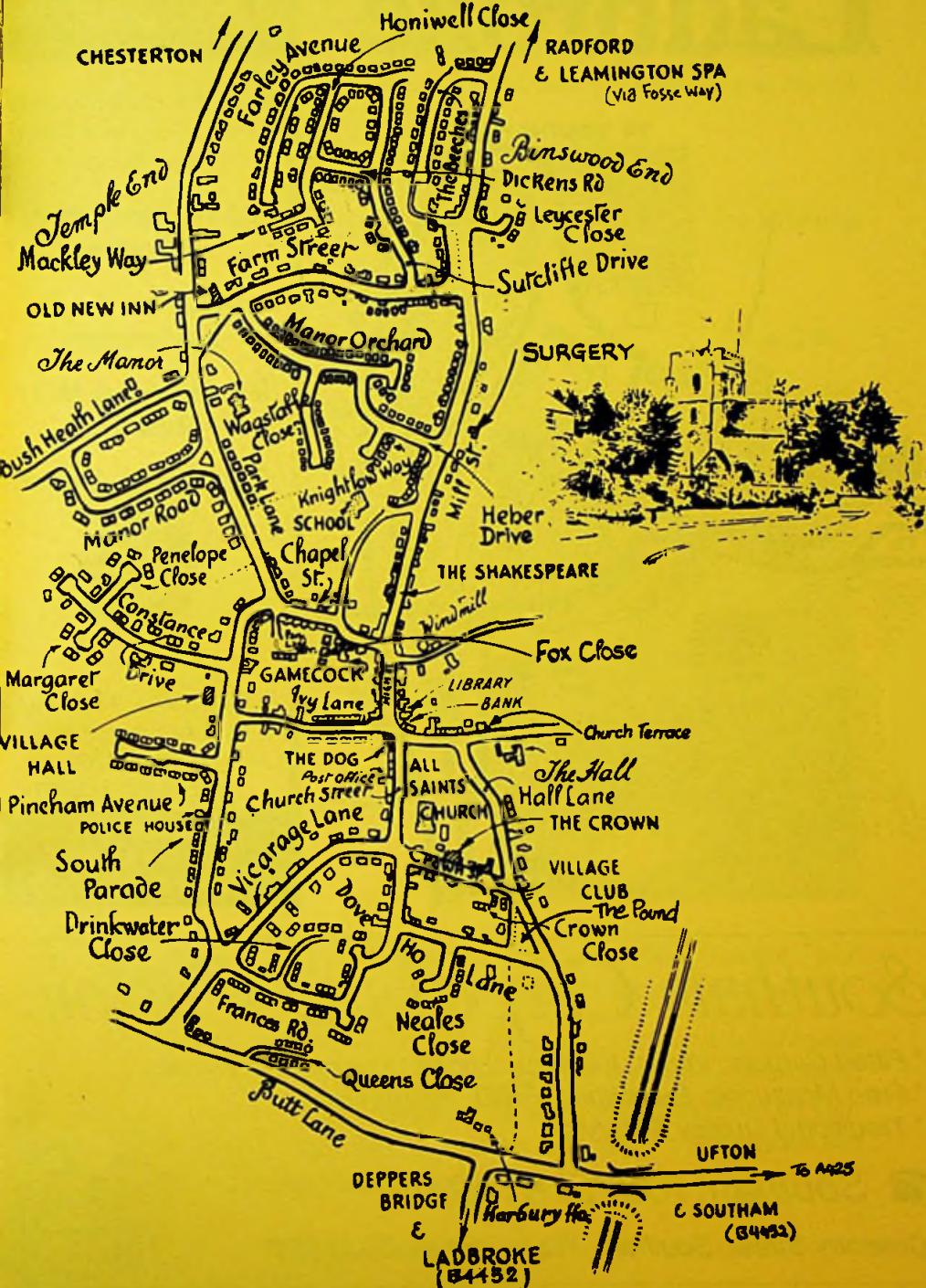
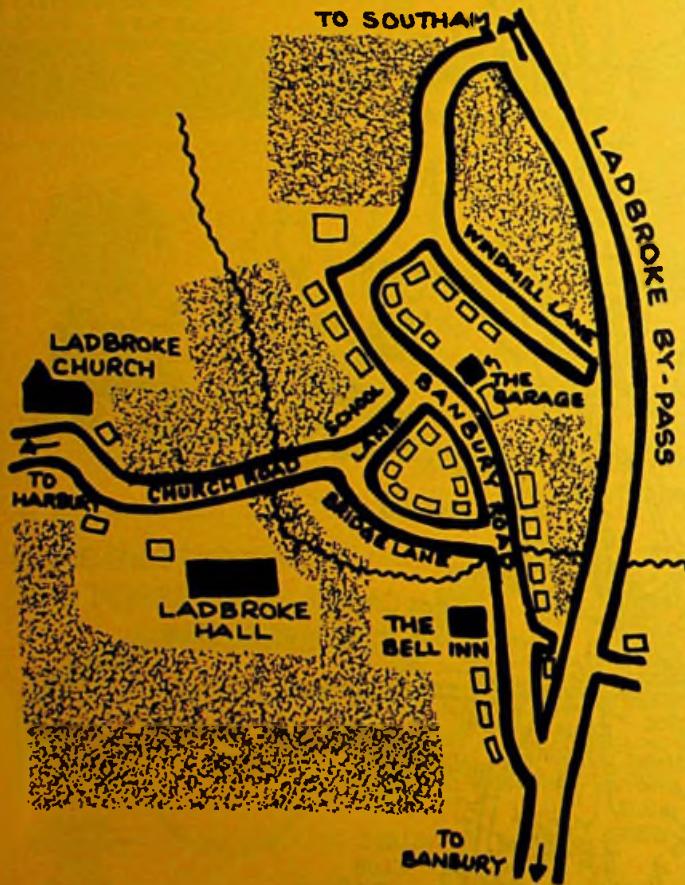


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Song For the UNSUNG HERO

*Who's the unsung hero here?
Who recorded Christmas cheer?
Who'll take photos all the year?
Mike Bloxham!*

*Who's on hand in sun or hail?
Who brings pictures without fail?
Who's the News's favourite male?
Mike Bloxham!*

Thanks from Editors & Committee

This month's picture is of our regular photographer Mike Bloxham, who turns out in all weathers to record village activities for you, our readers.

Now that Christmas is over, as you take down your cards and decorations, may we give you a gentle reminder to look out the questionnaire enclosed in last month's issue and let us have your opinions and suggestions on your Village Magazine, so your 1995 magazine will reflect your wishes and help us to provide a magazine for the Village.

The New Year sees a change in partnership at Harbury Surgery. Dr. Wilne retired at the end of '94, after nearly 30 years, although he will still be doing 2 surgeries a week on an Assistant basis.

Dr. Jonathan Wilkinson joined the team on 1st January and we would like to welcome him and his fiancee, and hope they will be very happy here.

A Happy and Peaceful New Year to all our readers.

