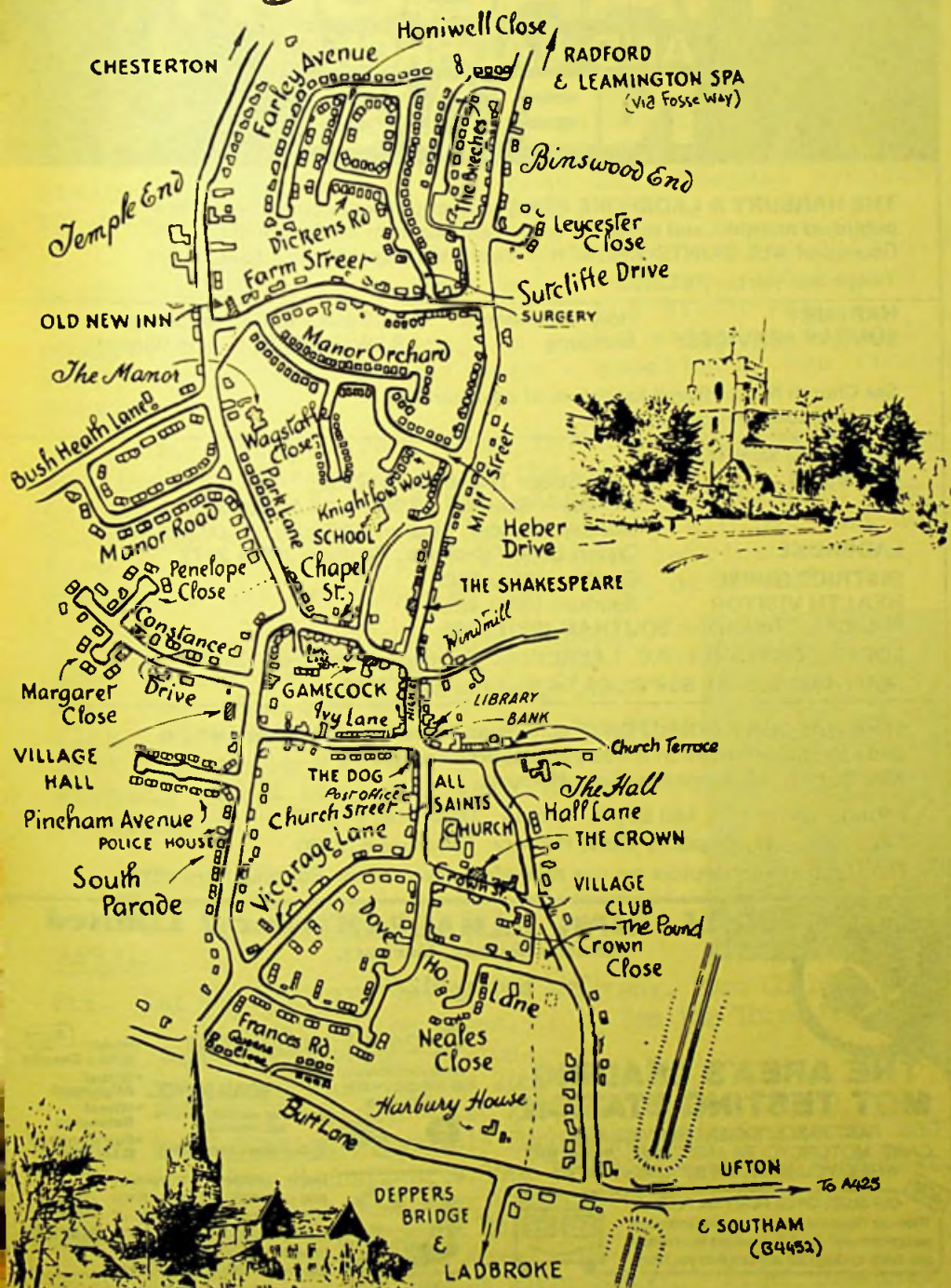


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The village has been saddened by the tragic loss of Derek Perry, accidentally drowned in the quarry. This exceedingly dangerous place, where swimming is never safe, is a magnet for the young - particularly in summer. Would it not be possible to prevent another such tragedy occurring in the future by making the area safer? We send our deepest sympathy to Derek's family in their loss.

The end of the Easter Term saw another splendid musical production by Mr. Mark Thorburn, 'Charlie & the Chocolate Factory'. Sadly, the often-voiced comment has been heard again - the audience found it difficult to see the children - especially the little ones.

One 'happy event' & an impending one have deprived Harbury School of the services of Mrs. Catherine Eastaff, and Mrs. Angela Goldsbrough. They both came to the school fresh from training, and both have given many years of excellent service to Harbury's children and we wish them both well.

Later in the magazine appear some of the many tributes to the Rev. F.R. Mackley who retires as Vicar of Harbury this month. We know that the whole village joins us in wishing him a long and very happy retirement.



### HARBURY DIARY

#### APRIL

- Fri. 1st GOOD FRIDAY. 9am Matins & Litany, 10am Children's Stations of the Cross, 12 to 3pm The Three Hours, 6.30pm Evening Service.
- Sat. 2nd Tennis Club reopens 2pm.  
Rugby v Syston - 1st XV away.
- Sun. 3rd EASTER DAY. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Procession and Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Procession & Sung Eucharist.  
\*\*\*Scouts Newspaper Collection\*\*\*
- Mon. 4th Easter Monday Bank Holiday.  
Rugby Festival at Rugby Club.
- Tues. 5th Horticultural 8pm at Wight School - Plant Diseases.

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Thurs. 7th WI 7.45pm, V.Hall. Mrs. Newport on Canada & stoney Creek.

Harbury Scout Support Cttee Skittle Evening.  
Tickets from cttee members.

Fri. 8th Under 16's Disco, V.Hall, 7.30-10.30pm plus  
Carnival Queen Contest at 8 p.m.

Sat. 9th RSPCA Jumble Sale, 10.30am to 1pm, V. Hall.  
Scout Hut Spring Clean - see advertisement.  
Rugby v Pershore, 1st XV away.

Sun. 10th LOW SUNDAY. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Procession &  
Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong and Procession.

Mon. 11th School begins, Toddlers start & Upholstery classes  
restart.

Christian Fellowship, 8pm, 8 The Beeches.

Tues. 12th Playgroup begins.  
Southam School Sixth Form Parents Evening 7.15pm.  
Playing Fields Cttee 8pm Village Hall.

Wed. 13th Harbury Society, 8pm, Wight School, Sarah Day on  
Best Kept Villages.

M.U., 2.30pm, 17 Sutcliffe Drive - Talk on "Door  
Knocking" (note change of venue)

Action for Apostles, 8pm, 23 Farley Ave. -

Rev. S. Tyrrell on Prayer.

