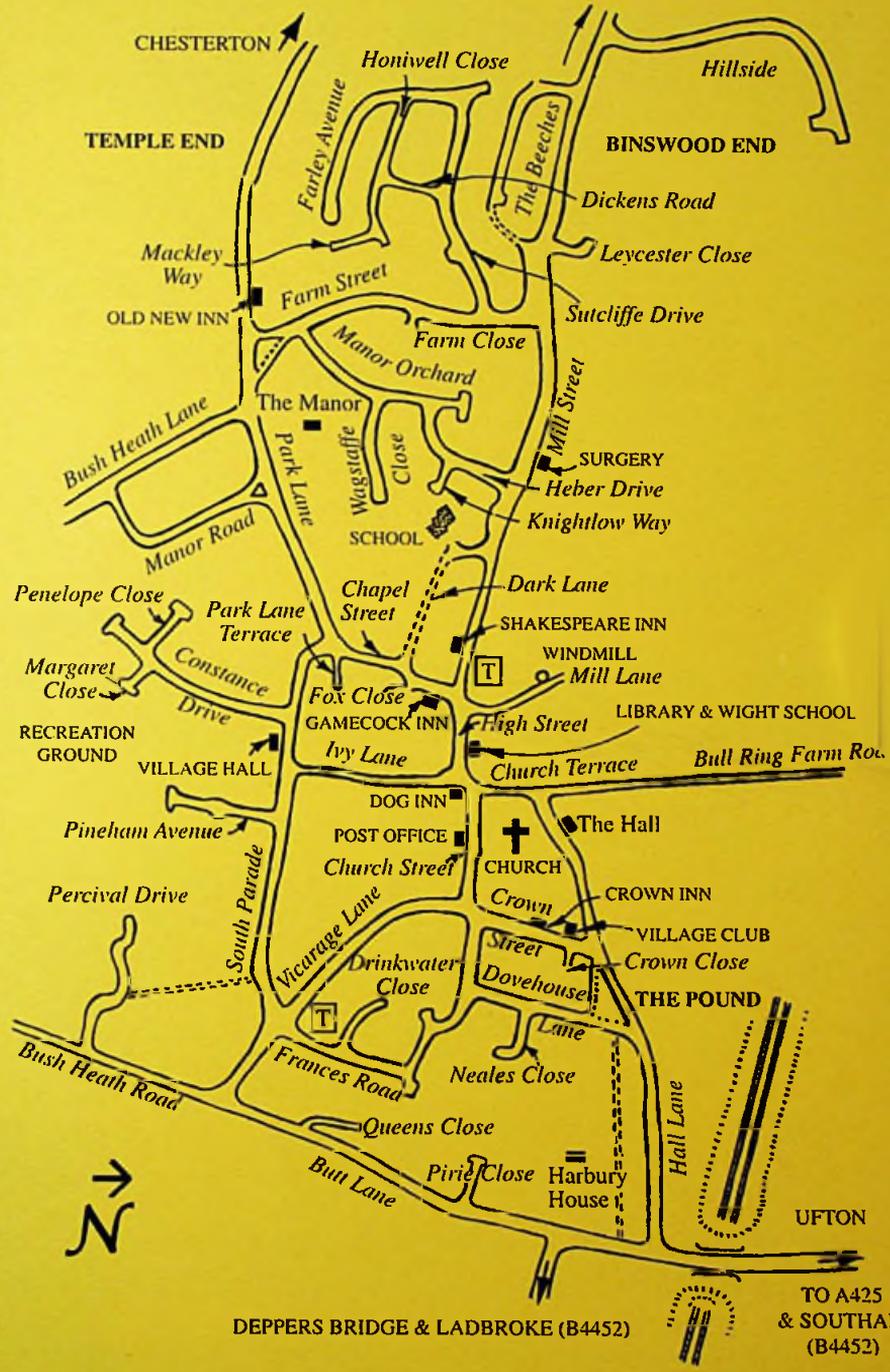


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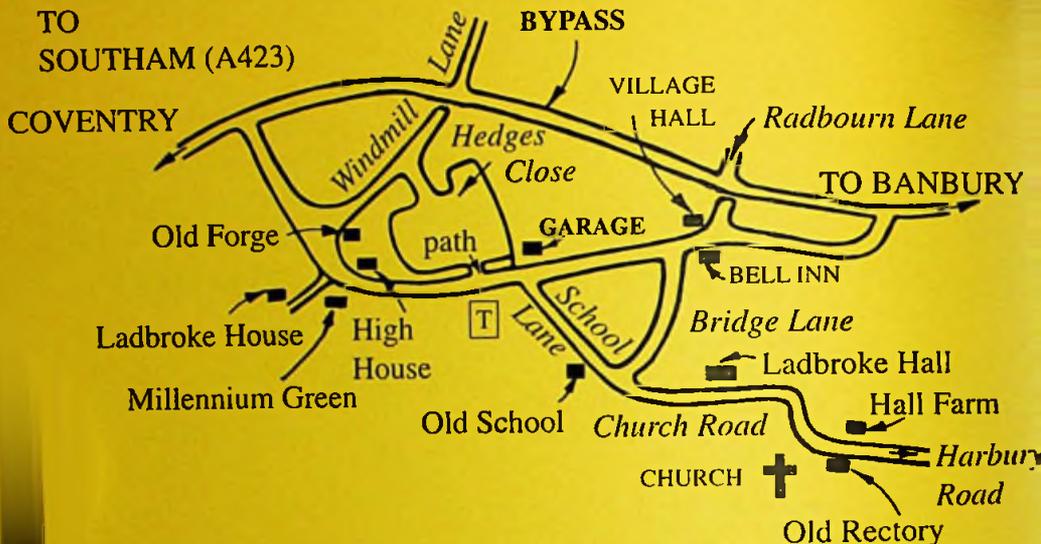


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This month has seen visible changes with the re-roofing of the bungalows in Vicarage Lane. A change that may not be obvious, but may have far reaching consequences is the possible sale of the Post

Office. All the services will be provided for the next three months, but unless a buyer comes forward it will close along with the Top Shop. This closure could have a devastating effect for villagers who will have to travel to Southam or Leamington for Post Office services.

There have been a number of problems on local roads with two major accidents on the Fosse Way. These have not been the only hazards encountered as 'strangers' have been seen in the locality. Harbury and Ladbroke have always been secure and caring communities, but now we all need to be vigilant to ensure the safety of all.

On a heartening note, the committee members of the Teenage Cancer Trust presented an impressive amount to the Trust's national representative. Congratulations to all who contributed to the annual event, which is already scheduled for 12th July 2003.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the families of Molly Larder and Peter Towell.

Harbury Diary

February 2003

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|-------|---|---|
| Sun | 2 | CANDLEMAS - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evening Worship 6pm |
| Tues | 4 | Holy Communion 7.30pm Horticultural Society – Partners in the Border & Vase by Gillian Hawton 8pm in Tom Hauley Room |
| Wed | 5 | Sound Beginnings 10.30-11.30am in Village Hall (Jo Lockley 614532) Mothers' Union Party 3pm in Tom Hauley Room Dance Classes in Village Hall 4-8pm 'Talk it Through' at Fairview, Dovehouse Lane 8pm Aerobics Classes in Village Hall 8.15-9.15pm (Angie Morgan 810127) |
| Thurs | 6 | Holy Communion 9.45am Storytelling in the Library 10am Bible Study Group at 4, Park Lane 2-3.30pm Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm Men's Society in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm (Talk on <i>Doing Time</i>) Folk Club in The Shakespeare Inn 8.30pm |
| Fri | 7 | RECYCLING COLLECTION |
| Sat | 8 | Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Ladies' Circle |
| Sun | 9 | FOURTH BEFORE LENT – Holy Communion 8am Sung Eucharist 10.30am |

- Tues 11 Bible Study 10.30am at 16 Dovehouse Lane
 Toddlers Service 2.15pm in Church
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Bookworms in Tom Hauley Room (west room) 7.30pm
 Village Hall committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 12 Sound Beginnings 10.30-11.30am in Village Hall
 Dance Classes in Village Hall 4-8pm
 Prayer meeting in Church 8pm
 Aerobics Classes in Village Hall 8.15-9.15pm
- Thurs 13 Holy Communion 9.45pm
 Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
 Youth Club in Village Hall 7-9pm
 WI 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 15 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Ladbroke Church
ADVERTS 31, Binswood End by 5.30pm
 Jazz Concert in Village Hall 7.30pm in aid of Rotary Charities & Cancer Research
 Twinning Quiz at Village Club
- Sun 16 **THIRD BEFORE LENT** - Holy Communion 8am; Family Communion 10.30am
 Evensong 6pm
- Tues 18 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Mothers Union 8pm in Tom Hauley Room
 Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 19 Tea in the Tom Hauley Room 3-4pm All Welcome
 'Talk it Through' at Fairview, Dovehouse Lane 8pm
 Aerobics Class in Village Hall 8.15-9.15pm
- Thurs 20 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Bible Study Group at Fairview, Dovehouse Lane 2-3.30pm
- Fri 21 **RECYCLING COLLECTION**
ARTICLES to Harbury Chemist, High Street by 5.30pm
- Sat 22 Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Twinning Group
- Sun 23 **SECOND BEFORE LENT** - Holy Communion 8am
 Sung Eucharist 10.30am
- Tues 25 Bible Study 10.30am Venue to be arranged
 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Bookworms in Tom Hauley Room (west room) 7.30pm
 Julian Group in Church 8pm
 Harbury Society talk "Partners of Prime Ministers" 7.30 for 8pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 26 Drop in tea for the Bereaved 2.30-4.30pm at 19 Farm Street
 Dance Classes 4-8pm in Village Hall
 Prayer meeting in Church 8pm
 Aerobics Class in Village Hall 8.15-9.15pm
- Thurs 27 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Parish Council in Village Hall 7pm

March

- Sat 1 ST. DAVID'S DAY
Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room in aid of Rotary Club
- Sun 2 NEXT BEFORE LENT - Sung Eucharist 9am
Evening Worship 6pm
LEAGUE CUP FINAL

All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

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

Churches as we know them today are typified by a building, a priest and a body of believers. There is much that is good and even prophetic, about the life of the Church; humble works of great generosity, care and service; individuals of great passion and compassion; remarkable stories of conversion and changed lives through personal encounters with God. These are all signs of God's Kingdom at work in and through the Church.

