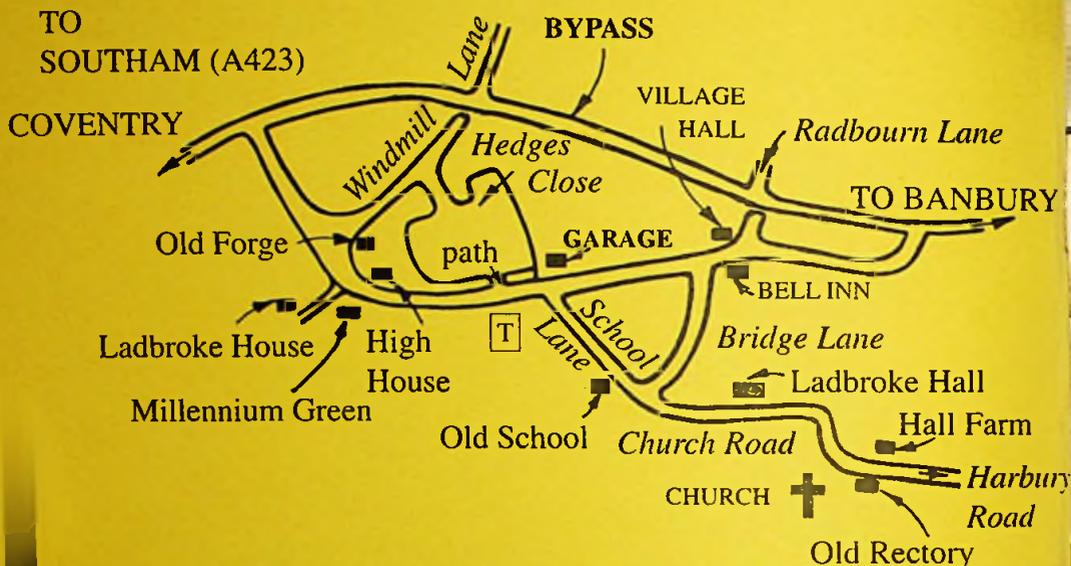


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A touch of winter visited the village in late January as captured by the Harbury and Ladbroke News photographer, Mike Bloxham. It was a little early for half term, although no doubt the children will be hoping for its return.

Two village figures recently retired; Dr John Hancock after 34 years as one of our GPs, and Harry Windsor as Captain of the All Saints' Bell Tower. Both achieved over three decades of service to the village.

A meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 18th February, to discuss how the £2,000 prize money for the Calor Village Of The Year competition could be spent. The February edition of Country



"Enjoying The Snow"

Living magazine includes an article which is a diary written by one of the competition judges on the six finalists of the competition.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the families of Fred Barker, Tony Bugg and Ted Goodrum.

The Editors

Harbury Diary

FEBRUARY

Sun 8 THIRD BEFORE LENT

Holy Communion, 8.00am. Sung Eucharist, 10.30am.

Tue 10 Toddlers' Service, 2.15pm in the children's corner of Church.

Holy Communion, 7.30pm.

Parochial Church Council, 8.00pm.

Wed 11 Prayer Meeting in Church, 8.00pm.

Thu 12 Holy Communion, 9.45am.

Thursday Club, 2.30pm in the Village Hall.

Youth Club, 7.00pm-9.00pm in the Village Hall.

Women's Institute, 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

Fri 13 **School Ends For Half-Term.**

Sat 14 **Valentine's Day**

Coffee Morning, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Harbury Pre-School.

NSPCC Valentine Dance in the Village Hall.

Sun 15 SECOND BEFORE LENT

Holy Communion, 8.00am. Family Communion, 10.30am. Evensong, 6.00pm.

Adverts to 31 Binswood End, Harbury - by 5.30pm

Tue 17 Holy Communion, 7.30pm.

Senior Citizens Committee, 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Wed 18 Dave Perry Photography Session, 1.00pm-3.30pm at the Wight School.

Afternoon Tea, 3.00pm-4.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

Village Of The Year Competition - Open Meeting, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

'Talk It Through', 8.00pm at 33 South Parade.

Thu 19 Art Group Tutorial, 10.00am-4.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

Bible Study, 2.00pm at 15 Dovehouse Lane.

Holy Communion, 9.45am.

Youth Club, 7.00pm-9.00pm in the Village Hall.

Fri 20 **Recycling Collection**

Sat 21 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7.30am in the Tom Hauley Room.

Coffee Morning, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Southam Inner Wheel.

Hereburgh Morris Dancers Workshop, 10.00am-midday in the Village Hall.

- Sun 22 **NEXT BEFORE LENT**
Holy Communion, 8.00am. Sung Eucharist, 10.30am.
- Tue 24 **Pancake Day**
Holy Communion, 7.30pm.
- Wed 25 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
School Service in Church, 11.00am.
Drop In Tea For The Bereaved, 2.30pm-4.30pm at 19 Farm Street, Harbury.
Sung Eucharist, 7.30pm.
- Thu 26 Holy Communion, 9.45am.
Thursday Club, 2.30pm in the Village Hall.
Parish Council, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
- Fri 27 Holy Communion, 12.00noon.
Lent Lunch, 12.30pm.
Articles to the Chemist, High Street, Harbury by 5.30pm.
- Sat 28 Coffee Morning, 10.00am in the Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Netball Club.
Warwickshire Rural Community Council Networking Event in the Village Hall.
- Sun 29 **LENT ONE**
Holy Communion, 8.00am. Sung Eucharist, 10.30am.
The Passion performed by Riding Lights Theatre Company, 6.00pm in Church.

MARCH

- Mon 1 **St David's Day**
- Tue 2 Holy Communion, 7.30pm.
Horticultural Society, 8.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room.
- Wed 3 Holy Communion with hymns and address, 2.00pm.
'Talk It Through', 8.00pm at 33 South Parade.
- Thu 4 Holy Communion, 9.45am.
Art Group Tutorial, 10.00am-4.00pm in the Tom Hauley Room.
Bible Study, 2.00pm at 15 Pineham Avenue.
Men's Society Meeting, 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley Room.
Folk Club, 8.30pm in the Shakespeare Inn.
- Fri 5 **Recycling Collection**
Holy Communion, 12.00noon.
Lent Lunch, 12.30pm.
Women's World Day of Prayer Service, 2.00pm, in Church.
- Sat 6 Coffee Morning, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Meningitis Research.
- Sun 7 **LENT TWO**
Sung Eucharist, 9.00am. Evening Worship, 6.00pm.

Thought For The Month

Do not walk through time without leaving
worthy evidence of your passage.

Pope John XXIII

All Saints' Church Harbury Services

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)
Every Tuesday:	7.30pm	Weekday Communion
Every Thursday:	9.45am	Weekday Communion

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

From The Rector

THE ANNUAL CLEAN UP: It would be hard to find a household today where there are no tissues in some form or another - paper hanky tissues, kitchens tissues, and tissues for removing make-up, grease and spillages. Pink, yellow and blue tissues for drying tears, dabbing on grazed knees and cut chins! Almost unnoticed, they are part of our lives and it is not until we are down to our last one and in need of another that we realise how we depend on them for making life more comfortable. If we had realised, we would not have been so wasteful earlier. Has it ever occurred to you that we have a tendency to regard Lent as an annual tissue to "clean up" accumulated grime and re-polish our spiritual life? How would we feel if this was our last Lent - the last one in the pop-up box?

Like our tissues, it would take on an extra value but would a quick clean-up job be sufficient for eternal life? Probably the answer from most of us would be "no", which sounds depressing. Moreover, it is depressing because we know from experience that however good a clean-up job is, it never manages to restore the first original freshness and purity. However strong the bleach or biological action, some stains are permanent. Sadly, it is the "Lady Macbeth syndrome" - an anxiety to wash away the stains of evil - which often destroys or inhibits our efforts throughout each successive Lent because it does not reach the heart of the problems. It is as though we are trying to recapture the innocent purity of the newborn infant presented for

Baptism. How often have we gazed on such a child and felt a fleeting sadness that they have to grow up and become "tarnished" by the world.

Old mature wines are often the best, antique violins can make beautiful music, and ancient oak trees offer shade to a wide area in the heat of the sun. So, with Christians, as the years pass we may lose that first spotless innocence, but in its place can grow rich, kindly, maturity that is a reflection of our Heavenly Father's love. We need not feel sadness for that newborn baby.

"Easter People" – a title originally used by Saint Augustine when he spoke of his fellow Christians. "If we are silent about the joy which comes from knowing about Jesus, the very stones of our cities will cry out! For we are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song." Baptism is the fundamental sacrament of the Christian family, through it we share in the life of the crucified and risen Lord. It is the sacrament of Easter, for through it we are reborn into eternal life through the resurrection of Christ.

In the early days of the Church, adult converts made their final preparation for Baptism and full membership of the "Easter People" during Lent. Let us prepare to be reborn this Easter through the renewal of our Baptismal vows and the resurrection of Christ, as fully mature Christians. Our aim will not be any attempt to restore spotless innocence but rather to develop recognition of what it means to be a Christian today and to become enriched witnesses to Christ, developing and using the gifts he has given to each one of us.

So, please use Lent in the right way. Let us start on Ash Wednesday to prepare well for the joy of Easter. On the first Sunday of Lent, 29th February at 6.00pm, we are hosting the 'Riding Lights Theatre Company' in an act of worship and drama. This, I hope and pray, will lead us into Lent in a positive way.

