

HARBURY NEWS

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There is still an urgent need for someone to help with the running of the Girl Guides. Meetings are continuing with temporary help but someone from the village is really desperately required to keep this worth-while activity going. Surely a few hours a week can be spared for this. If you can offer any help at all please contact Estelle Picken on 613266.

This month we say thank you to Charles Catt who has managed the distribution of Harbury News for the last year or so, and welcome Graham Faulkner who has taken over the reins from Charles.

HARBURY DIARY

MAY 1976

- Sat. 8th PTA Adult Sponsored Walk, 9.00 am - 3.00 pm
 Tues. 11th Harbury Friends 'Anglo - Israel' evening, School, 8pm
 Wed. 12th Musical 'Joseph & The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat', School, 7.30 p.m.
 Thurs. 13th Golden Age, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
 Musical in School as per Wednesday.
 Fri. 14th Labour Party Jumble Sale, V. Hall, 6.00 p.m.
 Sat. 15th Playgroup Sale of Nearly New Adults & Children's Clothes & Toys, School, 10.30 am.
 " League of Pity Party, Members only, V. Hall
 Tues. 18th Tufty Club, V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.
 " Harbury Society, Talk & Slides of the Village at The Dog, back room, 8.30 p.m.
 Wed. 19th M. U. Bring & Buy & Social afternoon, 1 Vicarage Lane
 " PTA Quiz Night, Questionmaster Mr. J. Chapple, School, 8.00 pm.
 Sun. 23rd Members of Cathedral congregation visit Harbury Church for Evensong, 6.30 p.m.
 Tues. 25th Young Wives, Talk about WRVS, V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.
 " Harbury Sen. Cit. Ben. Assoc., V. Hall, 8.00 p.m.
 Thurs. 27th Ascension Day
 " Golden Age, V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.
 Fri. 28th Harbury Theatre Group,
 Sun. 30th Footpath Assoc. ramble from V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.
 Mon. 31st Bank Holiday

JUNE

- Thurs. 3rd W.I. Garden Party, Lower Westfields Farm, 7.45pm
" Deanery Synod, Southam, 8.00 p.m.
" Members of Harbury Church invited to Coventry Cathedral.
- Fri. 4th Darts & Domino League Dance, V. Hall.
- Sun. 6th Whit Sunday - Family Communion at 9.00am followed by Parish Breakfast in V. Hall (No 8.00am or 10am Services on This Sunday only) & No 11.15 Family Service.
- Tues. 8th Harbury Friends, School, 8.00 p.m.
- Thurs. 10th Golden Age, V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.
" Men's Group, 1 Vicarage Lane, 7.45 p.m.
- Sat. 12th Carnival & Fete on Playing Fields
- Tues. 15th Tufty Club, V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.
- Wed. 16th Harbury Sen. Cit. Ben. Assoc. Summer outing
" PTA-Dental Care - Talk, School, 8.00 p.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE Church, 6.30 p.m. every Friday
CRUSADERS V. Hall, 2.30 p.m. " Sunday
BINGO V. Hall, 8.00 p.m. " Monday
YOUTH CLUB V. Hall, 8.00 p.m. " Wednesday
BABY CLINIC V. Hall, 2.00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
Special appointments, every 3rd Monday.
THEATRE GROUP Dog Inn, 8.00 p.m. last Friday each month.

ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS
DATES FOR INCLUSION TO MRS. S. BENNETT, 612618.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

Easter Day brought large congregations and big numbers of Communicants in a beautifully decorated Church. The bells were rung before various services from 6.30 a.m. onwards. The trumpet and the little orchestra were much appreciated at the 10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist. On Low Sunday evening there was a very joyous "Songs of Praise" Service, and our thanks are due to our organist and choirmaster, Mr. Michael Barnes, and to the choir, and also to Mr. Goodfellow and his various musicians, and to Mrs. Shirley Keir for her rendering of "I know that my Redeemer liveth". Real Christian religion is experience of a new Dimension. It is believing that Christ is with us now, beyond His death, beyond everything and anything that would shut Him out. The victorious, the understanding,

the human Christ, God overall and in all, is with us still.

The month of May sees the retirement of our beloved Bishop, Dr. Cuthbert Bardsley, after 20 years as Bishop of Coventry. He has been a great leader, a great missionary, a great preacher, a great pastor, and a man of prayer. We thank God for him and we wish him happiness in his retirement at Cirencester. Incidentally, the Bishop himself is Patron of the Living of Harbury, and my own appointment to Harbury was one of the first appointments Dr. Bardsley made when he came to Coventry. The invitation, I remember, came as a complete surprise to me, as I did not even know at the time that the living of Harbury was becoming vacant!