Harbury Diary

JANUARY 1995

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|-------|----|--|
| Sun | 8 | EPIPHANY I - Holy Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am;
Evensong 4pm |
| Mon | 9 | Yoga in Village Hall 1.30-3pm |
| Tues | 10 | Step in Village Hall 1.30-3pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Village Hall Committee in V.Hall 8pm |
| Wed | 11 | Grapevine Coffee Morning in T.Hauley Room 10-noon
Bible Study in T.Hauley Room 8pm
Youth Club in V.Hall, 8pm |
| Thurs | 12 | Holy Communion 9.45am
Slimming World in T.Hauley Room 10.30am
Thursday Club in V.Hall, 2.30pm
Women's Institute in V.Hall, 7.45pm |
| Fri | 13 | Collecting for Scouts Jumble Sale from 6pm onwards |
| Sat | 14 | Scout JUMBLE SALE in V.Hall |
| Sun | 15 | EPIPHANY II - Holy Communion 8am;
Family Communion 10.30am |
| Mon | 16 | Yoga in V.Hall 1.30-3pm |
| Tues | 17 | Step in V.Hall 1.30-3pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union in T.Hauley Room 7.45pm
Senior Citizens Committee in V.Hall 8.30pm |
| Wed | 18 | Grapevine Coffee Morning in T.Hauley Room 10-noon
Youth Club in V.Hall 8pm |
| Thurs | 19 | Holy Communion 9.45am
Slimming World in T.Hauley Room 10.30am |
| Fri | 20 | Men's Prayer Breakfast in T.Hauley Room 7.30am
Nursery Playgroup Cake Stall in Dog Car Park am |
| Sun | 22 | EPIPHANY III - Holy Communion 8am;
Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 4pm |

- Mon 23 Yoga in V.Hall 1.30-3pm
 Tues 24 Step in V.hall 1.30-3pm
 Area Planning Meeting in Southam 6pm
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Julian Group in Church 8.10pm
 Wed 25 Grapevine Coffee Morning in T.Hauley Room 10-noon
 Youth Club in V.Hall 8pm
 Thurs 26 TIMOTHY & TITUS
 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Slimming World in T.Hauley Room 10.30am
 Thursday Club in V.Hall 2.30pm
 Parish Council in V.Hall 7.30pm
 Fri 27 Holy Communion at noon
 **ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN FEBRUARY's NEWS
 TO PETE's PLACE**
 Sun 29 EPIPHANY IV - Holy Communion 8am;
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 4pm
 Mon 30 Yoga in V.Hall 1.30-3pm
 Tues 31 Step in V.Hall 1.30-3pm
 Holy Communion 7.30pm

FEBRUARY

- Wed 1 Grapevine Coffee Morning in T.Hauley Room 10-noon
 Mothers' Union in T.Hauley Room 2.15pm
 Bible Study at 8pm
 Youth Club in V.Hall 8pm
 Thurs 2 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Storytelling in Library 10am
 Slimming World in T.Hauley Room 10.30am
 Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn 8.30pm
 Sun 5 EPIPHANY V - Sung Eucharist 9am, Evensong 4pm
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**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE
 TO: LINDA RIDGLEY - TEL. 612792.**

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| For Village Hall Bookings | Mrs. Hughes 612716 |
| For Wight School Bookings | Mrs. Hayes 613488 |
| For Tom Hauley Room Bookings | Mrs. Smith 613680 |

EVENING COURSES at HARBURY C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

Starting in January:

Mon	9	Conversational French	7.30-9.30
Tues	10	Water Colour Painting	7.30-9.30
Wed	11	Yoga	7.30-9.30

All the above in the Temporary Classroom

Thur	12	Keep Fit to Music	7.30-9.00
Fri	6	Aerobics (Bums, Tums, Hips)	6-7 & 7-8

The above two are in the Main School Hall

REGULAR DIARY DATES

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

BADMINTON: Village Hall Tuesdays

BEAVERS: Scout Hut, 6-7pm Tuesdays

BELLRINGING PRACTICE: Church, 7.30pm Fridays

BIBLE STUDY: Tom Hauley Room 8pm Wednesdays

BINGO: Village Hall, 8pm Mondays

BROWNIES: Village Hall 6-7.30pm Tuesdays

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, 6.30pm Fridays

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU: Over Southam Magistrates Court,
10am-3pm Tuesdays (Except Bank Holidays)

COFFEE MORNING: Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon Saturdays

CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesdays

DANCING CLASSES: Farley Room Village Hall, Children & Adults 4-9pm
Wednesdays.

GRAPEVINE: Tom Hauley Room, Coffee Morning 10-12noon Wednesdays

GUIDES: Scout Hut, 7-8.30pm Monday

GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, 6-7pm (U7-10yrs & Beginners 7-8pm);
Over 10yrs 8-9pm Mondays

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: Old New Inn 8.30pm 1st Thursday of Month

HARBURY FRIENDS: School, 8pm 2nd Tues of Month

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: School Hall, 8-10pm Wednesdays

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Village Hall, 8pm 1st Tues (Oct. to May)

LIBRARY: Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 10am 1st Thursday of Month

NETBALL CLUB: Village Hall Car Park, Training 6.30pm Thursdays;
Matches Saturday Afternoon

NURSERY SCHOOL: Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday mornings

PLAYGROUP: Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings

SLIMMING WORLD: Tom Hauley Room 10.30 Thursdays

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, 7.45pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

STEP AEROBICS: Village Hall, 1.30-2.30pm Tuesdays

TENNIS CLUB: (Apr-Sept) Tue & Thur 6.30pm onwards (6pm for April);
Sat 2-5pm, Mon & Wed 1.45-3pm

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

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

TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, 10-11.30am Mondays & 2-3.30pm Wed.

UPHOLSTERY CLASSES: Wight School, 2-4pm Mondays

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

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

YOUTH CLUB: Village Hall, 7.30-9.30pm Wednesdays

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

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VISITING: Hospital. If you are unable to visit a parent or relative, or parents would like support with a child in Hospital: Call Fr. Roy Brown 612377 or Keith Dormer 613254.

HOME VISITING: Caring for a sick or elderly relative and need a break for a few hours, or you would like someone to call on you: Call Betty Knappe 612679 or Sue Dormer 613254.

CHILDRENS' CLOTHING: for 0-6 Years old: Call Anne Woodward 613536, Maureen Darby 613330 or Mary Catt 612864.

EMERGENCY TRANSPORT: Call Vivien Neill 613461 or John Algar 613864.

HELP WITH FORM FILLING: Job Applications, CV's, Council Tax Forms, etc.: Call Joanne Cooper 613859 or Jeff Bedford 612753.

For Personal Tax Claims, Rebates on Tax Paid to Building Societies or on Shares: Call Jim Chapple 612044.

HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE: Call Tony Brunton 612191.

ODD JOBS ABOUT THE HOUSE: Call Jeff Bedford 612753.

HELP WITH COOKING, SHOPPING, READING: If you live alone and need help with cooking or shopping, or you need help with reading, or you are partially sighted and would like someone to read to you: Call Mary Catt 612864.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion, 8am

Sung Eucharist, 10.30am (Exc. 1st Sunday of Month: Sung Eucharist 9am)

Family Service, 10.30am on 3rd Sunday of Month

Evensong, 6.30pm (Except 3rd Sunday)

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

FROM THE RECTOR

I would like to share with you some words written by Michael Ramsey on Joy:

Joy in the Lord. What is this joy?

It is the joy experienced by those who, come what may, are beginning to know God, to enjoy God in his beauty and loveliness, and to be exposed to his energies.

It is not only the joy of a sure faith that God reigns supreme; it is the joy of a practical fellowship with one who is himself joy and pours joy into lives which are united with him.

Our joy is the joy of those who are forgiven and forgiving. Lose hold on the realities of penitence and forgiveness in your life, and it will not be surprising if the joy which is your privilege begins to fade.

To have joy in God means knowing that God is our country, our environment, the air we breathe. God is the country of the soul, said St. Augustine. Living in that country, we do not turn away from the griefs of our present environment - indeed, we may expect a greater sensitivity to these - but we are in the perspective of God, of heaven, of eternity.

Please take these thoughts into the New Year and may it be healthy and peaceful for you.

