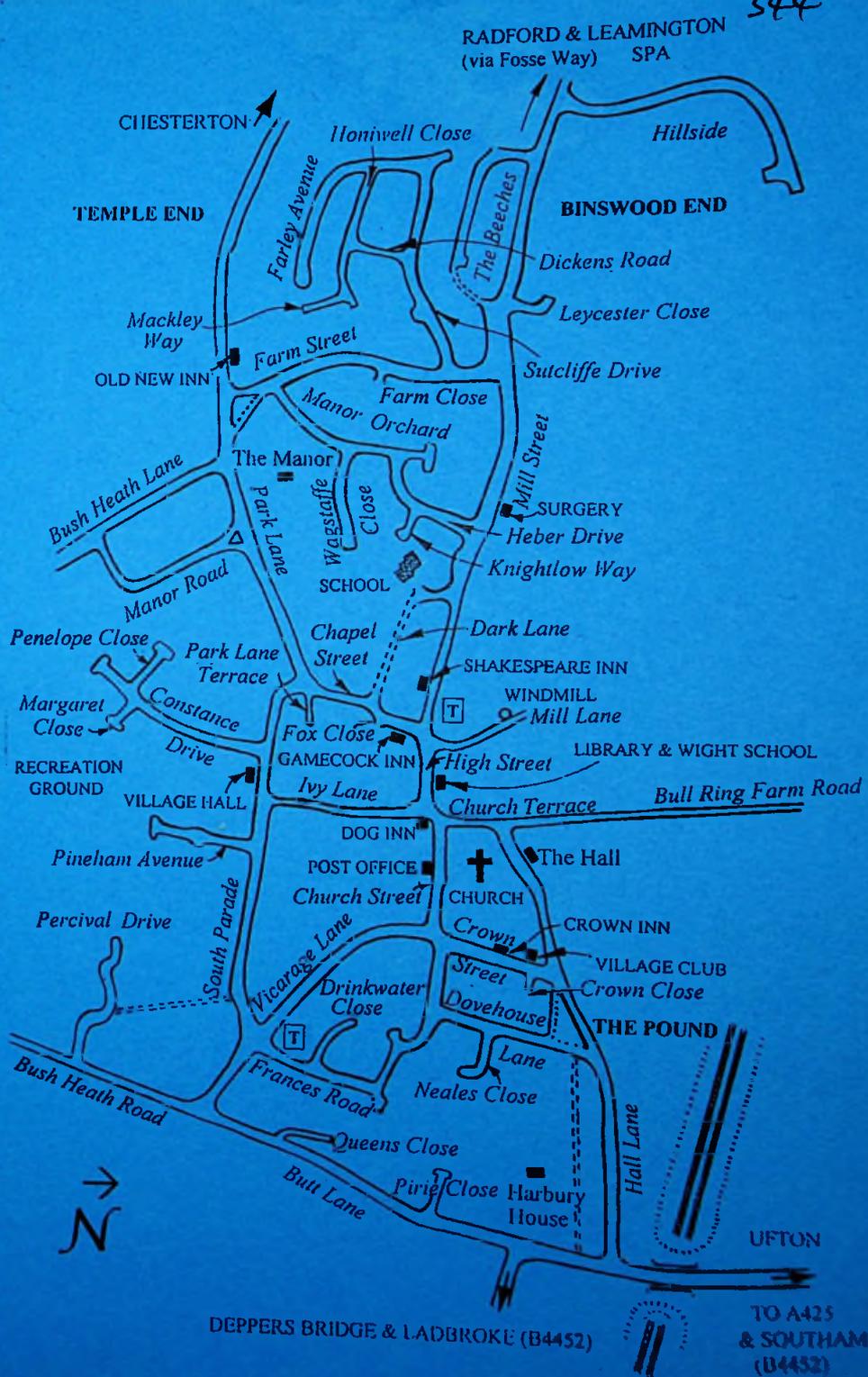
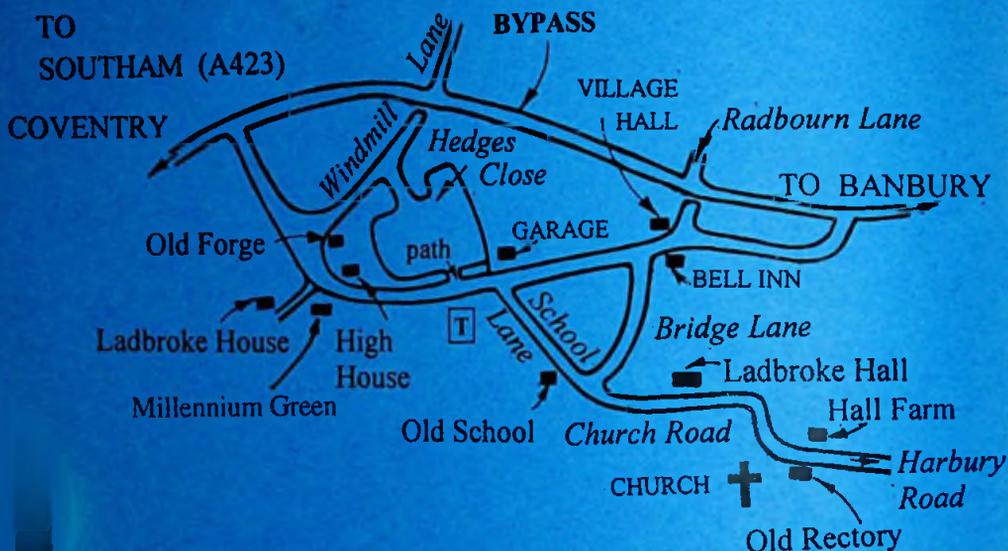


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Gales battered the villages last weekend, causing some damage to trees and property. As the saying goes: *It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good*, and at least there will be plenty of wood for the Village Bonfires!

As you will see in the magazine, the meeting about the proposed Rugby airport was well attended. There is a list of suggested names and addresses, and we would urge everyone to send a letter of protest as soon as possible.

Volunteers are needed for the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, which has been running in its present form for nearly two years. There are 25 to 30 volunteers each watching over 7 to 20 houses, but about 20% of the village is not covered, so if you would like to join, phone Ian Jackson (village co-ordinator) on 612615.

You may be interested to read that technology has arrived in Harbury Library; there is now access to the Internet. This facility is free, and there will be someone to help if you need it. See the article later in the magazine for more details.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the families of Ron Dunbar and Hilda Lawson.

Harbury Diary

November

- Sun 3 **FOURTH BEFORE ADVENT** - Sung Eucharist 9am
Songs of Praise 6pm, followed by Faith Supper in T.H. Room, all welcome
- Tues 5 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society 8pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 6 Sound Beginnings (Pre-School Music Group) 10.30am – 11.30am in Village Hall (Jo Lockley 614532)
Holy Communion 2pm; Mothers Union 2.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
Prayer meeting in Church 8pm
- Thurs 7 Holy Communion 9.45am
Storytelling in the Library 10am
Folk Club in The Shakespeare Inn 8.30pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
Men's Society talk; Mr. P. Hartland in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm

- Fri 8 Village Voices Choir Hoe-down in Village Hall (pm)
Dunchurch Silver Band charity concert (in the style of *Last Night of the Proms*) for the Royal British Legion, (Southam Branch) at The Grange Hall, Southam 7.45pm (£7; £6, concs. Contact Carole 813933)
- Sat 9 Craft Fair in Village Hall 2pm
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of The British Legion
Myton Hospice Dance in Village Hall
- Sun 10 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** - Holy Communion 8am
Act of Remembrance 10.15am in Church then to War Memorial
Sung Eucharist 6pm
- Tues 12 Holy communion 7.30pm
Village Hall committee in Village Hall 8pm
Twinning AGM in THR 7.30pm
- Wed 13 Sound Beginnings (Pre-School Music Group) 10.30am – 11.30am in Village Hall (Jo Lockley 614532)
Talk it Through at 33, South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 14 Holy Communion 9.45pm
Silk Painting and Marbling Mini Workshop 10am to 12.30pm at Ufton Village Hall (Contact Tracey Watts 614413)
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Myton Hospice Line Dancing at Harbury Village Club 8pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
- Fri 15 **RECYCLING COLLECTION**
ADVERTS to 31, Binswood End Harbury, by 5.30pm
- Sat 16 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of The Mission of Seafarers and Christmas cards sales
Jigsaw Meeting in Village Hall all day.
- Sun 17 **SECOND BEFORE ADVENT** - Holy Communion 8am
Family Communion 10.30am; Evensong 6pm
- Tues 19 Holy Communion 7.30pm
'Bookworms' in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm
Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 20 Sound Beginnings (Pre-School Music Group) 10.30am – 11.30am in Village Hall (Jo Lockley 614532)
TEA in Tom Hauley Room 3-4pm
Prayer meeting in Church 8pm
- Thurs 21 Holy Communion 9.45am
PCC in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm

