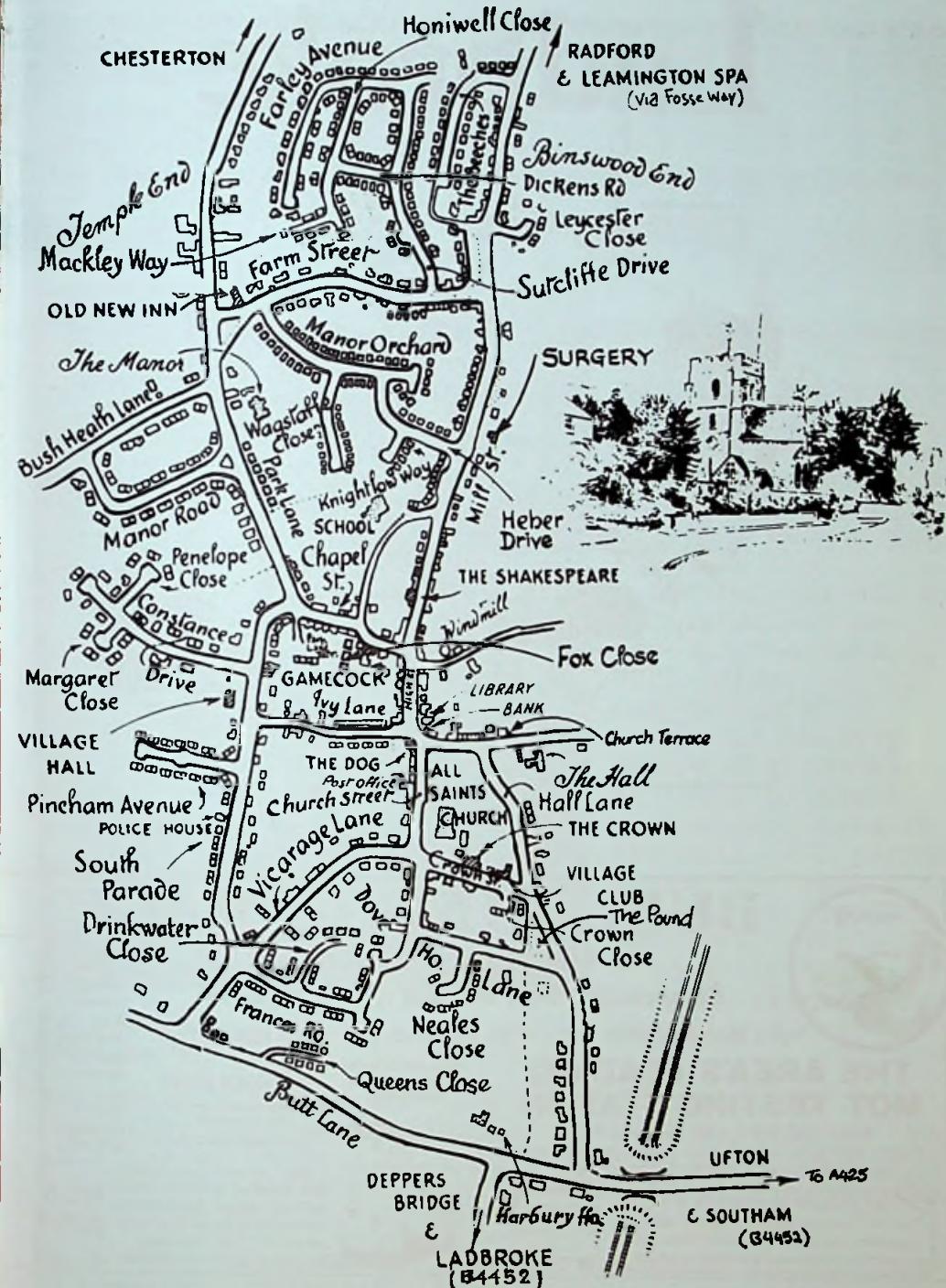
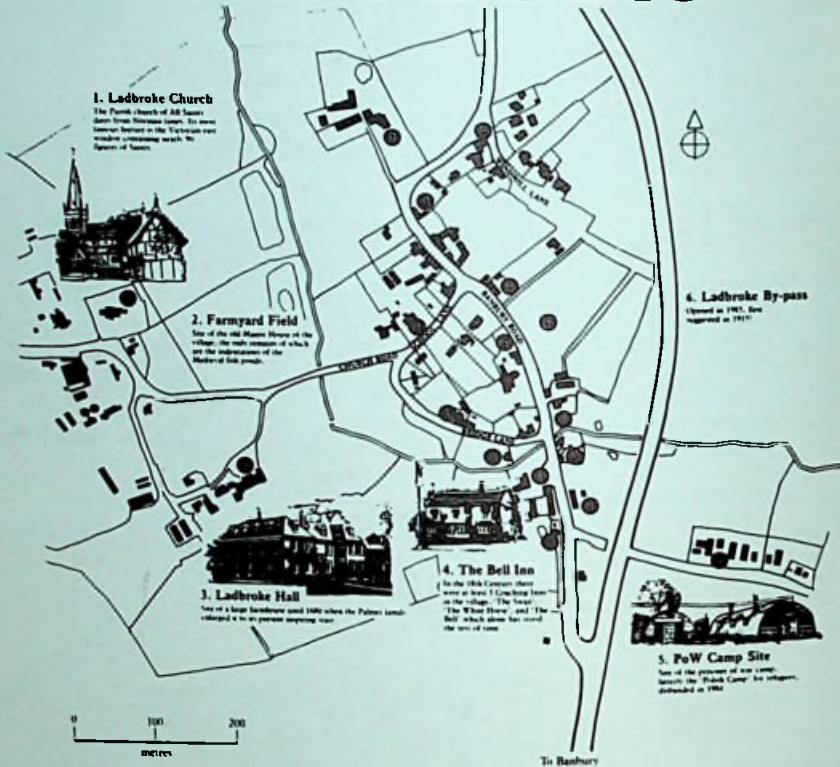


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On 29th Nov., Harbury Church said farewell to Canon and Mrs. Rowe, who have given so much in the nine years they have been in Harbury. They will not be too far away, in the beautiful village of Mickleton, so we hope to see them back often.

Canon Rowe's wonderful ability to find the right words at times of great sadness was used to the full in a packed church for the funeral of Tim Percival. Tim's courage in fighting a cruel illness won

the admiration of everyone and we extend our deepest sympathy to Carol, Ian, and Kathy.

This month also saw the loss of another village character, Charles Keeling, after a long illness. He was a Parish Councillor, and a skilled craftsman, who replaced the sails on Chesterton Windmill - a splendid memorial to him.

The Harbury News welcomes two new members to the team this month. David Hill has taken over the advertising

so please note that all advertising copy should now go to him at 30, Mill Street. Anthony Andrews is our new youth editor, replacing Anna Macgowan.