Fr. Roy

From the Registers

Holy Baptism, All Saints' Harbury

January 4th Ciara Ella Askew

Funerals, All Saints' Harbury

January 21st Fred Barker (85)

January 29th Tony Bugg (72)

Funerals, Oakley Wood

January 23rd Ted Goodrum (85)



From The Churchwardens



Our first photograph this month shows Eleanor Clarke being admitted to the choir. We are very pleased to welcome her, and send her our congratulations.

Gillian and Michael Hare, who took 'Second Chances' as their theme, led the presentation at the January Family Service. Gillian asked how many of us had already broken our New Year's resolutions and reminded us, through the story of Saint Peter, that Jesus never gives up on any one of us. We all enjoyed Mike's music and it was especially good to see so many young people take part.

The month came to an end with the Alpha Supper on January 26th.

Seventy-two people sat down to an excellent meal, and it was a joy and privilege to welcome Bishop Colin as our guest and speaker.



We thank him for his inspirational and encouraging words.

Lesley and Felicity

Toddlers' Service

We are thinking about "Friends of Jesus" this term, and at our January service, we heard the story of Jesus' friends, Mary and Martha. Firstly, we talked about how we prepare for a visit from friends, and played a game "Here We Get Ready For Visitors". After the story, telling how Mary and Martha welcomed Jesus, the children drew their own faces and made a collage headed "Jesus Is Our Friend". We finished the service by singing "Jesus Is A Friend Of Mine".

The next Toddlers' Service will be on Tuesday 10th February, at 2.15pm in the children's corner of church.

C. Mary Catt



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All Saints' Harbury, Sunday School

The Sunday School has run successfully over the past few years in the Tom Hauley Room, with a small but enthusiastic core of children aged 4 to 11 years. Some children have 'clocked-up' well over a hundred attendances to play, draw and make, and to learn the traditional Bible stories. We now plan a relaunch after Easter, with a change of name and a change of activities, including less time spent in the Church Service each Sunday. The timing will stay the same (10.30am to 11.30am) and we shall still welcome any children aged 4 to 11.

There will be a relaunch children's party on Saturday 27th March in the Tom Hauley Room, between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. Children aged 4 to 11, old members, existing members and children wanting to know more, are all welcome. There is no commitment to join the relaunched Sunday School, but we do need to know who plans to come for our catering, so please telephone 612395 with children's names.

Meanwhile, children at the Harbury Primary School have been asked to come up with a new name for the group.

Do not forget the children's page on the Church website at www.harburychurch@fsnet.co.uk. There is a monthly competition; so far, Joshua Hill's painting and Robert Rollason's word search have won them prizes.

Sally & John Stringer

Ladbroke News

Obituary

Nigel Elkin

We are saddened to learn of the death of Nigel on Thursday 29th January 2004.

Nigel had been seriously ill in hospital for about three months.

Nigel and Jennifer came to Ladbroke some twenty years ago, when Nigel retired. They both joined in the Fellowship of the Church and the community until Jennifer's declining health.

Nigel and his little Jack Russell terrier were regular customers for eggs for many years.

Our love and support go out to Jennifer, Jim and family at this time.

Betty Winkfield



Ladbroke Flower Rota

February 8th and February 15th ☼ Margaret Bosworth

Jane Rutherford

Ladbroke Diary

FEBRUARY

- Sun 8 **THIRD BEFORE LENT**
Sung Communion, 9.00am.
- Mon 9 Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club Draw, 8.00pm at the Bell Inn.
- Wed 11 Holy Communion, 2.00pm.
- Sun 15 **SECOND BEFORE LENT**
Sung Communion, 9.00am.
- Wed 18 Ladbroke Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm in the Village Hall.
- Sun 22 **NEXT BEFORE LENT**
Sung Communion, 9.00am.
- Wed 25 **Ash Wednesday**
Holy Communion, 9.30am.
Women's Fellowship Lent Lunch, 12.30pm at the home of Beryl Ross.
- Thu 26 Ladbroke And Deppers Bridge Women's Institute, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
- Sun 29 **Lent One**
Holy Communion, 9.00am.

MARCH

- Wed 3 Women's Fellowship Lent Lunch, 12.30pm at the home of Catherine Spence.
- Sun 7 **Lent II**
Family Communion, 6.00pm

All Saints' Church, Ladbroke

Our congratulations to Jane Rutherford on her appointment as a Deputy Lieutenant for the County.

At the beginning of January, the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire made Jane one of two new Deputy Lieutenants for the County. It is in recognition of her service to the community. Jane has been involved with the Warwickshire Magistracy for almost 35 years. A Justice of the Peace since 1969, Jane first sat on the Southam Bench and when that closed transferred to Rugby. Over the years, Jane has served on various Magistracy and Probation Committees for the County. A past Chair of the Rugby Bench, Jane has been a Deputy Chair of the combined Warwickshire Bench since it was formed in 2002.

It is an unexpected honour, and I extend my congratulations to Jane. Well done!

Canon Roy Brown

Ladbroke Parish Council

Ladbroke Parish Council met on Wednesday 21st January at the Village Hall, when the main discussions covered the highways in and around the village. Due to parking and turning on the grass verges in Windmill Lane, there has been a marked deterioration of the grass verge and, once again, the Parish Council ask residents not to park on the grass in wet weather, and as this is a residential area, refrain from permanently parking commercial vehicles in the lane itself.

Meanwhile on the edge of the village, Councillors have agreed to support Bishops Itchington Parish Council in moving the 7.5cwt limit signs from the Deppers Bridge junction with Harbury Road to the Ladbroke Road junction, to allow access along Ladbroke Road as far as the railway bridge. This will prevent traffic from accessing Ladbroke Road through the side roads of Bishops Itchington village.

Councillors agreed to the best of their knowledge, that JM Teverson had operated an Agricultural Yard in Ladbroke Road for the past ten years; finally, the Village Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th May 2004, when all organisations in the village will be able to give a report on their progress.

The next meeting is at 7.45pm on February 18th 2004 at Ladbroke Village Hall.

A full copy of the minutes can be obtained from the Clerk (telephone 814214), or read on the notice board.

Linda Doyle

Ladbroke Women's Fellowship

There will be no meetings for the Fellowship during February and March, but the Service in the Church will take place.

The Lent Lunches commence as below, all start from 12.30pm:

February	25th	Beryl Ross	Fields Farm, Kineton Road, Southam
March	3rd	Catherine Spence	3 Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke
March	10th	Betty Winkfield	Hall Farm, Ladbroke
March	17th	Jo Sowerby	Archers Rest, Ladbroke
March	24th	Susan Moore	Walworth Farm, Bishops Itchington
March	31st	Jenny Barrett	Chapel Ascote Farm, Chapel Ascote

Your support is needed; anyone is welcome to attend these lunches.

Jo Sowerby

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Ladbroke And Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Although we did not have a meeting in December, the month was quite eventful. On the 7th December, a very nice Carol service was held at Ladbroke Church; Stella Douglas did the reading, after which the hosts gave everyone mince pies and mulled wine. Many thanks to Jo for the wine, and to all those people who made mince pies. On 9th December we had our Christmas meal at the Woodhouse in Princethorpe; good food, good wine and very good company. Thanks to everyone who made it a very good evening. With the good, came the bad - we found out that Gwynne had broken her leg on Christmas Eve and had to spend Christmas and New Year in hospital. She is now home and doing very well. We send our best wishes and look forward to her return to the meetings.

The January meeting was held on Thursday 22nd. It was mentioned that the Short Mat Bowls had started again and we would like some more people to join us every other Wednesday evening at Harbury Club. It is £5 to join and the next game is on 4th February.

Our excellent speaker was John Terry on the subject of "Pigs In The Playground". John is a retired schoolteacher, who was given an acre of land to teach children Rural Studies

The raffle was won by Hazel and Sheena.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 26th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. It will be a craft evening - "Card's n' Stuff" by Sue Macauley. Hope to see you all there.

Lynda Ridpath

Ladbroke Neighbourhood Watch

Southam Police inform us that from time to time they receive 'anonymous' calls regarding vehicles that are on the road without a valid vehicle excise tax being on display. Be warned - there is a maximum fine of one thousand pounds for failing to display a valid road tax licence.

It has been observed that some cyclists do not use lights on their cycles at night. It is an offence not to display lights at night, as well as being extremely dangerous and inconsiderate to other road users. It is also advisable that people walking their dogs along the road (not

pavement) should wear light/fluorescent clothing to make themselves easily visible. Anything to prevent accidents!

A message to dog owners: Are you aware, that if your dog was on the highway (road, not path) and a vehicle collides into your dog, you may be liable for any damages incurred to the vehicle or any property damaged as a result of the collision (as well as any vets bills)? Dog owners are advised to keep their dogs under proper control, and it is recommended that dogs be adequately insured.

Janice Berry

Ladbroke Millennium Club

The December Draw of the Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club took place in The Bell Inn at Ladbroke on Monday 12th January. The prizewinners were:

1 st	£70	Mrs Jo Elliot
2 nd	£25	Mrs Gwynne Badman
3 rd	£25	Mrs Lorna Carleton
4 th	£10	Mr Alan Stubbs
5 th	£10	Mr Mike Radburn
6 th	£10	Mr Ken Whiteley

The Village Hall Committee would like to express their thanks and appreciation to all members for their support during the past year, and would like to take this opportunity to remind those members who pay by cash or cheque that subscriptions for 2004 are now due.

