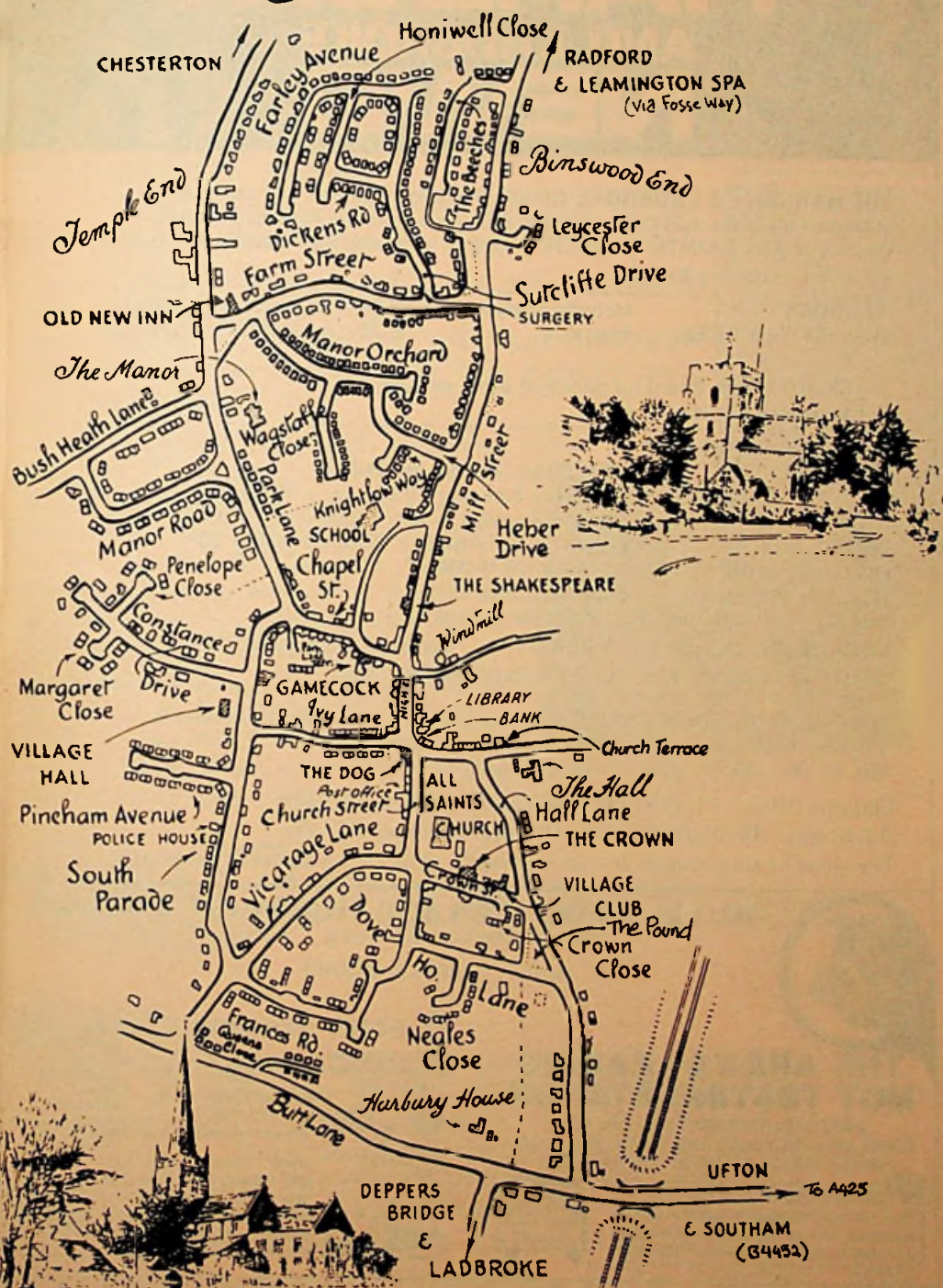


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We hope that our readers have been able to enjoy a break during the last few weeks and are ready for a new 'season' of events in our village. It's 'back to school' too, this month, and we give all those starting at new schools, colleges or universities our best wishes.

It is very good to see the Vicar out and about again and looking so well.

Many of us will miss the cheerful and courageous Pat Taylor, who is leaving the village to join her husband Brian in Essex. We wish the family well in their new home.

It is a great sadness that vandalism is becoming an increasing problem in our village. The main victim of these attentions seems to be the Village Hall. The committee who have served the village very well for many years are, not surprisingly, in some despair. It is the responsibility of all of us who are parents to make sure that our children are not causing any of the senseless damage that is occurring.



## HARBURY DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

- Sat. 4th HORTICULTURAL SHOW at Village Hall  
Open Day at CHESTERTON WINDMILL 11am - 4pm
- Sun. 5th 13th after Trinity. 8am Holy Eucharist,  
10am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.  
Open Day at CHESTERTON WINDMILL 11am - 4pm  
Cricket v Lighthorne at Cement Works.  
Scout Newspaper Collection restarts.
- Mon. 6th Christian Fellowship, 8 The Beeches, 8pm.

