive', and everybody who donated so generously to the Friends of Quetta Hospital in Balutjistan (a charity supported by Harbury MAD). We raised £66.00.

Janny Freeman

Harbury Toddler Group

2003 was a good year for Toddler Group, and the Christmas Party on December 10th in the Village Hall brought everyone including former toddlers (now well-established Pre-schoolers), together for the last time before we broke up for the holidays. Approximately forty-five children and their respective carers attended the party, which proved a

great success. Our thanks go to "Liza the Diva" who entertained the children with a variety of songs, dancing and games. The children received a special visit from Father Christmas, and it was a delight to watch their faces. Thank you to all those who came along, who donated party food and items for the hamper, who sold quiz sheets, and gave their time to help set up and clear away.

Toddler Group meets twice weekly on Mondays at 10.00am-11.30am and Wednesdays at 1.30pm-3.00pm in the Wight School (behind the library). If you would like further information, please contact Elinor Priest (☎ 614135) or Nicky Kirk (☎ 614316).

We resume the Toddler Group on Wednesday 7th January, and look forward to 2004 being another good year.

Toddler Group Committee

Harbury Nursery School

It would not feel like Christmas without a children's Nativity and lots of parents, grandparents, relatives and carers filled the school hall to watch a lovely concert. Twenty-seven nursery children enjoyed demonstrating their



"The Nativity"



artwork, music, singing, drama and dancing. Many thanks to the parents who made such wonderful costumes; the sheep looked remarkably realistic!

NEW TERM: We welcome eight new starters to the Nursery, and are sure that they will settle in well. They will be enjoying exploring our new topic for the first half of the term of "Wintertime". This topic will involve the children in firsthand experiences of frost, ice and hopefully, snow! Winter weather is ideal as a starting point for lively language activities. Listen out for some of our new songs and poems. We will be using winter clothes as the inspiration for developing mathematical concepts, particularly sorting and matching.

FUNDRAISING: Many thanks to Imogen Johnston. The sale of all of her lovely calendars has meant that the Nursery has benefited by over £600. The nursery is very grateful for the efforts of all its parents towards fundraising as we are a charitable organisation, completely separate to school, and dependent on government funding, parental fees and fundraising to maintain a high quality of education.

DAY CARE: The Nursery is registered to offer hours from 9.00am through to 3.15pm. Parents also have the opportunity to add a lunch hour to either the end of morning sessions or the beginning of afternoon sessions. In conjunction with the before and after-school club (Kid's Club), it is now possible for your child to be cared for from 8.00am to 6.00pm at a very reasonable cost. Please ring for details as places are filling up for the summer term.

TRAINING: Congratulations to Marie, who has given up many of her evenings to acquire a certificate in First Aid. Further training this term will concentrate on the important issue of Child Protection.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the Nursery, or booking a place, please ring Kate Smart on 07906 519148 or 612609.

Nursery School Committee



Harbury Pre-School

PRE-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY: Our party was held on the last day of term. The children had a great time playing pass the parcel, dancing games and eating party food. Then parents (having enjoyed a glass of bucks fizz and a mince pie) were treated to a wonderful performance of "Five Little Angels" - involving counting, singing and magically disappearing angels - followed by a spellbinding retelling of the Nativity through a poem called "A Very Busy Day" (written by our

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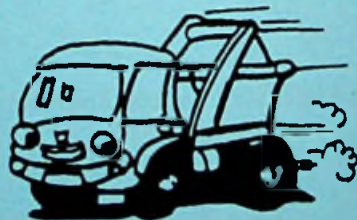
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"Santa Has Time To Chat!"

NEW TERM ACTIVITIES: During January, the children will be thinking about new beginnings and how the New Year is celebrated in different cultures. We are looking forward to welcoming our three new starters, Oliver, Rosie and Sophie, and hope that they enjoy many happy days at pre-school.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING: Many thanks to everyone who supported our December Coffee Morning. We had some wonderful cakes and toys for sale, complimented by some beautiful songs sung by our very own angelic Pre-School choir! We are particularly grateful to Compton International for their generous donation of £100. The event was very successful and with Barclays Bank sponsorship, raised over £400.

