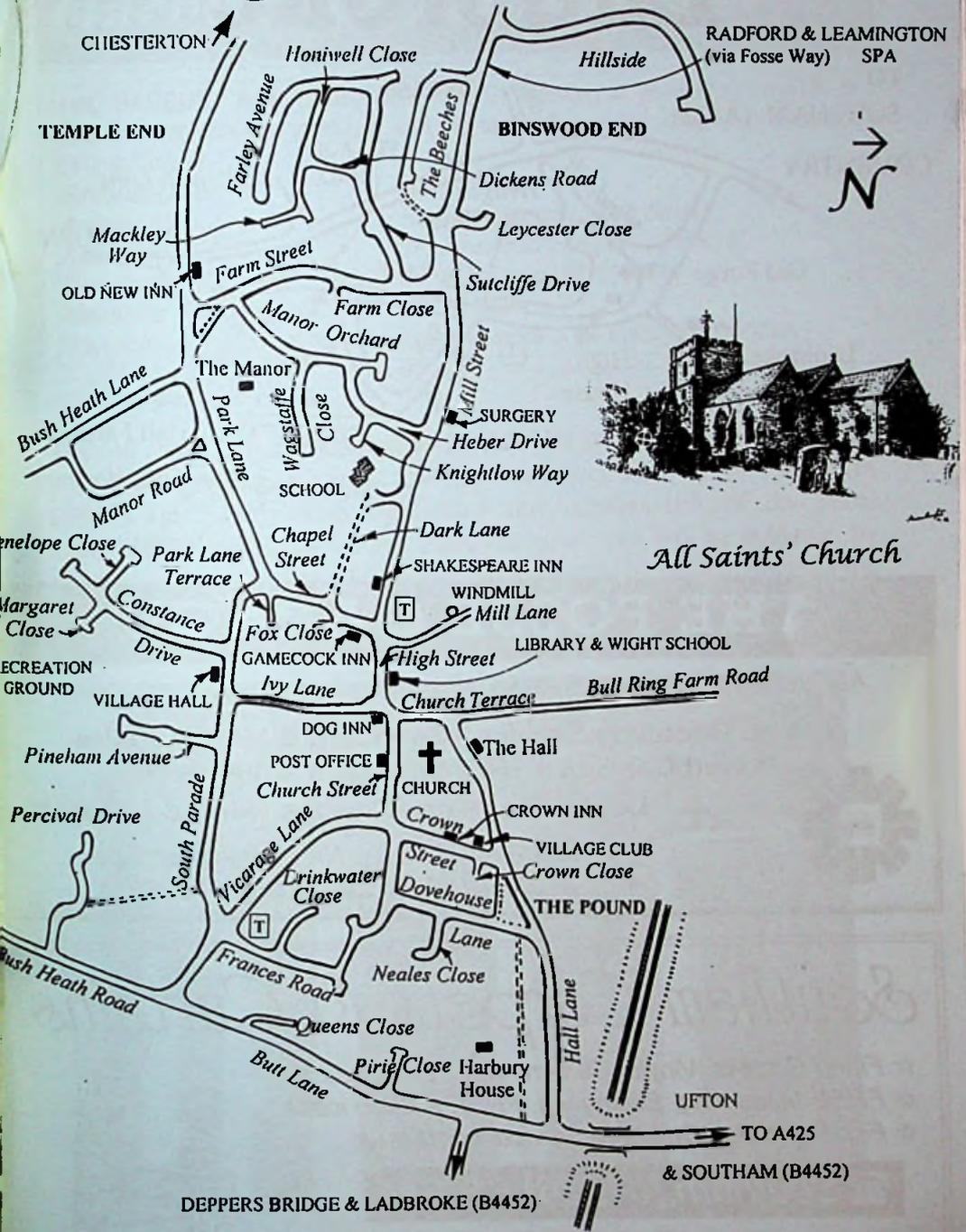


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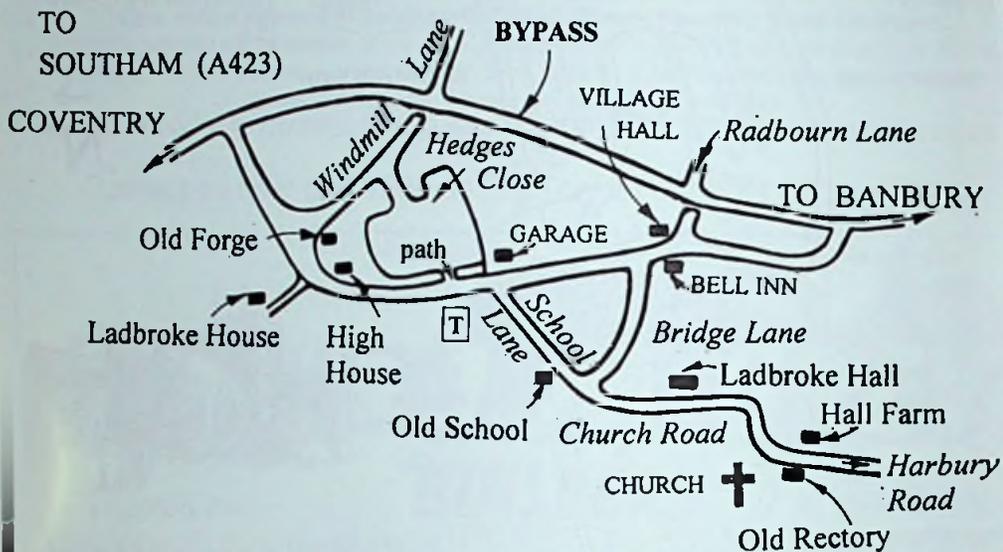
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The old adage that *everything comes in threes* seems to apply in Harbury with the latest announcement that the Gamecock is to be let. In recent months the editors have highlighted the valuable role of the pubs' contributions to village life and there are those who will be saddened by the departure of the latest licensees who have worked hard to upgrade the premises. This follows on the closure of Kane's News and Party Paraphernalia.



**What future awaits this building?**

Whilst the debate about the provision of lighting for sports' activities on the Playing Fields has temporarily ground to a halt, serious damage has been reported as a result of vehicles attempting grass-track rallying on the pitches.

To celebrate the 25 years and the 300<sup>th</sup> Edition of the magazine, all those associated with its production and distribution were invited to a party last month. We were pleased to welcome back Diana and Peter Holt, who were part of the original editorial team along with Anne and John Moore. Marion Millington, another founder member, generously provided the celebratory cake decorated with the first cover design.



**'Cutting the Cake'**

**L. to R.: Miss Joan Lodge and Linda Ridgley watched by current editor John Holden**

Mrs. Douglas at Harbury Chemist's has kindly agreed to accept articles for the magazine in future and copies of the Harbury and Ladbroke News can be purchased from Mugleston's Country Fayre and the Church.

Our Advertising Manager, David Snell will soon be retiring from his post and the Editors would like to thank him for his work. We hope to find a replacement soon (see advertisement later in the magazine).

Finally, we offer our sympathies to the family of Betty Tyler.