The next draw will be on Monday 9th February at 8.00pm in The Bell Inn.

Mike Radburn

Ladbroke Village Fete – Vacancy

Having completed three years as Treasurer of the Ladbroke Village Fête Day, I would like to find a replacement. The Fête Day takes place once a year and involves a couple of meetings beforehand and the follow up banking and paperwork – so there is very little work involved, but a lot of fun on the day! If you are interested, please telephone me on 811606.

Christine Baker

Harbury Parish Council January 2004 Meeting

The Parish Council had not met since November so there were lots of planning matters to discuss and 180 'incidents' for PC Hill to report. Crime is not as bad as it seems for our area includes the Motorway Service Station. As well as Harbury, PC Hill has to patrol Chesterton, Stockton, and Long Itchington - Councillor Drinkwater complained it was a "ridiculous area" to cover.

In response to complaints about speeding, tests were undertaken in Temple End that showed 85% of vehicles exceeded the speed limit; the Police intend to use the speed camera. PC Hill had 'ticketed' two cars parked on double yellow lines in the centre of the village.

Councillor Mancell produced a timetable for the Draft Actions for the Parish Plan, which the Council approved. They agreed that further consultation with the public was needed on the possible sites for local needs development.

PLANNING:

STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL: Granted extensions to 34 Temple End, 4 Butt Lane and 3 The Beeches; reinstatement of the front gates and replacement of the spiral staircase at Harbury House; and tree works at The Manor. They refused the agricultural workers dwelling at Springfield Farm, Treens Hill, and an extension at 18 Francis Road.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL: Opposed the erection of a manager's house at The Old New Inn, on the grounds it was not in keeping with the traditional stone building that was part of the Conservation Area. They wanted the sign at The Dog Inn "toned down", and commented that the application for further development at Bishop's Bowl be deferred until the outcome of the Appeal against refusal for twenty-one fishing lodges had been decided. Along with Bishops Itchington, Harbury Parish Council is being pressed by the owners of the quarry lands to hold a public meeting on their development plans. Councillors were not sure whether this would compromise the position of the Parish and the community, should they not like what was proposed.

No representation was made on the touring caravan site at Harbury Fields Farm, Middle Road; workshops at Churchlands Farm; a barn at Sharmer Farm; replacement access onto the Fosse south of Sharmer Farm; internal refurbishments at the Coach House, Butt Lane; change of use from shop to living accommodation at 2 Chapel Street; an

extension at 18 Farley Avenue, and tree works at Roalyn and 8 Farm Street.

LICENSING: The Co-operative Supermarket licensee is to change to Nigel Hicks, the Manager. Nigel Barker is to become the licensee for the Great Western.

Colin Sheasby warned the Parish Council that to save the oak tree that had a large cavity in the Church Paddock, considerable pruning was needed. He had trimmed some of the trees (at no cost) in the Recreation Grounds Car Park for the Parish Council but reminded Councillors that they had deferred remedial work to remedy overcrowding. Councillors agreed this be done, and asked Mr Sheasby to report on the Binswood End chestnut tree that Mr Tennant had complained was undermining his garden wall. There was concern that the trees surrounding the Chapel would damage the building and the Council approved work quoted for by Mr Sheasby to lift the crown of five hollies and prune their canopies. They gave John Woodward permission to remove ties from other trees round the Playing Fields. The Parish Council agreed to write in strong terms to South Warwickshire Housing Association protesting that, yet again, they had felled important street trees with no consultation.

The perennial bollard popped up again at the Recreation Grounds. The missing one is to be reinstalled with a notice warning of the "risk of grounding". The gratings over the drain have been replaced and quotes received for installation of the 'Dragon's Teeth'. The new owners of the bungalow alongside the track to the allotments and the County Council would be asked to make good the surface, which was very muddy.

A survey of the Burial Grounds showed that soil removed from graves had been dumped round the periphery. It may be possible to use it to raise the mound at the Playing Fields. The contractor would be asked not to weed kill so aggressively around graves, and the kerbs that had been removed would be replaced.

Although the flooding in Hall Lane seems to have been alleviated, there are still severe problems at the cemetery corner. The Parish Council will arrange for leaves to be cleared but is also pressing the County Council to investigate.

The Council agreed with the comments made by Mr Catt that a one-way system in Crown Street and Church Street would only encourage traffic to speed.

The Council will hold a public meeting to determine how the prize money awarded to Harbury as 'Regional Winner of the Village of the Year Competition' should be spent.

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Parish Council Wicked Vandalism

The theft of several plaques commemorating the community contributions of past residents has branded as "wicked vandalism" by Harbury Parish Council.

The record of past successes in the Best Kept Village Competition have thus been lost to the village, but most disgraceful and heartless of all, has been the removal of the memorial sign to John Hunt from The Old New Inn Green.

The Police were informed of these criminal acts and the Parish Council would like to hear from anyone who has information that can lead to the apprehension of those responsible. Anyone with information should telephone the Parish Clerk, Mrs Thompson, on 614646.

Harbury Parish Councillors



Harbury Society

Harbury Society

Thirty members enjoyed a memorable Burns Night at The Crown, with John Buck winning the Scottish Quiz. He offered to send the liquid prize to exiled John Lapraik whose ambitions to walk the Cumbrian Fells are frustrated by having to put his feet up!

The next event should be a walk around the Offchurch area.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 29th March in the Tom Hauley Room (starting with coffee at 7.30pm) when Richard Chamberlain-Brothers will unlock the delights of the newly refurbished County Records Office. Nominations for the Committee should be with the Secretary (Linda Ridgley at 16 Farm Street) two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Chairman Alan Lord, who so ably organised the Burns Night, faces the ultimate challenge as he plans the 20th April trip to Hook Norton Brewery. If you are interested, contact him on 613722.

Members should note that subscriptions (now £4.00 single or £6.00 per family) are now due.

Harbury Society has complained to South Warwickshire Housing Association about the felling of the Silver Birches in Vicarage Lane, and continue to support the Parish Council in their finalising of the Parish Plan.

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Review

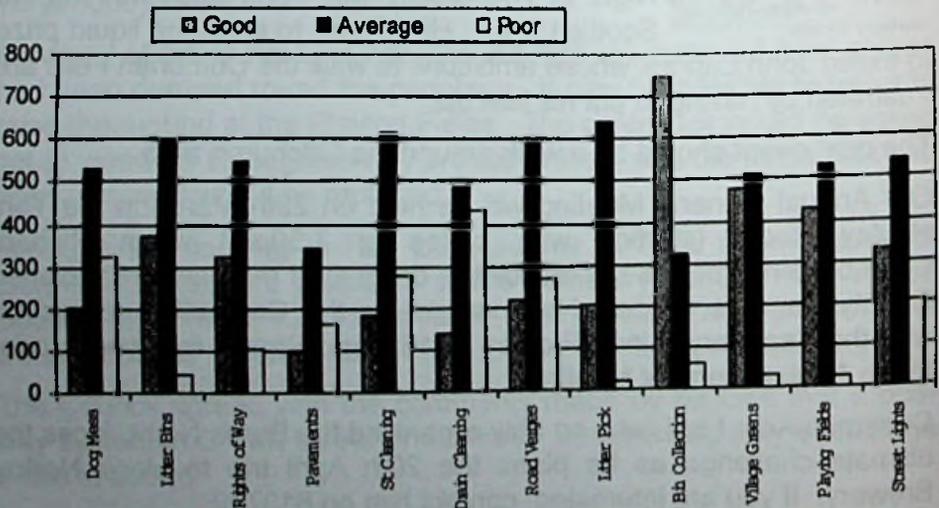


ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

We asked people about the quality of environmental services, and whether they would be willing to pay more on the Parish Rate for someone to keep the village clean and tidy - 74% said YES!

Drain Cleaning caused the greatest concern; only 13% classed it as "good". Pavement maintenance and street cleaning received 15% and 17% each, and litter picking and road verges also faired poorly with only a quarter giving it a "good" rating.

The refuse collection, by contrast, was rated "good" by 66% and only 5% classed it as "poor"; litter-bin emptying (another District Council function) had only a 5% "poor" rating. Playing Field and Greens maintenance, which is under the control of the Parish Council, was rated "poor" by only 3% of respondents.



PROBLEM	ACTION	PARTNERS	FUNDING
<p>ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</p> <p><u>Drain and Pavements</u></p>	<p>Parish Council to report disquiet to authorities and undertake survey into state of pavements and record all complaints.</p>	<p>Liase with Stratford District Council and Warwickshire County Council to effect improvements and to monitor maintenance.</p>	<p>County and District Rate.</p>
<p><u>Litter</u></p>	<p>Parish Council to extend role of Village Caretaker. Best Kept Village Committee already set up.</p>	<p>Liase with Stratford District Council and Best Kept Village Committee to publicise anti-litter campaign.</p>	<p>Precept, Double Rating Relief and Volunteers.</p>
<p><u>Verge Maintenance, Street Cleansing and Dog-Fouling Clean-Up</u></p>	<p>Parish Council to consider taking on part of this cleansing function and negotiate for payment.</p>	<p>Liase with Stratford District Council and Warwickshire County Council.</p>	<p>Precept and Double Rating Relief.</p>

The Parish Council has now adopted the Draft Actions from the Parish Review and intends to hold a Public Meeting to consult on how to proceed with the Parish Plan.