- Fri 22 Myton Hospice Coffee Morning 10am-12noon in Tom Hauley Room
Warwick Netball Club Ladies Night at Village Hall
- Sat 23 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of the Choir
- Sun 24 **CHRIST THE KING** - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
THEATRE GROUP IN VILLAGE HALL ALL WEEK
- Tues 26 Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 27 Sound Beginnings (Pre-School Music Group) 10.30am – 11.30am in
Village Hall (Jo Lockley 614532)
Drop in Tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm St
Talk it Through at 33, South Parade 8pm
- Thurs 28 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
Parish Council 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room
PLAY at Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 29 **RECYCLING COLLECTION**
ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street, Harbury by 5.30pm
PLAY at Village Hall 7.30pm
- Sat 30 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Save the Children
PLAY in Village Hall 2.30pm and 7.30pm

December

- Sun 1 **ADVENT SUNDAY** - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evening Worship 6pm
- Mon 2 Mothers Union Diocesan Carol Service 2pm
- Tues 3 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society 8pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 4 Sound Beginnings (Pre-School Music Group) 10.30am – 11.30am in
Village Hall (Jo Lockley 614532)
Prayer meeting in Church 8pm
- Thurs 5 Holy Communion 9.45am
Story Telling in Library 10am
Folk Club in Shakespeare 8pm
- Sat 7 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Inner Wheel
(Cancer Research)
Orchestra of the Swan concert *Christmas Concert with Carols* (Guest
appearance: Southam Choir Corino) at The Grange Hall, Southam
7.30pm (£8 adults, £6 concs. children free. Contact Carole 813933)

All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

1st Sunday in the month:	9.00am Sung Eucharist 6.00pm Evening Worship
2nd, 4 th (and 5 th) Sunday in the month:	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sung Eucharist
3 rd Sunday in the month:	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion 6.00pm Evensong
Every Sunday:	10.30am Sunday School (in Term Time)

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From the Rector

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

As the hearse went along the road, an old man doffed his cap in respect. It was a reassuring sight. In our fast and furious world, it is a rare sight to see such tokens of respect. Even more welcome, then, when it happens. Road traffic has become symbolic of our world – fast, noisy and impatient – and in our cities, funeral cars have to jostle with the hectic world of the living.

Respect for the living is long gone. Respect for the dead is struggling to survive. The doffed cap speaks volumes. It is a sermon in itself. Respect for the dead. Respect for a human being, now that life's journey is over. This reverence and respect is vital for us. If we lose that, we lose everything we believe about life. If it does not matter now in the moment of death, then it never matters. So it is that we bring flowers to a funeral. We write: *In loving memory* on tombstones and in the local paper. We sometimes surround the coffin with incense, that mystical fragrance that speaks of life in God. Fragrant prayer sent up for one we love.

Life's struggle is over for those who have died in faith. They are in peace. A sinner moves on, separated from our mortal body. All sinners become all souls, and all souls become all saints.

This is our journey through life, our journey into God, our journey into the fullness of life. Each one of us is a mixture of sinner, soul, and saint, and each one is a child of God. We sinners, by the roadside, doff our caps to the soul that has departed this life, in fervent hope of a life with all the saints, in a place prepared for us. For when someone dies we are each brought face to face, with our own mortality.

We are going to die. We cannot avoid it. In a very real sense, our life's aim should be to prepare for our death; living a life that we are not ashamed of leaving, loving people with a strength that will comfort them when we are gone. The tendency in our society is to avoid even thinking about death. But the truth is that we will live lives of greater fullness when we take hold of the fact that we will not be here forever. That is not being morbid; it is being realistic. And for the Christian, death is not a cause for fear, because we believe in and hope for our eternal life with God.

St. Luke's gospel reminds us of this truth. It gives real cause for comfort for all who suffer any sort of pain – whether it is sickness, sorrow, persecution, injustice, and starvation. It will not always be like this. There will be health, there will be laughter, there will be food in abundance and there will be joy. That is not wishful thinking; it is fact. And it is something to look forward to.

The certain knowledge of what Paul describes as: *this hope to which God has called us, and of the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints* gives us the resources and confidence we need to love our enemies; to do good to those who hate us; to bless those who curse us, and to pray for those who abuse us. We can afford to make sacrifices and to suffer in the cause of justice because we live in the context of eternity. Many of the saints whom we celebrate at this time suffered appallingly for God's sake. St. Paul was one of them. And God does not close his eyes to people's suffering, but takes it all into account and redeems and rewards it.

You see, God is a God of justice. That means that just as he deals justly and mercifully with people who are suffering, so He deals with those who gain at others' expense, those who eat the food of the starving, those who laugh in malicious delight – they will also face the judgement of justice.

For us, perhaps our journey begins with reverence for the dead. For those, in the moment of death, we can begin to learn reverence for

the living. We can do to others what we would have them do for us. Take off our cap before the dead, and begin to learn what life is for.

Fr. Roy

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony - All Saint's Harbury

5th October - Nicholas Crowther to Susannah Gascoigne

Holy Baptism - All Saints' Ladbroke

13th October - Alyssa Kaitlin Loveday

Holy Baptism - All Saints' Harbury

20th October - Carter James Andrew

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

23rd October - Ron Dunbar, 70

Funerals at Oakley Wood

25th October - Hilda Lawson, 68



From the Churchwardens



The October Family Service was a particularly happy one, including as it did, the baptism of Carter James Andrew who, with his parents, Rowena (nee Mettrick) and John, had come all the way from America to be welcomed into God's family. The presentation was given by John Stringer and, naturally, starred Ronnie who appeared to have grown tall, thin, and gangling in the past few months and who consequently – in his own opinion, at least – “ain't got no friends”. Asked by his teacher to look after Danny, a

new boy who is wheelchair-bound, Ronnie discovers, through their friendship and their victorious partnership in a basket ball game against the bullies, that to be a beanpole or to have lost the use of your legs does nothing to detract from the truth: *Every child is special*, which was, of course, a most appropriate theme for the occasion.

The racks of literature at the back of the Church have now been labelled for easier use. The contents are continually updated. Please do feel free to browse.

Finally, we would like to remind everyone that common worship has replaced the Alternative Service book. We realise that many people gave an A.S.B. to the Church, perhaps in memory of someone. If they or anyone else would like to take a copy, please do so. At the moment they are on the bottom shelf of the book case at the back of the Church and on the shelves in the Choir Vestry.

Lesley and Felicity

Mothers' Union



Afternoon meeting: *My favourite hymn* was the subject of our October meeting and we just sang hymns. Each member chose a hymn, we sang the first and last verses, and then the member gave her reason for choosing it. The most common reason was: *We sang it at our wedding*. The hymns ranged from old favourites to modern ones. It was so simple and yet everyone said what an enjoyable afternoon it was. We were very grateful to Mavis Young for accompanying us on the piano and the singing sounded lovely – does anyone want a choir?

Evening meeting: Jo Sowerby spoke to us on *Life's Experiences*. She told us about the ups and downs of her life and how she and her husband eventually decided to foster children after the sad death of their own son. They had a number of short-term fostering of children of all ages and backgrounds, some with very sad stories, before eventually being allowed to have a sister and brother for long-term fostering. They have now adopted the two children. Jo's talk was very moving and it was good to hear that it came to such a happy ending.

Next meetings:

Wed. 6th November – 2.00pm Service; 2.30pm Barbara Hodge on "Praying the Five Objects"

Tues. 19th November – 8.00pm John Smith on "The Mysteries of Mount Kinabalu"

There are no meetings in December, but the Diocesan Advent Carol Service is to be held here in Harbury Church on **Monday, 2nd December** at 2.30pm and we hope all members will be able to attend that service.

C.M. Catt

Toddlers' Service

Mrs. Alison Abbott led our October service and told us the story of Noah, his family, the ark, and all the animals that went into the ark for safety from the flood.

Accompanied by Mr. Charles Catt on the clarinet, we sang Mr. Noah Built an Ark, and then stuck pictures of different animals on to a large picture showing a very big boat.

The children had refreshments and enjoyed playing with toys, while Mums and helpers had a cup of tea.

The next service is on **Tuesday 12th November** at 2.15pm in the children's corner of the Church. All babies and small children, with an adult, are very welcome.

Lorna Bedford

Laugh Line

Emperors were divine, according to the official Roman religion, and were expected to join the immortals after death. As the Emperor Vespasian lay dying he was heard to whisper: *Oh, dear, I think I'm becoming a God.*

Notice outside a cemetery: "Due to industrial action, this cemetery will be maintained by a skeleton staff."

