

- Thurs 6 Holy Communion 9.45am
Storytelling in Library 10am
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
Beginners Line Dancing in Harbury Village Club 7.30pm
Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 7 Newspaper Collection
Holy Communion 12Noon. Lent Lunch in Tom Hauley Room 12.30pm
- Sat 8 Coffee Morning for Harbury Primary School Funds in Tom Hauley Room
Nursery School Children's Clothes 80/20 Sale in Village Hall 10.30am - 12Noon
PTA April Beach Disco in School 8 - 11.30pm
- Sun 9 LENT 5** - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Sunday School 10.30am; Said Evensong 6pm
Annual Church Meeting 6.30pm
- Mon 10 Harbury & Ladbroke News AGM in The Crown Inn at 8pm
- Tues 11 Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm
Toddlers' Service 2.15pm
Holy Communion with Lent Address followed by tea & discussion in the Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm
Village Hall AGM in Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 12 Southam Leisure Keep Fit in Village Hall 7pm
Twining Association's AGM followed by briefing for Samoia visitors in the Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm
- Thurs 13 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
Beginners Line Dancing in Harbury Village Club 7.30pm
WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
- Fri 14 Holy Communion 12Noon; Lent Lunch 12.30pm
- Sat 15 Coffee Morning for Myton Hospice in Tom Hauley Room
ADVERTS Westbury House, 79 Mill Street by 5.30pm
Nursery School's *Murder Mystery Night* in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Sun 16 PALM SUNDAY** - Holy Communion 8am
Procession for school children 10.15am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Harbury Society's *Wall Walk* starts from The Dog Inn 10.30am
- Mon 17 Under 16s Tennis Course (by Stratford District Council) at Courts
Holy Communion 7.30pm; Stations of the Cross 8pm
- Tues 18 Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm; Stations of the Cross 8pm
Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8pm
Mothers' Union 8pm
- Wed 19 Southam Leisure Keep Fit in Village Hall 7pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm; Stations of the Cross 8pm
- Thurs 20 Maundy Thursday - Sung Eucharist followed by Watch at the Altar of Repose till Midnight 8pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
Beginners Line Dancing in Harbury Village Club 7.30pm
- Fri 21 Good Friday - Children's Service 9.30am
Devotional Hour 2-3pm
- Sat 22 Newspaper Collection
Holy Saturday - Easter Ceremonies 8pm
BLOOD DONORS in Village Hall
Coffee Morning for Cystic Fibrosis Research in Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 23 EASTER SUNDAY** - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Evensong 6.30pm
- Tues 25 Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Julian Group in Church 8pm
- Wed 26 Southam Leisure Keep Fit in Village Hall 7pm
- Thurs 27 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
Beginners Line Dancing in Harbury Village Club 7.30pm
Parish Council meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm

- Fri 28 **ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm**
 Sat 29 Coffee Morning for Ladbroke Church in Tom Hauley Room
 Sun 30 **2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER** - Holy Communion 8am
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm

MAY

- Mon 1 Hereburgh Morris May Day Dancing at Chesterton Windmill 5am
 Southam Lions May Day Fete in Library the grounds, commencing at 2pm
 Tues 2 Beat Buddies in Village Hall 2-3pm
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Horticultural Society *Grasses and the like* in Village Hall 8pm
 Wed 3 Holy Communion 2pm; Mothers' Union 2.30pm
 Southam Leisure Keep Fit in Village Hall 7pm
 Thurs 4 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Storytelling in Library 10am
 Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
 Beginners Line Dancing in Harbury Village Club 7.30pm
 Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm
 Fri 5 Newspaper collection
 Sat 6 Coffee Morning with Plant Sales in Tom Hauley Room
 Play Tennis 2000 for 5-15 year olds at tennis courts: 10.30am-1pm & 2-4pm
 Sun 7 **3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER** - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 6.30pm
 Play Tennis 2000 'Rusty Rackets' for adults 2-5pm

LOST and FOUND

Found on Millennium Eve: one Praktica GP100 Panorama camera.
 Contact Anne Woodward on 613536

Please note: **Adverts to Westbury House, 79, Mill Street by
 Saturday 15th April**

Articles to Harbury Chemist by Friday 28th April

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

Bookings for:

Scout Hut	Mr. R. Flanagan	613612
Tom Hauley Room	Mrs. W. Stubbs	612782
T. Hauley Room Coffee Morning	Mrs. J. Windsor	612504
Village Hall	Mr. P. Winchester	614466
Wight School	Mrs. L. Hayes	613488

REGULAR DIARY DATES

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

BADMINTON: Village Hall, Monday mornings (613174) 10:00am-12:00noon
 Mondays (612627) (Seniors) 7:00-9:00pm;
 Tuesdays (613413) (Club) 8:00-10:00pm;
 Friday (612029) (Juniors) 2:00-3:00pm;
 Sunday (613340) 7:00-10:00pm

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

BEAT BUDDIES: Village Hall, Tuesdays 2pm

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

BROWNIES: Scout Hut, Mondays 6:00-7:30pm

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, Fridays 6:30pm

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

CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm

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

GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, Mondays 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:

Under 7/8s: Training: Harbury School Pitch 9:00am

Coach: Mike Grayson 613027

Under 9s: Training: Harbury School Pitch 10:30am

Coaches: Joe Greenwell 613623 & Jim Ward 612401

Under 10s: Training: Playing Fields 9:00am

Coaches: Steve Darby 613330 & Keith Guy

Under 12s: Training: Playing Fields 10:30am

Coaches: John Wilkins 612115 & Steve Wilkins 614574

Under 14s: Training: Playing Fields 10:30am

Coaches: Trevor Montague 612340 & Steve Fitzgerald 612164

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL: School, Monday-Friday; 9:00am-12:00noon;

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 12:45pm-3:15pm

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: Wight School, High St. Monday 12:30 - 2:30pm;

Tuesday-Friday 9:00am - 12:00noon

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498 FOR GILL TO PICK UP AND COPY!