It is a great joy to see Mr. Reg Harris home again after his time in hospital.

Wishing you a happy Ascensiontide (Ascension Day is Thursday, May 27th.) I remain

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

F.R. Mackley.

HOLY BAPTISM

Easter Day (April 18th) Martin Jonathan Fryer, 2 Farm Street

HOLY MATRIMONY

March 27th	Christopher Dennis Pearce to Diana Mary Freeman.
April 20th	John Clements to Josephine Allington.

FUNERAL SERVICES

April 1st	Edith Elsie Taylor, aged 87 years
" 8th	Nellie Drusilla Bloxham, aged 75 years
" 14th	Harry Padbury, aged 93 years
" 15th	Alice Maud Boneham, aged 83 years.
" 27th	Harry Edward Hawkins, aged 67 years.

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

It has been encouraging in recent weeks to welcome so many people to various services. At the Palm Sunday Communion, Palm Crosses were blessed and distributed and the Palm Sunday Gospel was read by Michael Barnes, Christopher Windsor and the Vicar with enthusiastic participation by the congregation as "the crowd". In the evening, The Cross of Christ, a devotion for congregation and choir was presented by the Choir and a team of readers.

During Lent the Children's Thursday evening Special Services have proved as popular as ever and the children - and their parents - have followed Johnny's meetings with and eventual triumph over, six giants.

On Sunday, 23rd May we shall again welcome members of Coventry Cathedral congregation to Evensong and we hope that many of our own congregation will be there to welcome them.

On Thursday 3rd June, members of our congregation are invited to visit the Cathedral Congregation and meet and worship with them. We hope that many of our members will wish to accept this invitation. Anyone interested is invited to speak to the Vicar or Churchwardens for details.

On Sunday 6th June, Whit Sunday, we again have a Family 9 a.m. Communion in place of the 8 and 10 a.m. Services and we join in further fellowship in the Parish Breakfast in the Village Hall and we do warmly invite all to join us in celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit and in fellowship.

P.T.A.

Mrs. Wendy Walters will be holding a Coffee Morning and Evening at her home, 20 Manor Orchard, on 18th May, the proceeds to be donated to the Swimming Pool Fund. Coffee will be served from 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon and 8.00 p.m. onward. Mrs. Walters has asked for donations of nearly new clothes (children's or adults') which could be offered for sale whilst coffee is being served. If you have any suitable garments, please contact Mrs. Walters (Tel:612664)

Jim Chapple has kindly agreed to act as Questionmaster again for our Annual Quiz Night at The Dog Inn on 19th May at 8.00 p.m. We do thank him most sincerely for the time and effort he gives to finding suitable questions. A Bar will, of course, be available and it is hoped that many of you will come along to cheer on your favourite team and join in this 'strictly for fun' evening.

In view of the extremely successful Barbeque held last year, there is to be another one on June 26th. As before it will be held in Hiatt's Barn, Ufton, 8.00pm to 1.00am. Tickets are £2 each or £3.75 a pair and include the price of steak and sausages. Dancing will be to the Purple Porridge and a disco.

ANNE MEGENEY (Hon. Secretary)

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

With hardly a moment to draw breath after our last production we are off again. This time we have chosen to perform 'Semi-Detached' by David Turner. A really outstanding play which is best described in the author's own words as a hilarious romp. Now you may think that sounds more like a description of one of our rehearsals, but if you know the play I am sure you will realise why our cast is fired with so much enthusiasm. And what a cast! with Peter Shawcross directing and Beryl Checkley and Rex Smith in the leading roles, I don't see how we can fail to have a hit on our hands.

Now for something completely different, April 2nd was our A.G.M. and I feel it must be a measure of our confidence in John Stringer that he was returned unopposed for a second year as Chairman (the only howl of protest coming from John himself). Pat Sarson is now Vice Chairman, Carol Percival was returned as Secretary (after all she does the job so well) and I have been press-ganged into the post of Treasurer. I can't wait to get my hands on all that Money!!

Finally, a note for your Diary, on the 28th May we are holding an informal evening of Readings to be known as a 'Luv Inn' in the back room of the Dog. Admission 10p. The theme will be Love and Romance, beer is on hand for those of you with a thirst and all are welcome.

