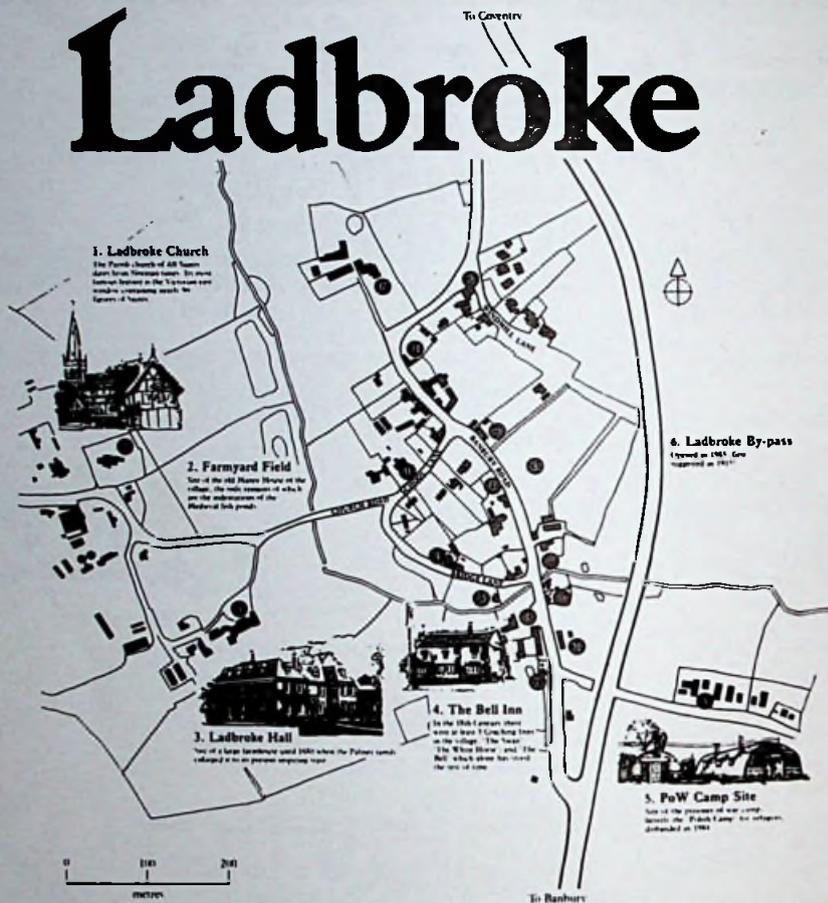


Harbury & Ladbroke News



Ladbroke



1. Ladbroke Church

The Parish Church of All Saints dates from the thirteenth century. Its most notable feature is the 15th century tower which contains a fine collection of figures of Kings.

2. Farmyard Field

One of the 100 finest farms in the county, the main reason of which is the combination of the fields and the ponds.

3. Ladbroke Hall

One of a large farmhouse used since the 16th century which was enlarged in an important way.

4. The Bell Inn

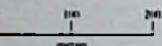
In the 18th century there were at least 12 public houses in the village. The 'Bell', 'The White Horse' and 'The Bell' which still survive are the only ones left.

6. Ladbroke By-pass

Opened in 1963. One of the best in the county.

5. PoW Camp Site

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On May 2nd, Harbury should have been going to the polls, but sadly in both District and Parish Council Elections, the candidates have been elected unopposed. This is the third time in succession that there have been no elections for the Parish Council. It appears that despite our pride in a village with real community spirit, we are apathetic when it comes to local Government service. It seems we take our democratic rights for granted.

There seem to have been a spate of burglaries lately - is this the effect of the M40 or just coincidence?

Congratulations to Mick Kane on once again completing the London Marathon and commiserations to Ann Brunt who after training hard, sustained an injury, and was unable to run. Hopefully, she'll be running in the first Harbury Hash - to find out more see the article in the magazine.

Spring usually means the ringing of Wedding Bells, and the Harbury News is happy to print pictures of local weddings - just drop them into the Editorial Office.

Finally please note any advertisements should be submitted to 17 Manor Orchard by the 20th of the month, in order to be in the next month's magazine.

Harbury Diary

MAY

- Sun 5 ROGATION SUNDAY: EASTER V: 9am Sung Eucharist,
10.30am Family Service, 6.30pm Evensong.
PTA Car Boot Sale on School Fields
- Mon 6 MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Bible Study Meeting 8pm Tom Hauley Room
- Tues 7 Archdeacon's Visitation to the Deanery at Harbury
Church 7.45pm
Horticultural Society talk on Owls Village Hall 8pm
(entry 50p)
- Wed 8 ST JULIAN OF NORWICH, MYSTIC
Coffee Morning 10.30am to noon at 5 Dickens Road
(proceeds to flower festival 1992)
Proposals for Parish Holiday 1992 7.30pm in Tom
Hauley Room
Youth Club Disco Village Hall 8pm
Harbury News Committee 8.30pm Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 9 ASCENSION DAY: 9.30am Harbury School Service in Church
10.30am Holy Communion, 7.30pm Holy Communion with
Hymns at Ladbroke.
Thursday Club 2.30pm
W.I. 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sat 11 ENVIRONMENT WEEK BEGINS
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12 for Bellringer
Youth Club Clean Sweep Village Hall 10am (Litter Pick)
- Sun 12 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION: 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am
Sung Eucharist with Baptism, 6.30pm Evensong
7.45pm New Youth Group at 13 Mill Street
Buddists NSUK in Village Hall 12-6pm
- Mon 13 Word of God 8pm Lullington Lodge, Dovehouse Lane
- Tues 14 ST MATTIAS APOSTLE: 2.30pm Mother & Toddler Service,
7.30pm Holy Communion
Village Hall Committee 8pm in Village Hall
8pm PCC Meeting
- Wed 15 Youth Club in Village Hall
- Thurs 16 Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
Whist Drive 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Fri 17 Ballroom Dancing Group in Village Hall
Playgroup Open Meeting 10am Wight School
- Sat 18 PTA Children's Sponsored Walk 9am-Noon
Youth Club Jumble Sale 10am Village Hall
Coffee in Tom Hauley Room 10am for Flower Festival
1992

- Sun 19 WHIT SUNDAY PENTECOST: 8am Holy Communion (BCP),
10.30am Sung Matins, 6.30pm The Confirmation
Harbury Society Guided Walk of Ufton Fields 9.30am
from Car Park * changed
SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
- Mon 20 Bible Study Meeting at 8pm
- Tues 21 Harbury Society Committee Meeting 8pm
- Wed 22 Youth Club in Village Hall
- Thurs 23 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 24 Theatre Group Wight School 8pm
- Sat 25 Coffee in Tom Hauley Room 10am in Aid of Romanian
Relief
- Sun 26 TRINITY SUNDAY: 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung
Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong
- Tues 28 Julian Group 8.10pm in Church
Senior Citizens Committee 8.30pm in Village Hall

JUNE

- Sat 1 STAGE UP IN VILLAGE HALL
Coffee in Tom Hauley Room 10am by Mrs Bastock
- Sun 2 PENTECOST I: 9am Sung Eucharist, 10.30am Family
Service, 6.30pm Evensong
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN JUNE HARBURY NEWS TO
EDITORS BY TODAY
- Mon 3 Word of God 26 Manor Orchard 8pm
Bible Study Meeting 8pm
- Wed 5 Senior Citizens Outing to Portsmouth and Southsea
- Thurs 6 A.C.T. Festival in Village Hall
Men's Society at 7.45pm
Folk Club at 8.30pm in Lounge of Old New Inn
- Fri 7 A.C.T. Festival in Village Hall
- Sat 8 Coffee in Tom Hauley Room 10am in Aid of Myton Hospice
PTA Children's Disco and BBQ 6-8pm in School
A.C.T. Festival in Village Hall
- Tues 11 Village Hall Committee 8pm in Village Hall