Thurs. 14th Golden Age, 2.30pm, Village Hall.  
Girls Club at Village Hall.

Whist Drive, 7.45pm at Village Hall.

Men's Group, 7.45pm at The Dog Inn.

Fri. 15th Junior Tennis Coaching starts, 6.15pm Tennis Courts.

Sat. 16th PTA Jumble Sale, 10.30am in School Hall.

Christian Fellowship, 8pm Old Mill House.

Bellringers Annual Service & Meeting at Harbury.

Deanery Party at Radford Semele - 7.30 for 8pm.

National Cystic Fibrosis collection (until 24th).

Rugby v Stow - 1st XV away.

Sun. 17th Second Sunday after Easter. 8am Holy Eucharist,  
10am Sung Eucharist followed by Church AGM in Church,  
6.30pm Evensong.

Tues. 19th Tufty Club, 2.15pm in Wight School.

Wed. 20th PTA Hobbies & Skills Evening - Parents' & Children's  
contributions welcome.

Thurs. 21st Girls Club in Village Hall.

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm in Village Hall.

Fri. 22nd Race Night at Village Hall, 8pm (tickets from  
Sue Andrews).

Sat. 23rd St. George's Day. Holy Eucharist at 7.30am.



- Sat. 23rd Ballet Examinations in Village Hall.  
 Playgroup Disco in Village Hall, 8pm.  
 Scout Hut Painting - See Advertisement.  
 Rugby v O. Wheats, 1st XV home.
- Sun. 24th Third Sunday after Easter. 8am Holy Eucharist,  
 10am Sung Eucharist, 11.30am to 3pm Vicar's  
 Farewell at Village Hall, 6.30pm Evensong.  
 Free Church Family Service - Harbury Church, 2.30pm  
 Tennis Club Tournament, 2.30pm.
- Mon. 25th Christian Fellowship, 8pm, 1 Constance Drive.
- Tues. 26th Young Wives' Easter Party, 2pm, Village Hall.  
 Senior Citizens cttee meeting at Village Hall.  
 VILLAGE HALL TRUST A.G.M., 8pm Farley Room.
- Thurs. 28th ANNUAL PARISH MEETING in V.Hall.  
 Golden Age, 2.30pm, Village Hall.  
 Girls Club in Village Hall.
- Fri. 29th Preparations for Church 50/50 Auction.  
 Christian Fellowship, Corner Cottage, High St.,  
 Mr. Frank Davies will speak on Listening to God.
- Sat. 30th 50/50 AUCTION by PCC in Village Hall.
- MAY 1st Fourth Sunday after Easter. 8am Holy Eucharist,  
 10am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
- Mon. 2nd Bank Holiday.
- Tues. 3rd Horticultural Society, 8pm, Wight School -  
 "Better Begonias".
- Wed. 4th Mothers Union Service in Coventry Cathedral.
- Thurs. 5th LOCAL ELECTIONS in Village Hall  
 W.I. 7.45pm at RUGBY CLUB. Resolutions with V.C.O.  
 'Carrots' - a musical about Dr. Barnardo -  
 Southam School. Tickets from school.
- Fri. 6th Disco at Village Hall.  
 'Carrots' at Southam School.
- Sat. 7th Liberals Jumble Sale in Village Hall.  
 "The Flying Dogs", Harbury Club, 8.30 - 11.30pm.

### REGULAR DIARY DATES

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Church, 9am Sundays.  
 FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30pm, last Sunday  
 in the month.

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, V. Hall, 11.30am Sundays.

UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4 Mondays.

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Mondays.

GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7pm (under 7s & beginners)

7-8pm (7-10 yrs), 8-9pm (over 10 yrs) every Monday.

BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.

TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 9.30 - 11.20 Mondays,  
and 2 - 3.30pm Wednesdays.

NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tues-Fri mornings.

BROWNIES, Village Hall every Tuesday evening.

BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.

DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-5.30 Tuesday:

4-9 Wednesday: 4-5 Thursday (beginners).

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

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

VENTURE SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 8pm every Thursday.

POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20 - 3.30pm every Friday.

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

Dates for inclusion PLEASE to Linda Ridgley, 612792.

N.B. All articles for inclusion in May Harbury and  
Ladbroke News to editors by Sunday 24th April.

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

For Wight School bookings, ring Mrs. Windsor 612504.

### THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

No, this is not my farewell letter, for, although I shall cease to be your Vicar on April 30th I trust that I shall be allowed to write one more letter for the "Harbury and Ladbroke News". All that I would say now on this subject is to ask you to pray for the Bishop ( who is the Patron of the Living) and for any others who may be involved in the choice of a new Vicar, and to ask you to pray for those who will be in charge of the parish during the inter-regnum.

I am writing this before Holy Week and Easter, and so am unable to give an account of the services of that holy time, but all the rest of April is in that joyful Season which begins on Easter Day and which is called Paschal-time. We rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ both for His sake and because of the new life it has brought us. The consequence of the Resurrection for us is that when we become united with Christ's two fold victory, - over death of the soul (sin) and over death of the body.

The meeting for the election of Churchwardens and the Annual General Meeting will be held in Church on Sunday April 17th after the 10.0 a.m. Sung Eucharist. All who are on the Electoral Roll of the



Church has the right to attend and to vote.

We mourn the loss of a cheery young man of 18, Derek Perry, who was accidentally drowned and who will be very much missed. We pray for his parents and the family, and we commend him to God's loving care. We also remember in our prayers Mr. and Mrs. Rigden whose grandson Christopher John Marks died when only a few weeks old. The funeral was in Nottingham. We likewise sympathise with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver in the loss of their grandchild at Whitnash when only a few days old. Finally we sympathise with Mrs. Jennings whose mother, Emma Jane Singleton, has died at the age of 94 and for whom we pray.

With every blessing,

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

### Holy Baptism

March 6th - Robert William Biddle, 47 Farm Street.

### Funeral Services

March 25th - Derek Trevor Perry, aged 18 years, of  
24, Manor Road.

March 30th - Emma Jane Singleton, aged 94 years.

### From the Churchwardens

As we write this, there are just four Sundays remaining before the Vicar leaves Harbury. The village and church owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude for his prayerful ministry over many years. We are sure that one of the things which would give him the happiest of memories of Harbury would be to see the church full for every Service before he goes.

Don't forget the special farewell Service and gathering at the Village Hall on Sunday morning 24th April. This is an opportunity for the WHOLE VILLAGE to say farewell and thank you. We really do hope the place will be packed. Don't forget to return your slip if you want lunch. If you've lost it, there are still some on the table at the back of the Church as is the box for completed slips.

