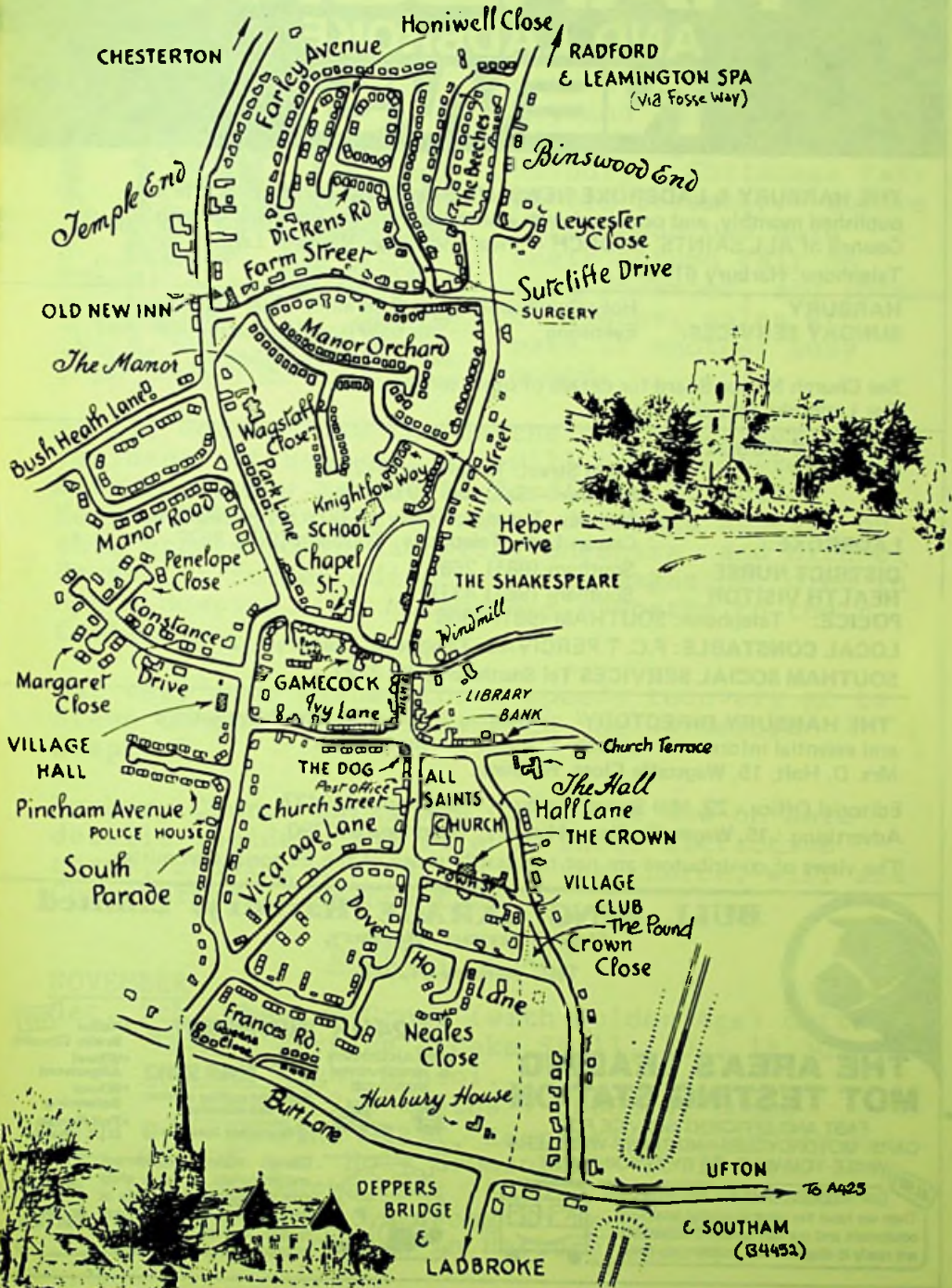


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HAD A BUMP?



Once Bonfire Night is over, the Christmas season will soon be upon us, and in this month's diary we give details of Harbury's Christmas Fair on 3rd December. Before then, Ladbroke hold their Autumn Fair on 26th November, and lots of discos, sales etc. make it another busy month.

Sadly, October saw the deaths of two former residents of Harbury, who will be remembered by many readers. Margot Bamford (wife of artist Henson Bamford, one of whose drawings appears on this page) died in Nantwich, Cheshire, and Michael Barnes, a former editor of this magazine, died in Myton Hospice. We extend our sympathy to their families.

Our very good wishes for a speedy recovery go to Steve Checkley, at present in the Warneford Hospital.

Harbury Church Christmas Cards are now on sale - details inside. The sale of these attractive cards, showing a painting of the Church, will aid Church funds - do buy them.

HARBURY DIARY

NOVEMBER

- Sat. 5th Theatre Group (with Golden Age) Coffee Morning & Cake Stall, 10 - 11.30, Wight School.
 Rugby 2nd & 4ths v NBBOB at home.
 BONFIRE PARTY, Recreation Ground, 6p.m.
- Sun. 6th 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist. 3.30 p.m. All Saints' tide Evensong at Ladbroke (NO Evensong in Harbury today).

