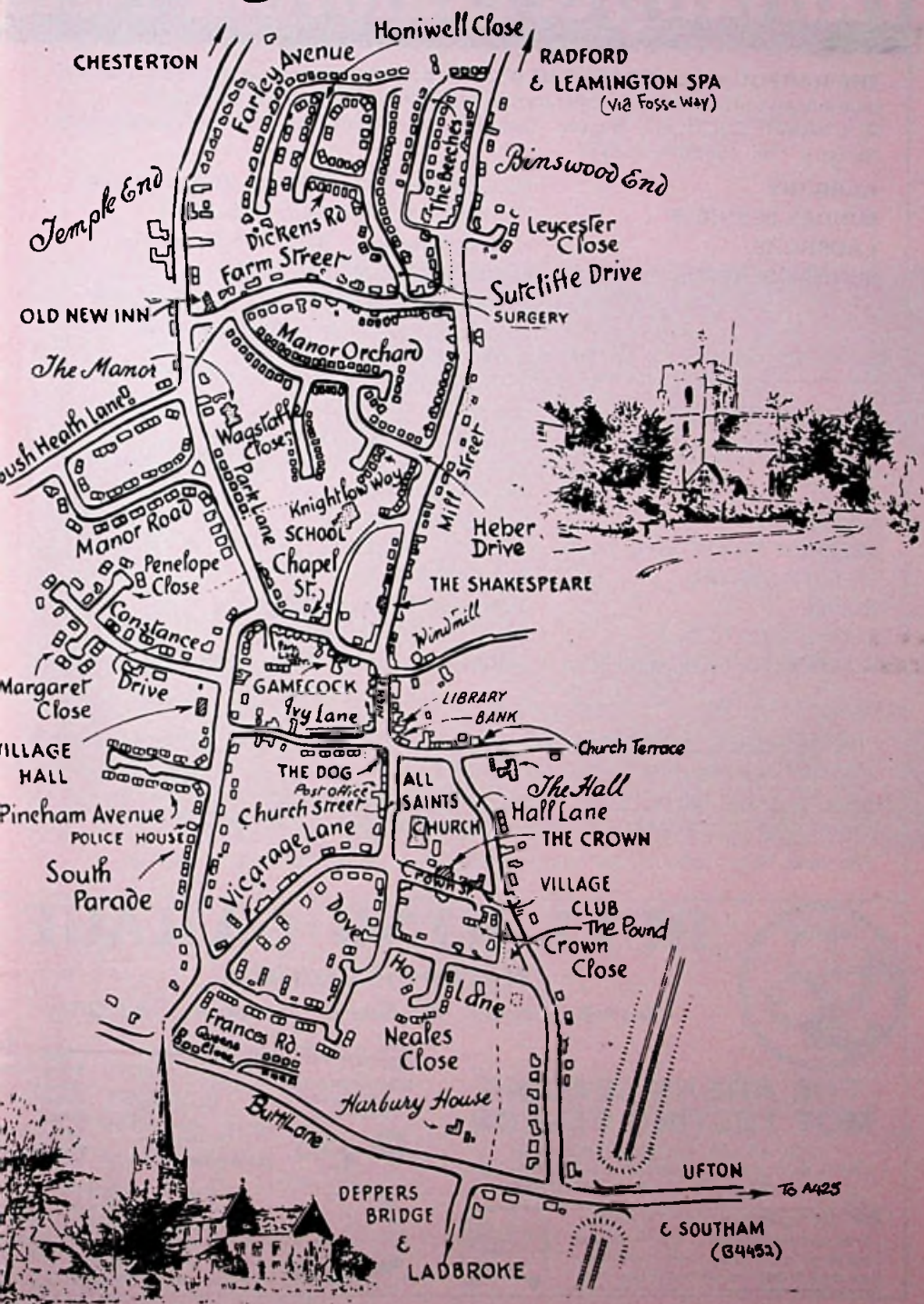


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Holy Communion — 9.00 am (with Hymns)  
Mattins — 11.00 am (3rd Sunday)  
Evensong (1st Sunday) — 6.30 pm (Summer)  
3.30 pm (Winter)

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The Editors have all been to a birthday party - the Harbury & Ladbroke News 10th birthday, and as Mike Bloxham's photo shows - it was celebrated in traditional style. The occasion was tinged with sadness as it also marked the retirement of Diana Holt after 10 years editing the magazine from the beginning. As a mark of their appreciation her colleagues presented her with an engraved pen.



This month sees a new departure in worship with a play presented in Harbury Church on Palm Sunday (15th April) at 6.30pm. The play has been written by Edyth Algar who lives in the Beeches, and is called 'See You in the City'.

Before the next issue, we shall have the District Council Elections. The District Council plays a crucial role in the life of our village, and it is to be hoped there will be a large poll.

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This issue of the magazine marks the beginning of a new advertising year. This magazine could not survive without the revenue from advertisements and we thank them for their support, and hope you will support them.

Two tragic deaths have occurred this month. Geoffrey Sollis, son of our postlady, Mrs Ethel Sollis was killed in a road accident, and little Wayne Holton died of cancer at the age of only 2 years. We offer our deepest sympathy to their grieving families.

# HARBURY NEWS DIARY FOR APRIL 1984

Sun. 1st LENT IV MOTHERING SUNDAY

8 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Sung Eucharist (Posies to be distributed) No Evensong at Harbury.

Southam School Sixth Form v Staff Rugby Match at Southam Rugby Club am.

Mon. 2nd 6.30 pm Confirmation Instruction for Young People and 7.30 pm for Adults.

Tues. 3rd 7.30 pm Holy Communion followed by PCC meeting at 8pm at the Rectory. 8 pm Horticultural Society, Wight School

Wed. 4th 10.30 am to 12 noon Harbury Playgroup's Children's New Clothes Sale and Coffee Morning at 9 Sutcliffe Drive.

