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HAD A BUMP?

'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' seems a perfect description of Autumn, if only the poet had remembered bonfires as well. Some people are fascinated by bonfires, while those with washing out are often infuriated. This month includes Bonfire Night and the Parochial Church Council Bonfire is on Saturday 7th November. The Bonfire will be lit at 6 p.m. and fireworks start at 6.15 p.m. Entry to the Recreation Ground is by ticket only, and the cost (including food) is 90p for adults and 45p for children (5-15).

November also brings Remembrance Day and the annual service will be held on the 8th at 10 a.m., followed by a ceremony at the War Memorial. In these times when the threat of war is still with us, it is fitting to remember with pride the sacrifice made by our fellow countrymen and women.

Many residents will be pleased to see that the "mystery of the yellow lines" that have appeared on roads and pavements has been solved. According to our Parish Council report they indicate that something is going to be done. Is it possible for the men who draw the lines to add a date, so that we can know when work will start? The state of pavements and roads in Harbury is not only dangerous but scandalous.

HARBURY DIARY

NOVEMBER

- Sun. 1st ALL SAINTS' DAY. (Our Patronal Festival)
8am Holy Eucharist, 10 am Procession and
Sung Eucharist, 3.30pm Evensong (Said)
6.30pm Youth Service (all welcome).
- Mon. 2nd School begins.
Commemoration of All Souls. 7.30am Requiem.
- Tues. 3rd Senior Citizens cttee, 8pm, V. Hall.
Prayer Group, 8pm, 26 Binswood End.
Horticultural Society, 8pm, Wight School.
- Wed. 4th Coffee Morning in aid of Scouts, 10.30am
32 Mill Street.
M.U., 2.30pm, 6, Dickens Road.
- Thurs. 5th W.I. AGM, 7.45pm, V. Hall.
Girls Club, 7pm, V. Hall.
- Fri. 6th NSPCC Sale of Christmas Cards at Rylands,
Dovehouse Lane, 10-12noon & 6.30-8pm.
- Sat. 7th P.C.C. Bonfire - see advertisement.

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 Sat. 7th 10-11am Children's Pantomime Rehearsal in Wight School.
- Sun. 8th Stage up in Village Hall.
 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. 8am Holy Eucharist,
 10am Remembrance Service, 4pm Sung
 Eucharist, 5.15pm Evensong (Said).
 All Saints' All Sorts, 7pm, 11 Constance Drive.
- Mon. 9th Meditation Workshop, 7.30pm in Vicarage.
- Wed. 11th Southam PTA Fashion Show.
- Thurs 12th Golden Age, 2.30pm, V. Hall.
 "See How They Run" by Harbury Theatre Group (see ad.)
- Fri. 13th "See How They Run" " "
- Sat. 14th Food Fair, 2pm, Scout Hut.
 Children's Pantomime rehearsal, Wight School
 "See How They Run" by Theatre Group (see ad)
- Sun. 15th 22nd Sunday after Trinity. 8am Holy
 Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist, 4pm
 Evensong.
- Mon. 16th Adult Pantomime rehearsals begin, 7.30pm,
 Wight School.
 Bible Study, 8pm, 16 Dovehouse Lane.
- Tues. 17th Tufty Club, 2.15pm, Wight School.
 HELP THE AGED appeal - see Vicar's Letter.
- Wed. 18th HELP THE AGED appeal - see Vicar's Letter.
 Coffee A.M. in aid of Scouts, 10.30am,
 Sycamore House, Butt Lane.
 Harbury News Cttee, 8.30pm, 23 Mill Street.
- Thurs 19th Girls Club, 7pm, V. Hall.
- Fri. 20th Village Hall JUMBLE SALE.
- Sat. 21st Cystic Fibrosis Card Sale, 11.30 - 4.30,
 Wight School.
 Children's Panto rehearsal, Wight School.
 Conservatives' Fork Supper (see ad.)
- Sun. 22nd Sunday next before Advent. 8am Holy
 Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist, 4pm
 Evensong.
 All Saints' All Sorts, 7pm, 11 Constance Drive.
- Tues 24th Young Wives, 2pm, V. Hall.
 Harbury Soc. Slide Show on Society for
 Protection of Ancient Buildings, 8pm in
 Wight School.
 Senior Citizens Cttee, V. Hall.
- Thurs. 26th Action Research Coffee A.M. 10-12 noon,
 7 Manor Orchard.

- Thurs. 26th Golden Age, 2.30pm, V. Hall.
 Girls Club, 7pm, V. Hall.
 Parish Council, 7.30pm, V. Hall.
 Whist Drive in aid of Cystic Fibrosis,
 7.45pm, V. Hall.
- Sat. 28th Panto rehearsal in Wight School.
 Playgroup Bazaar, 8pm, Wight School.
 PTA Old Tyme Music Hall, 8pm, School.
- Sun. 29th Advent Sunday. 9am Family Eucharist followed
 by Parish Breakfast in Village Hall,
 4pm Choral Evensong with Windmill Singers.
- Mon. 30th St. Andrew's Day. 7.30am Holy Eucharist.

DECEMBER

- Tues. 1st Senior Citizens Cttee, V. Hall.
 Horticultural Society, 8pm, Wight School,
 (Quiz Night & Social).
- Thurs. 3rd W.I., V. Hall, 7.45pm.
 Girls Club, 7pm, V. Hall.
- Fri. 4th Harbury School Holiday.
 Southam School DISCO.
- Sat. 5th CHRISTMAS FAIR at Village Hall
 Panto Rehearsal at Wight School.
- Sun. 6th 2nd Sunday in Advent. 8am Holy Eucharist,
 10am Sung Eucharist, 4pm Evensong.
 All Saints' All Sorts, 7pm, 11 Constance
 Drive.
- Tues. 8th Playing Fields Cttee, V. Hall.
- Thurs. 10th Golden Age 2.30pm, V. Hall.
 Girls Club, 7pm, V. Hall.
 Village Hall WHIST DRIVE in Village Hall.
- Sat. 12th Senior Citizens Party in Village Hall.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

- ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Hall Chapel, 10am
 every Sunday
- ROMAN CATHOLIC INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN Harbury Hall,
 10.45 am every Sunday
- HARBURY ADVENTURERS, V. Hall, 11.30am every Sunday
- ALL SORTS, 7.45 pm, 11 Constance Drive, alternate Sundays
- UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm every Monday
- GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30 pm every Monday.
- GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 5.30(5-8yrs), 6.45(Over 9yrs)
 every Monday
- JOGGING, from Foodmart, 8 pm every Monday.
- BINGO, Village Hall, 8 pm every Monday.
- PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tues. to Fri. mornings

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TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 9.30-11.30am Mondays
1.30-3.30pm Wednesdays.

NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tues. to Fri. mornings.

BROWNIES, Village Hall, 6.15pm every Tuesday.

BADMINTON, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.

DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-5.30pm Tuesdays,

4-9pm Wednesdays, 4-5pm Thursdays (beginners)

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm Tues (1st Troop) Wed (2nd Troop)

YOUTH CLUB COFFEE BAR, V. Hall, 7.30-10pm, Tuesdays.

YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 8-10pm, Wednesdays.

BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

GOLDEN AGE, Village Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Thursdays

VENTURE SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 8pm every Thursday.

POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.30-3.30pm every Friday.

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.

Dates for inclusion PLEASE to Linda Ridgley, 612792.

for Village Hall bookings, ring Mr. Picken, 612778.

for Wight School bookings, ring Mrs. Windsor, 612504.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

The Harvest Supper on Saturday October 3rd was a great success. The food, the talk by our guest speaker the Bishop of Warwick, and the "Victorian Magic Lantern" entertainment afterwards was all greatly appreciated. The congregations at our Harvest Thanksgiving Services the next day were larger than ever, particularly at the 10 a.m. Parish Family Sung Eucharist. We thank the Revd. Alfred Gardner for his sermon at Evensong. On the Monday morning the fruit, vegetables and groceries were all taken to the Helen Ley Home for multiple sclerosis sufferers at Blackdown, Leamington Sap.

We are now looking forward to our Patronal Festival on All Saints' Day, November 1st. At 6.30pm there will be a Youth Service at which all will be welcome.

The following Sunday, November 8th, will be Remembrance Sunday. The special Remembrance Service, attended by members of the Royal British Legion, will be at 10 a.m., and at the conclusion of the service in Church we shall proceed (weather permitting) to the War Memorial in Crown Street for the reading of

the names of the fallen, the laying of the wreath, the sounding of the Last Post, the 2 minutes' silence at 11 a.m., and the Sounding of the Reveille. The Parish Family Sung Eucharist on this day will be at 4 p.m. in place of the Sund Evensong (the office of Evensong will be said at 5.15 p.m.). There will also, of course, be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m.

The "Help the Aged" appeal will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 17th and 18th, when good used clothing and blankets may be brought to Church. Ladies will be there to receive and pack the clothing from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on each of these days. Donations will also be welcome to help cover shipping costs, food and medical supplies.

Confirmation classes will be starting about the middle of November. I have already received some names, and I would be glad to see as soon as possible any others (young people or adults) who would like to consider it.

The Meditation Workshop which is normally on the first Monday of the month will this month be a week later (November 9th), and will be in the Vicarage at 7.30 p.m. instead of in Church.

The First Sunday in Advent (November 29th) is the beginning of the new Church Year. On this day we have a 9 a.m. Family Eucharist (which replaces both the 8 a.m. and the 10 a.m. Eucharists) and is followed by a parish breakfast in the Village Hall.

We mourn the loss of Mr. Raymond William Southam and of Mrs. Eva Alice Walker. We commend them to God's loving care, and we pray that God will comfort and guide those who are bereaved.

With every blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
F.R. Mackley,

Holy Baptism

September 27th - Laura Anna Powling, 37 Manor Orchard.
October 18th - Andrew Raymond Meredith, 13 Dickens Rd.

Funeral Services

October 5th - Raymond William Southam, aged 72 years,
of 48 Frances Road.
October 21st - Eva Alice Walker, aged 86 years,
of Saddlers Flat, Chapel Street.

From the Churchwardens

Visitors to the Church so often remark how well-kept and cared for it is. Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Sollis do a really wonderful job in so lovingly caring for the Church. However, it is a large church; too large for two people to look after, even with some additional help they get from a handful of others, including the Cub Scouts and some Guides who are cleaning some of the brass as part of their Community Service badge work. If there are other members of our congregation who would be willing to help with the Church cleaning, we should all be most grateful. Perhaps anysuch volunteers would get in touch either with Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Sollis or with the Vicar or one of the Churchwardens.

We would commend the Church Youth Group, All Saints All Sorts to all young people. Probably most young people won't read these words but we trust that their parents will! We would ask parents to encourage their teenagers to come along to 11 Constance Drive on alternate Sundays at 7 o'clock (now that the clocks have gone back). There is a varied programme and a recent highlight was the visit of the WAYC mobile unit with its craft workshop. A number of homes in the village now sport delightful pictures engraved on glass as a result. The unit promises a return visit in the New Year so we hope that there will be plenty of members to welcome them.

MOVING PICTURES

The audience was fascinated by the Magic Lantern Show given by Philip Banham from Wolverton at the Church Harvest Supper. The lantern itself - a beautifully preserved machine in wood and brass - was over 100 years old, and the slides were of a smiliar age. Most amazing were those which actually moved - the eyes in a huge grinning face darting from side to side, and some lovely spiralling "Kaleidoscope" patterns in glowing colours, all painted by hand on glass. John Stringer was the narrator, and Shirley Keir, Anne Moore, John Bennett and Bryan Harrison accompanied the pictures with Victorian melodies, the audience joining in enthusiastically with "Goodbye Dolly Grey", "It's a long way to Tipperary" and other Boer & 1st World War

songs.

Guest speaker was the Bishop of Warwick, who made amusing and thoughtful observations about life in the country compared with that in cities. He also brought greetings from Mrs. Dickens, a former resident of Harbury, now well into her nineties, whom he had recently seen on a visit to an Old People's Home.

The meal maintained the high standard set in previous years - piping hot and delicious!

Thanks to a lot of hard work, and generous support from the guests, the evening made a small profit, and the Raffle in aid of Tear Fund's work in the Third World raised £28.