REGULAR DIARY DATES

- HARBURY CRUSADERS, Tom Hauley Room, 10.30am Sundays
- UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm Mondays
- GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7pm (under 7s & 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
- JUNXTON CLUB, Village Hall, 12.30pm Tuesday & Friday

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DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tues, Wed, Thurs
BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening at 6.15
SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tuesday & Thursday
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 for Children & Adults, Farley Room, Village
Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS, School Hall, 8pm Wednesdays
ROSARY & PRAYERS for Persecuted Christians,

4 Sutcliffe Drive, 10am, 3rd Thursday of month
THURSDAY CLUB, Village Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Thursday
CUBS, Scout Hut, every Thursday

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, in the Tom Hauley Room,
10am-12noon

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU, over Southam Magistrates Court,
every Tuesday (except Bank Holidays) 10am - 3pm

TENNIS CLUB (April - September) Tues & Thurs 6.30pm onwards
(6pm for April) Sats 2-5pm, Mon & Weds 1.45-3pm

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

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Sung Eucharist 10.30am
(except 1st Sunday of month: Sung Eucharist 9am
Family Service 10.30am)
Evensong 6.30pm (except 3rd Sunday)

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

FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

We heard on Sunday April 28th a message from Bishop Simon about the "Cross of Nails". The Cross of Nails initiative of reconciliation grew out of the destruction of Coventry Cathedral during the blitz. The Bishop urges us to adopt these principles of reconciliation in pursuing our outreach activities during this Decade of Evangelism. A meeting on Wednesday May 1st will hear more about these ideas.

Beryl and I together with Betty Winkfield, met with the Archdeacon to inform him of the activities and views in our respective parishes. The Archdeacon is very interested in the work of all the parishes and particularly in outreach. We are privileged this year to host the Archdeacon's Visitation when Churchwardens from the deanery will accept the Archdeacon's charge. This will be on Tuesday May 7th at 7.45pm - do come and give some support (you will also learn what we as churchwardens are meant to do!).

A few of us went to Hednesford on Saturday April 27th to support Viv Aggett as she was licensed as resident minister of St Saviour's, Hednesford. A nice occasion with lots of support for Viv and of course excellent refreshments!

The Parish Breakfast held on April 21st was an excellent occasion only let down by a small attendance - which is a pity as these occasions are opportunities for fellowship which can hardly be called inconvenient.

BERYL AND JOHN

FROM THE RECTOR

A very nice lady, whose opinion I valued, once told me years ago, 'You should not show your disappointment'. I was a young priest at the time and rather inexperienced. I have often thought of her caution since and I think that generally speaking she was quite right. It is not good or helpful to keep telling people that you are disappointed with them. You could easily get a reputation of being a despairing person and one who is never satisfied with anything. Sometimes occasionally, it does no harm, to admit that you are disappointed and that things might have been better. Recently both Ladbroke and Harbury held their Annual Parish Meetings. Everyone knows that annual meetings of practically any body or organisation are not the most popular events. They can be long, tedious and dull. It is unlikely that anything earth-shattering will be announced or any dramatic decisions reached, but an annual meeting has its purpose and part of the purpose is to report what has been achieved in the past year and what has not been achieved and what is intended to be achieved in the future. Also various appointments have to be made and in the case of a church, that means electing a Parochial Church Council. Let me briefly outline what a P.C.C. exists to do.

"It should cooperate with the Parish Priest in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It should consider and discuss matters concerning the Church or other matters of religious or public interest. It should make known and put into effect what had been approved by the synods and it should take into consideration issues raised in the Parish".

All that implies that not only does the P.C.C. exist to talk, it is called upon to act and see that the Church is doing what it should be doing in obedience to Our Lord and The Gospel. I think that is very important and I should have thought that a congregation and all in the parish who want to see the Church thriving and ministering to all in the Parish, young and every age alike, would want to make sure a P.C.C. is appointed, thoroughly capable of carrying out this intention. Not that a P.C.C. is left then to do all

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that is required by themselves, but it will have the corporate wisdom and boldness to engage all the potential resources of the Parish in manpower and womanpower in that work.

At Ladbroke and at Harbury, I have to say, I was disappointed in the attendances at their Annual Meetings. I would have liked to have seen a large proportion of the normal Sunday congregation present and I should have liked them thereby to show their confidence in the appointed P.C.C. and to assure them that they are solidly behind them in the task they are committed to do.

For next year, after discussion with the P.C.C.'s, I hope to find a better way of setting up the Annual Meetings and in the meantime, I hope you will remember both me and the Parochial Church Councils of our two parishes in your prayers and show us your wholehearted concern and support. The names of those appointed are listed below.

ANTONY ROWE

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILS

ALL SAINTS HARBURY

Churchwardens:

Beryl Checkly
John Moore

Members of the P.C.C.

John Algar
Jeff Bedford
David Clarke
Keith Dormer
Ruth Dodds (Secretary)
Bryan Harrison
Ken Hughes
Liz McBride (Treasurer)
Anne Moore
Peter Rollason
Isobel Russell
Tom Smith
Peter Towell
Harry Windsor

ALL SAINTS LADBROKE

David Rutherford
Betty Winkfield

Francis Badman
Gwynne Badman
Steve Doyle
Nigel Elkins
Jennifer Elkins
Alan Gould
Elsa Greenway (Secretary)
Violaine Junod
Susan Moore
Hazel Sharples
Michael Short
Alan Stubbs (Treasurer)
Nancy Stubbs
Dawn Teverson

Deanery Synod Representatives:

Peter Pryke
Tony Stubbs

David Rutherford
Betty Winkfield

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LENT LUNCHES

Amount raised at Ladbroke for the South Warwickshire
Hospital Scanner Appeal - £165.44
Amount raised at Harbury for the Ethiopian Famine
Appeal - £94.65

CANON FISHLEY'S FUNERAL OFFERINGS:

The family said that they would be glad of donations
instead of flowers - to the Ladbroke Restoration
Fund. The amount received to date is £397. It is
thought that further donations are likely to be
received.

HOLY BAPTISM

at Ladbroke - Sunday 31st March:

THOMAS DAVID, son of Nicholas David & Julie Wright
39 Elm Road, Stockton.

at Ladbroke - Sunday 21st April:

SIÂN ODETTE, daughter of Adrian & Cheryl Morris
63 Deppers Bridge.

KATIE, daughter of Colin & Kathleen Constable
'Morroondah' Bridge Lane Ladbroke.

HOLY MATRIMONY

at Harbury - Saturday 20th April:

CRAIG RUSSELL KNOWLES, 63 Mill Street, Harbury and
JULIE BRITTAIN, 58 Mason Avenue, Lillington.

FUNERALS

at Oakley Wood - Friday 19th April:

FRANCIS LESLIE BEANLAND, 15 Ladbroke Hall
Age 76 year

at Harbury - Monday 22nd April:

MARJORIE EDNA WILKINS, Hampton Magna (formerly of
Harbury) Age 82 year

THE TOM HAULEY ROOM

This excellent facility has now been in operation
for some 15 months and it has already proved to be
an asset to the village. The Trustees met recently
with those who are already regular users and we

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were able to discuss various points concerning the Room and its facilities.

