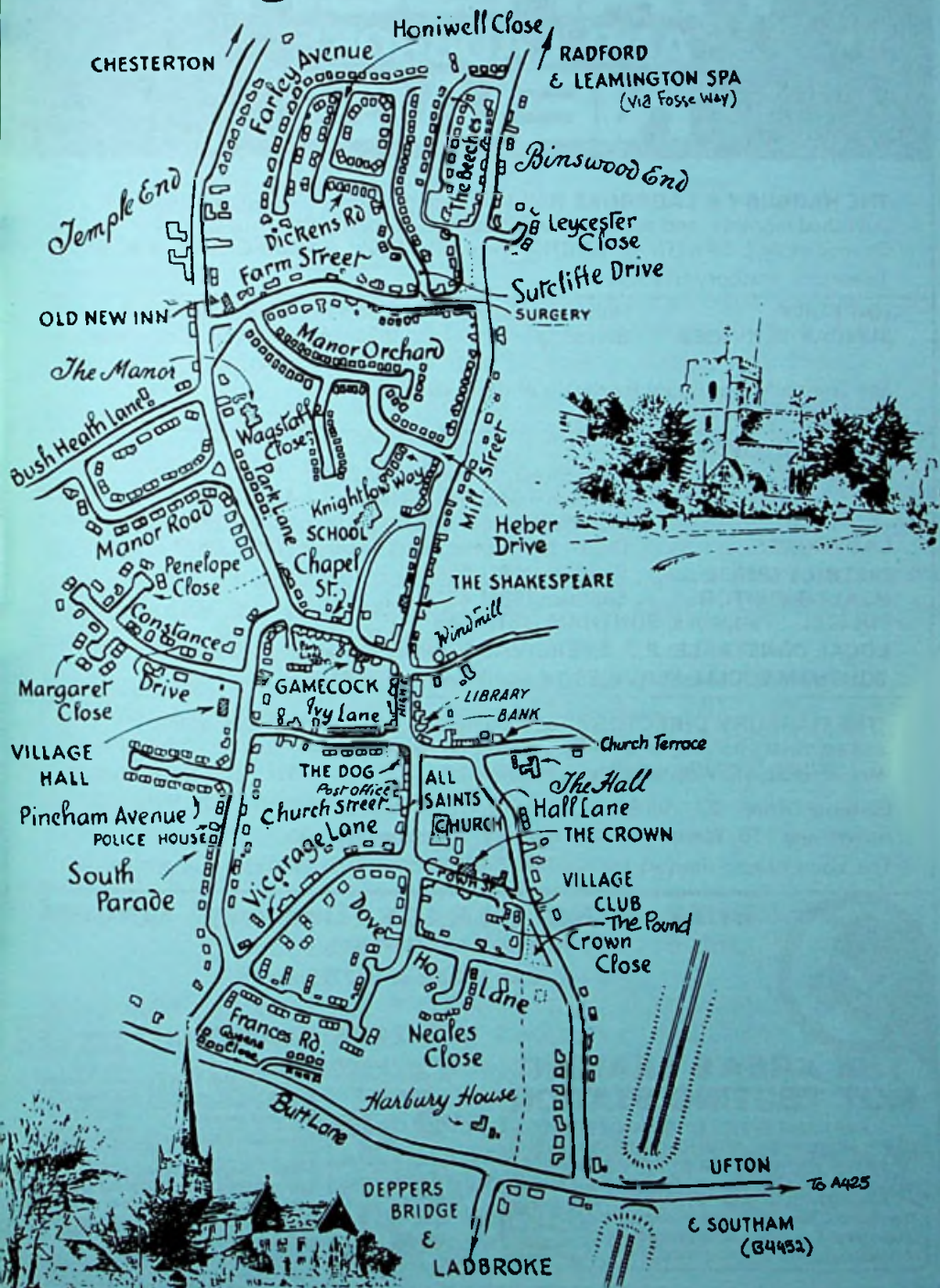


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This is holiday month, and the population of Harbury seems considerably smaller than normal. We hope everyone enjoys a pleasant break - home or away.

The whole village was sorry to hear of the Vicar's illness, and will share our pleasure that he is comfortable in the Warneford after his operation. We hope that he will soon be with us again, and send our best wishes for a speedy recovery. We are also glad to hear that Mrs. Flo Byram at the Garage has recovered from her operation. She asks that we offer her thanks to all her friends for their kindness in sending cards and flowers.

A very sad event this month was the loss of Mrs. Noreen Jackson after a long illness. All who have known her or prayed for her must have been deeply impressed by her great courage. We extend our sympathy to her family.