2.15 pm MU Village Hall (NB) "Feasts and Fasts" by Mrs Honor Braithwaite (Ladbroke Women's Fellowship Invited)

7.45 pm Deanery Lenten Service at St Lawrence's Napton on the Hill

'Personal Prayer', Preacher the Venerable Peter Bridges Archdeacon of Warwick

7.45 Open Meeting at Colbourne House, Ufton - Speaker Rev. Michael Green.

Thurs. 5th 9.45am Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 2-3pm Music & Movement, Wight School

7.45 Pm Men's Group at John Barnes' home 7.45 pm Whist Drive, Village Hall

- Sat 7th PTA Jumble Sale  
First & Third teams v Syston at the Rugby Club  
8-11pm Music for All at Harbury Club
- Sun 8th PASSION SUNDAY LENT V  
8 am Holy Communion  
10.30am Sung Eucharist  
2.30pm Free Church Service  
6.30pm Evensong  
11.30 am Drinks at Wissett Lodge  
Southam School Sixth Form Sponsored Wheelbarrow  
Race at Southam School
- Mon 9th Southam School Italian Art Tour leaves Southam  
School  
6.30pm Confirmation Instruction for Young People  
7.30pm for Adults  
8.00pm Christian Fellowship Meeting
- Tues 10th AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee in  
Village Hall  
8 pm Harbury Friends in School  
8 pm Book Group at Fosse Garage
- Wed 11th 8 pm PTA Language Evening. Mr D Howe on Helping  
Children to Read,  
7.45 pm Deanery Lenten Course at St Michael's  
Bishops Itchington 'Healing Prayer' by the  
Rev. Brian Nuttall
- Thurs 12th 2.30pm Golden Age, Village Hall  
7.45pm WI, in Village Hall
- Fri 13th SCHOOL AND PLAYGROUP BREAK UP  
Scouts Skittles Evening at the Swan Kineton  
8 pm Parish Study Course Meeting at 13 Manor Orchard  
7-10.30pm Harbury Netball Club UNDER 15's Disco  
Village Hall
- Sat 14th Firsts & Thirds v Pershore at the Rugby Club  
8 pm Christian Fellowship Meeting,  
11 Constance Drive
- Sun 15th PALM SUNDAY  
8 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Sung Eucharist (Assemble at Village Hall  
at 10.15 am for Distribution of Palms) Procession  
of Palms to Church.  
6.30 pm Palm Sunday Play 'See you in the City'.
- Mon 16th 6.30 pm Confirmation Instruction for Young People  
7.30 pm for Adults
- Tues 17th 8.30pm Senior Citizens Benefit Committee, Village  
Hall



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Thurs. 19th MAUNDY THURSDAY

9.45 am Holy Communion

8.30 pm Sung Eucharist

7.30 pm ANNUAL PARISH MEETING in Village Hall

Fri. 20th GOOD FRIDAY

10.00 am 'From Gethsemane to Calvary' Children's Service

2.00 pm - 3.00 pm Good Friday Devotional Hour.

7.30 pm 'Before the Cross of Jesus' a Devotional Service with Music and Readings (for the two Parishes at Ladbroke)

2.15 pm Tufty Club at Wight School

Sat. 21st HOLY SATURDAY

7.30 pm The Blessing of the Paschal Candle and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows (for the two Parishes, at Harbury)

First and Third teams v Stow at Harbury Rugby Club

Sun. 22nd 8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Sung Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Mon. 23rd ST GEORGE'S DAY MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK

6.30 pm Confirmation Instruction for Young People

7.30 pm for Adults

8.00 pm Christian Fellowship Meetings

Tues. 24th TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK

7.30 pm Holy Communion

Wed. 25th WEDNESDAY IN EASTER WEEK

7.30 pm Holy Communion

8.00 pm PCC AGM in Wight School

Thurs. 26th 10 am - 4 pm Action Research Nearly New Sale at Wight School

2.30 pm Golden Age in Village Hall

PC Meeting

Fri. 27th 7.00 am Holy Communion

Sat. 28th 10 am Tennis Tournament

Second team v Old Wheateyears at Rugby Club

10 - 12 noon, 3 - 5 pm, 6 - 9 pm Viv Aggett's Flat

Warming Party (See Advert)

8.00 pm Christian Fellowship Meeting, 77 Mill Street

Sun. 29th LOW SUNDAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Sung Eucharist

- Sun. 29th 6.30 pm Evensong  
All articles for inclusion in May's Magazine to Editors by today.
- Mon. 30th ST MARK THE EVANGELIST  
6.30 pm Confirmation Instruction for Young People  
7.30 pm for Adults  
SCHOOL BEGINS

### MAY

- Tues. 1st ST PHILIP & ST JAMES  
7.30 pm Holy Communion  
8.00 pm Horticultural Society, Wight School
- Wed. 2nd 8.00 pm Harbury Society talk on Church Architecture by the Venerable Peter Bridges, Wight School  
All Welcome.  
8.00 pm Parish Study Course Meeting at 13/15 Mill Street  
NB No MU Meeting today (9th May instead)
- Thurs. 3rd DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS  
7.45 pm Men's Group "The Rylands" Dovehouse Lane
- Fri. 4th 6.15 - 7.15 pm Tennis Coaching begins
- Sat. 5th 10.30 to 12 noon Playgroup Jumble Sale at Wight School  
11 am - 4 pm WI Craft Exhibition, Village Hall

### REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LADBROKE

- Tuesday 7.30 pm Holy Communion in Harbury
- Wednesday 10.30 am Holy Communion in Ladbroke
- Thursday 9.45 am Holy Communion in Harbury
- Friday 7.00 am Holy Communion in Harbury

### REGULAR DIARY DATES

FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30 pm 2nd Sunday in the month.

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30 am Sundays.

CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY, First Monday each month.

UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm Mondays.

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

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

SLIMMING & KEEP FIT, Village CLUB 7-8.30 and 8.30-10 pm

Mondays

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30 pm Mondays

BINGO, Village Hall 8.00 pm every Monday

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

PLAYGROUP, Wight School Tuesday to Friday mornings.

NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday mornings

DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tues, Wed, Thursdays.

BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm Tuesday

BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday

HARBURY FRIENDS, School 8 pm 2nd Tuesday each month.

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

DANCING CLASSES for Children and Adults, Farley Room, Village  
Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays

GIRLS CLUB, Village Hall, every Thursday evening

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

TUFTY CLUB, 2-3pm Wight School, 3rd Friday each month

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church 6.30 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 HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

The Church Annual Vestry and Annual Meeting are being held on Wednesday, 25th April at 8 pm in the Wight School. This statement doesn't seem to be an earth-shattering one; it is unlikely that it will be greeted with the response "Oh great! I just must go to that" or "How exciting! We mustn't miss it." With a bit of luck some people will say "I suppose we'd better go to that", but I fear that most of our readers will just register the fact of the meeting and feel that it's not for them. But it is! The Annual Vestry meeting is for ALL voters in the parish whether or not they are churchpeople and it is at this meeting that the Churchwardens are elected so - if you want to throw us out - here's your chance. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting which follows elects the PCC and is open only to those who are on the Church electoral roll (currently being revised - there is still time to get a form and fill it in). It really does matter to every church member who is on the PCC and how the affairs of the church are run. Do come to hear the report on the work of the past year, elect the PCC and make your views known about how YOU would like to see the Church in Harbury grow and develop during the coming year. The meeting is not just dull routine and certainly past annual meetings have had their moments of hilarity. Don't miss this one - you never know!



## LENT BOOKS

It is often a good idea to choose a special book to read during Lent and although some of these can be very heavy going, others can be lively, practical and readable whilst at the same time being profound. Since it is not too late for Lent reading, you might like to know of a couple which we feel, fit into the latter category:

"Christian Healing Rediscovered" by Roy Lawrence published by Coverdale Press in 1976, tells of the author's own experience of healing - of mind and body.

"Love's Endeavour, Love's Expense" by Canon W H Vanstone, relates the author's experience of a new parish where there seemed little need of, or interest in, the Church and of his growing conviction of the people's need of Christ.

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## ALL SAINTS CHURCH HARBURY - ELECTORAL ROLL

Under laws governing the Church of England, a new Electoral Roll must be made every six years. If you wish your name to be included in the new Roll, will you please complete the relevant form and return it to me by April 5th.

Forms are available from the table at the rear of the Church, or from me.

Moya Waterman - 13 Manor Orchard.

## FROM THE RECTOR

There are a number of special times during the year which are very important to Christians and which they observe with due devotion and I hope, delight but Holy Week somehow falls into a different category, indeed one of its own and nothing in the whole year is quite like it. For it is not just a case of looking back to events which happened so long, long ago but instead, of living through those experiences in the present as they affect us now. Christ may have died upon the cross for Peter and John and their generation but that dying was also for us and our generation in this confused and

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unbelieving 20th century. To get the full impact of what Jesus came to do, we need to be there jostling in the streets as Our Lord enters the city to be acclaimed with 'Hosannas' and greeted with palms - there meeting with Our Lord and his intimate friends throughout the week, talking together and praying together and trying to understand together - there in the seclusion of the Upper Room for the Lord's Last Supper - there keeping watch in the garden of Gethsemane and there again in the streets when the voices have changed and now cry 'Crucify, Crucify' - and still there as they wait and wonder after he had died upon the Cross. This is not merely a sentimental journey into the past, it is an honest attempt to recognise that although many things change as the years go by and we live in a different age entirely from the Jews of Jesus' day, the hearts of people change very little, if at all.

Holy Week is a challenging time and a demanding time but nothing in life is worthwhile unless one can rise to a challenge and nothing is ever achieved in life without sacrifice. Without Holy Week, Easter becomes meaningless - it is a celebration celebrating nothing. But for those who live through Holy Week, taking the opportunities it presents and being beside Our Lord and his disciples every step of the way, Easter Day is a Day of Triumph, full of Hope and Joy.

I love the words of Peter when the crisis of being a disciple of Jesus was developing and many who had followed in the first place were beginning to turn away and be afraid. Jesus asked the disciples 'Do you also want to leave me?' Simon and Peter answered 'Lord to whom shall we go? Your words are words of Eternal Life'.

I hope you will find Holy Week helpful and inspiring and I wish you a very happy and joyful Easter.

Antony Rowe.

#### FUNERALS

14th March - Wayne Timothy Holtom, (2 years)  
13 The Beeches

20th March - Geoffrey Charles Sollis, (29 years)  
5 Farm Street



HOLY BAPTISM

- 11th March - Samuel James, son of William Leslie and Diana Halford - 32 Binswood End.
- 11th March - Samantha Ann, daughter of Raymond Arthur and Carol Ann Meredith 13 Dickens Road.
- 11th March - Amanda Marie, daughter of Arthur and Pauline Andrea Jeffs - 2 Heber Drive.
- 18th March - Amanda, daughter of Roger Valentine and Elizabeth Ann Fell - 20 St Michael's Close, Weston-under-Wetherley.

SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT HOLY WEEKPalm Sunday

The Procession of Palms is always of particular significance at the Eucharist on this day. This year at Harbury to attempt to draw out that Procession more dramatically and to involve the whole congregation, we assemble first at the Village Hall at 10.15 am for the distribution of Palms and from there make our way to Church.

Maundy Thursday

On the night before his Passion, we know that Our Lord gathered his disciples together in the Upper Room for the Last Supper. During Holy Week it seems especially appropriate that we shall come to Communion on this day.

Good Friday

For young people, there is a special service in the morning both at Harbury and Ladbroke and the opportunity to keep a devotional hour during the time we think of Jesus hanging on the Cross. For both parishes at 7.30 in the evening there is a devotional service at Ladbroke of music and readings designed to bring us to the Cross of Christ as participants and not merely long distance observers.