- Tues. 7th School begins  
Playgroup (am), Dancing Classes (4-5.30)  
in Wight School.  
Harbury News meeting, 8.30pm, 23 Mill St  
Senior Citizens cttee, 8.30pm, V. Hall.  
Scouts FLOWER DEMONSTRATION by  
Jacqueline of Southam in LIBRARY\*
- Wed. 8th Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
7.30am Holy Eucharist.  
M.U., 6, Dickens Rd., 2.30pm,  
Jeanne Clarke on 'Social Concern'.  
Dancing Classes, Wight School, 4-9pm.
- Thurs. 9th Golden Age, 2.30pm at Village Hall.  
Whist Drive, Village Hall.  
Girls Club at Village Hall  
Dancing Classes, Wight School, 4-5pm.
- Sat. 11th NSPCC Jumble Sale, V.Hall, 10.30am.  
Cystic Fibrosis Jumble Sale, Wight School  
2-5pm.  
Harbury Society Trip round Mr. Thwaites'  
Estate, 2.30pm.  
Christian Fellowship, Corner Cottage,  
High Street, 8pm.
- Sun. 12th 14th after Trinity. 8am Holy Eucharist,  
10am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.  
10.30 - Rugby Club training commences.  
Cricket v Farnborough at Cement Works.
- Mon. 13th Toddler Group restarts at 9.30am.
- Tues. 14th Harbury Friends, 8pm, School.  
Recreations Grounds cttee, 8pm, V.Hall.  
Study & Prayer Group, 8pm, 26 Binswood  
End.  
Badminton Club re-starts.
- Wed. 15th PTA 'Teaching Handwriting', 8pm, School.
- Thurs. 16th Girls Club at V.Hall.
- Sat. 18th Southam School 'It's a Knockout'.
- Sun. 19th 15th after Trinity, 8am Holy Eucharist,  
10am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.  
"Teens Together" - a Diocesan event for  
young people - see article.  
Cricket v Long Itchington - away.
- Mon. 20th Christian Fellowship, Corner Cottage,  
High Street, 8pm.
- Tues. 21st Tufty Club, 2.15pm, Wight School.
- Thurs. 23rd Golden Age, 2.30pm, V.Hall.



- Thurs. 23rd Girls Club at V.Hall.  
Whist Drive in aid of Lifeboat, 7.45pm,  
V.Hall;  
Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, V.Hall.
- Fri. 24th Under 17s Disco, 7.30 - 10.30pm, V.Hall  
NO Theatre Group Meeting.
- Sat. 25th Christian Fellowship, 77 Mill Street, 8pm
- Sun. 26th 16th after Trinity. 8am Holy Eucharist,  
10am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.  
All articles for inclusion in October  
Harbury & Ladbroke News to Editors by  
today.
- Cricket v Napton - at Cement Works.
- Mon. 27th Upholstery Classes start, 2-4pm, Wight Sch.
- Tues. 28th Young Wives, 2pm, V.Hall.  
Conservatives 50/50 Sale of Children's  
Nearly New Clothes, 7-9pm Victoria House
- Wed. 29th St. Michael & All Angels, 7.30am Holy  
Eucharist.  
PTA Q U I Z N I G H T at the Club, 8pm.  
Bring & Buy and Coffee Evening, 7.30pm  
V. Hall, in aid of Harbury Church Funds
- Thurs. 30th Girls Club at V. Hall.  
Keep Fit, 2 - 3.30pm at Village Hall.

### OCTOBER

- Fri. 1st Scouts' B A R N D A N C E at V. Hall.
- Sat. 2nd HARVEST SUPPER at Village Hall.
- Sun. 3rd 17th after Trinity. Harvest Thanksgiving  
8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Procession &  
Sung Eucharist with Gift Service, 6.30pm  
Evensong & Procession.
- Mon. 4th Christian Fellowship, 77 Mill Street, 8pm.
- Tues. 5th Senior Citizens cttee, 8.30pm, V.Hall.  
Horticultural Society, 8pm Wight School
- Wed. 6th M.U., 2.30pm, Old Timbers, Ivy Lane -  
Mr. Jock Stobo on "The Victorian  
Staffordshire Figure".
- Thurs. 7th WI, 7.45pm, V.Hall, Mr. Brew on Russia.  
Girls Club at V.Hall.  
Keep Fit at V.Hall  
Men's Group, 7.45pm at 11 Constance Drive
- Fri. 8th Theatre Group Meeting, 8pm, Wight School.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Parish Church,

11.30 a.m. on Sundays, 5th & 12th September -

N.B. from 19th Sept. back to 9am every Sunday.

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, V. Hall, 11.30am every Sunday.

UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4 every Monday.

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30 p.m. every Monday.

GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 5.30 (5-8yrs), 6.45 (over 9 every Monday.