KEITH HAYES.

NSPCC & LEAGUE OF PITY

Harbury has now incorporated the following villages. under our new title of "HARBURY & DISTRICT" :- Ufton, Chesterton, Deppers Bridge, Bishops Itchington, Ladbroke, Bascote and Bascote Heath; each having a representative responsible for organising the house-to-house and other activities in their area. It is hoped that this expansion will add both to our funds and our activities and we welcome the villages and their help.

In 1975 Harbury raised over £270 compared with £164 in 1974, and we warmly thank all those who so kindly supported our events and gave so generously. Our Film Show was disappointing with support for the adults' performance being insufficient to show a profit, but the children's cartoons in the morning were enormously popular and with an added performance in the afternoon, more than 210 children came!

Our League of Pity Party for the 60+ members we are now delighted to have, will be on May 15th with cartoons and an NSPCC film, and the awards will be presented by Mr. Oliver. Later in the year we shall hold our annual house-to-house and anyone willing to collect for us will be warmly welcomed! We shall also be selling the ever popular NSPCC Christmas cards and going carol-singing at the end of the year, so watch out for publicity for these.

We are very sad to lose Mrs. Val Baker who has been our Treasurer almost since we began in 1973, and who has kept us on an even keel so brilliantly! We all wish Val, Norman and Paul a happy future and hope they will visit Harbury often and keep in touch.

We are now hoping to find another Committee member and are also always grateful for helpers, so if anyone is interested in joining us, we can promise sporadic hard work, a lot of fun and the knowledge that their efforts are helping to rescue and protect the more than 70,000 children currently involved in cases under the NSPCC's care. It's a very worthwhile job, and anyone interested should contact the Secretary, Victoria Macgowan, 17 Manor Orchard, 612938.

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB

We are proud to report that the Leamington & District Billiards & Snooker Association Team Handicap was won by a 'C' Division team in Harbury Club.

The final was a two-leg match against Leamington Conservatives. We lost 5 - 2 on their tables and most people wrote us off, but we came back in tremendous style to win 6 - 1 at Harbury. Well done chaps, see you next season !

"Saturday Nights at the Club" Dance to:-

Sat.	1st May	Purple porridge
"	8th May	Trigger
"	15th May	Hi-Five
"	22nd "	Travellin' Light
"	29th "	Strangers in the Night
Mon	31st "	Sundown
Sat	5th June	Paula & The Sunrise
"	12th "	Anywhere & When
"	19th "	Penumbra
"	26th "	Sundown

HARBURY CARNIVAL



Our photo shows Harbury's Carnival Queen, Carol Young with Runners up Maxine Boraston (left) and Joanne Henderson. They will lead the carnival procession on June 12th. A Carnival "Summer Holiday" Dance with hot supper will be held on June 12th. Tickets at £1 available soon.

HARBURY CARNIVAL WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Harbury Tennis Courts Committee presents a BEER AND WINE TENNIS TOURNAMENT on Sunday 6th June at 2.30pm. This is intended to be a light-hearted afternoon at which players and drinkers of all standards will be equally welcome. Numbers will have to be limited so book your place early by contacting Sally Gascoyne on Harbury 612775. The entry fee will be £1 to cover the beer, wine and an entertaining afternoon.

HARBURY W.I.

At the April meeting Mr. G. Timms of Marton Museum brought and gave a very interesting talk of utensils used many years ago. Mrs. A. French gave a vote of thanks. The Group meeting will be held at Harbury on April 27th. Members Husbands and friends had a very enjoyable evening at a skittle party with scampi or chicken and chips at Blockley. Coffee hostesses at the meeting were Mrs. Bloxham and Mrs. Johnson.

HARBURY LABOUR PARTY

On April 13th Harbury Labour Party held a folk evening in the Dog Inn. Over 60 people crammed into the 'back room' for entertainment by the group 'Humstrum' and excellent refreshments provided by Mrs. Powell. A total of £24 was raised for funds. The next event is the Jumble Sale on May 14th.

HARBURY COUNTY BRANCH LIBRARY

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10.30 to 1. 2 to 5 and 5.30 to 7.

The number of books issued in the year 1975-6 was 34,471 - an increase of 1,105 on the previous year, a record.

One third of these were Non fiction. 291 requests for particular books were handled and about as many again on particular subjects. The daily average issue has varied from 329 to 417.