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 Mon 11 Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Prize Draw at The Bell Inn 8pm
 Wed 13 Holy Communion 2pm; Women's Fellowship 2.45pm
 Fri 15 ADVERTS to 31, Binswood End, Harbury by 5.30pm
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 Sat 23 Christmas Fayre 2pm in Village Hall
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 Sun 8 **ADVENT TWO** - Sung Communion 9am;

Ladbroke Flower Rota

- 10th November - (Remembrance Sunday) Jo Sowerby
 17th November - Jo Sowerby
 24th November - Helen Morton

December 1st is Advent Sunday – no flowers until Christmas Eve.

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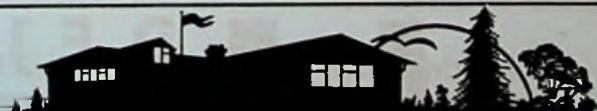
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All Saints' Church Ladbroke

We have received a letter of thanks from Castel Froma for all the variety of produce we gave from our Harvest Festival service.

It was very heart warming to see our Church so full of people and produce. Many thanks for your gifts, not forgetting the flower arrangers.

The Harvest Supper was well attended too. The food and relaxed and happy atmosphere made for a great evening. Thank you to all the people who worked hard arranging it all.

The next 'project' is the Christmas / Autumn Fayre / Bazaar on **Saturday 23rd November** at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. Proceeds this year go to the Church Development Fund (Toilet and Kitchen Fund if you don't know). All donations to this event gratefully received. Cakes to Catherine Spence; tombola – Susan Moore; Raffle – Beryl Ross, and Bric-a-brac – Betty Winkfield.

Thanks must go to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on October 10th; our Net profit was £110, which will go to the Church funds.

The sponsored cycle ride, way back in September was the Constable family affair in Ladbroke. They raised £105, which has been sent to the Historic Churches Trust. Many thanks to Kay, Colin and their friends and family.

Remembrance Sunday service is on **November 10th** at 9am – lest we forget.

Betty Winkfield

All Saints' Church Ladbroke – Needs your help

We are having our Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 23rd November** and we need your help. If anyone can come and give a hand at getting the Hall ready or making the teas we would very much appreciate the help.

Jo Sowerby - 811749

Neighbourhood Watch: Janice Berry said there had been a spate of burglaries across the Southam area where offenders have broken into houses, taken car keys that have been easily accessible and then stolen the car from the drive or garage. Keys should not be left out on open display in the house but put away out of sight. If cars have security devices please remember to use them.

Occasionally police receive reports of vehicles being parked in disabled car parking spaces when not displaying a disabled person's badge. Their registration numbers are also reported. It is greatly frustrating for the disabled person wishing to park in the designated area and find they are unable to do so. If you use disabled car parking spaces when you should not, please bear in mind that it is an offence for non-registered disabled people to park their vehicles in a designated disabled parking space unless they have a registered disabled passenger(s) and the vehicle displays the disabled person's badge.

Airport: 63% of Ladbroke electors making up 80% of households signed the petition opposing the proposal to build an airport one and a half times larger than Heathrow at Rugby. A resolution was passed that the Parish Council was opposed to the airport proposal. The chairman would send a letter of objection to all authorities concerned.

Flooding update: At the Dassett Area Community Committee meeting held on 24th September, Dave Tiley reported that *additional drainage and kerbing works along the Ladbroke Bypass have been carried out, which should provide considerable relief to flooding in the village. In addition, both the District and the Parish Council have contacted riparian landowners along Lot Brook to advise them of their duties to keep the watercourse clear of obstructions to help prevent flooding. The provision of a balancing pond, to the east of the bypass has been recommended in the Halcrow report, and this will be considered in due course.*

Warehouses: Land west of Kineton Road off Northfield Road, Kineton Road Industrial Estate, Southam. Three units for B1, B2 or B8 purposes.

Over eighty members of the public attended the Dassett Area Planning Meeting at Southam College on 8th October 2002 and heard local parish councils as well as Southam representatives protest about the noise, air pollution, visual and traffic impact this planning application will have on Southam and the surrounding villages.

The members of the planning committee decided to defer the plans to the planning and regulation committee because their reasons for wanting to refuse the application were too strong for their powers. The most worrying aspect of the plans was the possibility of hundreds of lorries on the roads all day and into the night. The planning and regulation committee will now make a decision sometime in November.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm and the next Parish Council meeting arranged for **Wednesday 20th November 2002** at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall, Ladbroke.

Janice Berry

Harbury Parish Council Meeting

Twining AGM: is on **12th November** and there will be a visit next May. District Cllr. Andrew Patrick regretted that there had been only one taker for the French Letter-writing Workshop.

Schools: Southam College exam results were excellent, but someone had set fire to the Sports Hall. Harbury School Headmaster Paul Milner is to leave for another post at the end of term.

Review: The response rate had been good and analysis was taking place. Results would be presented to the village and then the Parish Council would work with the Review Group to formulate an Action Plan. Information on volunteers would be sent to village groups and Housing Needs would be passed on to Stratford and the Housing Associations.

Airport: The joint meeting at Bishop's Itchington had been packed. The councillors had attended another meeting at Lighthorne Heath where the Coventry Airport view was explained. The Parish Council would send in objections to the plans for a new airport at Lawford Heath and give the public information on where to send their views.

Environment: New Lights are being installed.

Emergency Planning: The Parish agreed to accept the offer of unfilled sandbags but refuse to take a pallet of 100 filled ones.

Highways: Hillside is to be adopted. The pavement at the Surgery is to be improved and action taken on the trailer parked in the layby at the Pumping Station.

Deppers Bridge: Work on the Traffic Calming had commenced. There was no progress on removing the Hayrick although all the statutory authorities had been alerted to the potential dangers.

Planning: Dutch Van Spall had spoken against the Southam Distribution Centre because of the implications for increased traffic through the surrounding villages. Cllr Booth gave news that the County was at an advanced stage negotiating with the Freight Transport Association on agreeing routes for Heavy Lorries.

Decisions by SDC: Extensions granted to 18, Vicarage Lane; 38, Manor Orchard; 16, Constance Drive, and 20 Mill Street. Interior alterations at Harbury House; Holiday Let at Square Close, and Radio Base Station at Walworth Farm. Extensions refused to conversion of outbuildings at 9, Church Street.

The Parish Council supported the latest plans for internal alterations at Compton House, High Street and for attic dormers at The Stone House, Mill Street. They objected to a Conservatory at 7, Pineham Avenue which would overwhelm the house and overlook neighbouring property, and to retrospective application for change of use from Agricultural Land to garden at The Lodge, Hall Lane.

Representations: Fire Officer to vet plans for Extension at Rugby Club.

No Representation: Tree work at 17 & 19 Farm Street; Montgomery House, and 1, Manor Court; Conservatory at 18, Frances Road and 2 business units at the Water Tower.

Cecil Bloxham complained loudly that he had not been allowed to speak at the Site Meeting at the Water Tower and was opposed to the plans because of overlooking and the non-implementation of planning conditions. District Cllr. Patrick assured him that this non-compliance was being addressed.

Properties: Work proceeds to improve the Tennis Courts. Dutch Van Spall pointed out that the improvements were still costing the Parish less than the on-going maintenance would have done without the Club's contributions to the Sinking Fund, but thought would be given to increasing these contributions in the light of future costs of maintenance. The Youth Project is also on-going and Janet Thornley

will take the young people to visit similar schemes. Playground improvements will need to be phased and will be dependent upon the availability of grant aid and the payment of Double Rating Relief (which is something of a lottery). The trees in the Burial Grounds damaged by storms had been treated by the contractor, and Paul Roe from 2, South Parade was present to ask the Council to consider removing two more which needed attention and to replace them with smaller native trees. Dutch has the Parish Council safe, safe.

Finance: Tony Mancell offered his services as a replacement for Jack Heath and was accepted with almost indecent haste!

Next Meeting **28th November** in the Tom Hauley Room at 7.30pm

Linda Ridgley

Rugby Airport – An Update

Many of you may have attended the meeting held in conjunction with Bishops Itchington Parish Council on Thursday 10th October to find out more about the proposed airport. It emerged from the meeting that the single most important action that individuals can take to oppose this plan is to write, preferably copying the letter to several people, expressing your concern. Please find below a list of suggested names and addresses:

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If you need suggestions/ideas for you letter please contact the Parish Clerk, Nicola Thompson on 614646.

Remember, we have until **November 30th** to respond to the Government's proposals. If we do nothing there is a good chance this airport will be built.

Harbury Parish Council

Harbury Society



Harbury Society

Our talk on Ryton Organic Gardens will be on **Tuesday 26th November**, 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

Ryton Gardens are of course threatened by the

Airport development and there are details elsewhere of where to send letters of protest. The village is plastered with anti-airport posters so that everyone should be aware of the proposals. But I am told that clones of those posters have appeared warning of the dangers to our trees!