JOGGING, from Supermarket, 8 p.m., every Monday.

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

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

TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 9.30-11.30 Mondays;

2.0 - 3.30 p.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, V. Hall, 8-10pm Wednesdays.

BABY CLINIC, V. Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

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

VENTURE SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 8pm every Thursday.

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

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

ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.

Dates for inclusion PLEASE to Linday 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,

It is a great joy to me to be back in the parish and to be feeling so fit after my operation. This is a parish in which there is a great deal of "lay participation", and things have been carried on splendidly (including the "Spring Cleaning" of



the Church). My thanks are also due to the Clergy who have helped, especially, of course, to Canon Churchill and also to Canon Fishley and the Reverends Meredith Lewis, R.T. Murray, A.G.R. Bristow and Geoffrey Hadden, and to the Reader, Mr. J.W.T. Rogers who came for the Sunday Evensongs. Thank you very much.

Congratulations to Canon Churchill who, after being for 30 years the Diocesan Secretary of the Additional Curates Society, has now been honoured for his splendid and devoted work in that capacity by being made a Vice-President of the A.C.S.

Congratulations also to the Revd. F.L. Marriott, Vicar of Long Itchington, who has been appointed Rural Dean of Southam. We remember him in our prayers.

Our Harvest Supper will be in the Village Hall on Saturday October 2nd, and our Harvest Thanksgiving in Church on the following day (October 3rd) when the Services will be at the usual times. Children (and others) may bring up gifts at the Offertory during the 10 a.m. Parish Eucharist.

We mourn the loss of Mr. G.W. Wheatley of 12 Farley Avenue. May God grant him rest and comfort those who mourn.

During my stay in hospital a fellow patient gave me a copy of a little article entitled "FOOTSTEPS", which I think is worth reproducing. You will find it elsewhere in this issue.

With every blessing,

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

### HOLY BAPTISM

August 29th - Kathryn Margaret Tye, 3 Sutcliffe Drive.  
" " - Alexander Joseph Hayes, Hill Cottage,  
Farm Street

### HOLY MATRIMONY

July 30th - Gennaro Varriale to Tina Louise Sheasby

### FUNERAL SERVICE

August 25th - Grennan Wray Wheatley, aged 57 years,  
of 12 Farley Avenue.

From the Churchwardens

How good it is to have the Vicar back with us - It is a great joy to see him looking so fit and we give thanks to God for his remarkable recovery.

On his first Sunday back in harness the Vicar was in particularly good form at Evensong when his powerful sermon was a great help and encouragement to the members of the congregation. It is only a pity there weren't more there to hear it. As part of the sermon, the Vicar told the delightful story of a Rabbi and a soap manufacturer walking through the slums of a large city. The business man was chiding the Rabbi with the failure of religion to stamp out misery, sin and suffering. "Your religion has been around for many hundreds of years" he said "but look at the crime figures, look at the poverty around here - what good is your religion?" They walked on in silence for a while, then the Rabbi pointed out a group of very dirty children playing in the street and said, "What is the use of all that soap your firm produces? Soap has been around for hundreds of years and yet look how dirty those children are."

"Ah" said the soap maker "We make the soap but it's of no effect unless people use it".

"Religion" said the Rabbi quietly, "is just the same".



## LADBROKE NEWS

### LADBROKE DIARY

#### SEPTEMBER

- Sat. 4th Barbecue in Village Hall.  
 Sun. 5th Trinity XIII. 8.30am Holy Communion,  
 11am Matins.  
 Sat. 11th Harvest Auction.



Sun. 12th Trinity XIV. 11am Holy Communion with  
Hymns & Sermon, 6.30pm Evensong.  
Tues. 14th Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall.  
Sun. 19th Trinity XV. 8.30 am Holy Communion,  
11am Matins, 3.0pm Holy Baptism.  
Tues. 21st S. Matthew A.E... 8pm Congress Delegates  
at 20 Ladbroke Hall.  
Sun. 26th Trinity XVI. 11am Holy Communion with  
Hymns & Sermon. NO EVENSONG.  
Weds. 29th S. Michael & All Angels.

### OCTOBER

Fri. 1st HARVEST SUPPER... 7.30pm in the V. Hall.  
Sun. 3rd HARVEST THANKSGIVING. 8.30am Holy Commu-  
nion, 11am Family Service, 6.30pm Evensong  
Thurs. 7th 7.45pm, Men's Group at Harbury  
Sun. 10th Trinity XVIII. 11am Holy Communion with  
Hymns & Sermon. NO EVENSONG.  
Tues. 12th 7.30pm, Alibone Charity Trustees, at  
The Old Rectory.  
Wed. 13th 3.0pm, Women's Fellowship at Briarwood.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Sept. 5 Mrs. Edwards; Sept 12 Mrs.  
Durrant; Sept. 19 Mrs. T. Barnett; Sept. 26 Mrs. Garner;  
Oct. 3 & 10 Mrs. Darkes.

HOLY MATRIMONY - 21st August 1982.