The church today is a Society – a divine society because it is founded by Jesus Christ. The purpose of the church is to carry on what Jesus began – to teach people the goodness, holiness and love of God. The church is the family of God's people, uniting them in worship and in work and helping to bear witness to him by the quality of their lives.

These are numerous denominations including the Church of England, Roman Catholics, Methodists and Pentecostals, etc. At All Saints' Harbury and Ladbroke, being Church of England parishes, we care for everyone living in the parishes, whatever their faith or none.

Most of us have times in our lives when:

- Our children are born and we want to give thanks to God;
- Our relationships need to be strengthened or made permanent before God;
- Someone significant in our lives is very ill or dies;
- We want to celebrate or give thanks;
- We are low and need encouragement;
- We want to find meaning and purpose, to change and to know who we really are.

The Christian faith has something to offer in all circumstances – God loves, redeems, changes and leads and we are available as best we can to point the way and accompany all who seek.

The Church offers times of prayer and worship for many of these life situations and in particular: baptism and confirmation, marriage and funeral services, and national occasions.

We also have numerous social occasions and activities. Please do continue to support our churches. A prayer from our Eucharist Service Book:

Look graciously on us, O Lord, and give us for our hallowing, thoughts that pass into prayer, prayers that pass into love and love that passes into life with you forever. Amen

Fr. Roy

From the Registers

Holy Baptism at All Saints' Ladbroke

5th January - Nathaniel Mark Houldy

Funerals at All Saints' Harbury

10th January - Peter Towell, 81

Funerals at Oakley Wood

15th January - Molly Larder, 81



From the Churchwardens

The theme of the recent Family Service was *New Beginnings*. Vicki Holroyd, with the help of her daughter Katie, Katie's friend and member of the choir, asked us to think about our New Year resolutions and also to consider our hopes for 2003. There were, of course, various ideas but, significantly, from every area of the church and from every age group came an audible murmur of *peace*.

Vicki ended her presentation by wishing us all a Happy 2003. It is clear to everyone that there can be no happiness without peace. We are currently planning a day that will give everyone an opportunity to come into church to offer a prayer for peace with Iraq and throughout the Middle East.

Lesley and Felicity



Mothers' Union

There was no afternoon meeting in January. The evening meeting was a Faith Supper with husbands and friends invited. Faith was rewarded by a variety of delicious dishes, savoury and sweet. After a very good meal we were entertained in song by Mike Grimes, and finished the evening with quizzes on flowers and birds.

Next meetings:

Wednesday 5th Feb. 3pm – party (Don't forget the lucky dip)

Tuesday 18th Feb. 8pm – Recipe evening. Please bring a favourite recipe, tell why you chose it and if possible bring a sample.

Anne Moore

Toddlers' Service

We commenced our January service by singing two verses of the hymn *The Lord is My Shepherd*.

Mrs. Mary Catt then told us the Old Testament story of the young shepherd boy David, how he tended the sheep and guarded them from wild animals, and also how he enjoyed singing and playing his harp.

After saying our toddler prayer, we sang *Praise Him, Praise Him all*

you little Children. For our activity we made toy harps to take home.

Our next service is on Tuesday 11th February, 2.15pm in the Children's corner of the Church. If you have a toddler in your care on that day we would be pleased to see you, and we will be hearing about what happened when David the shepherd boy met a giant of a man!

Lorna Bedford

Opportunities to Study the Bible

A new Bible Study Group has begun to meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday afternoons of the month. This is in addition to the long-established group, which already meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings of the month. This gives some choice to those of us who are fortunate enough to be in the village during the day. Why not consider joining either group? You would be welcome to come and see what it is like.

The Thursday group has just begun a series of studies entitled *Prayer – an Adventure with God*, using study booklets that encourage questions and discussion. We meet in different homes each session from 2 – 3.30pm (see Harbury Diary for venues and dates). This gives time for coffee/tea and conversation, and all are welcome to come. The next meeting will be on Thursday 6th February at 4, Park Lane. If you think you might be interested or would like to know more, call Lesley Jones on 613207.

Lesley Jones

Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer movement will celebrate its annual day of prayer on Friday 7th March. This year's service comes from Lebanon and the theme of the service, which is interdenominational, is *Holy Spirit, Fill Us*.

God has blessed Lebanon with natural beauty and this is reflected in the lives of the people. Despite all that has happened the Christians have held on to their faith. It is from this background that the women of Lebanon urge us to take up the cry of *Holy Spirit, Fill Us* and encourage us to reach out to God for His enabling power in all circumstances.

Women, men, children, and young people from many different backgrounds and in more than 180 countries will be celebrating this Day of Prayer (taken from the official press release).

We invite you to join in a service in Harbury Church at 2pm on Friday 7th March. Everyone is welcome.

C. Mary Catt

Laugh Line

A boat crashed into rocks and began to sink. Does anybody know how to pray? Shouted the skipper. Yes, I do, said a zealous Christian, leaping to his feet. Good, said the skipper. You pray; the rest of us will put on life jackets. We're one short.

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| Sun | 9 | FOURTH BEFORE LENT - Sung Communion 9am |
| Wed | 12 | Holy Communion 2pm, Women's Fellowship 2.45pm |
| Sat | 15 | Jazz Concert in Harbury Village Hall 7.30pm in aid of Rotary Charities & Cancer Research |
| Sun | 16 | THIRD BEFORE LENT - Sung Communion 9am |
| Wed | 19 | Parish Council meeting in Village Hall 7.45pm |
| Sun | 23 | SECOND BEFORE LENT - Sung Communion 9am |
| Thurs | 27 | WI meeting in Village Hall 7pm |

March

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| Sun | 2 | NEXT BEFORE LENT - Family Communion 10.30am |
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Thank you to the anonymous donor of dinner plates left outside Ladbroke Village Hall. They are very useful! Thanks again.

Ladbroke Village Hall Committee.

Ladbroke Flower Rota

February 9th and 16th

- Annie R. Johnson

February 23rd and 2nd March

- Gwynne Badman

Jane Rutherford

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I.

The November meeting was held on the 28th, 2002 in Ladbroke Village Hall at 7.30pm. Numbers were taken for the Group Carol concert to be held on Sunday 8th December at Stockton at 2.30pm. Our president then informed members about a WI coffee morning to be held in the Tom Hauley Room at Harbury on January 25th 2003 from 10am until 12noon. Cakes, raffle prizes and helpers were all requested.

Jo Sowerby informed members of a seasonal concert to be held in Ladbroke Church on December 14th commencing at 7pm with all proceeds going to Ladbroke Church Development Plan.



The Park Street Players then entertained us with a delightful programme of Christmas songs and humorous poems and an exceptional performance of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. We

concluded the evening by all joining in the singing of some Christmas carols. Julie, Susan, Jo and Theresa won the raffle.

The January meeting was held on the 23rd in the Village Hall. The president welcomed everyone including some new members and guests. The president reminded members about the WI coffee morning at the Tom Hauley Room. She then informed members about the final performance by the Park Street Players, from Tuesday 13th May until Saturday 17th May and names were taken for the performance on Wednesday, 14th. Names were also taken for the Spring Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 19th March at the Spa Centre at 10.45am and for subscriptions to the Home and Country magazine.

Our president then welcomed 2 further guests (male) and our speaker for the evening, Mr. Michael Hill MBE, a retired Southam fireman, who joined the fire brigade in 1965 and who remained in charge for 26 years. He retired at the age of 55, in the year 2000 after 35 years of service, and six months later was awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours for his services to the Fire Service. He gave an extremely interesting and entertaining talk on the history of Southam fire station, which was formed in 1812 and, incidentally, is the oldest in Warwickshire.

The raffle this month was won by Susan, Gill and Pam.

Our February meeting will be held on Thursday 27th February, at Ladbroke Village Hall, when we will be holding a craft workshop where members can design and paint a silk scarf. Please note that this meeting will be starting early at 7pm prompt! The tea hostesses for this meeting will be Pam and Julie and all visitors will be made most welcome.

Marie Kennedy

Neighbourhood Watch

On January 9th a female driver was travelling along the Welsh Road West in her Audi sports car between Bascote and the Fosse Way, when two males in a Subaru Imprezza motorcar flagged her down. They both rushed to the front doors and tried to enter the vehicle but were foiled as the driver had locked all the doors. She managed to drive off unhurt, BUT the motive was no doubt her high-powered sports car.

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The same evening two white males were seen behaving suspiciously at the Fenny Compton Garage, Subaru Dealers. They were using a white Peugeot GTI motorcar that has since turned up in Erdington, Birmingham, smashed up at a road accident.

TRAILER and CARAVAN thefts have also increased in the Southam area. Is yours safe and secured? Can you do more to protect your property?

If anyone owns a caravan the following advice should be followed:

1. Write your house number / name and postcode. Out of sight inside cupboards, under drawers and under floor coverings with felt tipped pen.
2. Remove outside vents, mark with postcode and replace.
3. Paint your postcode in large letters on the roof of the caravan.
4. Etch the windows and doors with the chassis number.
5. Fitting an electronic tag may also be an option.
6. Take out a separate insurance for your caravan as soon as you purchase it, caravans are expensive if you have to replace them.

Caravans manufactured since 1992 are registered with the Caravan Registration and identification scheme (same as DVLA record vehicles). Keep all recorded details of the caravan (photographs, etc.) in a safe place at your home address.

Reported at 23.26 hours on December 27th 2002, was damage to a vehicle in Chebsey Court, Ladbroke.

Janice Berry

Ladbroke Village Hall

I have two draws to report this month, as memory let me down again! Perhaps it is as well that Mike Radburn is taking over the running of the Club this year. I hope you will continue to support him and the Club, as the Village Hall always needs the proceeds of the draw. My thanks for the support you have given me.

The eleventh draw of the Club was held on December 9th at The Bell Inn. The winners were: Sheena Healey, £80, Marwin Grainger, £25, and Steve Birch, £25. Pauline Laidler, Mary Coley, Cyril Spence, Kevin Picken and K. Tancock each won £10.