Our printers are closed over the Christmas and New Year Holiday, so editing date next month is JANUARY 3

Finally we wish all our readers Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Harbury Diary

DECEMBER

- Sun 6 ADVENT II 9am Sung Eucharist, 10.30am Family Service,
4pm Evensong
Conservatives Lunchtime Drinks Party, 12noon at Flax
Hill, Harbury Lane, Ufton
- Mon 7 Praise & Prayer in Church
- Tues 8 Mothers & Toddlers Service, 2.15pm
Myton Hospice Meeting, 7.30pm in T.Hauley Room
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Southam Shcool PTA Christmas Bingo in School Hall
Village Hall Committee, 8pm in V.Hall
Senior Citizens Committee, 8.30pm in V.Hall
- Wed 8 Youth Club, 8pm in V.Hall
Christmas Bazaar, 7pm Old New Inn
- Thur 10 Holy Communion, 9.45am
Thursday Club Carol Service, 2.30pm in Church
WI, 7.45pm in V.Hall
- Fri 11 Cricket Club Dinner
- Sat 12 Coffee Morning for Brownies, 10am to noon in T.Hauley
Rugby 1st and 3rds Oxford Marathon
- Sun 13 ADVENT III 8am Holy Comm., 10.30am Sung Eucharist,
Crusaders in T.Hauley Room, Ecumenical Service with
the Revd. Fr. Joseph McGee, School Chaplain of
Princethorpe College
- Mon 14 Word of God, 8pm at the Spiers, Chesterton Road
Bible Study Meeting, 8pm
- Tues 15 Myton Hospice Coffee Morning, 10 till noon
NO Mothers Union
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 16 Harbury School Christmas Assembly, 9.30am in Church
Youth Club, 8pm in V.Hall
- Thur 17 Holy Communion, 9.45am
Whist, 7.30pm in V.Hall



- Sat 19 Mens Prayer Breakfast, 7.30am
Rugby 2nd & 4th Southam
- Sun 20 ADVENT IV 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer),
10.30am Sung Eucharist, Evensong
SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
- Mon 21 Shortest Day
Praise & Prayer at 4 Leycester Close
- Tues 22 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
NO Julial Meeting
- Thur 24 CHRISTMAS EVE - 2pm dressing the Crib Service,
6.30pm Village Carol Service
Commencing at 11.15pm THE MIDNIGHT MASS
- Fri 25 CHRISTMAS DAY - 9am Christmas Morning Eucharist
- Sat 26 St. STEPHEN - BOXING DAY
Football at the Playing Fields
- Sun 27 CHRISTMAS I 8am Holy Communion, 10.30 Sung Eucharist,
NO Evensong
- Mon 28 Rugby John Bromley XV v Kenilworth
- Tues 29 St. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - 7.30pm Holy Communion
- Thur 31 NEW YEARS EVE
Holy Communion, 9.45am
Football Dance in V.Hall, Fancy Dress Disco 8pm till late

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- Fri 1 NEW YEARS DAY
- Sat 2 Coffee Morning, 10am to noon T.Hauley Room for the
Church Organ Fund
Rugby 1st XV v Nuneaton III 3XV v Coventry Po.
- Sun 3 CHRISTMAS II - 9am Sung Eucharist, 10.30am Family Service,
(Ceremony of Christingle), 4pm Evensong
Antiques Fair in V.Hall
ARTICLES TO 31 BINSWOOD END by TODAY PLEASE
- Tues 5 THE EVE OF EPIPHANY - 7.30 Holy Communion
Horticultural Soc., 8pm V.Hall, Bob Sherman on the
Edible Garden
- Wed 6 Mothers Union Party, 3pm T.Hauley Room
Youth Club, 8pm V.Hall
- Thur 7 Holy Communion, 9.45am
Mens Society, 7.45pm
Folk Club, 8.30pm Lounge of Old New Inn
- Fri 8 Cake Stall, 10 to noon Dog Inn Car Park for Harbury
Nursery Playgroup
Theatre Group "Inspector Calls", 8pm V.Hall
- Sat 9 Theatre Group "Inspector Calls", 8pm V.Hall

R.S.P.C.A. Coffee Morning - Another record of £250. Many thanks to all helpers and supporters.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

HARBURY CRUSADERS: Tom Hauley Room, 10.30am Sundays

UPHOLSTERY CLASSES: Wight School, 2-4pm Mondays

GYMNASISTICS: Harbury School, 6-7pm (under 7 & beginners)

7-8pm (7-10yrs), 8-9pm (over 10yrs) Mondays

GUIDES: Scout Hut, 7pm Mondays

BINGO: Village Hall, 8pm Mondays

TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, 10-11.30am Mondays &

2-3.30pm Wednesdays

PLAYGROUP: Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings

NURSERY SCHOOL: Village Hall, Tues to Fri mornings

BROWNIES: Village Hall every Tuesday at 6.15pm

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tues & Thurs

BADMINTON: Village Hall every Tuesday

HARBURY FRIENDS: School, 8pm 2nd Tuesday of month

BABY CLINIC: New Surgery, 2-4pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

YOUTH CLUB: Village Hall, 7.30 - 9.30pm Wednesdays

DANCING CLASSES: Children & Adults, Farley Room,

Village Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: School Hall, 8pm Wednesdays

NETBALL CLUB: Village Hall Car Park - Training Thursday

6.30pm - Matches Saturday afternoon

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: Old New Inn, 8.30pm 1st Thurs of month

THURSDAY CLUB: Village Hall, 2.30pm 2nd & 4th Thursday

CUBS: Scout Hut, every Wednesday

W.I.: Village Hall, 7.45pm 2nd Thursday of month

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, 6.30pm every Friday

BELLRINGING PRACTICE: Church, 7.30pm every Friday

THEATRE GROUP: Wight School, 8pm last Friday of month

COFFEE MORNING: every Saturday Tom Hauley Room 10am-12pm

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU: over Southam Magistrates Court,

every Tuesday (except Bank Holidays) 10am-3pm

TENNIS CLUB: (April-Sept) Tues & Thurs 6.30pm onwards

(6pm for April) Sats 2-5pm, Mon & Wed 1.45-3pm

YOGA: Village Hall, 1.30-3pm Monday, Diane Surgey 817904

DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO:

LINDA RIDGLEY - TELEPHONE 612792

For Village Hall Bookings

ring Mrs Hughes 612716

For Wight School Bookings

ring Mrs Hayes 613488

For Tom Hauley Room Bookings

ring Mrs Smith 613680

Congratulations to John and Rene Drinkwater of Mill Street who
celebrated their Golden Wedding on October 31st.



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Sung Eucharist 10.30am

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FINAL NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

Before I leave Harbury and Ladbroke, I want to tell you once again, how much I have appreciated being the Rector of two superb parishes. Not only having two lovely 13th Century church buildings set in the finest part of Warwickshire, but being caught up in the life of two lively and friendly communities.

Neither Jean nor I really want to leave and would much prefer to stay, but the unwritten rule of a Rector or a Vicar leaving the parish clear for his successor is not so unwise and possibly in the long run makes good sense. Our hope must be that our new village will in some way match up to all we have grown accustomed to in the last decade (well almost). Please do not imagine that we shall forget everyone in Ladbroke and Harbury. Indeed we shall think of you often and with great love and affection. We dare to hope too that you will not forget us and that should you be in the

vicinity of Mickleton you will visit us. From afar we shall retain a lively interest in all that goes on back here.

I am sure you will afford the new Rector when he is appointed, the sort of welcome and support you have given to us and I am sure he will soon discover what a fortunate man he is to have been appointed to such excellent parishes.

I look forward to returning briefly at Christmas and wishing you every blessing and joy at that festival.

In the meantime:-

"The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you his peace now and always,

Amen".

ANTONY ROWE

HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday 15th November at All Saints' Harbury

CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY, son of Jeremy Patrick Irwin and Camelia Ann BRASH, 8 South Parade, Harbury.

FUNERALS

Thursday 5th November at All Saints' Harbury
TIM PERCIVAL, 20 South Parade, Harbury, 52 yrs

Monday 23rd November at All Saints' Harbury
CHARLIE KEELING, 24 Frances Road, Harbury, 84 yrs

Tuesday 1st December at All Saints' Harbury
DORIS KATE HAWKINS, Leycester Close, Harbury, 83 yrs

INTERMENT OF ASHES at All Saints' Ladbroke

Wednesday 11th November

HILDA CLARA LITTLEFORD, 50 Newnham Road, Lillington.

The Revd. Canon A.S.B. ROWE - a tribute.

Last weekend we said "au revoir" to our Rector; "au revoir" rather than "goodbye" because he and Jean will be living at Mickleton in Gloucestershire - not too far away and we hope to see him from time to time.



During his nine years as our Parish Priest, we have come to regard him very highly. His dedication to Our Lord is absolute, and because of that his ministry to the people of Harbury and Ladbroke has been of a very high order. Whether Churchgoers or not, all were precious in his sight. Their concerns were his concerns, as many who have suffered bereavement will confirm.