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

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Village Hall, 1st Tuesday of Month (Oct. to May) 8:00pm

KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS: (612734) Wight School, Saturdays, 10:00am-12:00noon

LIBRARY: (613297) Mondays 2:00 - 5:00pm and 5:30 - 7:00pm;

Thursdays 10:00am - 1:00pm; 2:00 - 5:00pm & 5:30 - 7:00pm;

Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 10:00am 1st Thursday of Month; Term Time only

LINE DANCING: BEGINNERS, Harbury Village Club, Thursdays 7.30pm

NETBALL CLUB: (612841) Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays 6:30pm;

Matches on Saturday Afternoon

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

SOUTHAM LEISURE KEEP FIT: Village Hall, Wednesdays 7pm

TENNIS CLUB: (614614) (Apr-Sept) Tues & Thurs 6:30pm onwards (6:00pm for April);

Saturday 2:00-5:00pm, Monday & Wednesday 1:45-3:00pm

Juniors: 7-11 year olds (Y3 to Y6) Sundays 10:00-11:00am

Intermediates: 11-16 year olds Wed.: 6:00-7:00pm Y7 & Y8; 7:00-8:00pm Y9-Y11

THEATRE GROUP: The Dog Inn, last Tuesday of Month 8:00pm

THURSDAY CLUB: Farley Room of Village Hall 2nd & 4th Thursday of Month 2:30pm

TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, Monday 10:00-11:30am & Wednesday 1:30-3:00pm

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

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

YOUTH CLUB: Village Hall, Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

Harbury Helpline is for you!

EMERGENCY TRANSPORT: Call Tim Millington 612808 or Charles Catt 612864.

HELP WITH FORM FILLING:

- **Job Applications, CV's, Council Tax Forms, etc.:** Call Joanne Cooper 613859 or Jeff Bedford 612753.
- **For University/Job Applications, interviews, CVs:** Call Philip Bushill-Matthews 612476.
- **For Personal Tax Claims, Rebates on Tax Paid to Building Societies or on Shares:** Call Jim Chapple 612044.

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 Sue Dormer 613254.

HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE: Call Tony Brunton 612191.

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.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion, 8:00am

Sung Eucharist 10:30am (Except 1st Sunday of Month:
Sung Eucharist 9.00am)

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.

Rector: Father Roy Brown, The Rectory, Vicarage Lane, Harbury
Tel.: 612377

Laugh Line

A new Sunday School teacher had succeeded one who always told a story and then went on to say: *And the moral of the story is . . .*

When the vicar asked a scholar how he liked the new teacher, he got the reply: *Oh, Miss . . . is great, she hasn't got any morals.*



Harbury School children walk to the Ash Wednesday Service at All Saints' Church

FROM THE RECTOR

The turning point

"We often forget that in all accounts of the resurrection, the witnesses started out with the unshakeable conviction that Christ was dead." (Thomas Marton)

The holy women and the apostles set off to find Jesus where they think he is - in the tomb, among the dead. When they find that the tomb is empty, they wonder if someone has stolen the body. It was only when Christ appeared to them that they made the discovery that Christ was not dead but alive because he had risen from the dead. Twelve such appearances of the risen Christ are recorded in the gospels but the message is always the same. *Do not be afraid, it is not a ghost, it is I.*

To say that this discovery 'blew their minds' is an understatement. It turned their whole life inside out and upside down. The risen living

Christ changed everything. This is why, ever since then, Christ's followers have been 'The Easter People'. Every teaching of the Church is built on the truth of the resurrection. Saint Paul said: *If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless and your believing it is useless; indeed, we are shown up as witnesses who have committed perjury before God, because we swore in evidence before God that he had raised Christ to life.*

The starting point

The beginning of the Gospel is the resurrection of Jesus, just as it was the starting point of the preaching of the apostles. In fact, the resurrection moulds and shapes the whole of the gospel tradition. The apostles were not preaching about a miracle-worker or social reformer, or exceedingly good person who had influenced the ways of the world. They were preaching about Jesus who had risen from the dead and who was alive at that moment.

So the gospels grew and as they did they clarified the message of Jesus and of who he was. In the first gospel, St. Mark sees no need to say anything about Jesus' birth, childhood or early life. He launches into the 'Good News about Jesus Christ'. Nor does he go back later in the story to trace the origins of Jesus' teaching in his infancy and education. He is not concerned to write a biography or a psychological report. What was written was all in reference to the resurrection and was throwing light on the question: Who was this Jesus who, it was claimed, had risen from the dead? At the same time the experience of the resurrection in the lives of believers was throwing light on all that Jesus had said and done during His life.

Different people, obviously, remembered different things about Christ. The sick and the sinners would have their own treasured memories. The people in Jerusalem would recall the events that had taken place in their midst, on Calvary and in the Temple. The Galileans would have a host of memories of Jesus' ministry around the sea of Galilee. And the evangelists would have to make a selection. Not everything could be written down. And in all this, we believe, the Holy Spirit as Christ had promised, was present, guiding the work and ensuring that the truth was preserved. It was a work like no other because it was concerned with a truth that could not be summed up in ordinary language. How do you describe adequately the truth that Jesus, God and man, was alive because he had risen from the dead? How do you do justice to all that truth implies for the life of his followers? You can only get near to it by a combination of remembering, listening and praying. This unique truth led to the appearance of unique writings that we call the Good News or Gospels.

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism All Saints' Harbury

5th March

Georgia Elizabeth Henry

Funerals at Oakley Wood

25th January

Polly Parker

21st MarchJames Thistlethwaite followed by a service of Thanksgiving
at All Saints' Harbury

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

As usual, the family service was well attended - this time, Ken Hughes told younger members of the congregation (and reminded the older members) of the story of the 'Deck of Cards'. Ken, supported by members of the choir and Sunday School, described a soldier's use of playing cards to remind him of his faith.

Good News: During the run up to Easter, a copy of St. Luke's Gospel will be brought to every house in the village. This is a recognition that during this year, we are celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ 2000 years ago. His life and death showed God's love for all his people. St. Luke's account is very readable and has just as strong a message for us now as when it was written long ago. *A Happy Easter to us all.*

Ruth & John

MOTHERS' UNION

Afternoon meeting: After a service of Holy Communion, Angela Haynes spoke about Flowers and Prayers. She encouraged members to split into four groups, choose flowers from the selection she'd brought along, and create an arrangement representing Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Under Angela's expert guidance, four most attractive displays were achieved and taken into Church. Certainly a most enjoyable and thought provoking afternoon.

Evening meeting: Members attended the Tuesday Communion Service and listened to Father Roy's Lent Address which concentrated on teenage and adolescence. Over a cup of tea afterwards, we then discussed with the Rector and others who had attended the service, our own teenage memories, and how pressures are constantly changing for the youngsters of today. All agreed that the simple pleasures of the past seemed so much less hazardous - that's progress!

In next month's News there will be a report on the M.U. Service in Coventry Cathedral, which takes place on Lady Day (March 25th) just as this issue goes to press. Several of our members are planning to attend.

Next meetings:

Wed. 5th April: 2.00pm Service with Lent Address by Revd Fiona Newton, followed by a cup of tea in the Tom Hauley Room.

Tues. 18th April: 7.30pm Service followed by Meditation for Holy Week, led by Helen Robertson.