- Mon. 7th Playing Fields Advisory Committee, 8p.m.
Village Hall.
Christian Fellowship, 8p.m. 8 The Beeches.
- Tues. 8th SDP Jumble Sale, 10.30a.m., The Hut,
Craven Lane, Southam.
Open Evening, Harbury School, 7-9p.m.
Harbury Friends Priory Theatre trip.
- Wed. 9th M.U., 30 Sutcliffe Drive, 2.30p.m.
Young Ornithologists' Club, School.
Slimming & Keep Fit, Village Hall, 7-8.30
and 8.30-10p.m.
Adult Dancing classes, 8p.m. Wight School.
- Thurs. 10th Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
Girls' Club, Village Hall.
Whist Drive, 7.45 p.m., Village Hall.
Institute of Religion & Medicine, Queens
Rd. Baptist Church, Coventry, 7.30.
- Fri. 11th Peace Lecture in Coventry Cathedral, 12noon.
- Sat. 12th STAGE UP in Village Hall.
PTA trip to London for Lord Mayor's Show.
Craft Fair, 10-5p.m., Lower Fosse Farm.
Rugby 2nd & 4th teams v AP at home.
Harbury Club Jumble Sale, 10.30a.m.
Harbury Club Disco, 8-11 p.m.
Christian Fellowship, 77 Mill Street, 8pm.
Conservatives' Autumn Buffet Supper at
Temple House.
- Sun. 13th 8a.m. Holy Communion. 10.15 a.m. (NB time)
Remembrance Day Service. 6.30 p.m.
Evensong.
- Mon. 14th Upholstery Classes, 2-4p.m., Wight School.
PCC Meeting, Wight School, 8p.m.
- Tues. 15th Tufty Club, 2.15 p.m., Wight School.
- Wed. 16th Slimming Classes, 7-8.30, Village Hall.
Adult Dancing Classes, 8p.m. Wight School.
Keep Fit Classes, 8.30-10, Village Hall.
- Thurs. 17th "THE GHOST TRAIN" by Harbury Theatre
Group - see advertisement.
- Fri. 18th "THE GHOST TRAIN" as Thursday.
- Sat. 19th Toddler Group Cake & Jumble Sale, 10.30a.m.
Wight School. (See advert for details)
Rugby 2nds v Claverdon at home.
Southam School PTA Old Tyme Music Hall by
Talisman Theatre: details from school.
"THE GHOST TRAIN" as Thursday.

- Sun. 20th 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30a.m. Sung Eucharist. 6.30p.m. Evensong.
Harbury Adventurers, 10.30a.m., CHURCH.
- Mon. 21st Christian Fellowship, 8p.m., 8 The Beeches.
- Tues. 22nd Young Wives, 2p.m., Village Hall.
Village Hall Committee, 8p.m., V.Hall.
Sen. Cits. Committee, 8.30p.m., Village Hall
- Wed. 23rd Slimming Classes, 7-8.30p.m., Village Hall.
Keep Fit Classes, 8.30-10, Village Hall.
Adult Dancing Classes, 8p.m., Wight School.
'Butterflies' Meeting, 1 Vicarage Lane,
8p.m. (see article)
Harbury & Ladbroke News Committee, 8.30,
23 Mill Street, Harbury.
- Thurs. 24th Golden Age, 2.30 p.m. Village Hall.
Girls' Club, Village Hall.
Parish Council, 7.30p.m., Village Hall.
- Fri. 25th Under 16s Disco, V.Hall, 7.30-10.30p.m.
Theatre Group General Meeting, Wight Sch.
- Sat. 26th Harbury Playgroup Bazaar, 10.30-12,
Wight School.
Rugby 1st & 3rds v Old Newtonians, home.
Bayard Academy Dancing Display, V.Hall.
Ladbroke Autumn Fair, Ladbroke Village
Hall, 3 p.m.
Harbury Club Dance.
Christian Fellowship, 8p.m., Corner
Cottage, High Street - speaker Canon
Churchill.
- Sun. 27th ADVENT SUNDAY. 9a.m. Sung Eucharist in
Harbury Church, followed by Parish
Breakfast - congregations of Harbury
and Ladbroke combine. (NO 8 or 10.30
service). 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
2.30 p.m. Free Church Service in Harbury
Church.
- ALL ARTICLES FOR DECEMBER MAGAZINE TO
EDITORS BY TODAY PLEASE.
- Wed. 30th St. Andrew's Day 8p.m. Sung Eucharist.
Slimming Classes, 7-8.30, Village Hall.
Adult Dancing Classes, 8p.m., Wight Sch.
Keep Fit Classes, 8.30-10, Village Hall.