# Harbury Diary

## MAY

- Sun 2 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** - Sung Eucharist 9am  
Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
- Mon 3 BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tues 4** Coffee Club in Scout Hut 7.30-9.30pm  
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 5** Mothers' Union Deanery Service 2.15pm
- Thurs 6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**  
Holy Communion 9.45am  
Stories, Rhymes for U5s in Library 10am  
Coffee Morning, Cake and Bring & Buy in aid of Celebration of Flowers  
2000 at 2, Dovehouse Lane 10.30am  
Youth Club for 11-17 year olds in Village Hall 7-9pm  
Line Dancing in Village Club 7.30-10pm (Beginners 7.30-8pm) £2.50  
Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 7** Newspaper collection  
Southam School reunion in Village Hall for Karen Bond Appeal
- Sat 8** Myton Hospice Plant Sale at The Dog Inn 1-4pm
- Sun 9 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** - Holy Communion 8am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Sunday School 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm  
Veteran Cyclist Club in Village Hall
- Tues 11** Toddlers' Service 2.15pm  
Coffee Club in Scout Hut 7.30-9.30pm  
Village Hall committee in Village Hall 8pm  
Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Prayer Group in Church 8pm
- Thurs 13 ASCENSION DAY** - Holy Communion 9.45am  
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm  
WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm  
Line Dancing in Village Club 7.30-10pm (Beginners 7.30-8pm) £2.50  
Annual Parish Meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 14** Tennis Club Skittles & Supper evening in School 7.30pm
- Sat 15** Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am  
Myton Hospice Plant Sale at The Dog Inn 1-4pm  
**B L O O D D O N O R S** in Village Hall  
Harbury Society visits Caslte Bromwich Hall Gardens 2pm  
Junior Football presentation in Village Hall  
**ADVERTS to 14, Binswood End by 5.30pm**
- Sun 16 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** - Holy Communion 8am  
Family Communion 10.30am
- Tues 18** Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Mothers' Union 8pm  
Coffee Club in Scout Hut 7.30-9.30pm  
Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8pm

- Thurs 20 Holy Communion 9.45am  
Youth Club for 11-17 year olds in Village Hall 7-9pm  
Parochial Church Council in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm  
Line Dancing in Village Club 7.30-10pm (Beginners 7.30-8pm) £2.50
- Fri 21 Newspaper collection  
**ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist by 5.30pm**
- Sat 22 Nursery School 80/20 Sale in Village Hall  
Windmill Singers present *An evening of Gilbert & Sullivan* at The Grange Hall, Southam 7.30pm - tickets £3
- Sun 23 **Pentecost** - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am  
Sunday School 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm  
NSPCC Quiz Night at the Village Club
- Tues 25 Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Coffee Club in Scout Hut 7.30-9.30pm  
Julian Group in Church 8pm
- Thurs 27 Holy Communion 9.45am  
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm  
Parish Council meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm  
Youth Club for 11-17 year olds in Village Hall 7-9pm  
Line Dancing in Village Club 7.30-10pm (Beginners 7.30-8pm) £2.50
- Sat 29 Myton Hospice Plant Sale at The Dog Inn 1-4pm
- Sun 30 **Trinity Sunday** - Holy Communion 8am  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am  
Evensong 6.30pm
- Mon 31 BANK HOLIDAY

## JUNE

- Tues 1 Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Coffee Club in Scout Hut 7.30-9.30pm
- Wed 2 Holy Communion 2pm
- Thurs 3 Holy Communion 9.45am  
Youth Club for 11-17 year olds in Village Hall 7-9pm  
Line Dancing in Village Club 7.30-10pm (Beginners 7.30-8pm) £2.50  
Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Sat 5 Rubbish and Newspaper collection
- Sun 6 **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity** - Sung Eucharist 9am  
Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm

### Please note:

Adverts to 14, Binswood End by Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Articles to Harbury Chemist by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May

**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO: LINDA RIDGLEY - TEL. 612792.**

<b>For Scout Hut Bookings</b>	<b>Mr. R. Flanagan</b>	<b>613612</b>
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<b>For Village Hall Bookings</b>	<b>Mr. P. Winchester</b>	<b>614466</b>
<b>For Wight School Bookings</b>	<b>Mrs. Hayes</b>	<b>613488</b>

## REGULAR DIARY DATES

**APPALACHIAN STEP DANCING:** (612734) Wight School, Saturdays  
10:00am-12:00noon

**BABY CLINIC:** Surgery, 2nd & 4th Wednesday 2:00-4:00pm

**BADMINTON:** Village Hall, Mondays (Club) 7:00-9:00pm;  
Tuesdays (League) 8:00-10:00pm;  
Friday (Ladies) 2:00-3:00pm;  
Sunday (Mixed) 7:00-10:00pm

**BEAVERS:** Scout Hut, Tuesdays 6:15-7:15pm

**BELLRINGING PRACTICE:** (613605) Church, Fridays 7:30pm

**BROWNIES:** Village Hall, Tuesdays 6:00-7:30pm

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Church, Fridays 6:30pm

**COFFEE MORNING:** Tom Hauley Room, Saturdays 10:00am-12:00noon

**CUBS:** Scout Hut, Wednesdays

**DANCING CLASSES:** (01789-842242) Farley Room Village Hall, Children &  
Adults Wednesdays 4:00-9:00pm

**GUIDES:** Scout Hut, Mondays 7:00-8:30pm

**GYMNASTICS:** Harbury School, 6:00-7:00pm

**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** Dog Inn, 1st Thursday of Month 8:30pm

**HARBURY FRIENDS:** School, 2nd Tuesday of Month 8:00pm

**HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:** (613358) Saturdays 10:30am-  
12:30pm

**HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS:** (613402) School Hall, Wednesdays  
8:00-10:00pm

**HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL:** School, Monday-Friday 9:00am-  
12:00noon; Mondays & Wednesdays 12:45pm-3:15pm

**HARBURY Pre-SCHOOL:** Wight School, High St. Tuesday-Friday 9:15am -  
12:15pm

**HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB:** Contact 613174

**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:** Village Hall, 1st Tues (Oct. to May) 8:00pm

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**LIBRARY:** (613297) Mondays 2:00 - 5:00pm and 5:30 - 7:00pm;  
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**NETBALL CLUB:** (612841) Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays  
6:30pm; Matches Saturday Afternoon

**SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

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**THEATRE GROUP:** Wight School, last Friday of Month 8:00pm

**THURSDAY CLUB:** Farley Room of V.Hall, 2nd & 4th Thurs. of Month 2:30pm

**TODDLER GROUP:** Wight School, Mon.10:00-11:30am & Wed. 1:30-3:00pm

**W.I.:** Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday of Month 7:45pm

**YOGA:** Wight School, 7:30-9:30pm Wednesdays, Diane Surgey Tel.817904

**YOUTH CLUB for 11-17 year olds:** Village Hall, Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm

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**Rector:** Father Roy Brown, The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury  
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### Laugh Line

The curate took his wife to the Maternity Hospital and said that he would ring later for news. When he phoned later in the day he dialled the wrong number and got the County Cricket Ground. He said: *I brought my wife to your place this morning, is there any news?* He was surprised to be told: *Yes, there are seven out and the last two were ducks.*

## FROM THE RECTOR

Lord Ramsey, one time Archbishop of Canterbury, was once asked how long he prayed and he characteristically replied thus: *About two minutes, but I take two hours to prepare.*

Michael Ramsey's answer is itself a guide to prayer that involves us in time waiting upon God and being still with him. For many of us this is just what we find difficult, but with the use of a simple guide we can be helped to do this better. I would like, then, to share with you a simple D.I.Y. Guide to Prayer that I came across some time ago.