Audrey Tebaldi & Anne Moore

TODDLERS' SERVICE

After our usual bell ringing session, we started the March service by singing (with actions) *Jesus' love is very wonderful.*

As part of our series on 'People Who Help Us', Mrs. Lesley Jones had come to tell us about our postmen and women and the work they do,

illustrated with her delightful drawings. She then delivered a colouring card to each of the children from her post bag.

We thanked God for all the people who help us and sang *Jesus Loves Me*. The children then made 'Get Well' cards for Mrs. Atkins who usually helps provide our refreshments, but was ill in hospital. They then 'posted' the cards in a model post-box.

The next service will be on **Tuesday 11th April** at 2.15pm. All babies and toddlers are very welcome.

C. Mary Catt

Ladbroke News

APRIL

- Sun** 2 **Mothering Sunday** - Family Communion 10.30am
Wed 5 Lent Lunch at Walworth Farm, 12Noon
 Vestry Meeting and Annual Church Meeting at Village Hall, 7.30pm
Sun 9 **LENT 5** - Sung Communion 9am
Mon 10 Harbury & Ladbroke News AGM in The Crown Inn, Harbury at 8pm
Wed 12 Lent Lunch at 7, Ladbroke Hall, 12Noon
 Holy Communion 2pm; Women's Fellowship 2.45pm
Sat 15 **ADVERTS Westbury House, 79 Mill Street by 5.30pm**
Sun 16 **PALM SUNDAY** - Sung communion 9am
Mon 17 Southam & District Local History Society at St. Mary's School 7.30pm
Thurs 20 Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion 7pm
Fri 21 Good Friday - Children's Service 10.30am
 Devotional Hour 12Noon - 1pm; Music and Readings 7pm
Sun 23 **EASTER SUNDAY** - Sung Communion 9am
 Children's Church 10.30am
Thurs 27 WI meeting
Fri 28 **ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm**
Sat 29 Coffee Morning for Ladbroke Church in Tom Hauley Room, Harbury 10am
Sun 30 **2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER** - Sung Communion 10.30am

MAY

- Mon** 1 Opening of Millennium Green 11am-4pm
Tues 2 PCC Meeting 8.15pm
Sun 7 **3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER** - Family Communion 10.30am

LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

The one positive thing regarding services so far is that we have begun Choir Practices for the Good Friday service of music and readings. Many, many thanks to Michael Short for coming back yet again to lead us. All but the last rehearsal is in Harbury Church - Monday evenings from 7.00-8.00pm. If you would like to join us, you are most welcome.

The work in our church is making steady progress. Hopefully the bells will be back home and being rung by the time you read this - sounding better than ever.

We have had another robbery. This time a small chest of drawers where we kept the smaller items of altar linen - that has gone too. It is so sad and depressing - some of the sadness felt is for the people who can bring themselves to rob churches. It happened on a Friday afternoon between 3.30 and 6.00pm - after the workmen had left.

Just as I was feeling at my lowest ebb - on the next day, I saw Simon Knott (I'm sure he won't mind me saying 22 years old) mowing the church yard. He did more than half of it - completely unasked. Then he and Geoff Timms (slightly older!) turned round and laid some turf, generously donated by Stephen Wall. You can well imagine how mixed up my emotions are.

A very Happy and Joyous Easter to everyone.

Betty Winkfield

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At our March meeting, Mary Rock from Southam, gave us a very interesting talk about the history of her 500 year old house and of some of the residents who have lived there. She also talked about past residents who still seem to be living there!

We haven't a speaker at our April meeting, which will be here at Hall Farm. I'm hoping that members will bring some small, treasured possession with them and tell us why it means so much to them.

Our Lent Lunches are going well and have been well attended. The last one on **Wednesday 12th April** will be hosted by Catherine Spence at 7, Ladbroke Hall.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The March meeting was held on the 23rd at Ladbroke Village Hall. It was well attended. The President welcomed members and visitors.

The Shortmat Bowls first team semi-final has been postponed until further notice. Correction of the Quiz Night at Claverdon. The team was thirteenth out of fifty four teams, not thirty four teams entered.

A work party has been organised for Spring cleaning the Village Hall on **Tuesday 4th April** at 9.30am. Anyone wishing to help will be welcomed.

Eight members will be going on the County outing to Ironbridge on **Monday 8th May**.

Mrs. Monica Evans was the speaker for the evening. Her talk and display on Easter Traditions were very interesting. She explained the meanings of the days between the Sunday before Lent until Easter day. Many of our celebrations dating from Paganism and Medieval times. Even our hot cross bun was invented by the Egyptians!

The raffle prizes were won by Beryl Ross, Christine Baker and Mary Entwistle. The Bursary, drawn by the speaker, was won by Anne Edwards.

Next month Miss Jenny Alden, of the Royal Shakespeare Company will be with us on **April 27th** to give her talk called *Dressing the Actor*.

Tea Hostesses will be Colette and Jan.

Hazel Sharples

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

The second draw of the Millennium Club for 2000 was held on March 6th at The Bell Inn. The winners were Carol Northorpe £90; K. Tancock £50; M. Theaker £25; Jenny Barrett £25; Josie Handscomb, Nancy Stubbs, Steve Birch, Marion Grainger and Norman Coley each won £10.

The next draw will take place on **Monday 10th April** at The Bell Inn at 8.00pm.

Catherine Spence

LADBROKE MILLENNIUM GREEN

Please join us at the Official Opening of Ladbroke Millennium Green on **Monday 1st May**.

The formal day's events start at 11.00am with the Bells of All Saints' Church being rung, followed by a welcome by the Trustee Chairman, Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and placing of the Time Capsule under the Millennium Stone. There will then follow a Blessing of the Green.

The days events will include :

- Opening Day Group Photograph
- Morris Dancers
- Punch & Judy Show at 12.20pm
- Plate Spinning and Juggling
- Magic Show at 2.30pm

Balloon Animals - Caricature Artist - Pig Roast and Jacket Potatoes will be available - Bar and Music - Plant Stall - Cake Stall - Tombola - White Elephant Stall. The Green Closes at 4pm.

There will be toilet facilities on the Green together with further toilet facilities and car parking available at Ladbroke Village Hall. There will also be St. Johns Ambulance on site.

We do hope to see you there.

Christine Baker

SOUTHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Ladbroke Section

Our Millennium Time Capsule is taking shape and will be a positive representation of Ladbroke at the turn of the 21st Century. The included items will be selected for durability, and the reasoning behind each item recorded, unlike an unintentional 'time capsule' which unexpectedly turned up in Ladbroke Hall at the turn of the 20th Century!