Equally, we relished his sense of humour and fun. He was always ready to see the funny side of a situation - often at his own expense when one of his memorable slips-of-the-tongue delighted us!

We wish Canon and Mrs. Rowe a long peaceful and happy retirement. He has been an excellent Parish Priest and, as they say, will be a hard act to follow.

Beryl & John.



FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS.

The Rector's farewell services were, of course, well attended and benefitted from extra choir members which added to the occasion. Whilst in many ways the day was a sad one, the overall feeling was one of thankfulness for

all that he has done here and of good wishes for a more peaceful future. The Farewell Lunch was just right and the many presentations made it clear that both the Rector and Jean are held in great esteem.

Not only were we saying farewell to Canon Rowe and Jean but also to Ken Nordan and to Gordon Haynes our talented and faithful organists. Ken has been with us for some 14 years; his playing being a delight and full of verve. Gordon has been the mainstay of Evensong even though there have often been so few to appreciate the contribution he has made to this beautiful act of worship. They will both be missed greatly.

We do not know how long it will be before a new Rector is appointed but we should be prepared for it to take at least until after Easter. The first meeting with the Bishop of Warwick (representing Bishop Simon) will take place on Dec. 1st and will mark the real commencement of the process.

Meanwhile, the churchwardens are responsible for ensuring that the worship in our church continues as near normally as possible. Fr. Peter Snow has kindly agreed to shoulder the majority of the services at both Harbury and at Ladbroke, and we have arranged for other priests to take the Eucharist services and for Lay-readers to lead evensong on most Sundays.

Neither Church Warden has been through an interregnum before so we do ask for your help and understanding if things sometimes turn out to be different or unusual! Our objective is to continue with services as usual but it might be as well to listen carefully to the notices in church - in case a regularly held service has had to be changed.

BERYL and JOHN.

COUNTING BLESSINGS

Inevitably there was an undercurrent of sadness on November 3rd at the last regular PCC meeting under Canon Rowe's chairmanship before his retirement on November 30; a meeting which, of necessity, had to consider certain daunting aspects of the immediate future. However we were able to count among our blessings generous offers of assistance during the interregnum from two retired clergy, the Revd.

Peter Snow, of Harbury, and Canon Tom Mander, from Whitnash. Already Harbury's regular Sunday 8am and Sung Eucharist services are assured, and Evensong arrangements are being actively pursued. Although a combined family service and simple communion will be held occasionally during the interregnum, a decision on the Crusaders' once-a-month suggestion must now await the appointment of the new Rector.

The urgency of completing repairs to the entire roof was highlighted when it was reported that water from a leak has caused damage to the organ pedal-board chamber which will cost £892.00 plus VAT to repair, and other remedial work will add £391.00 to the organ bill. Appreciation of the valuable contributions of organists Ken Nordon and Gordon Haynes to the music of the church was expressed when their respective retirements on November 29 were announced. Happily Clive Watts has consented to play at Sung Eucharist as regularly as possible, and the Ladbroke organist, Michael Short, has promised his support.

Concern is felt about the effect of a leak in the tower roof from which water is falling on the bell frame and soaking into the ringing floor, threatening dire consequences. Prompt repair action is being undertaken.

All who make payments to the church by cheque are requested in future to make them payable simply to: "HARBURY CHURCH" in order to satisfy bank requirements and avoid clearance complications and delays.

The new church boiler is working satisfactorily after initial hiccups, and a determined attempt is being made to recover VAT to the tune of £1500.00.

The Tom Hauley Room trustees reminded all church-based groups that to prevent the possibility of 'double bookings', embarrassment and disappointment, they, like everyone else, must book the Tom Hauley Room in advance through Joan Smith (Tel.: 613680).

In its first year the Nehemiah Trust supporting Dr. Joanna Watson's work in Romania has raised £15,000.00.

The theme of this year's Christmas Fayre on Dec. 5 will be pantomime characters.

Father Joseph McGee, Chaplain of Princeethorpe School,

will preach at the Ecumenical service on Dec. 13 at 4pm
There will be free coffee and mince pies in the
Tom Hauley Room on Saturday morning, December 19.
The Church stall at the Victorian Street Fair on
October 3rd raised £92.00.

John Algar



MOTHERS' UNION

We had two inspiring speakers last month. At the afternoon meeting Mrs. Barbara Hodge told us about her visit to Brazil. She and her husband stayed with friends who minister spiritually and practically to the people who live in shanty-towns or "favellas". She was moved by the plight of the people and by their fight to improve their living conditions, and she has helped to start a charity which provides materials for the people to build themselves better houses.

The Revd. Gillian Sanderson, at our evening meeting, talked about the church's healing ministry. She showed us how the Bible makes quite clear that Jesus came to heal people in body as well as soul, how God wants us to be physically well, and how Jesus' disciples were commissioned to heal. She emphasised that the healing power is from God and not from the individual healer and that all of us can pray for healing but that special healing services are also very helpful. We were pleased to welcome a number of visitors to this meeting.

Please note that there is no evening meeting in Dec.

C. Mary Catt

THE LEAMINGTON CHRISTIAN MISSION

Two years ago a Leamington Christian couple believed God was calling them to help the homeless of the town. The Leamington Christian Mission was formed and what has happened since then was the subject of an inspiring talk about their work. They befriend and comfort the homeless, including some alcoholics and solvent abusers, who are sleeping rough. The backgrounds of the majority of these unfortunate people are tragic. Now they are being treated with love and respect and gradually they are realising that they are cared about and valued.

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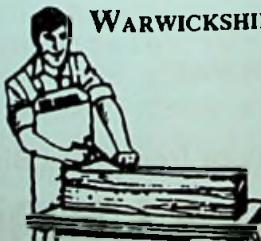
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When some families, who have been in Bed and Breakfast accommodation, are eventually rehoused, the Mission helps to provide furniture they need. They also provide food and clothing to some on very low incomes to help them stay free from debt. Gradually the Leamington Christian Mission is growing bigger. Already they have around 150 people on their books and plans are afoot to run a second van. They work closely with the Council, Police and Social Services. Many Leamington churches help them, but the needs are great and we are hoping that Harbury people will also want to respond on a regular basis. Blankets, tins and packets of food, good men's shoes are needed constantly. Christmas is approaching and it is hoped to give presents, so food for food parcels, unwanted gifts and good used toys would be very useful. If you can supply any of these items we would be very pleased to receive them. Please leave at 19 Farm St. or 4 Sutcliffe Drive. Transport can also be arranged for larger items of good secondhand furniture and cookers etc. For more information please contact either Elizabeth Suttie, 613209 or

Jill Winter, 612585

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR OCTOBER 1992

As no-one had come forward to fill the vacancy, the Chairman's suggestion that John Hunt be co-opted was approved. However, that did not solve all the problems because Richard Wells had also tendered his resignation and there is now another vacancy. Therefore even fewer Parish Councillors than usual were present at the October meeting, but the audience of thirteen helped fill the Hall.

Ed Wilson reported that there was some progress with Severn Trent on the problems their lack of sewage processing capacity were causing to the low-cost housing initiative. Veronica Toweller from the

County explained Allotments land might be available with the possibility of extra land to replace that developed.

Bruce Teuton gave news of the progress of the Sewer replacement scheme and reported difficulties with the ground and the weather at Deppers, but they still hoped to start at Hall Lane, by 9th November. The trench there will be 7 metres deep. A plan showing the diversion from Station Road for Buses and HGVs would be displayed in the Library.

Stratford District granted permission for extensions and conversions at 35 Mill Street; Yew Tree Cottage, Mill Street; 32 South Parade; 6 Pineham Avenue and 7 Park Lane, but they refused an application to change an implement store at Square Close into a dwelling.

The Parish Council registered no objection to plans for an extension at 11 South Parade or to remove 20 feet from the Yew Tree at the corner of Back Lane. They did, however, agree to ask the Arboriculture officer of Stratford District to advise on the pollarding and thinning of trees at Walnut Tree Cottage, Hall Lane and they said they did not like the new access to the planned Meadow Farm at the Model Farm site.