"Silence is virtually essential for prayer, especially internal silence. So give yourself a few moments to wind down and relax before beginning.

Physical posture is very important; you can't leave your body behind when you want to pray, so sit, lie or stand still. You don't have to kneel; don't be afraid to choose the posture that best suits you, even if it doesn't seem quite orthodox. The Jesuits have traditionally lain flat on their backs for a daily period of prayer.

Breathe slowly, fairly deeply and regularly. Rushed shallow breathing has just the sort of associations with excitement and unrest which you want to avoid.

When we pray we turn to God for his own sake. God is a person too; he doesn't want to be treated merely as a means to an end anymore than we would like to be regarded by our friends and acquaintances merely as useful.

We must worship God in truth. This means clearly and acknowledging right at the start what sort of person He is: all-perfect, all-glorious, all-good, all-loving and all-holy. The thoughtful human response to such a being is therefore thanks and praise. So that is how we should begin our prayer.

Share joy as well as sorrow with God, share everything. Share moments throughout the day. Just brief turnings to God. Very often these can be managed when prolonged periods of prayer seem impossible. So: short and often.

Avoid self delusion. Don't go looking for beautiful feelings in prayer. Prayer is your unworthy gift to God, not just a means of self-satisfaction. Even in the heights and depths of prayer we are all still unprofitable servants. Simplicity and obedience, the spirit of trust should inform all our praying.

The aim is to find God rather than lose one's self. Too much bewailing of our own unworthiness can take up valuable time which would be better spent praising God. His greatness is much more important than our littleness.

Nevertheless, we should hope to know the joy of communion with God. Prayer is after all personal communication, (another simpler and better word is love), not just a discipline or an intellectual exercise."

It is only our own prayer that will keep our relationship alive with God. This short guide may well help us to renew and refocus that life on which we so greatly depend.

**Fr. Roy**

### **FROM THE REGISTERS**

#### *Holy Baptism at All Saints' Harbury*

18<sup>th</sup> April: Emilio Risi

25<sup>th</sup> April: Hollie Smith and Faye Smith

#### *Holy Matrimony at All Saints' Harbury*

23<sup>rd</sup> April: Samuel Bailey to Joanne Clarke

#### *Funerals at Oakley Wood*

27<sup>th</sup> April: Betty Tyler

### **MOTHERS' UNION**

Afternoon meeting: This followed the service of Holy Communion, led by Revd. Roger Williams from Lighthorne. Sheila Heeley spoke on *Something for Nothing?* making us aware just how much we receive

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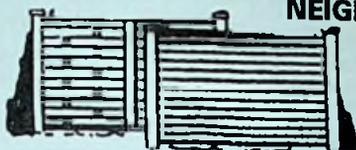
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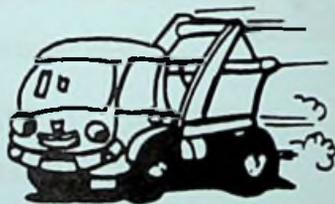
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from God, without being required to do anything in return, unless we choose to do so. She shared with us her hobby of making gift boxes, bags and tags, greeting cards and bookmarks - all from cards, paper, etc. collected throughout the year. Everyone was invited to make a gift box to take home and all were delighted with the result.

Evening meeting: Jill Winter gave a most interesting and enlightening talk about her work as a lay chaplain at Warwick Hospital. She is one of several lay chaplains licensed by the Bishop of Coventry and under the authority of the Hospital Chaplain, Revd. Stephen Knight, to administer Communion to those patients who wish to receive it. Jill considers it a privilege to visit patients on the ward and to help them talk out their problems and concerns. She stressed that lay chaplains are not trained counsellors, but when people are feeling anxious and vulnerable, it is often easier to talk to a stranger. Confidentiality is paramount and with God's help, Jill is carrying out a most valuable service.

We are delighted to report that five new members will be enrolled at our Deanery Festival Service. Membership is open to all who have been baptised and more new members are always welcome.

And to prove that we do move with the times, some of our members are joining a Mothers' Union 'Introduction to the Internet' afternoon in June, to learn 'what to do with an e-mail' and how to 'Surf the Net without a lifejacket' so.... Watch this space!

Next meetings:

Wed. 5 <sup>th</sup> May, 2.15pm:	Deanery Festival Service in Harbury Church
Tues. 18 <sup>th</sup> May, 7pm:	Diocesan Festival Service - St. Mary's Warwick
Wed. 2 <sup>nd</sup> June, 2.30pm:	'The Work of the Samaritans'.

**Audrey Tebaldi & Anne Moore**

## **TODDLERS' SERVICE**

Our Easter service was led by Kary Hunt. She talked about Spring and new beginnings and about Easter eggs which made us think of new life. She told us that when we've done something wrong, God forgives us if we are sorry and then we can begin again.

We sang: *Morning has broken* and then the children played a game of Easter Bunnies.

After an Easter egg hunt the children decorated biscuits shaped like rabbits.

The service finished with our Thank You prayer. The next Toddlers' Service is on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May** at 2.15pm.

**Lorna Bedford**

## *Ladbroke News*

### **MAY**

- Sun 2 **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** - Family Communion 10.30am  
 Wed 5 W.I. - Short Mat Bowls Tournament  
 Sun 9 **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** - Sung Communion 9am  
 Mon 10 Ladbroke Village Hall prize draw at The Bell Inn  
 Wed 12 Holy Communion 2pm; Women's Fellowship at C. Spence's home  
 Thurs 13 **ASCENSION DAY** - Holy Communion 7pm  
           PCC at 7.30pm  
 Fri 14 St. Matthias - Holy Communion 7am  
 Sat 15 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room  
           **ADVERTS to 14, Binswood End, Harbury by 5.30pm**  
 Sun 16 **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** - Sung Communion 9am  
           Children's Church 10.30am; Evensong 6pm  
           **ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street, Harbury by 5.30pm**  
 Sun 23 **Pentecost** - Sung Communion 9am  
 Thurs 27 W.I. Resolutions meeting  
 Sun 30 **Trinity Sunday** - Holy Communion 9am

### **JUNE**

- Sat 5 Ladbroke History Society at Coventry Godiva Festival  
 Sun 6 **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity** - Family Communion 10.30am  
           Ladbroke History Society at Coventry Godiva Festival

### **FLOWER ROTA for May**

- |                  |                |                  |                            |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Hazel Sharples | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Beryl Darkes - Whit Sunday |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Pam Barnett    | 30 <sup>th</sup> | Beryl Darkes               |

### **LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS**

The Church is very quiet now after all the excitement of Easter - especially remembering the Good Friday Devotional Service of Readings and Hymns; Michael Short's last service as Choirmaster with us.

Our Ascension Day service is at 7pm on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May**. Whit Sunday service will be at the usual time of 9am.

The work has begun, as you can no doubt see, on repairing the church roof. We hope the work on the wall and lychgate will also soon begin.