The Church Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, 17th April after the 10 a.m. Service. This is YOUR chance to come and say what you think of the way in which the business of YOUR church is carried out and

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to vote for the churchwardens and members of the P.C.C. We hope that, by having the meeting following the main Service of the day that many more members of the congregation will attend the meeting and take part.

### THE VICAR

As you will know, Roy Mackley is retiring at the end of this month, after 26 years in Harbury and 52 years in the ministry. He first went to Nuneaton, and Miss Gladys Andrews, who still lives there, sent us these memories of his time there:

Father Mackley came here in 1929, as Curate under the Revd. Frank Taylor until his death. He twice took charge of the Abbey Church for short periods until the Revd. Blamire Sinker from Blackburn was appointed around 1938/39. He left the Abbey to take charge as Vicar of Burton Dassett with Northend in 1948, after 19 years of faithful service. He was at the Abbey during the bombing of Nuneaton when the Church roof was damaged, and went to the scene of houses destroyed nearby.

He also served as Group Scout Master of the Abbey Scout Group for over 15 years, for which he received the Long Service Award and a gift from the Scout Group.

GLADYS ANDREWS (Miss)

Mr. R.T. Murray, former Vicar of Southam, who preached at the service to celebrate the Vicar's 25 years in Harbury, sent us the following:

I first met Father Mac in 1943 when he was curate at Nuneaton Abbey Church. He was already becoming a legend there - a fact emphasised by Nuneaton's Mayor and Corporation turning out in robes for his induction at Burton Dassett - a tribute to a curate which I believe to be unique.

It was a tribute to qualities Harbury has come to know well. A devotion to duty careless of his own convenience, wishes or benefit. An unwillingness to spend time on trivia - when he does say something it's always been worth waiting for. And his wit - deadpan, pawky and never hurtful. All so obviously informed by devotion to his Lord that his just being there preaches the Gospel. I am heartily glad to know him, and wish him joy in his so well-earned retirement.

RONALD MURRAY.



From his time at Burton Dassett, this appreciation has been sent to us:

It was my privilege to work with Mr. Mackley as warden during the whole of his period as vicar of Burton Dassett.

My first thoughts of him must be that he was a devoted parish priest, known and loved by all, old and young alike. He showed enthusiasm for all activities in the parish, particularly I believe among the young. He helped in forming a thriving scout group, and took them to camps in Wales and elsewhere. He also strengthened and helped a great deal with the choir.

With his support we practically rebuilt the old wall around our very large churchyard at Burton Dassett. We also cleaned our lovely old church from cellar to eaves, with his and his mother's support. They gave us the run of the vicarage for hot water, refreshments and the like, I may add that this had not been attempted for around 50 years.

Our P.C.C. has already written to Mr. Mackley wishing him every happiness in his retirement.

My wife and I would like to add our own very best wishes. KEITH BUTT, ex Warden, Burton Dassett.

The Kitchener family knew the Vicar from his earlies days in Harbury, and these are recalled by Mrs. Winifred Kitchener, who now lives in Lancaster:

My heartiest congratulations to Mr. Mackley on his achievement of 26 years of loving service to Harbury.

When Mr. Mackley first came to Harbury Church my husband was Church Warden and he often came into our home. This is impressed upon my memory, as my first grandson had just arrived and he is now 26 yrs old and is a teacher.

Since I moved to Cumbria Mr. Mackley has called to see me.

The last time I visited Harbury I found him looking as youthful as ever and I send my best wishes to him for a long, peaceful and healthy retirement.

WINIFRED KITCHENER.

Mrs. Kitchener's son and daughter in law, who run Whicham Old Rectory in Cumbria, also sent us a short note:

We have so many family memories of Mr. Mackley - the priest who brought comfort in bereavement, shared happiness at our marriage and joy at our child's baptism. He also contributed to much fun and laughter in the Drama Society of earlier years. Those who witnessed it will never forget the production "Quiet Weekend" when, as a harassed and hen-pecked husband he spoke the line: "I'm nothing but a plumber's mate around here". He put into it such expression and feeling that it nearly brought the Village Hall down!

May we offer our thanks to Mr. Mackley for his dedicated service to the past and present people of Harbury. We wish him a long, happy and well-earned retirement.

JUDY & DAVE KITCHENER  
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Cumbria.

Mrs. Ethel Sollis, Mrs. Ethel Jennings and Mr. Tom Hauley can all look back over a long association with Mr. Mackley:

Mrs. Jennings and I would like to pay a small but nevertheless very sincere tribute to our Vicar who will shortly be leaving us to, we hope, enjoy a well earned rest. Always there to give advice when needed and lend a helping hand, we will miss seeing him about the village very much and we wish him a long and happy retirement with many happy memories of Harbury.

E. SOLLIS.  
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About thirty years ago on a warm sunny Saturday afternoon I went with other enthusiastic Harbury ringers to have a prearranged ring on Burton Dassett's fine ring of bells only to find the tower locked. On going down to the village we found the Church Fête in full swing and the Vicar, a tall figure with a sun-tanned face and a welcoming smile. (He was and is a bellringer). He told us where to obtain the key.

Since he came to Harbury in 1956, I have had amny contacts with him - as a chorister for the whole of that time and as Churchwarden, as a member



of the P.C.C., bellringer, clock winder, tower keeper etc. for most of the time and also as a personal friend - and I have found that behind that quiet and unhurried manner lies a life devoted to his work. Hearing the Angelus bell ring out each day at 12 o'clock has come to mean to me a symbol of that kind of life, and I feel that Harbury is a better place for his ministry among us. I wish him every blessing on his retirement.

-----TOM HAULEY.

We were delighted too, to receive the following from the Bishop of Coventry:

We live in an age of great mobility and change and it is no wonder that it is also an age of restlessness and instability. How important therefore when a parish priest can provide continuity and stability. And that is precisely what Father Mackley has done at Harbury. I suspect there are not many of us who could sustain a vigorous ministry in one place for 26 years, but that is what he has done, and its value in terms of pastoral work and leadership is incalculable. Harbury has been very fortunate indeed.

So as he retires we thank God for all he has done for the Church\*and for the community. What we shall miss is a faithful man of God, a devoted pastor, and a servant of others. May God bless him and give him a happy retirement.

+ JOHN COVENTRY.

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These are only a very small selection of the tributes we could have included - Mr. Mackley is held in the highest esteem by all who know him, and our warmest good wishes go to him and to Miss Mallabone on their retirement.