Linda Ridgley



Harbury Women's Institute

We had a super New Year's party. The excellent food and convivial company in the Tom Hauley Room made the evening. Many thanks to everyone for their great teamwork.

Janice Wade gave a light-hearted talk on her 30-year career, starting as a Police Constable to her retirement as a high-ranking Officer. She then joined the Women's Institute and is now an Executive and Editor of County News.

We look forward to a full programme of activities for 2004:

- ❖ There is a Women's Institute Craft Exhibition in February at the School of Art and Design, Mid Warwickshire College, Leamington Spa. Saturday 14th, 10.00am-3.00pm; Monday 16th-Thursday 19th, 10.00am-5.00pm; Friday 20th, 10.00am-3.00pm.
- ❖ Spring Council Meeting on Wednesday 10th March; the speaker will be Nick Owen.
- ❖ The Darts Team practices regularly
- ❖ We hope to resume the monthly walks.

At January's meeting, Mr Philip Bushill-Matthews came to speak on being a Member of the European Parliament (MEP). He said that it was the first time he had spoken to a Women's Institute gathering, but was assured that we would be gentle with him. He stated that the European Union (EU) was political, not party political, so that was a good start. There are 15 member states, 626 MEPs representing all countries, 87 representing the United Kingdom and 8 MEPs representing the West Midlands.

Mr Bushill-Matthews was in manufacturing for 30 years and Managing Director for a food company. On their 30th wedding anniversary, he and his wife, Angela, spent a romantic weekend at their first Conservative Party Conference at Blackpool. Mr Bushill-Matthews was appalled to discover how few MPs of the 659 in the previous parliament had manufacturing business experience. He was told, "Because people like you don't put your name forward". Although he was not interested in being an MP (and too old anyway) the idea of being an MEP appealed to Mr Bushill-Matthews. In his words, "He cleared it with the boss" and Angela agreed, sensing what was in his mind. From then on, he embarked on a very full and hectic career,

working far harder than he had ever done. Off to Brussels on Monday until Thursday or Friday; arriving for 9.15am and getting round his constituency the rest of the time, which a fair old way. Three weeks is spent in Brussels and one in Strasbourg, which seems ridiculous but insisted on by the French. The time is spent at meetings, debating, confirming with members of the EU and friends in high places, trying to cut through red tape. Mr Bushill-Matthews insists he loves his job in spite of everything.

I have not gone into too much detail of his actual work, but his talk is fully recommended to other Societies, who can ask their own questions to a very responsive speaker.

FEBRUARY'S SPEAKER:

'Running - Life begins at 40' by Susie Tawney.

Jeanne Beaumont

Harbury Senior Citizens

CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Committee would like to thank all those who helped to make the evening such a success.

Our soon to be ex-patriot, Jenny, did a run to France for the wine. Fundraising, ticket sales, raffle prizes, etc., by The Harbury Club, The Old New Inn, The Shakespeare and Country Fayre, all helped with funding the evening. Once again, Brian Merriman supplied a magnificent tree and, as in previous years, A&M Group transported everyone who needed a lift to and from the Village Hall.

We were entertained in grand style by Jean Champ and her wonderful dancers, followed by Tommy Cooper (courtesy of Graham Shurvington); then Deirdre Dunbar gave us songs from the musicals accompanied by our own Mavis Young, who also helped Father Roy and Pam round off the evening with everyone joining in the carol singing.

Last, but not least, thanks to the team of "washer uppers" who turn out every year although the numbers get higher and higher!

SUMMER OUTING: This year, the summer outing will be held on 16th June. Mark it on your calendar now; venue to be arranged.

Sue Exton, Secretary

Harbury Twinning Association

We were delighted to take part, along with so many others, in the judging for the "Village Of The Year" competition. The judges seemed genuinely interested in our presentation, and I would particularly like to thank Moira Lamont for the hard work she put into the display.

We held our Annual General Meeting in November, which was well attended. We said farewell to two long-standing committee members, Tim Millington and David Clarke, and I would like to thank them both for the contribution they have made. We welcome Peter Rollason and Ruth Guy onto the committee.

We had a Christmas Party on 12th December, with members providing the delicious food and Andrew Patrick organising hilarious Charades with a French theme. We rounded off the evening by singing some carols.

On January 9th, we celebrated Fête des Rois and I would like to thank Andrew and Jonathan Clarke for their hospitality. A large group of us enjoyed the traditional galettes and games (with a French twist).

We have now begun our French conversation classes in preparation for our trip to Samois in May. Our four excellent tutors (David Winter, Andrew Patrick, Jacqueline Clarke and Sue Bridgewater) have arranged eight classes each based round a theme.

We are holding a quiz night at the Village Club on 14th March at 7.30pm. Teams of four cost £12. If you would like to enter a team, please telephone me on 612860. (Please note that no special knowledge of France is required.)

Sharon Hancock

Drop In Tea, For The Bereaved

We celebrated our second anniversary at our January meeting, and want to extend a warm welcome to anyone who has been bereaved, whether recently or long ago, who feels this informal get-together over a cup of tea may help them.

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month, between 2.30pm and 4.30pm, at 19 Farm Street, Harbury.

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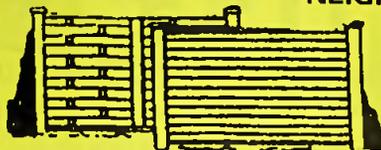
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but everyone who comes has lost someone close to them at some stage. All who come understand the pain and difficulties grief brings, but our afternoons are not solemn, in fact they are usually very relaxed, often punctuated with laughter. However, anyone who is going through a particularly difficult time is assured of understanding and support. We do not aim to provide specific bereavement counselling, but Pam, who is a qualified bereavement counsellor herself, can arrange further help should it be necessary. For more information, please telephone Jill Winter (612585) or Pam Brown (612377).

Our next meeting is on February 25th.

Gillian Winter

Hereburgh Morris

For the first time in our seventeen-year history, Hereburgh Morris is planning to throw open the doors of our annual workshop to anyone interested in having a go at Morris Dancing.

If you have ever had the slightest urge to see for yourself how easy or difficult it is, now is the perfect chance to find out! No matter what your age or previous experience you will find Morris Dancing is fun and addictive. It is also good aerobic exercise a great way to keep fit, as well as the opportunity to travel to perform these wonderful traditional dances. If you only want to come for a workout and shed some "seasonal pounds", we will ensure you do not leave disappointed. Absolute beginners need not worry, as the workshop is aimed at all skills levels and degrees of fitness.

The workshop will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 21st February from 10.00am until midday, with food provided afterwards. So, why not try it for yourself – we have been going seventeen years so it must be fun. There will be a small charge of £2.00 to cover the cost of refreshments and the buffet lunch. There is absolutely no obligation to become a member of Hereburgh Morris, but anyone who should decide they want to continue afterwards will be made very welcome.

Please call 612734 for more details and to book your place on the workshop.

Ian Hartland

The Sealed Knot Joins Forces With Harbury Theatre Group

On 27th March 2004, the Living History Group will be joining up with the Theatre Group to stage an evening of food and entertainment in an authentic 17th century style. The event is to raise funds to help purchase a new portable stage for the Village Hall.

The menu will consist of a variety of dishes from the period, and will be served by attendants dressed in contemporary robes. Entertainment will be in a 17th century style provided from musicians and dancers, with a few surprises added!

The Sealed Knot Society helps to bring history alive at events throughout the year. On these occasions, people can talk to major figures of the day, try old recipes, learn about life as a soldier on the march and maybe even 'take the King's Shilling'. The period is the English Civil War, and members of the Society can provide expertise on topics such as cookery, costumes, politics, music, dancing, weapons and battle strategies.

The Living History Group plays an important role within the Society; its job is to entertain and educate the people who visit its campsite, which is totally authentic. All costumes, including their footwear, are handmade by members of the group using materials of the time. If requested, members can visit schools where children are trained in the arts of the pike, musket, drumming, quill writing and how to play games of the period.

These enthusiastic people enjoy spending their time with little or no reference to modern-day living. They find it is a great stress-reducer to relax by the campfire with a tankard of ale, either listening to the musicians or joining in with the songs. "It's a hard job, but someone's got to do it!"

The Living History Group is impartial; they support neither the Parliamentarians nor the Royalists, and they provide 'support' to both armies. They have their own Mayor, Octavius Jones, to keep order. If injured during one of the battles they have the services of the surgeon, Septimus Fleame, or they can seek less drastic remedies by visiting the herbalist, Goodie Bacon.

However, the long arm of the European Union does reach back to the 17th Century, and even the Sealed Knot has to meet food hygiene and

health and safety requirements. For 98% authenticity, this is definitely a date for your diaries! (See the advertisement elsewhere in the Harbury and Ladbroke News.)

Gordon Robbins



Harbury Brownies

The New Year ushers in two new owls at Brownies, Karyn Hunt (Snowy Owl) and Fiona Cole (Tawny Owl), who took over from Helen Larder at the end of November. Helen had done a great job in keeping the Brownie pack up and running in the village, and they made her a lovely scrapbook, full of memories for her to take to her new life in France.

Since November, we have welcomed nine new Brownies, taking our pack number to twenty-four. The new joiners will be invested during February.

We have a great team behind us. Helen Cooper (Swallow) and Albany Vincent (our Girl Guider) help maintain a happy environment for the Brownies to achieve their goals. Our aim is to work towards a badge each month; this month's badge is the "Hostess" badge. I am sure there are a few ex-Guiders or ex-Brownies who can remember doing their Hostess badge.