We have a *Coffee Morning* in the Tom Hauley Room on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May** in aid of church funds. The Women's Fellowship are organising it, but we would be very grateful for cakes, etc. to sell on the stall and items suitable for raffle prizes. Of course you are welcome to just come and have a cup of coffee too!

*Children's Church* is as usual on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month which will be **May 16<sup>th</sup>** at 10.30am.

**Betty Winkfield**

### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

We had a discussion on Mothers and Motherhood at our last meeting, taking our lead from some of the mothers in the Old Testament.

It was lovely to have Stella Douglas with us who is thankfully recovering from heart surgery. We will hear your talk Stella, when you are completely better.

Next month, Mary Rock from Southam is coming to talk to us on the history of the school and convent in Southam. That will be at 7, Ladbroke Hall - Catherine Spence's home, on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May**, following Holy Communion in Church at 2pm. If you would like to hear Mary talk about some local history please come and join us.

Regarding the Millennium Green project - the Women's Fellowship will be sponsoring one of the smaller benches.

P.S. Our Lent Lunches, in aid of the Sudanese Refuge, All Saints' Church, Cairo, made £294. This is marvellous - many thanks to all concerned. Just in case you didn't know, we are sponsoring the welfare and education of a Sudanese Refuge boy, which costs about £300 per year.

**Betty Winkfield**

## LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The April meeting was held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> in Ladbroke Village Hall.

Our W.I. is to provide a bench to be placed on the Millennium Green as a contribution to the village millennium events.

A team of 4 members is going to Bidford W.I. to play a 'friendly' 4 team *Short Mat Bowls Tournament* on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** in the evening. Any supporters are welcome.

Our speaker for the evening was Mrs. Rosemary Galilee, whose talk was entitled 'Chicken but no Chips', a very interesting and informative subject. She started by giving us a history of poultry dating back to 3000 years BC! The talk included advice on how to sex a day-old chick and how to choose a well-finished chicken at the supermarket. We will never be able to look at an oven ready chicken or boiled egg in the same light again!

The raffle prizes were won by Julie Harris and Anne Edwards. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May** when it will be the Resolutions meeting. The retiring president for the Warwickshire Federation, Lynne Stubbings will be present. New members and visitors always welcome to join us.

**Marie Kennedy**

## LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

The prize draw of the Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club for 1999 was held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Bell Inn. The winners were Stan Greenway, £80; Elizabeth Pittaway, £50; Peter Fisher, £25; Kip Warr, Ann Connon, Cyril Spence, Catherine Spence and Bernard Billings, £10 each.

The next prize draw will take place on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May**, at the Bell Inn at 8pm.

**Catherine Spence**

## SOUTHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

### Ladbroke Section

With the millennium approaching, the historical research centred on Ladbroke is gaining ground. Two personalities frequently appearing are

the partnership who started up the chain of betting shops called 'Ladbroke's'. There appears to be a lot of myth and imagination surrounding the two gentlemen, so I hope by the end of the year to have the facts separated from fiction and characters researched and confirmed. If anyone has any knowledge (fact or fiction) to add to my files at the moment, now is the time to let me have a copy!

Ladbroke has always been a horse orientated village in different ways. The two 'Ladbroke's' men were racehorse trainer and groom. The small copses scattered over the old estate lands of Ladbroke Hall all date from the Palmer residency in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, when they were specially planted as cover for pheasant, partridge, rabbit and fox hunting. William Palmer employed a Gamekeeper.

I have in my possession some metal name tabs off the horse tack and shooting cases. The few remaining outlying stables were once used for in-foal mares and hunter youngstock and Ladbroke Hall was described as a suitable Hunting Lodge when put on the market at the turn of this century. The school children at Ladbroke School were frequently chastised for missing lessons when the Hunt met at The Bell Inn.

We are now at the end of the winter programme of meetings at St. Mary's School, Southam and getting ready for outside visits to Bloxham Museum near Banbury and a guided historical tour around the village of Clifton-upon-Dunsmore near Rugby. Visitors are welcome to join us.

Meanwhile, the History Society will be taking space at the *Coventry Godiva Festival* in the Memorial Park over the weekend of **June 5/6<sup>th</sup>**, in the 'Live Times' tent organised by the Warwickshire Family and Local History Society. Information on Ladbroke will be available for family and house research.

**Linda Doyle**

Congratulations to Adam and Jo Elliott of New Cottage, Ladbroke and a big welcome to Ladbroke's new resident - their daughter Angharad, born on April 13<sup>th</sup> weighing 7lb 7oz. We are please to report that mother and baby are doing well.

## HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Despite the way lighting dominated the discussion, the Parish Council still could not see its way to making a decision on the Recreation Ground improvements. First they had a vote on whether Councillor Thompson should be barred from voting by virtue of his membership of the Tennis Club. Although guidance says it is his decision, his colleagues decided for him and banned him. It didn't really matter because in the end, incredibly, they agreed not to decide - again.

Mr. Savage led the attack for residents opposed to the extension to the Tennis and Netball Courts and the provision of floodlighting. As well as verbal representations there had been eight letters of objection and a petition.

Councillor Mary Shelley wrote that the lighting would cause disturbance and that the Recreation Grounds were the "only open space left in Harbury". Clive Taylor quoted the Village Design Statement to great effect, pointing out the commitment to "Dark Skies at Night" and arguing that there were good facilities available in neighbouring towns. Mr. Savage claimed people had moved to Harbury because of its "tranquillity and community spirit".

Councillor Ken Stephenson supported the principle of improved facilities for youth activities and thought the investment was necessary. Sharon Hancock believed the village should not be "preserved in aspic". It had to grow, and develop. Young people needed good facilities and the Recreation Ground was there specifically for that purpose.

Councillor Drinkwater thought that it was the lighting that was the main stumbling block and Councillor Grey supported the improved sports provision but opposed the floodlights as alien. Councillor Middleton read out a long speech claiming the plans would spoil the view and devalue resident's properties.

Councillor Woodward summed up saying that since December last year the Council had listened to discussions about the lighting between the promoters and locals. He had visited two locations with similar facilities and spoken to people there who had no complaints. He believed that with rigorous management, a measure of agreement could be reached, but that lighting was the sticking point. He was willing to undertake further research to find a suitable compromise.

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The Council then talked about Bollards, complaining that the bulkhead lights at Percival Drive had now been replaced by "scrap yard lights". The car park lighting problem has still not been resolved as Councillor Stephenson wants to screw the County's quote down further. This moved Councillor Middleton to declare that it ought to be done soon, even if it cost more!

The Parish has been invited to join P3 - the Parish Paths Partnership (see article later in the magazine). A resident complained about the state of the footpath alongside the Pound. John Hunt wanted dropped kerbs at the Farm Street/Mill Street crossing place. John Woodward had commissioned a new 'no parking sign' for outside the burial grounds. Church Terrace/Hall Lane corner is still flooding. Water will soon be installed at the allotments and this inspired Chairman John Hunt to remark that the extra facility would "lead to an explosion of allotment holders".