While the Hall was still the family home of the Palmer-Morewood family, the first floor bedrooms on the east side were redecorated. The one back room apart from its east windows had two south facing windows that had been blocked up. On opening up these windows again, it was discovered they contained recessed bookshelves, complete with their contents.

All the various types of books were good quality from the 17th and 18th Centuries, and included some early 19th Century magazines as well. The indication was that the recess and windows were probably boarded up during the early part of the 19th Century. Having then been papered over,

from the inside of the house, there was no indication of what the panelling hid!

The wallpaper also covered some excellent panelling, which included a decorative painting over the fireplace. The books included the personal notebook of Charles Palmer's mother-in-law who died aged 90 years in 1712, a similar notebook in which Charles' wife had written notes and notes belonging to their eldest son William who died unmarried in 1772.

Had the use of the room been changed from possibly that of an elderly lady's boudoir? What reason could there have been for boarding up the windows and losing its pleasant south facing aspect? Why leave all the books on the shelves? Whatever happened to those notebooks afterwards? The tales that room could tell!

The latest copy of the History Society 'Post Horn', including diary dates, is in Southam Library.

Our April meeting is on the 17th (due to Easter being late) at 7.30pm at St. Mary's School, when Brian Little will talk about *Historic Banbury*.

Linda Doyle.

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The March meeting was held on the 15th with the parish clerk, all councillors, district councillor Jim Taylor and 3 members of the public present.

Village renovations. A comprehensive walk around the village by Peter Williamson and Jeff Todd revealed that there is still a lot of renovation work still outstanding, which the County Council has promised to carry out. It may be that the Council is awaiting some event and will then complete all of the work together. A review of the work done so far will be forwarded to them.

The roads and lighting in Hedge's Close have still not been 'adopted' by the County Council and therefore remain the responsibility of Crosby Homes. A letter to the Council will ask for clarification of the time scales.

Planning Applications. There were no objections to the proposed extensions to The Bungalow on Banbury Road, opposite Harp Farm, or to the proposed conservatory at Yew Cottage.

Footpaths. The latest footpath report was distributed by Michael Boden Pritchett.

District Councillor's Report. A pilot scheme of local area committees has the opportunity to provide funds for local individuals or organisations, but not Parish Councils! For further details contact Lucy Groves, the strategy and grants officer at Stratford District Council.

Jim Taylor urged villagers to take part in any discussions which could affect the development of Southam as this would undoubtedly affect the adjoining villages.

Foot/cycle way to Southam. Two of the younger councillors were interested in the possibility of a made-up foot/cycle way alongside the A423 to Southam. The County Council will be asked about the feasibility.

Parish Chairman. Peter Williamson announced that he will not be offering himself as chairman for the forthcoming year. He has been attending council meetings for 25 years, served on the council for over 10 years and has been chairman for 5 years. We were all relieved that he is continuing as a councillor, so that we are able to gain from his expertise. Peter thanked the councillors including the District and County Councillors for their support and special thanks were due to Elsa Greenway for her conscientious and tireless efforts on behalf of the village. Councillors thanked Peter for his excellent record as councillor and Chairman.

Electronic communications. The government has set the target that all communications will be electronic by 2007. As a first step, Ladbroke Parish Council can now be contacted by fax or special telephone line on 810659.

Carol Northorpe

HARBURY SOCIETY

John Smith posed the question: *Why are we interested in walls?* and proceeded to explain their origins, function, maintenance and importance.

Walls could be for decoration, boundaries, retaining, or fortification. Simplest were prehistoric mud walls. Stone was used defensively in dry stone walls and through the Middle Ages for castles and cathedrals. The Victorian industrial age continued using stone and brick for engineering works of great size, but these materials were overtaken by reinforced concrete which was much cheaper and demands less craftsmanship.

Boundary walls are open to many problems. Rain can penetrate from the sides, the top, the joints and at the bottom. Water that gets into the wall can freeze, expand as it thaws and so crack the brick or stone. It is worst at the bottom where hollows can form and severely weaken the structure. Blue engineering bricks, which do not absorb water, have traditionally been used for foundations and damp-proof courses. Similar materials are needed to cap walls and prevent the water percolating downwards. Copings wider than the wall will help to stop rain dripping down the sides.

John showed some local examples, some well-built and in good condition and some in urgent need of care and attention. In places, like the corner of Crown Street and Church Street, the wall is being pushed out by tree roots and some bricks have split. Plants growing in it, whilst attractive, add to the erosion of the mortar.

The little building on the corner of Church Lane and Church Terrace and the stone plinth topped with red brick which has cavities forming; the loose coping stones round the Paddock in Hall Lane; the Pound where the Copper Beech is pushing the low stone wall out; the leaning wall outside the Manor and the Old New Inn's crumbling wall with broken Hornton stone capping, all caused him concern.

We aim to learn more about traditional boundary walls on our Wall Walk on **Sunday 16th April** (10.30am from The Dog Inn) and ultimately we would like to secure funding to help maintain and repair this important

distinctive feature of our village. Come along to help us survey the state of our village boundary walls.

Hill Close Garden Restoration group will provide a guided tour on **Saturday 13th May** (2.30pm from Bread & Meat Close, Warwick).

John Lapraik reminds members that their subscription payments (£3 single and £5 family membership) are now due!

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY WOMEN's INSTITUTE

A change from the usual routine in March when we had a Members' Evening.

Recipes were on display brought by everyone. Then the 'grey matter' was taxed by three quizzes and you should have seen the concentration on faces broken by a sudden flurry of excitement when one got the answer to a tricky question.

We had our photo taken. It has turned out well and has not broken the camera. Thank you to the members who took time and trouble to make this informal evening very enjoyable.

Well done to the Darts Team for getting through to the next round of their tournament. Keep it up!

A group have been on two walks recently with sustenance en route. The weather was perfect and they agreed that this was a great way to spend a morning.

April hostesses: Lyn Hayes, Mary Thompson and Jean Abraham

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

I'll try to write the Folk Club news, and make the whole thing rhyme,
for many laughing people came, to have a right good time.
The theme was "Woe and Misery", at last the stage was set,
but I gave them all a third theme - what it was, I clean forget.

We had some jolly morbid songs from Maggie, Ron & Rick,
and Putnam's song of murder would have left you feeling sick,
but then the evening brightened, it brightened quite a lot,
when Keith sang us another song - whose title I forgot.

The Harvesters stuck to the theme, they didn't have to try,
and Peter Mac did justice, to the song "Some people cry".
John Black, he gave us all a laugh, with "House of the rising what?"
But as for all his other songs, I'm sorry, I forgot.