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Many thanks to all who supported the coffee morning at 23 Mill Street on Mothering Sunday. £31.50 was raised towards church funds - a most welcome contribution.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: From St. Augustine -

Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to his love, the future to his providence.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH 50/50 AUCTION AND SALE

This very successful event will be held once again on Saturday April 30th, at Harbury Village Hall, with viewing from 11 a.m., a sale from 11.30, and the auction proper from 2 p.m. This is your chance to clear out unwanted items of value from your loft or garage, too good for "jumble". You can donate your goods, or split the amount realised with the Church on a 50/50 basis. You can put a reserve on valuable items. Details and entry forms are enclosed with this magazine, and in addition to the names listed, the following will receive your completed form:-

John Algar, 8 The Beeches  
 Charles Catt, 16 Dovehouse Lane  
 Ken Docherty, 6 Dickens Road  
 Bob Hodge, 36 Binswood End  
 Ken Hughes, Leamington House, Church St.  
 F. Manners, 4 Pineham Avenue  
 Tim Millington, 5 Sutcliffe Drive  
 Reg Tennant, Orchard Close, Binswood End  
 Derrick Thomas, 3 Manor Orchard.  
 Ralph Upton, 26 Farley Avenue.

You can deliver your item to the Village Hall on the evening of 29th April, or give it to a collector in exchange for a receipt. Collection of bulky items can be arranged.

Clear out unwanted items, and make a small profit!

J.S.

HARBURY FREE CHURCH SERVICE

The family service on March 27th was led by Rev. Peter Clarke of Warwick Street Baptist Church, Leamington. The Rev. Clarke took the cross as his theme, beginning with a talk for the children on different sorts of cross. The challenging address was on Matthew 16 v 24 - 'If anyone wants to come with me, he must forget self, carry his cross and follow me'. Diane Home and friends led the children in a chorus and Trevor Godfrey gave the reading.

Once again the service provided family fellowship and all are welcome at the next service, which will be on April 24th and will be led by the Rev. Edward Harrison of Dale Street Methodist Church.

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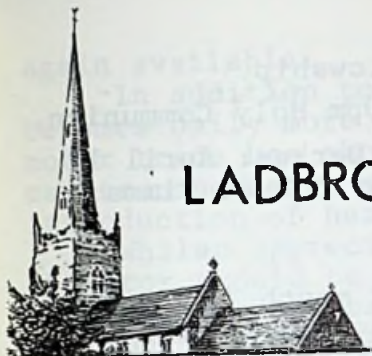
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# LADBROKE NEWS



## APRIL

Friday 1st GOOD FRIDAY 2.0 p.m. Holy Hour  
 Saturday 2nd. EASTER EVE. 2.0 p.m. Church Decoration.  
 Sunday 3rd. EASTER DAY. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11am  
 Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon, 6.30pm  
 Evensong.

Tuesday 5th. House Communion as arranged.  
 Sunday 10th. LOW SUNDAY (Easter I). 11am Holy  
 Communion with Hymns and Sermon.  
 Monday 11th. ANNUAL VESTRY & PAROCHIAL GENERAL  
 MEETING: VILLAGE HALL, 7.30pm.  
 Wednesday 13th. 3.0pm Women's Fellowship at 4 Bridge  
 Lane.

7.30pm Alibone Charity Trustees at Old Rectory.  
 Thursday 14th. 7.45pm Men's Group at Harbury.  
 Friday 15th "Flying Dogs" at Ladbroke Village Hall.  
 Sunday 17th. Easter II. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11am  
 Matins.

Monday, 18th. 7.45pm Meeting of Church Officers with  
 the Bishop at S. James C.E. School, Scoutham.  
 Thursday 21st. 7.45pm Deanery Synod Prayer Meeting  
 at Southam Church.

Sunday 24th. Easter III. 11am Holy Communion with  
 Hymns & Sermon.

Monday, 25th. S. Mark. E.M.

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Sunday 1st. Easter IV. (S. Philip & James)  
 8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Matins.

Thursday 5th. 7.45pm Men's Group at Harbury.  
 7.45pm Archdeacon's Visitation at Long  
 Itchington.

Sunday 8th. Easter V. (Rogation) 11am Holy Communion  
 with Hymns & Sermon.

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Wednesday 11th. 3.0pm Women's Fellowship.

Thursday 12th. Ascension Day. 7.30pm Holy Communion.

ALTAR FLOWERS: April 3 & 10 Mrs. Darkes: April 17  
Mrs. Frost: April 24 Mrs. Cook: May 1 Mrs. Timms;  
May 8 Miss Junod.

#### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We commenced our meeting last month in Church at a Communion service conducted by Canon Fishley. Afterwards members continued our meeting at Hall Farm where a very enjoyable tea was provided by Mrs. Winkfield, to whom we extend our thanks.

We were very sorry that owing to illness Mrs. Hayward was unable to be with us and we wish her a speedy recovery and return home from Hospital. Our next meeting will be held on April 13th at 4 Bridge Lane, at the invitation of Mrs. Edwards. C.H.

#### MOTHERING SUNDAY

It was good to see...and hear...so many children in Church at the afternoon service and we were grateful to Mr. Gill for his interesting address: and I must add our thanks to Mrs. Edwards for the beautiful posies she provided and prepared. G.R.F.

Fr. MACKLEY. We shall miss the Vicar of Harbury when he retires and take this opportunity of thanking him for his neighbourly interest and help over the years. We wish him a long and happy sojourn in his retirement home in Surrey.

#### LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS

There seems to have been a "storm in a teacup" over my last month's paragraph on the subject of the proposed Ladbroke Bypass, and I should like to take this opportunity to put the record straight. Firstly what I write in this magazine is entirely my own point of view and nothing to do with Ladbroke Parish Council. Secondly my contributions, like all others, and subject to the scrutiny of the Editorial board.

The general dismay in the village over the need for a Public Enquiry, is not due to any idea that the scheme would not stand on its merits, but because the money has been allocated for 1984 and any delay may mean that this sum might be allocated elsewhere and it could be some time before sufficient funds are



again available.

In addition to this the need for the Bypass becomes daily more apparent, as the revival of the motor trade has shown a marked increase in convoys of car transporters, and we are only weeks away from the introduction of heavier lorries on British roads.

Whilst appreciating that the interests of the objector should be considered, any further delay in building our Bypass, could have serious consequences for the safety of the village children and the passing motorist.

KATE LIVERTON.

On a much happier note:- what a success the Playbus is. It is parked in the Bell Inn carpark on Friday afternoons, between 12.45 and 2.45 - and I know it is definitely the highlight of the week for a lot of small children. -----

#### VILLAGE HALL VIEWS

On Friday April 15th, the "Flying Dogs" (of Harbury Old New Inn fame) will be presenting an evening of Musical Entertainment in the Village Hall. So come along, eat drink and be merry, enjoy an old fashioned "Knees Up!" Tickets are £2 (which includes a chicken & chip supper) from all the committee members, or phone John Liverton on Southam 3341.