The twelfth draw of the Club was held on January 13th, 2003 at The

Bell Inn. The winners were: Marie Kennedy, £80; Pete Edgar, £25, and Chris Payne, £25. Andy Bendzak, Alan Court, Steve Birch, Jenny Elkins and Lois Workman each won £10.

The next prize draw will be held on February 10th at The Bell Inn at 8pm.

Catherine Spence

Ladbroke Parish Council Report

The meeting of Ladbroke Parish Council took place on January 15th in Ladbroke Village Hall at 7.45pm.

Present were: County Cllr. Bob Stevens, District Cllr. Chris Williams, Cllrs. Peter Bake, Richard Bennett, Janice Berry and Tim Seden, Clerk Linda Doyle and eight villagers.

Apologies: Cllr. Derek Batty and Michael Boden Pritchett.

Chairman Richard Bennett signed the minutes of the meeting held on November 20th 2002.

Public Participation: Marion Grainer asked whether there would eventually be a bus service to the surgery in Harbury. The meeting was also informed by Jo Sowerby that there had been a problem with the school bus service; she had been in contact with the operator who had sorted out the misunderstandings and offered his profuse apologies.

Bus Service: Shuttle 3 – Ladbroke – Southam (Mondays to Saturdays). The bus will leave Ladbroke at 9.05am, Southam Stowe Drive Surgery 9.10am, arriving at Southam Bowling Green at 9.16am. Return journey from Southam Bowling Green 11.00am, Stowe Drive Surgery 11.04am, arriving at Ladbroke 11.09am. The operator is Johnsons of Henley, Telephone 01564 797 070. The pole under Macklin Bridge is still in place.

Neighbourhood Watch Report (NHW). For an initial period of three months, a new communication system will be piloted in South Warwickshire. This new improved technology allows messages to be sent by telephone, fax, email or SMS text message. The police have won funding and this will enable a dedicated dispatcher to concentrate on sending quality messages to NHW. Nominated NHW contacts will be asked how they feel about the new system. Constructive comments will be welcomed. The police will try to send messages

only to areas where the content is relevant but there will be occasions when messages need to be sent to a wider audience.

Test messages will occur during January but please be aware that the volume of any subsequent messages will naturally depend upon the incidence of crime in our area.

The following planning applications have been approved:

1. The construction of a single storey extension at the rear of the church to house toilet and pantry facilities for All Saints' Church, Ladbroke.
2. Single storey pitched roof extension to side and rear of property at Elgin, Banbury Road, Ladbroke for Mr. and Mrs. R. Abbott. Revised plans.
3. Conservatory at Marrondah, Bridge Lane for Mr. and Mrs. Constable.

The Parish Council had heard that a planning application had been submitted for use of land for a private grass airstrip and use of existing agricultural building for the parking of small planes at Lower New House Farm, Wormleighton.

The Clerk had written to Stratford D.C. expressing concern about the impact of safety considerations upon Ladbroke and about the possible future use of the airfield in excess of that indicated in the application.

Traffic Speed and Quiet Lanes. A complaint had been received about the speed of traffic travelling through the village. It was agreed that a few cars do travel far too fast but it was felt that traffic calming was not the answer. The village has a 30-mph speed limit, which most drivers do observe, perhaps the answer is to jot down the registration numbers of those that flout the law and give them to the police.

Linda Doyle said that John Maples, MP, would like to hear from villagers who live on the A423. He is asking for their views on the amount of traffic, noise, speed, etc. as well as how it affects home life, property and environment.

Janice Berry said that a message received from Harbury Parish Council advises us that if Southam's Distribution Centre goes to appeal then the public campaign will go for a weight restriction on the bridge in Deppers Bridge. We have been told that if neighbourhood watch takes down registration numbers of vehicles not complying with restrictions and speeds, the police will be able to support this action. Similar can be done on all other routes.

Under the Transport Act 2000, local authorities are able to designate certain roads as Quiet Lanes, where special attention is paid to encouraging walking, cycling and horse riding, safe from speeding traffic. The use of these roads is shared (vehicles are not banned from using Quiet Lanes) but the overall effect of the measures should be that drivers slow down and are more considerate on Quiet Lane networks.

Janice Berry's concern is that Harbury Lane, Church Road and Folly Lane will eventually become a rat run and asks that the Parish Council might like to look into a 'Quiet Lane designation' or even a reduction in the speed limit to 30mph for these lanes.

The meeting closed at 10pm and the next Parish Council meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 19th February at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, Ladbroke.

Janice Berry

Harbury Parish Council Meeting - January

The farce of traffic management and the achievements of activists.

Ivy Lane will become a One Way Street in February. Motorists will not be able turn into it from South Parade. However the length from the Bull Ring to the beginning of Co-op Terrace will be two-way!

Your Parish Council was in disarray when asked to approve the fitting of One Way Signs on their "Windsor" lamp standards – the alternative is for the County to erect yet more poles for the signs. Some Councillors did not want the signs or the road markings. To be fair, some had not wanted the One Way System in the first place!

The traffic calming at Deppers Bridge, whilst welcomed by residents who see a reduction in speed, continues to cause problems and accidents – "the operation was a success, but the patient died" perhaps. It looks as if the County may have to fork out to light the pinch-points. Our Chairman Dutch Van Spall reported he had replied to press criticisms of the scheme and the Clerk had written to residents of Greenhill to scotch the rumours that the exercise had cost £75,000. The Parish Council paid £5,829 for it.

Then we saw what the activists can do. Colin Mercer was there to back up Cllr Keith Thompson who reported on the progress of the Tennis Courts updating and the final improvements planned. The

Council was happy for the group to pave and landscape the area as long as it did not cost THEM anything.

Janet Thornley (who really has the bit between her teeth and now has a master's degree in fund raising) and Kevin Biddle reported on the latest phase of the Youth Project. For the future they hope to remodel the mounds for BMX biking and to provide a Youth Shelter. The young people recently undertook a visioning exercise of their needs and this will be added to the information the Review Group passes on to the Parish for its Blueprint for the future as part of its Parish Plan.

The Review Group continues with the analysis of the survey and will launch their Report with a public meeting in the near future. The Parish Council will then have to take the research, undertake detailed consultations and produce its Plan.

Interestingly several of the problems highlighted in the Review Survey have already been tackled and the many volunteers who came forward are being integrated into a number of village organisations.

Cllr Thompson reported on the highly successful Parish Path Partnership public meeting and suggested that complaints about the muddy Dark Lane should be passed on to the volunteers. There was lively discussion on the wisdom of "improving" this right of way, which many people value as it is.

Harbury's latest entrepreneurs were present to ask the Parish Council to include their new Private Hire car firm (612797) on the list of those eligible to take travel vouchers. They were offering a door-to-door service and already had over two-dozen customers. The Parish was pleased to support this service.

New Finance Chairman, Tony Mancell reported that the Parish Rate would rise by inflation. This would add 2p per week to a Band D payer's bill. He had calculated that there was sufficient funding for the Parish to undertake extra tree-work and the Car Park trees will be thinned this season.

Parish Tree Consultant – Colin Sheasby had been a great help in resolving the problems at 1 Constance Drive, suggesting that the proximity of the garage to the ditch was the main cause of the subsidence. Their Leylandii hedge has now been removed and the Parish Council's hawthorn boundary hedge will be reduced in height.

John Wilkinson from Field House sent photographs of damage to The Pound on the corners of Dovehouse Lane. The Cllrs agreed this

should be reseeded but rejected his suggestion that the track should be widened.

Planning. Stratford D.C. granted permission for an ATM dish at the Co-op, tree felling at the Manor, and internal works at Compton House, High St and the Crown. Also approved were previous applications at 7 Pineham Avenue and Churchlands Farm.

They refused permission for an agricultural dwelling at Chesterton House in Mill Street and extensions to Field View on The Pound.

An Appeal has been lodged over refusal for the removal of personal conditions on The Barns Chesterton Road.

The Enforcement Officer reported that the owners asserted that the family only occasionally used the separate cottage at Saddlers. As such the cottage did not constitute a separate dwelling but if it were to be used separately it would require planning permission.

The Parish made no submission on minor amendments to plans for 38 Manor Orchard, Compton House and Churchlands, an extension at 18 Manor Orchard, tree work at 4 Farm Close, the change of use at the Great Western to a pub with office space, adaptations to the roof at 18 Vicarage Lane and an extension at 23 South Parade.

They commented that the new plans for 7 Pineham Avenue were substantially the same as before and their previous objections were reiterated. They thought the planned extensions to Mansfield Barn should be the final work there as it was becoming too large. They queried the internal arrangements for the utility room at 14 Vicarage Lane. The two new dwellings planned for Mill View, Chesterton Road were an unacceptable extension of development beyond the village envelope and contrary to the guidance in Harbury's Village Design Statement.

Biffa sent notice that they had applied for a licence to run a Waste Recycling Facility at the tip, which would remove useful items, such as timber, metal, glass and re-useable building material from the existing waste stream. This would involve crushing and chipping. There would be an Environmental Impact Assessment and a public consultation.

District Councillor Andrew Patrick reported that the Orange Mast at Middle Road Farm was not the Green specified but Grey!

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Society



We took a display of the work done by John Lapraik, Ed Wilson, John Smith and others on updating our Footpaths Book – Cross the Stile to the Parish Paths Partnership (P3) open meeting.

There was considerable interest and we suggested that some of those who volunteered to help P3 might like to assist with the design and publication of the new guide to Harbury's Footpaths.

Our next meeting is on 25th February when Mr Howe will give a talk on Partners of Prime Ministers. All are welcome to our meetings – there is no entry fee.

Our AGM will be in March and on April 27th Ed Wilson will arrange a walk round Ufton Fields. We hope to have a "Tree Walk" the following month.

The Review Survey, which will form part of Harbury's Parish Plan, is still being analysed. We will hold a public meeting to launch the findings. When complete the Parish Plan should be adopted as supplementary guidance to the Local Plan. The District will publish its modifications to the Draft Local Plan next week. There should not be any nasty surprises for Harbury.

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Women's Institute



We have been hung; in the surgery waiting room. The collage, made by Celia, commemorates the WI in Harbury since 1918. We don't look bad for our age do we? Let's hope there are no relapses.