Richard David John Hewins & Susan Lorraine Davis.  
Congratulations and all good wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Hewins.

### CHURCH NEWS

#### Installation of the new Provost of Coventry

Saturday, 11th September at 3.0 pm. I have four  
tickets available for any member of the congregation  
who would like to go.

HARVEST SUPPER. This will be held in the Village Hall  
on Friday 1st October at 7.30 pm. Tickets (Adults  
£1.35; Children 75p) will be available from ladies of  
the P.C.C. later in September.

Part of the consultation of members which will  
take place during the next two months will involve an  
enquiry into the times and types of service most  
suitable to individuals... and we hope that those  
whose names are on the electoral roll will respond  
when the questions are circulated.

G.R.F.

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Two of the Village Hall Committee's most popular events take place in September. First of all the Barbecue on Saturday 4th September, 7.30 - 12.00. Tickets are £1.75p which includes the food and are available from Committee members. The evening includes live musical entertainment and hot dogs will be on sale. Children are allowed to the Barbecue free of charge - which makes the evening good value as well as great fun.

Then the following Saturday the Annual Harvest Auction takes place in the Village Hall at 2 p.m. Donations (garden produce, cakes, jam etc.) will be gratefully received during Saturday morning (phone Southam 4344 if you have transport problems for your produce). Come along and stock up your freezer for the winter! K.L.

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

As members will be aware, there was no August meeting to report on, so I will just remind you that the September meeting will be on Thursday 23rd, when Mr. Dawkes will be giving us some ideas for new winter hairstyles and hair-care.

The competition will be for the longest runner bean, so start nurturing your own giant entry now!

P. LAIDLER.

The following piece was submitted by Harbury School as being particularly well written. No influence or direction was given, only the title:-

AFTER THE BOMB

The land is bleak and barren, like an enormous desert. The sky is a swirling red mass. The ground is covered in a black ash and the sun is blotted out; the sea comes in in huge steaming tidal waves; and the wind screams. It rains radioactive rain, striking the battered landscape like bullets. There are small craters in the ground, and few remains of life, except scorched black remnants of what was once a human body. The ruins of a small town can be seen, tumbledown walls,



foundations of houses, scorched wrecked hulks of cars, tin cans, someone's forgotten hat, blackened remains of precious money, money that will never be needed again. Bones, black bones everywhere, everything covered in a film of black. No survivors, the dead bodies of fish and other innocent marine creatures float on the foaming sea. And still ear-piercing wind wails like a siren, an air raid siren, and the sky is still a swirling mass, and the radioactive rain comes down ever harder, and the sea foams in in colossal tidal waves, the sky looms and the electric flash of terrible lightning can be seen. Loud crashes echo through the heavens and forked lightning strikes the beguiled landscape below.

by MARK BURFORD - Class 9.

### HARBURY P.T.A.

The PTA starts the new term with two meetings in September.

On Wednesday September 15th at 8 p.m. we will have an evening devoted to the "Teaching of Handwriting". The speaker will be Mr. Tom Barnard, A.R.C.A. who is the handwriting advisor to Platignum Pens, Schools Division; Mr. Barnard is an excellent speaker and is coming from Hertfordshire, so we hope that this evening will be well supported.

The annual Quiz Night will be held on Wednesday September 29th in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. do come along to what is always an enjoyable evening.

Tickets are now available for the annual Supper Dance which is being held on Friday October 15th in the Village Hall; dancing will be to "Farrier's Forge" and tickets, price £3, can be obtained from school or your 100 Club collector. This is always a popular evening so get your tickets early! M.T.

### MISS YOUNG

Miss Jean Young reluctantly retired on Friday July 23rd, 1982. She was appointed deputy head of Southam School when the school first opened in 1957 and is the only member of staff who has walked the corridors of the school for the full 25 years.

During her time at the school Miss Young has seen it grow from a secondary modern with less than 400 pupils to a large comprehensive with more than 1,200 pupils. Having spent 25 of her 38 years of

teaching at Southam, Miss Young knows it will be difficult to retire but intends spending some of her time repairing Victorian pottery at Whitefriars in Coventry.

The school and staff showed their appreciation of Miss Young's contribution to the school by presenting her with gifts from each House and from the staff. The Governors and Parent Teachers Association also showed their appreciation. The number of gifts, cards and flowers bestowed on Miss Young are a true indication of how much she is loved and respected in the community.

D.G.

### TODDLER GROUP

The Toddler group will start again on Monday September 13th. We meet during term time at the Wight School every Monday morning from 9.30 - 11.30 and every Wednesday afternoon 2.0 to 3.30 pm (please note new time). Why not come down for a cup of coffee and a chat and leave the housework for a couple of hours? The children have plenty of toys to play with and a drink and biscuit to eat. All children up to 3 years old are welcome and there is a small charge of 40p. If you are interested, come down or give one of us a ring. - Anne Tasker (613273) for Mondays and Mollie Putnam (613853) for Wednesdays.