The Dovehouse Lane lamp was lit and as Cllr Midge Keen had been told that Mercury lights were being phased out, several sodium lamps have been installed as an experiment. The Clerk was asked to provide comparative costs for the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked colleague Keith Thompson who 'had been at pains' to draw up a survey of pavements needing repair, (he had sought them out by bicycle!)

Bill Middleton had not yet arranged a meeting with the Ladies Netball Club to set up a Sinking Fund for repairs to the pitch.

Cllr Steve Norman volunteered to map responsibility for grass mowing so negotiations with the District and County could be facilitated.

The District has cut back still further on the pot of money it sets aside to reimburse Parish Councils for maintenance they undertake for which charge payers have paid in their District Rate.

Seventeen hundred pounds has been spent on travel tokens for the OAPs and these will be distributed by Mrs Waddell and her helpers. The Village Taxi Bus service starts in November.

Ed Wilson, temporarily landed with the Council's financial problems reported that the 1991-2 estimated expenditure was £12,000 but he projected that it would be nearer £16,500. This would reduce the Council's balances and he thought that for 1992-3, allowing for inflation at 5% and £4,000 needed for the Hopscotch Play Equipment scheme, the Council's precept had to go up to £20,000.

Such a large increase, the Cllrs thought, ought to be endorsed by a Parish Meeting and one will be called.

Linda Ridgley

THE PARISH MEETING

The Parish meeting is a very old institution and a most democratic one.

Harbury's Parish Meeting on Wed. 25th Nov. was called to give the Parish Council a mandate to increase the precept and it led to a "full and frank" discussion of the issues involved.

Five years ago Harbury was raising a Rate of £13,000 per annum, a sum that was by no means excessive at the time. Unfortunately the Council made the mistake of trying to keep the precept to that level and over the ensuing years calls on their funds have increased whilst the revenue they raise has not.

New treasurer Ed Wilson, looked at the figures and realised that by the end of this year the Council would have had to draw on its reserves to such an extent that only £2,000 would remain. He recommended that to cover the working expenses of the next year the precept would have to be raised to £16,000 without taking into account the Council's commitment to Hopscotch to match the funds they raised for improvements to the Play area. That would bump up the Council Tax Charge from the present £5.54 to £8.53 an increase of almost £3 per payer.

Needless to say Hopscotch was out in force to fight their corner but there were formidable adversaries.

It is a tribute to the Institution of the Parish Meeting that whilst everyone had their say, the arguments were reasoned and good natured. Hopscotch put forward the results of their survey showing

support for improvements to the Play Equipment and pressed the Council hard for a firm commitment to spend £11,000 this year and however much it cost over the next 5 years to upgrade the area, but Ed Wilson was adamant that he could not tie a future Council to such a contract. Beverley Walsh argued that Hopscotch had agreed to fund raise for the scheme to show its commitment, and Amanda Randall announced that they had greatly exceeded their expectations and now had £6,000 to show for their efforts.

Robert Grant and Alan Guy were less subtle in their attempts to extract promises of finance from the Parish Council but their arguments were balanced by those of John Woodward who thought that voluntary effort and fund raising were the way forward and Mal Eaton who remained to be convinced that new equipment was needed although she agreed with dog proofing and safety work.

Just when it appeared things had reached an impasse John Woodward released the tension by asking if the £4,000 extra would make a significant contribution to the Play Equipment Scheme. The answer came - YES! "Then go ahead", he said, to relieved applause.

And that is why for 1993 Harbury will precept for £20,000. If you don't like it, there is no excuse - you should have been there.

Linda Ridgley



HARBURY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 1992

An enthusiastic audience assembled in the Tom Hauley Room to hear Jeff Lewis, a Wildlife Consultant give an illustrated talk on Badgers.

The Badger is well-loved, but because it is nocturnal few people ever see one, although most know that it has a black and white head with a silvery grey (sometimes orange) back. Badgers are Mustelids, related to the Weasels, Polecats, Stoats and Otters. But unlike their cousins who are exclusively Carnivores, Badgers will eat almost anything.

Badgers are social animals and live in family groups with a territory radiating about 1 km from their setts. The Sett has a system of holes and burrows with enormous excavations of spoil heaps.

It is a Woodland animal but does occur elsewhere. Geoff knows of a sett near Rugby in an open field.

Badgers do not have sharp eyesight but their sense of smell is acute and they use it to find their way. When it is windy and scent cannot be relied upon, Badgers will stay in their Setts. They scent mark each other so that they are identified by a Sett smell.

Badgers are not pests but they can cause some problems by trampling corn or bogging down machinery when their holes collapse. In Coventry a canal embankment they were undermining had to be re-enforced and at Harborough Magna the County must periodically resurface the road under which they have a sett.

The biggest threats to Badgers are man based and large numbers are killed on the roads. The Dept. of Transport is very conscious of the fact that hitting a Badger at speed can cause serious damage to vehicles and their occupants and they now put tunnels under Motorways and fencing to deter the animals. There are three on the M40.

A New Year Social (provisionally for 25th Jan.), and a trip to a Sewage Works are being arranged; and information on methods of Traffic Calming is being collected - more news of these later.

Linda Ridgley

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Last month I omitted to mention what an enjoyable Harvest Supper we had, excellent food prepared by committee and members with super entertainment by Roxanne & Cyril Bennis. As we said afterwards: "Follow that!"

Mrs. M. Dove was our V.C.O. at November's meeting and Dorothy Groves was again voted President, Celia Barrett, Secretary and Peggy Middleton, Treasurer with a good supporting committee for the coming year.

We had a pleasant evening at Notcutts Garden Centre. Almost 3000 W.I. members were there.

A handful of our merry band are once again participating in Darts and hope to go further next year.

The next meeting will be on the 10th Dec. Please bring contributions for the parcel for the mothers and children of Slovenia and the present for the bran tub.

The Group Carol Service will be at Ufton this year. Christmas wishes to everyone.

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

When the Christmas Festivities are over and have left you either rejuvenated or totally wrecked, there's something to look forward to.

Harbury Theatre Group has taken advantage of a Two-Evening gap in Village Hall Bookings to bring you a play. "An Inspector Calls", by J.B. Priestley is both moving and thought provoking. The moral dilemmas facing the Birling family are as relevant today as they were in 1912, the year in which the play is set.

"The Inspector" had Rave Reviews in London and though we cannot hope to match the splendid performance at the National, we feel strongly enough to give you a good evening's entertainment.

Remember, two performances only - on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th January at 8pm. Tickets from Mr. Lindop or any member of the group.

We are already looking ahead to our Spring production the comedy "A Fish out of Water", by Derek Benfield.

A play reading and audition will be held at the Wight School on Monday 11th Jan. at 8pm. All are welcome so whether you are a pink cheeked beginner or a ruddy old trouper do come along, even if it's to make the tea!

Mary Shelley / Chris Barber

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

On November 5th, the Folk Club should have had a strong fire and firework theme but it was only Pete & Liz who came prepared with "Tim MacGuire", a song about a young pyromaniac.



The silliest name of the evening was undoubtedly the "Two Mandies" but, to everyone's relief, this was explained when we saw that Rup played a mandolin and Stewart a mandola. Relying on well-proven and less ambiguous names were the Jug Band (with a little help from Steve on "Champagne Charlie"), Phil & Drill (featuring a number from that well-known Welsh folk singer Dai R. Straits) and the Harvesters (with a second performance of one of their own songs, "A Cut above the Normal Afair"). As the only soloists, Steve, Bren and I had no choice but to appear as ourselves; Steve's "Lancashire Hills" was particularly appreciated by the audience.

The raffle raised £29.22 for the RNLI in Tim Percival's memory. By the time you read this, we'll have had our Christmas session with Steve Dudley as the special guest, and we'll be looking forward to a special theme night on January 7th. Watch the noticeboards for details!