D.M.H.

L A D B R O K E N E W S

Services etc. for November and early December 1981.

Sunday, 1st Nov. ALL SAINTS (Patronal Festival)

8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Matins

Thursday, 5th Nov. 7.45pm, Men's Group at Harbury.

Sunday, 8th Nov. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (Trinity XXI)

10.50am Act of Remembrance followed by short Matins; 3.30pm Holy Communion with Hymns.

Wednesday, 11th Nov. 3.0pm, Women's Fellowship at Hall Farm.

Sunday, 15th Nov. TRINITY XXII, 8.30am Holy Communion; 11am Matins.

Sunday, 22nd Nov. SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT.

11am Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon; 3.30pm Evensong.

Saturday, 28th Nov. GRAND AUTUMN FAIR in the Village Hall, opening at 3.0pm.

Sunday, 29th Nov. ADVENT I. 8.30am Holy Communion; 11am Matins.

Monday, 30th Nov. S. Andrew A.M.

Thursday, 3rd Dec. 7.45pm Men's Group at Harbury.

Sunday, 6th Dec. ADVENT II. 8.30am Holy Communion; 11am Matins.

Thursday, 10th Dec. 7.45pm Deanery Synod at St. James' School, Southam.

Sunday, 13th Dec. ADVENT III. 11am Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon; 3.30pm Evensong.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Nov. 1 Mrs. Wright; Nov. 8 Miss Hensman;

Nov. 15 Miss Hensman; Nov. 22 Mrs. Henderson.

NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: After Communion service in Church conducted by Canon Fishley I was pleased our members were able to have tea with me at Briarwood, where we had a very enjoyable get together. Our next meeting will be at Hall Farm by kind invitation of Mrs. Winkfield.

EXTRACTS FROM REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY. 24th October, 1981 - Andrew Dodd
& Susan Ann Webster.

FUNERALS.

7th October, 1981 - Frederick Francis Fell
(followed by burial)

15th October, 1981 - Rowland Fletcher Brookes
(followed by cremation)

Our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dodd.

We tender our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of Mr. Fred Fell and of Mr. R.F. Brookes in their sad loss. Of your charity pray for the departed and those who mourn them.

GRAND AUTUMN FAIR. Please do all you can to support this annual effort taking place this year on 28th November at 3.30pm in the Village Hall. Convenors of Stalls (Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Frost, Miss Junod, Mrs. Hedge, Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Edwards (and her helpers on refreshments), Mrs. Winkfield (in charge of Raffles) and others will be glad of your help in providing. and we shall all be grateful for your presence and generosity on the day. As usual one third of the proceeds will be donated to charities outside the parish (Church Army & Missions to Seamen) and the remaining two thirds to the Church Fabric Fund.

Notes on the meeting of the Parochial Church Council must be held over till next month.

VILLAGE HALL AFFAIRS:- Hirers of the Village Hall should not assume that they may park in the "Bell Inn forecourt. Would prospective hirers please consult Mr. Wiggins regarding possible car parking arrangements. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

The Annual Bonfire Event will be held on Sat. 7th November at 7 p.m. 10p entrance. Please bring your own fireworks for the organisers to let off. Hot dogs, hot potatoes, soup etc. will be on sale. As usual, it will be in farmyard field and the committee would once again like to thank Mr. T. Sheasby for letting them use his field. Don't forget if you have anything to burn, to contact a Committee member.

PARISH COUNCIL:- At the meeting on 6th October as usual the Bypass was a major topic for consideration. A letter was sent to the appropriate Ministry on the 15th July and as yet not even an acknowledgement has been received. The Council is therefore writing to Angus Maude to see if he can facilitate a reply.

A map and pamphlet giving details of the Ladbroke Conservation Area, has been published and copies are available from the planning department at Stratford. However, if you are interested in owning your own copy, Meriel Williamson will be pleased to obtain one for you. The price per copy is 50p.

The Parish Council would like to advertise the fact that there is now a Citizens Advice Bureau in Southam library 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon on Market Day (Tuesday). Consultations take place in a private room and are completely confidential. This service is open to all sections of the community, regardless of income.

The next meeting will be on 17th November at 7.30 p.m. and Mr. Smith from the Council planning dept. will be attending this meeting.

HARBURY SCHOOL - SPORTS NEWS

The Girls Cross-Country team have had a splendid start to the season coming fourth in the first league race and joint first in the second race. The boys team, though not quite so successful, have made a commendable start coming twelfth in each of the two races. Twenty two schools compete in the league and the Harbury teams overall positions are third and tenth respectively.

Results:- 26/9/81, Priorsfield, Kenilworth.
Girls:- Rebecca Burnham (13th), Sarah Burnham (14th), Jane Hancock (17) Lorraine Andrews (54) Nicola Jervis (60).

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Boys:- Martin Padbury (14th), James Mayer (46)
Martin Dufresne (66) Martin Boag (90) Carl Chick (123)
17/10/81, Southam High School:- Girls:- Rebecca
Burnham (7th) Sarah Burnham (8th) Jane Hancock (9)
Caroline Taylor (31) Karen Hoare (33) Nicola Jervis
(34) Tracey Taylor (57) Debbie Simcock (68) Vicky
Ridgley (93). Boys:- Martin Padbury (46th) Martin
Dufresne (65) Darren Boiles (84) Tony Bastin (85)
Martin Boag (104) Stephen Lambert (111) Jamie
Williams (131) Carl Chick (138) Craig Knowles (143).

On average about 150 girls and 200 boys take
part in these league races, the next of which takes
place over Campion Hills on November 21st.

HARBURY SCHOOL P.T.A.

At the A.G.M. of the PTA held at the end of
October the following officers were elected:-
President - Mr. C. Oliver, Chairman - Mrs. M. Brown,
Treasurer - Mr. J. Lapraik, Sec. - Mrs. M. Thompson.

Committee members for the next year will be:-
Mrs. M. Barnes, Mrs. C. Bennett, Mrs. J. Ellis,
Mrs. A. Holding, Mrs. J. Powell, Mr. N. Beaumont,
Mr. N. Chapman, Mr. T. Coupe, Mr. I. Crute and
Mr. J. Kemsley.