ANNE TASKER.

### PIANO EXAM RESULTS

#### PRACTICAL

Grade 1 - Sacha Lee - Merit  
Jennifer Moss - Pass  
Grade 3 - Sarah Burnham - Pass

#### THEORY

Grade 3 - Wendy Bloxham - 92/99  
- Debbie Keir - 72/99

The above are all pupils of M.J. Coope,  
Sutcliffe Drive.

### TEENS TOGETHER

The Diocesan Youth and Children's Committee has organised an event for young people on Sunday 19th September from 3 pm to 9 pm at the Harris School,



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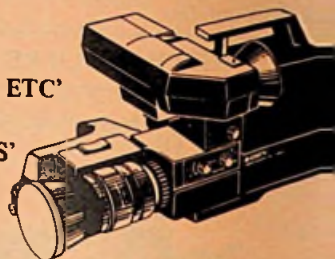
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Rugby. The event will include fun, food, films and festivity! We hope to take a group from Harbury and will organise transport. Names, please to Viv Aggett or the Vicar.

### HARBURY RFC - MINI/JUNIOR RUGBY

This season Harbury Rugby Club will be running 5 'Mini' sides from Under 8 through to Under 12, plus 3 Junior sides - Under 13, Under 14 and Under 17.

The growth and success of Mini and Junior rugby at Harbury has encouraged the Club to secure a further  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land which will provide a further 4 pitches, one for 15-a-side rugby and 3 for 'Mini' rugby. There are few, if any, Clubs in Warwickshire that can boast having pitches exclusively for Mini/Junior use!

All junior teams play other local clubs including Leamington, Stratford and Kenilworth, plus several new fixtures this season which include Evesham, Worcester and Nuneaton.

We welcome all lads between the ages of 7 and 17 who want to play rugby to join us. Training and Matches are from 10.30 am on Sunday mornings.

Registration takes place from 11.30 am at the Clubhouse on Middle Road, Harbury on Sunday 5th Sept. Training starts at 10.30 am on 12th September.

Stratford RFC are holding an all-day Mini-Rugby Festival on Sunday October 3rd to celebrate 10 years of Mini-Rugby at Stratford. Harbury Under 9's, 10's, 11's and 12's have been invited to take part along with teams of the same age from Evesham, Bromsgrove and Kenilworth Mini-Rugby Clubs. An entertaining day's rugby is guaranteed for anyone who wishes to come along and support our Harbury teams.

### HARBURY BADMINTON CLUB

The badminton club starts its new season on Tuesday September 14th at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. At the A.G.M. at the end of last season the following officers were elected: The new Chairman is Dave Cox with Secretary Jan Atkins, Treasurer Mal Eaton and Match Secretary Dave Cooke.

The two mixed teams did well in their divisions and at the end of the season the 1st team stayed in the 2nd Division and the 2nd team were promoted to Division 3 of the Leamington and District League.

All hopes are for a good season this year! We are always looking for new members especially if they have played before! For more information ring Dave Cox (612693)!

ANNE TASKER.

### TENNIS CLUB

In the Blencowe Cup Competition the team has now won four matches out of five, with a further three fixtures to be played at home before the end of September!

Club tournaments have provided some friendly competition among members and we congratulate Sally Gascoyne and Barry Latham on winning the July American Tournament which preceded the enjoyable social evening held at Dave and Sue Brown's! Congratulations also to Nicki Latham who recently did so well in reaching the final of the singles in the Leamington Junior Open Tournament!

J.N.

### HARBURY CHURCH ANNUAL BICYCLE EVENT

This year's Bicycle Event attracted a good entry and in spite of a short downpour, proved to be an enjoyable afternoon with some notable performances!

The Gamecock fielded its secret weapon (Messrs! Cummings, Hackley & Hawkes) and ran away with the team prize and joint best men's performance, covering the 2 lap (approx! 10 mile) course in 31 mins. 14 secs. Tom Rankin put in a good effort to take the men's handicap award!

A strong and welcome entry took part in the Ladies event which was won by Viv Aggett with Jacki Rogers second!

Peter Hancock, Tim Berry and Sarah Ridgley took the awards in the 12-15 year olds, whilst in the 8-11 year olds Charles Mayer completed the 5 mile course in 22 mins! 25 secs!; with Roy Coupe winning the handicap and Michelle Coupe taking the girls award - as well as second on both time and handicap!

The P.C.C. of Harbury Church would like to thank:- Mr. Basil Thwaites for allowing the event to take place on his land, the Old New Inn for the use of their Car Park, The Shakespeare Inn, the



Gamecock, Lindop's Drug Store and Taylor's 'top shop' for donating prizes, the entrants, marshals and spectators for supporting this event and thereby making it a success.

See you next year! JBM.



Mike Bloxham's photoshows Richard Woodward, 'Woody' Woodward, Dick Picken and winner on handicap Tom Rankin.

### HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

- Require: Girls, Ladies for Village Netball Team.
- Special Requirements: Interest and Enthusiasm
- Location: Tennis Courts, rear of Village Hall (or away games radius 14 miles Coventry)
- Time: Between 1pm & 4pm most Saturdays from October to April.
- Training: Thursday evenings
- Kit: Own plimsolls, kit provided
- Contacts: J. White 613869 or G. Sheasby 613150.
- Essentials: Sense of Humour.

V. JESSUP (Soc. Secretary)

TUFTY CLUB

Apologies to all those who were expecting Mrs. Thompson from ROSPA to come with slides of Tufty on Tuesday, July 20th. She became double booked due to a clerical problem. However she will be coming for our November meeting.

Is there someone who loves children willing to read the story each month, or even now and again? Please contact Mrs. Dorothy Groves (612710) or Mrs. Kay Pallot (613270). Thank you!

K.P.

HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday October 2nd is the date of this year's Harvest Supper. Tickets will be on sale soon from P.C.C. members, the Churchwardens or the Vicar, or you may telephone me to order.

There is certain to be a rush for tickets - last year's Supper, with guest speaker the Bishop of Warwick, and a fascinating Victorian Magic Lantern Show, was a huge success - so do get yours in good time! NUMBERS ARE LIMITED.

Offers of help will be greatly appreciated.

DIANA HOLT (612790)

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

We look forward to welcoming you to Harbury Church at 10 a.m. on Sunday 3rd October, and we should also be grateful for gifts of harvest produce and for help in decorating the Church on Saturday morning, 2nd October.

VIV AGGETT.

1st HARBURY SCOUTS

George Russell has passed his radio amateur's examination. Congratulations to him and thanks to Vic Peake who acted as tutor. We hope George will be in action at Stoneleigh on October 16th when the annual 'Jamboree of The Air' takes place. Scouts around the world link up by radio to exchange greetings and swap yarns. Our other radio 'ham' Andrew Winter may be in action as well. Scouts restart on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th September. J.L.H.



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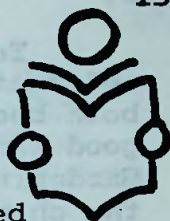
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## HAVE YOU THE TIME TO HELP OTHERS?

15.

Many people are in need of help with Reading, Writing and Spelling. Local Adult Literacy Classes depend on voluntary tutors because much of the work is done on a one to one basis. Voluntary tutors do not necessarily need to be teachers; they do need to have a fair amount of patience and the time to give a regular weekly commitment.



The local class is held on a Monday at St James First School, Southam from 7.30pm until 9pm. If you would like more information contact the Basic Skills Co-ordinator (Mrs. Sheila Cooper) at Mid-Warwickshire College or the leader of the Southam Centre - Mary Thompson, Harbury 612050.

## WHY DO I SIT WHERE I DO?

Continuing our series of responses to questions on a broadly Christian theme:-

1. Why do I sit where I do?  
In my comfortable quaint little pew  
I'm sure you won't mind  
(and I'm not being unkind)  
When I tell you it's because of the view.
2. There's the Vicar that one can see  
Who gives Christ's message for you and for me  
He uses the speaker  
But his voice sometimes gets weaker  
'Cos his positioning isn't all it could be.
3. The choir is a joy to behold  
And they always sing what they're told  
They are happy and gay  
As they sing hymns of the day  
And it's the same on hot days or cold.
4. So you can see why I sit in my pew  
Near the front to get a good view  
'Cos the sights I can see  
Are a pleasure to me  
But I'll move if you want me to! (A.D. Clarke)

The question for this month is "Why not join in?"  
Replies by Sept. 25th please to 23 Mill Street or  
in the box at the back of the Church.

CONGRATULATIONS.....

To Edna and Fred Lines who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They have both been active members of our community for a good many years and Mr. Lines regularly writes our Gardening Column, giving practical tips throughout the changing seasons.

There must be many village gardens showing the benefit of Fred's expert advice - long may his contribution to our magazine continue.

HARBURY LUNCHEON CLUB

There are several vacancies at the senior citizens Luncheon Club which meets on Tuesdays and Fridays at 12.30pm in the Village Hall. Lunch costs 40p and transport can be provided if required. New members will be made very welcome and on Fridays there is the opportunity to stay on and chat over a cup of tea, play cards etc. at the "POP-IN" Club from 1.20 to 3.30pm. For further details, contact Bob Harris, telephone Southam 3110.

"FOOTSTEPS"

One night a man dreamed a dream. He dreamed he was walking along a beach with Our Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to him, the other to Our Lord.

When the last scene had flashed before him, the man looked back at the footprints, and was shocked to see the many times along the path there was only one set of footprints in the sand. He noticed also that this happened at the lowest and saddest times of his life.

This really upset him and he questioned the Lord, "Lord, you said that once I had decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why, just when I needed you most, you deserted me".

Our Lord replied "My son, I love you and will never leave you. During the time of trial and suffering when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you".



## HARBURY SOCIETY

17.