That is timely because we have been unfortunate enough to lose the coppiced Ash Trees in Lovers Lane which were "unlawfully killed" this spring and recently the Holly Tree opposite the Burial Grounds disappeared. Now the School has warned us that there has been a request for the Limes in the Playground to be felled.

As I write there is an autumn storm coming in from the Atlantic, which could do significant damage to our remaining trees.

We hope to have a TREE WALK round the village in the spring to encourage people to appreciate the value of our rural heritage and protect our landmark trees.

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Women's Institute

First of all, a final reminder for members to bring gifts suitable for Operation Christmas Child to the November meeting. Not too big, to fit into a shoebox.

Although not being at the October meeting, I understand that there was a very interesting speaker. Mrs. Valerie White spoke on "Have suitcase, will travel" and travel she certainly did.

She started out in Hotel Management and Catering, ending up at the Grosvenor Hotel in London. She left in 1981 and then started a varied and interesting life travelling to many countries doing various jobs, being a nanny, tutor, caterer, and housekeeper. She worked at 5 schools.

She lived in luxury in many of her 20 jobs and must have visited as many countries.

Mrs. White spoke of where she had visited and the amazing things she had done like travelling the length and breadth of India, shooting the rapids and covering the Grand Canyon on a mule.

Her last job was as housekeeper to the Lord Mayor of London. She retired at 65 and lives in Rugby.

A piece of interesting information: Eight Lord Mayors of London have come from Rugby.

The AGM will be held in November. We hope there will be a few members willing to come on the committee. New blood with new ideas is worth the weight in gold. So come on down and give it a whirl.

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Folk Club

Once again I decided to have a singaround and music session for the meeting of the Folk Club, on Thursday 3rd October. I had adopted the same format for the two previous meetings I had hosted, so I could be accused of being boring and unadventurous.

A singaround and/or music session is run very informally as there is no stage, but performers sing or play tunes from where they are seated and when appropriate, everyone joins in. This provides a good platform for people who do not usually perform, to have a go.

When I arrived at the Garden Room of the Shakespeare, Carole and Andrew had kindly arranged the room for the singaround, so all I had to do was get a beer and get nervous.

At 8:30 on the dot, I kicked off with the song "Three Score and Ten" and promptly forgot the second line – the nerves were getting to me. After several false starts I eventually got through it. I was consoled that things could only get better, and they did!

There was a total of 16 different artistes or combinations of artistes who performed a wide spectrum of folk music ranging from jigs and reels to ballads to dirges.

Although there were too many performers to mention them all by name, I was particularly pleased to welcome Lizzie Darby. Although she had sung and played her flute in a group before, she made her debut as a solo singer, beautifully singing a Mary Black song. It is good that we are getting more and more of the younger generation coming to the Folk Club and taking part.

All the performers were in fine form and the audience was in good voice, at one time competing admirably with the playing of American Pie coming through the speakers from the next bar!

One of the many highlights for me was Ron Shuttleworth singing a

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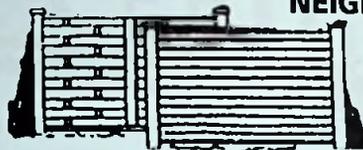
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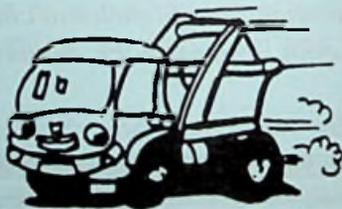
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hilarious song about the amusing experiences of singarounds to a medley of well-known folk tunes. Another highlight was Ruth Forte singing "My Love is Like a Red Red Rose" and to finish the evening she sang "Matchstick Men" during which she thoughtfully forgot the second line. I am sure that was only to make me feel better.

Many thanks to all performers and others who contributed to making the evening such a success. Also, thank you to those who contributed towards the raffle. This raised £31.00 for Focus 2002, a charity currently providing relief to refugees returning to Afghanistan from Pakistan, to where they had escaped from the Taliban Regime.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th November when John Black will be hosting. The subject will be "Reflection and Refraction". This will again be in the Garden Room at the Shakespeare Inn and start at 8:30pm.

Peter Bones

Harbury Pre-School

Autumn is such a wonderful time for learning, because there is an abundance of topics that the children really find exciting like collecting leaves, Halloween, fireworks and bonfire night.

During October the children have been on nature walks around the village footpaths to collect all kinds of autumn things. They have glued their little treasures, leaves, conkers, cones, sticks and seeds onto paper, which Lisa has displayed on the wall in the classroom.

The children celebrated Harvest Festival by talking about what harvest actually means. They also brought into class some items of food from home to make a small hamper, which was donated to Myton Hospice.

We have been involving the children in many activities to help them learn about the 5 senses: sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste. The children were extremely excited last month when we had 2 visits from the Guide Dogs for the Blind. The dogs that visited were the Mummy and Daddy dogs that have the little puppies, which are trained to become guide dogs for the blind. During the session, the children closed their eyes and walked around the room slowly to see what it was like to be blind.



The photograph shows the guide dogs with the Pre-school children.

AGM – What a Success!

The Staff and Committee have worked extremely hard over the last year to improve Harbury Pre-school and raise it up to reach new exciting heights. The occasion of our recent AGM (held on 21st October) became more of a celebration for those involved in Harbury Pre-school. Why? Because when we realised just how many fantastic initiatives we had achieved over the last year we were really quite staggered, and so very pleased with the benefits these have brought to the children

We were very pleased to see so many supporters there: current parents, many prospective parents, and Mrs. Harris the Reception Class Teacher from Harbury School.

Rachel Brown, the Treasurer, was able to report that at this year end the Pre-school is in a financially stable position. Significant funds have been raised through fund-raising events, grants and donations, and the best bit is that we have spent it making real tangible improvements for the children. What's new? outdoor toys, a new toy kitchen, wooden dolls house, a mobile hand-washing sink unit for the classroom, painting equipment, the new outdoor play area, a new enormous secure shed to house all the toys and equipment, security gates and fencing, cupboard shelving, and lots of little maintenance jobs have

been completed. Our summer trip to Cotswold Farm Park was also completely funded through our fund-raising efforts.

Lana Long, our Fund Raiser, talked through all the exciting fund-raising events during last year. The most memorable one being the Beatles Night from which 65% of the proceeds went towards to outdoor play area. Lana thanked a number of organisations who have consistently supported Pre-school: Barclays Bank, Transco, Compton International, Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's, Harbury Co-op, Warwick Castle and Land Rover. Lana also thanked Paul Winchester for his donation towards the outdoor play area, and all the parents, supporters, staff and friends of Pre-school who have given fantastic support to our fundraising efforts.

Jacky Sykes, Committee Member, presented the results of the parent feedback questionnaire conducted in the summer. The purpose of the questionnaire was to measure the Pre-school's success from the parents' perspective, ask parents what improvements they thought should be made, and to build the feedback into the future plans for the Pre-school.

In summary, the results showed overwhelmingly that our Pre-school Staff is doing the most fantastic job at looking after our children. The results showed that:

- 62% of parents **Strongly Agreed** that their child benefits from the 1 to 4 ratio of adults to children
- 79% of parents **Strongly Agreed** that the staff made great efforts to help settle their child into Pre-school
- 83% of parents **Strongly Agreed** that their child was treated and valued as an individual by the staff
- 93% **Strongly Agreed** that the extensive use of outdoor play and activities benefits their child.

Yvette Tanner, the Pre-School Leader, emphasised that free-play and role-play is a huge part of the children's day, and they love it! Yvette went on to give a description of a typical day at Pre-school, and how number and letter work features constantly in what ever play activity the children are doing. For example, songs like "Ten Men Went to Mow" actually incorporates the children standing holding number boards and they stand up and sit down when their number is sung. Also the children talk about the day of the week, the month, and the weather each day and have 'news time' when the children can tell their friends what they did at the weekend. The lunch hour is also extremely popular with all the children, when they can sit and chat

freely with each other.

Yvette also talked about the Early Years Cluster Group in the Southam Area for all Pre-schools, where ideas can be shared between teachers to benefit all the children.

The Chair, Jo Simpson, reported that numbers of children are very much higher than last year, and the staffing has consisted for sometime of 3 regular staff (Yvette Tanner, Lisa Helliwell and Jill Davies), with Kate Wilson and Cassie Gibb providing back-up support.

Jo reported that the Pre-school has a healthy relationship with the Trustees of the Wight School, who have been extremely supportive of the Pre-school, the Library has also given enormous assistance by allowing the children and staff internal access to the toilets through the library.