The next event in the PTA calendar is the Old
Tyme Music Hall which will be held on Saturday Novem-
ber 28th at 8 p.m. in the School Hall. Entertainment
will be provided by members of the Harbury Theatre
Group, the PTA and other "guests"; a hot supper will
be provided.

We hope that as many people as possible will
attend in Victorian or Edwardian dress - Beryl
Checkley is quite happy to advise. Tickets may be
ordered from members of the PTA committee. M.T.

SOUTHAM AWARDS EVENING

Southam School held its first Awards Evening
(a replacement for Speech Day which has not been held
for several years) on October 22nd in the School Hall.
There was a packed audience of prizewinners, their
parents, staff, and many friends of the school.

In his address, the headmaster, Mr. H.J. Skinner,
reminded the audience of the school's 25 year progress
from a small Secondary Modern school to the present
fully comprehensive school with over 1,000 pupils.
He highlighted this year's excellent examination

results and the high standard of attendance and behaviour. He also told the audience of the gloomy side - the constant cuts and staffing provision which has led to the reduction of special provision for remedial pupils, the severe under utilisation of craft and technology facilities, and the reduction in choice of subjects in the upper school. A major worry is that over 60 school leavers are still without permanent jobs - something which has never happened in the school's history, and a grim reflection of the current state of the country.

Following a short recital by the school orchestra the guest of honour, Professor T.P. Whitehead, Head of the Department of Clinical Chemistry at the University of Birmingham, presented the prizes. These were donated by friends of the school and by local industry and commerce as well as the P.T.A. Two prizes went to each form in the lower school - one for effort and one for achievement. There were individual subject prizes for the upper school, plus awards for G.C.E. and C.S.E. results, for service to the school, and the Graham Knight memorial award for an outstanding piece of craft work.

After the prize giving Prof. Whitehead gave an amusing account of his own career - beginning as a 14 year old school leaver in the depths of the depression. He highlighted friendship, humour, and an inquiring mind as aids to a happy and stimulating life. He ended with the hope that the country would emerge from its present recession and give its young people the opportunity to live life to the full.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Peter Mitchell.

Harbury prizewinners were as follows:-

<u>Form Prizes:</u>		Lynn Stanbridge	Tonia Southam
	Nicola Harper	Louise Ayres	
	Nicola Hanson	Sharon Butler	
	Victoria Allan	Vicky Harrison	
	Helen Bishop	George Russell	
Prize for Computer Studies	-	Anthony Jones	
" "	Woodwork	-	Jeremy Watts
" "	Metalwork	-	Mark Davies
" "	Biology	-	Colin McQuistan
" "	Girls P.E.	-	Susannah Gascoyne
C.S.E. Award	-	Anne Middleton	

PLAYGROUP ASSOCIATION - PLAYBUS PROJECT

Many thanks to all those who kindly donated cakes, goods and money to our garden fete. Despite the weather, we raised £105.06 towards the Playbus Project:

Prize winners:-

Raffle - Mr. P. Baker & Mrs. J. Turner

Name that Place - Miss C. Sutton & Mr. G. Barr

Sweets in the Jar - Mrs. J. Padbury

Name the Monster - Philip Riman

BRENDA TURNER.

PLAYGROUP

The Playgroup sandpit cover has mysteriously disappeared overnight. As this means the children are exposed to hazards from broken glass and the sandpit being fouled by animals, we would welcome any information which anybody can give us. If anyone could assist us with replacing the cover this would also be very welcome:

CELIA NEILL (612819)

HARBURY TUFTY CLUB

Tufty, Bobby Brown Rabbit, Policeman Badger and all their friends are just waiting to meet some new boys and girls between 2½ and 5 years. They all meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Wight School, 2:15 pm. Their aim is to teach the children 'Safety on the Road'.

We also need two new helpers; please contact Dorothy Groves (612710) or Mary Thompson (612050). Our Christmas Party will be on 15th December. New members welcome.

THE COVENTRY MARATHON

Sunday 4th October dawned cool and cloudy. It then proceeded to warm up such that by 2 pm as the marathon reached its climax, shirt sleeves were the order of the day for the spectators in the Memorial Park, and runners were bathed in sweat. The organisers, Coventry Outward Bound Association, put on a great event, choosing a fine route through Tile Hill, Meriden, Berkswell, Burton Green, Kenilworth, Stoneleigh and Baginton.

Most corners were therefore safe left-handers

(the roads were not closed to traffic). It was good to see the excellent co-operation between the Police, the City Council and numerous helpers such as the scouts and A.T.C. Tom McNab, a national athletics coach and incidentally technical advisor to the film 'Chariots of Fire', provided a commentary. Basil Heatley, one of Coventry's most famous marathon runners, wrote some words of encouragement in the programme. Bare statistics cannot do justice to the event, the enjoyment (yes, that is the right word!) of the runners and the encouragement given to them by the spectators along the way.

Thank you to all who sponsored our scout trio of Gary Picken, Bob Wilkins and John Hancock. Bob raised £25 for the NSPCC and £25 for the venture unit; in addition, some £60 was raised for the scout hut and £70 for the Outward Bound Association (to enable disabled and disadvantaged young people to develop in dramatic outdoor settings).

Congratulations to Gary, Bob, Trevor Montague, Steven Oliver and Robin Andrews (the last two being ex Harbury residents) on completing their first marathons.



John Hancock, Trevor Montague and Bob Wilkins out training before the Marathon. (photo Mike Bloxham).
p.t.o. for results:-

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Times and positions were as follows:-

1st - D. Peggs	02 hrs. 30.33
18th - John Hancock	02 hrs. 47.44
32nd - Gary Picken	02 hrs. 52.46
189th - Trevor Montague	03 hrs. 27.56
370th - Bob Wilkins	03 hrs. 49.01
378th - Steven Oliver	03 hrs. 49.47
703rd - Robin Andrews	04 hrs. 28.42

J.L.H.

HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

After a good start to the season with impressive wins over Coventrians and Northampton Heathens - a crop of injuries to several key players has affected the rhythm of the first team. Nonetheless three of their defeats have largely been of their own undoing when in all cases they had established a winning lead but thrown away the game literally in the closing minutes. Hopefully the return of Club Captain Tony Fabel may produce a more positive commitment. Tony was injured in the opening match of the season.