CHRISTMAS UNDER 5s DISCO: The village club was filled with petit disco dancers on Saturday 13th December when the Pre-School held its fourth Christmas Disco. The children had a wonderful time showing off their dance-floor talents, participating in pass-the-parcel, face painting, lucky dip, and a grand finale of a visit from Father Christmas!! Many thanks to everyone who helped to organise and run this very popular event.

QUIZ BOOKS: Our bright and cheerful quiz books have, once again, been very popular. Do not forget they could come in very handy for those wet and windy afternoons in January. A few are still available from Lana Long (☎ 613311) at a bargain price of £2 each. Completed quiz books need to be returned to Lana at 33 Mill Street by Friday 23rd January, 2004.

WIGHT SCHOOL REFURBISHMENT: When the children return to Pre-School in January, they will find a fresh new look, as the room has been redecorated and a brand new door has been fitted to smarten the entrance.

Our thanks go to the Trustees of the Wight School for their support. We are delighted that funding for the project has been provided by Stratford District Council and the Toddler Group (£1,000), the Local Network Children's Fund (£3,336), the Heart of England Co-Operative Society (£150) and the Stroud and Swindon Building Society (£100). Thank you to Sunil Mehra (Painting and Decorating) and Paul Winchester (the Door Store) for working hard over the Christmas holidays in order to have the improvements completed before the children return to Pre-school.

ABBA TRIBUTE NIGHT: Saturday 20th March, sees the return of our popular tribute night. This year, we have been lucky enough to book 'The Right Stuff' who will be performing two sets of live music, the main set will be Abba and the second set will be covers from the 1960's up to the present. Our tickets have sold out very quickly in previous years, so hurry – reserve your ticket by ringing Lana (☎ 613311). Tickets cost £12.50. A bar will be open, raffle tickets will be on sale, and refreshments will be available during the interval.

If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Jane Kempton, Chair, on 613786.

Pre-School Staff & Committee

Carol Singing By The Folk Club and Hereburgh Morris

On the evening of Thursday 18th December, a dozen singers and musicians from Harbury Folk Club and Hereburgh Morris went carol singing around the pubs of Harbury, starting at The Old New Inn and finishing at The Village Club.

It was not the busiest evening of the festive season, but we managed to raise £118 for Myton Hospice. We would like to thank the landlords, landladies, bar staff and their customers for their generosity and good humour.

Peter McDonald

Village Of The Year Competition The Final Result!

After a nail-biting wait, Calor announced its Village Of The Year for 2003 on 9th December. Unfortunately, on this occasion, Harbury just missed out on the top prize and had to be content with being awarded the winner of the Central Region, and an extra category prize for Older People. We now have £2,000 in prize money and a plaque to commemorate our success in finishing in the top six villages in England and Wales.

We would like to congratulate Ashington in Sussex for a fantastic effort, which culminated in them winning the overall competition.

Once again, many thanks to everyone who took part – it was a great experience and proved, yet again, what a wonderful community Harbury is.

Nicola Thompson

Congratulations - 50 Years

Many, many congratulations to Laurence and Betty Sheasby of Dickens Road as they celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. It being 50 years since they held their wedding party at Harbury Village Club on 19th December 1953.

As long-term residents of Harbury, Laurence was a former Harbury Albion football player.

While serving in Germany for the RAF, Laurence was only a few feet away from Rudolf Hess as he was brought to Berlin to commence his term of imprisonment in Spandau after the trial.



Photographs and information provided by Mike Bloxham

Trip Of A Lifetime



My name is Anna Harris, a resident of Harbury. I am 14 years old, and a student at Myton School.

In the summer of 2004, I will be participating in an expedition organised by the Brathay Exploration Group Trust to Belize in South America, where I shall be living deep in the rainforest for three and a half weeks.

While in Belize, I will explore and study the plants and animals in support of the Natural History Museum, while learning to survive in the hot and humid conditions. For the final part of the expedition, I will travel to the coast of Belize, to snorkel in the coral reef with sharks and rays.