### HARBURY DIARY

#### AUGUST 1982

- Sun. 1st 8th after Trinity. 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist,  
10a.m. Sung Eucharist, 6.30, Evensong:  
Cricket v WCCCC, at home.
- Mon. 2nd Christian Fellowship, 1 Constance Dr., 8pm.
- Wed. 4th MU entertaining Coventry children in  
Harbury - see article!
- Thurs. 5th NO W.I.  
Girls' Club, Village Hall.
- Sat. 7th Christian Fellowship, 11 Constance Dr., 8pm.
- Sun. 8th 9th after Trinity. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist.  
10am, Sung Eucharist: 6.30, Evensong:  
Cricket v Offchurch, at home.
- Tues. 10th Harbury Friends, 8p.m., School.  
Recreation Ground Committee, Village Hall.

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- Thurs. 12th NO Golden Age.  
 Sun. 15th 10th after Trinity. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist.  
 10am. Sung Eucharist. 6.30pm, Evensong.  
 Cricket V Flecknoe, away.  
 ANNUAL BICYCLE EVENT - see article.  
 Mon. 16th Christian Fellowship, 8 The Beeches, 8p.m.  
 Tues. 17th Tufty Club, 2.15 p.m., Wight School.  
 Thurs. 19th Whist Drive, V. Hall, 7.45p.m., entrance  
 50p, in aid of Harbury Church.  
 Fri. 20th Under 16s Disco, V. Hall, entrance 50p,  
 in aid of Senior Citizens.  
 Sat. 21st Christian Fellowship, 11 Constance Dr. 8pm.  
 Sun. 22nd 11th after Trinity. 8am, Holy Eucharist.  
 10am, Sung Eucharist. 6.30pm, Evensong.  
 Cricket v Hunningham, at home.  
 Tues. 24th 8pm, Study & Prayer Group, 26 Binswood End.  
 Wed. 25th Bring & Buy Coffee Evening, V. Hall, in  
 aid of Senior Citizens.  
 Christian Message, 8.30pm, 23 Mill Street.  
 Southam Council for Disabled: see article.  
 Thurs. 26th Parish Council, Village Hall.  
 Sun. 29th 12th after Trinity. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist.  
 10am, Sung Eucharist. 6.30, Evensong.  
 Cricket v Hunningham, away.  
 ALL ARTICLES FOR H. NEWS BY TODAY LATEST.  
 Tues. 31st PCC Meeting, 8p.m. Wight School.

### SEPTEMBER 1982

- Wed. 1st Golden Age trip, 10am from Village Hall.  
 Thurs. 2nd W.I., 7.45pm, Village Hall: 'Making Noise'  
 at the BBC', Mr. Eric Roberts.  
 Sat. 4th Flower Show: see Horticultural Soc.  
 Sun. 5th 13th after Trinity. 8am, Holy Eucharist.  
 10am, Sung Eucharist. 6.30, Evensong.  
 Cricket V Lighthorne, at home.  
 Scout Newspaper collection re-starts.  
 Mon. 6th Christian Fellowship, 8 The Beeches, 8pm.  
 Tues. 7th Flower Arranging Demonstration in aid of  
 Scouts - venue to be announced.  
 Wed. 8th M.U., 6 Dickens Road, 2.30pm - Jeanne  
 Clarke on 'Social Concern'.

### REGULAR DIARY DATES

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Parish Church,  
 11.30a.m. every Sunday.



HARBURY ADVENTURERS, V. Hall, 11.30am. Every Sunday.  
 UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4 every Monday.  
 GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30p.m. Every Monday.  
 GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 5.30 (5-8yrs), 6.45 (over 9yrs)  
 every Monday.

JOGGING, from Foodmart, 8p.m. Every Monday.

BINGO, Village Hall 8p.m. every Monday.

PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tues. to Fri. mornings.

TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 9.30-11.30 Mondays;  
 1.30 - 3p.m. Wednesdays.

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

BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.

BADMINTON, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.

DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-5.30pm, Tuesdays,  
 4-9pm, Wednesdays, 4-5 Thursdays (beginners)

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

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

YOUTH CLUB, V. Hall, 8-10p.m. Wednesdays.

BABY CLINIC, V. Hall, 2pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

GOLDEN AGE, V. Hall, 2.30p.m., 2nd & 4th Thursdays.

VENTURE SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 3p.m. every Thursday.

POP IN, V. Hall, 1.20 - 3.30p.m. every Friday.

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30p.m. every Friday.

PLEASE CHECK SPECIAL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE  
 ORGANISATION CONCERNED.

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,

I am writing this in hospital, where I have had various tests and have just learned that I am to have an operation tomorrow (22nd July). I am so glad that the cause of the trouble has been discovered and that it is now to be dealt with so quickly. I am very grateful to the Doctors and Nurses and other hospital staff. I am also grateful to Canon Churchill for the services on the last two Sundays and for all the weekday duties, and to the Revd. R. T. Murray and to any other priests who will be officiating on any future Sundays. I am also grateful to the Churchwardens and others who are doing so much. And I do

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thank the many visitors and senders of presents, cards, letters and good wishes. Above all, I thank you for your prayers (which I still specially need).