Injuries have produced problems for all the teams and fielding a settled side has been difficult. The Club could certainly benefit from the experience and guidance of one or two 'old hands' who fancy playing.

Congratulations to skipper Ian Wells and his team and also the encouraging contribution from the following from the village:- Russ Cooke, David Grey, Steve Hunt, Mark Jones and Simon Woodward.

The Minis have started off their third season, with over 100 boys registered with the Club!

With games played against Broad Street, Stratford, Nuneaton and Sutton Coldfield, all sides have put in some tremendous performances.

<u>Results</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Points for</u>	<u>& against</u>
Under 8	6	2	2	2	40	36
" 9	6	4	2	-	72	52
10	6	4	2	-	92	32
11	4	1	3	-	32	64
12	5	5	-	-	100	20
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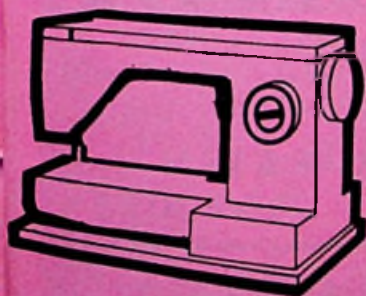
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Gareth Adams (Coach) and the Under 7's - Look out Bill Beaumont!

N.B. Please support the Club's match against Coventrians in the second round of the Warwicks. Cup at Harbury on Sunday Nov. 8th. JERRY BIRKBECK.

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

Harbury's 1st team are riding high, having WON all their league games this month, and they are delighted with the form which has enabled them to crush the top two teams and send them to 2nd place in the Division. They also played well against a 1st division team in a Cup Match, which they narrowly lost 1-0 when even non-partisan supporters acclaimed Harbury as the 'better side'.

There is now a splendid nucleus of good players, who understand each others game and acknowledge that team effort brings the results that have eluded the village in the past.

The Club has been most encouraged by the increased support on the touchlines and would welcome added vocal support for the fixture on Sunday Nov: 1st at the playing fields, as a win over Bulldog Sports (already beaten 2-0 this season) in a 2nd division Cup Match, would put them in line for a trophy, for the first time in several years.

The footballers would like to thank the Crown Inn 'regulars' who have joined their 'Tote' scheme and boosted the weekly payout to a minimum of £20 (which significantly was won outright by landlady Jan Playdon last week). It would be nice to report that 'everything on the field' was going well, but sadly the reserves are still struggling near the bottom of their division. Their forwards have found the net in recent weeks, and the team eclipsed Courier Press 7-0 in their only win so far, but according to eye witnesses, the defence needs to be "sewn up".

The weekly training sessions at Southam school have improved the fitness of the players and all that is needed now is the determination to succeed. They have got the ability; now give them the support and watch them WIN for the village (the 1st team anyway!)

Results: (& man of match nominations - M.O.M.)

1st team

4.10.81 L'ton Southend v 1st W 3-2 MOM T. Betts

11.10.81 1st v For Sports W 5-2 MOM C. Sheasby

18.10.81 1st v L'ton Celtic (Cup) L 1-0

MOM T. Betts & M. Pratt

25.10.81 St. Peter's Celtic v 1st W 3-1

MOM M. Perry.

Reserves

4.10.81 Res. v Ford Sports Res. L 8-4 MOM K. Bloxham
 11.10.81 Courier Press v. Res. W 7-0 MOM The Team(1)
 18.10.81 Warwick Univ. v. Res. L 2-0 MOM M. Hyde
 25.10.81 Res. v Whitnash Res. L 6-3 MOM J. Luke

C.F.

TENNIS CLUB

A Disco was held on Friday 25th September and during the evening prizes were presented to the winners of the tennis tournament played during July/August - congratulations to Di Parkin (Ladies Singles); Barry Latham (Mens Singles); Ray Hoare and Jan Revell (Mixed Doubles). We also congratulate Andrew and Nicki Latham two of the Club's intermediate players, who won through to the mixed doubles final of the Warwick Under 18 Tournament.

At the recent A.G.M. new officers were elected as follows:- Chairman - Steve Chaplin;

Hon Treasurer - Mike Brett; Hon Sec. - Jenny Newman.

A fuller report on the meeting will follow next month.

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

Harbury Ladies Netball Club has just begun its season with two teams in the Coventry Works' Netball League and to date have played two games. The 'A' Team lost their first game and had the second one postponed. The 'B' Team have won both their matches, 19-16 and 25-5.

We are quite a small club with seventeen signed on members including three player/umpires and one non-playing umpire.

Harbury 'A' have moved up to the third division and expect to meet some tough opponents. This will necessitate them working very hard to win matches but as they enjoy the game and obviously want to win we are certain they will do just that!

Harbury 'B' are fielding an excellent team this season on our new pitch at the Recreation Ground. It is an ideal place and provides changing room facilities for us and opposing teams. Many thanks to all concerned in helping this situation come about - we are very grateful.

By now the Disco organised for the under 16's will have taken place; once more thanks are due to all parents who 'forked out yet again to help us'.

V. JESSUP (Social Secretary)

HARBURY BADMINTON CLUB

The new season of the Badminton Club has just started. At the end of last season our first team was promoted to Division II of the Leamington and District League, whilst the second team just missed promotion into Division III. This season both teams have started well. The first team in their opening match against Avon II at home had a close 5-4 victory. The second team won 6-3 away from home against Trinity Street and followed this up with another 6-3 away win against Avon III. The Mens and Ladies Mixed team stayed in Division I and started badly with an 8-1 defeat at the hands of Spencer Street but bounced back a week later with a 6-3 win over Shipston.

We are always looking for experienced players to join us, so if you are interested ring Andy Tasker (613273) or come to a club night on a Tuesday evening in the Village Hall.

A. TASKER.

"SEE HOW THEY RUN"

This hilarious farce makes ideal entertainment for the whole family, and Harbury Theatre Group is deliberately starting performances at 7.30 p.m. to enable lots of children to bring their parents along for a REALLY GOOD LAUGH!!

Rehearsals are going well I'm told, with the cast trying desperately not to "corpse"- the theatrical term for collapsing with laughter and being unable to deliver the next line!