And so performers came and went, it gave us all good cheer,
when Peter, Keith and Jilly had us crying in our beer,
Jenny played the Celtic harp, we want her back, that's plain,
but I forgot to get her number - it's that wretched theme again.

At last a happy song from Dez, it really saved the day,
and Jenny played the encore, and sent us on our way.
There's a tip for all you folkies, I've found the best theme yet.
Forget about the others - just forget, forget, forget.

Mike Putnam

HARBURY CLUB

Harbury Club is pleased to present a 50's Tribute Night with top group The Cheetahs on **Saturday 15th April**. This is a night not to be missed with authentic costume changes and music from Eddy Cochran, Buddy Holly and many more artists. Tickets are on sale from the Club priced at £2 each.

We are also having a General Knowledge Quiz on **Sunday 9th April** with cash prizes. Teams of four are welcome at £4 per team. Hope you can make it.

Steve Heydon

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

The children marked World Book Day by making their own books. They designed the covers and the contents were linked to this term's theme of houses and homes. They explored shape recognition and ideas around 'inside' and 'outside'. The project also helped the children to understand how books work in terms of reading from left to right, from top to bottom and turning pages from front to back. One parent commented on the pleasure their child had experienced in showing their book to members of the family and explaining what it was about.

Some wonderful members of the community have very kindly invited us into their homes so that the children can experience different sorts of houses. We are shortly to visit Mr. and Mrs. Algar's house so that the children can find out what it is like to live in a house with no stairs. We also hope to visit a barge so the children can find out about living on water in a very small space. To those parents who have expressed the hope that this will reinforce concepts of tidiness, all we can say is we'll do our best but don't hold your breath!

Other nice things last month were a double, double birthday celebration on St Patrick's Day as two sets of twins became 4 years old. Dee Godley, the Pre-School Learning Alliance Field Worker paid us a visit and was very impressed to see the children spreading their own toast with butter and jam, something she had not seen before. She ought to see our sandwiches - they're the stuff of which legends are made!

Marie, our supervisor and Gill, her deputy, have taken advantage of several short courses (and some long ones) to continue to keep abreast of new developments in pre-school education. Some people have asked whether the purpose of all these courses is to train the staff in readiness for running the Pre-School. In fact, Marie and Gill are already highly qualified, having undertaken a considerable amount of training already and completed their diplomas in Pre-School practice. However, this area of education is subject to a lot of research and revision as recognition of the specialised nature of early years education grows and grows. So these courses are an important part of our drive to ensure that we maintain standards of best practice and that we meet the very distinct needs of the pre-school child. Marie and Gill are therefore about to embark on the NVQ (level 3) in Childcare and Education that will soon be a national requirement for all supervisors and deputies in pre-schools, nurseries and playgroups. This is a natural progression for Marie and Gill

and both are looking forward to putting previous training and copious experience into their new venture. We wish them every success.

A big thank you to everyone who brought, helped to sell and bought clothes at our Carousel. There were some absolutely gorgeous items there and to those of you who didn't come; you missed a fantastic opportunity to update your wardrobe at minimal cost. 'Ladylike chic' is the ultimate in cutting edge fashion but wait till you see us in our new ensembles! We raised about £120 which is even better news! Another big thank you goes to Alan Barr for his generous donation of office supplies. Yet another big thank you is due to the ladies who so kindly keep us supplied with yoghurt pots, wool and all the other odds and ends that we use endlessly in our creative activities. Without you there would be no models, string pictures or children running round with yoghurt pots on their noses, pretending to be the little pigs. Thank you everyone for your support.

Harbury Pre-School Committee

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL

This has been our most successful year so far with over 50 children on the role. Although the Nursery is almost full, we do run a large number of sessions throughout the week, and would like to encourage all parents and carers of children due to join us in September to contact us to put their name down, as places are filling up quickly. You can contact Kate Smart on 612609 to discuss which sessions you prefer.

We have just held another successful open afternoon when parents and carers were able to see lots of new pictures and writing on display showing the children's current topic of shapes. A lot of the visiting parents and carers expressed their interest in places for their children and were impressed by the warm, friendly and innovative atmosphere.

Diary reminders: **80/20 Sale Saturday 8th April** in the Village Hall. The Nursery Committee will be holding an 80/20 Sale of nearly new toys, clothes and nursery equipment (80% of the proceeds go to the seller and 20% to the Nursery Funds), from 10.30am until 12noon and refreshments will be available. We also plan to run a video swap shop at this event, whereby children pay £1 to bring and exchange their videos. For further details about the 80/20 Sale contact Marie Kennedy on 812244.

Murder Mystery Evening, Saturday 15th April. The Nursery Committee will be holding a Murder Mystery Evening in the Village Hall from 7.30pm till 11.30pm. Guests will visit different locations in the village to witness various scenes, that will be acted out by professional actors, then return to the Village Hall for a sit-down 3-course Indian meal and the final scene. There will be a sweep stake during the evening, whereby guests will be able to purchase different coloured raffle tickets representing each suspect. There will also be a bar, selling wine, lager and soft drinks. Tickets are £10 per person and although we have sold a considerable number already, there are still a few available. For further details about this event, please contact Anne-Marie Campion on 614496.

Marie Kennedy



FAME FOR A DAY

Jenny Dormer of Park Lane, found fame for a day after winning a competition set by the Mars Company.

On declaring that she would like to celebrate the Millennium by visiting all the points on the Monopoly board - that is exactly what happened!

Together with her sister Caroline and four other friends (and all dressed in 20s style costumes) they were whisked away to London in a chauffeur-driven white stretch limousine. After visiting all the sites, they had tea at the Savoy Hotel and then in equal style, drank champagne on the way home!

Sue Dormer



It may not be Spring in Park Lane, but Mike Bloxham's photographs show scenes of early Spring in Harbury

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

Negotiations have now been completed with Southam Cricket Club and the combined league side will play in the Midlands League Division 7 East. This is one division lower than the Harbury league side pulled out of last autumn, so we can anticipate a reasonable level of success. The division has teams from a number of local clubs. The fixture list is largely completed and the Sunday side will be playing a number of old opponents and a few new ones.

Once again we are grateful to our sponsors for their support for village cricket. The first matches are as follows:

Date	Opponents	Type	Venue	Match Sponsor
	Saturday Midlands (Division 7 East) League XI - in co-operation with Southam CC			
May 6	Belle Vue	CL	H	Carr Building Services.
May 13	Attleborough III	CL	H	Old New Inn
May 20	Newbold II	CL	A	
May 27	Willoughby II	CL	H	Shakespeare Inn
	Sunday Friendly 1st. XI			
Apr. 16	Darlingscott	Fr	A	
Apr. 23	Leamington III	Fr	A	
Apr. 29(Sat)	Alveston (1.30 start)	Fr	A	
May 7	Willoughby	Fr	A	
May 14	Kineton II	Fr	A	
May 21	Welford	Fr	H	Crown Inn
May 28	Ettington	Fr	H	Holtom Electrical
	Sunday Friendly Second XI -			
May 21	Leamington Lemmings	Fr	A	

Any new players would be very welcome, and plans for Youth Coaching and possibly a couple of matches for younger lads are possible. Older lads who are still at school may be able to play for the Sunday Second team. Whatever your age, if you are interested please contact me and I can let you have a registration form.