Fr. Roy

From the Register - Holy Baptism

Harbury: 14th December, Harry James Hill

Harbury: 11th December, Rose Elizabeth Harmer

Harbury: 29th December, Anna Ianthe Quin

Laugh Line

Notice in the kitchen of a Church Hall: *Ladies when you have emptied the teapot please stand upside down in the sink.*

MOTHERS' UNION

A toy Father Christmas (nearly antique), a variety of tree decorations and lights, a pair of scissors, an address book, a dilapidated pair of stockings - these were a few of our *Favourite Christmas Things* which we brought to the December meeting. Everyone had a story to tell or a memory to share. Pam Clarke showed a little tree made for her in India by an ex-terrorist who has become a Christian, Esme Churchill told us about the Christmas crib made by her daughter and Margaret Docherty read us a poem by John Betjeman.

It was an enjoyable afternoon, finishing with tea and mince pies provided by Shirley and Trisha.

Our January events are the party on Jan. 4th and the trip to *Barmum* on the 6th. There is no evening meeting in January.

C. Mary Catt

TODDLERS' SERVICE

We looked at some of the things a new baby needs, and Mrs. Guy talked about getting ready for a baby and how Mary prepared for the baby Jesus.

We each made a model of Jesus in the manger with a peg for the baby. Then we sang *Away in a Manger* and finished with a prayer.

C. Mary Catt

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HARBURY - CHRISTMAS FAIR '94

What a day! From the arrival of Father Christmas, in his Grotto at 2.15pm, until the drawing of the Raffle at 4.30pm it was blissful Pandemonium. The wonderful spirit, generated by all the stall holders, who respond to the call so magnificently year upon year, was shared by all friends and visitors to the Fair.

There are many friends who put in a lot of work each year, master-minded by Charles Catt, the end result being one of seeming simplicity.

These people are not just the ones we see manning the stalls. In the background is the P.T.A., who not only build Santa's Grotto each year, but also supervise the procession of youngsters through to the Grotto. All those who sell Raffle tickets (a thankless task if ever there was one) and collect gifts, deserve a thank you - as, indeed, do the ones who buy tickets and donate gifts. All are welcome, however small.

Deserving of special mention this year is Ron Dunbar, who has supported us so very generously over so many years, and on behalf of the Committee, I send him a special message of thanks.

Oh, and financially it was successful too. We made some £1,055 and, as decided by the P.C.C. half will go to the Scouts and Guides and half to the Church.

To you all, on behalf of the Committee, very many thanks and Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas.

Ken Hughes



Father Christmas arriving at the Christmas Fair.

R.O.C. FUND - HEREBURGH QUILT

There can only be a few people in Harbury who have not heard of this splendid work of art. The inspiration of Mary Shelley, the quilt was

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embroidered by more than twelve ladies, who worked long and hard, under the expert supervision of Betty Thompson, from Dorset. The bulk of the material used was generously donated by Audrey, and the theme was based on *Durham* pattern.

Upon completion, it was exhibited in Royal Priors for one week, and at Gaydon Motor Museum, and it was an almost permanent display in Kath Ellis's Hairdressing Salon. At all venues it attracted appreciative comments, some bordering on covetousness - so much so that the selling of Raffle Tickets became a pleasurable experience.

Tickets were bought by a wide variety of people from any parts of the world - Sweden, Canada, U.S.A. Co. Down, Co. Limerick, Wales, Scotland, Jersey and Bishop's.

The quilt itself, along with matching cushions, was won by Peter Towell, of Vicarage Lane, and the other prizes were won as follows:

- £30 - Mrs. Berry, Southport (c/o Carol Percival)
- £15 - D. Mahan, Co. Durham
- Quilt Tutorial, Jackie c/o Quakers Cafe, Warwick
- Whiskey, Mrs. Fuller, Harbury
- Cuddly Toy, Mrs. Alkins
- Toiletries, Mrs. Felton, Rugby
- Cross Stitch Kit, Mrs. Woodward, Flecknoe, Harbury
- Wine, D. Warner, Southam
- Quilted Cushion, Campbell, Bishop's Itchington
- Quilted Cushion, C. Brunskill, Co. Durham
- Quilted Cushion, C. Barnes, Henley in Arden
- Chocolates, L. Evans, Harbury

The Raffle raised approximately £1,150 and thanks are due to all who sold tickets, and to all our supporters who bought them. Well done, indeed.

One name is selected to represent you all - that of Kath Ellis, who was responsible for raising more than £100.

On behalf of many, Betty and all the ladies who helped to construct this magnificent quilt, I can only say *Thank you*. It really has been a great delight to be associated with such a pleasant project.

Ken Hughes

CLOSURE OF HARBURY CRUSADERS' SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is with great regret that I have to announce that the Harbury Crusaders leaders are no longer able to continue to run the Sunday School. Having been part of this organisation for almost ten years, (first as Harbury Adventurers, then later as Harbury Crusaders), I feel very sad that we must close down until more suitable arrangements can be made.

The three regular leaders have all been experiencing increases in both their work and family commitments, whilst at the same time the number of occasional helpers has greatly diminished, despite appeals over the last six months for more assistance.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to the past success of harbury Crusaders, and to wish them well for the future.

Keith Dormer

BIBLE STUDY

A new year, with its new beginnings, changes and resolutions. So it is with the Bible Study Group. We shall now meet weekly on **Wednesday evenings**, beginning on **January 11th at 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room.**

There will also be an opportunity for anyone unable to attend an evening group to come along on **Tuesday mornings at 10.30am**, beginning on **January 17th at 3 Penelope Close.**

At both evening and morning groups we will start by asking: *Why study the Bible anyway?* and *What can I get out of it?* We look forward to meeting old friends, and making new ones.

Tony Stubbs

HARBURY AND LADBROKE CHURCH MEN's SOCIETY

The Society met on 1st Dec. to hear a talk given by Mr. Dorian Jones entitled *The Probation Service*.

Brian said the service originated initially out of Christian concern and at first probation officers were known as police missionaries. From these early beginnings Brian gave a history of the service up to the present day.

This included how the service is currently funded. He also compared the cost of keeping a person in prison for one year against the cost of keeping a person on probation for the same period to show how cost effective the service is. He explained how the service has to be organised to suit the needs of the local communities.

The two main schemes of the probation service are:

1. Dealing with criminals and
2. Dealing with families when the family unit breaks down.

As far as criminals are concerned, the probation officer can advise courts by reporting on a case, before sentencing takes place. These reports can include any previous convictions and any background characteristics that may help the courts in making their decisions. Occasionally, it can sometimes help a situation if the criminal and the victim can meet under the supervision of the probation officer in reparation. This can be reported to the courts and can help the offender by providing him with a probation order as a direct alternative to prison.

The service works in separate specialized groups, separate groups deal with separate categories.

For drugs, theft, assault, or family problems. In the case of family problems the welfare of children is paramount. Among the many duties of a probation officer one includes visiting prisoners in gaol and towards the end of their sentence prepare them for their release and ensure they have accommodation when released. Probation officers no longer do home visits alone even with criminals they know well, because threats are sometimes made against them.

Nowadays even their offices require a high standard of security. A Probation Officer's day is difficult to plan owing to the wide diversity of their activities particularly when liaising with other agencies. It was a most interesting talk and prompted many questions.