In addition to the Trustees and the Library, Jo gave thanks to the Toddler Group, who we have worked with on a number of projects through the year, the Committee Members, Ken Hancox our builder, and Harbury School for their continuing support of Pre-School, and to Pam Harris for coming to our AGM.

A new Committee was elected; Jane Kempton is the new Chair, Nicky Kirk is the new Secretary, Rachel Cousins is the new treasurer, Lana Long remains to carry on fund raising, and Jacky Sykes will continue with Communications.

Jo emphasised that the old committee would work along side the new, until they had found their feet, and she encouraged the new committee to come up with new innovations and ideas, to carry Pre-school forward further still.

Harbury Pre-School Staff and Committee

Harbury Primary School P.T.A.

The new Committee has now had its first meeting and plans for the next year's events are starting to unfold.

Events that are already planned for this term include:

P.T.A. Quiz Night – Friday 15th November

This ever-popular event is to be held in the School Hall. Bar opens 7:30 – Quiz starts 8.00pm. Sandwiches and nibbles are provided. Entry is £12 per team. To enter a team, get four people together,

choose your team name and then contact Gill Holden 612155. Our regular teams are already signing up so as places are limited, hurry and make that call.

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 7th December

The P.T.A. will once again be manning 'Santa's Grotto' at the Christmas Fayre held in the Village Hall. Do bring along your little ones to visit Father Christmas and receive their first Christmas present of the season.

Children's Disco - Friday 13th December

The Disco is for Harbury Primary School children. Infants start time is 6.15pm till 7.15pm and costs £2.00, which includes refreshments. Juniors 7:30pm – 9.00pm and costs £1.00 – no refreshments included – Tuck shop will be open. It is planned that Luminous Jewellery and pop posters will be on sale during the Disco, so do not forget to bring along those extra pennies to spend.

We hope that you will support the events that will help to raise funds for Harbury Primary School.

Gill Holden

Harbury Tennis Club

October has been a quiet month but we are a step closer to completing the facilities project as the electricity supply has now been installed. That just leaves the floodlights to be connected and all being well we will be having midweek Club sessions by the time you read the December report. The Horticultural Society has provided us with some ideas for low maintenance shrubs that will provide some colour throughout the year and we will be discussing with the Parish Council the location of trees.

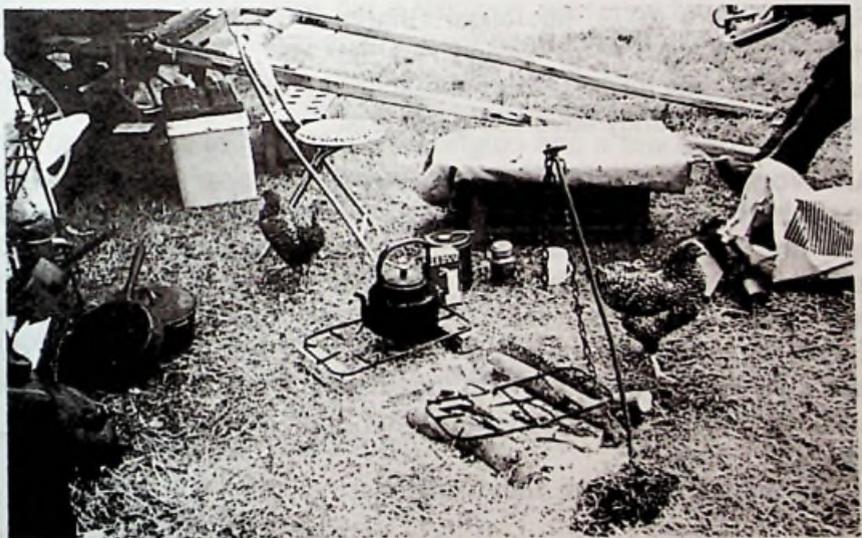
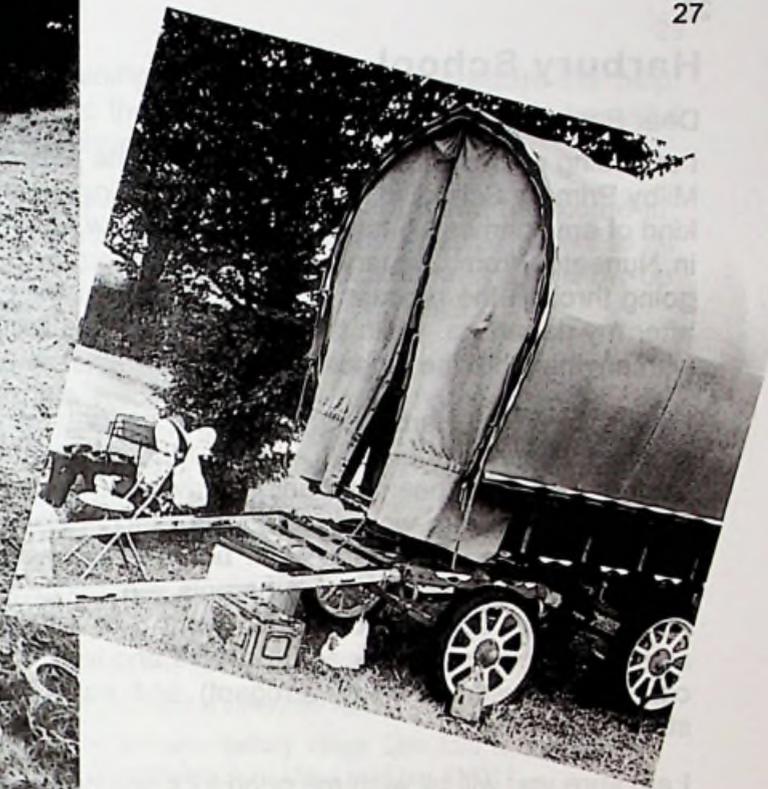
The Banbury Winter League season started with defeats for both teams. The "A" Team went down 6-2 at home against Byfield and the "B" team went down by the same score at Nether Heyford. The second matches were washed out so things can only get better!

A final reminder that we are running the Craft Fair on **Saturday 9th November** at the Village Hall. Entry is free and you can sample the excellent hot and cold refreshments available. If you are interested in having a stall there are a few spaces left. Tim Lockley (614532) has the details.

Colin Mercer



The arrival at Five Ways of travellers with their horse-drawn caravans, caused some in



rest this month. Our pictures show the mobile farrier fitting new shoes to Patch and Sam.

Harbury School

Dear Parents,

I am being re-cycled! I have been offered the post of Headteacher of Milby Primary School in Nuneaton. It is a bigger school in a different kind of environment. I have accepted the new job and will be starting in Nuneaton from January 2003. The Governors and LEA are now going through the process of making sure that the school is well run after my departure. With the staff that we have it could not continue with anything but the highest standards.

I have been at Harbury for over six years and have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it – even the really challenging bits like Ofsted! I have been incredibly privileged to work with such a dedicated and hard-working group of teachers and support staff; a very supportive and enthusiastic board of governors; astute, plain speaking and incredibly giving parents – especially the PTA. It has also been an absolute delight to work with all the children in the school, to see them grow and blossom and leave Harbury with such confidence (without being arrogant) and enthusiasm for the next stage of their lives.

I am sure you will all wish me good luck and continue to support your children and Harbury School.

From January 2003, Mr. Nigel Chapman will be taking over the Headship in the role of "Acting Headteacher". This means we will have a vacancy for a classroom teacher to take year 5 for two terms and we are currently advertising this post.

Art Works. George Coady has done some super artwork over the years both at home and in school. We recognised this some time ago and have encouraged him to keep it up. You may even remember that he had his own display in school. Now he has gone one better! Through working with the Artists in Warwickshire Education MASTER CLASSES his work is viewable with that of other artists who have been working together at The Royal Pump Rooms Art gallery and Museum in Leamington Spa. The gallery can only be viewed online at www.we-learn.com from 18th October.

Thanks a Million to Mr. & Mrs. Darlison, Mr. & Mrs. Hayward and Mr. Reeves. They came in to school a few weeks ago and sorted out the wild flower meadow. Getting rid of the straw and then digging this

area over is a back-straining job and we really appreciate the help. Next summer we will see the benefits in the shape of more beautiful flowers adjacent to the playground.

Sponsored walk. Many thanks for all the money that has come in. £1,758.00, what a fantastic effort by everyone. Special thanks to all the helpers in the preparation, planning, execution and the follow-up work; everyone's efforts have really proved worthwhile.

New children. All parents of children who may be eligible for next September's intake into Reception should have had letters by now explaining the position. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you think you should have had one and haven't; also please do get in touch if you would like further information/explanation of the set up for school admissions. It is also possible to telephone the Admissions service at Warwick.