Stratford District Council has passed plans for tree-felling at Temple Cottage; for land raising at Ufton Hill Farm and for development of a detached house in Sheen Farmyard. Enforcement action was being taken against BT for the erection of an aerial on the Telephone Exchange. The Parish Council had no objection to a new plan for an extension at 28, Manor Road.

A new Youth Club Committee has been set up and Ruth Daws will be running a Club in the Village Hall on Thursday nights.

The police reported a fence damaged in South Parade, an assault in Vicarage Lane, the theft of a mountain bike and the arrest of three Coventry youths for car crimes. Pc Bosworth had taken a party of village children to the Heritage Motor Museum and was delighted with their behaviour. The Neighbourhood Watch meeting had been well attended and it was hoped that more co-ordinators would come forward to increase coverage to 100. The Police Post would only be open for three Tuesdays in the month as staffing was not sufficient to cover for Pc Bosworth's rest days.

Problems with confidentiality and the Data Protection Laws mean that the Parish Council cannot easily identify the elderly and disabled who would need special help in an emergency and so cannot complete their Emergency Plan!

Chairman John Hunt paid tribute to the work of Councillors Grey, Holton, Woodward and Shelley who are retiring and he praised the financial expertise of the new Clerk who had successfully dealt with the Parish Accounts.

The *Annual Parish Meeting* will be on **Thursday 20th May**; the next Parish Council meeting on **Thursday 27th May**.

**Linda Ridgley**

### **HARBURY SOCIETY**

Along with Ed Wilson, John Lapraik masterminded another Pub Walk as he explains: "Easter Monday, and a lovely day it was! Thirty-eight legs from three dogs and 13 souls assembled at 10.00 hours on the lay-by in front of Bubbenhall School for a stroll to Wappenbury and back - and into the pub afterwards.

The trees were coming into bud and the birds were singing which made us glad to be alive! At least this path avoided walking alongside part of the landfill site, but it does have its drawbacks. It is muddy. It was on this stretch that the hawk-eyed members of the party saw a fox. We were just a little early for the bluebells, but millions will be in flower before too long. Violets, wood anemones, celandine - just some of the wild flowers in bloom. There was even a chiffchaff singing in the trees.

It is a beautiful walk through a beautiful wood, but it's mud up to the armpits. A quick headcount at the far end of the wood accounted for 13 people and 3 dogs! There was never a chance of losing any of our intrepid explorers on this excursion into wildest Warwickshire! And so to the pub - worth a visit!"

Next Events are the *Guided Tour of Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens* on **Saturday 15th May 2pm**, (Details from Linda Ridgley on 612792) and the Carnival Stall which this year will be a Photographic Quiz.

**Linda Ridgley**

### **HARBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

At the N.F.W.I. County Indoor Bowls day at Welford-on-Avon Celia Barrett and Dorothy Groves won the Innes Cup. Well done 'our gels'!

Victoria Barrett from the County Air Ambulance came to speak with

the aid of slides. A paramedic for nearly 14 years she has spent 2 of them in the air.

There are 2 helicopters servicing 7 counties though there is soon to be a third. One is based at Cosford and the other at Trentham near the M5 services. The helicopter is a nifty MPB Bolkow 105 with high main and tail motors. It is reliable and highly manoeuvrable enabling landing in close areas such as at climbing accidents, city centres and motorways.

There are 4 excellent pilots, all with military experience. They can be airborne within 2 minutes of call and be at an accident promptly. For example a 5/6 hour road journey for special treatment would take just one and a half hours.

A paramedic sits beside the pilot and helps with navigation, the other sits behind him. All is very compact inside, with all drugs and safety equipment carried as in an ordinary ambulance, so immediate treatment can be carried out en route to the hospital. There is room for two stretchers which slide through a hatch in the rear of the plane.

Paramedics can only serve in the air for 2 years. Then it is back to ambulance service on land. Victoria has loved every minute and will be sorry to leave. This magnificent service is run solely on charity donations. Yes, hard to believe isn't it?

For those enquiries about a Harbury WI calendar - this is being considered and who knows?!

May hostesses: Terry Wade, Dorothy Travis and Sue Lapraik.

**Jeanne Beaumont**

## **HARBURY THEATRE GROUP**

We were pleased to welcome Clare Stanbridge representing Myton Hamlet Hospice to one of our performances of *Holiday Snaps* last week. The Theatre Group presented her with a cheque for £100 for Hospice Funds, this being a contribution from the ticket sales for *Aladdin*, the pantomime we performed last November.

In next month's H&L News there will be a review of *Holiday Snaps* which we hope many of you will have been able to see at the Village Hall on one of the three nights that it was being performed.

**John Holden**

## HARBURY FOLK CLUB

Even though I sometimes feel that the Harbury Folk Club has been meeting on the first Thursday of every month since Adam was a lad, at every meeting there seems to be a first for something. I suppose if there wasn't a "first" we would be able to declare that this was the first time there wasn't a first, so it would be a first, so it wouldn't count.

Anyway, before I get my brain cells in knots, let me tell you about the meeting of the folk club which took place on April 1st.

Being April Fool's Day, Maundy Thursday, the start of school holidays, the Jewish Feast of Pesach and also, more or less the start of spring, you could be forgiven for thinking that I would have been spoilt for choice when choosing a theme for the night. The trouble is, most of the themes which were relevant, had featured in recent folk clubs, so I took the easy option and went for a "theme-less night".

The subject of firsts which heralded the start of this report actually took place at the beginning of the evening when a son accompanied his mother. This was in a fine rendition of the "The Cuckoo" and performed by Daniel and Liz.

The first half continued with a variety of items with moods ranging from the light hearted to absolute melancholy. The performers included Ian and Sue, Rick, Ron, Pete Mc, Des and me. Des did actually decree that a future evening should have a theme of "abject misery", but for some strange reason, no one took him seriously.

The second half included a variety of items from a variety of combinations of the Black family and hangers on. These included permutations of John, Nick, Matt, Eleanor and Phil. The material was varied but was performed to their usual high standards. We were also entertained by Jonathan and Douglas from Warwick Folk Club, and also Bob from Southam, who recited a moving poetical account of the life and death of Lord Nelson. We were also treated to some wonderful contributions from Kathryn and Sally Ann who were making their debut at Harbury Folk Club. Accompanying themselves on guitar and piano accordion, they presented some beautiful items which they had written themselves.

A perk of being m.c. of a folk club, is that the third and final half ( I have

never understood fractions) can include one's own particular favourites. I therefore invited back on to the stage Ian and Sue, Pete Mc, and Des. I also asked for items from Mike Putnam, and Andy from Warwick Folk Club, neither of whom had performed earlier in the evening. To round off the evening I asked Kathryn and Sally Ann to do a few more items. Their musical ability combined with their relaxed stage presence provided an excellent conclusion to a very good evening. Many thanks to those who took part and also for the faithful audience without whom there could be no folk club.

Thanks also to those who contributed to the raffle. A total of £38.50 was raised for the Kosovo Refugee Appeal.

Don't forget the next folk club. I don't know who's leading it nor the theme, but I can confidently guarantee that it will a good one. As always, it will be on the first Thursday of the month, starting at 8.30pm, in the back room of the Dog Inn.