Ian Jackson 612615

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

By the time you read this, the Club's traditional Chequebook Tournament will have been played but just in case you weren't able to make it, any Committee member will be pleased to take your subs!

We have recently had the results of the Warwickshire LTA "Club of the Year 1999" competition. Unfortunately we did not win the £500 prize which went to Kenilworth, but we were highly commended for our development work, particularly the success of the Junior and Intermediate sections. Better luck next time!

The League Teams have been active throughout the winter with the "A" team up against some really tough opposition in Division 1, but with 2 games left they should manage to avoid relegation. The "B" team

completed its fixtures with a 6-2 win at Priors Marston and looks like finishing in its best ever position of 2nd or 3rd. Well done to everyone who has played but there's no rest for the wicked, as the Summer League matches start on 20th April! There has also been considerable activity over the last few weeks with participants in the Club's winter Mixed Doubles and Singles Tournaments trying to complete their matches.

There is an early season opportunity to demonstrate different skills at a skittles evening at the Park Tavern in Warwick on **Saturday 15th April**. Give me a ring if you want to go.

During the winter the Tennis and Netball Clubs have been discussing with the Parish Council the Management Agreement which is nearly complete. We have also been preparing applications to pay for the floodlights and multi-use court. The first application to Biffa's Landfill Tax scheme was unsuccessful, but feedback was that we put up a good case. Competition was fierce with bids amounting to £9million with only £4million being available. The next applications will be in the summer to Stratford District Council's Capital Grants Scheme and Sport England for Lottery funds. Now, if there are any philanthropic benefactors out there, my number is given below!

Colin Mercer 613284

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB - UNDER 16 NEWS

Easter Holiday Tennis – Stratford District Council are running courses for 5 to 14 year olds at Harbury Tennis courts. There will be morning and afternoon sessions each day from **Monday 17th April to Thursday 20th April**. You can attend from one session to all four at very reasonable cost and the courses cater for all abilities. Look out for details on village notice boards, schools and other public buildings.

Play Tennis 2000 – Following on from the success we had last year, this is a morning or afternoon of fun tennis on **Saturday 6th May** for anyone between 5 and 15 years old and is FREE. Burgers, hot dogs and drinks will be on sale between the morning and afternoon sessions. Booking forms will be available a bit nearer the time from local schools or the Tennis Club so keep your eyes open and tell your friends too!

N.B. *Both these events are open to ANYONE in the right age groups.*

Club Sessions – As Easter is so late this year and we have two major tennis events in April and May, we have decided to start the season a little later.

JUNIORS: 7-11 year olds (School Years 3-6), on Sundays 10.00-11.00am, starting on 14th May.

INTERMEDIATES: 11-16 year olds, on Wednesdays starting on 10th May.
6-7pm (School Years 7- 8)
7-8pm (School Years 9-11)

Last year's Club members will be sent a letter and membership form later this month. Anyone else wishing to try out one of the above sessions please give me a ring.

We are also hoping to run a course of STARTER Tennis for 5-7 year olds after school during the summer term. I will announce more details as soon as possible. Meanwhile if you would like to register an interest please give me a ring.

Sue Mercer 613284

THE MEREDITH (TABLE TENNIS) FAMILY



Dad Ray runs the Automotive Products' Table Tennis Club, and plays in the Leamington & District League 3rd Division. He has been playing for over 50 years.

Mum Carol is a qualified County Umpire and has officiated at County matches, National Grand Prix events and the British University Individual Championships. These events take place all over England; Carol also plays in Division 3 with husband Ray.

Andrew, 18, has gained his Warwickshire Badge by playing 3 matches for the county. He also represented Leamington for a year and Coventry for a year in the inter-town competitions and was ranked 169 Junior (Under 18) in England. Andrew plays for A.P. in Division 2.

Samantha, 16, also plays in Division 2 with Andrew. She is County Junior No.1 and is a regular in the County Junior A team. Samantha is County Junior champion (under 18), Junior Girls Doubles champion, County Women's runner up. For the last 3 years, Sam has won the Under 16s and Under 19s Girls School championship titles, but her greatest achievement was in February when she won five out of six titles in the Leamington championships. Samantha is currently England Ranked No.23 Junior - she travels all over England and in October 1999 at Hastings, against all the odds, she won her first Senior Grand Prix event, beating several senior players ranked in the top 50 in England.

Carol Meredith

HARBURY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Notice of AGM to be held in the Farley Room of the Village Hall on Tuesday 11th April at 8.00pm

The Committee would like to invite all villagers to this meeting and would very much welcome your input and suggestions as to how our Hall can be run to its optimum usage. The profits received from the hire of

the Hall are at their highest ever levels due to requirements of village individuals, groups and organisations been met. Our booking secretary has received increased bookings from outside the village which shows that our reputation of fulfilling a larger range of criteria is being extended. The Committee has also received very favourable reports from hirers outside the village.

With the financial position of the Hall being currently favourable and the success of a Lottery grant application by our Treasurer, the Committee has embarked upon an ongoing list of priorities of improvements to be made. We would welcome comments from the village as to the suitability of these plans or suggestions or requests as to what a majority of the people would want.

We would be very happy to receive new members on this Committee which provides an invaluable service to the village and would very much encourage representatives from other village organisations to attend our meetings.

So, please come and join us. If you cannot be present in person, but would like to communicate your views, please contact one of our committee members whose names and telephone numbers are to be found on the notice board in the Hall.

Anne Woodward, Secretary

HARBURY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Are you, your club, association or business, interested in an exchange visit with a host in France? It can be a great experience and good fun. If so, why not join our association and find out more about our twinning links with Samois.

You are also welcome to come along to our Annual General Meeting which will be held in the Tom Hauley Room on **Wednesday 12th April** at 7.30pm - refreshments available. The AGM will be followed by a briefing meeting for those going on the official visit in April/May 2000.

If you would like any other information, please ring me on 612688.

Janet Thornley, Secretary

SOUTHAM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Southam Lions May Day Fete will be on **Monday 1st May** in the Library Grounds, Southam, commencing at 2.00pm.