Members and friends had a super evening at the New Year party recently. As one guest was heard to say: *One can always depend on a good meal from the WI.* In fact everything was 'spot on'.

Entertainment was provided by Mr. Michael Hare, a welcome newcomer to the village. He played the accordion and keyboard with everyone joining in a singalong. One young man jingled his bells. There was a solo and light-hearted readings by members. Many thanks to Michael and to all those who helped to make the evening a success.

Marian Millington came to talk and show slides of her time spent in Baluchistan from 1995 to 1999. She wore a lovely embroidered black classic dress called a shalwar kameez, which consisted of voluminous trousers, a long tunic and her head covered with a long scarf draped over her shoulders. Less exotic dress was worn during her stay but Marian said how comfortable it was.

Baluchistan is a desolate province, mostly void of vegetation with acute water shortage; crops cannot grow without moisture to germinate the seed. Some have to travel miles for water; no one can imagine the lack of cleanliness causing infections like gastroenteritis. To the north is Afghanistan, east is Pakistan, west is Iran and the Arabian Sea is to the south. It is a male dominated society where the men do all the outside jobs and shopping. The women's role is in the home and there they stay.

Marian went with the Government Second Family Health Project as a nursing sister and tutor to teach male nursing students. She also worked at the Christian Hospital Quetta. One has to admire those who go out to such countries to do what they can to improve living conditions, although very hard if there are no facilities.

Next meeting's speaker is Mrs. Diana Hodges on *History and Work of the Red Cross*.

Jeanne Beaumont

~~Harbury Theatre Group~~ Next production: *The Murder of Maria Marten*, by B.J. Burton on Thursday 27th, Friday 28th, and Saturday 29th March.

After a brief break from a very successful panto, we are now straight into rehearsals for our next production, also known as *The Red Barn*. This is a Victorian Melodrama, based on true events in the early 1800s. It is a delightful musical, with very traditional characters, a dastardly villain, a wronged heroin, village rustics, gypsies and more.

The Theatre Group is joining forces with members from Harbury Folk Club. So there will not only be live theatre, but also live singing accompanied by talented musicians. The songs are in the best Musical Hall tradition and the action in the best melodramatic style.

So you are in for a lively evening's entertainment!

Alison Hodge, Chairman

Harbury Folk Club

All the regulars (plus a few new faces) gathered at the Shakespeare on 2nd for the first Folk Club of 2003. The theme for the month was 'Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue', giving all the performers plenty of scope. The Harvesters got the evening off to a good start with two of their self-penned songs, *Never Again* (maybe a New Year's resolution for some of the audience) and *Lavender and Lilac*. The rest of the first half saw performances by Rick, Ron, Peter Mason and 'B and Co' (a barbershop quartet led by our MC for the evening). We were also treated to the fine guitar playing and lovely voice of Daniel and Susie Bones.

The second half began with the Folk Club Choir (there seemed to be more performers than audience at this point) who gave us the songs they performed at the Christmas Eve Carol Service (lovely sound - no wonder they get a regular spot in the church). Pete and Liz Bones reminded us where their children get their musical talents from and Peter McDonald showed us his skill on the piano with his *Variations on a theme* (reminiscent of a similar item performed years ago by Dudley Moore - and equally well played).

It is always nice to see new performers at Harbury and this month saw Polly giving her first public performance in the third half. Now she has got over that first hurdle, let's hope she returns for more. The third half also saw more from Des, Ron, Peter and 'B and Co' and, before you knew it, it was time to finish. So the Harvesters gave us one last song and we all made our way home having had a wonderful evening's entertainment. The room had been absolutely packed, all adding to the atmosphere. The raffle raised £34 for Cancer Research.

We will all be back next month on Thursday, 6th February when Doug & Janny will be the hosts. The theme is 'Winter' - so get there early or you might be left out in the cold.

Bob Hodgkiss



Harbury Pre-School

During January the Pre-school children experienced a taste of the magnificent culture of China. They began by learning about and preparing to celebrate the Chinese New Year. The children have talked about



each Chinese Year being named after an animal; and this coming year is the Year of the Goat – so the children have decorated a picture of a goat using many different materials. They have also made paper dragons to use in the dragon dance that the children have been learning.

The theme of China has carried on through the month, and the children have been dressing up in Chinese outfits, looked at and talked about Chinese writing and tried writing the letters for themselves using black ink on white paper. They have also cooked and tried different Chinese foods – quite an experience!

On the 23rd January, the Pre-school were invited to help The Library launch their "The People's Internet" initiative. The children used the library computers and spent a considerable time in the 'walled garden' the special site for children. This can be accessed from home by logging onto www.warwickshire.gov.uk/librarykidsweb. The children had a great time mixing colours, colouring pictures and using the headphones for some of the 'counting' audio programmes. The Learning Spa Courier took photographs of the launch.

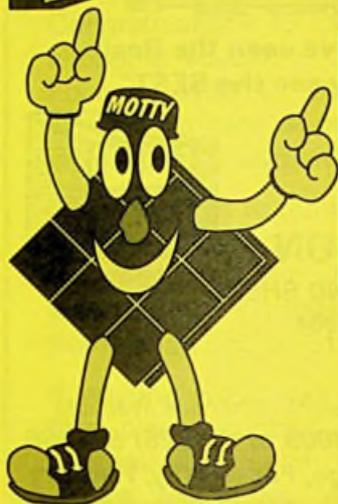
Playbox Theatre Trip: The Pre-school children are looking forward to their trip to the children's Playbox Theatre in Warwick on Thursday 6th February. Playbox is a children's professional theatre company who organise theatre activities and plays for children from age 2 upwards. Playbox will be running a small workshop specifically for Pre-school at their theatre. The children will have a tour of the theatre, try face paints, go on a proper stage, try on costumes and join in with singing. We are pleased to say that this fantastic outing will be completely free of charge for all Pre-school children – the proceeds from our November coffee morning and the Christmas Disco are funding this event and the coach. So thank you from the children to everyone who supported these events.

Fund Raising News: Pre-School held a fund raising night in conjunction with Pizza Express, when £287.00 was raised for Pre-school funds. We would like to thank Pizza Express and everyone

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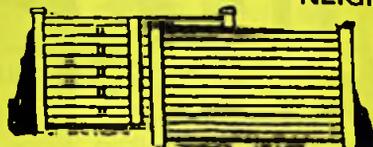
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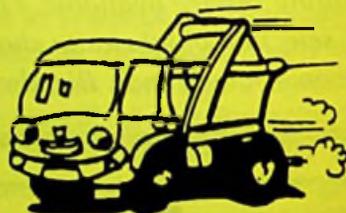
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who came along to support the event – a good time was had by all.

The Quiz Book that was distributed over the Christmas and New Year period raised an amazing £309. Thanks to everyone who purchased a book. No one actually answered all the questions correctly, but the nearest, with just one question incorrect - was Mrs. Carole Badger. Congratulations to Carole who has won the first prize of £100 of shopping vouchers. Answer sheets are available by ringing Lana Long on 613311. The Pre-school would also like to thank Lana for working so hard at putting the book together and then distributing it with such enthusiasm!

We would like to remind everyone about The Beatles Tribute night on Saturday 8th March at Harbury Village Hall. This will be another night to remember – last year we sold an amazing 130 tickets and the hall was rocking! Tickets are already on sale at £12.50 each available from Lana Long on 01926 613311.

If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-school, then please contact Jane Kempton, the Chair, on 01926 613786 – alternatively, you can drop a note through Jane's door at 'Helen Owen House', Mill Street. We will be holding an open day on Thursday 13th February.

Wishing everyone a happy year of the Goat!

Harbury Pre-School Staff and Committee

Harbury Youth Club

Our Youth Worker, Melanie Scobie has now completed one year in post and as a result we have a thriving, well-attended Youth Club each Thursday evening from 7 to 9pm at the Village Hall during term time. The age group is now from 12 to 25 years. Our membership has increased with the provision of a stimulating programme organised by Melanie.

However, we would welcome help on Club evenings. The more helpers we have the easier it is for everyone. We would like to encourage parents in particular to assist us in running the Youth Club as it provides an opportunity to support your own teenagers and gives them social skills in living in our village community. There are occasions when we cannot use the Village Hall and Melanie, our Youth worker, has organised four trips over the next two months.

We have been very fortunate this past year with funding and this is due to Melanie's endeavours in securing grants – one important grant is for a First Gear Driving Course for young people aged 14 to 17 years. This is a 10-week pre-learning driving course that teaches driving/mechanics and theory. We hope to send 16 people from Harbury on this course in April.

We have worked very hard to build the Club into an enjoyable and successful group. We need continuous help to ensure the future of Harbury Youth Club. If you feel you can give some of your time, however little you can spare to assist us, please telephone me on 612688.

Janet Thornley

Harbury Tennis Club

2002 ended in fine style when the Club came second in the Warwickshire Lawn Tennis Association's Club of the Year Competition. This was no mean feat, bearing in mind we were in competition with the large Birmingham Clubs such as Sutton Coldfield, which took first place. The main reasons for our success were the additional facilities and the excellent progress made by our junior section. Anyway the £250 prize did not stay in the bank long as it arrived at the same time as a £10,000 bill for the floodlights!

After the excitement of the first floodlit session in December, the awful weather has restricted midweek sessions. However, a few hardy souls played for an hour in sub-zero conditions during the recent cold snap! The facilities project will soon be moving into its final phase, which is the landscaping scheme, now agreed with the Parish Council. This is based on the very helpful suggestions made by Pat Smith of the village Horticultural Society. Subject to costs we hope to finish the paving around the Clubhouse at the same time.

The weather has also badly affected the Winter League programme, although the "A" team has managed 3 wins between showers, the latest being a 5-3 home win against Warwick. The "B" team has managed only 3 of its scheduled matches and I'll blame the lack of activity for the 3 defeats that leave us firmly rooted to the bottom of the league!

Although we are some 3 months away from the start of the junior season, planning is already well in hand! We are trying to get more

coaching this year and have extended our enquiries to Oxfordshire. Following last year's successful scheme we have been selected by Greater Warwickshire Sport for more Active Sports Stage 1 assistance. This will involve more "taster sessions" in local primary schools followed by 20 hours of coaching at the Club over a 10-week period.