In order for me to go on this trip of a lifetime, I need to raise £2,300. The trust allows money to be raised in any way, and this is

where, hopefully, the readers of the Harbury and Ladbroke News will get involved!

I would be extremely grateful if readers could donate any raffle prizes or sponsorship money, however small the amount. In return, I would write another article for the magazine, telling readers of my experiences in the rainforest, and memories that I am sure will last me a lifetime.

I am able to collect any raffle prizes or donations. If you do wish to sponsor me, please make cheques payable to The Brathay Exploration Group Trust. Please call 613148 if you can help. Thank you.

Anna Harris

Harbury Art Group, Tutorials 2004



The very popular tutorials have been running for over a year, and invite beginners or improvers. Internationally acclaimed water-colourist (NIC of the Daily Express) is the tutor.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Media</u>	<u>Subject</u>
January 15th	Watercolour	Winter Wonderland
February 5th	Mixed	Trees In Winter
February 19th	Watercolour	Flowers
March 4th	Soft Pastel & Watercolour	Beach Scene
March 18th	Pencil & Ink	Animals
April 1st	Watercolour	Reflections
April 15th	Mixed	Still Life
May 6th	Watercolour	Spring Flowers
May 20th	Soft Pastel	Fruit
June 3rd	Watercolour	Still Life
July 1st	Watercolour	Harbour Lights
July 15th	Coloured Pencil	Glass Objects
August 5th	Watercolour & Soft Pastel	Street Scene At Night
August 19th	Colour Mixing	Perspectives
September 2nd	Watercolour	Clouds On A Summer Day
October 7th	Soft Pastel & Watercolour	Stormy Clouds
October 21st (Trafalgar Day)	Watercolour	Autumn Fruits
November 4th	Watercolour	Autumn Colours
December 2nd	Watercolour	Christmas Greenery
December 16th	Watercolour	Christmas Fayre

Anyone interested in one or all of the tutorials, please ring me on 614104 for full details and to reserve a place, as soon as possible.

Bill Davies



Calling Anyone With Blood In Their Veins

The next blood collection session will be in Harbury Village Hall on Thursday 29th January, between 1.30pm-3.30pm and 4.30pm-7.30pm. Wintertime presents problems as increased illnesses affect both the need for blood products and the availability of donors, so please make every effort to attend. Hopefully the seasonal intake of alcohol will have worn off by then! New donors are especially needed, maybe someone who is just old enough at 18, but older and lapsed donors up to the age of 65, are of equal value.

Last August's session resulted in ninety-seven units being collected. Can we make it a century?

Gillian Hare

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Cora Hewitt, Coordinator

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Harbury And District Branch



Superb – the highest total yet! Thanks to the generosity of the people of Deppers Bridge, Ufton, Chesterton and Harbury, a staggering £1,987.21 was collected for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Once again, our special thanks to our band of collectors, and also donations from the Parish Council, the Ufton whist drive and the "Coffee Jar" from Deppers Bridge.

Unfortunately, due to illness, our trumpet player was unable to render his support at the Cenotaph – we wish him a speedy recovery.

The Coffee Morning was again highly successful, raising over £200. We greatly appreciate the support of everyone.

The Committee

Musings From A Country Garden (17)

CATS: December was not without excitement and action. I still have two cats, well it is two 'half cats' really. Ginger the feral cat is the most regular visitor (once every three or four nights); he comes during the night, and eats and drinks everything that is on the tray on the floor. Photographic evidence had proved that Michael and Marion at Chapel Ascote are feeding him too.

The black and white cat, Kipper, who spent five weeks on my compost heap, is an irregular visitor to the cottage, although he spends a lot of time in the copse. He does not eat in the cottage very often, I assume that he goes back to his owner for this purpose; although I have seen him, several times, going through the gate onto the bypass, so perhaps he has three homes? Typical cat! However, what Kipper does is visit me some nights at 3.00am(ish). The first indication I have that it is him, is that he jumps on my foot whilst I am in bed asleep; the first time he did this I nearly shot through the roof with fright. He then goes off and as I am out most of the day, I do not see him again unless it is raining and then he sleeps in the chair in the dining room.