Several members of the Village Hall committee will not be able to submit themselves for re-election at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. The Village Hall committee would very much like to hear from anyone who would like to be elected to join the committee, there must be lots of people in the village who could make a useful contribution?

K.L.

#### LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

At the March meeting we were pleased to welcome back Mrs. Linda Doyle, who spoke about the art of home-made cheese and yoghurt, which can be made with either cows' or goats' milk. The different treatments required for the numerous British cheeses we enjoy are obviously a complex, and lengthy process, but many members were convinced they would be able to meet the challenge of making yoghurt. We were pleased to welcome a new member, Mrs. Ros Pearson.

There will be a Jumble Sale at 10.0am on Tuesday 19th April at the Welfare Hall, Southam, in aid of funds. Admission 5p. Jumble collection point at The

Old Well House, Bridge Lane.

Please note that the April meeting will commence half an hour earlier than usual. There will be a short meeting at 7.0pm on April 28th at the Village Hall, followed by a trip to Bernhard's Garden Nurseries, Rugby, leaving the hall at 7.20pm. This trip is open to non-members who may meet at the Village Hall with members, or assemble at Bernhard's for 7.45. There will be a short talk on gardening, followed by refreshments and the opportunity to buy plants.

Finally, in June there will be a garden party, open to the village, at which there will be a stall selling handicrafts, the proceeds of which will be shared between the Myton Hospice and the craftsmen. Anyone wishing to contribute may like to start work now!

P. LAIDLER.

#### HARBURY SCHOOL

Although the term has been very short it has been nonetheless very busy.

An account of the Lower Middle School musical "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" appears elsewhere. Mrs. Goldsbrough leaves us this term to begin maternity leave, and we wish her every good fortune. At the last assembly of term she was presented with glassware, a rosewood bowl and a baby box from parents, children and staff.

Mrs. Catherine Eastaff has resigned from her teaching post in order to concentrate on bringing up baby daughter Rachel.

Mrs. Eastaff's replacement will be appointed sometime next term. Mrs. Goldsbrough's temporary replacement for the next two terms will be Mrs. Anna Schmidt, who lives in Warwick. N.C.O.

#### HARBURY P.T.A.

Harbury PTA's Home Made Evening set out to display the gastronomic talents of its members for their mutual enjoyment and succeeded admirably.

Pickles, patés, chutneys, soups, pies, bread, salads and buns filled the few hungry niches whilst the serious business of tasting the dozens of different bottles of home-made wines and beers got underway



There were wine tasting and wine guessing sessions with some exhibits off-puttingly marked 'Leg Wobbler' and 'Sloe Death'. A variety of old fashioned games of skill - quoits, table skittles, darts and shove ha'penny completed the entertainment.

John Kemsley, the Chairman of the PTA, gave a speech of thanks to participants and drew the Raffle which was won by Mr. Oliver the Headmaster and Mrs. Powell, the Secretary of the PTA. LINDA RIDGLEY.

### CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Once again, the time had come in the school calendar, when the Lower Middle School classes went rushing home asking Mum to turn them into 'Munchkins' or 'Woodland Animals' or, in this case 'Oompa-Loompas' for the annual youngsters Extravaganza.

This year the staff turned their attention to one of the children's favourite books, Roald Dahl's 'Charlie & the Chocolate Factory'. Using the songs from the film version and a scrip adapted to suit a cast of 87, four weeks were set aside to rehearse, learn and polish, ready for performance on 22nd and 23rd March.

Led by Guy Taylor in the mammoth role of Mr. Willy Wonka, the five lucky holders of the five Golden Tickets were led on a fantastical journey round the Wonka Chocolate Factory. The greedy Augustus Gloop (Leon Scholtz) and his Mum (Sarah Bingham); the gum chewing Violet Beauregarde (Lucy Tanner) and her Mum (Dayle Summers); the spoiled brat Veruca Salt (Anna Macgowan) and her Dad (Stefan Whatcott); the T.V. enthusiast Mike Teavee (Lloyd Byles) and his Dad (Martyn Byles) and the hero Charlie Bucket (Mark Hayes) and his Grandpa Joe (Stuart Barnes).

The hour long production meant a lot of hard work for the children both in learning their lines and their moves on stage and also in learning a large number of song words. There were speaking parts for 25 children and a great deal of hard work went into the production, both at home and at school.

To all who took part (too many to name here!); to parents for their help and the costumes; to the staff for their patience and especially Mr. Stuart and Class 10 for the scenery and many props; our thanks

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for helping to make it all possible in such a successful way.

Valerie Hartshorn, Margaret Macdonald, Mark Thorburn  
and Daphne Wallington.

### THE GREAT RICE PUDDING RACE

A document came into my possession (why me, I thought) before Christmas giving details of a County Council competition to construct a haybox in which to cook a rice pudding.

Easy so far, or so Class 9, myself and our Y.O.P. Jon, thought. Off went the entry form, then we realised the implications. Not only did we have to construct an efficient haybox, but also had to carry out experiments on thermometers, insulation, keep a weather record, find out how and at what rate various liquids lose heat, etc. etc. Using the information gained, we had to justify the materials used in the construction of the box.

What is a haybox, you may ask. It is the daddy of the slow-cooker. On a gas or electric ring you bring whatever needs cooking to boiling point, then place it quickly (in it's saucepan obviously) in the box, which is basically like a small tea-chest, packed with hay, polystyrene or any good insulator. Theoretically the food will continue to cook, without any further use of fuel.

For the heat (sic) at Leamington we took five hayboxes constructed by the children, and all their associated work. We were then put in the final which took place at Shire Hall, Warwick. Sixteen schools from all over the County were there. We were given points for recording the highest temperature after three hours in the box, for the research carried out beforehand, for general presentation and for the taste of the pudding.

The children did very well to reach the final and obtained a great deal of knowledge and enjoyment from the project. However, don't mention the words rice, heat, temperature, haybox for at least the next six months!

We came last by the way. NIGEL CHAPMAN.



### SOUTHAM P.T.A. FASHION SHOW

Diane Healey organised the Southam School PTA's Fashion Show at the School and it was a sell-out and excellent value for money with Cheese and Wine as well as clothes by Rosemary's Place of Southam and Warwick Street, Leamington.

There were classic designs for formal occasions and the office; jogging suits; baggy tunics and the latest youth craze, the coloured patch dress; plenty of frilly flounced peasant-style dresses and skirts and a few culottes; evening dresses with tulip hems and a stunning full length emerald green satin evening dress with a black velvet rouched top.