We shall keep you up-to-date each month, but if you want any information regarding Harbury Brownies, please telephone me on 613598.

Karyn Hunt



Harbury Nursery School

The children have been practising their cutting and folding skills to make Chinese New Year decorations of fans and lanterns. An enormously long dragon is dancing across the wall and the children have been demonstrating their Chinese writing in a lovely display. The children have been using Mrs Kennedy's wok, both in their role-play and for cooking real Chinese food. The highlight of our Chinese New Year celebrations was a visit to the Chinese Restaurant at The Dog Inn, where Mr Fu showed the children how to make prawn crackers, which we then enjoyed eating! Many thanks to the Fu Garden Restaurant for



being so welcoming, and for giving the children an exciting and stimulating visit.

"A Visit To The Chinese Restaurant"

DONATIONS: Many thanks to Alexandra and Ben Thornley's Granddad who has given us a selection of bikes to add to our collection. They are very much appreciated.

FUNDRAISING: The Nursery will be holding an Easter coffee morning on Wednesday 31st March. Please come along and admire the children's Easter bonnets.

DAY CARE: In conjunction with Kid's Club (the before and after school club) it is now possible for your child to be cared for from 8.00am to 6.00pm at a very reasonable cost. Please telephone for details as places are filling up for the summer term.



NEW STAFF: The Nursery is currently looking for extra staff, as we are now very busy. If anyone is interested in working with young children and has a qualification in childcare or a willingness to train, please telephone Jo Lockley on 614532 or 07906 519148.

Nursery School Committee



Harbury Pre-School

After Christmas the children soon got into the swing of things, and had great fun learning about the Chinese New Year, with the usual kitchen utensils being replaced by a wok, Chinese bowls and chopsticks, and the children looking at the different types of Chinese food. They talked about the race that decided the Chinese calendar. Of course, the rat won the race, so that the 'Year of the Rat' is the first in the cycle, but Eva was adamant that the horse should be first, thus deciding that history be rewritten! As 2004 is the year of the Monkey, the letter for January was 'M'. Numbers



"Setting Off Into The Snow"

were discussed in terms of the finishing order in the race – 'first', 'second' and 'third'. The weather gave plenty to talk about, with lots of frost and wind, and even some snow. The children painted pictures of the snow and frost, and made



"Snowball Fights ... Great Fun!!"

up their own stories about the cold. The children tried blow painting to show the effects of the wind; Charlotte proved to be very good at it, producing many pictures.

It was a good time to practise

songs such as 'Here We Go Round The Mulberry Bush', when getting dressed up to go outside at play time. 'This Is The Way We Put On Our Coats' helped to speed up the process!

The story of the month was 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children acted the story out with puppets and then played the parts themselves. They climbed up the imaginary beanstalk so energetically that when they got to the top, Adam had to stop for a rest saying, "I'm so tired now"! This story will be ongoing into February when the children hope to grow their own beanstalk.

NEW STARTERS: Oliver, Rosie and Sophie settled in very well during January. We hope that our two new recruits, Anna and Finn, will also enjoy many happy days at Pre-School when they join their friends in February.

NEW STAFF MEMBER: We are very pleased to welcome Lesley van Kesteren as our new nursery worker. Lesley is experienced in childcare, and many people with older children will know her from her involvement in various youth groups within the village. All the staff and committee are delighted with this appointment and confident that Lesley will be a great asset to our dedicated team.

QUIZ BOOKS: The quiz books were very popular this year, raising almost £400 for Pre-School. Congratulations to the winner, Mrs. EM Terry from Wythall in Birmingham. Many thanks to everyone who took part. Answer sheets are available from Lana Long from 31st January.

VALENTINES DAY COFFEE MORNING: We will be holding a Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Valentine's Day, Saturday 14th February. Please come along and support us. There will be some interesting stalls, including 'Chocoholics', so perhaps husbands/partners could be persuaded to come, especially if they need to make a last minute purchase!

PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION: Dave Perry will be taking black and white photographs at the Wight School on Wednesday 18th February (during half term) from 1.00pm to 3.30pm. Anyone is welcome to come along and have their photograph taken - toddlers, older/younger siblings, parents, grandparents, group photos, etc. There is no obligation to buy. The Pre-School will receive 20% commission on all purchases. There is no need to book, just turn up on the day.

NB: *The photographer has advised that darker clothes, patterns and textures (eg., denim) work especially well in black and white photos – so no white shirts please!*

ABBA TRIBUTE NIGHT: Tickets are selling quickly for the ABBA night on Saturday 20th March. 'The Right Stuff' will be performing two sets of live music, the main set will be ABBA and the second will be covers dating from the 60's up to the present. So hurry – reserve your tickets now by ringing Lana Long on 613311. Tickets cost £12.50. A bar will be open, there will be a raffle, and refreshments will be available during the interval.

If anyone would like further information about Harbury Pre-School, please contact Jane Kempton, Chair, on 613786.

Pre-School Staff & Committee



Harbury Primary School

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: On Friday 16th January, children from Years 2-6 went to Southam to see a production of the Dickens story, 'A Christmas Carol'.

This fairly involved story was extremely well communicated to all the children, with plenty of audience participation, singing and actions to songs. Six of our children actually took part on stage in costume and three of them had speaking parts. All, including the teachers who also joined in enthusiastically, had a good time.

USED COMPUTER INK CARTRIDGES: Could parents and friends please continue to collect used computer ink cartridges; drop them into the school office. Last term we received £158.75 from the recycling firm in return for used cartridges. We would like to thank Steve and Jan Brough for organising this for us, and for the parents and friends who donated cartridges.

PLASTIC RE-CYCLING: Did you know that Leamington Household Disposal Site in Princes Drive accepts plastic bottles and containers for recycling into new drainpipes? Over a three-week period, a family could throw away a full black bin liner of squashed plastic bottles! We encourage everyone to make an effort to recycle, otherwise it will be buried forever (literally) in our growing landfill site!

CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT: A payment of £45.30 was paid into the school funds from the Co-operative Bank for purchases made by those parents/friends who hold a special Schools Visa Affinity Card. This particular payment covered the period September to December 2003. If you would like to help the school by becoming a Co-operative Visa Affinity Cardholder, please contact the school office on 612656.

CROSS-COUNTRY SUCCESS: Congratulations to the team of Kelly Wright, Miça Allen, Sophie Brough, Abigail Snowdon and Claire Larder (now on international duty!) on their marvelous achievement, winning the Central Warwickshire League title last Saturday (the first time that the school has won the league since 1983). Special congratulations to Kelly Wright, who won the individual league title (we understand that this is the first individual title ever won by our school). As if this was not enough, while Kelly was cementing her individual title with fifth place on the day, the actual race was won by Miça, who missed being very highly placed in the overall individual league as she was ill for just one of the races.

Not to be outdone, the boys also performed wonders over the course of the season, finishing in fifth position - a wonderful achievement for a school of our size, and certainly not to be overshadowed by the girls' success. Such is the high standard in the league that a trophy is actually awarded for fifth place, so both teams came away with silverware!

Finally, congratulations to Sam Bench, who finished in a wonderful fourth place overall in the individual league championship, to round off a great sporting morning for the school.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES: A reminder for your diaries of the forthcoming school holiday dates:

- ❖ **Half Term:** Monday 16th to Friday 20th February inclusive. Children return to school on Monday 23rd February.
- ❖ **Easter Holidays:** Monday 5th April to Friday 16th April inclusive. Children return to school on Monday 19th April.

Denis Daly, Headteacher



Harbury Juniors Football Club

THE UNDER 16s put in some improved performances to see 2003 out in style; a narrow defeat to St Peters Celtic Colts but three great goals scored by 'Man of the Match' Matt Cowley. This was followed by a terrific performance against a very strong Lodge Park that finished 2-2 with goals from Matt Cowley and Neil Hudson. The 'Man of the Match' was Thomas Wilkins who played in goal, as regular keeper Simon Heath was unavailable.



**"Harbury
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To finish off the year, we played a spirited Banbury Irish but a fine defensive performance from Carl Hanson, Charlie Neale, Phil Mugleston and some well-worked goals saw Harbury finish convincing 7-2 winners. 'Man of the Match' Sam Wilkins scored three goals, with two goals apiece from Matt Cowley and Neil Hudson.

We have now started our 2004 fixtures with another home win against Lillington Rangers; some excellent work in the second half from Thomas Wilkins, Charlie Neale and Adam Johnson brought Harbury four goals in a 4-2 win. Two goals scored by 'Man of the Match' David Bailey and one apiece for Matt Cowley and Neil Hudson.

We are looking to continue this form and improve our league position. We await the fixtures, which will decide our next opponents in the cup.

John Wilkins

THE UNDER 14S HARBURY HAWKS finished 2003 with a well-deserved 3-2 win against Khalsa with two goals from Richard Thompson and a goal from Matthew Edwards. More recently, the Hawks have lost tough matches against top of the table teams in Alcester Athletic, Balsall and Berkswell. The Hawks will be playing their postponed Supplementary Cup quarterfinal match at home against Central Ajax in early February.

UNDER 14S HARBURY JUNIORS: On the Sunday before Christmas, Harbury Juniors travelled to Gilmorton and finished 3-1 winners in the Supplementary Cup, with all three goals scored by Stuart Pratt. We await the draw for the semi-finals, which are to be played early February.