DECEMBER

- Thurs. 1st MU Corporate Communion, 9.45a.m., Church.
Girls' Club, Village Hall.
W.I. 7.45 p.m., Village Hall, 'On the Road
with Vogue'.
Men's Group, 7.45, Leamington House, Church
Street.
- Fri. 2nd Occasional Day holiday, Harbury & Southam
schools.
Toy Sale, 10a.m. Wight School (see ad)
Harbury Albion Football Club Presentation
Disco, Village Hall.
- Sat. 3rd CHRISTMAS FAIR, Village Hall - stalls,
sideshows, Santa etc.
Rugby 2nd & 4ths v Aylestonians, Home.
- Sun. 4th 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Sung
Eucharist. NO Evensong in Harbury.
- Mon. 5th Christian Fellowship, 8p.m., 77 Mill
Street, with Rev. E. Harrison.
- Wed. 7th MU, 2.30p.m., 14 Sutcliffe Drive - 'My Hong
Kong Holiday' by Mrs. Curry.
Slimming Classes, 7-8.30, Village Hall.
Adult Dancing Classes, 8p.m. Wight School.
Keep Fit Classes, 8.30-10, Village Hall.
- Thurs. 8th Golden Age, 2.30 p.m., Village Hall.
Girls' Club, Village Hall.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30p.m., last Sunday of
the month.

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30a.m. Sundays.

UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4p.m. Mondays.

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30p.m., Mondays.

GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7p.m. (under 7s & beginners),
7-8pm (7-10yrs), 8-9p.m. (over 10yrs), every Monday.

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

TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 9.30-11.20a.m. Mondays, and
2 - 3.30p.m. Wednesdays.

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

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

TUFTY CLUB, 2-3p.m. Wight School, 3rd Tues. each month.

BROWNIES, Village Hall every Tuesday evening.

BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.

HARBURY FRIENDS, School, 8p.m. 2nd Tuesday each month.

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DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4 - 7.45 p.m. Tues. Wed. Thurs.
TODDLERS' DANCING CLASS, 3 p.m. Wight School each Wednesday.
SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45 Tues. (1st troop): Wed. (2nd troop).
BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2-4p.m. Wednesdays.
VENTURE SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 8p.m. every Thursday.
POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20 - 3.30 p.m. every Friday.
CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30 p.m. every Friday.

Dates for inclusion please to Linda Ridgley, tel. 612792.

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

For Wight School bookings, telephone Mrs. Windsor, 612504.

From the Churchwardens of Harbury Church

On All Saints' Day, in addition to our Services of celebration, there was another great occasion. On that evening our good friend Tony Upton was Instituted and Inducted to the living of St. Laurence, Foleshill, Coventry. We are delighted that Tony has come into the Diocese, and our thoughts and prayers will be with him as he takes up this new challenge in his ministry.

At the end of the month, on 27th November, we celebrate Advent Sunday, the start of a very important season of preparation in the life of the Church, and indeed in our own lives. We mark Advent Sunday by having a joint celebration of Holy Communion at 9a.m. It is a JOINT service in that members of our 8 o'clock and 10.30 congregations join together at one service, but also in that it will be a joint celebration for members of Harbury and Ladbroke congregations. We look forward to having a packed Church for the service, and an equally packed Village Hall for the Parish Breakfast which traditionally follows this service. All are welcome at both service and breakfast, and if anyone who has never been before doesn't believe it is possible for over 100 eggs to be boiled perfectly - come and try one!

FROM THE REGISTERS - HARBURY

Baptisms

October 9th, Gary Paul, son of Martin Clive and Valerie Ann Smith.

October 30th, Ruth Amy, daughter of Robert John and Moya Cathryn Waterman.

October 30th, Craig Matthew, son of John and Mandy Annette Hodgkins.

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Wedding

October 1st, David Ladd Tiley and Joanne Henderson.

Funeral

October 11th, Lily Powell.

FROM THE REGISTERS - LADBROKE

Burial

September 30th, Interment at Ladbroke of William Frank Batstone
of Leamington Spa (formerly of Ladbroke).

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

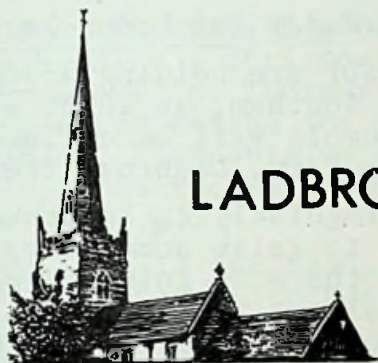
Dear People of Harbury and Ladbroke,

There is no need for me to remind the two parishes of Harbury and Ladbroke that 1st November is All Saints Day, for we both rejoice in that title for our Church. It is for us an extra special Festival, and I hope it will be marked with particular devotion, not only on the day itself but, being a little old-fashioned, on the Sunday following within the octave. Undoubtedly, it is a glorious festival, awakening in us a sense of joy and gratitude for all those wonderful and courageous men and women over the centuries who have served Our Lord so faithfully. Some of them have imprinted their names on the pages of history for ever, others of more localised fame are firmly imbedded in folk-lore, while many, many of them we have not even heard about. We are sure, nevertheless, that whether their names are known or unknown to the world at large, God knows full well those who really love Him, strive hard to honour Him, and praise His name in many different ways. At this time undoubtedly we should be thankful that this great company should have given glory to God, but more than that, we should ourselves aspire to follow the example of the Saints. It is right and proper to remember and to give unstinting thanks for all they have achieved because without their constancy the faith would not have been conveyed to us and the churches would delight in would lie in ruins.