Peter McDonald

HARBURY SCOUTS AND GUIDES SUPPORT COMMITTEE

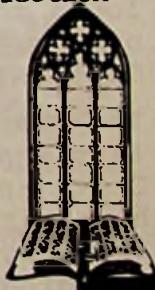
The Village Bonfire and Fireworks went with a bang as always (sorry!) and the soup, hot-dogs and waggon wheels seemed to be appreciated.

By the time this is read our contribution to the Christmas Fair (a teddy tombola) will probably have passed.

On January 16th we shall hope to raise some money for our own funds with a Jumble and Nearly New Sale, so this is an early warning to start sorting out those things you have grown tired of/grown out of. Details about collection of Jumble will appear in next month's Harbury News.

Thank you for continuing to save newspapers; it is a regular source of income for us. The next collection is on 20th December (19th in Deppers Bridge).

Jo Tancock



HARBURY NURSERY PLAYGROUP - VILLAGE HALL

As you already know, we are taking over Hopscotch cake stall and with the kind permission of Ray and Annie from the Dog Inn we will be holding a stall every first Friday of the month alternately with the other playgroup (Wight School). Our first cake stall will begin on Friday 8th January, so please come along and support us.

Cake Stall Committee



HARBURY RUGBY CLUB

After a very disappointing start to the season when we lost to both Warwick and Alcester the 1st team have rallied and have won the last four league games. The highlight of these was to beat Atherstone for the first time since 1979 - and that was in the Warwickshire Cup. So Harbury enter 1993 joint top of Staffordshire/Warwickshire League Div. III.

The turnaround in form is largely due to Steve Angle, John Fry and Graham Lewis who have (temporarily) halted playing to take on the coaching and running the playing of the 1st and 2nd team. Full marks to them, the confidence of the players is now better than any time this season. The 2nd team has recorded some good wins and 3rd and 4th whilst enjoying their rugby are having mixed results - enough said!

I. Holroyd

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

Since last reporting in 198..! we thought it about time to inform the village that the football club is still alive and kicking. The 1st team are now in the Premier Division, after achieving promotion in the 1991/92 season. The team is confident after some good results in both league and cup games, and with the right blend of youth and experience, the team looks to have a secure and promising base for a number of seasons to come, 'under the guidance of Dave Wallington'.

The reserve team, after being relegated to Div. 5 last season, have re-grouped under the management of Craig Knowles and after a poor start to this season, have since greatly improved to record some promising results, with the village youngsters in the side moulding into a good team.

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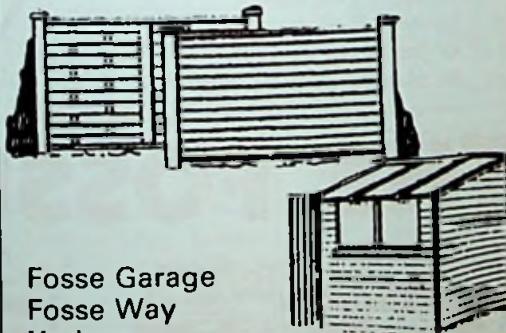
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The social side of the club has never been better and the fund raising greatly improved with the help of a few members. We have recently held a Race Night at the Village Social Club which was well attended and very successful, and we wish to send a big thank you to the sponsors of the races and the partners alike.

Our next event will be the annual New Years Eve Fancy Dress Disco at the V.Hall, the tickets will be on sale shortly at a cost of £3.50 and can be bought from Steve Evans, Paul Turner and Andy Latham 613683.

Also we will be having our annual Boxing Day football match at the playing fields (K.O. 10.30am), and this year the emphasis will be on a FUN morning with players past and present performing a few skills (note the word few) for the anticipated large crowd, please come along and join in this amusing morning.

A. Latham



HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

We are now well into the season, with all our four teams having gained some good wins, and standing in the top half of their leagues. Congratulations to our 'A' team this week for having scored the magnificent totals of 50 goals in their match. Well Done Girls!!

Our Autumn Fayre held on the 7th Nov. was a successful fund raiser for the club, so we must thank all of you who turned out to support this event. Special thanks goes out from the club to Pat Summers for all her hard work in organising and setting up the Fayre. Many thanks Pat.

It just goes to say that we Wish you all Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kay West-Latham, HNC Secr.

HOPSCOTCH

Hopscotch was delighted to receive a cheque for £400 from CONOCO this month, bringing the total raised for playground improvements to a fantastic £6078! We are now in the exciting position of looking forward to seeing new developments, with luck, next summer.

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Hopscotch was represented at the Parish Meeting earlier in the month and we were pleased with the outcome of that meeting. We hope to make a formal public presentation of Hopscotch's contribution to the playground improvements on the implementation of Phase 1.

There is just one remaining Hopscotch Cake Stall at the Dog Inn Car Park on Friday 4th December, after which active fundraising ceases. We do have a couple more grant applications to make, although we have no guarantee of success. We can but hope!

Thank you for great support.

Amanda Randall



HEALTH MATTERS

Once more Christmas approaches and the excitement begins to build up.

Our theme for this MERRY SEASON has to be SAFETY.

SAFETY in the HOME

SAFETY on the ROAD

SAFETY at WORK

AT HOME: - Please check all electrical equipment is in GOOD working order, particularly the CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS.

- Check all toys purchased have a Trading Standards registered mark of Safety clearly shown.

- Take care that polythene bags are not left about for small children to pull over their heads.

ON THE ROAD: Cyclists/motor cyclists - please wear clothes so that motorists can clearly see you. Check that your lights are functioning properly and that your bicycle/motor cycle is in good working order.

Motorists - DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE.

AT WORK: The office party looms on the horizon. DO NOT "DOCTOR" DRINKS for unsuspecting colleagues. Alcohol poisoning is a KILLER.

TAKE A TAXI HOME!

May I wish you all a very happy Yuletide and prosperous New Year.

Mrs. J.M. Newell
Health Care Mgr. Southam

BREAKTHROUGH BREAKTHROUGH BREAKTHROUGH

Many, many thanks to everyone who has helped us raise money for breast cancer. We have well exceeded our original hope of £1,000 and in fact have reached a total of £4,500.

Recently we have received a donation from The National Housewives Register who, like ourselves, enjoyed the recording of a BBC programme at the London studios. Your £92 is very much appreciated, thankyou.

We have been given a cheque for £400 raised from the raffle at the Victorian evening, added to the £110 we made on our stall on the night. Thank you Brian, Danny and the Victorian Street Fayre Committee, you must have sold a lot of raffle tickets that night as other charities did also benefit from your efforts - well done. If you came to the Oompah night I don't think you went home disappointed - I can prove it - you're all on video! If you want to borrow it, the Racenite too, you can hire it for £1.

On October 15th we went to London to tea with Norma Major and Esther Rantzen and many other Breakthrough fundraisers. We were awarded a certificate for our fundraising and given limited edition gold crocus pins. We met a lot of ladies who were suffering, some with breast cancer themselves some who had lost a wife, mother, daughter or sister. It really opened your eyes and made you wish you could do more.

It's been a rewarding year for very little effort, your generosity really has been wonderful, lots of donations from individuals who wanted nothing in return, just to give. Thankyou! We'll be back in the new year - we can't stop now! May all your crocuses bloom beautifully in the spring.

C. Carter

N.W.R. THE GREAT ESCAPE ??

A group of women collected outside the Co-Op recently, which is nothing unusual except it was a Sunday morning and there were no children. Where were they going? What were they doing? A white coach arrived armoured with coffee making facilities and transported them away. This wasn't a mass escape but the

NWR's trip to London and the BBC's Studios to raise funds for 'Breakthrough Breast Cancer'.

With military precision the coach dropped us at the Aldwych from where we conducted an assault on the shopping facilities and markets of Covent Garden and spent several happy hours watching buskers and eating in local cafes. At 6.15pm the troops re-grouped to be transported to the BBC's Studios to watch the filming of a programme called 'Side by Side' starring Gareth Hunt (without coffee beans) and Louisa Rix. It was fascinating to see how programmes of this type are made. Whilst there must have been at least 150 people in the audience they were almost outnumbered by the people on the set.