We are also looking to increase the opportunity for junior match play and hope to run 3 teams in the Warwickshire Junior League for under 11s, 13s and 15s. Another exciting development is that we have entered the "Road to Wimbledon" competition. This is aimed at Under 14s and will involve the winner of a singles tournament at the Club going forward to the County final. The County winners then qualify for the National Finals, which are played on the championship courts at Wimbledon.

Plenty to look forward to so watch this space!

Colin and Sue Mercer

Harbury Twinning Association

On January 11th several of us met together at Jenny and Andrew Patrick's home to celebrate the "Fete des Rois". This was five days too late really, as it should have taken place at Epiphany on the 6th, but we couldn't allow a small thing like a wrong date stop us taking part in this joyful and fun-filled event.

Just a short explanation of this French custom for those of you who may be unfamiliar with it: The "Fete des Rois" recalls the presentation of Christ to the three Kings. A traditional "galette" or cake is cut into slices – one of these pieces contains a novelty, "la feve", whoever finds this in their piece of cake becomes king or queen for the evening and can give the rest of the mob orders and forfeits. We ended up with four or five royals, largely because we had munched our way through that number of galettes! We had to drink yet more wine whenever a king drank, so to the cry of "Le Roi boit" we downed yet more and with several kings, it was a very jolly evening!

Thank you Andrew and Jenny for your hospitality – you were the real king and queen of the evening.

Joan Smith

End of an era

When we edited the January edition of the News last month, I doubted whether we would manage to get the magazine out on the due date. With many printers on holiday until after the New Year, it seemed impossible that in less than two days we could get the edition printed. Fortunately, Mitre Print in Southam came to our rescue and the distribution date was met.

Straight away the Editors set about obtaining quotations for printing the magazine and we are pleased that Heathcote Press will be producing future editions. With advances in printing technology, it is perverse that it is cheaper for the printers to assemble and staple the magazine rather than us receiving the pages loose for a team to collate and staple in the Tom Hauley Room. This means that the monthly stapling 'social event' will be no more. Many will miss this excuse to spend an hour catching up on gossip, putting the world to rights, etc., although not the stiff backs we suffered!

I would like to thank all those who over the years have given up part of their Friday evenings once a month to attend stapling. Your help was always appreciated. Also sincere thanks must go to Liz Bones and to Dorothy Travis and Gladys Hutchins before her, who organised the stapling sessions so efficiently. The Printers will also be delivering the magazine to the Village, so again many thanks to Linda Ridgley who for many years has called into Tripod and then laid the pages out in the Tom Hauley Room ready for collating.

The magazine will still be able to include inserts in future, although these must now be arranged through Gordon Robbins – telephone 612009. Whereas before we asked that you attended the stapling session, we will now require you to count out your inserts into predetermined numbers to match the rounds. Gordon Robbins will provide the necessary details. Remember also that inserts are free for charities/fundraising events, but there is a charge of £13.50 for commercial organisations.

John Holden



Councillors Surgery

Thank you to all those who attended our Surgery in Harbury last October. The next Surgery will be at the Memorial Hall in Bishops Itchington, on Saturday 8th February from

10am to 12noon. Please come with any questions or issues, which you want to raise.

STOP PRESS 24th January 2003: Today's meeting of Stratford District Council has agreed the Working Group's recommendation that the Council Offices should stay at Elizabeth House in Stratford. **THANK GOODNESS!**

Best wishes to all residents of Bishop's Itchington, Chesterton, Deppers Bridge and Harbury for a happy and peaceful 2003.

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Plastic Bottle Recycling in Warwickshire

You can recycle your plastic bottles at our Recycling Centres. In March 2002, Warwickshire County Council introduced plastic bottle recycling at seven of its nine Recycling Centres across the county. The scheme was an immediate success and the input of bottles far exceeded our wildest expectations.

So much so that Warwickshire is now regarded as one of the most successful authorities for plastic bottle recycling.

We ask that the public separate the bottles into the two main types:

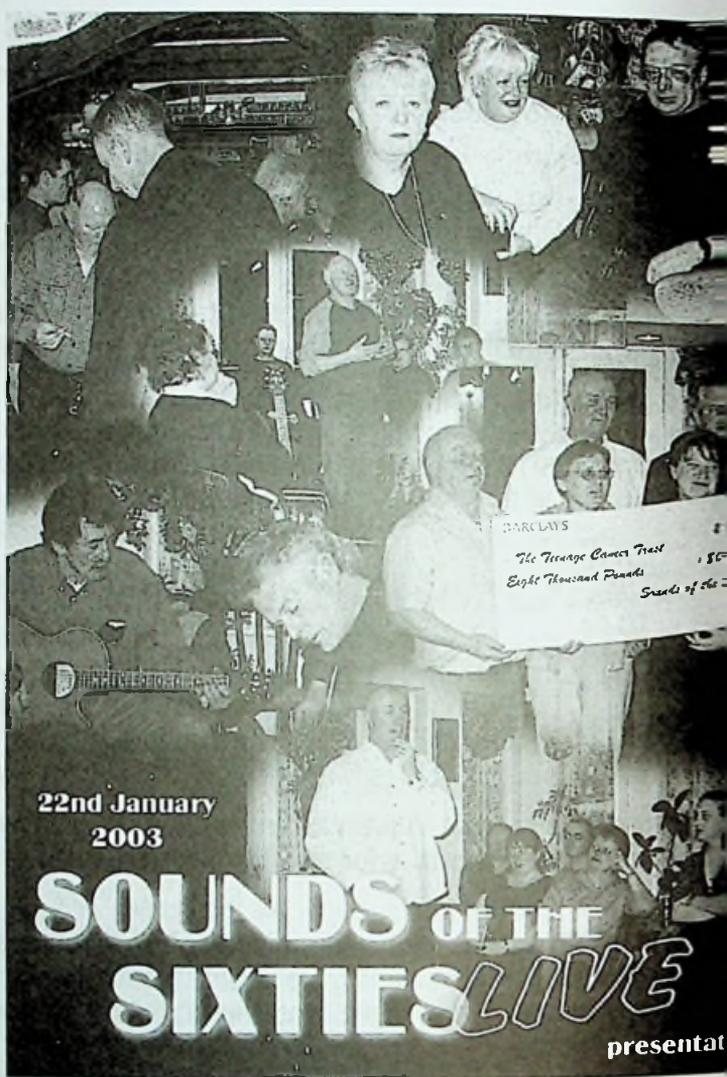
H.D.P.E. bottles consists mainly of milk bottles and all coloured bottles, such as washing up liquid, bleach and shampoo containers. They usually have HDPE and the number 2 embossed on the bottom of the bottle.

P.E.T. bottles consist of drinks bottles, either water or fizzy drinks and can be either clear or tinted. They usually have PET and the number 1 embossed on the bottom of the bottle.

The bottles are taken to Delleve Plastic near Stratford-upon-Avon, where the H.D.P.E bottles are turned into plastic drainpipes. The P.E. T. bottles are transported to Delleve's other factory in the north of England and may be turned into products such as fleeces and duvet fillings.

Since our recycling scheme started, we have diverted the equivalent of over 6 million one-pint milk bottles away from landfill.

Jack Lindsey, Recycling Coordinator

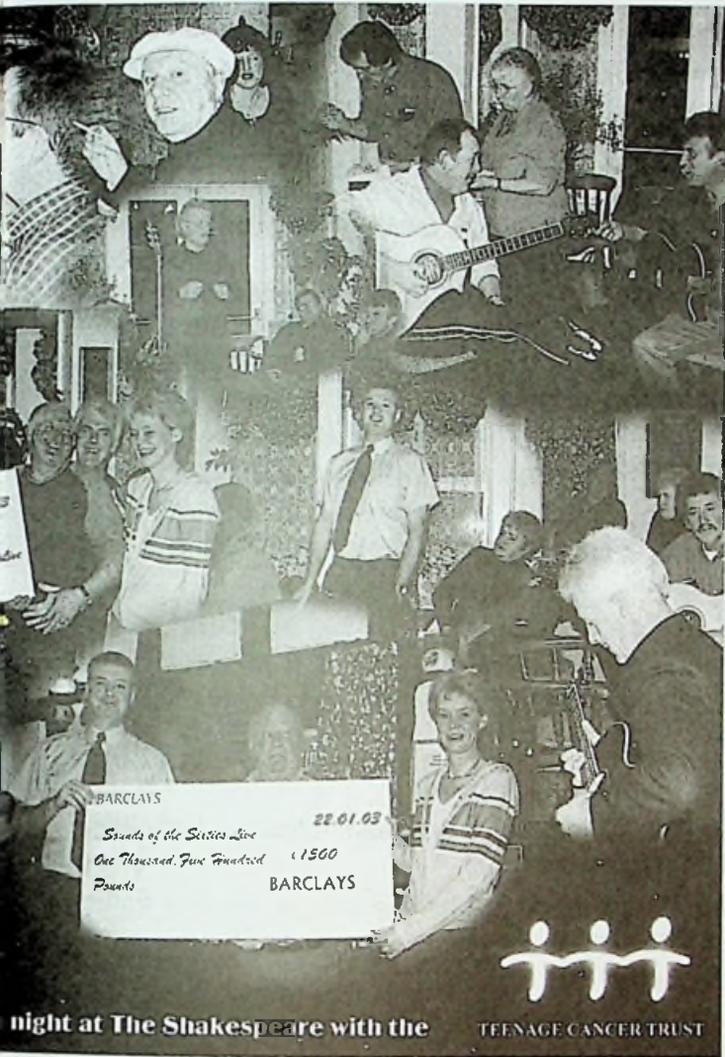


Teenage Cancer Trust

Another year and another great effort in support of the charity! The comm greater amount following on from last summer's fantastic evening. At the P to Mr. Nigel Revell who travelled up from London on behalf of the TCT. The Barclays Bank, as their contribution to a community event in the area, which

All the committee members were present, as well as representatives from th a variety of ways from carpentry to steel erecting to marshalling and the 'mo

Joe Griffin and daughter, Michelle thanked all those who contributed toward this year's SotS live!



night at The Shakespeare with the

TEENAGE CANCER TRUST

tee, which organises the 'Sounds of the Sixties Live' event, raised an even presentation Night, held at the Shakespeare last week a cheque was presented total amount this year was £8,000, which included sponsorship of £1,500 from raises a significant amount through voluntary effort'.

bands, which provide the live music, local volunteers who provide support in 'ng after' mammoth clearing-up task.

the success of the 2002 event and encouraged everyone to look forward to

It Cannot Happen Here!