The first League game in 2004 saw Harbury Juniors at home to top of the table, Bilton Ajax. The whole team produced a spirited and competitive performance and the closely fought game finished 1-1 with a goal from Stuart Pratt for the home side.

The only other game played in January was at home to St Peters Celtic. Harbury Juniors dominated most of the match but were unable to convert their chances into goals. A second half goal by St Peters Celtic gave them all three points.

Mick Pratt

UNDER 11s: After nine matches, the Under 11s remain undefeated. December saw them mark their inaugural fixture on their new pitch at the Village Hall Playing Fields, with a convincing 4-0 victory over Napton. This was followed by two creditable 2-2 draws away to Queensway and Cropredy. More recently, the good run continued with a 4-2 home victory over Banbury Irish with two goals from Tristan Cox and one apiece from Jonathan Wigley and Chris Wall.

Jim Farrell

UNDER 9s (YEAR 3 AND 4) continue with mixed fortunes in the Three Counties seven-a-side league:

Napton 1 - Harbury 2: Following on from two straight wins, their best performance of the season so far was an enthralling match against Napton where 'Ash' scored an outstanding individual equalising goal by forcing his way through the opposition defence to plant the ball in the net with a fierce shot. Both sides played some exciting football with both sets of supporters kept on their toes as each team pressed for the winning goal. With two minutes to go, Angus Murray took a knock and was substituted. 'Ash' reappeared and within thirty seconds had put the ball in the net for his second goal. The Harbury crowd was in raptures and all went home with a spring in their step. - Great stuff!

Queensway 9 - Harbury 1: Harbury were brought back down to earth with a bump following three straight wins. The league leaders Queensway overwhelmed Harbury in the last fifteen minutes when they scored five goals in five attacks. However, the Harbury team took some positives away from the match, as we are the only team to have scored a goal against Queensway. During the first half, Harbury fielded their strongest seven players and gave Queensway their hardest test of the season; Harbury missed two chances, then missed

a penalty and at half time the score line of 4-1 did not reflect how close the game had been. Following a raft of substitutions to ensure all boys had the chance to play, Queensway's strength in depth and power finally overwhelmed Harbury. A number of lessons were learnt from the match, which the coaches will work on during the coming weeks.

At training on Saturday 24th January, twenty-two boys turned up for training (the largest number so far) which is good news for the future of this group. We could still do with a few more players from Year 4, so if you know anyone who might be interested (even if they are from neighbouring villages), just turn up at 9.00am on Saturdays at the school field during term time.

UNDER 7'S: This group was established at the beginning of this school term and we have thirteen boys and one girl who have had four training sessions so far. Already, the coaches are optimistic that the attitude, application and skills displayed so far bode well for the future. We have a surprisingly high percentage of the squad who have a good understanding of the game, are good athletes and are keen to learn. We train from 10.30am until 12.00noon each Saturday during term time. If your child is interested in joining or you know children from neighbouring villages who would like to play football but do not have organised football where they live (we already have a number of boys from Bishops Itchington), please come along, all are welcome, irrelevant of ability!

Steve Darby

Harbury Albion Football Club

After promotions in three successive years, this current season is proving to be what the television pundits' call a transitional season for the Club. It sees us in mid-table of Division 2 of the Sunday League, having won 6 and lost 7 league games so far, with some of the younger players beginning to come to terms with the higher standard of football. The management team of Steve Fitchett and Mike Stone, also known by the players as "Sven and Tord have got the players playing good football most of the time, with a very good team spirit.

A brand new feature for this season is the 'club fines' which applies on or around match day to players and officials, with such fineable offences as bad hair, stupidity and 'air shots'. Fines secretary, Ian McVarish, can hardly collect the £1 per offence fast enough, with player stupidity being the highest occurring offence!

Looking ahead to the future, the Club is seeking more organisational help. Currently, the Club has a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Co-Managers, Linesman, Referee, Groundsman and First Aider. Four people fill eight of these positions, with one individual filling five of these roles. My personal view is that the Club is much stronger if we do not have to call upon current players to do these jobs. If you are an ex-player, or someone with an interest in local football, why not get involved?

Rob Davies



Harbury Tennis Club

The Club started the New Year with its traditional "Muffler" Tournament on New Year's Day. Numbers were slightly down this year but the hardy souls taking part managed some very competitive tennis fuelled with hot punch between matches! Gill Thorpe won the ladies section, with Caroline Morland coming second.

Steve Stark was top man, with Geoff Prince coming close second.

"B" TEAM: The Banbury Winter League fixtures resumed after the Christmas break when the "B" Team travelled to Tysoe "C". Colin Mercer and Keith Thompson halved their match, but the Tysoe ladies were too strong for Sue Mercer and partner Kate Scothern (who was making her debut). In the mixed doubles, Colin and Sue lost the first set but came back strongly in the second to share the rubber. Keith Thompson and Kate Scothern put up a good fight but lost both sets, which gave Tysoe an overall 3-1 win. This was followed by a closely fought home draw with Warwick "C" in extremely windy conditions. Brian Biro was in fine form, winning his men's doubles with Colin and his mixed doubles with Caroline Morland. Colin and Sue Mercer just lost a tiebreak in the first set of the second mixed doubles, but fell away in the second, which levelled the match score at 2-2. Weather conditions were much improved for the home match against Hook Norton "C", which also finished in a 2-2 draw. Brian continued his unbeaten run, this time with Steve Stark, in the men's doubles recording a 7-6, 6-0 win and with Caroline in the mixed doubles, 7-5, 6-4. In the ladies doubles, Caroline and Kate Scothern lost 2-6, 3-6 and the second mixed doubles also went to Hook Norton with Kate and Steve losing 3-6, 4-6.

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"A" TEAM: The "A" Team continued its winning streak, chalking up a fifth successive win. Geoff Prince, Andrew Rendell, Gill Thorpe and Kate Young were too strong for Charlbury "A" and completed the double over the Oxfordshire team with a very comfortable 4-0 away win. The same team then faced a difficult away match at Byfield (the current champions) and came home with a very satisfying 2-2 draw. Gill and Kate got off to a good start winning 6-2, 6-2, but Geoff and Andrew lost 6-3, 6-3 so it was all square going into the mixed doubles. Both rubbers were halved, Gill and Andrew winning the first set 6-1 but losing the second by the same score. Geoff and Kate also won their first set 6-3 but could not quite clinch the match for Harbury, losing the second by 6-4.

JUNIORS: We are now starting to plan for the new season and starting our annual efforts to find qualified coaches. We have been in contact with Warwickshire LTA and are following up a number of leads!

Winter competition is not confined to the senior members! Linda Casement is organising a team of four children from Year 3 (2 girls and 2 boys) to take part in a series of Red Mini Tennis Tournaments, the first one being on 7th February. This is another first for the Club and we hope to bring you more details next month!

Colin and Sue Mercer

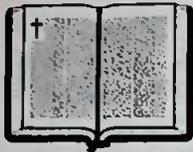
Calor Village Of The Year Competition

The Parish Council would like to invite interested groups, and all those who took part in the competition, to a special open meeting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on Wednesday 18th February, to have a discussion on how the money we won (£2,000) should be spent.

The Parish Council have some ideas, but as villagers worked so hard to help win the award, they would like to have their views on how this could be best used within the community.

The Parish Council are of the opinion that one or two major capital projects would be the best way to commemorate such a tremendous effort by the village as a whole. So please come along, armed with ideas!

Jenny Patrick



Building A Community In Christ

This is the intriguing title of a new series of Bible Studies looking at Paul's letter to the fledgling church at Ephesus, which was then the most important city in western Asia Minor (now Turkey). It speaks of the new life that God gives us in Christ, and how this affects our relationships with one another as we grow as "a community in Christ". We will be using a study booklet written by John Stott.

Meetings are on the first and third Thursday afternoons of each month, in people's homes (for venues, please see the diary). Meetings start with a coffee or tea at 2.00pm; they are friendly and informal, open to anyone, and if you are a newcomer, you will be particularly welcome.

Lesley Jones

Harbury Carnival, 12th June 2004

Well, unbelievably, it is time to start thinking about this year's carnival on 12th June 2004. There are a few points to raise to kick things off. As usual, more details to follow in the coming months.

The wheelbarrow race will be held on the previous Sunday, June 6th (plenty of time to get into shape), and the usual team events will be held Monday 7th to Thursday 10th. This year's selection process for the King and Queen will be organised by Harbury School as usual.

We are looking for someone to run the teas in the Village Hall, and any organisations interested should please contact me on a 'first come, first served' basis!

If you want to book a stall or space on the Playing Field for carnival day, please call Mike McBride on 612421. It is not too early to do this; it does not have to be left until the last minute!

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

Let us see if we can make this year's event even better than the last.

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

Harbury Surgery

On 31st December 2003, Dr John Hancock stepped down from full-time general practice, having looked after the residents of Harbury and Bishops Itchington for 33 years.

His stethoscope will barely have time to get cold though, as Dr Hancock returns to part-time practice in February. He will take morning surgery in Harbury, evening surgery in Bishops Itchington, and child health clinic every Wednesday.

Along with his wife Sharon, many of John's friends and colleagues attended a gathering in the Tom Hauley Room in early January, to help him celebrate the occasion of his retirement.

We would like to wish Dr Hancock, a happy semi-retirement, and look forward to seeing him back in surgery in February.