**Pete Bones**

## **HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL**

This term we will be doing some growing! We are looking at the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and have all marked our heights on a beanstalk height chart. We are planting all sorts of seeds to put out into our flower bed outside. We are growing flowers and lettuce and some runner beans.

We have been bringing in photographs of ourselves as babies and looking at how we have changed. We have also been talking about growing up. We are having a visit from a grandparent and a great-grandparent. Here are some of the things we want to do when we grow up:

Sam Cheeseman: I want to be a policeman and lock up bad people.

William Capon: I want to be a spitfire pilot. I'm just learning how to fly planes properly.

Peter Thompson: I don't want to be anything, but well - my big Grandad was a soldier, but you could be a major or a judge or a top-hat fireman!

Don't forget the *80/20 Sale* at the Village Hall on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** from 10.30am to 12noon. Admission is 20p and there will be lots of children's clothes, equipment and toys for sale at bargain prices. If you have things you would like to sell, please ring Nicola Thompson on 612821 and she will allocate you a letter to label your items with. In the meantime - happy growing!

**Sarah Woods**

## **HARBURY YOUTH CLUB**

As you are probably aware, Harbury Youth Club has been reinstated and commenced on 29<sup>th</sup> April with an open session for 11 to 17 year olds. Ruth Dawes is the Youth Leader and a committee has been formed with parents and others from the village. We have the support of the Village Hall committee and Rob Townsend who is the Area Community Education Officer for Warwickshire County Council.

The Youth Club will be held every Thursday evening from 7.00 - 9.00pm at the Village Hall except when other village activities are booked in the Hall, e.g. monthly Parish Council meetings, local council elections and the Theatre Group plays. Other outdoor events/outings may be organised on these occasions and members of the Youth Club will be notified of these arrangements. There will be an annual membership fee of £2 and the weekly entrance fee is 50p.

We are in desperate need of equipment, such as a table tennis table, etc. table games and outdoor sports equipment. If you can help with any items, please ring the Chairman (Mandy Rowells) on 614377.

We hope the young people of Harbury will support the Youth Club and its activities and also parents will become involved from time to time.

**Janet Thornley 612688**

## **NSPCC**

We would like to thank all of our supporters for helping us to raise an astonishing amount of £14,625.65 this year. The success of the M40 motorway collection has been amazing but we still need volunteers. If you are willing to spare 2 hours on a weekend, once a month, please contact one of the committee members.

Our next social event will be our *Annual Quiz Night* on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** at the Village Club. Get your friends together in a team of four. Great fun! Contact 612179.

Also for your diary, the *Summer Dance* will be held on **July 10<sup>th</sup>**, dancing to the sound of Hal Roberts Band. Tickets £14.00 to include supper. Dress smart casual / black tie. Tickets are available from any committee member or contact 614285.

If you are interested in becoming a new member helping us raise money for a worthy cause please contact us. New blood is always welcome!

### NSPCC committee

### THE OXFAM LAKE DISTRICT EVEREST CHALLENGE

I'm off to climb Everest at half term! More precisely, I'm going to attempt the 'Oxfam Lake District Everest Challenge'. With assistance and advice from mountaineering and fell-walking associations in the Lakes, Oxfam have drawn up a 6-day fell-walking circuit which includes nearly all the famous hilltops, involving a total climb of just over 29,000 feet, hence the 'Everest' bit.

There's no time limit and you can do the 6 stages at different times, or all in one go. I'm attempting it over the Spring Bank Holiday week, with a friend Chris and my cousin Graham, both of whom were with me on a week of Pennine Way walking when we heard about this new challenge. So they're as mad as I am.

Oxfam call it a 'Double Challenge'. The other bit is collecting sponsorship. (I've a feeling Oxfam know which is the harder part, but they're not telling.) Sarnjit at Londis Supermarket and Andrew and Carole at the Shakespeare have very kindly agreed to take sponsorship forms for me.

Are you mad enough to feel like sponsoring someone who's mad enough to attempt an English Everest? If so, your money will go to very good causes.

**Andrew Patrick 614359**

## **HARBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

The Django Reinhardt Jazz Festival in Samois-sur-Seine will take place this year during the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> June.

Therefore, if there are enough people interested, the Twinning Association will make arrangements to travel by coach. Please note that although we will not be responsible for accommodation, we will be able to assist you in this matter. To put your name down, please contact me on 613607, as soon as possible.

The other event mentioned in the January H&L News, the Carnival 2000 has been cancelled. Apologies to the persons who were keen on dressing up for the occasion!

**Jacqueline Clarke**

## **PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

Would you like to help open up all of the Parish's footpath network and perhaps be involved in the practical work of clearing and maintaining the rights of way?

The Parish has the opportunity to join P3 (the Parish Paths Partnership) which funds (at £75 per mile per year) promotional activities to advertise the rights of way network and labour costs where contractors are called in to help with maintenance and clearance work.

What is needed is a group of volunteers to survey the network, draw up a work programme and if they do not want to do the work themselves, arrange to pay a contractor. If volunteers want to take on the whole task the grant pays for equipment to allow them to do the job.

Ladbroke has its own P3 group which has had considerable success and great fun working on the rights of way network. Our Parish Council already has one volunteer. If there are others they should contact the Clerk, Debbie Steele on 614646.

**Linda Ridgley**

## **CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR GHANA APPEAL**

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Southam I write to thank everyone who supported our plea for books and toys over the past few weeks. The



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response was fantastic and realised over a thousand items which will be shipped out to West Africa this month and in August.

I am sure the youngsters in Ghana will be absolutely thrilled. Thank you.

The Rotary Club are holding a *coffee morning* at the Tom Hauley Room on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May** to raise funds for the shipment to Ghana of the books and toys. Please help by coming along if you can.



**Harbury School's response to the appeal**

Children in the photograph are: (back row) Claire Greenwell, Harriet Guy, Anna Harris and me, , (front) Richard Bloxham, Sam Davis and Nick Montgomery.

**Bill Davies 614104**

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

A meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> was addressed by Kate Bailey of the Mid Warwickshire N.W. Association, Bally Kaur the Police N.W. Manager and Pc Stewart Bosworth the Community Beat Officer. A lively discussion followed in which nearly all the 20 people present took part.

The difficulty in contacting the police out of office hours was raised and Pc Bosworth said that he hoped that changes in procedures at Police H.Q. (Leek Wootton) would alleviate this problem.

Pc Bosworth is looking for more information from the public to help in the prevention and solution of crime. If anyone has information that may assist the police but does not wish to become involved one can ring 'Crime stoppers' free on 0800 5555 111. You will not be asked your name, address or phone number and are guaranteed complete anonymity. No one will know who gave the police the tip-off.

N.W. Co-ordinators appreciate it if their members inform them when premises are left unattended for any length of time (e.g. holidays). If you have a street co-ordinator please co-operate with them on this point. If there is no N.W. Co-ordinator in your vicinity why not become one yourself? Harbury is a low crime area, let us keep it that way.

**J.A. Chapple**

## **HARBURY 'LIT UP@ ON MILLENNIUM NIGHT**

Over the last few months a small group of people from the village have been meeting regularly to discuss possible ways of celebrating the new millennium in Harbury.

In the course of these meetings it became evident early on that organising any sort of major event within the village would not be feasible.