Holy Saturday

On the very eve of the Resurrection, we gather together for the blessing and the lighting of the Paschal Candle. We share in 'The Light of Christ', hear the Paschal Proclamation and renew the promises of our Baptism.

Easter Lilies and Flowers

It is the custom at Ladbroke to donate the cost of an Easter Lily in memory of some dear relative or friend. Your gifts can be handed to Jane Rutherford = Margaret Garner or the Rector. At Harbury, contributions to the Easter Flowers would also be greatly appreciated and a box is placed on the table in Church at the times of services, or alternatively contributions can be handed to Margaret Rigden or the Rector.

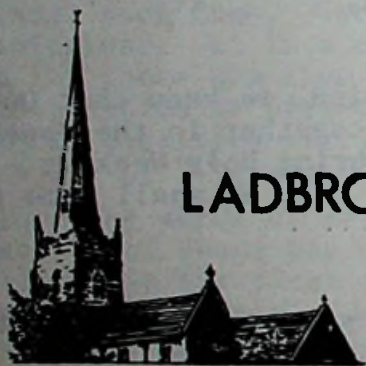
Confirmation Instruction

This is under way in both parishes.

At Harbury, Mondays 6.30 pm for Young People  
7.30 pm for Adults

At Ladbroke, Wednesdays 6.30 pm

If others are interested to join these groups, please contact the Rector.



## LADBROKE NEWS

APRIL DIARY

- Sun 1st 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns  
3.30 pm Mothering Sunday Family Service -  
preacher Rev. David Beardshaw. (Christians  
of other Churches are warmly invited;  
posies will be distributed)
- Wed. 4th 6.30 pm Confirmation Instruction  
Invitation to Womens Fellowship to join  
Harbury MU at the Farley Room, Village Ha  
Harbury at 2.30pm



Sun. 8th 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns  
 Wed. 11th 2.30 pm Women's Fellowship,  
           15 Ladbroke Hall  
           6.30 pm Confirmation Instruction  
 Sun. 15th 9 am Holy Communion  
           11 am Mattins  
 Tues. 17th 7.30pm Parish Council, Village Hall  
 Wed, 18th 10.30am Holy Communion  
           6.30pm Confirmation Instruction  
 Thurs. 19th MAUNDY THURSDAY  
           7.30 pm Holy Communion  
 Fri. 20th GOOD FRIDAY  
           10 am From Gethsemane to Calvary -  
           Children's Service  
           12 -1 pm Good Friday Devotional Hour  
           7.30pm 'Before the Cross of Jesus' -  
           A Devotional Service with Music and  
           Readings (for the two Parishes at  
           Ladbroke).  
 Sun. 22nd EASTER DAY  
           9 am Holy Fommunion with Hymns  
           12 noon Holy Communion  
 Mon. 23rd ST GEORGES DAY  
           10.30 am Holy Communion  
 Wed. 25th 6.30 pm Confirmation Instruction  
 Sun. 29th 9.am Holy Communion with Hymns  
 Mon. 30th 10.30 am Holy Communion

### MAY

Wed. 2nd 6.30 pm Confirmation Instruction

### LADBROKE NEWS

#### Parish Council

Tuesday March 22nd - a depleted Council were  
 pleased to report that work had started in Bridge  
 Lane to repair the ravages of traffic and weather.  
 It was noted that preliminary work on the Bypass  
 had started. The Council showed considerable  
 interest in the proposed BMX track in Straford  
 as Stratford Town Council are keen that the  
 District Council should pay for this amenity!  
 Ladbroke Parish Council regard themselves as  
 "Watchdogs" for the Area, and they feel that

Stratford should spend their own money on their own young people. Considerable displeasure was expressed at the dangerous riding on BMX bikes in our own village. It was felt pertinent to advertise the fact that there is a BMX track in Southam.

The Parish Council were also interested in local Members of Parliaments plans to bring gas into outlying villages. Obviously the consumer would have to pay a proportion of the cost and although this will be raised at the Annual Village Meeting, Councillors would be interested in hearing your views before that date.

Next Meeting Tuesday 17th April 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Annual Parish Meeting - Wednesday May 16th 8 pm in Village Hall.

Please could some kind person or persons spare two hours a month to help clean the Church - to replace Mrs V Dunn who has recently left the village.

Don't forget that there still exists a band of ladies in the village who will undertake knitting in aid of Church funds (at a most reasonable cost I might add). Please let Mrs Winkfield know if you would like some knitting done.

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A very successful jumble sale was held in Southam, thanks to everyone who provided jumble, cakes and also helped on the day.

A theatre trip to see 'Jesus Christ Superstar' is being arranged also the family trip to the Ironbridge Museum in the summer.

Our meeting concluded with a fascinating demonstration of glass blowing by Mr Fuller.

Next month we welcome Mr Darby from Locke & England on Antiques, non members are most welcome, he will be happy to value any items brought to the meeting for the nominal sum of twenty pence.

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## LADBROKE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

For our meeting in March, we had a service of Holy Communion in Church, taken by the Rector. Afterwards we went to Mrs Stubbs home. Members were very pleased to welcome Mrs Herringshaw, Mrs Leslie and Mrs Tomlins to the Fellowship.

Mrs Hedge was presented with a plant to show our appreciation of her time as Leader.

Dates for future events are:-

April 4th - An invitation to join Harbury MU at their meeting at the Farley Room, Village Hall, Harbury, at 2.30pm. The speaker is Mrs Braithwaite who will talk about 'Feasts and Fasts'.

April 11th - Our next meeting is at the home of Mrs Herringshaw, 15 Ladbroke Hall at 2.30pm. Please note that in future we shall meet at 2.30pm. This time we hope will be more convenient for members and may enable young mothers to come to our meetings.

May 9th - Visit to Coventry Cathedral. A mini coach has been booked to go to the New Visitor's Centre at the Cathedral. At the Centre we shall see a Walkway of Holograms, Historical Exhibition, a 15 minute performance in the audio visual theatre and time in St Michael's Hall to view the treasures of the old and new Cathedrals. Entrance fee is 75p The coach fare will be £2.00 approx.