The Harbury Society will be helping to man Chesterton Windmill when the County Council holds its Open Days on Sat. & Sun. 4th & 5th September.

We have arranged a treat for you in the Autumn. Mr. Thwaites has agreed to allow us to tour his Chesterton Estate on Saturday starting at 2.30p.m.

We shall need to take cars as the Estate is so large, but if we assemble at Harbury Village Hall at 2pm there will be time to arrange transport.

Latecomers can go straight to the starting point at the Gated Road at the top of Bush Heath Lane.

As it is farmland and a private estate, dogs should be left at home and children must be under adult supervision.

Later in the Autumn we shall have another talk on Local Archaeology, this time from the amateur's point of view when Fabian Radcliffe will talk about his Avon Valley excavations.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

## HELP FOR CHRISTIAN AID

A coffee morning, held on August 25th, to support the work of Christian Aid in Lebanon realised the marvellous total of £58.57. Thanks are due to the people who came and also to the many others, who, although unable to attend, contributed such generous donations.

Raffle prizes were won by Wendy Riman, Sharon Hancock, the Vicar and Brenda Turner.

J.W.

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Harbury Village Hall Standing Committee has sent to the Parish Council the following letter which is self explanatory:-

The Standing Committee of the Harbury Village Hall Management Committee notes with regret the continued vandalism at the Village Hall, which the police are unable to prevent.

The Standing Committee, after carefully considering this matter, has reached the following conclusions:-

1. The cost of meeting the repair bills due to vandalism cannot be met from normal Village Hall revenue, and it is also not clear as to how much of the other repair bills is indirectly due to the same cause.

2. It is not feasible to increase the rental charge for the Village Hall to cover these costs, otherwise the level of bookings will decrease because of over-pricing, neither is it fair to burden users of the Hall with these costs.
3. There is no incentive, and no desire, for the committee to engage in any large fund-raising exercises merely to repair the damage caused by mindless hooligans.
4. The responsibility for maintaining the Village Hall and its surrounds and fencing, laid upon the Committee by the Trust Deed of the Village Hall, in these circumstances is unbearable.

The Standing Committee therefore considers that the whole Village, through the Parish Council, should immediately ~~assume~~ the responsibility for all outside repairs (excluding painting) of the Village Hall, its surrounds and its fencing. Should the Parish Council feel unable to assume this responsibility, the Standing Committee will feel obliged to recommend to the full Management Committee that the whole Management Committee should resign.

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PARISH COUNCIL

DO YOU WANT TO LOSE YOUR VILLAGE HALL?

It could happen! The Management Committee has threatened to resign if the Parish Council doesn't take over responsibility for maintaining the exterior of the Hall which keeps getting vandalised. A sub-committee will meet the Village Hall committee to discuss the problem.

"Tremendous sympathy" - "soul destroying task".  
"Pillaged and vandalised" said Mike Ellis, blaming our "Wet, liberal society".

The Charity deeds require that a boundary fence be maintained round the Hall, but this, and the doors, and the windows, and the roof are getting damaged more and more frequently. The Village Hall can't pay for these repairs out of its revenue and unless the PC does so, the Management Cttee and possibly the Hall will collapse!

The painting of the Play Equipment was not to Bruce Hannay's satisfaction and world-weary Bruce had no sympathy for the excuse that the children



were scraping off the paint as fast as the contractor put it on. He had been warned not to do the job in the school holidays!

### DO YOU WANT TO LOSE YOUR SCHOOL AND POOL?

David Winter confirmed Sharon Hancock's contention that the School might have to close if essential equipment broke down, for WCC has announced it will not repair or maintain a long list of items and it does not specify who should. Mr. Oliver was "to put it mildly CROSS!" when he read the list, Sharon said. If the filtration plant were to break down and the WCC did not repair it the Swimming Pool would be damaged. The County had committed itself to maintaining the Pool which was built and paid for by public effort.

Harbury's ride-on mower blew up and the PC had been looking at replacement ride-on mowers but the best are very expensive and Stratford won't reimburse capital costs, only repairs and running costs.

The PC got more than it bargained for when it queried the audit fees. The D. of E. and Angus Maude sent weighty answers - pages and pages of obtuse text all to prove the rise is in line with inflation.

The WCC used the same argument to justify doubling the Allotments' rents. The PC must pass this increase on this autumn but it makes nothing on the allotments itself.

The PC recommend a rise of 10% in the Tennis Courts fees. The Rugby Club's letter thanking the PC for its support and informing them it would not use the pitch at the Playing Fields this season, highlighted the Football Club's failure to formally request permission to use the fields. Its rent will go up 10%. The PC approved in principle the use of the old Rugby Pitch by the newly formed Harbury Hawks Under 12's football team.

### DO YOU WANT TO LOSE YOUR BUS SERVICES?

In the latest round of cuts the 7.50 and 8.10am are replaced by one bus at 8.05am. The service is then two hourly with a gap between 2 and 7 when the last bus leaves for Leamington (at 6.52pm). The PC insist the 8.05 should be a double decker and leave for Leamington by way of the Fosse; they think that

another bus is needed between 2 and 7 and they demanded that Midland Red publicise the timetable well in advance of the changes.