Yet, unless there are the Saints of the 20th century, showing the same commitment, the heritage we have entered into will be frittered away and we shall be unworthy of what has gone before. Today we need

people who do not just passively go along with what⁷ they imagine the Christian Church stands for, but who actively show that their love of God means something to them, and something important and of great worth. Of course, we cannot decide that we are going to be a 'saint', none of them ever did, for it is not an ambition but a vocation, and only by depending upon God's grace is it ever possible.

ANTONY ROWE.



LADBROKE NEWS

NOVEMBER DIARY

Saturday 5th, Bonfire Night in Farmyard Field.

Sunday 6th, Trinity XXIII, 9a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns. 3.30 p.m. Festal Evensong (congregations of Harbury and Ladbroke combine in Ladbroke Church).

Tuesday 8th, SDP Jumble Sale at Southam.

Wednesday 9th, Women's Fellowship, 3p.m. at Mrs. Hedge's home.

Sunday 13th, Trinity XXIV, Remembrance Sunday, 9 a.m. Holy Communion.

Thursday 17th, Coffee Morning in Village Hall.

Sunday 20th, Trinity XXV, 9 a.m. Holy Communion.

Tuesday 22nd, Coffee Evening at Ladbroke House.

Saturday 26th, GRAND AUTUMN FAIR in Village Hall.

Sunday 27th, Advent Sunday, 9 a.m. Sung Eucharist with Parish Breakfast - congregations of Ladbroke and Harbury combine in Harbury Church).

Wednesday 30th, St. Andrew's Day, 10.30a.m. Holy Communion.

DECEMBER DIARY

Thursday 1st, Ladbroke Conservatives' Supper Party at the Bell Inn.

Sunday 4th, Advent II, 9 a.m. Holy Communion, 3.30p.m Evensong.

Friday 9th, An Evening with the 'Flying Dogs' in Ladbroke Village Hall.

N.B. EACH WEDNESDAY AT LADBROKE - Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

Quite a hectic Social Calendar for Ladbroke this month

The local branch of the SDP are holding a Jumble Sale in the Hut, Craven Lane, Southam, at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday 8th November. Jumble will be collected by Mary Briscoe at 1 Village Farm, Ladbroke (tel. 7461).

The Playbus still comes regularly to Ladbroke on Friday afternoons, and in order to raise some money towards the cost of this venture there is going to be a Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on Thursday 17th November between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. There will be craft stalls with a Christmas theme, a 50/50 stall for children's clothes and toys, a cake stall, raffle etc. So please come along - you'll be very welcome!

Mrs. Jill Norgate is holding her annual Coffee Evening in aid of Leukemia Research on Tuesday 22nd November at 7.30 p.m. at Ladbroke House. Christmas cards, calendars, wrapping paper etc. will all be on sale.

Finally, don't forget the Grand Autumn Fair on 26th November at 3 p.m. in the Village Hall.

It looks like being a busy month!

LADBROKE W.I.

At the AGM the following were elected: Pauline Laidler (President), Josie Hanscomb (Vice-President/ Speakers), Josie Fell (Secretary), Dot Wright (Treasurer), Irene Bennett (Asst. Treasurer), Mary Fell (Refreshments Organiser), Gill Norgate (Press), Julie Harris (Raffle). There was an extremely good attendance, and two newcomers were welcomed.

Our November meeting, on Thursday 24th, will be an OPEN meeting, and all villagers and other WIs in the group will be invited to attend. The speaker will be

a Crime Prevention Officer from Leamington.

Members have been asked to help with handmade items for the WI stall at Olympia next June. An average of 10 items per Institute is asked for.

For our Hatton Hospital visit each member has been asked to provide a small wrapped present (value 50p) for distribution on Christmas Day to our 'adopted patients'.

LADBROKE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

We are holding a Christmas Supper Party at the Bell Inn, Ladbroke, on Thursday 1st December at 7.30 p.m. Last year the demand for tickets exceeded the places available. To enable us to cater for more people, there will be two sittings, one at 8 p.m. and another at 9 p.m.

Tickets cost £3 per head, and are available from Mr. J. Venn-Dunn (Southam 2934) or Mrs. M. V. Williamson (Southam 4344). We need to know the numbers attending by 25th November so that the Bell Inn can make their catering arrangements.

VILLAGE HALL AFFAIRS

The next major function is by popular demand the return of the 'Flying Dogs' on Friday 9th December in the Village Hall. You may remember that they are the excellent duet that the Electricity Board did their best to black out earlier this year! Tickets from Committee members.

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL, 25th October

The Electricity Board have written informing the PC that they have now installed an automatic switch to minimise supply interruptions. This means that, although we'll still get power cuts, they will only be for a few seconds instead of a few hours. So this is good news indeed.

The main business of the meeting was the problem of the proposed Stratford Leisure Centre. The PC needed to re-word its resolution that it plans to put forward to the Southam Area Committee of Parish Councils. Apparently other local Parish Councils are concerned that if they oppose the proposed

Stratford Centre then they won't get the Southam Swimming Pool! So the new resolution is to be on the lines that available funds for leisure activities should first be used in towns from which Stratford is not easily accessible. I'm sure we all agree with that!