Southam Carnival will be on **Bank Holiday Monday 29th May**. The procession starts at 12.30pm and there will be a full afternoon of events at Southam Recreation Ground, including a football competition, tug of war, a fun fair and lots of family entertainment.

Terry Grey 817744

STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS - May 4th



James Turner, Conservative

I am standing for re-election as your local Harbury Ward representative in the District Council elections on May 4th.

Since re-election four years ago you have all kept me very busy solving and helping village problems on housing, planning applications, highways grass cutting and gritting, and excess traffic. Your County Councillor and I have jointly ensured that the villages get good service from the Police, Highways and Schools divisions, in return for all the rates we pay.

As well as supporting all requests from our village clubs and associations for financial contributions from District funds, I have had much success in resolving people's individual problems with both councils.

If re-elected, I will be pressing, on your behalf, for more policing presence here, for better waste recycling, less environmental pollution, and a much better deal for our hard-pressed farming community and small businesses.

We must work together to preserve our invaluable village shops and social facilities if we are to benefit as a pleasant, balanced community and I promise to help achieve this. I hope you will support me once more as your local Conservative candidate on Thursday 4th May at the poll.

James Turner (612915)

MILLENNIUM OPEN DAY FOR THE ORGAN

The Birmingham Organists Association and the Incorporated Association of Organists have designated **Saturday 13th May** as 'Organ Open Day' right across the Midlands. The intention is that any building housing a pipe organ, be it Church, Chapel, Cathedral, School or Concert Hall, should open its doors at some time during the day to allow members of the public to come in and see, hear, ask questions about, and perhaps even play the organ.

All Saints' Church in Harbury possesses an excellent Victorian Organ of moderate size, and I shall be in church on Saturday 13th May to welcome anyone interested in discovering a bit more about the organ. There will be opportunities to see inside the instrument and find out how it works; demonstrations of many sorts of music, including some you would not normally expect to hear in a church; opportunities to ask questions; and a chance for anyone who would like to try their hand at playing to 'have a go'.

I should especially welcome youngsters still at school (primary or secondary) who are learning to play piano or electric keyboard and who might some day soon wish to become organists. If you are aged between 8 and 80, why not drop in and find out more about this wonderful musical instrument - I shall be delighted to see you.

Times:- Saturday 13th May 10.30am to 12.30pm and 2.00pm to 3.30pm.

Clive Watts
Organist Harbury Parish Church

HARBURY CARNIVAL - Saturday 10th June

If you would like to organise a stall or space on the field for Carnival Day would you please contact Kary Hunt on 613598 as soon as possible.

As well as the Carnival, we are again planning to have a series of events during the week leading up to it. These will start with the Wheelbarrow Race on Sunday 4th June which will be hosted this year by the Gamecock (please contact Dan Killian on 612265 to enter). The week will continue, as last year, with a team competition over a series of events and full details will be published in next month's Harbury News. As I said last month, we would like to see more teams this year, so please give this some thought.

**John Broomfield on behalf of the
 Carnival Committee**

HARBURY BLUES FESTIVAL 2000 - Saturday 8th July

Those of you who came to the first Harbury Blues Festival last year will remember what a great day was had by all; family entertainment all afternoon and excellent live music into the night, culminating in a stormin' party set by our special guests, Little Red Rooster from the USA.

Many people have asked if there will be a Harbury Blues Festival 2000, and the answer is YES. Little Red Rooster enjoyed themselves and Harbury's hospitality so much they will be returning to headline the Harbury Blues Festival 2000. Supporting them will be a range of new bands, some of whom have approached us after hearing of the festival last year!

So, by popular demand, the 2nd Harbury Blues Festival will be on **Saturday 8th July** at Harbury Rugby Club. Don't miss it - as well as providing great entertainment, we donated £1,100 to Myton Hospice last year. This year's proceeds will again be donated to charity.

Watch the Harbury & Ladbroke News for more details.

Nicky Lewis

PENSIONERS' PATIO

Where do they lay their eggs, these seagulls which swoop overhead each day? I've often wondered; the cliffs and dunes of the south coast aren't exactly round the corner. A spot of research provided a possible, if unsavoury answer - sewage farms. There's no accounting for tastes.

When we were told that this development was built on the site of a former boatyard, I found it hard to believe: boats, like seagulls, belong, as far as I'm concerned, to the ocean. The information that these were narrow boats and we're near enough to the Grand Union, explained the situation. It meant, of course, that any soil in the gardens had to be brought here. Maybe the builders weren't feeling too generous that day,

as the attempt to sink a hole for the Rotary dryer proved beyond reasonable doubt. Lack of soil, or some other reason, has led to the patch of grass being taken over despite efforts to save it, it's not grass, it's moss, and poor moss at that.

This, plus the need for ease of upkeep that becomes more insistent as life goes on, has led to a good deal of thought and discussion. Shall we? Shan't we? And if so, what sort? What colour? What size? Well, if your front garden is covered with gravel and you see two figures peering over your wall inspecting it, you'll now know who and why. The Big Decision isn't far off, I feel. It shouldn't be too complicated - Charlie Dimmock would skim that area while we made her a cup of tea. And there'll be the fun of deciding what's to go there.

Edyth Algar

DESIGNS ON THE FUTURE - The Harbury Media Report

'Time' and 'Place' have been recurrent themes for several events and presentations in 2000. The recent prestigious Faraday lecture at the Warwick Arts Centre enthralled young and not-so-young scientists with a visual interpretation of how 'time' has been perceived and recorded through the ages, whilst recognising the 'place' of earth in space.

On a local scale, 'time' and 'place' were the themes chosen by a group of Harbury students in their preparation of an innovative calendar for the Millennium. The 'time' was now and the 'place' was the locality in which they live.

Last year the group produced a video called: 'Teen View', which highlighted issues faced by young people living in rural villages. This year, the group wanted to gain experience in a new media art form and after some discussion, they decided on digital photography. An 8-week course was set up for them to work with professional photographer, Liz Yardley and Pete Wilkes, a new tutor at Stratford College.

The group spent a productive day taking photographs with Liz in Leamington Spa and then used their photos to create their own artistic images at Stratford College. Pete showed the group how to use a variety of computer packages to create a collage effect from their local photographs and the result is a 'calendar with a difference'.

It is a compact mini-calendar encased in a cassette holder, with the images for each month representing something about the teenagers' lives, their likes and dislikes and lifestyle. There are visual interpretations of teen food, fashion and current 'gadgets', such as the mobile phone and lava lamp, set against familiar backgrounds in Leamington. As a result, the calendar presents a youth perspective on their life at the start of the twenty first century and it offers a creative time capsule mirroring today's trends in society.