I should like to express my appreciation for the very helpful and friendly cooperation I have received from the Vicar the Churchwardens, the Parish Council and the Headmaster and his staff, and from many local societies.

The children make very good use of the Reference Section for their many school projects and the library is a hive of activity on most evenings during term time. We are fortunate in possessing a good range of encyclopaedias and can in addition call on the resources of other libraries in the Division.

Our notice board is at the disposal of any local societies wishing to advertise their activities. The minutes of the Parish Council are filed at the library and we also keep a complete file of the Harbury News. Various pictorial material is displayed on the walls including a street plan of Harbury given by the artist - Mr. Bamford; a photo of the Harbury Cutting, 1852, a County Museum display of Harbury's Prehistoric Monster discovered in 1927, Harbury W.I. Footpath Walk, a Dutch Elm Disease Map showing the effect on Harbury's Elms and the County Council Footpath Map.

Finally, I should like to put on record my indebtedness to my staff, Mrs. Shirley Keir and Mrs. Daphne Clifford, to Mr. S. Morgan for keeping us warm during the winter months and to Mrs. P. Wallington for keeping the library clean and tidy and finally to Mr. C. Keeling for his many acts of kindness in doing various repair jobs at the Branch.

R. H. CHAMPION (Branch Librarian)

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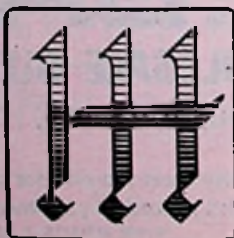
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VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Management Committee held its AGM on Tuesday 13th April. The following Officers were elected:- Chairman-Midge Keen, Secretary-Madeleine Gurden, Treasurer- Mr. Clarke, Vice-Chairman-Sue Andrews, Bookings Secretary- Peter Shawcross.

The Committee was distressed by the poor attendance of representatives from other village societies. The same lack of interest is shown at the Ordinary Meetings, and yet, if the representatives would only attend the monthly meetings, they would be better informed about the Hall, and through their own societies could correct some of the misconceptions that have arisen over its running.

It is a fine Village Hall; run as a Charity, and not, as many Village Halls are, subsidised by the Parish Council. The Management Committee sets the rates for the hire of the Hall, not to make a profit, but merely to cover running costs. From 1974 to 1975 the Rates increased by 37%, the Electricity bill by 45% and the Insurance by 86%.

The Management Committee does have other money-raising events but profit from these is the jam, the extra that is used to redecorate and re-equip the Hall.

In future the date of the VHMC meetings will be published in the Harbury News and it is hoped that attendance will improve.

HARBURY SOCIETY AGM

The Harbury Society AGM was held on 29th March at the Dog Inn. Attendance was excellent and there was lively discussion after the main business.

David Winter, the Chairman, announced that he would not be standing for re-election, because he could not devote sufficient time to the job.

He reported that although the Society had had a seemingly quiet year, individual members and groups of members had been busy with special projects. He particularly mentioned the Elm Survey and thanked Mrs. Sperling and Mrs. Kelsall for their help. He also thanked the Secretary; and John Sandy for the photographic work he had done.

The Secretary claimed to have spent the whole year writing to local authorities and other bodies on the Society's behalf, but besides this she had supplied information on the

Parish to Stratford for inclusion in the Official Guide; supplied details of threatened houses for an Exhibition by the Mid-Warwickshire Historical Association; exchanged historical data; organised the Children's Art Competition and Carnival Competition with the help of John Sandy; and arranged visits to Treddington and Marton Village Museum, a Nature Walk, a talk by Vivian Bird, a Social and a Film Show.

The Treasurer reported that thanks mainly to the Social and subscriptions the Society had a surplus which, subject to the necessary amendment to the Constitution, was to be invested in a Building Society.

Mr. John Hunt moved the Amendment and there followed discussion of the Society's aims and it was agreed to publicise these. Many interesting points emerged but the most pressing was the need to engender some enthusiasm for tidying the village in preparation for the Best Kept Village Competition.