BIRDS: A family of sparrows who are obviously over-wintering is currently using the bird box. During the recent very strong winds, the large bird table blew down into the ditch, and my very good friend, David, came to repair and reposition it. Prior to the repair of the table, the birds and squirrels were required to eat from the metal wheelbarrow, which they did without obvious fuss. The squirrels have been digging up the lawn while burying their nuts.

Winter is definitely upon us. Blackcap and the marsh tits are regular visitors and fieldfare were seen during the cold spell. The blackbirds and thrushes are consuming the chopped apples, and singing their thanks very heartily. The robins are around as usual; they appear to stand and talk back when spoken to, as do the marsh tits.

It is a privilege to commune with nature, I feel that 'Greenway' and her wildlife garden are well matched. Not many people have the time or the inclination to sit outside in all kinds of weather to talk to our furry and feathered friends.

HEDGEHOGS: A family of hedgehogs (assorted sizes) were obviously underweight and could not hibernate. Fortunately, I saw them accidentally on one of my nightly meanderings - they are such noisy eaters! I think I must have fed them for about ten days, and then I noticed that the food was being left, so I imagined that they had consumed sufficient for them to be able to go to ground. I have to admit that I did not know that their bodyweight had to be sufficiently high to enable them to hibernate safely until I heard it on a radio wildlife programme not long ago - one lives and learns.

Elsa Greenway



Horticultural Society

Our last meeting on December 2nd was very entertaining. Instead of a talk, we had a light-hearted quiz; many of the answers enhanced by a glass of wine. This was followed by the Christmas Party; all the food was supplied by the members – and what a spread! I heard someone say, "Best yet". Needless to say, yet another glass of wine followed to accompany the odd sausage roll! (I have not heard any complaints about noisy people leaving afterwards!)

The Bursary was drawn at the meeting - Mr Davies was a the lucky winner, and he will chose from a selected list of courses which we hope he will enjoy and find interesting.

"Potato" weekend at Ryton will be on Saturday 31st January and Sunday 1st February. It really is a very interesting event – lectures, cooking demonstrations, audience sampling of dishes, advice on pests and diseases, with experts on hand to help with queries. If you do go and want to purchase certain varieties (there are over 70 varieties on sale) get there early to avoid disappointment – selling starts at 9.30am. (Ron and I can recommend but not guarantee that!)

The talk on Tuesday 6th January entitled "The Strange And Wonderful World Of Plants" will be given by Mr Ian Nex and will commence at 8.00pm.

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 3rd February – A talk on "Conservatory Plants".

Muriel Grey

Gardening Notes For January

A wet January, a wet Spring is the old saying. Well it certainly started as a wet month, so we shall see how the rest of the month progresses. Previous records show that we get the coldest nights at the end of this month and into February, so if you still have slightly tender plants unprotected deal with those now. There is little to tempt one into the garden on dank, dark days but do check stored crops regularly. The mice have visited us and found our apples tasty, and whilst we do not mind sharing a few of those, it was a different matter when they started on the seed potatoes!

Complete planting shrubs and trees on suitable days. Check any autumn plantings and make sure they are firm in the soil. Tidy away any dead growth as it falls and fork out any perennial weeds such as docks and nettles. Check seed packets and sow seeds that need exposure to frost. Put the trays into a sheltered place but do not forget them. Repair wooden structures and do any other general repairs in the garden.

Do go out for a walk around your garden to view the 'bare bones' and to enjoy any winter fragrant flowers. Back inside the house, decide on any changes to be made and place orders for unusual plants you have set your heart on growing.

A Happy New Year to all gardeners and a welcome to those who are going to try to grow a few vegetables for the first time. You really will taste the difference.