The lively plot revolves around the antics of 5 Vicars, and the cast includes the Rev. Mackley as a Bishop, Janet Tovey who is travelling twice a week from Warwick to attend rehearsals, and many Theatre Group "regulars".

We KNOW you'll enjoy it, so get your tickets NOW from Lindop's Drug Store for the performances on 12th, 13th or 14th November, and please remember that early starting time of 7.30 p.m.

D.M.H.

HARBURY W.I.

Dr. Mac Whinney gave Harbury a delightful tour of Scotland with Slides and with quotations from R. Burns and Sir Walter Scott. We saw where Mary Queen of Scots lived and the site of the Massacre of Glencoe.



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Harbury W.I. team won the P.T.A. Quiz Shield after beating the Hottentots in the semi-final by one point, and the Theatre Group in the final.

The tickets for the Harvest Supper on Oct. 9th were completely sold out, and a most enjoyable evening was had by all, at the Rugby Club!

D.A. BRADLEY.

GOLDEN AGE

Our recent Sale of Work in the Village Hall was a tremendous success. Gifts of time and thought, as well as cakes, goods for the Tombola, handicrafts, plants, vegetables etc. came from so many generous friends - I cannot express how very grateful we are to you all. We are delighted that we have enough to provide a Christmas dinner for our members - and even enough for a cup of coffee to wash it down too!

Raffle winners: Basket of fruit (green ticket 35) Mrs. Freeman; Wine glasses (red ticket 32) - Mrs. Hind; Caddies of tea (red ticket 127) - Doreen McMahon; Sundae glasses (red ticket 209) - Mrs. Sperling. The blanket (red ticket 192) has yet to be claimed, so please get in touch with me or any Golden Age member if you purchased this ticket.

Next meeting: 12th November: L. KNIGHTON



Golden Age members with some of the many goods on display at their Sale of Work.

POP-IN

Harbury Pop-In continues to meet every Friday between 1.30 and 3.30 p.m. A group of people regularly come along to play whist or dominoes and chat over a cup of tea. Recently we spent a day sight-seeing and shopping in Worcester and this month we are booked for lunch at a local restaurant.

We are keen to welcome new faces so if you are a senior citizen with an hour to spare on Friday, why not pop in to the Village Hall for a cup of tea?

HARBURY SOCIETY

THE SPAB MAN COMETH! A very enthusiastic gentleman from SPAB (The Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings) has agreed to come to Harbury to talk to us about the work of his Society. He promises to bring loads of slides and will talk giving local examples. Tea and biscuits afterwards so come along and bring a friend. Tuesday 24th November at 8 pm in the W I G H T S C H O O L. Please note the new venue.

The Parish Council has asked the Society to conduct a tree survey and to pinpoint trees on which the Council should request Tree Preservation Orders. Anyone who would like to help with this should contact the Secretary, Linda Ridgley, 7 Wagstaffe Close (612792).

It would be nice to have any outstanding subscriptions paid by the end of the year. If no-one has come round to collect your money you can always give it to the Treasurer, John Lapraik, 11 Wagstaffe Close.

Finally, don't forget that the Society's book 'Hungry Harbury' makes an interesting and unusual Christmas present. Available from local shops price £1.50 or to Society members at £1 from the Secretary.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH TRUST

Not always the easiest name to pronounce but a group of primary school children, on a fund-raising event, solved the problem by calling it the "SIXTY FIVE ROSES TRUST".

Saturday 21st November we will be selling Christmas cards, calendars etc. in the Wight School

from 11.30am to 4.30pm. Also available will be lovely table decorations made by Thelma Gulliver, in aid of C.F. funds. Do please come and at least have a look, no obligation to buy.

Wednesday 18th November: we hold our A.G.M. at the Falstaff Hotel, Warwick New Road, Leamington Spa. Our Guest Speaker will be Dr. Pat Wallace, Consultant Paediatrician at Sydenham & Lewisham Hospital. These talks are always very interesting and if anyone would like to come along they would be most welcome. The meeting starts at 8.00 p.m. but coffee is served from 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. Bastock has very kindly offered to organise a Whist Drive on Thursday 26th November in the Village Hall in aid of C.F. funds, so I hope all the Whist players will go along and enjoy this:

BARBARA ANDREWS (Sec.)

VILLAGE HALL

In the last couple of months the Village Hall committee has held two fund raising events. The first was a Jumble Sale which was quite well supported and raised nearly £50. We shall be holding another on Friday November 20th. If you have any Jumble for collection please contact the usual committee members:- Sue Andrews, Harbury House, 612528; Midge Keen, 21 Sutcliffe Drive, 612561; Gill Gurden, Hillside Farm, 612348.

More recently we held Harbury's first "Race Night", which was well supported, and which proved a most enjoyable evening. Seven different horse race films were shown and before each race the audience placed small bets on each horse, which only had a number! Despite the fact we made £200, some people did win, and we congratulate them. We also commiserate with those who did not. Win or lose, everyone seemed to have a good time and we hope to hold another "Race Night" in March.

Our thanks to everyone who supported us on this occasion, especially to all those who helped behind the scenes and to the W.I. for providing the supper.

After the November Jumble Sale we will be holding a Whist Drive on Thursday December 10th at which we hope to have some good prizes ready for Christmas.

SUE ANDREWS.

PARISH COUNCIL

Residents in the vicinity of the Village Hall have been suffering from a bad case of the Verrucas. No it's not an epidemic, merely a very loud pop-group who have been practising there. The P.C. have asked that they tone it down.

Someone was obviously upset by the tone of the 'Dogs Notice' on the Playing Fields. It said that the fouling of the Playing Fields by dogs was anti-social and that owners who allowed this were to be condemned. Pc Percival is pursuing his enquiries into what Mike Ellis termed a premeditated act. Someone Stole the Notice! It wasn't wrenched off by vandals. It was unscrewed. As well as being anti-social and contributing to the fouling of the field (by proxy) the culprit has cost you and me £22 (or £44 if the notice has to be replaced).

The Playing Fields cttee is loath to put up a similar notice forbidding vehicles to run on to the Fields for fear that it too may disappear.