At the end of the Show the members of the audience were presented with vouchers giving 15% off the most expensive purchase they make at Rosemary's Place during March.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

### SOUTHAM SCHOOL SKI TRIP

On Thursday 10th March at 5.15am, a party of 11 pupils and 7 staff left for Switzerland. We arrived at Leysin and our hotel; most of the rooms had a shower and a balcony with a breathtaking view of the Alps.

The next morning we woke early - for the only time we were up when the staff came to wake us. Before the trip we had been told to dress warmly but sweaters were soon discarded when we got to the slopes. The instructors were all nice, but we had to get used to their limited English including the traditional phrase, "Bend ze nees". For the first three days we had brilliant weather, but the next three days saw the cloud come down and snow fall. Over the week there were only a few serious injuries, it was very useful to have our own doctor, John Hancock on call!

As well as a full day's skiing there were also lots of Après-ski activities including a tobogganing evening, a fondue and fancy dress, and discos. We also had the opportunity to go ice skating, swimming and to watch an ice hockey match.

I think I can safely say a cracking (in one case literally!) time was had by all and I for one would go back tomorrow.

SARAH WALTERS.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

No one who has seen a furiously pedalling figure tearing through the village (usually at crack of dawn) can have any doubt that Viv Aggett is in training for something. It's not the famous Harbury cycle race this time but for a 75 mile sponsored cycle ride on Sunday 12th June. The purpose is three fold - to celebrate her 50th birthday, to visit the other 10 All Saints Churches in Warwick Archdeaconry and to raise money for Myton Hospice and Harbury Church. For full details of the ride and how to sponsor Viv - watch this space.

SCOUTS

Thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning in aid of Scout Funds on 23rd March at Phoenix House. £40 was raised.

WENDY STUBBS.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY

The Bible Society is the Christian organisation portrayed in church for April. It is a member of the United Bible Societies - a partnership of national societies which co-operate with the aim of spreading the gospel world wide. "Word in Action" is their quarterly newspaper and prints general news about the society's work. Interesting items in the spring edition include an East German braille press (subsidised by the West) which supplies German Scriptures to the blind of Switzerland, Austria and Germany; Scripture translation projects in 574 different languages and the success of a Muslim Bengali New Testament which enables Muslim people to understand the Gospel more easily.

Their latest letter tells of the recent conversion of a Kenyan nomadic tribe - their faith rooted in the living God as the Spirit speaks to them through Scriptures that have just been translated into their language. The letter also poignantly informs us of the tragic lack of bibles in Uganda where many are turning to Christ.

If you wish to help, donations can be sent to David Langley, The Bible Society, 146 Queen Victoria St., London EC4V 4BX.

JILL WINTER.



HARBURY SOCIETY

Parents beware! Nigel Chapman was at the last Harbury Society meeting and he took copious notes. Old hands will realise that this heralds another batch of unanswerable home work questions on the village!

Our speaker, Mr. Reg Sharp was excellent and his talk attracted a very large audience, some of the older people coming in from as far away as Lapworth and Leamington! There wasn't such a crowd for the first part of the proceedings, the AGM, but then there never is for people are afraid they may get roped in to do things. We therefore re-elected ourselves with the addition of Mr. John Cowan, gave the reports of the officers, which showed that we had had a good year and got down to the part everyone was waiting for, the talk.

Mr. Sharp moved to the village as a small boy and lived here for just a few years but he has vivid memories of the life and the people. and his recollections were fascinating:- Winnie Cleaver of Farm Street who tried to teach him the piano; Reg Thornicroft and his bakery; Alcock's slaughter house; wells running dry; the Binswood End murder; the night soil cart; Miss Bird and Miss Bustin the School teachers and the sympathy of the whole village when his father died.

Discussion went on long after the talk had finished with his contemporaries recalling people and places and the rest of us listening in amazement to the primitive conditions described. The true enthusiasts continued the inquisition in the Crown later.

After the Sharp family left the village in 1927 to give the children a better chance of a start in business, they lived in Leamington. Mr. Sharp joined the Fighter Command in the Second World War and became a cartographer, producing top secret maps and charts for the War effort. After the War he continued in the profession and has to date produced 700 maps and town plans. At 72 his work is still in demand and he still lives in the same house in Lillington Road with his 99 year old mother.

The next meeting of the Harbury Society will be on Wednesday 13 April, 8pm in the Wight School when Sarah Day will show slides of Best Kept Villages and explain the history and the aims of the Competition.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

## HARBURY ADVENTURERS

Every Sunday at 11.30am we meet at the village hall. At the beginning of adventures one of the leaders takes a short service during which we sing hymns and have a brief talk. Also during the service attendance awards are presented to people, according to the number of Sundays they have been present.

After the service we divide up into different groups with the "minis" being one group. There are three interest groups, one doing music, one drama & one producing a magazine.

At about 12.00 noon we divide into our teaching groups to learn more about Jesus and the Bible. Then at 12.30 we go home.

We are always pleased to welcome new members.

MICHELLE COUPE.

## HARBURY SCOUT GROUP HONOURED

It has been revealed that Harbury Scouts have been selected to take part in a major new experiment in scouting. The new Chief Scout has formulated a 'Back to Basics Programme' in an attempt to put scouting back into the first decade of this century.

Harbury Scouts are to be issued with old style shorts, 'mountie-type' hats and even with green garter tabs for long socks. In addition, every scout will be expected to carry a six-foot scout staff at all times when in uniform.

The programme of activities will be altered to include more pioneering and tracking, and one of the first projects will be to build a cantilever wooden bridge across the railway cutting. Camping is likely to be far more spartan, particularly since matches and paraffin (as well as gas) will be banned.

We understand that the selection of the Harbury Group is a direct result of the known addiction of Scout Leader John Hancock for old style uniform. He has even been seen wearing it in a Carnival parade. Further details of the plan appear in the April 1st edition of Scouting for Boys.

LONE WOLF.

## CARNIVAL QUEEN 1983

The 1983 Carnival Queen and attendants will be chosen on April 8th, at the Disco to be held in the Village Hall that evening. Girls, aged 14-18 yrs, from the Harbury area, who would like to enter are



asked to come to the Farley Room at 8 pm.

Prizes of £10 for the winner and £5 each for the attendants, plus Carnival Dance tickets will be presented at the end of the contest.

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE.

### 'HOBSON'S CHOICE' - HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

It must be difficult to produce a play that is as well known as Hobson's Choice. But John and Sally Stringer managed to provide the necessary zest and pace in this production. The Lancashire accents wavered a little, the Scottish accent wavered a little more but it was an immensely enjoyable evening of entertainment.

The cameo performances were - as usual - of a high standard, particularly Jill Tucker as Mrs. Hepworth and Steve Checkley as Dr. McFarlane. However Peter Ball as Jim Heeler - Henry Hobson's drinking partner - gave a carefully observed study which was excellent. As Henry Hobson, Keith Hayes added to his range with all the empty bluster of a man who knows he's beaten. Both Keith Hayes and Marie Brown - an impressive first performance as Maggie Hobson - carried the lead parts with conviction.