The project was funded jointly by Harbury Parish Council and Stratford District Council and was supported by Fiona Clayton, Stratford District Council's Arts Officer and Vikki Holroyd.



Left to Right: Emma Freeman, Chris Lord, Sophie Eadon, Sarah Talbot & Ruth Waterman
(Kathy Freeman and Jemma Phipps absent for photo)

The third project for the Media Group will commence in the Summer holiday. Any teenager, aged between 15 - 18 years, who is interested please contact Vikki Holroyd on 612527.

The members of the Harbury Media Group involved in the project were Sophie Eadon, Emma Freeman, Kathy Freeman, Chris Lord, Jemma Phipps, Sarah Talbot and Ruth Waterman and they are to be commended on their combined efforts which have resulted in a window on their lives at this 'time' and in this 'place'.

The Editors

HARBURY VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE 2000

It is planned to hold the Victorian Street Fayre on either Saturday 30th September, or Saturday 14th October. If anyone has a major event planned for either of these dates, please let me know as soon as possible, in order that a confirmed date can be announced in the next edition of the magazine.

Dan Killian 612265

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Although I was not at the talk given by Mr. Brian Cook on 'Containers Plus', I understand that it was quite an evening. As expected, it was very informative and entertaining with many slides to illustrate the points he was making. He suggested that we should be adventurous with the containers, to think carefully and match the shape of the container to the plants grown in it and if it helped, to modify the pot, say by painting it. He seemed to favour broken crocks rather than expanded polystyrene for drainage, advised following the instructions carefully if using water-retaining gel and avoiding overfilling with compost, say up to an inch from the top. Having done all this, feed the plants regularly and enjoy the results! To top this, there was a glass of wine all round to mark the 22nd Anniversary of the revived society.

The evening outing to Newpath Nursery on March 21st was enlightening in many respects, as this is a business run by a charity called Coventry Homes to provide employment for some of their handicapped residents. They have an acre of glass house plus further facilities like polythene tunnels to grow over half a million plants per annum for sale to the trade, covering some 500 different lines. They are now trying to develop retail sales as well and offer the public a membership scheme which allows them to purchase at wholesale price less 10%. I got some super little *Surfinia* petunias at a very good price!

Will members who are going on the trip to Anglesey Abbey please bring their money to the April meeting. The society is subsidising the coach, so the cost to National Trust members will be £4 and others £6 for the garden only, £8 for the house and garden.

Although the Village Show is not until September 9th, it is time to bear in mind certain details. When showing double tuberous begonias, a maximum pot size of 6" is allowed but for pelargoniums and fuchsias an 8" pot is allowed. The children's section of the show contains a class for the best *impatiens* plant in a maximum 6" pot. *Impatiens* plantlets for growing on will be distributed through Harbury School. Any children under age thirteen at the time of the show, who do not attend this school but wish to enter should contact Ron Grey (612515) to obtain a plantlet in late April.

I am pretty sure that the May issue will not be out in time for our last meeting on May 2nd, when Mr. Trinder will talk on *Grasses and grass-like plants*. See you then!

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES FOR APRIL

As I write this, March is still purring gently along like a pussy cat, so we hope it will not change into a lion and dash the glorious displays of Spring flowers which we have all been enjoying.

There is now the chance to see where the winter may have taken its toll, so clean out the casualties and feed up the survivors with a general fertiliser and a compost mulch.

Divide overgrown perennials or those you need to increase. *Artemisia*, Geums, red-hot poker and *Liatris* are some of the plants which are best divided in Spring. This is a good time to take cuttings of any plants which you wish to bulk up. Pot up dahlia tubers, plant gladioli and other Summer bulbs. Once the new growth begins to flourish on grey plants cut back the old straggly growth. Clear the old stems on outdoor fuchsias. Trim *Lonicera nitida*, and after flowering has finished prune Forsythia, flowering current and early blooming *Spiraea*. Cut back *Solanum* and passion flowers to control their spread and remove any dead shoots. Hydrangeas should have excess twiggy growth cut out, and the old flower heads trimmed to the first pair of healthy buds. Always feed shrubs after pruning them.

All the cabbage family and most salad crops can now be sown in warmed soil. Early potatoes may need some protection from frost as they begin to emerge. Sow a few annual flowers in the vegetable beds to attract bees. Watch out for black fly on cherry trees. Plant up hanging baskets

and keep them somewhere light to allow the plants to establish before putting them out at the end of May.

Plant of the month; Pulsatilla



There are about thirty species of this hardy perennial but the one most commonly seen is the Pasque-flower. *Pulsatilla vulgaris*, a native of the chalky Downs of Southern England. Associated with Easter the 20cm stems of buds covered in downy hairs are beginning to push up now. The ferny leaves follow soon after and the fluffy seed heads provide an extra interest. The bell-like flowers of purple, pink, red or white associate well with yellow Spring flowers. Visitors to the Alps will see a yellow flowered species but this is difficult to grow because it does not like our wet winters.

Other species are found throughout Europe from Sweden to Spain, but are specialists plants. *Pulsatilla vulgaris* however is long lived once established, but it does not like root disturbance, so needs careful transplanting. Plant them in full sun in rich but well-drained, even dry soil. Before the chocolate Easter egg the petals of the Pasque-flower were used to produce a green dye to stain and decorate eggs.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

David, Barbara, Brian and 'Grandma' would like to thank the many, many people in Harbury who have shown their love and support following the sudden death of our younger son James.

Harbury has shown itself to be a truly wonderful and caring community to a family who have only been in your midst for eleven years. As many of you are aware James' great love was his piano and in memory of his great love of music we have established a "music memorial fund". It is intended that this fund will provide an annual award for the best young musician of the year as well as proving help in the purchase of instruments and lessons at the school which James and Brian attended.

Our particular thanks go out to Father Roy Brown and his wife Pam who have given us great guidance and comfort.

***David, Barbara and Brian Thistlethwaite
and 'Grandma' Doris Tudor***

Dear Editors

Through the Harbury & Ladbroke News, I would like to thank my friends for their good wishes, cards, flowers, etc. that were sent to me during my recent stay in hospital.

Your good wishes were very much appreciated, especially at 'low tide'. I am now back at home and working very hard at my exercises - it is a slow job, but I will be back!

Thanking you all once again, God Bless.

Alice Wilkins

Dear Editors

I, and my family, would like to thank the many kind friends who sent such lovely cards, and letters of sympathy, on the death of my dear husband Alf, in February.

Thank you, too, to Father Roy for the lovely service of thanksgiving for Alf and to all who came to it.

Gwen Barber, Chris, Janet and John