One of the most pleasing things is the continued popularity of the Saturday Coffee Mornings, from which a great many charities have benefitted! We would remind you that anyone in the village can book a Saturday Coffee Morning for a charity of their choice. These bookings are dealt with by Joyce Windsor (Tel: 612504). All other bookings and enquiries should be made through Joan Smith (Tel: 613680)

TONY STUBBS (Chairman)

PARISH HOLIDAY 1992

Following the very successful holiday to Oberammergau in 1990, we are looking into the possibility of arranging a second Parish holiday in 1992.

There will be a meeting in the Tom Hauley Room on Wednesday 8th May at 7.30pm when Mrs Marita Seth of Moswin Tours Ltd will be present to discuss our options. Please come along if you are at all interested. Further information from Beryl Checkley (612519).

MOTHERS UNION

Thank you very much to everyone who supported our coffee morning. The competition was won by Mrs Betty Cox.

At our afternoon meeting in April we enjoyed an illustrated talk by Mrs Shirley Keir on her visit to Oberammergau last year. Those of us who had not been on the trip were inspired to think about going on a similar trip in nine years' time.

Members at the evening meeting watched a Christian Aid video "To Stengthen the Poor". It stimulated a lively discussion. Members felt that we in the "rich" countries should not be patronising to people in "poor" countries as we had much to learn from them and, as the video said, we can find Jesus in the poor.

Our afternoon speaker on May 1st is Mrs Isabel Mold on the Overseas Department. At the evening meeting on May 21st Mrs Helen Robertson's talk has the intriguing title of "Jigsaw Puzzles".

C. MARY CATT

Ladbroke News

LADBROKE DIARY

MAY

- Sun 5 ROGATION SUNDAY: EASTER V:
10.30am Family Service & Communion
- Tues 7 Archdeacon's Visitation to Southam Deanery 7.45pm
in Harbury Church
- Wed 8 Holy Communion 10.30am, Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
Proposals for Parish Holiday 1992 Tom Hauley Room
7.30pm
- Thurs 9 ASCENSION DAY: 7.30pm Holy Communion with Hymns
at Ladbroke (combining Harbury & Ladbroke)
- Sun 12 Holy Communion with Hymns 9am
- Tues 14 Parochial Church Council Meeting 7.30pm The Olde
Rectory
- Wed 15 ST MATTIAS, APOSTLE: 10.30am Holy Communion
Parish Council Meeting
- Sat 18 Parish Path Volunteers
- Sun 19 PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY): 9am Holy Communion with
Hymns (B.C.P.) 10.30am Children's Church, 3.30pm
Evensong, 6.30pm (at Harbury) The Confirmation.
- Wed 22 Holy Communion 10.30am
- Thurs 23 W.I. Resolutions Meeting
- Sun 26 TRINITY SUNDAY: 9am Holy Communion with Hymns
- Wed 29 Holy Communion 10.30am
- Thurs 30 CORPUS CHRISTI (Thanksgiving for Institution of the
Holy Communion): 7.30pm Holy Communion
- Fri 31 Barbecue (Friends of Ladbroke Church) 7.30pm at
Walworth Farm

JUNE

- Sun 2 PENTECOST II: 10.30am Holy Communion with Hymns
- Wed 5 Holy Communion 10.30am
- Thurs 6 Men's Society 7.45pm

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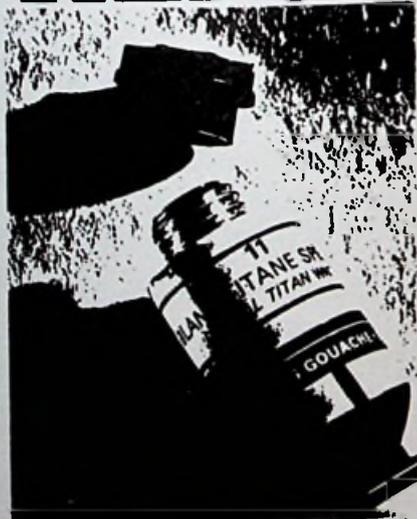


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LADBROKE CHURCH

We had such an enjoyable concert on Saturday 27th April in the Church with the Diatonic Choral Ensemble and Haseley Clarinet Quartet. Lovely singing and music, with a glass of wine in the interval, and this also means yet another donation to the Church Restoration Fund.

On 8th May at 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room, Harbury, there will be an exploratory Meeting with Mrs Seth, who arranged our wonderful trip to Oberammergau last year, with the thought of another trip in 1992. Do come along, it could be another wonderful holiday.

GWYNNE BADMAN

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

Our annual Barbecue will be held at Walworth Farm on Friday 31st May at 7.30pm. This has proved a very popular event and if you would like to buy tickets at £5 each, do contact me on 812187 or Gill Moore on 612207.

We held a very successful Bring/Buy Coffee Morning at the home of Gwladys and Alan Gould recently, with the result we are able to donate £100 to the Church Restoration Fund. Our thanks to everyone who supported this event.

GWYNNE BADMAN

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

May 5: Miss Junod May 12: Mrs Timms May 19: Mrs J Barnett
(Whit Sunday)

May 26: Mrs J Barnett June 2: Mrs Bloxham

LOCAL NEWS

Welcome to WILLIAM ROBERT JAMES TODMAN who was born on Sunday 7 April; a brother for Anna, Charlotte and Lucy. Congratulations to Michael and Kate.

Congratulations to Alan and Nancy Stubbs, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding on April 14th.

Well done to Alice Liverton, who has been chosen to be a Brownie Attendant to the Southam Carnival Queen on May 27. This is in recognition of her good attendance record during the past year, and her steadfastness to the principles of the Brownie movement. K.A.

THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING took place on Friday 24th April. The occasion had a rather more festive air than usual, due to the red balloons which were decorating the Village Hall, left over from a Celebration.

The new signs suggesting that the village was unsuitable for heavy vehicles, were much appreciated and it was decided to remind the District Council that a sign was also needed at the end of Harbury Lane.

The Chain of Office should be ready in time for the Annual Parish Meeting on May 15th. The rent for using the Village Hall had increased quite considerably and it was decided in future to consider giving an Annual Donation towards the upkeep of the Village Hall.

There appeared to be no immediate chance of Low Cost Housing being built in the village as the County Council, the District Council and the Church did not have any land holdings in the village and as yet no landowners had agreed to sell any land. Approximately one third of an acre would be needed for this project.

The Council had expressed considerable horror at the irresponsible and unauthorised actions of Mr Moore at Manor Farm, this listed building had been vastly extended and altered without Planning Permission.

Mr & Mrs Arnold had been refused Planning Permission partly due to a strong presumption against new building, but also due to the access position onto a dangerous bend with poor visibility.

Mention of the Best Kept Village Competition produced some glum faces. There is still a problem of hedges hanging over footpaths, which the Council hoped would be remedied before the next meeting, or offenders will have to be contacted individually. Grass verges also need to be trimmed back.

There was not to be an election for the Parish Council this year. Mr Stan Greenway is retiring and his place will be taken by Marian Grainger. The Council had been notified that the Southam Registry Office is to close by the end of the year.

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Enquiries were to be made concerning the legality of the layby Cafe as it had been reported in the press that they were to be banned in Warwickshire.

Kate Liverton expressed her concern about the increase in low flying aeroplanes and it was agreed to mention it at the Annual Parish Meeting. Stan Greenway said that they were now flying from 8am to 10pm, seven days a week - what happened to the old agreement that they should only use this flight path on Tuesdays?

There were now strong rumours that mainline Gas would be in the village before next winter.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th May at 7pm to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm. This is the Highlight of the Ladbroke Social Calendar, put it on your calendar/filofax and don't forget to come!