We mourn the loss of Mrs. Startin, widow of the late Canon Startin, who, while living in Harbury, was a regular worshipper here, a keen member of the Mothers' Union, and a benefactor of our Church. We also mourn the loss of Mrs. Kathleen Florence Neale of Knightlow Way, and Mrs. Noreen Jackson of Pineham Avenue. Also, we mourn the passing of Mr. Bert Baldwin who on many occasions during the past few years has played the organ for us. He played weekly for Evensong during much of last winter, and managed to make his way through some of the very worst weather in order to play for us.

May God grant them His rest, and comfort those who mourn.

Your Sincere Friend and Vicar,

F. R. Mackley.

#### Holy Baptism

July 4th, Joanna Louise Townsend, 7 Farley Avenue.  
July 18th, John David Markham, 22 Manor Road.

#### Holy Matrimony

July 10th, George Bryers to Debra Middleton.

#### Funeral Services

July 2nd, Noreen Jackson, Pineham Avenue.  
July 8th, Kathleen Neale, Knightlow Way.

#### From the Churchwardens

We are delighted that the Vicar is making good progress after his operation, and look forward to having him back among us before too long. In the meantime Sunday services will be as usual, but the only weekday Service will be the 9.45a.m. Celebration on Thursdays. Queries relating to Church matters (including Banns, Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals etc) to Harry Windsor (612504), Vivienne Aggett (612711) or Canon Churchill (613309).

Unfortunately not all our tickets were able to be used for the Celebration Service in Coventry Cathedral for the Deanery Congresses. The carefully devised service was lively and moving - especially the procession of parish banners. We borrowed the lovely M.U. one to represent Harbury; how good it



would be if we had a 'proper' Church banner - perhaps one or more of our readers might volunteer to make one.

During the Service the Bishop blessed the commitments which the Parishes have made (Harbury's were listed last month) and - at a time when the Vicar is away - it is even more important that our lay people should be fully committed and participate as much as possible in the services. We are deeply grateful to the clergy and readers who are taking services for us.

### LADBROKE NEWS

#### Ladbroke Diary

#### AUGUST

Sunday 1st, Trinity VIII, 8.30 Holy Communion. 11am, Matins.

Friday 6th, Transfiguration of Our Lord.

Sunday 8th, Trinity IX, 11am, Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon. NO Evensong.

Friday 13th, 'Elvis Night' at Village Hall.

Sunday 15th, Trinity X. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion. 11a.m. Matins.

Sunday 22nd, Trinity XI. 11a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon. NO Evensong.

Thursday 26th, 7.30p.m., Village Hall 'Paint In'.

Sunday 29th, Trinity XII. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion. 11a.m. Matins.

#### SEPTEMBER

Sunday 5th, Trinity XIII. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion. 11a.m. Matins.

Sunday 12th, Trinity XIV. 11a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon. 6.30p.m. Evensong.

Tuesday 14th, 7.30p.m., Parish Council.

Sunday 19th, Trinity XV. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion. 11a.m. Matins.

AT LAR FLOWERS: August 1st, Mrs. Hedge. August 8th, Mrs. Webster. August 15th, Mrs. Sheasby. August 22nd, Mrs. Davis. August 29th, Mrs. Wall. Sept. 5th, Mrs. Edwards. Sept. 12th, Mrs. Durrant.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. Members met in Church for prayers with Canon Fishley, and were then entertained to tea by Miss Hensman and Miss Conlon. The cakes and strawberries & cream were very much enjoyed. We were also delighted that one of our former members, Mrs. M. Brown, now residing at Alveston, was able to

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be with us both in Church and afterwards for tea. I wish all members a very happy holiday, and look forward to our next meeting at my home, Briarwood, on 13th October at 3 p.m. CH.

#### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

On 12th July the PCC considered the report of the delegates to the Deanery Congress. Discussion on improving worship, co-operation in general village efforts, work with and for children etc. ensued, and various suggestions were made. It was agreed that after the holiday season there should be a consultation of the congregation and of other members of the village.

The Council learnt with regret that the Parish Council was unable to contribute to the upkeep of the Churchyard this year; the hope was expressed that some provision would be included in the Budget for next year. It was pointed out that the majority of PCs in the area were in the habit of making a regular contribution.

It was agreed that there would be no Evensong in August; that the Harvest Supper would be in Ladbroke Village Hall on Friday 1st October, and that the Harvest Services would be on 3rd October.

Our congratulations and best wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. T. Barnett, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding at the end of July.

The members of Ladbroke congregation heard with great regret of the illness and impending retirement of the Rural Dean. Tom Knight has been a great leader and a source of strength to the Deanery, and we shall greatly miss him.

And now, Fr. Mackley is in hospital and as I write has just undergone an operation. We all wish him a speedy recovery....and express our sympathy to his parishioners and friends.

Meanwhile, let us keep both of them in our prayers.  
G.R.F.

#### LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

At the July meeting apologies were received from Mr. Timms. The Council was unanimous in its praise of the seat on Penfold Green, Windmill Lane, given





by Southam Lions. The picture shows the seat being officially handed over, with a selection of both young and elderly villagers trying it out for size!