At 9.30pm a weary but happy group met the coach to return home having raised £92 for 'Breakthrough Breast Cancer' and having had a wonderful day out.

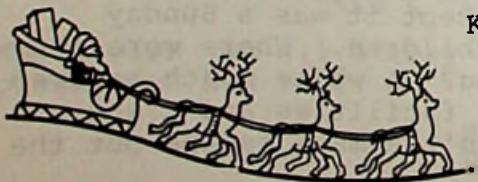
Angela Cook

HARBURY WOMEN'S REGISTER

This is a group for women of all age groups, who live in Harbury or the surrounding villages. The group has been active in the village for some years, but until recently it was known as the National Women's Register. Nothing has changed except for the name. The group meets once a month in members' homes for an evening meeting the subject matter of which can vary tremendously, according to what members feel they would like to discuss or learn about. Recent meetings have included stencilling, Local History, Acupuncture, etc. There are also monthly coffee mornings, particularly for members with young children.

Social Evenings are also held throughout the year. If you would like to know more about the Women's Register, you would be very welcome to attend meetings on a trial basis. Contact Janet Hill, 613399 for further details.

Kate Liverton



FAX FROM ROMANIA

As today dawns at -8°C, people will be queuing outside for the early morning delivery of bread. Somewhat cosier, I am typing this at my desk, surrounded by sheets of translated phrases and a pile of OHP acetates waiting to be created in glorious technicolour. The bowl of porridge beside me reminds me that this month a minimum of two tasks must accompany every waking moment. I am working literally night and day, organising and teaching on two health education courses. I am keeping two translators rather busy and even the old Health Educators have become caught up in productive activity.

The first course arose opportunistically when, one Friday in October, a tutor from Brasov's Nurse Training School turned up unannounced at the Health Education Department with 15 student nurses, demanding a health education programme for them that morning and the next two weeks. Having no real work to show the students, the Health Educators sent me an SOS. A weekend to organise a totally new course and get the materials for the Monday morning session prepared, translated and written out was some undertaking. But, here was a previously elusive foothold into nurse training and a chance to help educate the next generation, Romania's hope for the future. The tutor was somewhat startled when I talked to her about planning courses, setting objectives for each session, doing participative group work and providing coffee breaks, but, after the first morning, she agreed to my teaching the students on Monday mornings for the rest of the academic year. I have been much encouraged by the students' enthusiastic response to the new methods and material.

The second course, "Sanatatea, Siguranta si SIDA" (Health, Safety and AIDS), is a fortnight's training at Brasov's notorious Maternity Hospital. Two English midwives and a health visitor have come out to help me teach and to act as clinical tutors on the wards. The main focus is basic hygiene and safe nursing practices. I am also carrying out my independent hospital inspection and shall start some smoking education during my surprise session called "the biggest killer of all".

BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS PARTY - A BIG THANK YOU

Are there any conifers left in Harbury? I shouldn't think so judging by the size of the bonfire held on 7th November! Thanks to everyone who gave up their Saturday to collect garden rubbish and build the bonfire, those who set up the fireworks and let them off (and even made the Catherine wheels go round!), and those who made the traditional soup and hot dogs (not forgetting the Wagon wheels).

Thanks also to those who loaned/drove their tractors, Land Rovers and trailers. Although this event is not meant to be a fund raiser I am glad to report that this year we have a surplus of about £200 (where's the sausage bill?) which will be split equally between the Church and Scouts who organise it. This is because the event was well supported by the village and also to the generosity of those who donated money to have their rubbish collected.

Liz McBride



THE VILLAGE TAXI BUS SERVICE

The introduction of the Taxi-Bus Service is really good news for the residents of Harbury. It gives the opportunity for shopping trips each Wednesday and Friday to Leamington town centre and/or ASDA and Sainsbury's. There is also a service to Wellesbourne Market two Saturdays each month.

The Taxi-Bus is specially equipped to cater for the disabled and push chairs are not a problem. In the run up to Christmas, we can ALL get to town for the last minute shop - with personal service from the driver (Frank).

If you want to find out more - ring Mike on 0831 - 135334 or 0926 - 612487. Let's use it or we might lose it!!

Lynne Edwards

THURSDAY CLUB

Don't forget that our next meeting on Dec. 10th will be in Church, for our annual Carol Service at 2.30pm followed by tea and mincepies in the Tom Hauley Room. There will, of course, be no meeting on Thursday 24th December.

The annual Lunch will be held on 14th January in the Farley Room - 12.45pm for 1pm. There is no cost to members; the charge for guests will be £4.25.

From 28th January the cost per meeting will increase to 35p (no increase has been made since the Club was founded 7 years ago) and we will dispense with the cake rota.

New members are always welcome. Come along to the Farley Room on the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 2.30pm if you are free.

Beryl Checkley

(FATHER CHRISTMAS costume for hire £5.00, proceeds to Save the Children, Beryl Checkley 612519.)

PROFILE: THE WHIST LADIES



In 1980 after listening to a broadcast by Jimmy Saville in aid of the Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Norah Bastock and Mary Ceney decided they would like to do something to help, and started holding coffee evenings for the fund.

After several coffee evenings and discos these were followed by monthly Whist Drives in aid of various charities.

These proved to be very successful and have been going ever since. Norah and Mary were joined by Lou Thornecroft and Phyl Bayliss and later by Phillipa Birnie.

Sadly Norah is no longer with us, but she will always be remembered for her kindness to other people and her great courage in her own trouble.

In 1985 Doris Byrne replaced Phil Bayliss and the regular team now consists of Mary, Lou and Doris.

These Whist Drives have helped many charities, which include the Myton Hospice, Leukaemia, Cancer Research, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Arthritis and Rheumatism Research etc., and also many village organisations.

The big Christmas Whist Drive is always held in aid of the Children's Hospice in Birmingham. Up to date these wonderful women have raised £8,000!

Recently at the monthly Whist Drives there have been sales of plants in aid of the Myton Hospice. These are donated by Lou Thornicroft and her family, and have already raised £200.

These Whist Drives, which are held on Thursday evenings are very enjoyable and are made more so by the excellent refreshments provided by "The Whist Ladies". Long may they continue.

Joan Lodge

THE HARBURY CRAFT CIRCLE

This is a thriving group within the village. Our aim is to promote hand made crafts, preferably made by persons living in a small radius of Harbury/Labroke, but in any case they must be hand made. The circle presently holds two fairs per year in July and November.

If you have a 'hobby' and are looking for an outlet to promote your goods, perhaps you would like to consider taking a stand at one of our Craft Fairs. For further information please contact:

Mavis Taylor, Harbury Craft Circle
c/o 28 Temple End
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HARBURY SENIOR CITIZENS BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

For the past 21 years Harbury Senior Citizens have been lucky to have Tim Percival as chairman of their benefit association committee. Tim was a very hard working, popular and well known chairman.

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pub bottles and raffles. His tireless efforts for the Christmas dinner in organising raffle prizes, delivering food to be cooked and generally ensuring that the whole evening ran smoothly will always be remembered. His presence and humour will be sadly missed on the summer outings by those senior citizens who looked forward to Tim accompanying them on their day out.

The committee meets once a month and spends its time in between the Christmas dinner and the summer outing raising the funds to enable both these events to take place. The committee are now looking for a chairman. Is there anyone who feels they can go some way to filling this position? If you are interested please contact Jenny Evans on 612700 or Margaret Taylor on 612903 or any other committee member.

Jenny Evans



HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Dr. Ellis is one of our regular speakers. At our last meeting he gave the expert and interesting talk we have come to expect from such a well known researcher at Wellesbourne. Pests and diseases, especially of vegetables have been his particular research for the past 20 years. He advised that to deal with pests first learn to recognise them because the knowledge gained will enable you to cope with them. Secondly learn to live with them and aim to reduce their levels. They are able to exploit and adapt to conditions which man provides quicker than we can kill them.