KATE LIVERTON

LADBROKE PARISH PATH VOLUNTEERS

The first working party of the group took place on Saturday 20th April. Six able bodied volunteers, accompanied by David Apscott of Warwick County Council, spent the Saturday morning erecting two new stiles on SM33, the footpath from Farmyard Field to Southam. It was a most enjoyable morning with lots of fresh air, beautiful views of Ladbroke and a feeling of job satisfaction after erecting two complete stiles.

The next working party, to continue along SM33, is to take place on Saturday 18th May. Why not make your contribution to Environment Week (11-19th May) by helping with the group. Please meet by the Church at 9.30. There are plenty of jobs to do, apart from stiles, ie way marking, repairing signposts, clearing undergrowth. If you would like to know more please contact me on 813341.

JOHN LIVERTON

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We were very pleased to welcome Father Snow to our meeting. After opening with prayers, he answered a variety of questions.

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The first was to ask for his opinion on having a charismatic part in the Consecration Service of the new Archbishop of Canterbury. The next question dealt with the fact that the New Testament sometimes appears to contradict things in the Old Testament - how is this reconciled? There followed questions on Women Priests, Adoptions by single women, the holding of patronage in the Church, Adam and Eve, and others.

Father Snow answered the questions to everyone's satisfaction and we all enjoyed the meeting, at the same time learning a few interesting facts.

We sent the money raised by holding the Lent Lunches (£165.44) to the South Warwickshire Hospital Scanner Appeal Fund and an acknowledgement has been duly received - a very worthwhile cause.

Our next meeting is on May the 8th at 2.30pm at the home of Catherine Spence, 7 Ladbroke Hall, when we are looking forward to a talk by Mrs Zonik about "Greenfly".

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH LADBROKE

CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

Total contributions and pledges to
date (26/4/91) amount to:-

£55,000

Alan Stubbs

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Our March meeting was very entertaining with Mrs Jean Pryke on 'Guide Dogs for the Blind', made even more so due to the presence of 'Emma' a labrador puppy soon to begin the rigors of guide dog training. In April - our talk was 'Acupuncture and Crystals' given by Mrs Karin Fry. This was fascinating, it is always good to learn of these alternative medicines at greater depth than the usual magazine articles. May 23rd we have our Resolution meeting after which we will have cheese and wine, also we will be making the draw for the Denman Bursary, so make sure to come along - as it could be you going

for the course of your choice at Denman! June 27th will be an open meeting with a talk on "Warwick Races - behind the scenes", given by Peter McNeil Warwick Racecourse Manager. He says he has a formula for foolproof betting! We shall see. Do encourage family and friends to come along to this, as I'm sure it will be good. Admission 50p to non members. Also NON MEMBERS PLEASE ARRIVE AT EIGHT O'CLOCK, AS THIS GIVES US TIME TO FINISH OUR BUSINESS.

GABIE NORGATE

GCSE CDT OK (Just)

"How was the CDT project?"

"OK I suppose. Very tight squeeze getting it done at the last minute though. Didn't think it would be ready in time. Everyone's a nervous wreck at home".

"Yes, it was well after midnight with us, and up early in the morning to see if the paint had dried smoothly. It hadn't, of course; some parts were blotchy and others scratchy. Do you think the examiner will swallow the story that scratchy paintwork is due to thorough testing?"

"I hope so. Fingers crossed he doesn't test every nut and bolt or there'll be trouble. Our breakfast was disrupted because a screw pulled out so there was mad panic all round and a rush to the garage to find the glue gun and fix the blighter back. It should stay in place but it won't withstand a hard pull."

"How about the design?"

"It looks reasonable and does roughly what it was intended to do. But did you hear about the chap who's made a computer desk?"

"What about it?"

"Well every detail is excellent and it's at a comfortable height and everything but when he put a computer on it the desk fell over."

"There but for the Grace of God. Heavens, look at the time, the kids will be out of school already and waiting to be picked up and the car needs filling up. And tonight he's got his maths project to finish."

KIP

The Harbury Directory is currently being revised. All existing organisations listed will have been contacted to see if their entry needs updating. If there are any new clubs or other organisations which have been formed since the last directory was issued in 1989, and they would wish to be included please submit details of the club, contact name, address and telephone number to John Holden, 14 Farm Street, Tel: 612155.

HARBURY SCOUTS AND GUIDES SUPPORT COMMITTEE

There was a good turnout of Scouts and Cubs from Harbury at the annual St George's Day Parade in Leamington on 21st April, despite the cold weather. Although the Scouts will be on camp on May 4th, the Support Committee is having a Coffee Morning and Cake Stall in the Tom Hauley Room from 10am to raise funds for the Group and the Church. We hope that lots of people will be able to attend, but even if you are unable to do so the donation of a cake via a committee member would be appreciated.

I have already mentioned the Camp at May Bank Holiday, and the Scouts will also be going to Camp for a week at Spring Bank Holiday. A lot of the money that is raised by the Support committee is used to buy camping equipment. In order to do so there has to be a committee to organise fund-raising events, and take part in village events such as the Carnival. Some long serving members of the committee have signalled their intention to resign this year. Muriel Grey has been a member for a long time and has been invaluable in all sorts of ways but now feels it is time for others to take a turn. Brian Ingram is also to stand down as Chairmen - an office he has filled splendidly for some time now. We hope to be able to persuade him not to leave the committee entirely. New members bring new views and ideas and we hope that there will be volunteers from parents of Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Beavers to join the Committee. The Annual General Meeting is on June 19th at 7.30pm in the Scout Hut. We hope to see lots of parents and

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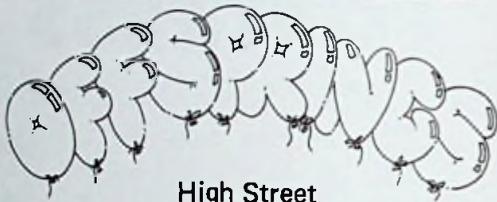
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supporters there to hear about the activities of the Group and, we hope, offer help to the Group or the Committee in any way they feel able to.

JO TANCOCK



Above: Sarah Gee supervises three Beavers playing 'I Spy'
Below: Venture Scouts leave for Shropshire for their Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

During the worst weather of the Easter holidays, Mark Hayes, Paul Dugan, Melanie Heath and I were walking for our Silver D of E Expedition. On the first day we walked 19 km from the town of Knighton (half of which is in Wales and half in England!) to our campsite at Clunton. The following day we walked west, up and over hills, alongside forests and through rivers to reach our next campsite. Fortunately there was a small shop in the village - called Newcastle - where we could buy more supplies. That night, putting up one of the tents was quite a challenge as some of the tent poles had been left behind! On the third and final day we walked 13 km down Offa's Dyke and finished back in Knighton again. Walking was difficult as the ground was very muddy from all the rain and the wind was so strong that it was sometimes hard to prevent yourself being blown over. Fortunately we went home that night and didn't have to struggle with putting the tents up again. Despite it all, we had a thoroughly enjoyable time and I would recommend it to anyone.

NICOLA CADOGAN

N.S.P.C.C.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Fondue evening and made it such a success. A profit of approx £240 was made. Also thanks to the Jug Band with a guest appearance by John Black, who helped the evening go with a swing.

CELIA BARRETT

PLAYSCHEME '91

In these days of cuts, with councils tightening their belts, it is not a hundred percent certain that the Harbury Playscheme will receive its usual grant this year. Although the organisers have been assured that this should not be a problem, certainly the Playscheme could not run without it.