PLANT OF THE MONTH - VIBURNUM FOETENS

Winter flowering shrubs planted near a door or window can cheer even the darkest days. Several of the viburnums, all hailing from the Himalayas or the mountains of China, fit the bill. *Viburnum foetens* score over the others by having a longer flowering period which lasts from late November to the end of February. *Viburnum* is the Latin name for arrow-wood, whilst 'foetens' means evil smelling. The leaves, if crushed do have a rather unpleasant smell but the large trusses of white flowers are delightfully scented. Plant it near a wall that receives winter sun to ensure more prolific flowering, but not on the east side where morning frost may damage the buds. The branches are rather too sturdy to allow it to grow as a wall shrub. The better-known and more easily found winter viburnums are *viburnum farreri*, still sometimes called *viburnum fragrans* and *viburnum bodnantense*. All bear their scented flowers on bare stems, and make a trouble free addition to the winter garden.



Pat Smith

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GOLDWORK

Tuesday 10th February, 10.00am-12.30pm, Ufton Village Hall.

The English were very famous for their goldwork in early church embroideries. Learn about its history, see antique embroideries and contemporary work, and have a go at this most absorbing craft. Felicity Howatson (our local expert) will be our speaker and instructor. Cost: £4.00 for the talk and demonstration, £3.00 for optional workshop including materials.

Please book as early as possible, as spaces are strictly limited for these events - contact Tracey Watts on 614413 for full details.

Karin Kirk

New Year Courses**EVENING COURSES AT SOUTHAM COLLEGE**

(All courses are for 10 weeks, starting at 7.30pm and finish at 9.30pm unless shown differently)

MONDAY 12TH JANUARY:

- Learn To Play The Guitar
- Lip-Reading
- Art Classes (including acrylic, oil and water colours painting)
- Wood Turning For The Beginner
- Spanish Language
- Cake Icing And Sugar Paste Flowers
- Computing Plus (for the more experienced user)
- Upholstery
- French Language (8-week course)
- Understanding And Using Aromatherapy
- Tai Chi For All

TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY:

- Cake Icing And Sugar Paste Flowers
- Introducing AS Psychology Term 2
- Basic Computing For All Who Are Frightened

Upholstery	
Salsa Dance (Beginners Course)	7.00pm-8.00pm
Salsa Dance (Second Term)	8.00pm-9.00pm
Flower Arranging Techniques - Floristry For All	
Understanding And Using Aromatherapy And Essential Oils	

WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY:

Begin Computing	
Cake Icing And Sugar Paste Flowers	
Italian Conversation (Term 2)	
Creating Sacred Spaces With Angels (mediation/oils/essences/colour by a Reiki Master)	
Pillow Lace Making (Bobbin Lace)	
Using A Digital Camera And How To Use The Software (Beginners)	
Flower Preparations For Spring and Easter	
Wood Turning For The Beginner	
Calligraphy	
Keep Fit For Men	

THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY:

Cake Icing And Sugar Paste Flowers	
Italian Starting Conversation	
Watercolour Painting	
Understanding And Using Aromatherapy	
Computing For Beginners	
Badminton For All	7.30pm - 8.30pm

DAYTIME COURSES AT SOUTHAM COLLEGE (in the Community Lounge)

Tuesday	Beginners Computing to New Clait (5 week course)	10.00am-12.00pm
Tuesday	Healing, crystals and meditation	1.00pm-3.00pm
Monday	Spanish Language	1.00pm- 3.00pm
Wednesday	Keep Fit To Music	9.30am-10.30am
Wednesday	Water Colour Painting	1.00pm-3.00pm
Thursday	Yoga For Relaxation	10.00am-12.00pm
Thursday	Water Colour Painting	1.00pm-3.00pm
Friday	Flower Preparations for Spring and Easter	10.00am-2.00pm
Friday	Water Colour Painting	1.00pm-3.00pm

New Italian course starting in February at Southam College**DAYTIME COURSES AT SOUTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Monday	Beginners computing	1.00pm-3.00pm
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DAYTIME COURSES AT HARBURY LIBRARY

Thursday	Computing Workshops	10.00am-11.00am
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EVENING COURSES AT HARBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday	Beginners computing	7.30pm-9.30pm
Thursday	Keep Fit To Music	7.00pm-8.00pm