"Doctors Wilne, Panting, Snowdon, Hancock and Wilkinson"

May we also wish Dr Brian Wilne every happiness in his retirement, as he has now finished eight years of part-time surgeries. Dr Wilne will be truly missed by patients and colleagues alike.

Thank you, Harry!

Harry Windsor retired as All Saints' Church Tower Captain in January. He learnt to ring church bells in 1947 and came to ring at Harbury in 1949. He has served Harbury for over 40 years, with a short break in the 1990s, and attained the position of Tower Captain. During his time, he has taught countless people to ring and helped many others to improve.

Harry is well known throughout Warwickshire for his enthusiasm and dedication to ringing. He happily admits that he used to be out every weekday evening and many Saturdays trying to "grab towers" (the ringing equivalent of train-spotting!). He also works hard on behalf of the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, and has used his engineering expertise to advise people about the effect of ringing on church towers.

Harry is also nationally known for his work with the Central Council of Church Bellringers, and was given an MBE in recognition of this.

William Jones has taken over the position of Tower Captain, and we wish him every success.

Many more happy years of ringing Harry, and thank you for all your hard work and devotion.

Alison Abbott, Tower Secretary

Story Times At Harbury Library

Story Times will be starting again at Harbury Library. The first one is on Thursday February 12th at 10.00am. Provisional dates for the rest of the year, all at 10.00am, are as follows:



Thursday April 1st



Thursday May 20th



Thursday July 8th



Thursday September 30th



Thursday November 11th



Thursday December 16th

If you have any questions or queries please contact me at Southam Library on Tuesday and Friday (9.30am to 1.00pm), or Harbury Library on Mondays (2.00pm to 5.00pm and 5.30pm to 7.00pm) and Thursdays (10.00am to 1.00pm, 2.00pm to 5.00pm and 5.30pm to 7.00pm).

Chris Dunne

Women's World Day Of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer Movement will celebrate its annual Day of Prayer on Friday 5th March 2004. This year's Service comes from Panama and the theme is "In Faith, Women Shape the Future".



Panama is a tropical country, about the size of Scotland, renowned for its wide variety of flora and fauna. It has an attractive and diverse landscape of forests, beaches, mountains, rivers and its most famous landmark is the Panama Canal, linking the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

After years of hardship and struggle, Panama is now an independent nation, proud of the ethnic and racial diversity of its people and of its strong Christian heritage. As in many parts of the world, women are emerging as a major presence and force in public life and it is their faith and determination that the women in Panama celebrate this service.

Women, men, children and young people from many different backgrounds and in more than 180 countries will be celebrating this Day of Prayer. We invite you to unite yourselves with them and join in a Service in Harbury Church on Friday 5th March at 2.00pm, followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Anne Moore

Christmas And New Year Lights

On behalf of the volunteers who erect the festive lights, I would like to convey our thanks to those householders and businesses who allow us to use their walls, gutters, roofs and, of course, their electricity, to ensure the yearly display takes place.

You may have noticed that we were able to extend the lighting display into Church Street this year. This was made possible by the Parish Council purchasing additional lighting. Our thanks go to them as well.

Many people made positive comments about how they were able to see where they were walking in Church Street during the festivities. May be we can extend the lights further next year? If you have any positive suggestions for consideration, please contact Mike McBride on 612421.

Harbury Lights Group



A Riding Light

When a ship is in harbour, a white riding light is shown to tell other seafarers that the ship is at anchor and all is secure.

The RIDING LIGHTS Theatre Company is from York Minster, and they are sailing into All Saints' Harbury on Sunday 29th February 2004, to give a performance of 'The Passion' - a shared experience of worship, meditation and drama for Lent.

We are delighted to welcome them on behalf of Southam Deanery. Harbury is an early stop on their UK Tour, with the main performance in York Minster on Good Friday.

Do come and join us, but please note that you will need a ticket, which will be free. There will be a retiring collection, so that we can meet the company's costs.

For tickets, information, other dates and venues, etc., please telephone Jill or David on 612585.

Tony Stubbs

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Pat Whorton, Trading Standards

The Southam Embroideries

Have you seen them yet? Everybody is talking about them. There are seven panels to look at, eg., 998 Holywell, 1227 Medieval Market, 1642 Civil War, 1818 Stoneythorpe Eye and Ear Hospital, 1902 Last Drovers Drive.

The Southam Embroideries are on view at The Grange Hall in Southam. On Sunday 7th March, they are open to visitors 2.00pm until 5.00pm. Entry is £1.00; refreshments are available.

Future openings are to be held on May 2nd and June 6th. For visits at other times, contact Val Steele on 01926 813577.

Val Steele

Adventures Of Aladdin

Just a reminder that The Grange Players have their annual pantomime at The Grange in Southam on Friday 6th February at 7.30pm, Saturday 7th February at 2.30pm and 7.30pm, and Sunday 8th February at 2.30pm. Tickets are £5.00/£2.50 with a licensed bar on Saturday night.

An added incentive is that Karena Ellis is Aladdin! Come along and have a great night of entertainment.

Karena Ellis



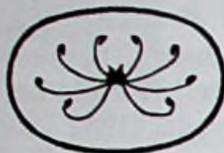
Blood Donor Sessions

Unfortunately, this coincided with the snowy day, so it was not surprising that the number of donations dropped to seventy-nine (compared with ninety-seven last time). However, these include nine new donors, so special thanks to them and everyone

who braved the weather.

The next donor session in Harbury is on Thursday April 29th, but if you want details of sessions in Leamington Spa or Southam before then, please telephone me on 614809.

Gillian Hare



Horticultural Society

Mr Ian Nox gave an interesting introduction to his talk and spent time on fungi, lichens, ferns, cycads, flowering plants, carnivorous (flycatchers) and the complicated composite scabious. Latin, geography, history, medicine, even sex, were all part of his talk. Quite an evening and very informative; it is a huge subject and he could only briefly touch on each section. He also showed some very detailed slides.

The days are lengthening noticeably now even on dull days. The bulb shoots have been showing for weeks and soon the snowdrops will be out in masses. In the first week of January, I understand Dr Wilne had some out in his garden, probably in a sheltered area as that is early. Just think, all the early spring flowers will soon be out, providing the weather plays it's part.

Judy has been busy – is she ever not busy? – investigating trips for this year. Here is a brief idea, far more detail later, but you may pay for these trips just as soon as you like!

- ❖ The all day coach trip will be on Wednesday 9th June. Firstly to Stockton Bury in Kimbolton (where there is a good restaurant for lunch, £8 payable on the day or take sandwiches), then on to Hergest Croft Kington for the afternoon, where I believe cream teas will be available. Both gardens are in the Leominster area of Hertfordshire. This trip will cost £12.50; again, the coach will be subsidised by the Society.
- ❖ The evening trip will be on Thursday 24th June to Barton House at Longton, Barton-on-the-Heath, and will cost £5.00.

It seems a long time to the Show in September, but you could acquire another interest in the meantime – flower arranging. I understand Gillian Hare is willing to give some tuition on this subject, and anyone who is interested should contact Judy on 613103.

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY: On Tuesday 2nd March, 8.00pm, the talk will be "The Flowers of Spring" to be given by Roger Turner.

Musings From A Country Garden (18)

BIRDS: The most exciting event during the past month was the return of the long tailed tits - six of them in the snow. They are simply delightful to watch - gentle in behaviour and movement, as are the marsh tits; aggression just does not feature in their characters.

The other birds are still coming in their dozens. The blackbirds and thrushes eat the apples that I sometimes throw out. The robins (and the squirrels) loved the excess mince pies and the grated marzipan.

CATS: I still have sight of two 'half-cats'; I do not own either - they just pass through occasionally. The marmalade cat is the feral called Ginger who has been coming for three years or more. His second home is with Michael and Marion at Chapel Ascote. Once every three nights, he comes into the kitchen in the dead of night, eats and drinks everything in sight. Unfortunately, he has to take great care because of Kipper, the black and white cat who really belongs to Ron and Kim in the house opposite.

Before Christmas, Kipper was an infrequent visitor, but I have seen him more often since. He does not require food, nor does he sleep indoors regularly, but I can hear the miaow getting louder and louder as he gets nearer to me during the night. I would not mind if he settled down and shut up, but he is often wet and shakes himself all over me, miaow's very loudly, then goes off again. He is not using the cottage as a bed and breakfast, more like a 'drop in' centre. He looks very fit so I can only assume that he is eating at his proper home and indulging in his newly acquired 'nomad' tendencies. It will be interesting to observe when the better weather comes, whether he will go back to my compost heap - he certainly loved it for five weeks.

The cats do not like each other. They have not actually resorted to physical violence, but the noise from the sabre rattling could be mistaken for the start of World War Three. Life at Bell View is never dull - I referee squirrel fights, squirrel and cat fights, and cat fights - all at no charge. I include a talk to all concerned that this is a happy wildlife garden, and fighters are not welcome.

There are bulb shoots in the garden and buds on trees everywhere. My dead Cardoon, which my friend Brenda said "Leave it, it may come back next year", well I have TWO leaves, so slugs and pigeons

take heed and leave well alone for fear of death! Yes, yes, I know I said it is a 'happy garden' but there are some exceptions - as I have this desperate urge to own a six-foot Cardoon as I think they are wonderful plants.