Assuming all goes well, the Playscheme will run from the 22nd July till the 2nd August - that is the first two weeks of the summer holidays.

In the meantime we are still optimistic enough to ask for offers of help. Anyone interested please call me on Harbury 613503. Otherwise watch this

space for further details in June's issue.

JILL CADOGAN

HARBURY PLAYGROUP

The playgroup at the Wight School is holding an Open Morning on Friday 17th May from 10.00 until 11.30.

We cater for children from the age of 3 years until school age. We encourage children to learn through play, and have a wide range of social and educational development.

Everyone is very welcome to come and join in the fun:- paint a picture, make a model, play with dough, build a sand castle, read a book, enjoy a jigsaw puzzle, to mention just a few of the things we do.

Families, friends, prospective parents and children do please come along and see how playgroup works. Committee members and staff will be on hand to answer any questions and worries you may have.

We open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.15 until 12.15 during the school term.

DOROTHY TRAVIS

Supervisor Tel: 613264

HARBURY W.I.

The speaker at the April meeting was John Kensley from Severn Trent Water. He showed a video film which described the responsibilities of the water authority and emphasised how lucky we are to have constant running clean water in contrast to the drought stricken African countries. John told us about the treatment processes which the water has to go through, mainly at the Campion Hills plant, before reaching our taps in Harbury. The standard is constantly monitored and efforts are being made to reduce the chlorine level, thus improving the taste, whilst still keeping the bacteria levels harmless. Water is precious but we take it for granted and use it in a wasteful way. Thank you, John, for an interesting talk.

The competition for the evening was won by Sylvia Burdett who cleverly managed to get 56 objects beginning with the letter 'p' into a small sized match-box! Well done Sylvia and the others who came

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fairly close.

The dance in March was a great success both socially and financially. An appreciative letter of thanks was received from members of Long Itchington W.I. Barbara Sutton thanked the dance committee and especially Celia Barrett, for their hard work towards making it such an enjoyable evening.

Plans are going ahead for the stall at the carnival on June 15th, a bowls evening in Victoria Park on June 19th, a possible evening tour of Burford on June 26th, a coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on June 29th for the Chest Heart & Stroke Association.

The next meeting on May 9th will be the Resolutions Meeting when V.C.O. Mrs Wood from Sutton Coldfield will explain the resolutions chosen to be debated at the Triennial Meeting at the N.E.C. in June. It will also be a cheese and wine social time. Please come.

DIANA BUCK



CARNIVAL 1991

The competition for our "Carnival Queen" was held at a disco at the Rugby Club on Fri April 12th and we were delighted to welcome 15 entrants. The judges had a very difficult task but the worthy winner was 14 year old Katy Brown. 12 year old Louise Rawlings & Seona Lamont will be her attendants. Many thanks to all the girls who entered - hope to see you all again next year. Our thanks go to the judges:- Emma

Rawlings, Vicki Holroyd, Ray Meredith and Bob Jenkins. Also our thanks to Mike Bloxham for photographs. I think all who attended the disco enjoyed it although it was poorly supported.

The Carnival Committee members will as usual be around the village shortly selling programmes and raffle tickets - do support us as we hope to achieve last years total of £1776.65. Proceeds to go towards Village Hall Kitchen refurbishment. A separate sheet will be attached to the programme giving details and information of "Hash" organised by John Hancock.

PEGGIE MIDDLETON

THE CENTENARY WAY

Villagers may have noticed over the last four weeks, the appearance of way mark signs directing the Centenary Way through Harbury. This is part of a one hundred mile, long distance footpath created by the County Council to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Council's formation in 1889.

The footpath starts at Kingsbury Water Park in the north of the county, finishing at Meon Hill, south of Stratford; passing through Nuneaton, Kenilworth, Warwick and Leamington. At both ends the footpath connects with the Heart of England Way which itself joins the Staffordshire Way with the Cotswold Way.

Passing through the village, the path comes from Ufton entering via the Three Arch Bridge and then heads for the Burton Dasset Hills through the village hall playing fields, Bush Heath Lane and Itchington Holt.

The section of the walk to the Burton Dasset Hills is described in a leaflet which can be purchased from Kane's Newsagents.

JOHN HOLDEN

PIANOFORTE SUCCESS

Kathryn Tye, aged 9 years, a pupil of Adrian Moore, was successful in achieving Grade 3, with Merit, of the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music March 1991 examinations.

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HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

HTG held their AGM on Friday 26th April at the Wight School and the following officers were elected:

CHAIRMAN: Carol Percival SECRETARY: Gill Holden
VICE CHAIRMAN: Keith Hayes TREASURER: Alfred Wren

The meetings are mostly held on the last Friday in the month, although because of the Bank Holiday the next meeting will be held on Friday 24th March.

At the beginning of June the ACT (Amateur Community Theatre) which is a group made up of all the local amateur dramatic societies, is to stage a festival of one act plays. About 8-10 groups have already entered and it looks a very varied programme. Harbury is to host the Festival, and so you will be able to choose which of the three nights to come, so that you can see Harbury or some of the other groups. Naturally we hope that Harbury people will choose to come on "our" night. The dates are 6th, 7th & 8th June but we do not know yet on which night we will be performing. Put the date in your diaries now and look for posters later.

The play we are entering for the Festival is a lovely Folk tale which was written by a local authoress Eleanor Zonik. This is to be produced by Mary Shelley, and rehearsals are well underway.

CAROL A PERCIVAL

LONDON MARATHON

I was greeted by a hail storm when I arrived in London on the Saturday afternoon but the weather improved on Sunday morning. The sun however was deceptive - it was quite cold.

It was my third 'London' but it never loses its magic despite the pain! Such an event seems to bring out the best in people. This year, through the generosity of the village I hope to raise in excess of £450 for Myton Hospice. I'm not sure of the total yet as some money is still outstanding.

I completed the course in 3hrs 15mins marginally slower than in previous years. I was quite happy to get round, and then put some liquid back! The

only problem was the 2 mile walk to get to the nearest 'unmarathonised' pub! I enjoyed a pint and thought about a rest - maybe! My wife Carol came to give moral support, and fight her way through the masses with all the other marathon widows (and widowers!) After anything up to 7 hours waiting around for their opposite number to half kill themselves. I think they deserve a medal more than the finishers! Who knows maybe it will be an event in the future.

The question arises - why was I slower - numerous excuses spring to mind - perhaps it could be Anno Domini! - No - I don't believe it - there's always next year.

MICK KANE

FIRST HARBURY HASH

No, not a mix up over bus timetables or a fixture clash between those multitalented village organisations. This is a low key sporting occasion for all the family with food and drink to round off the evening. We think, after you've sampled one 'Hash' it won't be long before you want to try another. It's going to occur on Tuesday 11th June. See your Carnival programme for entry details.

First, a little bit of history. Hashing started in Malaya (as it was called then) before the last war. A group of people got together to have a paper chase (i.e. some modest exercise). Afterwards they planned their next event in a Chinese restaurant called the Hash House. Hence 'Hash House Harriers'. Now it's spread throughout the world and at last has reached Harbury. Instead of paper a flour trail is laid with suitable false trails so that the first can be last and vice a versa.

It's going to be a family fun evening. So either come along to the village hall car park at 6.30pm or drive straight to the start. This will be on the Thwaites Estate at 7pm. enter the estate at 'five ways' and park your car (if you take one) between Kingston Barn and the hill above Kingston Manor. Look out for markers (H) and park between them as directed.