Howard Stringer volunteered to co-ordinate the work on the Village Guide, the following officers were elected:

<u>Chairman</u>	Tim Millington	<u>Committee</u>
<u>Vice-Chairman</u>	Howard Stringer	Mrs Kelsall
<u>Secretary</u>	Linda Ridgley	Mrs Sperling
<u>Treasurer</u>	Bill Washington	David Winter
		Mr Barnes
		John Sandy
		Es Picken
		Geoff Wright
		Joe Bamford

John Hunt proposed the Vote of Thanks.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th May at the Dog Inn at 8pm when there will be an explanation of the purpose of the Best Kept Village Competition with slide illustrations and also an illustrated talk on Harbury in the Past by Charles Keeling.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The aim of the BKV Competition is "to encourage people to take an interest in their village and make it a more pleasant place in which to live, according to their own views and tastes", and the organisers promise that "the fact that it (the village) has inherited fine architecture or a picturesque setting does NOT influence the judges' consideration in asses-

sing marks", so that, although Harbury is not as 'pretty' as some villages, if it makes the effort it will be rewarded.

In the past Harbury has won the District Prize (see the plaques in the Rose Garden and at the Burial Grounds), but last year it DID NOT DO WELL. If we make an effort this year we must certainly do better. Judging begins on May 1st and goes on until July 8th. Marks are awarded as follows:

General Appearance	20
5 each for Village Hall, Pubs, School, War Memorial etc.	
total	30
Absence of litter and UGLY ADVERTISEMENTS	15
Tidyness and general appearance of Housing	30
Hedges, fences, trees, shrubs, and roadside verges	15
Special features, community effort and special efforts	20
TOTAL	130

The organisers emphasise that judges have always had considerable regard for special efforts etc when allocating marks. As you can see the individual can have a considerable effect upon the total marks the village gains just by NOT dropping litter, and by keeping his property and its immediate vicinity tidy. (Why not mow the verge outside your house as well as your own lawn. It will improve the look of your own house as well as the village as a whole).

The Parish Council look after the open spaces and at present a special effort is being made. The Rose Garden has been weeded, the Greens mowed. The Village Hall is also being smartened and the rubble removed.

The Scouts are going to clear up litter during May and this will greatly enhance the appearance of the village.

Even if Harbury cannot win the District Award this year it would be something to be mentioned as having improved on last year's position, and it is to everyone's advantage that the village is made a 'pleasanter place in which to live'.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING THURSDAY 14th APRIL

All the Parish Cllrs. except Cllrs Daniels and Fell were present as well as Major Kettle, Tony Walters, Mrs Hill and fifty or sixty members of the public.

Major Kettle praised the work of the Parish Council and also the Harbury News! He answered questions from Mr Mike Ellis on the Water Rates (which Major Kettle explained

were so very high this year because the Severn/Trent Water Authority were being forced to pay back £20 million which had been levied on those not connected to a public sewer and now, at the expense of standards and services, the rate increase had been better brought under control.

Parish Cllr Geoff Wright drew attention to the Best Kept Village Competition and explained how marks were allocated. He hoped that Harbury would make a special effort. We had been close to winning in the past.

Chairman's Report drew attention to the attendance records (Total Meetings 10: attended by Cllrs Atkins, Davies, Drinkwater, Gurden and Wilkins. Cllr Wright 9 Meetings, Cllr Watts 8, Cllr Catterall 6, Cllr Daniels 5 and Cllr Fell 3). He thanked the Parish, District and County Councillors for their work and thanked the Clerk also.

Highways Mr M Ellis again urged the PC to press on with attempts to extend the One-Way System. P. Cllr Wright pointed out that the Parish Council's proposal was for restricted waiting in Crown Street at weekends, but that the Police had now rejected the suggestion.

Planning and Development. Answering Mrs. Ridgley Cllr Gurden explained that development in Harbury would be restricted to an increase of 100 persons and that this was almost accounted for in outstanding planning permissions and proposed Council Housing. There were 37 on the Council Waiting List, of which 23 were urgent cases. The District is to build more Council Housing on the site of the Old Telephone Exchange in Crown Street.

Gladys Hutchins gave the Recreation Ground Cttee report. The Car Park is to be resurfaced on May 15th.

Mr Austin Hill reported that all the footpaths in the Parish had been walked. Mr Winter complained that SM62A had been diverted and now ran along the base of the hedge. It was very difficult to walk. Parish Councillor Wright suggested that the Parish Council inspect it.

Sara Bennett urged the Council to clean up the village for the Competition. Bishop's Tachbrook Parish Council had paid for skips. The Chairman said that he thought the District Maintenance Gang did the job well.