P.D. Edwards

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- Wed 11 Holy Communion 2pm
 Sun 15 EPIPHANY 2. Sung Communion 9am;
 Childrens' Church 10.30am
 Evensong 3.30pm
 Wed 18 Holy Communion 10.30am
 Sun 22 EPIPHANY 3. Sung Communion 9am
 Wed 25 THE CONVERSION OF St. PAUL. Holy Communion 10.30am
 Sun 29 EPIPHANY 4. Sung Communion 9am

FEBRUARY

- Wed 1 Holy Communion 10.30am
 Thur 2 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST. Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Sun 5 EPIPHANY 5. Family Communion 10.30am

WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

Our AGM meeting on January 11th is at Pearl Edwards' home, following our usual service in Church at 2pm. Please come with ideas for speakers during 1995. Also our summer outing, something to look forward to.

Betty Winkfield

FRIENDS OF LABROKE CHURCH

At the end of the year, may I say a very big *Thank You* to you all for your co-operation and support and particularly for the Carol Service on 28th December, when we provided the candles, wine and mince pies.

I am very happy to say *Welcome Back* to our Treasurer, Gill Moore, after her short stay in hospital and hope that she will be able to continue in her much-appreciated role.

I would like to wish you all a most Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year and look forward to seeing many of you at our future social functions.

Gwynne Badman

The week before Christmas our village looked like some very beautiful Christmas card; especially if you were looking out of a window! The frost lit up the bare branches of the trees around the Hall and Farmyard field all framing the church in the background; a truly wonderful sight.

Christmas morning the weather was wet and miserable. Inside the church and people's hearts all was warm, bright and cheerful. The church was almost full, there was room for more, not quite like the inn.

After the service the *stragglers* were chatting by the door when David walked out. In one hand he carried the case containing the Duchess Dudley Plate, in the other he carried a galvanised bucket. We all smiled at the difference - but does not the difference between those two items typify the people of this world, even at the birth of Jesus? The rich and the poor.

Can we resolve in 1995 in our own small way to narrow the gap just a little bit? I know many are already trying to.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the Carol Service such a happy occasion. Michael Short who works so hard at training the Choir and getting the programme together. The Choir themselves plus the support from the Harbury Choir. Last but not least to Gwynne for her Friends of Ladbroke Church, who provided the refreshments and the candles, which add atmosphere to the whole proceedings.

The retiring collection which has been sent to the Acorns Children's Hospice Trust in Birmingham was £72.16p.

I am glad to report that Gill Moore, Dan Hostlorpe and Ken Hewson seem to be recovering from their illnesses, which gave us and them! such a fright just before Christmas. It was also a pleasure to see Maxine Reading at the Carol Service looking very well; she has been in our thoughts and prayers for most of 1994, may she continue to make good progress in 1995.

Also a Very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 1995 to everyone.

Betty Winkfield

HARBURY PLANNING

Stratford's Local Plan is still grinding its way slowly through the Inquiry Stage and it could be another six months or more before we know the deliberations of the Inspector.

But for Harbury the planning future is fairly clear. Two sites have been identified for expansion (one at Hillside Farm, Binswood End and the other to the rear of Vicarage Lane between Pineham Avenue and Bush Heath Road. Elsewhere only *limited infilling*, extensions and conversions would normally be permitted *within the village envelope*.

The Plan does make provision for permission for sites immediately outside the village but only for *Affordable Homes for Local People*.

Despite these safeguards which it is hoped the Local Plan will reinforce there are still threats to our village. Plans have been submitted for both the *Allocated Sites* and there are potentially several other areas within the village that could be developed.

At Hillside Farm six affordable homes **must** be provided within the scheme and substantial planting undertaken to form a screen on the crest of Treen's Hill. Bryants, at Vicarage Lane promise affordable homes too, but the present plans show them pushed away into a corner beyond some singularly uninspired *Euromansions*.

Harbury is a hill-top village notable for the number of *hollow squares* which contribute to the feeling of space and give a rural atmosphere. These spaces behind the houses, or in the case of the Paddock in front of them, are still vulnerable.

Indeed, at present we are waiting with baited breath to see what is planned for the remainder of Brethren's Farm in Mill Street. Not only is there a substantial amount of land from the old farmyard but also the potential to link up with the Telecom land to the rear, if only access could be acquired. It would make a splendid complex of homes for the elderly, but would probably go for more speculative *executive houses* which are not what villagers need or want.

It would be lovely if only we could produce our own *village Plan* where we could tell the world what we did want and where. One ray of hope is the news that Stratford District Council is instigating *Area Planning Meetings* where local people can have their say on current Planning

Applications. The first one takes place in Southam at 6pm on January 24th, see you there?

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY SOCIETY

Mike Bloxham's picture in last month's magazine showed the magnificent support we had for the Hedge Planting at the Village Hall. It was not just the number of volunteers that was remarkable but the range of organisations that they represented: Parish Council, Village Hall, Horticultural Society, Football Club, Ventures, Tennis Club, Harbury Society of course and even Southam Rotary. Well done Gordon Bennett!

It was encouraging to see several young people involved, James Taylor, Chris Looney, Toby Leeman, Greg Spencer, Alex Biddle and Richard Linforth, who brought his dad along too. The youngest participant was Jacob Hunt who was not one jot deterred by the weather and joined in with gusto, covering himself in mud whilst Andy and Carey Hunt did the boring things like digging and planting.

Everyone was kept going by the excellent refreshments supplied by Sue Ingram and Muriel Grey.

Despite the mud, the rain and the slabs we planted the hedge and, with a little help from Rob Davies and Dave Wallington of the Football Club, erected the new fencing. Gillian Luscombe of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers did a good job teaching the necessary skills, coping with the unexpected and making sure no-one injured themselves.

All we have to do now is wait a few years for the plants to grow big enough for the hedge to be laid to match the one along Constance Drive. It has been a good job done and will be an asset to the village in the future. Well done everyone!

On Friday 24th February in the Village Hall, we are holding our second Theatre Supper when Pentabus, who performed last year's play *Secret, Black & Midnight*, will once again miraculously transform our Village Hall into the setting for *Against the Wind*.

Tickets cost £4 each and are obtainable from Pete's Place or Linda Ridgley (16 Farm Street 612792) from whom places for the supper must

be booked beforehand (£3). Supper starts at 7.30pm with the Play at 8pm. The performance lasts two hours with an interval during which drinks will be available.

It's amazing what a little old Lady can get away with, says the publicity for *Against the Wind*, a joyous comedy which explores the myths about older people. The play is suitable for Adults and 14 year old plus young people. It's thought provoking, funny and above all professional. Don't wait too long to secure your tickets. This will be a sell-out!

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY W.I.

Our Christmas party was a success (as always) with superb food and the hall looking very seasonal. We thank Hayley and Sean very much for entertaining us - the audience really appreciated the young couple. There was also support from the few prepared to act the fool with amusing readings (in costume of course), which made a nice balance to the evening. Many thanks. to everyone involved.

The speaker at our December meeting was Gillian Andrews, an actress who plays cameo parts in serials and plays on TV such as the House of Elliot, Trainer, Soldier Soldier, Narnia, Bergerac, The Bill and Little Lord Fauntleroy to name but a few. She described the early filming in all weathers, having to travel very long distances to locations which could be stately homes, a disused railway station or a pavement somewhere. Anyone can volunteer their property, which is completely transformed but put back to original style when filming is complete and the owners are well reimbursed. All the lovely spread of food one sees is definitely not for eating as the arc lights generate such heat that by the time the scene has had a dozen or more retakes the food is lethal.

The makeup department is very important to the film industry as it can transform or deform a person so realistically. For a part in Casualty Mrs. Andrews was made to look badly burnt with the aid of blackcurrant juice, cornflakes, glycerine and cocoa. The many stories of her work were most interesting but feel one must be absolutely smitten with the life because glamorous it is not. To watch the finished film and not know the nitty gritty is much more enjoyable.