EVENING COURSES AT THE TOM HAULEY ROOM, HARBURY

Wednesday	Yoga	7.30pm-9.30pm
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COURSES AT OFFCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday	Upholstery And Soft Furnishing	9.30am-11.30am
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COURSES AT LONG ITCHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday	Computer Keyboard Skills	1.00pm-3.00pm
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COURSES AT STOCKTON VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday	Upholstery And Soft Furnishing	1.00pm-3.00pm
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COURSES AT STOCKTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday	Basic Computing	7.30pm-9.30pm
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COURSES AT ST LAWRENCE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, NAPTON

Tuesday	Yoga	7.30pm-9.00pm
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COURSES AT BISHOPS ITCHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tues/Thurs	Basic Computing starting 20/01/04 (5 weeks)	7.30pm-9.30pm
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COURSES AT DUNCHURCH LIBRARY

Tuesday	Computing Workshop	9.30am-10.30am
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Most courses enrol and commence week beginning 12th January 2004.

The centre will be closed for Spring Half Term Holiday week for all centres beginning on Monday 16th February 2004 and finishing term around week beginning 22nd March.

The daytime Southam College site will be closed for the science week exhibition the week beginning 22nd March 2004.

The term will finish around the week beginning 29th March 2004.

The summer term will begin Monday 26th April 2004, half term beginning on Monday 31st May 2004.

The term will finish around week beginning 28th June 2004

Most evening Courses start at 7.30 and finish at 9.30pm although these times may change.

Fees are based on a charge of £24.50 for a 5-week course of 10 hours with 2 sessions of 5 weeks.

Where a course has fewer students, they will be given the option to continue but at a higher rate to cover the cost of tuition.

Cheques should be made payable to Southam College, and credit card enrolments are also available.

If you feel that you should be entitled to a discount please apply to Gerry Young by Telephone 01926 810942 or 01926 812560, or through the Internet at gdyoung1@aol.com. Gerry is a fulltime teacher so please leave a message on the answering service.

Those reserving places on computer courses are advised to book themselves into the classes before they arrive to save any disappointments.

These details may be change due to circumstances beyond our control.



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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

I would like to thank all friends and neighbours who sent cards of sympathy on the passing of my wife Sheila. I also wish thank Reverend Roy Brown for a wonderful service, the caterers for such splendid food, and Mr Goodwin the Funeral Director. Thank you.

Anthony Bugg

Dear Editors

On behalf on Jeanne and myself, may I thank everybody who baked and gave to our Cake Stall at the Christmas Fayre. We did not quite reach last year's total, but it was still a very worthwhile contribution to the event. Thank you all once again,

Muriel Grey

Dear Editors

On behalf of the Port Chaplains at Immingham, Felixstowe and Bristol, many many thanks to all of you who provided wool and knitted the hats this autumn. Over 100 hats arrived at the ports in time for Christmas and were distributed to Seafarers away from their loved ones. "Please tell the knitters that we have now got warm heads and are most happy". Bless you all, and please keep knitting!



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Many thanks,

Bill Davies

Dear Editors

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to support a Harbury MAD project.

On behalf of Christian Hospital Quetta, I must thank The Hereburgh Morris and the Harbury Folk Club for dedicating the collections at the New Year dancing and singing, to the women clinics in Ziarat and Mastung. Their effort raised more than £107 (Morris £66 and Folk club £41). Cheques will be sent to the Friends of Quetta Hospital, a registered Charity and I will report of the plans for 2004.

Wishing you a peaceful year ahead.

Marian Millington

Dear Editors

I would like to thank all friends and neighbours who were so kind with cards and presents to help me to recover from my operation. You will no doubt all be pleased to see how successful it has been - just wait for the hair to grow again now!

Yours sincerely

Catherine Spence

Dear Editors

We would like to say a very heartfelt thank you to all of our friends in Harbury, for their prayers and support following Mike's car accident whilst on holiday in Scotland in October 2003. Mike spent two months in hospital and returned home on 11th December. He is currently convalescing at home, make good progress, and would welcome any visitors who would like to call.