Come dressed to suit the weather and bring some

warmer clothes to change. Also bring something to barbecue (salad, bread and barbecues laid on at the finish). Drinks will be available. Hash Master - Mike Putnam, Hares - Ann Brunt, Nicky Latham and Mick Kane. Commemorative T-shirts for sale at the event or to order. Profits to Harbury Carnival. See Carnival programme for entry details. See you there.

JOHN HANCOCK

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Come and join us down at the courts, times in Regular Diary Dates. We would welcome new members, and old! ones who haven't yet ventured on to the courts.

The men's doubles team has already been in action with some tough opposition, losing against Bidford and Henley but a drawn match against FISC. A friendly ladies doubles match at Tysoe on 18th April was postponed due to snow! The re-arranged fixture resulted in a win for Harbury.

GILL THORPE

SOCCER SUCCESS

Steven Thompson of Manor Orchard, currently a pupil in the Upper Vith at Southam School, was a member of the Warwickshire Schools under 19's squad, who remained unbeaten in the recent English Schools F.A. Soccer Festival at Morecambe.

They returned with the impressive result of two wins and three draws from five games played in five days. In the opening match a 2-2 draw was achieved against Cumbria, followed by a convincing 4-1 win against the Isle of Man. Hertfordshire were held 1-1 and Durham 2-2 before the tournament was completed with a 2-1 win against Suffolk. Warwickshire and West Midlands were the only two teams in the entire competition, comprising more than 50 teams, to remain unbeaten throughout the tournament.

Steve has been a regular member of the County squad for two seasons, and played in all 5 games at Morecambe and was appointed 'Player of the Season'.

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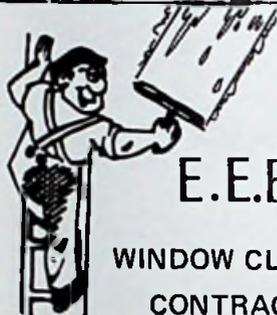
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team, visited Blackburn to play Lancashire Schools F.A. in the semi-final of the English Schools F.A. Plate Competition. After a lengthy uncomfortable coach journey Warwickshire achieved a creditable 0-0 draw, and have to replay locally soon for a place in the final against Greater Manchester Schools F.A.

KEITH THOMPSON

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

The Club had a practice match on Sunday 28th April at the Rugby Club Ground. In an exciting game between a mixture of First and Second XI players over 400 runs were scored off 75 overs. Notable innings by Les Sollis (26) and Jamie Playdon (35) gave the A team a good start, and a swift 29 from Will Russell gave them 203 off 40 overs: Gary Haynes bowled well for the B team and Ed Russell and John Lapraik were also in good form. Andrew Clifford bowled economically. The B team scored 204 in 35 overs with an outstanding knock of 51 by Ed Russell. Peter Rolleson (33) Andrew Dyer (21) and Andrew Clifford (19) also batted well. Brian Wallington was as economical as ever with the ball, and Phil Holtam was very useful.

First and Second teams open their season with away matches on Sunday 5th May. After that there is a home match virtually every Sunday. May fixtures are given in the advertisement at the back of the H & L News.

H. BLOFIELD

HARBURY RUGBY CLUB

End of Season Report

The Season finished on a successful Saturday at the end on April - 3 wins out of 4, after which there is a friendly against the newly formed Bishops Itchington Rugby Club - rumour has it that George Mann is making a come back?!

The 1st XV finished in 4th place in the Warwickshire Division 2, a commendable performance, full credit to Graham Lewis and his team. The 2nd XV finished with a record number of wins - 28 - good to see the side containing a lot of new 'younger' players. The 'Veteran' 3rd XV again won twice as many as they

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lost and the 4th XV turned out on nearly every Saturday throughout the season. Grateful thanks to Pete Rowell - ably supported by his vice-captain Bridget Rowell - who got a side together each Saturday - no mean task in getting a team of all ages and shapes and sizes. So, the senior club take a well earned summer rest in confident mood for the future.

The Juniors and minis continues to thrive with all age groups fielding sides every Sunday. One highlight was the Under 9's winning the trophy at the Long Buckby Festival in April.

Another commendable effort was the Under 17's beating Worcester a few weeks ago, the side also took on the Senior Club in a friendly and gave a splendid account of themselves, the club looks forward to seeing some of these young players playing Saturday afternoon rugby over the next couple of seasons.

IAN HOLROYD

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REPORT ON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday 25th April was a night County Cllr Mrs P Bidwell would have wished to be anywhere but Harbury for it was the time when parents learned the full extent of the cuts in Education spending, and they were out for blood! Those parishioners who also happened to be teachers themselves were doubly incensed and demanded to know why schools were to suffer the loss of teachers, equipment, books and ancillary staff.

Unfortunately, although she is a member of the Education Committee Mrs Bidwell did not know why either. She could not understand how it had happened, indeed she did not seem convinced it would happen.

Ken Stephenson complained that ordinary people did

not realise the extent of the cuts the Shire would suffer and asked what the County was doing to fight off Capping. Mrs Bidwell said "there is a good chance we will be capped" but she also thought Warwickshire had a very good case against capping.

Keith Thompson revealed Harbury School had to save £20,000 and said this would lead to a severe reduction in teaching standards. One out of the 8 teachers must go and there would be larger classes and more mixed age teaching. They were told that it was Government policy which had forced this action on the County and he urged everyone to make their disquiet known to the Secretary of State. Dave Andrews, also a Governor of the School, asserted that he would not allow the School to lose a teacher but was disgusted by the sheer uncertainty, which was causing the staff great distress.

Mary Thompson, a Headteacher in Southam was furious! There were no gainers, even LMS schools had problems and she would lose £11,000 even if Warwickshire were not capped, AND she had to make her redundancies by the end of May!!

There was unanimous support for the Chairman's offer to send a letter of protest to Michael Heseltine and to our MP Alan Howarth, who has not yet spoken in the County's defence.

The meeting had started mildly with Ian Swift of the Rural Housing Trust explaining their role in providing affordable housing for local people where they were invited by the Parish Councils to do so. The RHT provided only low-cost rented accommodation with no right to buy. English Villages Housing Association, a sister Charity, built similar houses for shared-ownership, again with no right to buy more equity. They did NOT develop homes for sale on the open market and all the property would stay low-cost and for locals in perpetuity.

The Rural Housing Trust was working with 36 Parish Councils in Warwickshire and locally schemes were progressing at Long Itchington, Stockton and Fenny Compton. There was funding from the Government for 100 rented homes in Warwickshire in 1991 which would alleviate some of the County's problems. Rented houses were being made available at £30-45

per week and Shared-ownership homes for £32 - 39,000 and with these the occupiers paid only a mortgage (no rent element) so they cost between £250-300 a month.

He stressed the partnership element, with the Parish being consulted on the needs, siting, design and allocation of homes. However the Trust would make the final decisions on occupancy, to relieve the Parish Council of any accusations of bias. He suggested that if Harbury wanted to proceed the Trust would assist them to reassess the Housing Need and search for suitable low-cost land outside the village boundary. He revealed that the County Council had resolved that it would release land at below market value to assist RHT schemes. The general consensus was that the village should proceed and Mr Swift offered to return in June to assist the Council.

That, however, was the only uncontroversial item. The Play Area and Dog Muck, singly and intermingled provoked strong reactions from the audience. Amanda Randall had written to ask if bins and poop-scoops could be installed and the Play Area fenced off against dogs and she urged everyone to be brave enough to tell owners when their dogs "had an accident". Mrs Randall wanted the High Slide removed and thought parents would be willing to fund-raise to help up-grade the Play Equipment. Jean Cox too favoured improvements. She called for the Rocket to be taken down, saying that there was too little bark mulch and the concrete was exposed. Chris Macgowan thought the public comments revealed that Harbury had an ageing facility that would one day be seen to be dangerous and Keith Thompson agreed that the Council should give thought to its replacement.