The Lighting Cttee is to recommend the up-grading of lights in Bush Heath, Pineham, Manor Rd., Frances Rd., and Vicarage Lane. This will give much better lighting at little extra cost. A new lamp may be needed in Mill Street where trees obscure the poor existing lamps. David Winter has made a survey of trees that obstruct the lights and pavements and owners are to be asked to trim them back. Field Footpath SM62a still needs a stile at the end, to allow the walker to escape from 'the Colditz bit' David said.

There's to be a Planning Inquiry about the use of Fosse Farm, Radford for the repair and storage of agricultural machinery. The company claim 'existing use', as did the airfield developers.

The PC has told Stratford it does not want a mobile home sited at the quarries to house the Bailiff in charge of the proposed Trout Fishery. It would prefer a permanent building and it insists that the Quarries should be completely fenced off for safety.

And Finally, Litter, Rubbish and Sewage! Dick Picken offered to empty a litter bin he wants the PC to put in Chapel Street. Mike Ellis didn't think it would be used, but Sharon said "the other bins get full - someone uses them!" District Cllr Mrs. Bidwell assured the PC Stratford DC would empty such a bin. Sharon then complained that the plastic bags provided by SDC are PATHETIC and rip. David said they were too big for the holder, but they were both treated to a discourse by Mrs. Bidwell on how they should be attached to the stand. Few Cllrs seemed convinced.

The Sewage met Sharon as she returned from holiday. It was flowing down Mill St. and continued to do so for two days before SDC sent a gang out to mend the broken pipe. Harbury wants an explanation for the 36 hr delay!

The PC decided not to complain about the low level of illumination in the Farley Room during the meeting, for with the Village Hall Cttee on the verge of resigning, it did not seem diplomatic. L.R.



We are grateful for the response to our request for items suitable for use in our November play - Noel Coward's "BLITHE SPIRIT", but would still welcome offers of any other items you would be kind enough to lend us.

The play was written in 1941, and many of you will know it involves some spectacular effects. It presents something of a challenge to our technical staff, so if you have a table which can jump up and down on its own, we'd like to hear about it! DMH (612790).

IN THE GARDEN

There is nothing much to sow or plant but plenty to harvest in September. Spring Cabbage should be sown. Earth up the Celery and also Leeks. Prune blackcurrants; cut off blackberry canes after they have fruited. The earlier apples and pears will be ready for picking. Onions are ready for lifting and should be stored in a cool place. When storing potatoes be sure to put them in paper bags and not polythene. Brussels sprouts may need a small amount of support. Don't forget the Show on Sept. 4th.

W.F. Lines.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

I am pleased to be able to announce that the final takings from the Garden Walkabout were equal to last year's and as a result we have been able to make donations of £90 to the Church and £70 to the Village Hall, the balance will ensure that finance is in hand for this year's Flower Show.

After the Show our first meeting of the Winter will be at the Wight School on October 5 when we have a return visit from Mr. George Dudfield of Dudfields Nurseries at Stratford on Avon. This meeting will also be the AGM and subscriptions for the coming year will be due.

TONY BRUNTON.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors;

In our wonderful, happy, caring community, it is sad blight to have so much vandalism. Particularly affected are our village hall and the playing field equipment.

The financial cost, distress and danger caused is quite staggering. All the damage could very well be caused by a very few evil.....who must be stopped.

22:

Please do not turn the other way.

If you see anyone mistreating these hard-earned, much-needed facilities PLEASE report it immediately to the police and/or committee member.

Please be diligent and watchful. If you see broken glass or anything that could constitute danger to young children, DON'T IGNORE IT. Please help.

KAY PALLOT.

Dear Editors,

Chris, Vicky, Emily and Anna Macgowan would like to express our warmest thanks (yes again!) to all the friends and folk in Harbury who have been so kind during Vicky's hospital stay. We keep wondering when this well of generosity will dry up, but it seems bottomless, and is without doubt the main support in keeping us all going, during what has been a somewhat rough ride lately. Everyone has contributed in their own way, and we are grateful to so many people who we hope will accept this as our sincere and warm thanks.

Marian Millington said at a party recently, "Vicky, we always seem to be chatting to you one minute, and praying for you in church the next!!!" And that's another thing which we, as a family who don't attend Church, deeply appreciate.

Harbury is unique - it's like belonging to a huge extended family, and we bless the day, 10 years ago, when we heard of this wee dot on the map and joined the family!

Thanks again,

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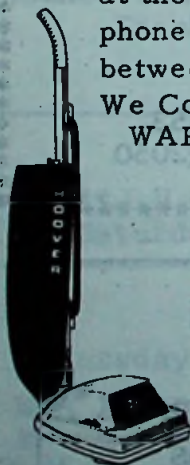


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