January's speaker will be Stephanie Devlin from the Christian

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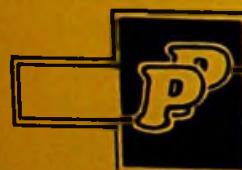
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Mission at Leamington. The mission would appreciate any blankets or new 2nd class postage stamps please. A Happy New Year to all readers.

Refreshments for January: Doris Byrne, Nancy Davies, Mary Entwistle.

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

We would like to thank all those who came to see the November production of *The Railway Children* and also for your kind donations on Friday 25th November, which enabled the sum of £94.12 to be raised for Children in Need.

Brian Thurogood

FOLK CLUB

December's folk club was a quiet affair in terms of numbers. However, everyone who wanted to sing or perform had the opportunity. As well as the stalwart regulars, a new group called *The Mysterons* made their debut. The Jug Band came up with a novel Christmas pastime - *Swarzenegging* (don't ask)!

John Black gave us the benefit of his amazing electric fiddle, which appears to play itself, and provide full orchestral backing simultaneously. Pete gave a solo performance, before making up a new trio with Margaret and Lynne. A recitation from Rick; Steve Dudley on the mouth organ; and one or two numbers from me, completed the evening.

The raffle raised £25 for the homeless in Leamington.

Mike Putnam

SCOUTS AND GUIDES SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The Support Cttee has been involved in a number of events in the last few months. In September we held an enjoyable Barn Dance, but were disappointed by the very small number of parents of Scouts, Cubs, Guides etc. attending. We support the efforts of the recently formed steering committee to look into the provision of another Scout Hut, but hope that there will be more support forthcoming than we sometimes have.

As it followed closely after our Barn Dance and also coincided with the weekend of the departure of a number of young people to Universities, we felt unable to take part in the Victorian Street Fair, but hope that there will be an opportunity in the future.

November 5th saw the usual provision of fireworks, soup, hotdogs, Wagon wheels etc., and we set up our colourful Teddy Tombola stall at the Christmas Fair.

A further opportunity to support us comes in the New Year, when we shall have our **GRAND JUMBLE SALE**. It is on **January 14th at 10am**. Jumble will be collected around the village from 6pm on Friday 13th Jan. or it can be brought to the Village Hall, preferably on Friday evening rather than Saturday morning. Now that we no longer have an income from collecting newspapers, this is a major fund-raising event and we hope that **you** will help to make it the big success it usually is.

Jo Tancock

CINDERELLA - A PANTOMIME, HARBURY GUIDES

This year the Guides decided to *do* a pantomime for their own enjoyment. They later decided to perform for an audience at Harbury School. The packed hall was enthralled. The girls had put so much energy and effort into the whole thing.

Rebecca Okell and Kate Liverton both wrote and directed. Jenny Hodge and Laura Booth were delightful as Cindas and Buttons, Hannah Sherrington and Karen Daniels were superb and really OTT as the ugly sisters.

The rest of the cast, too numerous to mention here, all put lots of *oomph* into their parts and the whole play was a delight.

Audience participation abounded and a special mention should be made of one member of the audience but on second thoughts!

Their only outside help was a bit of technical help from HTG. So well done girls and we hope next year's panto will be in a new Scout Hut!

Carol Percival

HARBURY SCOUT HUT

Watch this space.

Things are happening!!

Please call Pete 613536 for any information.

Thank you.

Deborah Fuss

Secr. Scout Hut Action Cttee

HARBURY SCHOOL

From the children's writing about all the Christmas Celebrations in School

We had a Christingle and we had a Christmas Party. I had loads of crisps.

Sarah Sherman, Arden Class, Age 5

We had a Christmas Party and Father Christmas came. I saw a magic man and he made a snowman and played a bat and ball game. At the party I ate a lot and drunk 7 drinks.

I went to the church and I dressed up as an ox and I sang some carols.

Some Mums lit the candles and after we sang Away in a Manger. We blew out the candle and there was lots of smoke.

James Armitage, Arden Class, Age 6

90's Nativity

Pat likes jungle music. She works at Woolworth's in the music section. She is 26 going on 27. She has a boyfriend. He is called Joe, he's 30. She has 4 cats. She loves cats and whenever she sees anything to do with them she goes and looks at it (she normally buys it). She is 5ft 10" in height, her hair is long and blond.

On Friday 6th November '93, she was walking home from a friend's house at about 10pm when she stopped. Someone was calling her name, she shouted: *Hello?* Nobody answered, so she shouted again. No answer, so she walked on, then half way down the road she saw a very

bright light. It was a colour she had never seen before. It was just too weird to explain. It didn't scare her it soothed her like a massage, but then it glowed lighter and lighter until she couldn't see, then it went and then she could see again, but she wasn't in Spoon Street any more she was in Heaven. All around her was peace and love. She felt great, full of love. Then she saw a ball of light, which made her feel like she should follow it so she did. It played music - very thin and gentle. When the ball stopped it transformed into some sort of man. He was so big, but so small. His voice was like church bells ringing. He said: *I am the earth's owner, I am God.* Pat was amazed at what was happening. *I have something to tell, I want to tell you that you're going to have a baby. It's going to be my baby not Joe's but you will call it Jesus.*

After these words she found herself at home out by her front door, she walked in the house and shouted for Joe, she told him the story he didn't really know what to say, he knew it was real because something inside told him. Some months later she was near to having the baby, Pat and Joe were in the middle of nowhere, having a rest from driving. They were going to Pat's mum's, because she wanted to have the baby Jesus in her home town where she was born. Then she went into labour and they didn't know where any hospital was, they drove for over 2 hours and all that time she was in pain. She was screaming at Joe to stop but there wasn't anywhere. Then they saw a little sign post saying Seasonbury 1/2 a mile. Joe was over joyed and he turned in and they called in at a pub, but it was shut. There was nowhere in the whole village. It was deserted, so they went on to a town called Daneington. They looked around but all there was were shops, and on the way out of Daneington there was a farm and in the farm there was a barn, so that was the only chance they had, so they turned in, she had the baby. Far off there was a start but no ordinary start, it was a big start, some men who were very wealthy there were three of them, and they followed it. Back in the barn the three farmers that owned it came to see what all the noise was and they knelt down before him, and then the rich men came and gave Jesus presents.

James Robbins, Delamere Class, Age 11

HARBURY NURSERY PLAYGROUP

The Autumn Term has been a busy one for the Playgroup with fund raising activities through Oct/Nov and more planned for the New Year.

In October we held an 80/20 Sale closely followed by our Annual Book Week. During the week we also held a successful coffee morning at the Village Hall, providing opportunities for everyone to view the many different activities on offer to the Playgroup children. The children ended term with a wonderful Christmas party and an hilarious rendition of *The Jolly Christmas Postman*. The performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all the parents - even if Humpty Dumpty's fall was somewhat unexpected!



Jolly Christmas Postman by the Nursery Playgroup performed at the Village Hall.

Next term starts on **January 10th** and much is planned. On **March 11th** we hold our **Spring 80/20 Sale** at the Village Hall - some excellent bargains so don't miss it! Another **Village Hall Coffee morning** is planned for **May 14th** supported by a **Sale of Children's Clothes and Hats and Cake** stalls are scheduled for **January 20th** and **March 3rd**.

These are all important fundraising events without which the Playgroup could not continue, so please do come along and support us.

Finally thanks to Amanda McKenzie for all her hard work during her time on the committee, to Kate and her team and also to Amanda Kelly, whose artistic talents never cease to amaze!