Mr M Ellis asked Cllr Gurden to explain the proposed changes in the bus service. The question was passed on to

Major Kettle who suggested that Cllr Gurden had misunderstood the plans. The County was paying £38,000 to Midland Red this year on condition that services and routes were not reduced. A survey of profitable routes had been made and now consideration was being given to Social Need for buses. The new Government Policy seemed to favour Public Transport and the later proposals would probably be for a service greater than Cllr Gurden had suggested.

Sharon Hancock expressed concern over the reduction in the large rubbish collection service. Cllr Gurden agreed that it was poorer but explained that Southam District representatives had been outvoted once they joined Stratford District. Anyone with rubbish to be collected should contact Mr Sanford on 993 67575 extension 238.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Gurden for the work he had done on Southam and Stratford District Councils, he thanked everyone for attending the meeting and Mr M Ellis, on behalf of the Parish thanked the Parish Council for four years of hard work and good value for money. LINDA RIDGLEY.

PARISH COUNCIL 29th APRIL

Present: Four onlookers, PC Percival, all councillors except Fell and Daniels, with apologies from Chairman, Cllr Drinkwater.

Bulky Refuse will still be collected, but date is not guaranteed. Phone 993 67575 ext. 238 for service.

Wellesbourne Vegetable Research Station Open Day
Saturday 26th June, 11am to 7pm.

Best Kept Village. Responding to a letter from Harbury Society members, PC agreed to tidy 'black spots' - rubble in Back Lane, Binswood End Green and partly-converted cottage, Library fencing, salt piles on Treen's Hill, Old New Inn Notice Board.

Allotments waiting list is now 14. PC will try to rent more land.

Burial Ground Chapel roof was damaged in gale. Chapel is never used but houses mowers!

Highways. PC agreed SM62A had been diverted. Path is now very narrow. County Council is to be informed.

Lighting. Revised charges mean 15% increase. Fortunately Cllr Wright allowed 20% for inflation on estimates.

Bishop's Itchington Plan. The District Council, to clear misunderstanding, maintain that no specific sites have been earmarked but that 3.125 acres will be needed for Combined School.

Tennis Courts. PC to purchase two new nets at £23 each.

Next Meeting May 13th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Following a statement in the report of the Parish Council meeting on 25th March, in connection with a possible site for a Middle School for Harbury & Bishop's Itchington, we have been asked by Stratford-on-Avon District Council to point out that "no specific sites or areas have been earmarked for development of any kind The County Architect has, in fact, stated that a further 3.125 acres of land will be required ultimately to cater for a 1½ form entry combined school, but no plan has yet been received".