The Council decided to approve the proposed Kitchen and Bathroom extension at Post Office Cottage, but not the car access and garage. However, it is up to the Stratford Planning Authority to make a final decision.

It may interest everyone to know that in the Southam area Priors Hardwick won the Small Best Kept Village Competition, and Ufton won the Best Kept Churchyard.

Concern was expressed about visibility coming out of School Lane. It is hoped this problem will soon be rectified.

Finally, the decision by the Secretary of State for Transport, that our Bypass will definitely go ahead in 1984, was received with great relief, and on behalf of all the village I would like to thank the Council for their untiring efforts and considerable persistence in the matter, which affects us all so greatly.

Next Meeting: 14th September.

Don't forget - the next social event in the village is the 'ELVIS NIGHT' on 13th August. Dancing to the music of the 50s and 60s. Tickets £1.50 (includes refreshments) from Mary Fell or telephone 3341.

Two items of news: Congratulations to Helen and Tony Colvin on the birth of their fourth son, Ben, on 13th July. and Goodbye to the Wiggins family of the 'Bell Inn'; we hope they will be happy and successful in their new venture.

#### LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I. - JULY MEETING

Although some members were on holiday, the meeting was well attended as we were delighted to welcome quite a few guests. Accouts for the extremely successful Garden Party in June had been finalised and we were able to donate £60 to the Merchant Seamen section of the South Atlantic Fund. Two sub-committees were set up, one to co-ordinate the 10th Birthday celebrations in October, and the other to make the Village Hall curtains. Mrs. G. Gould gave us a very amusing account of her day at the AGM at the Albert Hall. Many thanks to her for representing us, and our Link Institute, Bishops Itchington, at the AGM. There will be a 'Paint In' on Thursday 26th August at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall - please bring a paintbrush! Congratulations to Mrs. Helen Colvin on the safe arrival of her son and we look forward to welcoming her back soon.

Miss Marie Teal entertained us with a make-up demonstration using Innoxia and Leichner cosmetics. Mrs. Mary Fell and Mrs. Julie Harris acted as models, and were transformed by Miss Teal's skilful techniques!

There will be NO meeting in August: details of the September meeting next time!  
M.V.W.

#### HARBURY SCHOOL

Mrs. Pat Boneham, who has taken Class 10 while Mr. Stuart was seconded to Warwick University, leaves at the end of term. We are especially grateful to her for the extra time she has put in taking athletics and cricket.

Mrs. Diana Buck retires from the teaching staff at the end of term. Mrs. Buck has been a part-time teacher at Harbury for a total of 12 years, taking music and remedial groups. She has accompanied so



many concerts at school, and taught the recorder to so many children, that it would be impossible to list them all, but we owe her a great debt of gratitude for all this work which has brought so much pleasure to so many people. She takes with her our very warmest wishes for the future, as well as our sincere gratitude. Mrs. Buck was presented with two items of



Wedgewood porcelain by the staff and governors, and a Coalport China Cottage by the children.

Mike Bloxham's picture shows Mrs. Buck at one of the last School events before her retirement - the Sponsored Walk.

Probably for the first time ever, the Walk

had to be postponed because of bad weather, but even when it did take place the heavens opened soon after the start. We are especially grateful to the walkers, many of whom persevered through the rain, to all the helpers, and of course to all who sponsored the children. By the time the last few amounts are in, we should be approaching a total of £450, which is beyond our expectations.

SWIMMING. Every week the top four classes go to Leamington Pool alternately, the main reason being to give them a chance to swim in deep water. As their swimming improves the children try for Amateur Swimming Association Personal Survival Awards. As in many competitions, the top three medals are Bronze, Silver and Gold, and - in these very difficult tests - it used to be quite unusual for children of Primary School age to obtain Golds. The following list will show how the standard has obviously improved. After

the Gold there is a more difficult test, the Honours medal! Three children from Harbury School have passed this test this year - James Mayer, Rebecca Burnham and Jayne Archer. James has written a description of what is entailed - I will say no more!

"The Honours Badge entails doing the following: Swimming 3 lengths in  $2\frac{1}{2}$  minutes, wearing pumps, socks, jeans or cords, pants, vest, long-sleeved shirt and long-sleeved jumper. After that, take off pumps and tread water for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  minutes holding one leg, then tread water for 4 minutes normally. Then we swam with all the rest of the clothes on, 15 minutes doing 2 feet-first surface dives and 2 head-first surface dives. Following that we took off our trousers and made a float with them. When the float was made we had to hold the float with both our hands and swim two lengths. After that we tread water for 2 minutes with one hand in the air. The Badge was done in Leamington Swimming Pool and each length was 25 metres long. All the test was done without climbing out of the water and having a rest."

Personal Swimming Badges (Highest Standard reached)

Bronze: C. Chick, J. Hancock, E. Russell, M. Boag.