The farmers had to explain to Bruce Hannay what a draw rail is. The Allotment holders wish to install one in the hedge at the top of their plots to allow manure wagon to turn round. All the Allotments are now let and there is a Waiting List once more.

"Before you pass on, Mr. Chairman", Keith Thompson called before explaining that the missing stile could not be built because Community Industries had used up all the materials. Magnanimously Mike Ellis agreed that they could buy some more wood. Keith reported that C.I. had revised the way it built Play Forts and was to take down and rebuild Harbury's.

Both the mowers are out of action and the grass cannot be cut. Mowing has cost about £1,200 in wages and repairs this year, but it seems that all Parishes have similar problems. Last time a quote was received for contract mowing it was £2,000 just for the Cemetery. As Harbury receives Double Rating Relief (Section 136) it is the District which foots the bill.

Mike Ellis asked if the Village Hall cttee had called on the Sinking Fund this year. It had not but outstanding repairs to the roof of the extension

and the fencing would be costly. Mike hoped the Fund could be used for capital projects, like improving the heating and insulation but acknowledged repairs had to be done.

The defective Manhole in High Street is marked out with yellow chalk. 'That means THEY are coming' explained Bruce Hannay. 'So's Christmas' retorted the Clerk. It is presumed that repairs will be effected soon and it was suggested that Cllrs mark out all other outstanding repairs in yellow chalk in the hope that they will be included!

Much intellectual discussion took place over the responsibility for the flooding in Mill Street at the Pumping Station. It comes from the road drain and is therefore surface water (County Council responsibility), but it backs up at the Pumping Station, and overflows into Mrs. Byram's garden because the ditch and culvert are blocked (Severn Trent W.A.). But the culvert is blocked with rubbish washed off the road (WCC again). Street cleaning is the District Council's job so maybe they are to blame too!

Reporting on other meetings John Drinkwater announced that the District Council had agreed to give £500 from the Lottery to the Southam Playbus Scheme. David Winter said that the Area Parish Councils meeting had been concerned that trees were being felled in large numbers. It was suggested that the Harbury Society be asked to survey the trees in the Parish and pinpoint those which should be protected by Tree Preservation Orders. Neville Ellis was at pains to point out that timber was a crop and should be harvested at the time when the trees were mature, but he insisted that replanting was important. Keith Thompson, also relaying Area P.C.'s discussions revealed that Parish Councillors CAN act as enumerators on the Census. Roll on 1991!

Next meeting 26 November 7.30pm in Farley Room, Village Hall.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

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Fund Raising Event on Wednesday 4th November.

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"THE GOOD HOUSEWIFE" (3)

Here are some more hints from our occasional series taken from a 1924 publication on household labour saving ideas:-

No. 323: TO REMOVE EGG STAINS FROM SPOONS AND FORKS

Take a little common salt between the thumb and finger and rub briskly.

No. 367. TO SAVE FEET GETTING OVER-TIRED during ironing the clothes, stand on a cushion!!

No. 390: TO AVOID THE TASTE OF UNPLEASANT MEDICINE

Eat a peppermint toffee just before taking medicine and you will not taste the medicine, however nasty.

No. 393: COLD TEA LEAVES bound on a burn, take away the pain at once.

No. 454. TO MAKE A CANDLE FIT THE CANDLESTICK:

dip the end in hot water. It will then be soft enough to be moulded to the necessary size.

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

PROFILE - JOCK STOBO

Jock Stobo is not a native of Harbury; he's a very definite Scot who has lived in many places; but when he first came to Harbury in 1961 he knew that it was the place where he wanted to retire. He bought 'The Homeland' a thatched cottage in Vicarage Lane, attached to which was a row of five cottages which had been the Malthouse of the old Manor. When his work (he was a 'Vet' with the Ministry of

Agriculture) took him away again on his travels, he retained 'The Homeland' coming back each year for summer holidays in Harbury.

where he had many friends. Finally in 1973 when he retired, he settled in for good.

His early life is fascinating, for he qualified as a Veterinary Surgeon in 1930 long before the days of sulphur drugs and antibiotics. Then, a decade before James Herriot became a Vet, he says, Veterinary practice was an 'Art' rather than the sophisticated science it now is, and animal treatments were often empirical.

His first job was in Government service in the Sudan where he earned the then princely sum of £660 (Egyptian) quarantining cattle, battling with rabies and rinderpest, and organising the export of beef cattle to Egypt.

On his return in 1932 he took a cut in salary to work in a practice in Surrey at £6 a week. In 1937 he joined the Buckinghamshire County Council as a local authority vet, became a state vet in 1938 when the Ministry of Agriculture took over from the local authorities. He remained stationed in Bucks until 1946 when he moved to HQ in the City of London. Lincoln was his next home (for 13 years), then Harbury. Promotion in 1963 gave him responsibility in six West Midlands Counties and in 1965 he moved to Leeds where he was in control of Animal Health Work in the East and West Ridings and Lancashire. One of the busiest periods of his life began in October 1967 when Foot and Mouth Disease broke out disastrously in Cheshire. From October to June 1968 he moved all over the area, living at Oswestry, Chester and Shrewsbury working without respite to contain the epidemic.

Jock Stobo is most proud of the work he and his colleagues did to eradicate TB and Brucellosis from the National Herd and also Swine Fever in pigs. He finally retired from the Ministry of Agriculture when the Bureaucratic administration became too much for him to stomach.

Since his retirement he has been Hon Secretary of the Veterinary Benevolent Fund - a registered charity set up to minister to needy vets, their widows and dependents. This involves wrestling with the complexities of the State Welfare System and dispensing money in grants and gifts as need arises.

Jock has collected 'things' since his youth in Scotland when there was not such a vogue for antiques. He insists that he always acquired objects from interest and not for their monetary value, but he has a considerable knowledge in the field and since his retirement has become an expert on Staffordshire figures. One of his greatest thrills was to find a Henry II Silver Shilling whilst renovating his cottage. The coin dates from 1180 to 1230 and was donated to Warwick Museum.

Jock takes an active interest in the village and its affairs and it is good to think that a man so widely travelled knows that Harbury is the best place there is to live. His regret is that his wife who 'blazed the trail' with him - setting up house eleven times in 43 years of married life - was not spared for longer to enjoy retirement with him in the Harbury she so loved. LINDA RIDGLEY.