Nancy Stubbs.

## LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

There will be a Jumble Sale on Tuesday May 8th at the Welfare Hut, Southam at 10 am.

Please help us keep our Village Hall on a sound financial footing by giving your jumble to a worthy cause.

Leave it at Irene Bennett's, Woodlands, School Lane or John Liverton's, Bridge Cottage, Banbury Road.

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UFTON PLAYBUS COFFEE MORNING - Tues. April 12th - 10.30 - 12 noon  
on White Hart Inn old car park. Coffee & Hot X Buns 50p

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### P.T.A.

A very successful disco was held on 17th March where several of the locals were seen arriving sporting a variety of outlandish headgear. The winner of the 'Silliest Hat Competition' was Mr Black wearing a red peaked cap with a seagull sitting on it. The winner of the 'Bird Call Competition', organised by the Y.O.C at our 'Hot Gossip Evening', was Sean Neill who showed his expertise by knowing every one.

Now is the time for that cupboard clearout for our Jumble Sale on 7th April. Jumble can be brought to school on the Friday evening or given to any committee member fore this date.

Our talk on 'Helping your children to read' will be on April 11th at 8 pm in the School hall.

JP

### PLAYGROUP JUMBLE SALE

Harbury Playgroup are having a Jumble Sale on Saturday May 5th, 10.30 - 12 noon at the Wight School. If you have any jumble please deliver to, or contact, one of the following; Vicki Tanner 613507, Terry Wade 612831, Hilary Nealon 612789.

### HARBURY RFC MINI AND JUNIOR RUGBY

First encounter of the month was against Solihull RFC where all our mini teams except Under 12's struggled against stronger opposition, though our Under 15's overwhelmed Solihull Under 15's by 50pts to 4. Our Under 14's having lost to Solihull, chalked up a 48-22 victory over Banbury.

One of the highlights of the month was the visit by the Vale of Lune RFC from Lancashire and Cheltenham Rugby Club who both travelled to Harbury to compete in a triangular fixture. Our teams did very well, beating the Vale of Lune at all levels and winning three out of five games against Cheltenham.

The second big event of the month was the South Leicester Festival where we competed against teams from Stamford, Lutterworth, Loughborough, Westleigh, Earlsdon and a team from Pontyclun, near Cardiff.



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Two out of our three teams at the Festival reached the finals.

The Under 12's, having given everything they had in the matches leading up to the final, succumbed by 16 pts to 4 to a stronger Loughborough side.

The Under 10's, captained by Lloyd Byles, not only reached the finals but took the trophy beating Earlsdon in a nail-biting match by 4 pts to 0 - a superb performance by a steadily improving team, coached by Gareth Adams and Bob Wilkins.

Particular mention must be made of the dominance of the Harbury Under 10 forwards led by Neil Boag and of try scorer Steffan Adams at scrum half.

The month was founded off with out fixture against Earlsdon, the Under 10's game drawn, Under 11's and Under 12's victorious and Under 8, 9, 14's losing.

D.A.

### CALLING ALL YOUNG TENNIS PLAYERS!

Beginning of Season Tournament - Saturday 28th April 10 am. Junior members free; others 20p. Anyone between the ages of 9 and 16, who knows how to play a game, is welcome to enter. Don't worry about being rusty and unfit - it's a chance to get into shape and start the tennis season with a swing!

Coaching by Pauline Brown commences on Friday 4th May 6.15 - 7.15 pm for basic stroke instruction and practice, 7.15 - 8.15 pm for more advanced (this will be limited to 12 people and will involve coaching whilst playing games). Cost £3 for 6 sessions, payable on the first evening to Pauline Brown. To avoid disappointment (as numbers are to be limited) names to Rosemary Ottewill.

During May, there will be just one evening a week for Junior Tennis members. This will be on Wednesdays 4.30 - 5.30pm for beginners; 5.30 to 6.30 pm for the more advanced and 6.30 - 7.30 pm for the teenage intermediates. Membership is £2.00 for the season. During June and July the sessions will probably be on other evenings of the week.

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Names (and money) to Rosemary Ottewill, 43 Mill Street  
Harbury 613402.

R.O.

### DIOCESAN CHILDRENS' SUMMER HOLIDAY PROJECT 1984

For the 15th year in succession Coventry Diocese plans to take a group of disadvantaged children (socially deprived, physically and/or mentally handicapped) for a weeks stay at a holiday centre by the sea. They need sports equipment and games to take along to ensure that there is plenty to occupy the children, and would be grateful for the donation of any suitable items. If you have anything with some life left in it, please contact Diana Holt (15 Wagstaffe Close 612790).

D.H.

### HARBURY CARNIVAL

#### Carnival Queen

The Carnival Queen Competition will be held during the Disco at the Village Hall in April or May. If you live locally, and would like to enter, please come along to the Village Hall at 8 pm. Prizes of £10 and Dance Tickets for the winner, and £5 each for the two attendants, plus the privilege of leading the procession on June 9th, Carnival Day.

#### Carnival News

The Procession around the village is one of the highlights of the Carnival. There are various classes to enter;- Decorated Flat; Decorated Float (Trade); Children's Float; Decorated bicycle, pram or car; Horse drawn, mounted or led.

The Fancy Dress competition has 5 sections - Under 5, 5-7 years, 8-10 years, 11-17 years and Adults.

There are no entry forms or fees for the procession or Fancy Dress, but please let Tim Percival know if you would like to enter a float this year. We would still welcome offers for stalls - perhaps as a family or group of neighbours, you would like to run one for the benefit of the Carnival - please ring Brian Wade on 612831.



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Programmes will be available from mid May onwards - do buy them for full details of events and times. Even if you happen to be out of the village on the day, do still buy one - you could win a prize in our Lucky Programme Draw.