Silver: A. Romero, L. Andrews, I. Percival, P. Riman, D. Ingram.

Gold: T. Bastin, C. Turner, K. Davis, S. Burnham, D. Adams, C. Mayer, D. Williams, R. Burnham, J. Williams, C. Knowles, J. Mayer.

#### SCHOOL TRIP, CLASS 10

On Thursday 1st July we left for Chedworth Roman Villa and Corinium Museum at Cirencester. The first thing we did was to watch a video film about the villa. It told us how it was found, where it was situated, and how it was built. Then we were taken round the villa by a guide who showed us some of the mosaics. When he finished we split into four groups and walked around the rest of the villa, having a look in the villa's museum. We then had a quick look round the shop.



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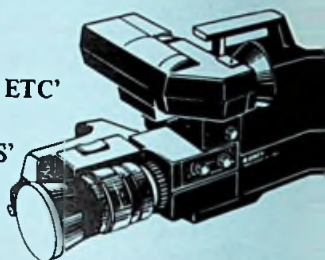
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The Headmaster of St. Andrews School had kindly said that we could eat our lunch on his school field, so we made our way there on the coach. After lunch the boys challenged St. Andrews to a football match. Our boys won 7-0, but St. Andrews are a year younger than us. Then we said thank you, and goodbye, and got on the coach to go to Corinium Museum.

As we went round the Museum we filled in a Work Sheet. We saw a large, almost complete mosaic. In the middle of it there was a picture of an animal, which was the sign for Corinium Museum. On the way back home in the coach we were allowed a stop to buy an ice cream or an ice lolly.

The whole class enjoyed this trip thoroughly. Many thanks to Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Boneham and Mr. Oliver for this lovely day out.

REBECCA BURNHAM & VICKY RIDGLEY;

SPORT This term we have been involved in many events. A team represented us at athletics at both area and county levels, with considerable success. Craig Knowles and Edward Russell are competing in an inter-county athletics meeting at Harrow. \*

We have also taken part in a Swimming Gala at Leamington Pool, and were placed second to Brookhurst.

The cricket team has had an average season, winning two and losing two.

The rounders team have had numerous games, winning one, losing two and drawing two. JAMES MAYER:

STOP PRESS: \* Craig won the Boys Under 13 Inter-Counties High Jump Competition at Harrow, with a jump of 1m50cms.

Middle School Athletics - after having to postpone our Sports we were able to complete them eventually on Friday 16th July. There was some excellent competition, and the winning House (with points won from both First and Middle School events) just nosed ahead by 2 points. First were MORRIS with 502 points, then DICKENS with 500. FARROW had 491, and WATTS 408. Our thanks to Sharon Hancock who presented the shield to the winning captains, Edward Russell and Vicky Ridgley, and to parents who helped with judging.

## SOUTHAM SCHOOL - THE FIRST TWENTY FIVE YEARS

A book celebrating the Silver Jubilee of Southam School has just been published. Edited by two teachers, Miss Rumary and Mr. Hayward, it presents a lively picture of the development of the School from a Secondary Modern for 345 children to a thriving Comprehensive with over 1000 pupils. The story is told in pieces written at the time, and in memories of former pupils and teachers, and there are several pages of photographs.

The book costs £1.50, and can be bought from several local shops or ordered from current pupils.

## AN EVENING WITH THE SECOND YEAR

The Religious Studies department of Southam School, led by the Rev. Peter Wilson, presented an unusual evening's entertainment on 20th July. The children from the School's second year provided music, singing and reading around religious themes. In the first half we heard their ideas about the creation, and joined in a musical version of David and Goliath. In the second half the children told the story of Moses, interspersed with modern songs of appropriate themes such as 'Memory', 'Imagine' and 'Those were the days'. Both children and audience had a thoroughly enjoyable evening, and not surprisingly the audience demanded an encore.

As Miss Young reminded us at the end of the evening, Religious Studies have changed! and clearly for the better.

M.S.H.

## HARBURY PLAYGROUP

There are still a few vacancies for the Autumn term, and parents who would like their children to start playgroup in September should contact Mrs. Sue Chaplin on Harbury 612758. Parents of any children who will be ready to start playgroup later in the year should also contact Mrs. Chaplin.

CELIA NEILL.



### HARBURY SCOUT GROUP

The Barn Dance is on Friday 1st October at the Village Hall: please note the date NOW.

Details of our Watch Competition are available from M. Pallott (612370), J. Watts (612603), A. Meyer (613314), K. Hughes (612273) and from me. The competition involves trying to guess the time the watch stops, and there are ladies' and gentlemen's watches to be won.

The newspaper collection re-starts on 5th September, and continues on the first Sunday of each month. Please keep all newspapers and magazines. It is helpful if they can be bundled separately, and left on your doorstep.