Emma Evans



Nativity Play by the Wight School Playgroup

HARBURY PLAYSCHHEME 1995

We need more organisers for Playscheme 1995. CAN YOU HELP? YES YOU! If you can't, Playscheme 1995 may just ground to a halt. **Without more organisers we cannot continue.**

If you can spare a few hours each month between now and the summer holidays, we will have a viable option i.e. Playscheme 1995. Don't sit back and think *Others will do it* YOU CAN. It's fun, it's worthwhile - but it needs commitment. Any age, any ability (we pool ideas), just come along to the meeting

Where? The DOG INN

When? Thursday 26th January 8.30pm

Without your support Playscheme 1995 will not happen. Without more help there will be no Playscheme 1995.

We need at least four more organisers to make it work. Please come along to the meeting - we don't want it all to fold. We're willing, we're

able - we just need more help. **26th January, 8.30pm The Dog Inn.**
Don't Miss it.

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FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH - JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Harbury' First Triumph in spite of Wellesbourne Weather

In only their second outing, the Harbury U9's showed a commitment and passion for teamwork that belied a mere four weeks build up on the School playing fields. Unselfish passing of the ball, setting up team mates for a run and some fine defence bodes well for the future of Harbury Football.

As coaches Graham Lodge and Steve Fitzgerald cheered on the touch-line, co-coach Trevor Montague said: *I'm delighted, but they can do even better!* and Bob Jenkins, hoarse from his touch-line ministrations, whispered: *Everyone got a game and we are attempting to engender a sense of fun together with a good team spirit.*

Before the kick-off the skies sagged gloomily over the squad of 17, but only enthusiasm rebounded. A tough first half in the face of a biting wind that soon carried rain with it, ended with no score.

Ten minutes into the second half and Harbury won a penalty in front of the goal. Christopher Harris took full advantage and quickly curled in a corker. In the midst of an increasingly fulsome downpour, thanks to the determined defence of Michael Armitage, repeated fine clearances from Jack Fitzgerald, the solid safety of Tom Stack, some imaginative invention from Christopher Jenkins and two super saves from goalie Alex Biddle, Harbury efficiently frustrated the rapidly wearying Wellesbourne.

Up front some tough tackling by Thomas Walshe, find footwork from Peter Gray, successful scurrying by Oliver Cook and dedicated deliveries from Richard Montague ensured that Christopher Harris got his second score, 2-0.

Wellesbourne woke up. Three minutes on and their David Barnett got one back. The final moments were intensely fought but Harbury happily

heard the whistle as victors. And the sun finally came out.

Harris Hatrick Hammer Southam

A confident Harbury sized up Southam (several of whose players hailed from Harbury) on a breezy, but dry day. The red and whites buzzed around the Southam yellows with a determined efficiency from the start.

The key difference lay in the strength of the Harbury defence who, unlike their Southam counterparts, kept clearing the ball to the side instead of leaving it in front for a dangerous direct approach. When attacked, the Harbury goal seemed to be a riot of red and white with no discernible gaps.

The Harbury coaches have a policy of giving everyone a go *because we want everyone to keep turning up* and to ensure that it continues to be fun for all involved. Newcomers Adam Johnson and William Randall fitted in well and we began to see more confidence from George Clarke, Ben Lodge, David Coleman and Samuel Jones. Michael Linforth also did some lovely legging of the leather up the line.

Southam's Darryl Pool was unlucky not to get on the scoresheet and exhibited some handy heading of the ball. (Perhaps Harbury might also attract a few females to the team as the season progresses?)

The game, however, belonged to Christopher Harris who will surely savour the sweet memories of scoring three. (He must have been substituted ten minutes from the end to ensure that the headline to the part of the article remained intact!)

Most of the phalanx of parents and supporters, sustained by Gerry Bailey's half-time coffee, then spontaneously took to the field for a game of their own. Perhaps we will have a Harbury U50's team soon?

Matches details:

Harbury U9's vs Wellesbourne U9's, Sat. 3rd Dec. at Wellesbourne

WELLESBOURNE 1	HARBURY 2
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Peter Gray	William Randall
Christopher Harris	Tom Stack
	Thomas Walshe

Season Statistics:

Played 3; Won 2; Drawn 1; Lost 0; Goals for 9, against 5.

Peter Walshe**HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

At the half way point in the season, the Rugby Club can look back with some satisfaction at the considerable playing transition established since the summer. For some years the 1st team relied on a nucleus of older players and failed to develop new blood. This season the club has taken the plunge and introduced numerous new and/or young players - perhaps more than it would have wished all at one time.

However, those players have responded well, after some understandable initial concern at their sudden promotion - from last season's Colts, Paul Brown and Ross Smith in the front row, Sam Blundell and Richard Smith in the back row, Shane Exton and Richard Mazurek in the backs, are all showing greater maturity with every game. With three or four other newcomers since last year, a casual observer would barely recognise the 1st team from a year ago.

Inevitably this inexperience has sometimes shown, but Neville Lee's astute coaching is blending the individuals into a team and good recent wins over Burbage (11-7) and Warwick (39-7) have resulted, plus a more determined and spirited approach as experience and confidence grows, which should bode well for the future of the club.

The 2nd team has 9 wins and a draw to show from 15 games, including a celebrated one point win at Southam, courtesy of a late drop goal from captain John Golden. This team is based on club stalwarts supplemented by more of last season's Colts like Jim Holmes, William Mann and Carl Liddington, who so the running whilst the older players do the thinking!

A five day tour to Ireland has been the highlight of the first half of the season for this side, although it may have slowed some individuals down even more!

Last, but not least, Jerry Lewitt's 3rd team has played six times, again based on a mix of youth and experience. Here, as throughout the club, the spirit has been excellent and despite playing regular outfits from larger clubs, most games have been closely contested and thoroughly enjoyed by all participants.

John Fry

A PLEA FROM THE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

It appears that the cup for the *Best Decorated Float* has disappeared. Last year's winners (Breakthrough) returned it but this year's winners (Pirie Close) did not receive it. Obviously everybody involved had such a good time that they can't remember now. If you can shed any light on the matter please contact me.

Paul Watkin (613553)

PRESENTATION TO Dr. BRIAN WILNE

The retirement gift subscribed for by Harbury and Ladbroke patients (and some Southam patients) will be presented to Dr. Wilne at a gathering in **Harbury Village Hall** on **February 17th** commencing at **7.30pm**.

It is hoped to provide a glass of wine and nibbles. Although it is an *open evening* i.e. you don't have to book, it would be helpful for catering purposes to have some idea of the likely attendance. Accordingly, if you hope to come along could you please telephone 612931 or 612965 or 613598 as soon as possible and in any case by no later than February 3rd. If you prefer to notify your intention in person let Pete Andrews know at *Pete's Place*, Chapple Street Harbury.

HARBURY SENIOR CITIZENS BENEFIT ASSOCIATION



The Annual Party for our Senior Citizens went off *with a swing* thanks to the efforts of the Hereburgh Morris dancers, who encouraged audience participation. Unfortunately one partygoer was so *carried away*, that she suffered a slight ankle injury, but luckily no bones were broken and she had *thoroughly enjoyed the evening*, up to that point.

Peter McDonald and Peter Bones provided the accompaniment for the dances and also led the traditional Carol singing which concludes the Christmas festivities.

Other highlights of the evening, apart from the meal(!) included the amusing anecdotes from Cecil Bloxham, who *brought the house down*, with tales of the night-soil cart and other pre-1950's village stories, whilst Deidre Dunbar (accompanied by Mavis Young), *raised the roof* with her delightful operetta songs.

The Committee appreciates the efforts of all the villagers, who rally round to create such a delightful Christmas atmosphere:

- the talented entertainers
- the expert servers
- the efficient washers-up
- the generous individuals who donate raffle prizes (totalling over 30 this year)

- the obliging shopkeepers who provide prizes/and produce to assist with the overall budget.