Elsa Greenway

Garden Notes For February

As the days slowly lengthen, we begin to look forward to the start of another season with the prospect of the traditional early flowers emerging. On warmer days, begin to tidy up dead top growth on perennials but leave the seed heads for the birds, for they are very reliant on gardens as regular feeding stations. The warm weather of early winter has allowed annual weeds to grow, so get those out before they have a chance to flower and seed. Fork in some organic matter when the weeding is finished. Buy new plants of hellebores whilst they are in flower to see the colour. Pots of bulbs can be put into bare spots especially where you can see them from the window.

Clematis that flower in late summer or autumn, for example, Jackmani and viticella should be cut back to the lowest pair of plump buds or to within one foot of the ground. Early summer flowering types should be pruned lightly to retain a good framework. Continue planting deciduous trees and shrubs, including roses and hedging. Bare rooted plants, which are always cheaper than pot-grown ones, can be heeled into a shallow trench if the weather is unsuitable when they are bought. Witch hazel shrubs are in the garden centres now, so buy whilst you can see their colours, but ask which will tolerate our 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. Early sowings can be made in these areas with the help of fleece and cloches. All fruit bushes can be fed with sulphate of potash, or a general fertiliser, one ounce per square yard. Prune autumn fruiting raspberry canes to the ground. All types need renewing about every ten years and now is the time to plant new canes.

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 then. Stand pots of azaleas on damp gravel to keep their

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compost permanently moist. Keep cyclamen in as cool a position as possible for longest flowering. Tug off old flowers once they fade.

Clean out nest boxes and kill any parasites by pouring boiling water into the box. Moles begin to mate and build nests so molehills appear. Deal with these if they are undermining valuable plants.

PLANT OF THE MONTH—HYACINTH

A Greek legend tells us that a handsome young man, Hyacinth, was admired by Apollo the sun-god and by Zephyrus the wind-god. One day during a game of quoits, jealous Zephyrus caused a wind to blow Apollo's quoits off course to strike Hyacinth and kill him. Apollo turned the blood that fell from him into the sweetly scented flower we enjoy today. The curly petals are shaped like the letter 'X' which means woe in Greek.

Hyacinth orientalis was found by Charles de l'Ecluse around 1590, growing in the gardens of the Ottoman Empire. This original hardy species from Western Asia and Eastern Europe is no longer grown, as the larger hybrids bred by the Dutch became more popular. The Flemish artist, Jan Breughal, painter of the seventeenth century, often featured them.

I buy the treated bulbs when they are available in August and September, but I do not plant them until later October, for after Christmas flowering. The bowls of bulbs are kept in the dark until the flower buds are visible. They are then moved to a light but cool place in my garage. In late January, I bring them into the house to enjoy the strongly scented, beautiful flowers which cheer the gloomiest winter days. This method is only suitable for specially treated bulbs. These have a silvery sheen on their skins.

In the garden, hyacinths do not bloom until late March or April. In autumn give these a feed of slow release fertiliser. Allow the foliage to die down naturally after flowering, and they will produce blooms for years to come. There is a smaller, looser flowering species *H. amethystinus*, which only grows to eight inches tall, so is suitable to plant in a rockery or gravel bed, flowering in May.

Nature Notes

JANUARY: The water table has certainly done well this month. As I write, we are getting snow showers with heavier falls forecast and a drop in temperature – time to get on the walking boots and explore the locality.

Down at the Spoil Bank Nature Reserve (on the B4452 just before the old Great Western pub) you may come across a small evergreen shrub in flower. It is easier to see now with no foliage on most of the other vegetation. This looks rather like a small rhododendron but is, in fact, spurge laurel (*daphne laureola*) related to the showier, pink-flowered daphne seen in gardens. The greenish-yellow flowers are now well out, which may be a sign of global warming, as my book states flowering occurs February-April.

The Spoil Bank is just a short stroll from the village along the pavement to Deppers Bridge. Ask for a leaflet at the library. Later in the year the wild orchids and butterflies are spectacular – a smaller version of Ufton Fields.

In gardens, the snowdrop – known, for obvious reasons, as 'The Flower of Hope' has been in flower since early in the month. Round the Stobo memorial in the churchyard, it is flowering with lovely yellow winter aconite. A fabulous display of both these flowers can be seen at Kingston Manor, Chesterton.

Hazel catkins are now fully out. It is harder to see the female flowers. They are paired, red, and appear to be just stuck on to the twig. It is worth getting a bit closer to the tree to spot these. Other trees have catkins of course, elder and birch being two of the commonest.

Look out for gorse; its brilliant yellow flowers are brightening up some parts particularly along the line of the M40. Near Bromson Hill, Ashorne on the side of a south facing hill, I found a patch of winter heliotrope in flower. It is quite common on roadsides but originally was a garden escape. The flower is quite insignificant but the leaves give it away being about the size of a small horseshoe, rather like those of coltsfoot which will be a flower to look out for at the end of February – a herald of spring.

John Hancock

News From Ufton

TAKE TIME OUT

- a Leisure Time Project for the Community of Ufton

It is now three years since Take Time Out was formed. Friends from Ladbroke, Leamington, Southam and Redford Semele joined Ufton villagers for a very enjoyable and creative morning making beaded bangles, and we look forward to seeing you at our next events:

GOLDWORK

Tuesday 10th February, 10.00am-12.30pm, Long Itchington*

The English were very famous for their goldwork in early church embroideries. Learn about its history, see antique embroideries and contemporary work, and have a go at this most absorbing craft. Felicity Howatson, our local expert, will be our speaker and instructor. Come along to see and hear about this fascinating subject and participate in the optional workshop. Cost: £4.00 for talk and demonstration, £3.00 for workshop including materials.

* This event will be held at Felicity's own workshop in Long Itchington. Please ring for details of how to get there. Transport will be provided if required.

PATCHWORK WITH A JAPANESE TWIST

Monday 22nd March, 10.00am-12.30pm, Ufton Village Hall

How to use origami to make an impression! This patchwork technique can be adapted for cushions, wall hangings or box tops, and is suitable for beginners and those with some patchwork knowledge. Bring a basic sewing kit and threads to match fabrics, if known. (You can bring your own fabrics to coordinate with your soft furnishings - 4 x 7 inch squares of various and 1 metre of neutral plain or marbled background fabric.) Alternatively, materials will be available to purchase at the event. Cost: £4.50 for the workshop, plus £5.00 maximum for materials, if required.

Please book as early as possible, as spaces are strictly limited for these events - contact Tracey Watts on 614413 for full details.



UFTON ANNUAL PANCAKE RACE

Tuesday 24th February, 5.00pm

The race, along Ufton Fields, starts near Broad Close and finishes at St Michaels Close. This event is open to all ages – in fact, everyone! Bring your own pancake and pan. Prizes will be awarded to the fastest competitors who toss their pancake three times whilst completing the course. If you are not running – please come and cheer those who are! Refreshments for all.



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Karin Kirk

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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

I would like to say a very big thank you to all my friends and neighbours, who have sent me good wishes and visited me during my stay in Warwick Hospital. Thank you to Father Roy Brown who also visited me.

Joan Wale

Dear Editors

I would like to thank all friends for their prayers and cards for Ina during her recent illness.

Denis Andrews

Dear Editors

I would like to thank everyone who supported a coffee morning held on 10th January 2004 for STEPS - children with lower limb abnormalities. A grand total of £153 was raised, which shall be forwarded to STEPS on behalf of my daughter Carmen who suffers from bilateral talipes. It was a lovely morning and Carmen enjoyed all the fuss over her! Many thanks to everyone who provided cakes and raffle prizes, and helped set up, etc. You are good friends.

It has, unfortunately, been brought to my attention that some of the raffle prizes at the STEPS coffee morning were past their "use by" date. Please could people accept my apologies, and contact me for a replacement,

Thank you again for supporting STEPS.

Karena, Claudia, Clarice and Carmen Ellis (Telephone 613867)

Dear Editors

The coffee morning held for the Multiple Sclerosis Society raised £446.83. This, plus donations and the sale of marmalade, gave a final total of £505.00.

We thank everyone who made it such a success, and "our gang" who helped on the day.

Brenda Turner and Doreen Bloxham

Dear Editors

I would like to thank everyone who wished me well when I retired on 31st December. Colin Snowdon and Jonathan Wilkinson, together with staff past and present, gave me a great send off at a party held on the evening of the 7th January in the Tom Hauley Room. Partners, neighbouring practitioners, and some of my special friends in the hospital world joined us.



Sharon and I were taken aback by the warmth of the reception we were given. Colin Snowdon, Brian Wilne and Nesta Commander spoke some very kind words formally. I replied with thanks, and promised to come back for one day a week, commencing Wednesday 4th February. It has been a privilege to serve the people of Harbury and District for the last 34 years.

John Hancock

Dear Editors

Harbury Review

As a retired industrial salesman, I take issue with the final paragraph in your article in the January's Harbury and Ladbroke News.

When I was selling, if myself or my colleagues failed to obtain orders, workmen in our plant were out of jobs. I think it a little unfair to lump "unskilled" or "in sales" together; selling or sales is a very important part of general life in a modern country. Business lives by selling, and the majority of people would be poorer with it.

Arthur W Turner

Dear Editors

Last week, I walked up to the village on Friday, which was the refuse collection and recycling collection day. About fifteen to twenty yards in front of me, a man was walking his dog; the dog was relieving itself at every heap of plastic sacks and separately each of the recycling boxes. The dog was not stopped from doing this by its owner – whilst the dog knows no better, I am certain it's owner does. The collectors have to handle these bags, and both the collectors and householders have to handle the recycling boxes.

Arthur W Turner

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