Finally, there was considerable concern shown by the meeting when it was announced that vandalism has come to Ladbroke. Apparently the village seat has recently been broken and carved. If this wasn't bad enough, several families have been upset that their youngsters have been wrongly accused. However, a talented member of the village has expertly repaired the seat so that it's as good as new, and I'm sure the culprit or culprits have learnt their lesson.

Next meeting - Tuesday 22nd November, 7.30 p.m.

(As there was still no news about the Bypass, I telephoned the Department of Transport, who informed me that the results of the Enquiry will be published in the 2nd week in November - I can't wait!!)

KATE LIVERTON.

HARBURY ADVENTURERS

We shall be going to Church on 20th November, to the 10.30 a.m. Family Eucharist Service. This will be instead of our usual meeting at 11.30 a.m. All parents and friends are warmly invited to come with us.

We are very pleased to see so many children every Sunday, and would be even happier if we could find more leaders. Please, is anyone willing to give up an hour on a Sunday to this rewarding work? If you would like to help, please contact any of the leaders. My telephone number is 612864.

C.M.CATT.

Thought for the month:

When a man is wrapped up in himself, he makes a pretty small parcel.

John Ruskin.

Kathleen Ellis

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TABLE LAMPS

The half-term ends on a high note with everyone making last-minute preparations for our School Fete. It is too early to give out results yet but we have had tremendous support from parents and friends and, as I write this, I am almost knee-deep in cakes.

The Spring term of 1984 will see more changes in teaching staff. We congratulate Mrs. Marie Brown on her promotion to the Headship of Clifton-on-Dunsmore First School. Mrs. Brown has been at Harbury School for just over 5 years and has done a splendid job in our First School department. She has taken a very full part in the life of the school and will be greatly missed. She fully deserves her promotion and we all wish her well.

Mrs. Brown's replacement will be Mrs. Margaret Williams who at present teaches at Sydenham First School. We are fortunate that we have replaced one very able member of staff with another, because I know that Mrs. Williams has a lot to offer Harbury School.

The end of term also sees the departure of Mrs. Ruma Schmidt who has been temporary replacement for Mrs. Goldsbrough. Mrs. Schmidt has been a great success as Class 3 teacher, and we do thank her very sincerely. The permanent replacement for Mrs. Goldsbrough, again as from January 1984, will be Mrs. Anne Miller, at present teaching at Temple Hardwyke Infants School.

We have not yet been able to appoint a permanent replacement for Mr. Stuart, so that situation is still 'in limbo', although we hope to interview after half-term.

N.C.OLIVER.

HARBURY P.T.A.

The Chairman and Committee of Harbury PTA would like to thank all parents for their support in the past year, and especially for their attendance at the AGM held on 19th October.

This had been preceded on 15th October by a new innovation which had been an immense success. The Folk Evening combined the talents of 'Just Under 30'

with a wealth of hitherto hidden talents of members of Harbury School PTA. This, combined with a nourishing fish and chip supper, had turned the evening into a very enjoyable event.

The three new members of the committee are Jenny Evans, Liz Crute and Hugh Pidgeon, and we welcome them on behalf of all members.

Forthcoming events are a trip to London on 12th November to coincide with the Lord Mayor's Show, and a talk by Mr. Minton, Head of Computer Studies at Southam, which should have coincided with our purchase of a BBC Computer for which the children of the school raised the money on their sponsored walk. This has unfortunately been delayed but we hope to have it installed in school in the near future.

JACQUI POWELL.

P.T.A. QUIZ NIGHT

Uniting the disparate interests of the WI, the Rugby Club, the Theatre Group, the Parish Magazine, the Village Club, the PTA, the Girls' Club, and a ragbag of intellectual talents masquerading as the Harbury Hottentots, is Quiz Night. It's Mastermind, Ask the Family and University Challenge, rolled into one and served up as entertainment by ace quizmaster Jim Chapple, ably assisted by that wizard of digital addition (on his fingers), Gordon Bennett.

As always the wrong answers were far more interesting than Jim's correct ones in this hard fought contest of fun, hilarity and fervour. The Hottentots won (of course) the coveted Shield in a competition where the questions ranged from the sublime ("Who did Paul term 'beloved physician'? - John Hancock") to the ridiculous ("What is Lapidary? - the crime of killing rabbits"): from the facile ("What was the name of Italy's final King? - Umberto the Last") to the intensely obscure ("For what is the Swathing Cup awarded? - Table Tennis, John Lapraik informed the world!)

At times the questions appeared to be verging on the political - "What were the Marx names?" and "What is in the Red Data Book?" - but weren't - "Harpo, Chico, Zeppo and Groucho" and "Endangered Species". Others, seemingly innocuous ("Who was Margaret Roberts?) were not so innocent (she's the Prime Minister!).

There was a generous sprinkling of the usual general knowledge questions that most could answer: an Otter lives in a Holt, Moselle bottles are Green, Viola Tricolour is a Pansy. But who but Jim would know that a Double Cramp Roll is a move in Tap Dancing!

LINDA RIDGLEY.

HARBURY PLAYGROUP

Please make a note in your diary - on Saturday 26th November, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Wight School, we are holding our Annual Christmas Bazaar. We shall have our usual stalls (cakes, toys, white elephant, handicrafts etc.) plus many more exciting items including tombola, children's face painting etc.