As I was driving out of the village towards Chesterton Windmill during a torrential downpour my gaze was averted to a drenched figure who became avidly interested in the nearby hedgerow. After I passed, the figure carried on walking for a few steps until another car passed by and the same fascination with the hedgerow occurred. I continued further up the road, until my curiosity got the better of me! I considered the unusual sight of a person in dark clothes without any waterproof outer coat and only a thin woollen scarf slung around his head as protection from the elements. Could this be an economic migrant heading in to the village after crawling out from a passing lorry at Warwick Motorway Services?

I returned to the village to alert close neighbours, but as I walked out of a drive the figure was directly in front of me! I engaged in a brief staccato conversation:

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| Britain? | Yes! |
| Town | No, a village! |
| Name? | Harbury! |
| Coventry? | No! |
| Far? | About 15 miles. |
| Kilometres? | About 25 kilometres, I guessed helpfully (indicating with finger gestures). |
| Taxi? | Just gone (one had just left the village, minutes earlier in the direction of Warwick). |
| Bus? | To Coventry? No! |
| Telephone | In the village (again hand signals proved invaluable) first left, first right. |

At this point, the saturated figure who probably wondered if he had landed in the right country decided to move on in the direction I had indicated. I called on another neighbour, explained the extent of the undeniably fascinating conversation and they decided to report it to the main Police Headquarters.

Is this the end of the story? No! I carried on to work and decided to follow up my undoubted interest by calling one of the village shops to see if the 'person of unknown origin' had actually made the centre of the village. He had! He had been seen coming out of the telephone box and another interested member of the public had entered the shop to report the sight, whilst I was on the phone making enquiries!

Where does all this get us? Possibly without any positive outcome, as far as those of us who had any involvement with the encounter know? He was last seen trudging out of the village, down Middle Road in the driving rain (he should have known it was BRITAIN!)

What happened next? Who knows? Was he picked up and taken to some warm, sheltered accommodation in Coventry? Did the Warwickshire Constabulary find him and take him to the appropriate authorities? Who knows?

It does beg the question though for all of us in the village – what do you DO? Is there a contact we should all be aware of, if something like this happens again? Should you try to intervene and engage in conversation? Is this helpful – or not?

This is not the first time I have seen unusual sights as I travel up and down around the Chesterton area. My attention was drawn some months ago to a group of three adults, one with a large bundle of clothes, which he carried on his head. Another atypical sight around here, which leads you to question – who / why / where next? There are others living closer to the Motorway who have regular experiences of the 'stranger at the door'? Should we all be vigilant and more importantly, what should we do about it? We could perhaps enquire from the appropriate authorities, but would anything different happen, or will it be the case of another 'unfortunate' disappearing without trace in one of our cities?

Food for thought? - It can't happen here – or can it?

Chris Finch

The Jazzmen Cometh

Jazz lovers have a special treat in store on Saturday 15th February when a band of experienced musicians will perform in the Village Hall in aid of Cancer Research and Rotary Charities. A three-hour programme of smooth jazz will feature mainstream, Latin, rhythm and blues and standards styles. Instrumentalists will include talented performers on piano, drums, bass, trumpet, saxophone and guitar.

Southam Rotary Club is promoting the Jazz evening and organiser Rotarian Bill Davies says: *a very relaxed evening is planned with lots of laughs and maybe room for dancing.* The bar will have beer, wines, tea and coffee. Doors open at 7.30pm.

Tickets at £7.50 are available from local Rotarians Bill Davies, 614104 and Jeff Bedford, 612753. Table reservations can be made for parties.

Bill Davies

Quiz Night

Harbury Twinning Association are looking for teams of four people to take part in a quiz to be held on Sunday 9th March at the Village Club. If you would like to enter a team or teams, please phone 613214 and do not worry, the questions are neither in French nor biased towards France!

Sally Stringer

Harbury Carnival, 14th June

Well, believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about this year's carnival and there are a few points to raise this month to kick things off. As usual more details will follow in the coming months.

Please make a note of the date. The wheelbarrow race will be held on the previous Sunday, 8th June (plenty of time to get into shape) and the usual team events will be held Monday 9th to Thursday 12th.

This year's selection process for the King and Queen will be the same as last year. Any child between the ages of 6 and 12 will be able to nominate themselves by writing their name, address and telephone number on a piece of paper and putting it in a special box outside Harbury School. Final selection will be by way of a popular vote amongst the children.

We are looking for someone to run the teas in the village hall and sell hot dogs on the field on carnival day. Will any organisations interested please contact me – first come, first served!

If you want to book a stall or space on the field for carnival day, please call Jane McCluskey on 614453. It is not too early to do this; it does not have to be left until the last minute.

Please feel free to contact us by email at harburycarnival@aol.com, or, phone me, John Broomfield, on 614258, if there is anything you would like to know about the Carnival.

John Broomfield

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 12th February - Floral Art Workshop. A 'Take Time Out' event from 10am – 12.30pm at Ufton Village Hall. The workshop costs £3.50 plus £4.00 for materials including light refreshments. Make a contemporary 'spiral' flower arrangement. Suitable for beginners and more advanced flower arrangers, led by Chris Goldsmith. Please contact Tracey Watts, TAKE TIME OUT co-ordinator, on 01926 614413 now, to book your place.

TAKE TIME OUT is an entirely voluntary and self-financing event organisation for the community of Ufton, which has a population of approximately 200. It was formed by Tracey Watts and Karin Kirk to enable villagers to experience a wide variety of activities in a taster format. Each month we plan a different activity from watercolour painting to antiques road shows on a different day of the week during the day and in the evening to meet the needs of villagers and friends. It was started 2 years ago and has already received recognition in the form of 'Highly Commended' in the Warwickshire Village Ventures Competition. This community project is very popular and invariably is oversubscribed. Should you wish to know more or feature it in a forthcoming issue or programme, please do not hesitate to call us.

Karin Kirk, Ufton News and Diary (01926 613003)

G.A.S.S. (Guide And Scout Support group)

Firstly, thanks to all for supporting our annual Harbury Bonfire night (despite the dreadful weather at the start of the evening). Thanks also to everyone who used the GASS Christmas Post again this year. These events raised much-needed funds (the Christmas Post itself raised £326.00) for our village Guide and Scouting groups. On behalf of these groups we would like to say a very sincere thank you to the volunteers who made regular Christmas card deliveries during the three weeks the service ran. We greatly appreciate their commitment.

Two other groups we really want to thank are Southam Lions and the Southam Carnival Committee who both made generous donations to us totalling £250, towards essential lighting improvements and the replacement of worn-out camping pans and utensils – a great gesture.

Did you know that it costs over £1,600 per year just to keep the Scout Hut running? That is why the generous support from Harbury villagers and organisations like the ones we have mentioned is so important for the future of our Guiding and Scouting groups.

Coffee Mornings: Our next events are the Brownies' coffee morning on Saturday 5th April, and the Scouts' coffee morning on Saturday 12th April. Both start at 10am and you are warmly encouraged to come along to enjoy the hospitality. Apart from the usual array of cakes and the raffle, there will be some items of interest for younger children too.

Use of the Scout Hut: Please remember that the Scout Hut is also available for use by other community groups. If you would like to find out whether you are eligible to use it (use is subject to church regulations) please contact Lesley Van Kesteren (613411). Sorry, no parties are allowed, except for those for toddlers and infants.

Guides: If anyone can put us in touch with a keen potential Guide Leader we would be very pleased indeed to hear from them. Harbury Guides are currently struggling – they have no leader and therefore no members!

GASS: We would love to hear from anyone who could spare the time to help us. We organise and manage the fund-raising activities that keep our scouting groups with a roof over their heads. We have a good time, please join us. If you are interested and would like to know more please make yourself known to any of us shown below. Thank you in anticipation.

Alan Guy (614242), David Ashurst (614575),
Lesley van Kesteren, and Cassie Gibb

Musings of a Country Garden (7)

General chat: I have always been a very light sleeper. It stems from taking 4-dozen assorted children to camp in a field annually. I slept with ears akimbo, one eye open, and mallet at the ready. I was as good as any guard-dog. Nothing or no one was going to disturb 'my gals'. I drew the line at going to bed with my boots on, but they were close at hand! There were a few attempts at infiltration over many years, but failed ones. Well, let's face it, the sight of a large person crossing the field in wellies in the middle of the night, with a mallet would deter anyone back in those days. I wouldn't like to test my luck these days!

Currently, however, I appear to be the only one who hears anything during the night. I say to my neighbours (in connection with earthquakes): *did the earth move for you last night?* and find myself explaining that there WAS an earthquake and my bed DID levitate and the cottage DID shake. *Did you hear that noisy fox fight last night?*

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blank faces! *What about the thunder storm; wasn't it noisy? Was it?* comes the answer!

Did you see the lightning; it was very dramatic? No! never saw anything. What about the two ladies running through the village in high heels at 2.21am? Never heard anything. Strange things happen during the night, and they are all true stories.

Henry and Henrietta (two hedgehogs) used to feed and play around just under the bedroom window. Lots of scratching, snuffling, and little groans. Alas we have not seen hedgehogs for years now.

A family of foxes used to play on the lawn taking running jumps and leaps on to my shrubs - good game, good game, I thought, as I watched awestruck from the bedroom window!

I have to admit though that I do miss hearing some things. Not long ago I was woken up at 3 o'clock in the morning by someone who shall be nameless. Three urgent sounding calls from under my bedroom window: *Elsa! Elsa! Elsa! can you hear the rave party music? No! I shouted back, I have not yet heard the rave music, I was asleep, but NOW I can hear it! Gordon Bennett!******

MORE CATS: (domesticated) Bitzi: Over the years we acquired two cats with very little encouragement from us. You know the saying: *'You never own a cat, a cat owns you'*. Well it is so true. Another definition I heard recently is: *'Dogs come when they are called, cats take a message and get back to you at their convenience'*. That is equally true.