A professionally managed fireworks display would, for example, be prohibitively expensive, even if one could be arranged at this late stage. The insurance ramifications of a village managed display (or bonfire) also rule this out, even if a sufficient number of upstanding sober volunteers could be found to run it!

With these sorts of considerations to be taken into account, discussion has centred around the setting up a number of low cost self-sustaining

attractions and events in and around existing village facilities. These would then offer people the choice of a number of venues to visit or not as they wish.

Central to all these activities will be the strip or flood lighting of a selected number of streets and locations and it is hoped that as many people as possible will also light up their own homes and gardens. Let's get Harbury truly 'lit up'!

We understand, at this time, that at least four of the five pubs in the Village will be open on the big night and that one or two of them may also have plans for their own 'attractions'. The Village Club will be open to all comers and has kindly agreed to provide free music by way of the Juke box for the benefit of our younger revellers.

It has been suggested that it may be possible to install a TV projection screen in the Village Hall with entertainment, refreshments and a warm welcome for those who might wish to see in the new millennium in company and in comfort. The Tom Hauley Room will also be open for those seeking a few moments of relative tranquillity and perhaps refreshment.

Other events and attractions under consideration at this time include the broadcasting of the chimes of Big Ben in the centre of the village, maroon type fireworks for the big moment, commemorative glassware (for sale, on the lines of that produced for the Twinning / Beer Festival), and perhaps a free commemorative bone china mug for each of the children in the village.

One other suggestion is that the village be divided into ten segments, each one of which would be allocated, (in a draw), a particular century from the current millennium. Everyone would then be invited to don fancy dress, if they so wished, depicting an event from the century in which they 'lived'. A list of suggested costume themes follows below.

All the above is still very provisional and just a framework on which we would like to build with your ideas and suggestions. By the time you read this there will be less than 35 weeks to go! If you have any thoughts or opinions on the subject, however daft they may seem to you now, do please tell one of the following:

**Brian Ingram**  
612418

**Anne Woodward**  
613536

**John Palin**  
613231

## Suggestions for costume themes for millennium eve:

### 11<sup>th</sup> Century

King Canute  
 Earl Leofric and Lady Godiva  
 Edward the Confessor  
 King Harold and the Battle of Hastings  
 William the Conqueror  
 Domesday Book

### 12<sup>th</sup> Century

Crusades  
 Henry II & the murder of Thomas Beckett  
 Richard the Lionheart

### 13<sup>th</sup> Century

King John and the Magna Carta  
 Robin Hood  
 Edward I Hammer of the Scots

### 14<sup>th</sup> Century

Robert the Bruce  
 Black Prince  
 Black Death

### 15<sup>th</sup> Century

Henry V - Battle of Agincourt  
 Wars of the Roses  
 Warwick the Kingmaker  
 William Caxton, inventor of printing  
 Princes in the Tower  
 Richard III - Battle of Bosworth

### 16<sup>th</sup> Century

Henry VIII and six wives  
 Cardinal Wolsey  
 Sir Thomas More  
 Founding of Church of England  
 Elizabeth I  
 Mary, Queen of Scots  
 Sir Frances Drake & the Spanish Armada  
 Walter Raleigh  
 William Shakespeare

### 17<sup>th</sup> Century

James I  
 Guy Fawkes and Gunpowder Plot  
 Pilgrim Fathers and the Mayflower  
 Charles I  
 Civil War - Roundheads & Cavaliers  
 Oliver Cromwell

### 17<sup>th</sup> Century (Continued)

The Plague  
 Fire of London  
 Isaac Newton  
 Christopher Wren  
 Greenwich Observatory  
 William and Mary  
 Judge Jeffries and the Bloody Assizes  
 Glencoe Massacre

### 18<sup>th</sup> Century

Queen Anne  
 Bonnie Prince Charlie  
 Captain Cook  
 John Wesley  
 Edward Jenner (Smallpox vaccination)  
 Industrial Revolution - Brindley starts canal system, Hargreaves invents spinning jenny, James Watt invents steam engine

### 19<sup>th</sup> Century

Nelson - Victory at Trafalgar  
 Duke of Wellington - Victory at Waterloo  
 Prince Regent  
 George III - 'mad King George' or 'Farmer George'  
 Abolition of Slavery  
 David Livingstone  
 Burton & Speke (found source of Nile)  
 Queen Victoria and Prince Albert  
 Charles Darwin - Voyage of the Beagle  
 Brunel  
 Simpson - Chloroform for anaesthesia  
 List - Antisepsis  
 Crimean War - Charge of the Light Brigade  
 Florence Nightingale  
 Disraeli and Gladstone  
 Jane Austen  
 Charles Dickens  
 Thomas Cook - started package holidays  
 Gilbert and Sullivan  
 Oscar Wilde  
 Dr. Barnardo  
 Boer War

### 20<sup>th</sup> Century

Does anyone need any help?

## **QUESTIONNAIRE RELATING TO RE-HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY and PEOPLE with DISABILITIES**

Thank you to all who replied to the questionnaire in the H&L News and apologies for the delay in reporting the feedback received.

Approximately 60 people responded and of these there was a 100% agreement that some form of specialised accommodation was needed to meet the needs of elderly people finding it difficult to cope without more support and for the disabled people in our village needing help and support to live more independently within the village community.

From the replies, approximately 14 people with differing needs stated a wish for something now or in the near future. Unfortunately, as time slips by, help will be too late for some people and others, reluctantly, will be forced to leave the village.

So the challenge is clear: finance and drive from the community and support from those other than the carers of the village who already have many demands on their time and commitments. Many villagers wish to keep the elderly and disabled members of the community in their midst, but to achieve this aim, land or a suitable building are needed.

Personally, although willing to support any project, we don't have the time to spearhead this - so what happens next?

**D. Barr 612488 and R. Harley 613402**

## **SOUTHAM COMMUNITY MINIBUS**

The Southam Community Minibus Committee are pleased to announce the arrival of a NEW 17 seater, diesel engined minibus, complete with a side access powered step!

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**J. Biddle - Chairman**

## STRATFORD-ON-AVON DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

### **David Booth - Standing For Re-Election**

I have been selected by the Liberal Democrats to stand for election to Stratford upon Avon District Council on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May.



On joining the council 4 years ago I could see that resources were disproportionately directed towards Stratford. I found that this was not a deliberate policy of individuals but a result of the way the Council was organised. I have worked to get the organisational system changed. I have succeeded.