But surely the laurels must rest with Trevor Grundy as Willie Mossop. His performance was truly professional in its comical quality, and lifted a good play well above normal amateur standards. The remainder of the cast were all good - particularly Carol Percival as Alice Hobson - and kept the play moving swiftly and effectively.

Congratulations to the backstage crew for another fine set, with good lighting and sound, and a word of commendation for the ladies' hairstyles.

Andalucia Faraway, I.T.J.

### HARBURY MINI & JUNIOR RUGBY

During March, the Mini section played both Leamington and Stratford RFC's, with our opposition coming off the better in most of the age groups. Our under 13's and 14's took part in the Evesham Sevens on 27th March and April looks like being a very busy month - for the Mini Section particularly.

April 10th Evesham RFC 'Mini Tournament' (1pm - 5.30pm)  
April 16th/17th Weekend Tour to Yorkshire for 10,11,12yr olds.

This consists of matches on the Saturday and Sunday against teams from Upper Wharfedale RFC.

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and Otley RFC, an overnight stop in the Nidderdale Valley, an evening at the Recreation centre at Pately Bridge and a visit en route to Sid's Cafe at Holmfirth in "Summer Wine" country.

April 24th Leamington RFC 'Mini' Festival (11am - 5pm)

April 24th "Solihull Sevens" for our Under 14's.

May 8th Medal presentations, games, barbecue, disco.

Congratulations are due to a total of nine boys playing Rugby at Southam School who were selected for the South Warwickshire Under 14's Squad, namely Mark Stringer, Steve Harkins, David Warren, Lloyd Groves, Stephen Hancock, Kevin Tarver, Ian Morris, Edward Wood and Simon Miller, the last five of whom are regular members of Harbury's Under 14 team.

In preparation for next season, all parents and boys might like to note that we will be running our Mini sides from 8 to 12 year olds, plus, 15-a-side teams of Under 13, 14, 15 and 16. The Under 16's will be a new team and anybody interested in playing at Harbury particularly in the under 15 & Under 16 teams should contact:-

Tony Thomas (Under 15's) 612689

G. Birkbeck (Under 16's) L/Spa 24053

#### TENNIS CLUB

The Club's 1983 season opens at 2.00 pm on Saturday 2nd April. Newcomers to the Club will be most welcome, so if you play tennis and enjoy some friendly competition do please come along on the above date or visit a club session on any Sunday morning, Tuesday or Thursday evening or Saturday afternoon. Alternatively telephone for details. If you are in the 16-18 age group you might like to join the 'student' membership who have their own club session - on a Friday night, in addition to the stated playing times.

The first two events on our calendar are a Friendly Match with Leamington Tennis Club on 18th April and an American Tournament during the afternoon of 24th April. In addition to the Blencowe Cup matches, other friendly fixtures have been arranged with clubs in the area and together with various planned social activities we can expect the coming months to be entertaining both on and off the courts.

JENNY NEWMAN (612839).



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## JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

£2 for 6 sessions starting Friday 15th April  
6.15 - 7.15pm beginners, 7.15 - 8.15 more advanced.  
Names to Rosemary Ottewill, 43 Mill St. (613402)

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YOUNG GYMNASTS  
RECEIVING  
ON THE BEAM  
INSTRUCTION  
FROM THEIR TEACHER,  
Mrs. CHRISTINE  
SIMCOCK,  
AT ONE OF HER  
MONDAY CLASSES.

(Photo by  
Mike Bloxham)

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## THE BELL FAMILY

Do and Terry Bell, their sons Paul and Steve and young daughter Joanne are leaving the village perforce for a new home and livelihood in Hornton, Oxfordshire, where they have bought the only pub in the village, the Dun Cow at West End.

Their friends from Harbury Cricket Club gathered in the Dog Inn on Thursday 10 March for their farewell party. Making the presentation, Rex Humphries reminded the cricketers that Terry had been a founder

member of the Club and he cited two memorable occasions; one when Terry mowed the wicket so enthusiastically that no play was possible for four weeks and the other, when against arch rivals Steeple Aston he was solely responsible for the running out of four men, all from his own side!

As for Doreen, Rex said her teas were renowned throughout the cricketing fraternity and as a gesture of their appreciation the Club presented her with a large and useful saucepan and individual serving dishes. (Doreen intends to branch out into Bar Meals once the family is established at Hornton). Do and Terry extended a cordial invitation to all their friends to visit them whenever they could.

LINDA RIDGLEY.



MEMBERS OF THE DOG IN DARTS TEAM  
WITH THEIR WINNING TROPHIES. (photo M. Bloxham)

THERE IS STILL TIME to send donations to Ken Clarke for the Vicar's retirement gift. Contributions please to 1 Vicarage Lane by Sunday April 10th.



## HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Recent meetings of the Society have covered subjects varying from the cultivation of fuchsias to alpine plant hunting in the Himalayas. The latter, fully illustrated with colour slides, was particularly enjoyed.

Forthcoming meetings are Tuesday April 5, Ian Crute on Plant diseases, symptoms, diagnoses and cure; Tuesday May 3, V.A. Spurr on Better Begonias. Meetings start at 8 p.m. at the Wight School. Additional dates are Tuesday June 7, an evening visit to Bernhards Garden Centre at Rugby with free refreshments and demonstrations. Names to me please if you would like to go; Saturday July 9 Garden Walkabout, if you've not been approached and would like to open your garden or help in any way please let me know. Saturday September 3 Flower Show at the Village Hall.

Further events are planned for the summer, details later.

TONY BRUNTON, 612191.



### IN THE GARDEN

On looking back over the last 50 years it is quite noticeable to see that the seasons have not changed; it is only the gardening methods which have altered. Years ago the bulk of the planting commenced on Good Friday and

as the weather has been in March I think this date will still be a good guide for the main planting. Make a start with sowing a small amount of lettuce, radish and spring onions. Finish sowing broad beans. Should you have enough space, plant main crop potatoes but your early varieties leave until the ground is warmer and less likelihood of frost. Plant a few summer cabbage. Runner Beans and French Dwarf Beans should be left until the end of the month. A reminder to sow Parsnips, Beetroot, Peas, Spring Onions, Onion Sets and Shallots. The Jap Onions no doubt will need weeding and you can soon start to thin same and use as Sprin Onions. It is never too early for thinking about what you are going to put in the Show in September.

W.F. LINES.