S. JONES.

### CUBS

Tuesday 20th July saw the retirement of Gwen Miles, known as Rikki in the Cub Pack, who has been associated with the Scout movement since 1956. Gwen has been a hard-working leader who has given a lot of time and enthusiasm to the pack, and will be greatly missed. She is centre back in the picture, which also shows District Commissioner Wally Williams with Mark Smith, Greg Taylor and David Smith, to whom he presented Gold Arrows - the highest Cub award.



Wally Williams also made a special presentation to Gwen Miles on behalf of the 1st Harbury Scout Group, and the Cubs themselves gave Gwen a gift to show their appreciation for all she has done for them. B.S.

### JUNIOR TENNIS

Over the last few weeks there have been several tournaments. Thank you to all those who have entered with the 'right spirit' and made the tournaments fun to organise. Among the beginners, Maxwell Summers and Christopher Ottewill tied for first place; with Christopher Riman second and Ian Macdonald third. Winners in the middle group were Stuart Simcock and Tony Bastin, with runners up James Mayer and Jane Hancock. Other semi-finalists were Charles Mayer, Lana Marsh, Richard Peake and Vicky Ridgley. Vicky Harrison was first in the Intermediates, with Sarah Bunting, Julia Hall and Jean-Yves (a visitor from France) tying for second place. Third was Debbie Keir.

A singles tournament is now in progress, with open doubles being planned. R.G.O.

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You can collect your Quiz Form from MRS. SUE WILKINS, 33 Binswood End, or from MRS. ANN ALLAN, 5 Sutcliffe Drive: you can enter as many times as



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you wish, and you may attempt the questions set for a higher age group, as long as you pay 10p for each entry form. The Quiz closes on MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER and ALL ENTRIES MUST BE IN BY THAT DATE, or will have to be sadly disqualified. PLEASE RETURN YOUR QUIZZES to me at 17 MANOR ORCHARD - just pop them through my letterbox as soon as you have completed them.

All details are on the forms, and we do hope you will enter and tell all your friends about it, as the more entries we receive, the more funds we raise; you will have weeks and weeks to think about the answers, and need not be put off by going away on holiday as that closing date is not till 6th Sept. Hope to see you, and we're sure you will enjoy the Quiz.

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

#### MOTHERS' UNION

At our AGM we were sorry to hear that Gladys Hogben had decided to retire as Secretary, but Eileen Wilkins has kindly agreed to take over from her.

We have had a varied and enjoyable year. At the Overseas Rally in Leamington, Susan Varah gave an inspiring talk on the work of MU overseas. 110 devoted MU workers in over 30 countries further MU's aims, both spiritual and practical, financed by the Overseas Fund. Over £2,500 was handed to Mrs. Varah from our Diocese. There are also 3 Community Relations workers in this country attached to the Overseas Department.

Another aspect of MU is the Social Concern department which provides holidays for families who would not otherwise have one, and has a caravan for this purpose which is in constant use. On 4th August, Harbury Branch will be entertaining a group of disadvantaged children for the afternoon.

Members were saddened by the death of Mrs. Blanche Startin, a member of Harbury Branch for many years. She had lived in a Nursing Home for some time, but her quiet gracious presence at MU meetings, and in Church, is greatly missed.

Next meeting: 2.30p.m. on Wednesday 8th September at 6 Dickens Road - new members are always most welcome.

A.M.

HARBURY YOUNG WIVES

Our AGM was held in June at the Crown, where we all enjoyed our meal. Mrs. Vanda Ball is to be our Chair'man' for next year, with a committee of four: Jeanne Clarke and Sheila Jackson were thanked for their invaluable help with the children. They are both prepared to help again next year, but cannot commit themselves fully, so we would be grateful for more volunteers to help them, perhaps on a rota basis. If you could help, please ring Mrs. Ball on 612783.

Next meeting: 28th September, at 2p.m. MC.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Following the great success of our recent outing we have organised another day trip on Wednesday 1st September, leaving the Village Hall at 10 a.m.

We shall make a stop at Worcester, giving a chance to look round this lovely city, then on to Malvern and British Camp, in the beautiful Cotswolds.

The cost to visitors is £3. Please let me know AT ONCE if you would like to join us, as the last two trips have been sold out very quickly.

L. KNIGHTON, 612707.

HARBURY W.I.

In July Mrs. Jean Cowan talked to us about Jury Service, explaining it so clearly that if any of us get called to serve we should not feel worried. We also had two speakers from the Police Force on Crime, particularly about burglary, and making your house as safe as possible. Next Meeting: September Eric Roberts 'Making Noises at the BBC'. B.T.

"SO FAR.....NO FURTHER"

The Group chose a difficult play, but they achieved an excellent standard. Diana Robert Waterman played the leading roles, the nervous, absent-minded wife of an (Robert Waterman) who had become with a glamorous neighbour (Carol Percival) Grundy gave a very good performance as her art but mistreated husband, whilst Keith convincingly portrayed an inquisitive Vicar.



The small audiences must have disappointed the Group after their tremendous hard work. Fine weather probably deterred many people, who missed a very good evening's entertainment. J.B.M.

### HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

For our next play - Noel Coward's 'BLITHE SPIRIT' from 18th November - we shall be looking for 1940s props, furniture and costumes. If you have anything suitable which you would be prepared to lend us (including a record of "Always") we would be very grateful - please telephone 612790 or 612745. DMH:

### HARBURY BICYCLE EVENT - SUNDAY 15th AUGUST

The PCC of Harbury Church will be running the Annual Bicycle Event on Sunday 15th August. As usual there will be classes for 8-11 year olds, 12-15 and 16 and over - both girls and boys. The event is run over approx. 5 miles, on quiet roads adjacent to the village with marshalls manning the junctions. The 16+ class for men will be over 2 laps (approx. 10 miles).

A team award will go to the nominated team of 3 with the best result in the classes in which they are entered (team members do not have to be in the same class). This is a FUN event, but nominal prizes will be awarded.

Come and join in on SUNDAY 15th AUGUST at 3p.m. Entry is free, and competitors should sign on from 2.30p.m. at the Old New Inn Car Park. J.B.M.

### "WHY DO I SIT WHERE I DO?"

I sit where I do because that is the part of my anatomy which the great Architect of the universe has designed for that purpose - my bottom. How dreadful it would be if I had to sit on my head or on my elbow! Let us, then, give thanks for our bottoms! ROY MACKLEY.

IF YOU'RE WONDERING what prompted the Vicar to write the above, let us explain. We decided to try an experiment - we asked a question and invited answers, serious or light-hearted. From the answers we received we have chosen two this month, the Vicar's novel and amusing one, and the following, which looks at the question somewhat differently. We plan to print more answers next month, so let us have YOUR reply by 25th August. At the same time we'll pose another question!

WHY DO I SIT WHERE I DO? What a silly question!  
I sit in all sorts of places - for all sorts of reasons.

I sit in the driving seat of my car so I can reach the steering wheel - fine chance I'd have of going in the right direction if I sat in the back!

I sit in my place at the table so I can easily reach the kitchen when the family shouts for more, and I have to dash off in search of further food!

I sit in my office chair where I can reach the typewriter, so I can pound away all day answering the stacks of letters we receive.

Yes, I sit where I do so I can reach things.

But it's different when I sit where I do at 10am on Sundays. Someone's reaching out to me then - steering me, feeding me, helping me to find answers. And for a wonderful, uplifting hour I accept that direction, that food and that help.

I can't manage without them - can you?

DH.

#### CHARITY BARBECUE AT THE FOSSE, RADFORD

We would like to thank everyone from Harbury who supported this event, and are pleased to announce that £1000 has been donated to the NeuroScience Unit at Walsgrave Hospital.

N.B.E.

#### SOUTHAM COUNCIL FOR THE DISABLED

Our Fete raised £200 for the Transport Fund; thanks to everyone who helped, and especially the Harbury Girls' Morris Team. Our next meeting on 25th Aug. will be at Wattons Lodge, when Geordie Marshall will show slides showing the achievements of disabled people. These slides are available to any organisation who would like to show them.

#### THANKS....

to everyone who helped and contributed at the events in aid of Stratford Hospital. £105 was donated, as wished by Mrs. Jackson, a friend and helper. Thanks also to Mrs. Thornicroft and Mrs. Davis for the use of their houses.

£70 was given to Chesterton Church from the proceeds of a Disco and Whist Drive, and £65 to the Jenny Scanlon appeal from a Whist Drive, Coffee Evening and Bring & Buy.



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### HARBURY CONSERVATIVES

Our Annual Barn Dance at Ufton was the usual great success. The 'Sight & Sound' Disco was terrific, the food superb, and everyone had a wonderful evening. We would like to thank all the stalwart helpers, and of course Jean and Peter Reed who so generously lent us their Barn once again.

Our next function is a 50/50 Sale of Children's Nearly New Clothes (including school uniforms) on 28th Sept. at Victoria House, Farm Street, from 7 - 9 p.m. For further information, please ring 612386, 612537, or 612572. E.B.

### IN THE GARDEN

Firstly, it gave me great pleasure to answer the questions asked by visitors to my garden during the Walkabout, which was a great success.

Looking to next year, prepare a bed for Japanese Onions which should be planted by 15th August, and if you have room sow Spring Cabbage and All the Year Round Lettuce. It is a good idea to sow parsley along a border. Rake the ground, broadcast the seed, then rake the ground over and keep moist. Plant out rooted cuttings of strawberries.

Don't forget to show your special vegetables and flowers on 4th September

W.F.LINES

## HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The past month has seen our visit to the Experimental Horticultural Station and Luddington, and the Garden Walkabout.

About 30 members visited Luddington on a very cold evening, and we enjoyed a very informative tour with the deputy director. The station is very extensive, and it is hoped to arrange another visit.

The Garden Walkabout was blessed with very fine weather. Although receipts were slightly down on last year, we should still be able to donate at least £70 to the Village Hall and the Church. It has become obvious that many people, some from far away, really look forward to the Walkabout, and we thank everyone concerned for making it such a successful event; your efforts are appreciated.