JEAN COX. Carnival Committee.

### 1ST HARBURY SCOUTS AND GUIDES FUND RAISING

Over 60 people came to our Boots No 7 Make-Up demonstration - which, due to illness, turned out to be Elizabeth Arden instead!. We were most grateful to Miss Julie Smith for taking over at the last minute, and to our two models, Mrs Gladys Hutchins and Miss Caroline Holt for allowing themselves to be transformed! After all expenses there was a profit of a little over £50 in hand.

Tickets for the SKITTLES EVENING at Kineton on April 13th are now available from Committee Members please see advertisement.

Please put the BARN DANCE on 11th May and the CAR BOOT SALE on 12th May in your diaries now: details later.

J.W.

### HARBURY VENTURE UNIT

Twenty members swam themselves to a standstill at Coventry Baths on the evening of Thursday 15th March. A game of watery British Bulldog was followed by piggyback combat which left certain members with stiff necks for several days. The bath attendants were exceedingly tolerant of our activities, perhaps we livened up the proceedings though no members took to the really high diving boards (are they fifty feet?).

On Friday 23rd March the Unit held a Disco at Harbury Rugby Club. Thanks to the club for sanctioning what proved to be an entertaining evening and to Dave Andrews (jnr) for running the disco at his own expense. The unit funds increased by £100. Our next evening meeting on Thursday 29th will be a talk and slide show by ex-unit leader Bob Wilkins on the theme of Mountain Safety. It will be preceded by a Shell sponsored video on the same theme. With

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our Easter camping trip to North Wales in mind this should prove stimulating.

J.L.H.

### SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

The Ken Marriott Sports Centre in Rugby opens its doors on Saturday mornings specifically for disabled people. Help is available for them to take part in any sport. Several local people go, and transport is available from the village.

One of the "stars" at the Centre is Karen Davison who, despite having lost both legs has mastered 100 yards free style and back stroke so well that she is now the British Disabled Champion and will take part in the Paraplegic Olympics later this year, if sufficient funds can be raised.

For further details about the Centre, or if you wish to contribute to the Karen Davison fund, please contact the Secretary of the Disabled Unit at the Ken Marriott Centre, who is Miss Jean M Harsworth, 49 Naseby Road, Rugby.

DH

### HARBURY WI

The speaker this month was Mrs Potter who brought along part of her large collection of tea pots, ranging from the fairly plain to the highly decorated, round, oval and almost square. There was a little bit of history attached to most of them. Quite an interesting hobby. We also learnt a bit about the various types of tea and how it is blended and tasted. Mrs D Dunbar won the competition for "Your favourite cup & saucer", judged by Mrs Potter. Mrs M Davis was the raffle winner of a rather special tea pot and some tea.

The recent collection for Dr Barnardo amounted to £153. Many thanks to all who contributed towards this charity. On Saturday May 5th the WI are having an Open Day at the Village Hall it will show the different aspects of the movement and the many and varied skills of its members.

We shall be very pleased to see you any time between 11 am and 4 pm.

BT



VILLAGE HALL

At the recent Management meeting the committee were delighted to hear from Mr Clarke that provisional accounts had been prepared and that there was a tidy sum in hand with which to carry out outstanding repairs and maintenance. Those who use the hall will be pleased to know that in the near future, the Farley Room will be decorated, a blind for the high window will be fitted and various minor things such as missing handles will be seen to.

There are other things to be done such as replacement of the fence. This is being costed at the moment together with other things and a priority list will be drawn up.

The committee would make a plea that users make sure all lights are off when they leave, particularly in the toilets and outside the kitchen.

The next meeting to which everyone can come and find out what has been going on, and join the committee for next year if they are interested in the running and well being of the hall. All clubs and societies who use the hall are entitled to a committee member so please make sure your interests are represented. Further details can be obtained from Sue Andrews 612528.

The meeting will be in the Farley Room at 8.00pm on April 10th.

SA

WHY NOT ---

Join a Book Group? Read a book, then discuss it at an evening meeting. Current book "Brighton Rock" by Graham Greene to be discussed at Fosse Garage on April 10th 8pm. Tel+ 613260.

FP

WORLD CONGRESS OF FAITHS - people of all beliefs welcome to Odd-Fellows Hall, Leamington Spa 12th April at 8pm for a talk on a Redditch Rehabilitation Centre.

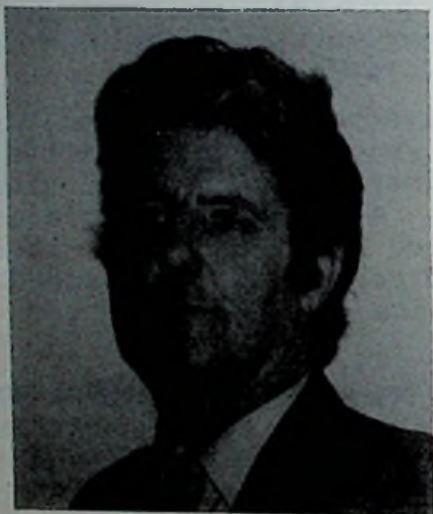
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BOTTLE BANK - SOUTHAM CAR PARK - 26th March - 8th April

## DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

On 3rd May there will be an Election for a Councillor to represent this area on Stratford District Council. At the time of going to press we had received statements from two candidates which we have printed below. We also understand there will be a candidate representing the SDP Liberal Alliance. The District Council spends your money on Planning, Housing, Environmental Health, Refuse Collection, Leisure Facilities, and many other things that affect our daily lives. Very few people vote in Local Elections which is a great shame considering the importance of local democracy. Do read the statements below, and use your vote in the Village Hall on the 3rd May.

### Stuart MacAulay Independent



I have had the honour to hold this seat for the past five years and I hope you will allow me to continue for another four years.

My Name is Stuart MacAulay and I am 44 years old. I was born in Bishops Itchington and my six brothers all live in the area. Both my sisters live in Harbury (Barbara Andrews and Thelma Gulliver).