But it was the dirty dogs, or their owners, that caused such a stir, with many people condemning such anti-social behaviour. The Chairman believed that only a prosecution would bring them to heel and PC Tim Percival said with obvious relief that the District Council now had the problem of making the charges stick! The dilemma was neatly summed up by John Lapraik who urged everyone not to cry to the authorities who were doing all they could, but to

speak out and let the offenders know how disgusted they felt.

LINDA RIDGLEY

END OF AN ERA

At a surprise party in his honour on April 13th, retiring Parish Clerk Ray Carter was presented with a pair of garden chairs. Ray has been a devoted and hard working clerk for 20 years, with help and support of his wife Jill. On the same evening a farewell presentation was made to Councillor Iory Davies who did not stand for re-election as he is no longer resident in the village. His life long knowledge of the village, common sense and good humour will be very much missed.

M.S.H.



Ray Carter and Iory Davies with Chairman Bill Middleton

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR MARCH 1991

In the gloaming of the Farley Room, the "end of term" saw praises for the retiring Clerk and mutual admiration amongst Councillors as they nominated one another for the coming elections.

But such goodwill did not extend to their successors who will be landed with the problem of whether or not to issue Bus Tokens to the OAPs. A case of Bucking the Passes?

Transport in its various forms featured in the deliberations. They were mightily exercised by the County Council cut backs on verge maintenance and gully emptying and concerned about the transfer of the street sweeping function to the Districts as the Environmental Protection Act comes into force. The Act enables the man in the street to take all local authorities to court if standards are not kept up.

Not wanting to step in "it", they decided, after hearing the Engineer's Report on the state of the Play Area condemning the proliferation of "doggies' calling cards", to erect notices asking that folk keep their dogs away from where the children play.

Nevertheless, they want a "P" sign put up too, directing motorists to the Recreation Grounds Car Park! This showcase of parochial pride does not meet with everyone's approval and Mr Hunter was there to tell them forcefully that he did not like it.

Parking outside the Scrapyard in Harbury Lane was condemned as very dangerous and the Cllrs were appaled at the Byzantine procedures necessary before the Fiat Strada at the Bascote Crossroads can be removed. That it no longer obscures the junction is down to Pc Tim "Gordius" Percival who in return would like the PC to campaign for the village's double yellow lines to be repainted.

The Council agreed to show solidarity with Bishops against the prospect of the noisy intrusive sports of Water and Jet Skiing being brought to the Quarries. They also objected to a bungalow at Moores on Station Road, and a house off Hall Lane in Harbury Hall's grounds. The Parish supported plans for a new sign at the Shakespeare, an extension at



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23 Farm Street, the conversion of Bill Russell's old barn off the Fosse, the siting of a container at the Telephone Exchange and a new house at 7 Vicarage Lane. The District approved the replacement house at Model Farm and Mr Merriman's conversion of farm buildings to office space behind Temple End.

The Department of the Environment upheld Mr Gill's Appeal and he can now use the caravan in the garden of Tresco for short term holiday lets!

LINDA RIDGLEY

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

In the Stratford District Council elections Cllr John Sharp (Conservative) was returned unopposed.

In the Parish Council elections 10 nomination papers were submitted but only 8 were accepted by the returning officer because of technical errors. The following 8 Councillors are therefore elected unopposed - Bill Middleton, Midge Keen, John Drinkwater, Keith Thompson, Sharon Hancock, Ken Stephenson, Chris Macgowan and newcomer Ed Wilson. It will be necessary for the Council to co-opt a further 2 councillors.

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

I should know better than to expect the Folk Club to be a little quieter just because it falls during a holiday period. On April 4th that was certainly not the case and we had the usual problems of finding space for all the performers and audience in the lounge of the Old New Inn.

One of last month's first-timers, Kevin, was back again only this time accompanied on one song by his wife Sally playing the unusual Anglo concertina. Derek also made a welcome return, with some fine unaccompanied singing, and John & Noel, half of the group 'Backwater', treated us to some deft guitar picking.

The regulars were in good form too. The Harvesters started and finished the evening and found themselves compelled to sing an encore - "Don't dilly dally" was a popular choice. Mike selected his (and my) favourite Jake Thackeray song "On again", to the obvious delight of the audience, the Jug Band covered

a wide social spectrum with "Fanlight Fanny" and "The Upper Echelons", and Raven were augmented by the talented Owen John who added an extra fiddle on some rowing songs including the "Mingulay Boat Song". But the highlight of the evening for me was the "Four Tups" (John, Nick, Stewart and Rup) who started their spot in morbid fashion with "Dead End Street" and "Hey Jake" (about a dead dog) but finished with a surprisingly inoffensive song about a folk club compere!

The raffle raised £27 for the South Warwickshire Hospital Scanner Appeal, bringing the total raised since we started the raffles in September 1987, to a magnificent £1073. The next Folk Club session is on June 6th at 8.30pm.

PETER McDONALD

PROFILE - DANNY KILLIAN

Whenever the name of Danny Killian is mentioned people immediately say "Ah yes, he's the chap who thought up the Victorian Fayre".

True enough - but there is a lot more to Danny than that. He was born in Knightsbridge in Jan 1937 and the family moved to Barford just before the war. He attended Barford Junior School until he was 11 years and then went on Campion Secondary Modern in Leamington Spa. He then went to Coventry Technical College where he studied Automotive Engineering where he received a Higher National Certificate in engineering. He was then employed with Hobbs Transmission in Leamington Spa where he carried out a 5 year apprenticeship - in fact he received a Cup for being the first apprentice with the company. On completion of apprenticeship he was then conscripted for 2 years National Service undergoing basic training in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and finally being transferred to the Army Intelligence Corps where he spent 18 months in Cyprus. Returning to his old company he met Julie, his future wife.

They were both made redundant two years later whilst building their bungalow in Harbury. Their bungalow was one of the first self built houses in the

district. They were helped by the family and whilst the father was working on the footings he dug up an incendiary bomb. He carried it round to the Police Station and handed it in, whereupon the policeman on duty beat a hasty retreat!

The bungalow was completed in six months and he then married Julie. In 1963 he started at A.P. as a Junior Design Engineer in the Automatic Transmission Division and finished up as Engineering Quality Manager in the same division.

His interests include gardening, vintage motorcycles and cars, breeding rare breeds of bantams and he was Chairman of the Chapel Street float for three years. He is a great D.I.Y. expert and has renovated many houses, including their holiday cottage in Cornwall.

He is an inveterate hoarder and his wife says they will never be able to move because there will never be enough removal vans in the country to shift all his "treasures"!

J. LODGE

HARBURY SOCIETY

A limited number of society members were lucky enough to be given a tour of the Manor House, to view the restoration work which Peter and Paula White have undertaken.

Peter is a noted Architect and he needed all his experience and love of history and architecture to help him rescue the Manor House. Some of the timber-framing in the east wing survived on the garden side but the gable end and roof could not be saved. Peter agonised over whether to patch up the unsatisfactory later brick facing or to reconstruct from scratch the timber-framing that had preceded it. In the end he decided that it was more honest to rebuild in timber.

The middle portion of the house is the oldest. It is a Thirteenth Century Hall which would have been open to the roof with a central open fire place, (the roof timbers still display the smoke blackening from this primitive arrangement), but the Hall today is largely Jacobean with an inserted oak staircase and fireplace.