The next event is the Flower Show at the Village Hall on Saturday 4th September. Schedules and entry forms will be available soon and we are looking forward to large entries in all classes.

TONY BRUNTON.

Mike Bloxham's picture shows some visitors in one of the lovely gardens which were open:





## CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

I would like to say thank you to all those who so kindly gave me cakes, etc. for my produce stall at the Garden Walkabout. People in Harbury are so generous, as well as marvellous cooks. Also thanks to anyone who helped in any way to make the day a success.

EDNA LINES.

Dear Editors,

Grief and gratitude, heartache and happiness, despair and delight, hopelessness and hope, impatience and joy. What a mixture of emotions, and yet over the last 13 months we have experienced them all, and more besides.

'I am afraid Tracey has a brain tumour and will require major surgery.' The impact of these words will never leave us. Five months in hospital, four of them in intensive care, critically ill for days and weeks at a time. At the end of it a little girl who had lost vision, speech and mobility. Where amongst all this can there possibly be joy, delight and gratitude?

Well, these events all took place against a backdrop of overwhelming support. Offers of help and encouragement flooded in. Without them we would have caved in.

And then, when Tracey came home from hospital, the realisation of how high a mountain we had to climb. What an awesome task, the enormity of which was only matched by the degree of support forthcoming. Over 40 volunteers prepared to give regularly of their time to provide the stimulation necessary for a little girl to regain her faculties.

Our thanks to you all are so inadequate, but so heartfelt.

It is now nearly a year since we started. Slow, yes. A long way to go, yes. But definite progress. That delight we experience from the little sounds, the turn of the head, the signs of recognition, the increase in mobility.

Through all this we have come face to face with a God of Love who is using a caring community to work a miracle. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We continue to let hope be our source of joy, and know that through prayer and with your continued support Tracey's progress is ensured.

HOWARD AND SHIRLEY PETCH.

Dear Editors,

As one of the fathers who ventured gingerly into the throbbing arena of the recent First School (Harbury) Sports Day, I left filled with nothing but admiration for the organising ability of the staff and helpers, and for the total discipline of the participants.

Two questions! Where were our real children hidden, and who were those perfectly behaved look-alikes?

TERRY RUSSELL.

Dear Editors,

You ask for our impressions of the riders in Harbury. I can only say I think perhaps Mr. Chapman was unlucky - I have always found the riders (particularly the children) very polite. Having had four daughters, all Pony Club members, I always take notice of their manners, and would certainly stop and correct them if I found them lacking. But I must add there is one adult rider who could improve her manners - but let's give credit where credit is due - to the children.

EDNA LINES.

Dear Editors,

I do not know Paul Chapman, but I feel very sorry for him.

Firstly he appears, from his letter, to have a chip on his shoulder heavy enough to sink a battleship. Secondly, how sad to live among the richness of our countryside and be obliged to tear through it, feeling that every second spent there is time wasted.

Perhaps his hostility towards both horse and rider is reflected in the manner in which he actually slows his car down. I can only say that I am always acknowledged by hand or head, and almost invariably with a smile.

ELEANOR D. ZONIK.

DAVID JACKSON AND NORA AND TOM BASTOCK would like to say thank you to everyone for the many letters and cards received in the sad loss of our dear Noreen. Also for the lovely flowers and donations. We thank you all most sincerely.



Dear Editors,

I felt I must reply on behalf of the Shakespeare Inn float to Mr. Taylor's letter in last month's issue of the magazine, when he was very critical of our using some bits and pieces from the WAGS costumes. He obviously didn't notice that most of us were wearing our own costumes, and we feel very hurt, after all the hard work we put in, that people will think we were all in borrowed clothes.

We were originally going to use as our theme 'A Tribute to Ralph Reader', and were generously offered the use of these costumes. However, at the eleventh hour we had second thoughts about using this theme, and, with only days to go, we had to come up with another. A lot of very hard work was needed to get the float ready in time. We felt we should enter again, because it is so easy for apathy to take over, and then the village organisations who benefit from the Carnival would be that much poorer.

On the day some of those on our float thought it would be a friendly gesture to use one or two items from the WAGS costumes, in order not to disappoint the person who had taken so much trouble to provide them. We had no idea we would cause Mr. Taylor so much offence.

It was very disheartening to everyone who took part to read Mr. Taylor's letter. Nevertheless, we have no intention of letting an ex-villager dampen our spirits.

You can all look forward to our float next year, when our theme is going to be 'The Shakespeare Inn Nudist Colony', and I can assure Mr. Taylor and everyone else that our costumes will all be very much our own!

JULIE KILLIAN (Mrs)

on behalf of all those who took part on the Shakespeare Inn's winning float.

Editors' Note: we regret that shortage of space has meant that we have had to shorten this letter. We do welcome your letters, but PLEASE keep them short!

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