Dates for you diary:

Saturday 9 th November	Open morning for Harbury Nursery School
Friday 15 th November	PTA Quiz Night in the School Hall
Saturday 7 th December	Under 5s Disco Harbury Village Club 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. For further details telephone Mrs. Lana Long 613311
Friday 13 th December	Children's disco evening (PTA run)

Harvest – Sherbourne class did a fabulous assembly for us all last week about Harvest Festival and how we need to look after the world and share with others. Also, due to the generosity of many, we had a mass of goodies to put on display for the assembly and to give away afterwards. Thanks to Mrs. Marie Wallington and a few children from the class we were able to distribute the proceeds of the Harvest to some of the deserving pensioners in Harbury. We had beautiful letters of thanks from some of them.

Many thanks to those people who brought in some ex-office paper. We have made fantastic use of the clean / plain sides in school. If you know of any company about to shred its old headed paper (A4 size) we can make very good use of it. The last batch probably saved us about forty reams of paper, almost £100.00 worth!

Paul Milner

Myton Hospice

We are having a Coffee Morning on **Friday 22nd November** in the Tom Hauley Room from 10 o'clock until 12noon. There will be a raffle, cakes, bring & buy and Christmas cards. Please come and have a chat and a coffee. Hope to see you there.

Myton Hospice Support Group

Harbury All Saints' Christmas Fayre

The Fayre this year will take place on **Saturday 7th December** at the Village Hall. The theme we have chosen is "Countries of the world".

There will be a wide variety of stalls and Santa will be in his Grotto after the usual tour of the village. A good selection of items will be on the tombola stall and the Garden Café will be in its usual place.

All the raffle ticket proceeds will be donated to Myton Hospice. The Fayre will open at 2pm. Please come and support the Fayre, it promises to be another enjoyable event.

Colin Mercer

Councillors' Surgery, 19th October

To those of you who talked to us 2 weeks ago on a bright Saturday morning outside Londis – thank you for all your comments, questions and suggestions.

- A. Understandably, the main topic was **the Airport**. It was great to find how solid is the opposition to it. Many people have already written letters. If you haven't, it is not too late! For addresses to write to, see the article from the Harbury Parish Council in this magazine. If you would like help/advice with letter writing, contact any of us – or join the letter-writing group at Bishop's Itchington Memorial Hall between 10am and 3pm on Saturday 16th November.
- B. There was plenty of interest in **recycling & refuse collection** – and even some sympathy for the Council! (Because the Government's recycling targets are judged by weight not bulk, Stratford's best hope of achieving the target

is by collecting green waste instead of plastic.) We have to hope there is soon a sensible national solution to this problem. In the meantime:

There's a green waste collection at Wood Street car park, Southam on the third Saturday of each month March-November.

You can take plastic for recycling to Deleve Plastics (Banbury Road), Stratford.

And if you want a wheeled bin, you can buy one from Biffa 01789-293722, but the price is unfortunately outside SDC control.

- C. People felt strongly about the non-opening of **Chesterton Windmill** in September. We hope we may have more to report on this soon.
- D. And there were valuable comments about **parking, & pavements**. The Surgery is aware of the parking problems in Mill Street, and is taking steps to improve matters. And, thanks to a resident's complaint about wheelchair access to the Surgery, the County has placed an order for kerb realignment and repair work to make it easier for wheelchair / pushchair users.

So, things **do** get done if you complain! Please keep the comments, questions and suggestions coming.

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We are always quick to complain about the irritations of life, let us also remember those who help to make it worthwhile.

Alison, Andrew and Stephen Hunt

Parish Paths Update

The Parish Paths Partnership Team has created a short 'easy going' route about a mile long for those who find themselves not flexible enough to clamber over stiles. The two stiles on the route have been replaced with self-closing metal gates. The path starts at the Village Hall and goes to the far right hand corner of the playing field, turns right after passing through the first gate and reaches Bush Heath Lane via the second gate. Turning right down 'the Bush' gets you back to the village near the Old New Inn. Why not give it a try?

The Harbury News for May/June 1975 carried a map and description of a footpath walk to Ufton and back. It was the first of a series and was instrumental in starting a monthly footpath walk, now sadly defunct. Or is it? The Parish Review has revealed a strong interest in footpath walking and footpath working and a number of people have expressed an interest in joining in Parish Paths activities. We are planning to hold an open meeting one evening in mid-January to tell people what we do and explore how they can help. Perhaps reviving the monthly walk is something we can consider?

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Prince William in Village Panto

Well, he's not actually appearing in the Harbury Theatre Group's production, but when he was at school Prince William did take part in The Christmas Cavalier, a modern pantomime by Richard Lloyd. So although it is a relatively unknown panto, it does have royal credentials!

Although a new story, the action is firmly set in the past – in the days of Cromwell who tried to stamp out Christmas. There are plenty of traditional panto characters – so come along to boo and hiss at Nicholas Grimnasty, the archetypal pantomime villain – cruel, overbearing and downright unpleasant in every respect (played by Trevor Grundy); laugh at Dame Dumplings – an overweight, coarse, loud and objectionable (played by Keith Hayes) and fall for the charm of Sir Daniel Dash, the bold and gallant cavalier (played by Jonathan Clarke).

This is a fast moving show with plenty of laughs which will appeal to all the family. The fun takes place at Harbury Village Hall on **Thursday 28th, Friday 29th November** at 7.30pm and on **Saturday 30th November** at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 (£2.50 concessions) and front row seats may be reserved for an extra cost

of 50p by phoning 613214. Tickets are available from Kathleen Ellis Hairdressers, Chapel Street, Harbury, the Newsagent in Bishop's Itchington, or telephone 612029.

Harbury Theatre Group

Petitions against the Airport

As your former District Councillor I should like to thank everyone who has signed the petitions against the airport at Rugby, and the shopkeepers who readily agreed to have them for you to sign. Many of you have signed up and the forms have been forwarded to John Maples our MP for forwarding to the Government. Everything we do will help to prevent the airport being built. Similar petitions have been signed by many across the county and sent to MPs.

Eric Dally

Alarming and Disastrous Fire at Harbury

This article was in the Courier for 1st September 1888, and concerns a dramatic fire which broke out in what is now the Post Office and Stores in Church Street. At first the locals tried to contain it, but eventually sent a messenger (not a message) to Southam. This means ON HORSE-BACK. Now, it takes ME 6 minutes to get back to Southam each evening in my car, so how long it took by horse I dread to think. We do know from the article though that it was well over an hour before the Southam Brigade arrived. This delay is, of course, equal to an episode of Coronation St. and East Enders put together, (Heaven help us), and coupled with the fact that the shop sold gun-powder, probably by 10 o'clock there was not a great deal of the building to save.

As usual with the Courier in Victorian times, they made quite a meal of this story, so the article has had to be split into two parts. The sequel will, hopefully, (given there is nothing better to print), be published next month. I CAN reveal that there is a delightful twist in the tale. If you can't wait to find out in next month's issue, call in at the school and we will sell you the rest of the story for £5.

The illustration is by George Coady, aged 10.

Nigel Chapman



About nine o'clock on Sunday evening, a most destructive fire broke out at a grocer's shop and general stores, carried on by Mrs. Richard H. Knight, just opposite the Parish Church, at Harbury, and, despite the efforts of the villagers, coupled with those of the Southam and Leamington Fire Brigades, the entire premises were destroyed, and damage estimated at close upon £2,000 was done. It appears that Mrs. Knight, who is a widow, returned home at a quarter to nine o'clock,

after a service at the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, and on entering the shop, lit a benzoline lamp. With this she proceeded into the adjoining house, where she resided, and while doing so, the lamp suddenly exploded. In her fright, Mrs. Knight threw the blazing lamp upon the floor, and the burning oil quickly igniting the flooring, the flames spread with great rapidity. She raised an alarm, and together with her sons and P.C. Collett, endeavoured to extinguish the fire, but owing to an insufficient supply of water, they were unable to do so.

The quiet village was naturally thrown into a great state of excitement by the alarm, and a large number of people were soon on the spot. The church bell was rung, and a messenger was sent to Southam for the Fire Brigade. In the meantime, the villagers led by the Revs. C.H. Phelps and M.N. Kearney (the Vicar of Harbury), and Mr. Bourne (Southam), sought to save

the goods and stock, which they snatched from the windows, but owing to the rapid progress made by the fire the bulk of the stock was destroyed. The goods and furniture, which were rescued from the flames, were removed to the infant school.