Remember that the Carnival Stall this year is selling Second-hand Crockery so when you are spring cleaning do set aside anything that we can use, or ring the Secretary to arrange for collection.

****CHANGE OF DATE The next event is in Environment Week when there will be a Guided Walk round Ufton Fields on Sunday 19th May at 9.30am. There is a car park where we can assemble, on the right off Ufton Lane two thirds of the way between the Flax Hill bend and the sharp left near the village.

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT

A number of parents in the village have been discussing improvements to the playground equipment. As a result, we shall be conducting a survey in the next couple of weeks to try and find out what people's needs are. If you have any views on the matter, for example, whether you would like to see changes, or if you think that the equipment is fine as it is, we shall be pleased to hear from you. We shall be distributing survey forms through various outlets, but if you do not receive one and would like to complete a form, please contact me on 613373.

AMANDA RANDALL

FOOTPATH MAINTENENCE by Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Group.

If you do any walking at all in Harbury you must have noticed how difficult the local footpaths are to walk, and how easy it is to get lost. Nettles swamp the ground, stiles are flattened and signposts are not existant. This was evident when we walked a number of paths late last year. Both bron and silver groups walked different routes in threes and fours noting problems as they went. It was obvious we couldn't clear them all, but we chose the most overgrown one - not an easy job, they were all in such bad condition - and set about clearing it. Shears, hedgetrimmers and secateurs attacked the area and in an hour it was clear.

Unfortunately this was just a drop in the ocean of weeds. The council said they would provide stiles and signs with just one snag - we had to put them up ourselves. With numerous footpaths to repair it looks like we'll be very busy, so be prepared to see us at a footpath near you.

Harbury



Youth Club

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Cut the dead flower heads off all daffodils and sprinkle the ground around them with a general fertiliser. Make sure sweet pea plants are not left short of water at any stage or they will go yellow and later the flowers will drop. Wallflower should be protected from cabbage root fly!

Lawns should be mown once a week - never leave the mowings lying on the surface. Treat the grass with a combined weed killer and fertiliser. You can buy an organic one which is harmless to birds and dogs.

Where possible protect peach, plum and pear blossom from late frost. Continue spraying apples and pears to prevent scab. Gather gooseberries as soon as they are large enough to cook leaving fruit spaced to 4", to develop into dessert fruit later.

Sow small frequent batches of salad material, also winter cabbage, kale broccoli and other brassicas. Pinch out tops of broad bean shoots to deter black-fly. Complete potato planting. Draw up soil over shoots of new potatoes to protect them from frost damage.

Clear all the garden of weeds and apply a good mulch to depress their re-growth, and retain moisture in the ground.

E. D. ZONIK

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Mr Thacker, last month, held a group discussion rather than a talk on raising annuals from seed. Speaking as an experienced nursery-man he was able to disclose the professional's methods for producing reliable and consistent results and to deal authoritatively with members' problems.

This month our programme of talks ends with Mr Steve Lyton's talk on "Owls" on the 7th. This should be an unusual and interesting evening as he is bringing live birds with him to illustrate his lecture.

R. M. GREY (Chairman)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

With luck our coordinators will by now have delivered a copy of "Practical Ways to Crack Crime" to every household in Harbury including those not yet in the NW scheme and outlying locations. If anyone has not had a copy and would like one ring me on 612073 because it contains much good advice for everyone.

"Crime Prevention Week" is over but I hope that you won't regard it as a 6 day wonder as the problems will continue and are particularly severe in this area.

Crime has increased nationally by about 5% for some years but this year has grown by over 17%, and in Warwickshire by 30%. Home and car thefts in Leamington are up by over 50% and thefts from businesses by 86%.

No doubt the authorities will try to do something about this but even if they are only partially successful the baddies may decide that the pickings might be easier in villages outside Leamington, and we are only 6 miles away.

In thanking our coordinators for their work I would mention that several of them have mentioned to me that many people go away for substantial periods without letting them know and this prevents them from keeping a watchful eye on their property. Don't forget that there is no better safeguard for an empty house than a watchful neighbour.

DON PARKER

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank my family and friends for attending my 70th Birthday, and appreciated the many lovely gifts and cards. Special thanks to Pat and Brian for the well kept party at the Dog Inn.

DEREK LOWE

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AGE CONCERN - SOUTHAM AREA

Annual General Meeting 7pm Wattons Lodge
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Monday 3rd June 1991

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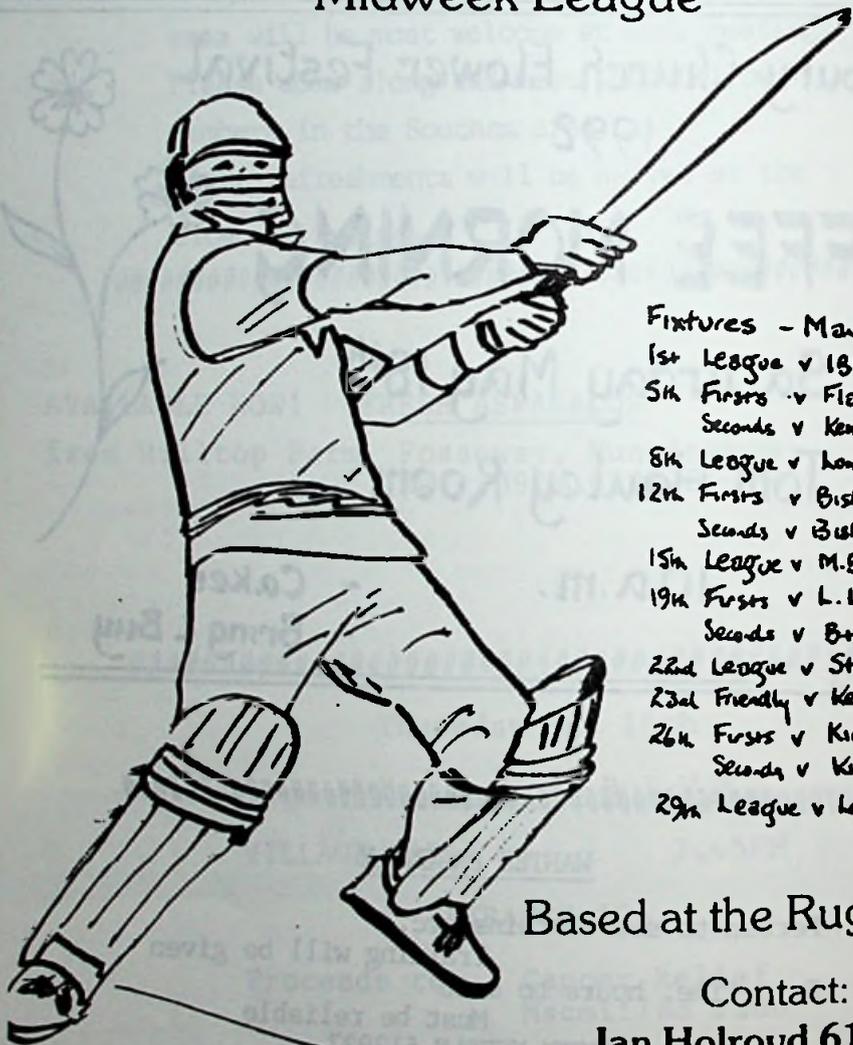
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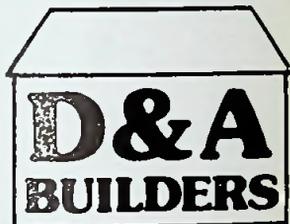
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