We have had two foster cats at different times; both of whom had perfectly good homes in the village, but who seemed to like our garden best. I will start with Bitzi. She was black and white and would not leave us alone. Stan had to physically pick her up, quite often and take her back to her proper home at Rose Cottage. We never fed her, but eventually when winter was upon us she just mewed outside trying to come in. So Stan went to the rightful owners and after discussion they agreed that the cat ought to be where she was happiest.

The landing window was left permanently ajar so that she could come in and out when she wished. If you have never had 18 inches of wet cat sleeping up your arm breathing in your ear, during the night, then you have never lived! Stan kept pointing out that our heating bills would rise terrifically because of the open window but we never got around to closing it. She was very attracted to Stan and would not leave him alone. She sat in his chair, sat on his newspaper, sat on his letters that he was trying to write.

Bitzi had a very frightening trick of jumping out of the bedroom window into the bushes below. Eventually we had to get green trellis wire and attach it to a frame, which fitted all the windows. Stan said it was like living in a prison.

Stan was always in his workshop usually making gaskets for one of his vehicles.....well that is what the answer was when I asked what he was doing. Before I was allowed to go INSIDE his workshop, I had to get a signed permission in triplicate, because being an obsessional secretary, if it stayed still it was filed. SO, as nothing had to be moved I was banned. One day I noticed he was working with wood.

What is that? I said! *A ladder with flat steps*, he said. *What for*, I said Bitzi, he said. *Well of course*, I said, *all cats ought to have their own ladder (funny man I thought!)*. He said: *You know, she likes to be on the roof of the workshop when I am working inside. Well, with her paw bandaged she cannot jump very high, so I thought I would make her a ladder to make it easier for her!* What is more, Bitzi used the ladder! Who says cats are not intelligent?

Every Christmas we went away and Bitzi had a Weekend bag packed with her favourite food and playthings and Cyril generally came to collect her to take her back to her original home. We telephoned when we returned and they let Bitzi out and voila! Within minutes she was coming through the door at Bell View. Unfortunately she had bad habit of sitting in the middle of the road, and not all motorists are cat lovers who would get out of the car and remove her before driving on. She was killed after about three years with us.

Next month's title is: "Life is full of surprises" to include our second foster cat 'Marmalade'.

Elsa Greenway



Horticultural Society

Well, Brian Cook did not disappoint us, his illustrated talk "Plants for Difficult Places" was packed with information given in his well remembered humorous approach; he also answered questions. Thank you Brian.

Heather brought the seeds which members ordered and paid for before Christmas. I think most were collected, however, if you have not yet collected please do so at the next meeting.

Also at this meeting Judy announced the outings for the coming year are well in hand. I hope to publish details in my article soon.

The daylight hours are noticeably longer now; the bulb shoots have been showing for weeks. It will not be long before the snowdrops and other early flowers are in full bloom; it can't be bad. Somehow I don't think anything outside will need watering for a while!

I understand there are still some vacant allotments. What nicer than organically grow fruit and vegetables. Undertaking one does mean a lot of effort, but the resulting produce can be very rewarding.

Next meetings:

Tuesday 4th February: A talk given by Gillian Hawton the florist from Kington, and will be entitled: *Partners by Arrangement*.

Tuesday 4th March: "An Introduction to Ferns", by Mr. Albert Busby. Mr. Busby has suggested he will do his best to identify any ferns, of which members do not have names, so please bring them with you.

Muriel Grey

Gardening Notes for February

This month can bring a few days of spring-like weather to tempt us to don wellies and get in touch with the soil again. Traditionally this is the time to tidy up the garden and prepare the soil. It is garden spring-cleaning time!

Clear top growth on perennials that have been knocked down by wind and rain. Take care not to damage emerging bulbs that are developing just under the surface. Do not cut down helleborus foetidus or H. sternii until mid-summer, but cut back the old leaves on H. orientalis for a tidier look before they come into bloom. The old leaves get very tatty and will not rot and disappear as the new leaves emerge. Buy hellebores in flower to select the colour.

This is the best time to buy new snowdrops 'in the green', i.e. already growing, as they establish much better than the dry bulbs purchased in September. They are woodland plants, so grow them under deciduous trees and shrubs. Over-crowded clumps can be split up after flowering finishes. Be sure to replant them to the same depth as they were growing. Snowdrop bulbs contain a protein, which is toxic to aphids, so there may be some protection against these pests if a few bulbs are put into vegetable beds. It could be worth a try. As other clumps of bulbs emerge they can also be lifted and moved if necessary.

Keep shrubs and trees healthy by cutting out dead, diseased, weak or crossing branches that can rub together and give a site for infection to enter. After hard pruning, feed, water and mulch well. Continue planting deciduous trees, shrubs including roses and hedging. Save twigs to use as plant supports and pea sticks, especially birch and hazel. Pruning of hybrid tea roses can be carried out any time before the leaves unfurl.

By now the winter weather will have helped to break up the soil after any autumn digging. Mulches and manure put on then will be working into the soil. If you intend to dig over plots for early plantings, cover the soil with thick plastic sheet to keep off the rain and frost. Rake the surface to prepare beds to a fine tilth when the soil is dry. Cover a few areas with cloches or fleece. Early sowing can be made in these areas, which will be warmer and drier. Make first sowings under cloches, of beetroot, broad beans, early carrots, lettuce, spring onions, peas, radish, spinach. Any of these early vegetables can be sown in modules, several seeds to each cell and then planted out without root disturbance. All fruit bushes can be feed with sulphate of potash, or a general fertiliser, 1oz. per sq. yd. Large clumps of rhubarb can be divided and replanted in heavily manured ground. Each portion replanted must have buds and roots.

Occasionally water over-wintering tender plants and check for pests. At the end of the month prune off dead fuchsia stems to encourage new shoots from the base. Other tender plants can also be trimmed back. Do not cut back the hardy fuchsias growing outside in the borders. Achimena tubers should be planted in compost, 6 or 7 in a 5" pot, and kept warm and moist to break dormancy. This is a good time for a clean up in the conservatory or greenhouse. Cut back plants, remove dead leaves, and do any necessary re-potting. Clean glass and wash down all shelves and sills. Brush brickwork to dislodge any pests.

February 14th is supposed to be the day on which birds choose their mates. National nest box week is this month so put up bird nesting boxes on walls and trees around the garden. Position them to be out of the mid-day sun and to be sheltered from wind and rain as much as possible. Clean out any existing boxes. If you do not have a compost area, try to find space for one. Even the smallest plastic bin can cope with the vegetable peelings and produce a useful amount of compost to feed back into the soil and reduce the amount of waste going to the tips.

Plant of the month - Winter Heathers

These evergreen shrubs, which bloom in the winter, cheer this drab time of year. Generally free from pests and disease, flowering for weeks, often months, and with attractive foliage, what more could one ask of a plant. Many in cultivation now were bred from the native *Erica carnea*, which also is found in other parts of Europe and S. Africa. When buying heathers, be sure to look for *E. carnea* and not the *Callunas* which flower in late autumn, and need moist, acid soil. The name *Erica*, comes from the Greek word meaning, to break, referring to the rather brittle old stems, but young ones are tough and pliable, being used as brooms in some places.

Ericas, which strictly are Heaths not Heathers, are useful throughout the year, with their needle-like foliage in shades of green, reds, yellows, bronze and grey, for ground cover or edges of beds. However, you can find varieties that can grow up to 10ft. tall, to use as feature shrubs. The little bell-shaped flowers are white or shades of pink, and depending on the variety can be in bloom from November through to April. Plant them in a sunny site in almost any soil, except very limy and enjoy them for many years to come when few other flowers are about.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

I read with interest the article in the January issue mentioning the village traders of 1904.

In 1994 I made a cartwheel by traditional wheelwright craft methods. It was made for a friend of mine who had a Gypsy caravan (*vardo*), and built the wheel in my garage in Farley Avenue.

I am not a wheelwright and my approaches to wheelwrights (few and far between) for advice were met with negative responses, not willing to share their trade secrets. However, a renowned model maker

working as a volunteer at Hurtlebury Museum told me the full rudiments of wheel making.

At the beginning of the project my friend took colour slide photos and I carried on doing so as the work progressed until the final stage of fitting. I am prepared to give a talk backed by the slides if anyone is interested.

Further, I took an interest in Gypsy caravans and toured parts of the country photographing them. I would expand the talk to include some of them.

Yours sincerely

Ian Morrison

Dear Editors

Sorry I have no official addresses to write and ironically this must be the first time for years that we do not have your wonderful magazine in our house (my sisters always sent it). The truth is we also gave the last one away to show our village how to produce a local magazine; now we need one, we do not have one.

The real purpose of my writing though is to ask you to consider publishing my enclosed article or letter, but this also affords me an opportunity to say thank you for your wonderful magazine. The times I have used your map on the front to direct someone to my sisters' home in Harbury must be now unaccountable.

In closing may I say if anyone should want to get in touch feel free to circulate my address (please contact the Editorial Office).

It is 1943. My journey has taken me through the sad looking towns of Bristol and Birmingham all badly hit by bombs. I finally reach the end of my train journey, the Great Western Railway station at Royal Leamington Spa. What a grand sounding title that was for a boy of fourteen with a vivid imagination. I am met at the station by my sister and a person called Ivy.

Ivy Morgan drove the van (an unusual experience in those days)

past wonderful golden looking fields and finally we arrived outside a cottage in Farm Street, Harbury. I was greeted on my arrival by Tom Morgan and Roy Turner, names in the history of Harbury. As a youngster who had just experienced life in a blitzed city, Harbury was heaven.

I remember Jimmy Edwards' bus and having to get off to help it reach the top of Harbury Hill. A tree in a field opposite the Great Western Hotel, Station Road - what a beautiful sight that was! I remember a concert in Jephson Gardens, where a pianist with the Royal Warwickshire Band playing "Rhapsody in Blue" (was it this that kicked off my love for Gershwin?); my first gramophone record was the Royal Air Force Dance Orchestra (known as The Squadron Aires), playing "The American Patrol". I bought it in Leamington. Was it this which later sent me in to a musical lifetime or was it helping Bishop's Itchington Imperial band at Harbury Fair, or meeting a Frank Wall when we were both in the R.A.F.?