I will be standing again as an Independent candidate, as I don't believe that party politics should be in local government.

I have been Chairman of the Bishops Itchington Parish Council for 9 years. I am also Chairman of the Southam Theatrical Society (10 years). I am a member of the School Governors at Bishops Itchington and I have just been elected Chairman of the Memorial Hall Committee and a member of the Southam Community Hall. I am also a member of the Branch Committee of the Royal British Legion.



Please use your vote on 3 May and I hope you will vote for Stuart MacAulay and keep this ward independent.

### James Turner Conservative



I came to Harbury first in 1970 and for the past three years have been working from my home in Church Terrace as a communications consultant.

Before coming to live here, I was a District Councillor in Northampton for nine years, and as Vice-Chairman of planning control and on several other committees gained considerable experience of the type of problems that concern Harbury. If elected, I would work actively to maintain and protect the present amenities such as our library, post office, shops

and cleansing services, and I will be available to all to help where I can with any special problems.

I am a member of the Harbury Society because I support its aims for proper conservation and think it important that there should not be undue development which might adversely affect the character of the area. With other Conservatives on the Council I will urge that available resources and money are spread more evenly throughout the district rather than being concentrated in Stratford.

### HARBURY YOUNG WIVES

Please note there will be NO meeting this month, April 24th as this falls during the Easter Holiday.

Our next meeting will be the Children's Spring Party on May 22nd from 1.45 until 3pm. Entertainment will be provided in the form of party games and Punch and Judy. Anyone who would like their children to go to the party please contact me on Harbury 612783.

VANDA BALL

HARBURY SOCIETY - AGM

We were unable to show the promised National Trust Film at the AGM because the Secretary forgot the take-up reel.

However we did provide coffee and biscuits and the general discussion after the AGM was very lively and many good ideas came out of it.

The Secretary outlined the previous year's programme of Talks, Walks and Social Events for the members and the Chairman dealt with the public face the Society presented; the focusing and crystallising of public opinion on Planning and other matters; the Conservation Areas Report and the Tree Survey submitted to the District Council; the talk on our aims and achievements given to the Wellesbourne Society involvement in the Best Kept Village Competition and the Opening of Chesterton Windmill.

The Treasurer reported that whilst the Society had only just broken even, investments and profits on the sale of the Guide had resulted in a healthy surplus. It was suggested that some of this money could finance an off-print of the Village Walk and a Footpaths Guide. A Map showing the Official Footpaths could be erected and the Society could provide extra litter bins about the village.

The existing Committee with the exception of John Barnes, who retired, was re-elected together with Mr & Mrs Bush and Mr Robin Barnes.

The next meeting will be a talk on Church Architecture at the Wight School 8 pm on Wednesday 2 May by the Venerable Peter Bridges ARIBA. Everyone is welcome to attend.

LINDA RIDGLEY

MOTHERS UNION

A very successful Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy was held at the home of Canon and Mrs Churchill on February 29th. The sum of £46.74 was raised. Our thanks to Mrs Churchill and all those who helped and gave their support. We hope to hold two further





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coffee mornings in the near future, (dates to be arranged) and the total received will be used to buy a new Altar Kneeler for our Church. Members from the Southam Deanery were our guests at the Festival Service in Harbury Church on Wednesday 21st March. Canon Rowe officiated and tea was served afterwards in the Village Hall. A very big thank you to all our members who provided excellent refreshments and contributed towards making this a memorable afternoon.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday April 4th at 2.15pm in the Farley Room, Village Hall. When Mrs Honor Braithwaite will speak on "Feasts and Fasts".

EW

### SEE YOU IN THE CITY

Edyth Algar was tidying her attic. Among the piles of memories hiding there, she found the first rough draft of a play she'd written many years ago. It tells the story of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. A crowd has gathered to watch the procession, but the forces of Good and Evil confront each other to do battle. At a seemingly unimportant event people's lives change, camel keepers, traders, lovers, even a cripple must make the ultimate choice.

"See you in the City", Edyth's play will be presented in Harbury Church at 6.30 pm on Sunday 15 April, Palm Sunday. We extend a warm welcome to all. Please come, and bring your friends. Refreshments served after the play. MS

### A FEW THOUGHTS ON DISUNITY

Somebody has said or done something that offends us but why are we offended? If we dare to search our own hearts honestly, will we not find that it is in our own reaction to the situation that the offence actually occurs. Take a few examples:-

1. We see the 'offender' as a threat - attempting to usurp our standing. Resentment causes us to feel offended.
2. We don't get on with the person, so everything he says is suspect.
3. We are afraid to get out of our depth, to be too

24. deeply involved in an issue, so resent someone who wishes to take a risk and go further than us.
4. They may actually have done something right which we had not seen to do - resentment again (Cain & Abel).
5. Possibly they meant to offend - so we oblige (Luke 6<sup>28</sup>)

On the other hand, we could realise that the wrong doing puts us in the privileged position of being able to grant forgiveness.

Nobody has the right to offend another, but everybody especially those trying to act positively - is open to mistakes.

In short, if we are honest with ourselves, isn't our negative reaction to a situation or person infinitely more divisive than the original mistake? Have we not taken our eyes off our first love (Jesus) and turned them on our brother's way of life, looking for fault and, of course, finding it.

JJE

#### HARBURY AND DISTRICT LABOUR PARTY

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 14th March. Officers elected were as follows:- Chairman Richard Wells. Treasurer, Mike Bloxham. Secretary, Janet Wells 24 Lakin Drive, Bishops Itchington. Delegates to the GMC in Stratford: Richard Wells, Harry Atkins, and Matthew Shelley. When the business part of the meeting was concluded Matthew Shelley gave an interesting talk on Proportional Representation and a lively discussion followed.

JW

#### TAKE HEED

- 20% of fatal accidents are caused by motor cars.
- 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
- 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
- 16% of all accidents occur on rail, on water, or in the air.
- .0001% of all fatal accidents occur at Church.