All welcome!

TERRY WADE, Chairman.

SOUTHAM SCHOOL FRENCH RUGBY TOUR

During half-term a Rugby squad from Southam School travelled about 1000 miles to the south west of France by coach. the reason for the trip was to take part in the Narbonne Rugby Festival '83. During the four days we were in the town we played three games against an English side and two French clubs. We beat the English side (Ewell), drew 3-3 with Coursan, and beat Narbonne. This meant that we had won the tournament, and as an added bonus our captain won the 'Best Forward' trophy.

These games of course did not take up all four days. For two mornings we were trained by one of the five Welsh coaches who came with us. This was very good and I'm sure we all learnt a lot. Other activities were swimming in the Mediterranean, watching Narbonne playing Mont de Marzan, seeing a film of the famous match between New Zealand

and the Barbarians, and going to a vineyard.

Altogether it was a very enjoyable trip, and thanks are due to the three teachers who went with us, and our Welsh coach.

STEPHEN HANCOCK.

MICHAEL BARNES

Many readers will remember Michael, who lived with his wife Judith in Penelope Close for some 20 years, moving to Princes Drive, Leamington, about 18 months ago. After a long illness, Michael died on 21st October in Myton Hospice, and at a Thanksgiving Service for his life in Coventry Cathedral his friends heard the Vice-Provost, Canon Peter Berry, pay tribute to the many ways in which Michael had served the Cathedral and the community.

Here in Harbury he worked tirelessly for the provision of the school swimming pool as a keen member of the PTA, and he started and led the Harbury Singers for many years. He was organist and choirmaster at Harbury Church, and a one-time editor of this magazine.

His daughters, Claire and Emma, were at Harbury School, and the whole family were well-known in the village.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Judith and the girls.
DMH.

MOTHERS' UNION

The MU met on 5th October and began by welcoming the Rector who presided at our service. His suggestion of a MU corporate communion was warmly supported by members, and the Thursday 9.45 a.m. service on the date following the monthly meeting was generally approved.

This was followed by talk on the Citizens' Advice Bureau given by Mrs. Mary Milton, organiser of the Leamington Branch. She outlined its history from a modest wartime advisory service to its present nationwide coverage. Funded mainly by charity and local authority grants, it exists to give an independent and confidential service on a multiplicity of subjects -

the understanding of the maze of bureaucracy surrounding the payment of state benefits, the defence of consumer rights, and legal advice. It also (and perhaps more importantly) provides a listening ear. The National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux enables the teams of volunteers, each headed by an organiser, to give up to date and straight-forward advice.

Stratford CAB announced last month that it is operating a new free telephone service, or I am prepared to be a local contact and take your queries to the Leamington Branch at which I am a volunteer helper.

The next MU meeting will be on 9th November at 2.30 p.m. at 30 Sutcliffe Drive for a discussion afternoon. Mrs. Wilkins reports that £29.46 was contributed through the MU overseas boxes, and thanks all concerned. Also, £18.50 was raised at the October Coffee Morning. Donations were made to the Church Flower Fund and the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

MARGARET RIGDEN,
Haze Brook, The Pound.

HARBURY W.I.

At our October meeting Mrs. Dixon gave a very interesting and timely talk on Celebration Cake Icing. She made it look very easy, and left us with some novel ideas, some of which will no doubt be on this year's Christmas Cakes!

About 40 members and friends attended the Harvest Supper and were entertained by the Bradley Family Band.

On Wednesday 9th November there is a trip to a Silver Smith in the Birmingham area. There are still some seats left on the coach, and if you are interested in coming, please ring Harbury 612762.

BET.

If anyone has collected milk bottle tops for the GUIDE DOGS ASSOCIATION but cannot get them to the Home in Leamington, I will happily take them if you bring them to 15 Wagstaffe Close. DIANA HOLT.

HARBURY YOUNG WIVES"GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS"

Our November meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. With Christmas in mind, Mrs. Hancocks from Carolyn's Cakes, Southam, will be giving a cake icing demonstration. There will also be an opportunity to buy cakes, make-up, jewellery, Tufty goods, Christmas decorations etc. So come along and do your Christmas shopping!

VANDA BALL.

"BUTTERFLIES"

We are thinking of forming a 'Butterflies' Fan Club in the shape of a light-hearted discussion group. Say no more! We are sure many women have an affinity with 'Ria', so if you do then how about joining us on Wednesday 23rd November at 1 Vicarage Lane, at 8 p.m?

If you are interested, but the date or time are not convenient, please ring 612931 or 612406, and we'll discuss alternative arrangements.

ALISON HUNT & JEANNE CLARKE.

A NEW SEAT

The beautiful hardwood seat recently placed in Vicarage Lane was given to the village by Peter Towell in memory of his wife Diana who died early this year.

Mike Bloxham's picture shows 86 year old Mrs. Annie Austin trying out the seat, and obviously appreciating this new addition to the Harbury landscape.

FATHER CHRISTMAS outfit for hire - £1.50. Proceeds will go to Cystic Fibrosis. Please ring 612519.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

People who hire the Village Hall will be pleased to know that the charges are not being increased at the present time. The cost of the much-needed new roof has been mostly financed by the temporary rate increase, and the cost of the new doors has been met by fundraising. Present charges should cover the running costs over the next few months.