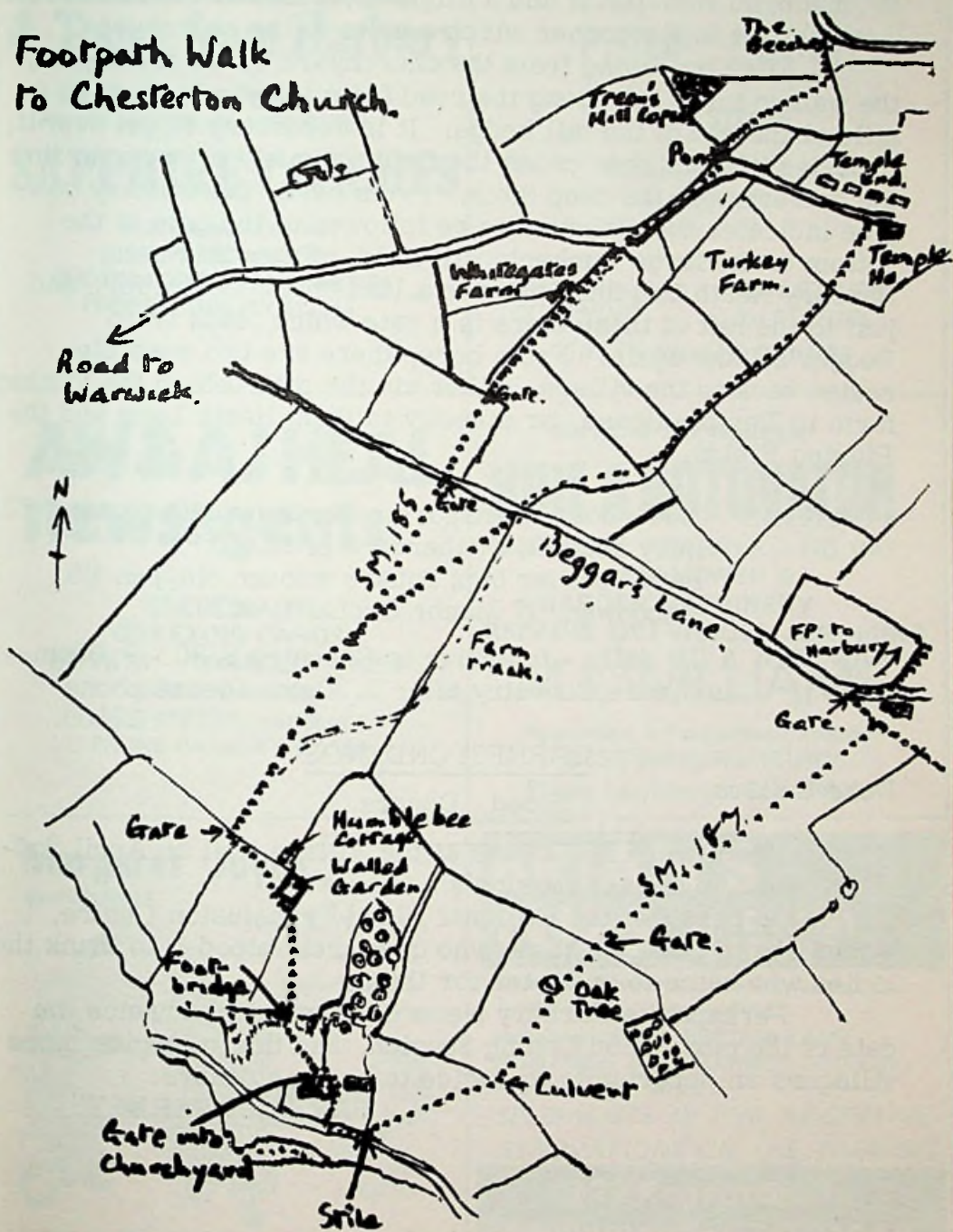
FIELD PATH No. 7

The Parish of Chesterton is a maze of footpaths and Harbury is fortunate that its field paths link up with these at many points. One of the most pleasant longer walks involves paths SM185 and SM187 which give a round trip to Chesterton Church via the remains of the old Manor demesne.

A start can be made from the entry at the bend in the Beeches road which conducts the walker through the estate into the sloping pasture field and down to the pond at the bottom of Temple End Hill. A short walk up the main road reaches Whitegates Farm drive on the left and the pathway follows this, passes immediately in front of the farm-house and continues along the hedge-side cow-track to a small clap-gate in the hedge. The path then crosses the open field on to the Beggars Lane highway. There is a gate on the Chesterton side of the road into a large arable field and the walker needs to make a bee-line to the gate near Humble-bee cottage but if the crops are embarrassingly high there is an unofficial alternative route via the farm-track shown.

Having reached the gate shown the path turns sharply left, over a stile and into the paddock containing an old walled garden. By skirting round this and bearing right down the next paddock, the walker should come upon the footbridge over the

Footpath Walk to Chesterton Church.



old manorial fish-ponds and a slight diversion to the left reveals a small gate in the corner which admits to the churchyard.

After emerging from the churchyard by the front gate, the walker turns left along the road for a 100 yards or so to a stile at the end of the tall hedge. It is necessary to get over it, or under it!, and then cross the field obliquely in order to find the culvert over the deep ditch. From here, the solitary oak-tree indicates the direction to be followed to the gate at the bottom of the large Bunker's Hill field. From this gate, Harbury Heath buildings provide a land-mark to aim for, and just to the left of these there is a gate which leads on to Beggar's Lane again. From here, there are two possible routes back to the village, either via the path behind the Turkey farm to Temple House, or directly to Bush Heath Lane and the Playing Fields.

H.A.H.

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Dear Editors,

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There were 121 Donors at the Village Hall on April 2nd - this is well up on last session's numbers.

On behalf of the Regional Blood Transfusion Centre, I would like to thank all those who gave their blood & to thank the ladies who came to make tea for them.

Perhaps the Harbury News could print in advance the date of the next Blood Doning Session, and this may give more villagers an opportunity to decide to become donors.

BARBARA FARLEY.

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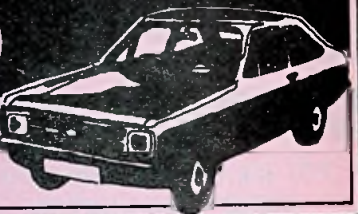
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