### A HOST OF GOLDEN DAFFODILS.....

.....thanks to members of the Horticultural Society who planted bulbs in Harbury Churchyard last Autumn. Reg Tennant's picture shows little Helen Brunton doing some spadework, helped by (l to r) Mrs. Bristow, Mrs. Brunton, Mr. Bristow, Tony Brunton (Sec. of the Society), Mrs. Tennant, Mrs. Tyler and Mr. Wilkins.

### HARBURY YOUNG WIVES

A fascinating talk was given by Vivian Brown at our last meeting. She gave a brief outline of the history of Acupuncture and stressed that an acupuncturist first determines the underlying cause of the symptoms, for example whether it is due to stress or diet. Needles were carefully handed round for our examination and the use of Acupuncture in childbirth was discussed.

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Come to our EASTER PARTY

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Tues, 26th April in the Village Hall at 3.30 (so young school children can come) until 5 p.m.  
30p each for Mums and children (under 1's free)



Food and drink for children.

Tea and biscuits for Mums.

Entertainment and refreshments are included in the admission charge.

VANDA BALL.

### MEDIEVAL CARNIVAL: JUNE 11th

WANTED: Help of all kinds throughout the day.

Cakes, Sidestall demonstrators e.g. lace-makers, bread-plaiters, carpenters etc.

Also chipped or saleable crockery.

PLEASE: Get in touch with us, if we haven't contacted you, with your ideas or offers of help, big or small.

HELP: So that together we can make this year's Carnival a success

ANNE GLAZE, 612333 / KAY PALLOT, 613270

### HARBURY W.I.

The speaker at our March meeting was Mrs. Greenley. She demonstrated Broomstick crochet and had a very enthusiastic audience. She brought some beautiful examples of the art with her.

Three members attended the W.I. Spring Council meeting at Spa Centre, the main speaker being Professor Alan Gemmel talking about his many years on the Gardeners Question Time panel. It was very interesting to hear how the programme was put together.

The recent collection of envelopes for Dr. Barnardo's produced the sum of £158. We would like to thank everyone who contributed.

The winners of March raffle were Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Barron.

B.E.T.

### THE VILLAGE HALL RIDES AGAIN

Firstly, we would like to thank the anonymous donor for the gift of £250 towards the current repair repairs, and Mrs. Bastock and friends for their gift (see overleaf).

The Fund Raising Committee is holding another Race Night by popular request. It will be on Friday April 22nd at 8.00 p.m. Those who have been before will know what "a fun evening" can be had. Tickets are £1.25 each, to include supper and are available

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from committee members. The money raised will go towards the roof repairs and the new doors, and we hope you will support the venture. SUE ANDREWS.  
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The sum of £200 was donated to the Village Hall - the proceeds of discos held in December, January and February. Many thanks to all our supporters.  
NORAH BASTOCK, MARY and FRIENDS.  
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#### HARBURY PLAYGROUP

On Saturday 23rd April from 8 - 12 in the Village Hall we are holding our Annual Dance. This fund raising event will be a disco with supper all included in the very reasonable price of £1.75.

The bar will be provided by the Shakespeare Inn. Tickets are available from 9 Sutcliffe Drive (613387) or any committee member.

Please join us on what we are sure will be a very enjoyable social evening.

#### N.S.P.C.C. FUN RUN - Sunday May 22nd

The first Harbury Fun Run in aid of the NSPCC will start at 3.00 pm from the Village Hall. This is open to EVERYONE and is a run for FUN, not a race.

Rumour has it that many declared anti keep-fit types will be taking part so why not you?

More details later.

R.E.W.

#### CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH TRUST

The Buffet Dance held at Chesford on 11th March was a great success, and resulted in a cheque for £1,000 being handed to Birmingham Children's hospital to be used for equipment/treatment of C.F. children. Very grateful thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Brian Woodfield of Bishops Tachbrook, who organised the dance.

The week 16th - 24th April is National C.F. Week and we shall again be holding our door-to-door envelope collection. If anyone could help by collecting in their own street we would be most grateful - please ring me on 612857. BARBARA ANDREWS.





CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Harbury News,

Rather belated thank you to a wonderful kind Samaritan.

During the last spell on snow in Feb. residents of Crown Close had all pathways cleared before breakfast by this gentleman. I have only heard just recently who it was. (No name to embarrass him) but a truly Christian act. Many thanks and our appreciation to him for his kindness. (signed)

MRS. CONSTANCE MANN.

Dear Editors,

Land Development (Loxley) has applied for detailed Planning Permission to build twelve detached bungalows on the land off Farm Street which was subject to a Planning Appeal three years ago.

Eleven of these executive bungalows are served by a short extension of Honiwell Close, but the twelfth fronts Farm Street and occupies a position of prominence in the middle of that delightful sweep of grass which verges the western side.

There may be some opposition to the scheme because it uses small communal access drives to nine of the dwellings and the Farm Street plot is in an important position where insensitive detailing could destroy the still essentially rural character of this part of Harbury.

In the County Structure Plan it is argued that Harbury should only grow sufficiently to house its own natural increase in population. Many people would argue that expensive Bungalows are the last type of housing to satisfy this need, but the houses will undoubtedly be in great demand. Where will the potential buyers come from and what happens to the young village couples looking for starter homes?

The question poses moral and social problems which seem unanswerable. A Speculator needs to sell expensive houses to recoup the cost of buying expensive land in Harbury because ours is a desirable community in which to live; land is in short supply here and Planning Permission is difficult to obtain. In come the middle aged and out go the young.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

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Dear friends,

Since my husband, Bill, has been in hospital, I have been quite overwhelmed by the help and kindness shown to me by so many people.

I am very grateful to everyone, and would like you all to know how much your support has helped me to cope in recent weeks.

I am happy to say that Bill is now progressing well, and we hope he will be able to leave hospital before too long.

ISOBEL RUSSELL.

Dear Editors,

Through the Harbury News I would like to thank the many people who have bought 'Tear Fund' tea. I have frequently been asked for more information about the tea estate in Assam that produces the tea marketed by Tear Fund. Around 100 years ago missionaries came to an area of Assam to save the desperately poor Santal tribe. Their plan was to give impoverished Santals the chance to set up as independent farmers. Though potentially fertile, the land first had to be cleared of disease infested jungle. They were so successful that the colony has since become the Mornai Tea Estate employing some 3000 people. Now controlled by the Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church, it supports two hospitals, various schools, a community centre, a crèche, a club house for the young, old age and maternity benefits. A central Church holds Sunday services. I quote from the Tear Fund's own publicity..."the only Christian run tea plantation in India. 'The only tea garden', comments a government report, that gives the workers the maximum of welfare...."

If anyone would like to read 'The Tea Trade' by the World Development Movement, I would be very happy to hand it out. It provides information about all aspects of the tea trade around the world.

JILL WINTER.

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