At 9.20 and half-past nine, two distinct reports were heard, which left no doubt as to the gunpowder which was stored on the premises having been reached and exploded. By this time the shop and warehouse were a mass of flames, and in the short space of time the second storey rooms shared a similar fate, and the fire was raging through the roof. The Southam Fire Brigade, under the direction of W.B. Sturley arrived at five minutes past ten, and in a few minutes were playing on the burning mass, but the shallow wells were quickly emptied, and the "suction" piping of the engines was not long enough to reach the water in the deeper wells, some of which went down nearly 100 feet. Consequently the fire had completely gained the mastery where it had possession, and attention was turned to four adjoining cottages, in which the tenants had become so affrighted as to move their goods and chattels. Here the progress of the fire was arrested. At 10.45 the large beam carrying the front of the shop, and supported by two iron columns, succumbed, and the front fell with a crash.

Musings from a Country Garden (4)

Update: Just to keep the records straight I have seen, to date, FIFTEEN OVER-SIZED SPIDERS. My friend who controls pests came about the rats and I asked him if he could recommend anything to discourage them. He said he was getting lots of similar requests, but they were not considered pests, neither were they dangerous, and there was nothing that he could recommend that would be effective.

However, for the benefit of other arachnophobics I have advanced a little in knowledge. One of the numerous health firms that supply brochures advertising tablets, gels and appliances for almost everything, now have a spray which does not kill, nor does it harm anything else like pets and humans, but it does stop spiders from

coming into the property. It is a spray based on purely natural extracts and oils containing chestnuts and cloves. The cost is £6.95. It is supplied in an easy to use spray bottle. For further information please telephone (814313) or Email me (elsagee@callnetuk.com). I do not think I am permitted to advertise directly.

Noisy Neighbours: Now before Janice or Mike put a brick through my window I **do** mean the **wild life**-type of neighbour.

I had never heard the noise of potential mating foxes until we came to Ladbroke. I nearly fell out of bed with shock, convinced that there was murder most foul in our copse. I asked around the next day only to be told that foxes do make an ear shattering noise, but they were not killing each other. Quite the reverse.

Then, I thought squirrels were quiet, nut-loving creatures, until one day our 'foster cat' was at the bottom of the tree and 20 feet up the tree was a squirrel making the most horrific noise. Yet again I was convinced that two animals were fighting to the death. I went out and umpired that fracas, something that I have repeated many times over the years. We have never had death or injury - that goes for me too. I understand that squirrels can be vicious if provoked.

Only last week, in the early hours of the morning, there was a fight outside our front gate. I thought immediately that it was a catfight, as we have wild cats around. I got up to break it up, (from the bedroom window - I am no heroine!!) only to find out that it was a fox fight. It was the day after the Hunt was in the village. I think a displaced fox was trying to muscle in on some existing settlement. It was an ear-splitting noise - I was only too pleased to find out that it was not two elephants. My imagination does tend to work overtime.

The birds wake me up at dawn daily, knocking the windows. I looked out on to the landing the other morning just to see what was actually making the noise. There was a row of bluetits all pecking at the glass. I think they must have been trying to extract small insects from the putty. I expect one of these days the windowpane will fall out. Then the blackbirds came and actually knocked the glass higher up the window. I think they were getting excited seeing their reflections. They do it on the downstairs windows too throughout the day. Many times my visitors have got up to answer the knock at the door, not believing that a bird could knock so loudly.

Finally, there is my bird box brothel. Throughout the spring and summer I have watched my visitors sit looking at the bird box in the ash tree by the gate, first with their glasses on, then with their glasses off, then looking at me. This would all happen two or three times then they would say, "I have just watched three different birds go in through the hole in that nesting box". "Yes" I would say, "I think the occupier is somewhat promiscuous." Well what else can one say in such circumstances?

Butterflies, moths and dragonflies - et al: Now to go to the other end of the decibel range - butterflies. You can rest assured that I have never had to umpire a butterfly fight. I must include moths and dragonflies in this section. There is nothing that I like doing more than sitting with my reference books and a pencil observing our four Buddleia trees on a hot day in summer. When I make a planned effort to observe I like to tick what I have seen and pencil in the date. The dragonflies are a bonus to watch at the same time. We have the beautiful blue Emperor, the common Sympetrum and other shapes, colours and sizes that are difficult to identify because of the speed of their flight.

A lovely green grasshopper - it had wings so it must have been the common one- landed on my arm the other week. He was there a long time - didn't seem to want to go. I chatted happily from time to time, then I had to gently slide him on to a nearby leaf.

I am running out of space again so I will just finish by listing a few of the butterflies we see - the Comma; Tortoiseshell; Peacock; Red Admiral; Painted Lady; Small Copper; Holly Blue; Gatekeeper; Speckled Wood; Fritillaries, and Four spotted footman - I know! that's a moth!

Next Month: I will get to the cats, dogs and the winter garden party in candlelight with steaming hot casseroles on the barbecues, a full moon and Vivaldi & Bach issuing forth from every tree... bliss!

Elsa Greenway

Horticultural Society

We were not in the Tom Hauley Room for the talk *Autumn Colour* given by Mr. Roger Smith, but I understand it was a good start to our new season of talks. Mr. Smith, a professional photographer showed

many beautiful slides and gave much useful information. It was an entertaining evening, with some new members and a good audience.

The hour has gone back; November is here, and so are the Seed Catalogues. As usual to qualify for the various discounts the Society has to spend a certain sum with Marshalls and Dobies, so when ordering, please spread your order between both. When the weather is inclement and days are short, it is pleasant to look through the catalogues and dream dreams.

With luck and a bit of t.l.c. there are often quite good results; fruit and vegetables with flavour and you know what they had sprayed on them. There are also small plants and plugs available, if there are too many in the tray – share it with a friend. Ask Heather for more information.

The Ryton ticket has been renewed yet again. This admits two people to the gardens, free every day of the year, except Christmas Day, and is available from Mrs. Eleanor Zonik (612365).

A bursary will be awarded for the 2002/03 season at the December meeting. The successful member will have a choice of selecting a course at Ryton, Moreton Morrell, Pershore or where they wish. Those who are interested please give your names to Judy.

As you may know, the Society donates to various groups and charities in the village, and this year the main donation of £500 is for the Harbury First Responder Group. Other money has gone to the Village Hall towards a new stage.

The next talk *Gardens of the East Midlands* and the special will be held in the Tom Hauley Room on **Tuesday 3rd December**, starting at 8pm – an evening not to be missed!

Muriel Grey

Gardening Notes for November

Good gardening days will probably be rare in this month of wet and wind so take advantage of any last glances of summer. Most of our garden plants cease to grow when the temperature drops to 6°C (43F), so the winter programme of clearing dead growth and protecting plants from the weather to come must be completed this month. We were spoiled by the long Indian summer but should not

bank on another mild winter. Protect semi-hardy plants such as hosta and penstemon, with a 15cm (6 inch) layer of slow rotting leaves, straw, bark or evergreen clippings and secure a piece of netting over the heap. Alternatively fill a plant pot with mulch and invert it over the plant crown. Larger plants can be protected by a screen of plastic netting around them.

When cutting down the stems and foliage of perennials leave about 20cm (8 inch) to give protection to the crowns and to provide winter homes for ladybirds. Do try to compost as much as possible and so return valuable fibre and nutrients to the soil. It is essential to aerate the heap for good breakdown of material so mix layers of different plants. There is also a compost stirrer for the purists to buy for the job.

Check seed packets for sowing time, as some need the seed trays to be left in cold conditions. Finish planting winter and spring bedding e.g. pansy, wallflowers. Prick the soil in alpine beds to improve drainage and top up the chippings to raise leaves above damp soil. Some leaves rot, especially those in rosettes, if the weather is very wet so protect them with an open ended cloche or a sheet of glass set on bricks. Ensure good air circulation.

Cut back tall shrubs, including roses, by a third to reduce wind rock. Prune off straggly long stems on climbers. Lop deciduous trees after leaf fall. Take out any dead or crossing branches. Save some small branches for pea-sticks and plant supports for next year. Plant deciduous shrubs and trees, pot grown or bare rooted, before the ground freezes. Plant at the same level as they were growing by checking for the soil mark on the main stem. Traditionally more time is spent on the preparation of the hole than on the actual planting. Dig a hole at least 15cm (6 inch) wider than the diameter of the root ball and add bonemeal and compost to the soil for back filling.

Plant garlic and sow early peas and broad beans under cloches. Feltham First is a suitable pea and Aquadulce a hardy bean. Clear out annual herbs basil, chervil and dill. Dig up old fennel and parsley as the best flavour comes from plants up to three years old. Cover some parsley, chives and mint with cloches or pot up some for the kitchen windowsill. Sow a few coriander seeds in a pot for the kitchen for new leaves in about 7-8 weeks.

Give houseplants less water now but increase the humidity by standing them on trays of damp gravel or clay beads, or stand the

plant pot inside another pot of moist compost. Most house plants prefer cool rooms, growing them in centrally heated ones is like putting them in the desert, so mist them with tepid water. They also need good light so windowsills are suitable but remember to bring them into the room before closing the curtains. When watering cacti do this sparingly, near the rim of the bowl to avoid wetting the plant neck.