Starting this year the Council will have four Area Committees to decide local priorities and budgets. These Area Committees will invite representatives from Parish Councils and County Councillors to help make decisions. This radical organisational change will make transparent where money is being spent and allow imbalances to be

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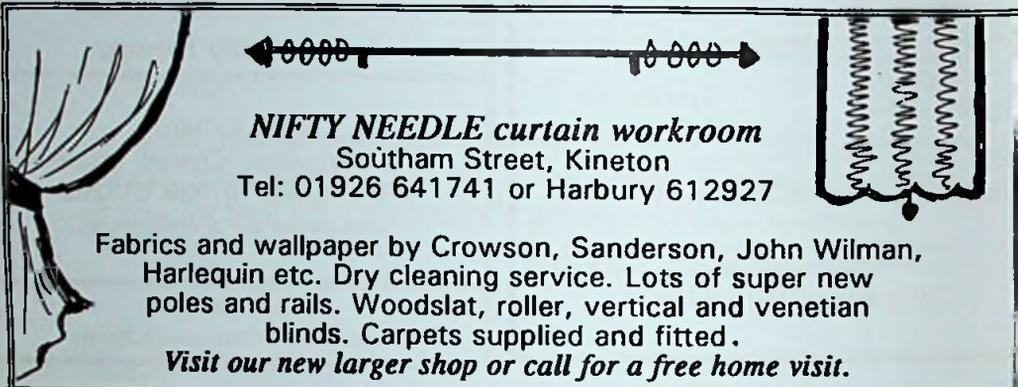
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resolved. I see this change improving the resources being directed towards Harbury and the surrounding area in future. I intend to make best use of the new system for your benefit.

I have been Vice-Chairman of the Finance and Management Sub Committees and have used that position to reduce the district council tax. In 1995/6 it was £59.67 for a band D property for 1999/2000 it is £57.72 the same as last year. While I cannot make guarantees for future years I will continue to work for quality services at a reasonable cost.

In the past four years I have attended Harbury Parish Council regularly. I am supporting improvements to the village's sports facilities. I have encouraged a youth leader to reopen Harbury Youth Club. I will continue to support measures that will help village shops remain viable.

I am 48 years old, married with 2 sons; one serving in the army, the other studying for a Masters Degree at Imperial College London. I work as an Instructor on the Kineton army base.

You can phone me on 01926 640728. Email davidbooth@cix.co.uk

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### **Jack Heath - The Labour Party Candidate**

Again I am standing for election to the District Council for Harbury Ward.

I live in Harbury village with my wife Susan, our offspring are now adults, the eldest lives in Northumberland with her three daughters and the younger one is at Stafford University taking Business Studies.

I work as an accountant for the MOD at Temple Herdewyke. Under the Labour instigated Strategic Defence Review we are to have a change of management at the former Army Depot, the Navy is taking over so the signs for BAD Kineton have gone, being replaced by those for Defence Munitions (Central) or DM (C).

The majority of Labour Party District Councillors represent Southam, nevertheless, they ensure that the people of Harbury Ward are represented when necessary and continuously strive to get a fair deal for the rural community. I commend and if elected will support their efforts to:

- Extend concessionary fares to young people;
- Advocate heating vouchers for those on low income;

- Maintain and improve Play and Recreation Amenities in the villages;
  - Increase the authority of Local Area Planning Committees;
  - Substantially reduce the District element of Council Tax;
  - Encourage the development of new businesses offering permanent employment to local people.
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## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At the last talk: "Roses" given by Mr. Humphries from Pershore, the gremlins were at work as the projector would not operate, one bulb blew and the spare - unknown to him - was blown, so he gave us an informed talk on 'Roses through the year'. He also answered questions at the end.

The Village Show schedules will soon be available, and if anybody would like a copy earlier than normal, please collect one from Julie Clarke, 32, South Parade.

With the show in mind, when potting up plants to be exhibited, the size of pot is important. Foliage plants, flower plants, double tuberous begonias, cacti and succulents have to be in pots no larger than 6" maximum.

By the time the magazine is distributed the last talk for our year *The Scented Garden* will have taken place. The next few weeks will be a good opportunity to catch up on all sorts of things, I hope the weather will perk up too!

Please would people who are going on the outing to *Kew Gardens* on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June** be at the Village Hall by 8.45am. For the evening outing to *Bourton House* on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** please meet at the Village Hall at 5.45pm.

Finally something a little different. For anyone who is interested, the National Herb Centre, Banbury Road, Warmington, have an event called *A Day in the Country* on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. There will be three guided tours at 12.00noon, 2.10pm and 4.00pm. The fee is £1. For more information ring 01295 690999.

**Muriel Grey**

## GARDENING NOTES for MAY

This is the start of the gardening show season, so take time off to visit one to give you new ideas. Then fired with enthusiasm the more boring jobs such as putting in stakes ready for the tall or lax plants will quickly be done. As soon as the borders are cleared of weeds mulch them to conserve moisture and nutrients. May can be one of our drier and sunnier months so when putting in new plants make a shallow reservoir around the plant to hold water and to allow it time to soak in.

Half hardy annuals can be sown out of doors now and hardy ones such as candytuft and calendulas can be thinned. Biennials and perennials can be sown in trays. Harden off tender plantlets and over-wintered plants before they go out towards the end of the month.

Prune back the early flowering shrubs as soon as they finish blooming. They need to put on growth through the summer to produce next year's flowers. Pinch out the tips on any plants where a bushy shape is needed. Clip privet and lonicera hedges and trim grey leafed plants now.

Pull out suckers on roses, lilacs, apples and raspberries. Mulching with lawn clippings is said to discourage suckering. Trim rockery plants as they finish flowering. Prune cherry, plum and peach trees shortly after they flower to reduce fungal attack.

Sow annual herbs and short rows of salad plants every few weeks. Try the lettuce Salad Bowl, which is a 'cut and come again' variety. Sow vegetables directly in the beds, but it may be safer to put marrow, courgettes and cucumbers in pots to germinate and plant them out at the end of the month. Sage and thyme grown in with the cabbage family may ward off insect pests.

Houseplants may need repotting and trimming to shorten early straggly growth. Check for white, black-headed vine weevil grubs in the compost. Cuttings taken from plants with fleshy stems will root easily on the kitchen windowsill in pots of Perlite. Cactus and succulents are best re-potted this month. Offsets can be potted up separately.

This is a good time to lay a lawn or plant up a pond. When strimming under hedges and shrubs watch out for hedgehogs and fledgling birds. If you clear weed from a pond do it in the evening and leave the weed on the side of the pond overnight so that water creatures can wriggle back into the water.

Plant of the month - Peony

Legend says the name derives from Paeon, a young pupil of the God of Medicine, Asclepias. Paeon was told of a root growing on Mount Olympus which could alleviate the pain of childbirth. With possession of this root Paeon's success as a doctor was assured. Asclepias became jealous of his pupil and would have killed him, but for the intervention of Zeus who turned the young man into the plant, Peony.

Legend or not, both the roots and seeds have long been prescribed in pregnancy and for 'diverse sicknesses of women'. Herbaceous peonies are found all around the world and have been popular for both the foliage and flowers. They have been referred to in our literature by 14<sup>th</sup> Century William Langland to present day Keats. Tree peonies were brought from Japan and China, where they are called Sho-Yo which means 'the beautiful'.

Plant them in rich soil, in a site sheltered from the early morning sun, and leave them undisturbed, to give you pleasure for years.

**Pat Smith**

## Letters to the Editors

*Dear Editors*

*My family and I would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who sent sympathy cards and supported us during the sad time following the death of my mother, Mrs. Gwen Douthwaite.*

*Thank you also to Fr. Roy and Pam for their kindness, to Anne Moore for her beautifully sung solo, organist Clive Watts and all friends and family who attended the funeral for offering so much love and support to my brother Alan, family and I.*

*Also many thanks for donations in aid of British Red Cross - a total of £207 was raised.*

**Lorna Bedford**

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