Chris & Mike Jones

Dear Editors

It always good when your children do well whatever their age, so it is great to announce that our daughter, Nicki Latham, who many will remember from Southam School and the Tennis Club, has just obtained her PhD on Type 2 Diabetes, which many people have and control by diet and exercise. She has become quite an authority lecturing all over Europe and the Middle East, even Sir Steven Redgrave was impressed with her expertise when he attended one of her lectures. I suppose we will have to call her Dr Nicki now.

May we take this opportunity to wish all our friends in the area a happy and healthy 2004. It was great seeing everybody in December.

Wendy & Barry Latham

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BADMINTON: Village Hall, (613174) Monday morning 10.00am-12.00noon;

(612627) Monday (Seniors) 7.00pm-9.00pm;

(613413) Tuesday (Club) 8.00pm-10.00pm (not in summer);

(612029) Friday (Juniors) 2.00pm-3.00pm;

(613340) Sunday 7.00pm-10.00pm (not in summer).

BELL RINGING PRACTICE: (613605) Church, Friday 7.30pm.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: (613207) various homes, 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month 2.00pm-3.30pm;

(612864) various homes, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 10.30am-12.00noon.

BOOKWORMS: (614793) Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday of the month 7.30pm.
BROWNIES: Scout Hut, Monday 6.15pm-7.30pm.
CHILDRENS DANCE CLASSES: (01789-842242) Farley Room, Wednesday 4.00pm-8.00pm.
CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, Friday 6.30pm.
COFFEE MORNING: Tom Hauley Room, Saturday 10.00am-12.00noon.
CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesday 6.30pm-8.00pm.
DROP-IN TEA: (612585) 19 Farm Street, 4th Wednesday of the month 2.30pm to 4.30pm.
GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, Monday 6.00pm-7.00pm.
HARBURY FOLK CLUB: Shakespeare Inn, 1st Thursday of the month 8.30pm.
HARBURY FRIENDS: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday of the month 8.00pm.
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Under 11s: Coach: Jim Farrell (612396), Saturday at Harbury School Pitch 9.00am.
Under 14s: Coach: Mick Pratt (817700), Saturday at Playing Fields 9.30am.
Under 16s: Coach: John Wilkins (612115), Saturday at Playing Fields (top pitch) 10.30am.
HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL: Harbury School, Monday to Thursday 9.00am-3.15pm;
 Friday 9.00am-1.00pm.
HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: (613786) Wight School, Tuesday-Friday 9.00am-1.00pm.
HARBURY THEATRE GROUP: (612009) Shakespeare Inn, last Tuesday of the month 8.00pm.
HARBURY TODDLER GROUP: (613311) Wight School, Monday 10.00am-11.30am and Wednesday
 1.30pm-3.00pm.
HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498.
HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: (613730) School Hall, Wednesday 8.00pm-10.00pm.
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Tom Hauley Room, 1st Tuesday of the month (Oct-May) 8.00pm
KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS: (612734) Scout Hut, Saturday 10.00am-12.00noon
LIBRARY: (613297) Monday 2.00pm-5.00pm and 5.30pm-7.00pm; Thursday 10.00am-1.00pm; 2.00pm-
 5.00pm and 5.30pm-7.00pm.
NETBALL CLUB: (613239) Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursday 6.30pm;
 Matches Saturday Afternoon.
SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursday 7.00pm.
PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP: (614274) Shakespeare Inn, 2nd Thursday of the month 8.00pm.
TENNIS CLUB: April to September:
Adults (614532), Tuesday and Thursday 6.30pm onwards (6.00pm for April and September);
 Wednesday 2.15pm onwards; Saturday 3.00pm-5.00pm.
Under 16s (613284), Sunday 10.00am-12.00pm, Wednesday 6.00pm-8.00pm, Thursday 4.15pm-
 6.00pm.
Non-Members may book courts at £2 per hour at Country Fayre on Chapel Street.
THURSDAY CLUB: (612273) Farley Room, 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month 2.30pm.
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday of the month 7.45pm.
YOGA: Dianne Surgey (817904) Tom Hauley Room, Wednesday 7.30pm-9.30pm.
YOUTH CLUB: (612688) Village Hall, Thursday 7.00pm-9.00pm.

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