Only feed plants that are in flower or are growing vigorously.

Plant of the month - Species Rose

'Wild' or Species roses are the ancestors of all the modern roses, so loved by all gardeners, and are found only in the Northern Hemisphere. Prior to the latter part of the 16th Century only four species of wild rose were known to the Western world, the others being native to India and the Far East. These are the plants that bear the most spectacular hips, and which make the rose a plant of such long interest. *Rosa rugosa* was brought from Japan around 1786 and quickly became a desirable plant because it had scented flowers through the summer months and large brilliant red hips, which lasted into winter. It can be grown as a specimen plant or a prickly hedge about 5ft. tall, with tough wrinkled, or, 'rugosus' leaves.

Rosa moyesii, introduced from China by the plant hunter E.H. Wilson in 1903 and named by him after a missionary, Rev. J. Moyes, in gratitude for his help. This too, has the single flowers and even more noticeable hips of a bottle shape. It does grow rather leggy but *R. m.* Geranium has been bred from it and this is more compact and has even larger fruits.

All Species roses are hardy, trouble-free and adapt to light dry soils. If you live on the west side of the village on the lighter soils, this may be the rose for you.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

Mike and I would like to thank those who bought plants from outside our house in Park Lane. A magnificent total of £65 has been donated to Myton Hospice in memory of Wendy Stubbs.

Once again many thanks.

Isobel Grimes

Dear Editors

Is this a sign of the times? Each year for several years now we have 'rested' our Polyanthus plants in the border (our property) which runs parallel with our garden and the footpath from vicarage Lane to Drinkwater Close. When the summer bedding is over we then plant the Polyanthus in our back garden, always leaving some for the people using the footpath to enjoy. This year, however, we are unable to do so, as someone has taken the plants. It has taken us some time to build up this collection, so we would like to send this message to the person(s) who took them: *We hope you get as much pleasure from them as we would have done!*

Pete and Barbara Andrews

Dear Editors

With the Chapel Street Victorian Fayre now closed, I would like to say many thanks to Danny Killian and committee for organising this event over the past years.

Could everyone please work to prevent Harbury Carnival going the same way?

Mike Bloxham

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Dear Editors

On September 21st we held a coffee morning for the Air Ambulance Appeal. With the wonderful support we received plus some donations, we were able to send a cheque for £220 to this very worthwhile cause.

Many, many thanks to you all, with special thanks to Helen Joyce and Barbara.

Pat and Sylvia

Dear Editors

Thank you very much indeed to everyone who supported the recent coffee morning in aid of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. A total of £212.27 was raised.

Special thanks to all who provided cakes, raffle prizes and who worked hard on the day, selling and washing up. Thanks to Mae Watson for providing saleable goods and Christmas cards.

Sheila Jackson

Dear Editors

Thank you to all who helped me eat up my food and at the same time generously donating £300, donated to Macmillan and Marie-Curie Nurses.

Thank you to all Mill Street residents who have made my life so enjoyable there for the last 25 years.

As I shall not be in the UK in December, I wish all Harbury residents a *Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year, full of love.*

Rosemary Harley

Dear Editors

We would like to thank everyone who supported our World's Biggest Coffee morning on September 27th. We raised £362 for Macmillan Cancer Relief.

Mary and Friends

Dear Editors

I would like to thank everyone who supported the Auction of Promise that Susan Moore and myself organised for the development fund for Ladbroke Church.

Although not very well attended, we managed to raise nearly £1,000 for the fund for which we are very grateful.

Anne Edwards

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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.

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Tom Hauley Room	Liz Bunting	612450
T. Hauley Room Coffee Morning	Mrs. J. Windsor	612504
Village Hall	Wendy Hawkes	613198
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 2:00pm; Fridays 9:30-11:30am & 2:00-3:00pm

BELL RINGING PRACTICE: (613605) Church, Fridays 7:30pm

BROWNIES: Scout Hut, Mondays 6:15-7:30pm

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

DROP-IN TEA: (612585) 19, Farm Street, 2.30 to 4.30pm, 4th Wednesday in the month

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

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: The Shakespeare, 1st Thursday in the month 8:30pm

HARBURY FRIENDS: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday in the month 8:00pm

HARBURY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB:

Under 9s: Training: 9.00am Saturday at Harbury School Pitch
Coaches: Jim Farrell 612396 and Reno Varriale

Under 11s: Training: 10.30am Saturday at Harbury School Pitch
Coaches: Jim Ward 612401 and Adrian Hawley 614353

Under 12s: Training: Playing Fields 10:30am
Coaches: Steve Darby 613330

Under 14s: Training: 10.30am Saturday at Playing Fields Top Pitch
Coaches: John Wilkins 612115; Steve Wilkins 614574,
and Dave Hudson 613958

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

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL: (612781 or 613780) Wight School (behind Library), High St.
Monday to Friday 9:00am-1:00pm;

HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL MUSIC GROUP: *Sound Beginnings* (Jo Lockley 614532)
Wednesdays 10.30 – 11.30am in Village Hall

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: (612832) School Hall, Wednesdays 8:00-10:00pm

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: T. Hauley Room, 1st Tuesday in the month (Oct. to May)
8:00pm

KICK START APPALACHIAN STEP DANCERS: (612734) Scout Hut, 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 in the month; Term Time
only

MYTON HOSPICE LINE DANCING: Harbury Village Club, 2nd Thursdays in the month
7.30pm

NETBALL CLUB: (613239) Village Hall Car Park, Training Thursdays 6:30pm;
Matches on Saturday Afternoon

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP: (612221) Meeting on 2nd Thursday in the month at The
Shakespeare 8:00pm

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THURSDAY CLUB: (612273) Farley Room of Village Hall 2nd & 4th Thursday in the month
2:30pm

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

WEIGHT WATCHERS: (07971 457143) Tom Hauley Room, Mondays 7:00pm

W.I.: Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Thursday in the month 7:45pm

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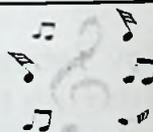
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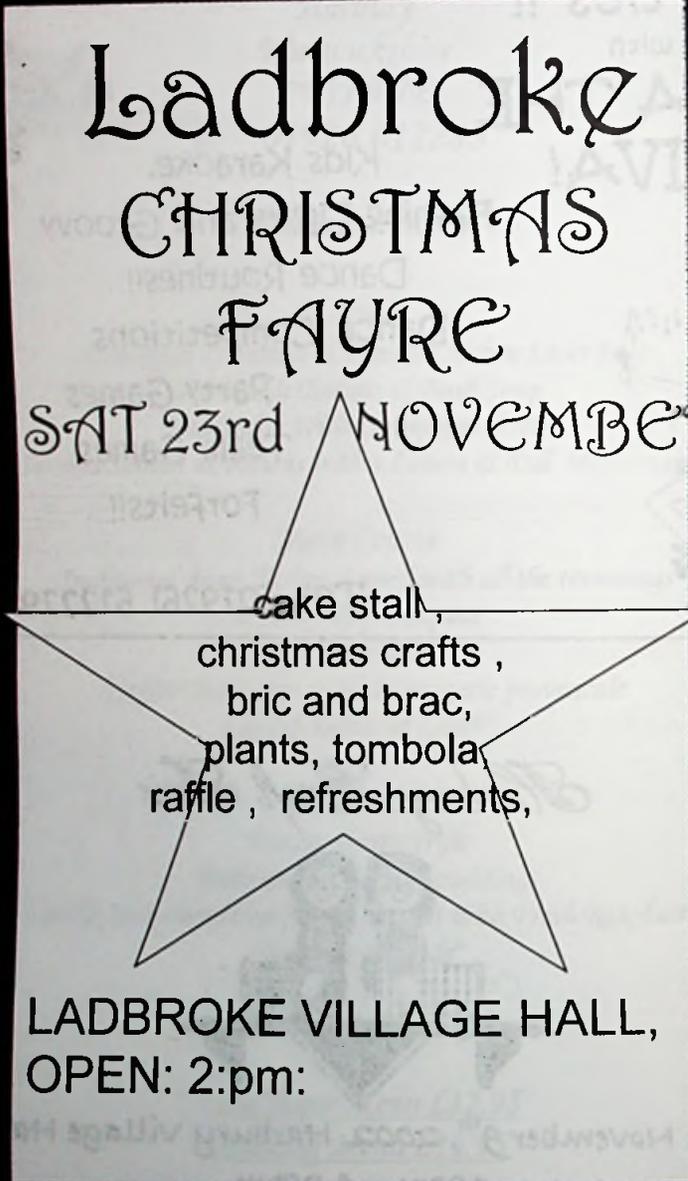
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