The best way to deal with the many fungi, bacteria and viruses which can live on garden plants is to control the agents which spread them. These are often aphids, leaf hoppers, etc., and where possible use non-chemical control. There are now many disease resistant varieties so buy these plants or seeds. Strict garden hygiene, careful sowing and spacing, and harvesting at the correct time all help to reduce disease.

Perennial weeds can be treated with glyphosphate eg. Tumbleweed, and careful digging out of roots. For annuals aim to destroy them before they can flower

and so reduce the seed bank in the soil. Recent aids to healthy gardens are the porous fleece for vegetable beds and parasitic controls in the greenhouse. Anyone wishing to have any more information can contact Horticulture Research International at Wellesbourne for any of their many leaflets.

The November meeting was also our A.G.M. and we were pleased to welcome several new members. We hope that they will enjoy the meetings and gain new gardening knowledge.

Pat Smith

DECEMBER IN THE GARDEN

Remember that plants as shrubs kept in containers - even large ones - are very susceptible to hard frost and their roots may well be killed. Either take them under cover or wrap the pots round with sacking or bubble polythene.

Protect delicate plants with a deep mulch of shredded bark or wood chippings, check that dahlias and chrysanthemums already stored are not rotting or attacked by aphids. Upright conifers can be kept in shape by winding thin twine, lightly round them, which will prevent ice and snow from dragging them apart. Watch out for mice in sheds, cold frames and greenhouses and take appropriate action!

Clean the greenhouse, hose down and scrub with Jeyce fluid. Choose a warm day when the inmates (if any) can stand outside whilst you do it. The glass can then be double glazed with bubble polythene. Keep the place ventilated, shutting the door firmly again each night.

Tug dead cyclamen flowers gently away by the stems close to the crown. If left the stems will rot and damage the plant.

E.D. Zonik



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Ladbroke News

L A D B R O K E D I A R Y D A T E S

DECEMBER

- Sun 6 ADVENT II, 10.30am Family Service and Communion
Tues 8 Whist Drive, 7.30pm in aid of Village Hall
Wed 9 Holy Communion, 10.30am
Women's Fellowship, 2.30pm
Sun 13 ADVENT III - 9am Holy Communion and Hymns
Wed 16 Holy Communion, 10.30am
Sun 20 ADVENT IV - 9am Holy Communion with Hymns, 10.30am
Children's Church, 3.30pm Evensong
Thur 24 CHRISTMAS EVE - 3pm Dressing of the Crib Service
Fri 25 CHRISTMAS DAY - 10.30am Holy Communion with Carols
Sun 27 CHRISTMAS I - 9am Holy Communion with Hymns
Wed 30 NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS - Village Hall, Candlelit Supper
Thur 31 NEW YEARS EVE - 11.30pm Holy Communion

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- Sun 3 CHRISTMAS II - "Christingle" 10.30am Family Service and Communion
Wed 6 THE EPIPHANY - 7.30pm Holy Communion

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| Dec. 25: Mrs. Rutherford (XMAS Day) | |



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3rd Sunday of month: Children's Church 10.30am
Evensong 3.30pm (3rd Sunday)

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or revised times on special occasions.

FROM THE LABDROKE CHURCHWARDENS

We wish Tony and Jean Rowe a long, happy and well-deserved retirement. The first Rector of Harbury and Ladbroke will be remembered with great affection; conscientious to a fault and always totally impartial between the two parishes, he invariably lead by example and service, setting a standard which his successors are unlikely to surpass and will equal with difficulty.

We enter the interregnum committed to maintaining the full pattern of services at Ladbroke, thanks especially to the generous offers of assistance from Father Peter Snow and Canon Tom Mander. The mid-week Holy Communion service at 10.30am on Wednesday mornings is an oasis of peace and spirituality in the middle of a busy week. If you can spare just half an hour you will find it very worthwhile.

Tony Rowe will be back to take our services on Christmas Day and Sunday 27th December. We hope the various Christmas tide special services will be as well supported as usual.

The Dressing of the Crib on Christmas Eve for children of all ages. The Carol Service on 30th December with refreshments afterwards in Church. The "Bellringers" New Year's Eve service.

A Happy Christmas to us all.

E.J.W.D.C.R.



LADBROKE CHURCH

The Christmas Fair, held on Sat. 28th Nov. was a great success and we are delighted to be able to give the entire proceeds of £559 to the Church Restoration Fund. Grateful thanks to all who worked so hard before and during the day and to those who supported us on the day.

There are 3 unclaimed raffle prizes: Green 467; Green 503; and Yellow 413, so would the owners of these tickets please contact Mrs. Winkfield 812234.

Our Candlelit Carol Service will be held on Wed. 30th Dec. at 7pm in Ladbroke Church. Do come and bring your friends; we shall be delighted to welcome all who can come to listen to the readings, join in the Carol singing and have a glass of wine afterwards.

A Very Happy and Joyous Christmas to you all.

Gwynne Badman

LADBROKE CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

Firstly a very big THANK YOU to all those who helped, supported and donated towards the bonfire. A special thank you to Colin Clews, Tom Sheasby and Ron Abbott, without whose generosity we would not have been able to run the event.

The next meeting will be a visit to the C.W.R. Studios in Coventry. This will be on the 10th Dec. Meet outside the Village Hall at 6.30pm. Transport will be provided. If any members wish to go please ring me on 814814.

On Sunday 20th Dec. we propose Carol Singing in aid of Action for the Crippled Child. Please meet outside the Village Hall at 6pm. There will be a video and food afterwards.

The Youth Group will be delivering any Christmas Post on the 19th Dec. at a cost of 5p per card. Please bring any cards to be delivered to me during the week 14th - 19th.

Thanking you again for all the support.

Tricia Teverson



LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The meeting took place on Wed. 18th Nov. Councillor Mrs. Grainger had undertaken to supervise a new updated version of the Ladbroke Appraisal book, and was investigating the possibility of a grant.

The felling of overgrown trees on the stream bank alongside the Bell Inn had been approved and work has now started on this project.

Plans for holiday home barn conversions applied for by Mr. and Mrs. Brian Moore had finally been refused by the Dept. of the Environment. A planning application had been received from Mr. Wilcox for a change of use from agricultural land, it was felt that this application needed clarifying, before a decision could be reached.

The intrepid footpath group, led by Geoff Timms had begun work on the path between Chapel Ascote and

Bishops Itchington. This path would eventually provide a circular route, exiting onto Harbury Lane. Work was planned to continue on Sat. 28th Nov. and then there would be no further expeditions until Jan -

A letter had been received concerning the potholes and turn up verges in Radbourne Lane. It was felt that the poor condition of this lane was due to the width of the turf lorries using the lane. Remedial action would be applied for. This led to a general discussion on the dreadful state of many of the village lanes and verges, particularly Bridge Lane and Harbury Lane. The damage is due to wide vehicles using the narrow lanes and compounding damage left by gas installations. It was felt that it would be better to leave this problem on the agenda until the Spring, when hopefully the constant heavy rainfall will have cleared up.

I have been asked - what is going to happen in Village Farm Field. As I understand it the situation is this: The latest local structure plan still identifies this site as suitable for future development. However, a maximum of ten houses could be built, not the original twenty, owing to problems of access. The Parish Council still hopes that a proportion of these houses, will be low cost starter homes. The Water board have now stated that there should be no new housing in Ladbroke until the new sewer is completed. Which means no building in the immediate future.

Next meeting is Wed. 20th January in the Village Hall.

P.S. Sorry is's a bit early, but Merry Christmas etc. to all my faithful readers!

Kate Liverton

LADBROKE and DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

On November 26th an enjoyable demonstration was given by Mrs. J. Harrison on Cake Decorations for Christmas.

The raffle was won by Tina Gilbert, and another prize - a decorated Robin, kindly donated by Mrs. Harrison, was won by Sue Beaty.

A jumble sale which was held on Nov. 14th raised £53. There will be no meeting in December, so the

next meeting will be on January 28th, when the speaker will be Mr. Jim Beeson, Station Officer at a Local Fire Station.