The Committee plan the two main events (the Party and the Summer Outing) at meetings throughout the year, but recognise the support they receive from various groups in the village (including Darts, Dominoes and Crib Teams). The village Pubs regularly come *up trumps*, and in early December, the Gamecock bottle yielded £56, thanks to the generous customers who regularly tip in their loose change.



On Boxing Day, the Over 30's and Under 30's raised £24 on the field, where players and onlookers alike were revived with the mid-game hot Rum Punch. Later this sum was swelled to £145 by collections based on a football draw and raffle at The Old New Inn. Kim Lowe won £50, Bronte Thornley (basket of fruit) and Graham Leonard (box of groceries). Thanks are due to Sandra and family for preparing a splendid buffet and to all the footballers with their *latest additions*, who supported the event.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing some familiar faces on the Summer Outing '95.

Tony, Bill, Chris, Ethel, Harry, Janet, Jenny, John, Sandra, Margaret, Marie & Neville

ROBERT APPEAL

Many thanks to everyone who sponsored Steve to do the parachute Jump on 27th Nov. The good news - by the time we have finished collecting monies in, Steve will have made around £600 for Robert.

Sadly the bad news - most of you already know Steve finished with a badly broken leg followed by serious breathing complications. Thankfully he was allowed home to Sally and the children before Christmas and is on the mend.

We would like to thank friends and villagers for the cards, good wishes and concern for his well-being during this traumatic time. The caring support was so much appreciated by all the family.

I would like to say a big **well done, Steve. Get well soon!** I'm sure you all agree.

Lastly I would like to apologise as we had to cancel the December Disco as Steve was very poorly in Hospital. We will be organising another Disco as soon as Steve is back on both feet, so please look out for posters around the village and get your tickets for a good night out with the family.

Although we are already into January 1995, may we wish you all a Very Happy New Year. Many thanks again.

Mary Revitt

TO ALL WOULD-BE SLEDGERS, SKI PARITIES AND WINTER SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS

I know that for many years, as soon as conditions are right, a great many of you have made your way to the big field on the left hand side of Treens Hill.

I am very sorry to say that this field can no longer be used for winter sports etc., as some of you may have noticed many thousands of trees have been planted all over the area and you may do yourselves and the trees a great deal of damage.

Thank you for your co-operation and I hope you and your grand children will appreciate this wooded area when it reaches maturity.

**George Mann,
Bishops Itchington**

RWANDAN REFUGEE CAMP - ZAIRE (Part 2)

In the previous article I gave a description of my initial impressions of Goma and the refugee camps. This article will concentrate on setting up a new camp.

There are many agencies from all over the world dealing with the one million refugees that arrived in Goma and surrounding areas over the short space of approx. 24 hrs. United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) is the controlling body looking after security of the aid organisations and co-ordinating the distribution of aid and food supplies. They have specialists covering each area of activity. Advice was sought from them on all aspects of setting up the new camp and also from Oxfam and other agencies on their practical experience - where to obtain materials, average prices etc. Armed with what information we could gather in such a short time, we set out for Kitembo on the peninsula of Buzi where the new camp was required.

Our journey took us through Mgunga camp, where the defeated Hutu soldiers are said to exercise control over the 3-400,000 inhabitants of the camp. The crush of people was such, that progress slowed down to walking pace, and care was taken that all doors were locked and windows firmly shut as a security precaution. It should be said that nothing hostile happened and that most people especially the children were very friendly.

The other side of the camp and about 25 km. from Goma, we went through a police road block; having the authority in writing from the King of Buzi in our possession which got us through. We left the tarmac road and followed a sort of farm track which was the main road to Bukavu, a town at the other end of the lake. We turned off this at Minova - a market town and administration centre for the area - to journey through the peninsula.

The roads were not made for vehicles although wide enough for our Land Rover and a 7 ton lorry carrying all our household goods; they were better suited to cattle and foot traffic, being just tracks hewn out of the mountain sides. Most of the villages we passed through were of bamboo and mud construction although there were a number made of stone and some of planks. Kitembo village where we made our headquarters was no different.

Our residence, shared with 63 refugees and the Chief of refugees on the peninsular, was an old hunting lodge from colonial days, run down, but watertight. We had a building to ourselves with a bathroom in which everything worked, but no running water.

Our first job was to appoint a cook and a domestic help together with guards, as we would be working away from the residence from 7.30am to 7pm non-stop. Then in co-operation with an ex-schoolmaster who was appointed as administrator, we set about planning the camp. The camp was to be at another village, called Tchondo, which I had visited two days earlier by helicopter with UNHCR experts to whom I had submitted sketches of what was intended, so we knew in outline what to do.

The camp site was a field of about 30 hectares, the floor of a valley, which sloped down to lake Kivu at one end. We employed up to 160 men digging ditches and holes for the latrines, followed by the operation of quarrying stone and constructing a jetty in Lake Kivu, to receive food boats from Goma. Whilst this was going on, I had negotiated with the local carpenter to construct the latrines which he did at the rate of 25 per day.

The permanent buildings for storing food and medical services were also negotiated with a local man at costs well below the cost of importing purpose-made buildings. Water tanks and pumps were imported so that water from the lake could be used. Space is too limited to record all that happened, but in one incident we averted a confrontation by promising the Chief of each village a bottle of *Fanta* (equivalent to £1) to discipline trouble-makers who were trying to stop work on the camp.

After three weeks of intensive work the camp was in a state where it could accept refugees and my job was done. I returned to Goma back through Mgunga camp accompanied by one of the villages' head men and it was noticeable that trees that had lined the road on my way out were no longer there. Two days later I hitched a lift with an ABC news crew on a six seater plane back to Nairobi and from there by scheduled flight back home.

The horror and the enormity of the situation in Goma which doesn't sink in due to the non-stop nature of the work and its urgency at the time, is just beginning to register with me. However, on the brighter side, a letter

received from Kitembo expressing the gratitude of all the local village chiefs and the Rwandan refugee chief, together with greetings from other locals I worked with, is ample justification for having agreed to do such a job.

David Clarke

BREAKTHROUGH BREAST CANCER

Thankyou once again for your continued support. We are pleased to tell you that our funds now stand at £7,200. Our stall at the Victorian Street Fair made an excellent £134.

We would like to thank Harbury Jug Band for using their wonderful voices and carefully concocted rhymes to raise £550 from the sale of cassette tapes, thankyou.

Tony and I spent a Day at the N.E.C. BBC Good Food Show promoting Breakthrough *Challenge Anneka* Recipe Book. If you saw the programme in November you will know about this. The Recipe book is £4.99 and all the recipes were tried and tested by famous people, put together in 48 hours. It proved an ideal Christmas present and went straight into the top ten in book shops. The first 10,000 copies were produced totally for Breakthrough which gave the charity an instant £50,000 in two weeks, further copies - still available - 60% will go to Breakthrough.

Date for your diary - not to be missed - **Dads Army Band, Sat. 18th February - Blitz Ball.**

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Chris Carter

HEALTH MATTERS

May I wish you all a very vibrant, happy and prosperous New year. Have you set any New Year resolutions yet?