Other improvements are planned such as interior decoration, and you are therefore asked to support fundraising events, the first of these being a Dancing Display by the Bayard Academy entitled 'Harbury Snowflakes', on 26th November. Tickets are 50p, and refreshments will be on sale. S.A.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER

Complaints about the anti-social behaviour of both individuals and authorities came bubbling to the top in that cauldron of controversy, Harbury Parish Council.

Beginning on the bright side, Mr. Saunders, (soon to be Deppers' OFFICIAL representative), reported that Harbury's exiled Igloo had been greeted with great enthusiasm by the children of Deppers Bridge, who now eagerly await the arrival of a pair of swings for their playing field.

Whilst the County is adamant that it cannot allocate Highway's funds for the construction of a layby for the use of the playbus in Deppers, it does hold out some hope that the Social Services Department may be persuaded to build an entrance and hardstanding on the recreation ground for the bus. The PC took heed of Cllr. Atkins who said, "It's a STRAW. Let's grasp it!", and will look to the Social Services Department for the solution to the problem.

It seems that Deppers must have more accidents before the authorities will countenance imposing a speed restriction on their through road. Or, as Cllr. Atkins more pungently put it, "They want BLOOD before they'll move!" Where speed limits are imposed, says the County, they should be realistic,

capable of being observed and enforced, and they should reduce accidents. Deppers' plea for a speed limit was judged against a set of undisclosed 'National Criteria' (including the type and volume of traffic, existing speeds, environment of the road, and accident record), weighed in the balance and found wanting. The PC is not satisfied and wants a traffic count, and an analysis of Deppers' score in relation to these 'National Criteria'.

Keith Thompson reported that he had not been entirely satisfied with the meeting in Leamington on the problem of low-flying aircraft. Many questions had not been answered at the meeting, where officials of the Ministry of Defence and the RAF claimed that there was a minimum ceiling of 250 feet for the aircraft which were flying from bases in the east of the country to training areas in the west. A combination of factors including the avoidance of industrial and residential areas and civil and military airfields limited the warplanes to one 15 mile wide corridor in this area and another to the north of Birmingham.

WCC is contemplating bringing in new bye-laws to restrict straw burning. Stratford DC acknowledges that 1983 has been a bad year for the nuisance caused to country dwellers by straw burning, and has asked the National Association of Parish Councils to investigate the feasibility of converting straw into fuel bricks. Cllr. Davies believed that conditions had combined to make things worse this summer, and he explained that the loss of Warwickshire's hedgerow Elms had increased the drying effect of the wind on the land. In Lincolnshire this made the topsoil blow away; here the problem was limited to burning straw. If straw was not burned off there would be the added expense to the farmers of ploughing it back into the soil, and lower yields would also result.

Someone has been tipping garden refuse on to the verge in Butt Lane. PC Percival informed the Council that this was contrary to the Litter Acts. It was reported that the refuse had been replaced on the offender's garden! Butt Lane is to have a footpath linking it to Frances Road. The dumper will be able to go further afield then!

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The Playing Fields notice outlawing dogs fouling the field has been defaced, but will be cleaned and re-erected at ratepayers' expense.

John Drinkwater related the sorry history of the building of the Binswood End stables on a site other than that apparently indicated on the drawing submitted for Planning Permission. Cllr. Atkins made the point that, should this development be allowed to stand, the Parish Council must insist that in future all drawings submitted should be "adequately dimensioned" so that there could be no doubt as to where construction was to take place. Cllr. Drinkwater had made the Council's objections to the siting of these stables known at an early stage, but work had continued. It is a matter which has caused great passion. The District Planning Committee will visit the site when the PC will urge as a matter of principle that they do not allow planning permission for the stables on the present site.

Others unhappy with the outcome of planning applications are Highfield Stud, where permission was refused for a residential caravan; and Cecil Bloxham who is appealing against the District's refusal of permission for a farmhouse on land he owns at the Water Tower.

Happier, no doubt, are the Goodmans who are planning a kitchen extension to Montgomery House; JRS who applied to build two bungalows at Farm Street/Honiwell Close; the owners of 8 Penelope Close who have been given the go-ahead for a large extension; and the prospective owners of Harbury Manor who were granted a change of use to turn the Listed Building into a 30 cover restaurant.

Keith Thompson was able to report that work on the Village Hall roof was nearing completion. He asked the Council whether, in view of the damage done to the previous (plastic) pipes, they felt the added expense of steel guttering was justified. They did.

A large area of roof over the kitchen and refreshment room had failed during the recent 'monsoon', and had been mended by the roof

contractor. This repair, together with the cost of the newly installed external doors, was the Village Hall's responsibility. Keith was optimistic that the roof might still be completed within the budget costs but in the interim the Parish Council is investing its money to advantage and so earning interest. It decided that, of the £14000 in hand, at least £6000 could be re-invested for a period of three months.

L. RIDGLEY.

THE TRAIN NOW STANDING....