But there let me stop. I realise for a person who has never lived there, Harbury has been a lifetime of memories. I would like to list all those people who have meant so much to me over nearly sixty years, but would not dare, I would forget some and possibly cause offence.

Recently my journeys to Harbury have been sad; the funerals of my brother-in-law Charles Keeling, my sister Eve, and then finally on December 19th to my sister Lily Marshall's funeral.

Thank you Harbury, thank you Father Roy Brown for your sensitivity in conducting the services. I hope I will visit again. God Bless you all.

Grainger Rock

Dear Editors

Where is Monkey Tail Cat?

Have you seen or are you looking after my little black cat that has a curly monkey-like tail? Her name is "Porsche" and is very friendly.

She lives in Sutcliffe Drive but over the past 6 months has spent less and less time at home.

Is any one feeding her thinking she is 'homeless'? She needs a special diet due to easy weight gain and has dental problems that need attention.

Please could you let me know if you know where she might be as I am worried about her? We would like her to come back to living at home.

Many thanks

Karena Ellis - 613 867



Dear Editors

Back in November 2002, I advertised for a music stand that held sheet music. No, it wasn't for sheet music, but for my knitting patterns.

A very kind lady from the area of Dovehouse Lane and Neales Close came to my rescue with one that is adjustable and folds up small when not in use. Being disabled and have been knitting for years, but due to increasing neck trouble I needed to look at patterns at eye level when doing character knitting.

What a Godsend this stand has been so far! So, if you do a lot of knitting why not have a try of getting a stand; it really is very useful.

May I thank that particular lady and her young boy who brought it down for me. Many, many thanks.

Mrs. Pam Cleaver

Dear Editors

From the Central Office of Mission to Seafarers: "We are writing to thank you for the knitted gifts received. The woollen hats will be distributed to ports in the UK or on the continent. We know how much these hand-knitted items are appreciated by seafarers worldwide, particularly the coming season and look forward to a New Year for the Mission and our supporters."

So, thank you everyone; incidentally, many of the hats reached seafarers for Christmas Day! Well done, and please keep knitting.

Bill Davies 614104

Dear Editors

Deppers Bridge Chicanes

I agree in every particular with the excellent letter from Geoff Munford in the January issue regarding the above.

I might add one further observation; returning from Harbury to Ladbroke it is not even easy to see if any traffic is oncoming at the middle chicane, particularly if you happen to be small and in a small car.

It beats me how the seething metropolis of Deppers Bridge gets so much attention from our supposedly cash-strapped local authority: speed restrictions both on signs and on the road, red strips and three chicanes, while the road to Ladbroke has deep ruts on both sides which are potentially dangerous and frequently filthy.

I shall not get any pleasure out of it, but I am sure I shall be saying / told you so when (not if) an accident occurs due to one or other of these problems. I feel sure it is only a matter of time.

On top of this why has the utterly ridiculous 'districted' sign before the railway bridge not been moved to the other side of the left turn to Bishop's / the pub car park / the right turn to commercial premises? Sheer stupidity.

Annoyed and ignored Council Tax payer of Ladbroke.

Lorna Carleton

Dear Editors

Deppers Bridge - Time For Peace?

Despite the few motorists who ignore the signs, speed limits, common courtesy, and drive beyond their limits and those of their vehicle and road conditions, the scheme has been a success. Traffic has slowed considerably and our carefree children and those who are not so fleet of foot have a greater chance of crossing without incident. We have also seen a reduction in the number of larger vehicles. Most motorists are driving with care within the controlled area. Adjustments to visibility have already been made and County Officers continue to monitor the scheme.

Being a Parish Councillor is nothing if not challenging, but the reward of serving the community far outweighs the negatives. A wise man once warned 'you cannot please all of the people all of the time'.

When I became a Harbury Parish Councillor, I wanted to see a reduction in the traffic speed (circa 80mph) through Deppers Bridge. This led to many collisions (not 'accidents'; it was always someone's fault) involving both vehicles and pedestrians, causing numerous injuries, some serious, and a material and human cost. I make no claims for originality, as this was a battle that many previous Councillors had fought. I got it back onto the political agenda and with the support of Councillors at all levels, and our MP, I eventually achieved an agreement.

From proposal to enactment the campaign covered a 4-year period - and has been the subject of debate at Parish Council, District Planning, County Funding, and Annual Parish meetings. Numerous articles and reports in the local press and the Harbury & Ladbroke News as well as two general public consultations, direct consultation campaigns from both Parish and County Councils, as well as dozens of telephone calls, emails and letters between Parish Council and County Officers.

To those few who complain there was no consultation I say simply: that is clearly not the case!

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To those who were understandably alarmed and angry as a result of the 'spoiler' campaign which wasted an awful amount of both Parish Council and County Council time I say: the parish contributed £5,820 and not £70,000 as was originally claimed. Fact - not rumour. I can only guess at the agenda behind that campaign.

To 'annoyed and concerned' of Harbury who admits being able to 'rally drive' through the chicanes at 50mph and complains about people who drive at 25mph in a 30mph limit ... I say: please slow down; those measures are as much for your safety as the vulnerable pedestrians at the mercy of your driving skills.

However, like most people, I would heartily welcome any ideas to improve cycle access. Roads are the responsibility of the County Council, but if you would bring your ideas to a forthcoming Parish Council meeting we would like to hear them. Please let Nicola the Parish Clerk know so she can arrange for you to speak.

The sad fact is that the car is the main means of transport for work and leisure and roads are congested. People should be able to use their cars, particularly in rural areas where public transport is always more scarce; there is also a need for commercial businesses to move their goods to the point of sale (although both points are a subject of other debates). But, despite our 'need for speed', there must be a higher priority for the preservation of life and limb and the quality of life within residential communities. We all care deeply about our own children, and most parents have an in-built concern for the children of others. Perhaps we need to care a little more about each other.

The next time you drive carefully through Deppers Bridge, I would urge you to give a thought to their children and elderly, and ponder what it used to be like. Better still, stop awhile and take advantage of the bench in the children's playground. The view of that part of the Itchen valley is lovely, no matter what the season. I hope this year brings you nearer your goals, as well as health and happiness.

Kind regards

Dutch Van Spall

Dear Editors

Geoff Munford had a great many things to say about how much Deppers Bridge's new chicanes were inconveniencing him on his daily trip from Harbury to Southam. I failed to spot any concession that the chicanes might actually provide a welcome relief to the residents of Deppers Bridge who have had to suffer years of dangerously fast traffic within feet of their front doors - did I miss it?

He made a number of observations on the changes in traffic behaviour. I would like to add a few of my own observations:

I was off work with a chest infection for a number of days whilst we had the 30mph limit but no chicanes. I spent a lot of this time reading by the living room window and watched the traffic merrily whiz past at its varying speeds (in the vast majority of cases between 45 - 60mph).

I have not spotted any Colin McRae's yet, but if this chicane slow them from 60+mph to 45 - 50mph, that's got to be an improvement.

By the time drivers come to the chicanes, they would have had the count down to 30mph signs on one side and the 40mph limit on the other side. If people are travelling at these speeds, I would suggest that they have time to read and understand the chicane instructions.

I really do sympathise with Mr. Munford about the dangers of cycling on the road. I too enjoy a cycle ride but feel that traffic nowadays is too fast to make this safe. I agree that a dedicated cycle lane would be helpful. I would support any move to make cycling on pavements legal with the proviso that cyclists must always give way to pedestrians.

The 30mph speed limit is just that, a limit. If people feel that it is safer to drive at 20 - 25mph, which is just fine.

Increased sign illumination could make Deppers Bridge resemble a neon monstrosity. I refer you back to Point 3.

Speed cameras as well as chicanes to slow down traffic? - yes please!

Right, I've started getting facetious and I'm probably pushing my luck. I suppose my point is that: Please spend a moment thinking about how these chicanes may be benefiting others whilst they are inconveniencing you.

An overjoyed Council Tax payer of Deppers Bridge

Ginny Noble

Dear Editors

Harbury Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Once again on the second Saturday in December the Village Hall resounded to the noise of committee members and helpers decorating the Hall for the annual party. The tree was erected, the decorations put up and the tables laid ready for the evening meal.

Throughout the afternoon, the preparation moved to the kitchen and the final touches were put to the decorations when at 5 p.m. the first of our guests arrived. By half past five the hall was full with our regular senior citizens along with several new faces. Everyone appreciated the meal and the entertainment

We would like to thank all the people who make this particular event possible. A lot of them are not on the committee, they just turn up every year to wash up, to wait on tables and generally lend a hand. Without these volunteers, there would be no meal. Thanks must also go to Carol Hancock and her husband and accompanist who provided the entertainment.

We would also like to thank all those in the village who donated raffle prizes and of course everyone who bought tickets. A S M Group very kindly provided transport to and from the event and Mr Brian Merriman donated the splendid Christmas tree.

Once again, thank you to everyone who helped with the party and the fundraising that goes on throughout the year. We hope to see you all again at the next Christmas Party.

Jenny Evans, Secretary

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BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: (613207) various homes, 1st & 3rd Thursdays in the month 2:00 to 3:30pm

(612864) various homes, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays in the month 10.30am to 12noon

BOOKWORMS: (614793) Tom Hauley Room, 2nd Tuesday of the month 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
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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 VILLAGE CLUB: Contact 612498

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: (613402) 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

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

Matches on Saturday Afternoon

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, Thursdays 7:00pm

PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP: (614274) Meeting on 2nd Thursday in the month at the

Shakespeare 8:00pm

TENNIS CLUB: April to September:

Adults (614532): Tues & Thurs 6:30pm onwards (6:00pm for April &

September); Wednesdays 2.15pm onwards; Saturdays 3:00-5:00pm

Under 16s (613284): Sundays 10:00am-12Noon; Wednesdays 6:00-

8:00pm; Thursdays 4:15-6:00pm

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E-Mail: sucol-ashcroft@tinyworld.co.uk

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THEATRE GROUP: (612610) The Dog Inn, last Tuesday in the month 8:00pm

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

YOGA: Tom Hauley Room, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm Dianne Surgey Tel. 817904

YOUTH CLUB: (612688) Village Hall, Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm

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