Perhaps I could suggest a few. My aim is to keep them simple so that they are not too hard to keep up:

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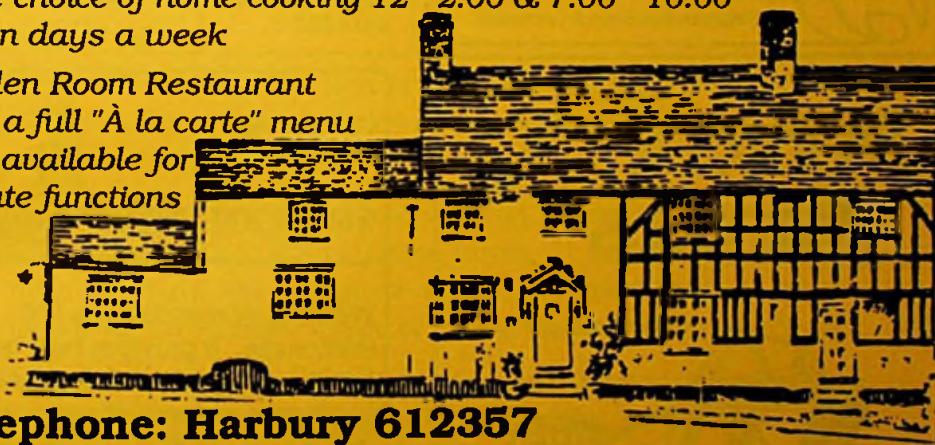
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Mrs. J.M. Newell

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our new venture, catering for the Craft Fair, was very successful and we wish to sincerely thank all those who assisted in any capacity both before and during the day.

At the December meeting Mr. Alvin Napton gave an entertaining talk on *Birds in the Garden*, which was followed by a finger buffet. It was good to see so many members attending.

The seed orders have arrived. Those who did not collect them at the meeting should now do so from Heather Turner, 11 Church Terrace. (I think that she might like the space on her sideboard back.) Any subscriptions still outstanding should be paid at the same time.

On January 3rd, the talk is on **Gardening under Glass** which should provide hints on garden work through the bad weather period. Also we will ask for your ideas for the future talks, come prepared!

Pat Smith

GARDEN NOTES

The most important task this month is to watch the effects of the weather on the plants. Check for any loosening of plants or stakes by wind or frost. If we get snow shake it off conifers, particularly columnar ones, and clear the greenhouse roof.

A lot of plant diseases overwinter on fallen leaves and debris so clean

up the soil in the borders, paying special attention around roses. Old leaves carry blackspot spores and these can be splashed up to reinfect the bushes. Some fruit diseases are also spread in this way, so it really is worth being fussy and picking up every last leaf.

It may be worth taking in pots of Polyanthus and Pansies in bad weather. Put them out again when there's an improvement and the new buds will put on a fine display to cheer the darkest days.

Remember to keep encouraging the birds by feeding them regularly. They will repay you during the year by feeding on the garden pests such as Caterpillars, Slugs, and Aphids.

If your garden lacks interest now, look at other gardens around the village to see what thrives here, then plan to buy those plants.

The Holly bushes or trees, although slow growing, are well worth having. Look for Ilex Altaclarensis Golden King, or Ilex Altaclarensis Lawsoniana, both have gold edged leaves and are females. For berries on these, there must be a male fairly close by, or just enjoy the bright leaf colour they bring to the winter scene.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

Rene and I would like to express our grateful thanks to all who have assisted and visited us both in Hospital and at home during our recent illnesses.

Our neighbours, friends, family, Drs. Hancock, Snowdon, together with the District Nurses with their frequent visits, both at home and in Hospital were much appreciated, as have the prayers and visits from Father Roy.

In conclusion the generosity of my colleagues on the parish Council for their kind thoughts. Thank you all.

Rene, John Drinkwater

Dear Editors,

The Harbury Scout and Guide Group would like to say a big thank you, to the Forte Group Manor house Hold in Leamington, for their generous donation of the fire exit signs for the Scout Hut.

Gill Guilford

On behalf of all involved in the
Harbury Scout & Guide Group

Dear Editors,

May I, through your columns,, thank all your readers for the kind donations that they have made to my retirement fund. When I spoke to John Hunt last I gather just over £900 had been collected and with this I hope to buy a memento of my time in Harbury.

There is to be a presentation at the Village Hall on 17th February, when I hope I will have a chance to meet many of you. I would also like to say thank you for all the cards, messages and gifts that I have received in the last month.

I first came to Harbury in October 1966. In fact the first surgery I did was a Monday morning at the beginning of October and was the first one held in the then new surgery in Farm Street. The Sutcliffe family had been providing medical services single-handedly to Harbury and district since the end of the 19th Century.

First John Forrest Sutcliffe then his son Jack, with his sisters Olive and Aileen helping out during the war. In 1965 Dr. Allott retired from practice following a car accident and so Jack Sutcliffe's practice increased considerably, requiring another partner. This was the role I cam to fill. Dr. Sutcliffe was to retire in May 1969 and Dr. John Hancock joined me in October 1969. With the increase in size of the practice, we took on a third partner in 1985, Dr. Julian Giles, and after he left Dr. Colin Snowdon took over in November 1992. Dr. Jonathan Wilkinson is succeeding me in January 1995, although I will still be doing two surgeries a week in Harbury.

We have always had branch surgeries in Bishops Itchington and Southam. In the summer of 1969 we started to share the premises of

Drs. Smorfitt, Healy and Shenkman in Southam, as we still do at the present. In Bishops Itchington we built a new surgery in 1971, which is still used. As the practice list increased in size we outgrew the Farm Street premises and after much searching we finally settled on the present site in Mill Street. We moved into these purpose-built premises in July 1990.

When I first came we did not employ any members of staff, but very soon Muriel Grey came as morning receptionist, followed by Miss Margaret Austin to help with the evenings. From then on staff members have gradually increased to the present full complement, and we hope we are now providing a fairly full range of general medical services at primary care level.

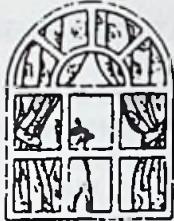
FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

May we wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year for 1995.

As we move into a new year, a brief pause for reflection of 1994. The Church is a relatively large structure and undoubtedly the largest in the village. It is, however, a building which is alive and is in use most days of the week, not only for services, but by many individuals, groups and organisations. The Church needs constant attention, and we are extremely fortunate that there are so many who give their time for the furtherance and mission of our Church, together with its care and upkeep. We thank them all for their work and efforts.

We are happy to record a total attendance of 800 at the Christmas Services; the Village Carol Service almost reaching the point of standing room only. The retiring collection at the latter service totalled £404.25 which, as in previous years, has been forwarded on behalf of the village to The Children's Society. Mrs. Nancy Davies, the charity's local representative, has advised us the total given is the most ever forwarded and sends her thanks on behalf of the society.

Shortly before Christmas our Rector Father Roy Brown was invited by Bishop Simon Barrington-Ward to take up the position of Rural Dean of the Southam Deanery. He has accepted and begun to take up his additional duties. We offer him our best wishes and congratulations and assure him of our support in the future.



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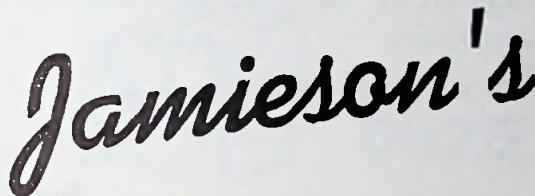
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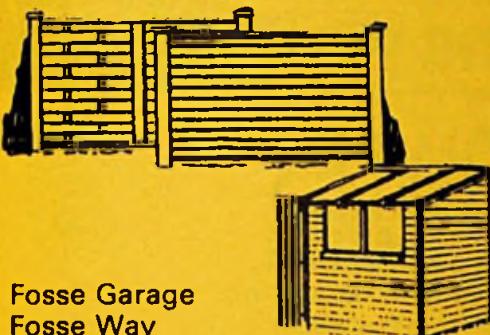
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