....in Harbury Village Hall will rush through the station on 17th, 18th and 19th November, lights flashing and funnel billowing smoke. Or will it? Is it real, or a ghostly re-creation of a doomed train which crashed 20 years before? The terrified travellers in the waiting room watch aghast as the train roars by, and then the station master is found dead....

This spooky play does have its lighter moments too (er...can anyone lend us a parrot, by the way?), and promises to provide an excellent evening's entertainment. Tickets are on sale at Lindop's Drug Store (or ring 612175), and there will be a licensed bar on the Friday and Saturday evenings.



Mike Bloxham took this picture of Marie Brown, Moya Waterman and Ali Hodge at our recent Coffee & Cake Sale. There's another on 5th November at 10a.m. in the Wight School, and the Golden Age will have a Sales Table too - please come!

DMH.

TEAR FUND TEA BAGS

Tear Fund are now producing tea bags as well as loose leaf tea. They come in boxes of 50 for 75p, and are available from 19 Farm Street.

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HARBURY SOCIETY

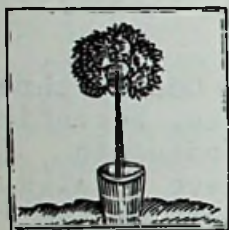
Our October meeting was a tour of the County through the eyes of the Edwardian photographers, beginning at Gibbet Hill outside Coventry and ending in Kenilworth. Our speaker, Mr. Drew, gave details of the growth of major towns in our part of the county, which showed that Leamington's population has grown from 315 in 1801, to 22000 in 1901, and 46000 in 1981. Over the same period, Coventry has grown from 21500 to 340000. In 1801 Leamington was a small community on the south of the river. Investors seeing the potential of the springs embanked the river, installing three weirs, and began to develop the land to the west on a grid-iron pattern. They were wealthy men and put a lot of money and effort into the town. Satchwell in particular managed to persuade the wealthy to come and bathe in Leamington. The London & Birmingham Railway came to Milverton and the Great Western reached the centre of the town in 1851, and this encouraged the middle classes who worked in Birmingham to live in Leamington and commute.

Our tour of the village on Sunday 30th October - a raw day, conjuring up visions of the winter to come - attracted only the most intrepid members of the Society (the Chairman and Secretary), who dutifully inspected the trees recommended for Tree Preservation orders. The Parish Council has now approved the Tree Survey which will be passed to the District Council with a recommendation that they

adopt it in its entirety.

The New Year Social on 31st January is the next event. Members will receive details of how to apply for tickets for this novel entertainment. L. RIDGLEY.

PLEASE - information for a new edition of the Harbury Directory about current secretaries of village organisations to Alison Dodds, 41 South Parade, tel. Harbury 612529. We hope to issue a new Directory soon, but cannot do so without YOUR help. Thank you.



IN THE GARDEN

As the growing season never ends we should take care of Jap. onions and spring cabbage, and keep them free from weeds. All dead leaves should be taken from the Brussel sprouts. Whenever possible keep digging any spare ground so as to prevent the earth getting water-logged. Broad beans can be planted in a sheltered part of the garden, but I prefer to start mine in the greenhouse in the spring. Now is the time to consider what you are going to plant in the spring; because it failed last season it should not deter you from giving it another trial as we hope next spring will be more favourable.

Do we make the most of our vegetables? Why not try beet as a veg, hot or cold, with meat or fish, either sliced or diced. W.F.LINES.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

There was a good attendance at the 1st meeting of the season, the first part of which was the AGM. Chairman Reg Tennant gave an account of speakers during last season, also the Walkabout and the Flower Show.

The speaker was Mr. Hind from Hinton Gardens. His talk was helpful to members with small gardens and difficult shaped areas.

In December Mr. Edward Ott will talk on the marriage of food & wine, followed by a Social Evening.

I would like to remind members that it is subscription time, and if you couldn't make the last meeting you can always call at Tony Brunton's, 31 South Parade.
EDNA LINES.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

Sadly, I really must protest about various articles which have appeared in the local press and the Harbury & Ladbroke News regarding the Recreation Ground Committee's Summer Playscheme.

An immense amount of work went into preparing for and running a two-week event intended to benefit the children and consequently the community in general. Certainly the children really enjoyed themselves, and so we felt justified in considering it a success.

To then read totally inaccurate or grossly exaggerated allegations about our use of the Village Hall has completely soured what should have been remembered as a very happy time.

It is perhaps significant that to date not one complaint has been made to me.

Nevertheless, thank you to all those people who helped to make two weeks of enjoyment for the children, and to the children themselves.

KAY PALLOT.

Dear Editors,

We feel that recent articles in this magazine and the local press fail to do justice to the eight months' preparation which Kay Pallot on behalf of the Recreation Ground Committee put into planning the Summer Playscheme, and to the high standards of organisation achieved there. We should like to end the last few months' correspondence on a happy note by reassuring Kay that the Playscheme was a huge success, and that her personal contribution was greatly appreciated by parents and children throughout the village.

Unfortunately time did not allow us to get around the whole village for signatures, but we feel it is indicative of the support for Kay that nobody we asked refused to sign this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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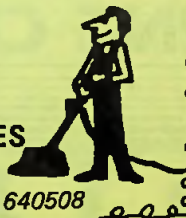
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