Catherine Spence



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Rector began the meeting by reading some prayers from a book entitled "Short Prayers for a Long Day". Morning was about the beauty of the world; Noon about work, and evening - thoughts of stillness and contemplation.

We were sorry that the Rector could not be with us for all of the meeting, but before he went we gave him a card and gift token for his retirement. We shall very much miss the opening words that he has given to us at the beginning of our meeting and also his support of all that the Women's Fellowship tries to achieve.

We then welcomed Mr. John Trussler who showed slides of a holiday he and his wife had taken last year, walking the Cotswold Way. They began in Bath and passed through Cleeve, Winchcombe, Stanton, Stanway, and Broadway, ending at Chipping Campden. This covered 126 miles through beautiful scenery and lovely villages. Our thanks to Gwladys who had provided a delicious tea for the Rector's last meeting.

Many thanks to all who helped in any way at our Cake Stall at the Christmas Fair.

Our next meeting on Dec. 9th is a service in Church at 2.30pm - "In preparation for Christmas" - and afterwards at 16 Ladbroke Hall.

Nancy Stubbs

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Grand Jumble Sale held in the Village Hall on 14th Nov. was a big success. Our grateful thanks to the many people who contributed their time, jumble and general expertise in order to make things go smoothly. Especial thanks to Mary Briscoe, Sheila Eastman and Dot Wright for their organisation.

Likewise our thanks to those who helped and donated for the Christmas Toy and Book Sale on 21st Nov.

This was a quieter event, but together with the Jumble Sale has swelled the coffers by nearly £150. Please keep supporting these events, we desperately need a new kitchen!

Forthcoming Events: The Whist Drive on Dec. 8th, starting at 7.30pm. This is normally a very popular occasion so you'd better get there early! The venue is the Village Hall, light refreshments will be available and there will be a raffle. And then it's on to the end of December and New Year's Eve when we are organising entertainment in the Village Hall. There will be a bar, supper, some dancing, some socialising, all for the price of £3 per head (£1 for under 10 year olds). Please order your tickets in advance from Mary Briscoe 814323, Gwynne Badman 812187 or Mif Warr 815004, so that we can arrange adequate catering.

Mif Warr

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

I cannot begin to describe our feelings on entering the church for Tim's funeral. It was really wonderful to see so many people there, but the faces were all a blur to us. I know now that there were people from all the organisations in the village, many, many of his friends and it was especially moving to see the "Guard of Honour" by his colleagues.

We would like, through the Harbury News, to thank Harbury village for all the letters, cards, flowers and personal words of condolence. It has been a great comfort to know that so many other share our loss.

So many friends have helped me that I cannot mention them all, but I am very grateful to Mr Oliver (before September),

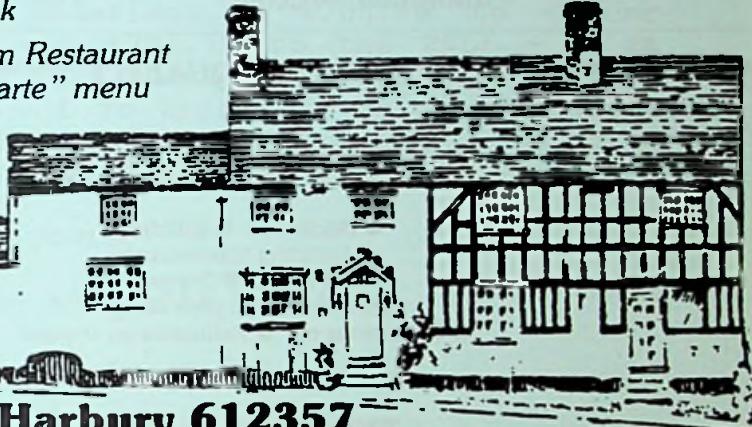
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and Gerry Bailey (after Sept) and all the staff and children of Harbury School for their help over the last 18 months.

Canon Rowe conducted a really memorable funeral and we have all been very glad of his support.

Thank you all for the beautiful flowers and for the donations - £706.50 to Cancer Research and £721.72 to the RNLI - I am sure that both these charities will be very grateful. I am trying to write personally to as many people as I can but it is going to take some time.

Sincerely yours,

Carol, Ian and Kathy Percival

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Dear Editors,

We would like to thank all those people in the village who have extended support and kindness during Charles's long illness. Also for the many cards and messages of sympathy at this time of loss and sadness.

Our special thanks to the doctors, nurses and all at Harbury Surgery, who have given, what can only be described as, the three C's of the health service: Comfort, Caring and Compassion, and all in endless amounts.

Thanks also to Canon Rowe who took great time and care to give a warm and personal church service.

Our sincere thanks and
good wishes to all,
Eva Keeling and daughters
Heather and Hazel

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Dear Editor,

On behalf of myself and my family I would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their overwhelming kindness and support on the sudden death of my husband, Bill. As he hadn't shown any signs of

illness we were all devastated and shocked at his death but we received great comfort from all of the kind messages of sympathy which people from all over the village had sent to us as well as making us feel very proud to know that so many people had thought so much of him.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Canon Rowe for a very beautiful service which took place at Oakley Wood.

Mrs. Joan Pratt & family

Dear Editors,

A belated, but never the less sincere thank you to everyone who supported our stall for the British Heart Foundation at the Victorian Street Fayre. We raised £115. Our Big Bear, whose name was Cuddly, was won by Richard Turner.

Yours sincerely

Gwen Boardman

Dear Editor,

I was interested to see the article in your October issue. A village bus service is certainly useful. However, I think we should also remember the importance of shopping locally. We have some excellent shops here, and has been said before: "use them or lose them".

The 1991 Survey of Rural Services showed that 39% of parishes had no permanent shop, and 40% no Post Office. Your editorial in the February issue, 1987, stated: "Periodically we urge Harbury people to Shop Local. The message to "Shop Local" came home to roost when Harbury was virtually cut off by snow-drifts." Having lived here for over thirty years I think we are fortunate to have such capable and friendly shopkeepers.

Yours faithfully

M.V. Bayes

MENCAP COFFEE MORNING

On October 31st we held a very successful coffee morning, which enabled us to send a cheque to Mencap for £80.50.

Our thanks go to everyone who supported us. There were some delicious cakes, fruit pies, jams and marmalade for sale. The raffle prize winners are: Mrs. Sperling, Mr. Boneham (Pop) and Mr. Andrews.

Many Thanks

Pat Woodward, Sylvia Green
and Wendy Knowles

ARTHRITIS RESEARCH

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Flower Demonstration, helping to make it such an enjoyable and successful evening; and special thanks to all the ladies who helped in so many ways.

We raised over £300, and together with £60 from the previous Saturday's coffee morning, were able to send £372 to Arthritis Research. Thank you all once again.

There is still some Christmas ribbon for sale - red or green, 2" wide, in 3yds lengths for 30p. Please phone 613497 if you would like some.

Sylvia Burdett



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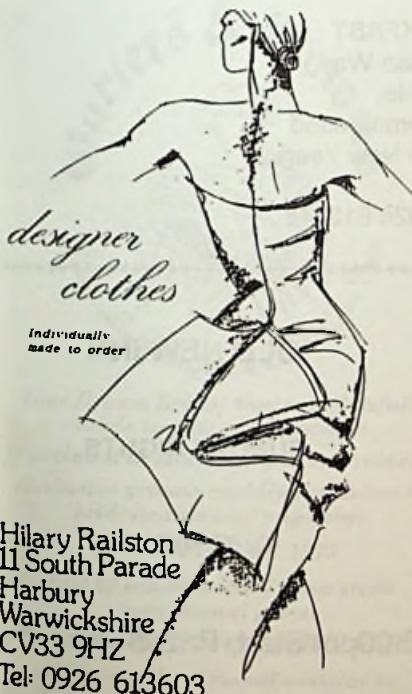
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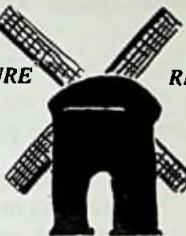
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