TUG OF WAR - 'CROWNING GLORY'

COURAGE should be one of the ingredients of success for a tug-of-war team, but the men of the Crown reckon that WHITBREAD'S gives them more power!

The team commenced its winning streak with a first ever pull at Harbury Carnival when they emerged victorious over all other local teams. Since then, they have gone from 'strength to strength' winning the event at Bishops Itchington and at the Fete for the Disabled at Southam, where they literally pulled the 'Squaddies of C.A.D. Kineton into the mud:

The Crown team has landlord Ray Playdon as anchor-man and ranged in front of him are locals Alan Burdon, Andy Hopkins, Tom Lowe, Mick Pratt, Andy Young and Christopher Shawcross; with Frank Robbins as the 'Shakespeare' representative and "Turny" Turner as coach.

It's a well known fact that the specific gravity of Whitbreads exceeds that of any other brew and therefore regular training sessions under Ray's guidance gives the eight man team an added weight advantage (!?). Keep pulling Ray! - and every power to your elbow for next season!

C.F.

IN THE GARDEN

With scarcely anything to sow or plant, November is the time for digging and spring cleaning - do not wait until spring. Peas and long pod broad beans can be sown in warm sheltered gardens.

Your Jap onions should be up in full now and should be carefully weeded and a light dressing of Nitro Chalk or grow more hoed into the ground helps them during the winter. On the market now are onion sets that can be sown not later than the first week in Nov. but they are expensive. Potatoes in store should be inspected regularly as in most cases they are not keeping well.

The dead leaves on the Brussels Sprouts should be taken off; your spring cabbage should be given a small dressing of Grow More and the soil hoed up to them to give protection against the wind.

Cut down old fruited canes of Blackberries, Loganberries and other hybrid varieties to ground level. Now is the time to put farmyard manure on your ground even if it is only put on top, as the worms will draw it into the ground. As soon as the leaves are off your fruit trees then it is time to spray and some prefer grease bands.

Tip for the month:- when cooking sweet corn, add sugar and not salt.

W.F.L.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

If you have the slightest interest in gardening, why not come along to the Society's meetings which are held at the Wight School on the first Tuesday of each month?

Our first meeting of the 1981/82 season was well-attended, a good indication that television has not completely killed the art of conversation. Luckily there are many dedicated gardeners who are interesting speakers so there are 'Percy Throwers' in nearly every subject. An advantage of listening to 'live' speakers rather than those on the television is that you can obtain instant answers from the 'real' experts on the types of plants most suited to your particular soil and situation. One such expert was Mr. George Dudfield, our speaker for October, who sat amongst a great canopy of foliage and described plants that had been propagated in the

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family's nurseries at Stratford for at least 50 years.

Our speaker for Tuesday 3rd November is the representative from Rosedale Aquatics. He originally agreed to speak to us about a year ago but he subsequently received a similar invitation to visit Japan. Nevertheless, he loaned us a well-prepared talk and 100 superb slides on garden ponds, which produced an excellent meeting. I am sure that his new talk on "Japanese Gardens" will be illustrated by an equally high standard of photography.

Our final meeting of the year is the Horticultural Quiz Night & Social on December 1, which heralds the start of the festive season, the time when gardeners browse through seed catalogues for the coming year.

STAN FINCH.

L.S.D.

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----- KEITH THOMPSON. -----

MORE FINDINGS IN HARBURY CHURCHYARD

Which way do the graves in the churchyard face? Why might it be that there are fewer graves to the north of the church? One theory in answer to the first question is that it was believed one must be buried the right way to be ready for Judgement Day. It was generally thought that the ultimate day would approach with the rising sun from the east, hence

you were buried facing east in preparation for the great event. Superstition ran high in bygone days, and people's minds were filled with pagan beliefs. They were so obsessed with evil spirits that only the sanctuary itself was thought really safe. As the north side of the church is always cold and shady it was believed that this was the place where you were most likely to lose your soul to the devil. It was with great difficulty that relatives were persuaded to have their dear ones buried on that side. As the east and south are usually sunny and warmer, these sides were considered proper and safe, the east being preferable as it is nearest to the altar.

There are various memorials in the churchyard, notably Headstones, table tombs, coffin tombs and celtic crosses. There are also a number of ledgers, these being flat stone slabs, several inches thick, placed lengthwise over the body at ground level. Some say these stones were used in an attempt to prevent the soul from returning to haunt the living, but a more believable theory is that they were a deterrent to professional body snatchers, who would have great difficulty in lifting a stone slab, 6ft X 2 ft and about 6" thick.

Some memorials are plain, some are very ornate, carved with scrolls, cherubs, acanthus leaves, open books, pick and shovel. An eye and a hand are symbolic, the eye representing the eye of God, and the hand, the hand of God reaching down to help the soul to heaven.

Many of the tombs still have their iron railings intact. In a lot of churchyards these were removed, seemingly with or without permission, to help the war effort.

Harbury wasn't short of tradesmen in the 1800's; here are a few among the deceased.

John Seaman - Draper & Grocer; Thomas Cross - Gardener; William Paine - Baker and Flour dealer; Richard Wodhams - Cooper; Joseph Hunt - Bricklayer; Samuel Smith - Blacksmith; William Lagoe - Surgeon; and Thomas Sprawson - Clerk of this parish for forty years.

Many thanks to Dick Picken and Charlie Keeling, who I think have helped solve the mystery of Elizabeth Flecknoe, but until parish records have been consulted, she must keep her secret.

C. BARRETT.

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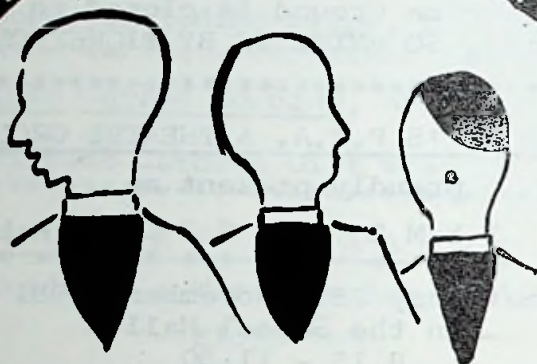
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