Get the message?

(CHICAGO BEACON)



## THE LAST WEEKS OF WINTER

Reversing the old adage; March came in like a lamb and as I write (24th) is going out like a lion. The wind direction today is south west as it was on March 1st. On that day the Canada Geese at Chesterton were pairing off and snowdrops were in flower on some roadside verges. Doubtless the latter had resulted from garden refuse tipped by the road. Unfortunately a good deal of less pleasant refuse is still to be seen along our country lanes.

March 2nd brought a gale from the north west which broke trees and fences. The following day was dry and calm. The earth had that special crumbling texture beloved by gardeners. At Chesterton a pair of swans had joined the geese and by 21st March they were busy on their reed nest in the usual spot.

On the 4th we watched with amusement from the kitchen window as two cock blackbirds fought, without apparently injuring each other, over a hen. I noticed the sunset at 5.45pm was a most lovely orange and also noted that this followed a wet morning. The orange sunset of 24th was an hour late but also followed rain.

A worker bee was crawling along a window sill on the 5th but looked rather sluggish. In the Cotswolds on the 10th we found coltsfoot and celandine in flower on a southern slope. On the wolds themselves the buds were tight shut. The following day I had my first experience of being sprayed by pelletised fertiliser from a helicopter. The base of a hawthorn hedge was in leaf near the River Avon. It seems that Harbury is about two weeks behind the Warwickshire valleys as regards the unfolding of leaves and flowers.

By the 12th the wind had set from the north-east and remained sub-arctic until the 22nd when it dropped and swung first outh east then south until today it is bringing rain to wash winter away from the south west.

I had to go north two hundred miles to find my first wild primrose in flower on Sunday 18th. And there it was nestling in a marshy spot on the south

bank of the River Wear near Finchale (pronounced Fin-  
Abbey in County Durham.

Today (24th) spring has really arrived with a black-bird singing at sunset and the sound of chickens heard across the fields a quarter of a mile away. Tomorrow it's the start of British Summertime.

JLH

### PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

It is probably a sign of a healthy parish when it is the subject of planning that arouses the liveliest discussions in its Council. Developers seem to think that Harbury needs more catering; now that the Manor House is to remain residential and the Old Forge has been unanimously condemned as a fish-and-chip shop, an application has been made to convert Turner's Heating Showroom into a fish'n'chip takeaway/restaurant. Councillors had mixed opinions; while the Old Forge proposal had been totally inappropriate, the High St. was a "different kettle of ----! Although near residents were rightly concerned about noise, smell, litter and parking and felt that the present mobile service was adequate, nevertheless (in Cllr Hannay's view) Harbury people want the village to be active and self-sufficient and had always fought against closures of local amenities.

An application to extend the ground floor of a modern house on Mill Street prompted a thoughtful discussion on the sanctity of building lines.

At Wagstaffe Close an amended outline application for three rather than four detached houses in the Manor grounds found no more enthusiasm than the original proposal; similar objections still apply but relief was expressed that the fine walnut tree on the site would be preserved.

The County Structure Plan Review (summary leaflets available at the library) received preliminary comment. A public exhibition on the Structure Plan is at Southam Library from 29th March to 13th April.

The Deppers playbus hard standing was now estimated at £750. Contributions would be sought from several



sources and willing offers of practical help had<sup>27.</sup>  
come from Deppers.

The progressive decrepitude of the Rose Garden in Chapel Street had long caused concern, so that the PC were delighted and impressed by the wonderfully comprehensive scheme for revitalising it prepared by Mr Bristow of the Horticultural Society. The roses are to be uprooted, weeds rounded up and the ground fertilised prior to replanting with a varied selection of attractive shrubs.

The Autumn Fun Fair wanted to come to Harbury in the Spring as well; all agreed that they would be made welcome at the end of April.

Re-kerbing in Hall Lane and Vicarage Lane would be started in May, finished mid-June. The County Engineer had declined Bishops Itchington's offer of traditional granite setts, claiming they were inadequate for modern traffic. He was proposing to use "Countryside Kerbs" - some form of reconstituted granite. Samples would be brought for the PC and other interested parties to appraise. (Isn't chip-board reconstituted wood?)

Verge-mowing (sorry, amenity grass-cutting) could now be done only five times per year by the County Council, not six. Their plan showed 2560 square yards of grass to be mown in Harbury, but councillors wanted this checked, feeling that some of the patches shown were now tarmac.

Complaints had been received of Bull Ring Lane having recently sprouted access causeways across the verges to fields either side and also a notice (a) warning the public of "slight" mud and (b) recommending dogs to be on leads. As it is an unclassified road, it seems to be permissible for frontagers to modify their access as far as the metalled strip. However, it is a public road upon which dogs have the same right as people to wander unbridled; the author of the (b) notice will be asked to remove it.

Buses have had difficulty in passing the Gamecock - not because of its undoubted attractions, to which bus drivers on duty are immune - but because of (legally) parked cars forming a bottleneck. There may be a case for painting more yellow lines.

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At the Annual Parish Meeting (19th April) Mrs Bidwell Deputy Chairman of the County Planning Committee, will be able to expound on the Structure Plan. This is the once-a-year opportunity for parishioners to quiz their elected representatives on their past achievements and future intentions. Please come.

### HOLIDAY PLACES TO GO - OXFORD

The beautiful city of Oxford is only an hour away by road, and there is a frequent train service from Leamington - an ideal use of those Persil tickets. The delights of Oxford are so numerous it is difficult to know where to begin. You could take a guided walk organised by the Tourist Information Centre in St Aldates, (tel 726871). If you prefer to find your own way, there are 12 designated Conservation Areas within the city, and a Guide to these is available from the City Architect's Office at 109-113 St Aldates opposite the Town Hall.

A few suggestions of places to visit are:

The Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street. The oldest museum in the country, also has some magnificent pictures. Admission free.

Botanic Garden, High Street. Originally the 'Physick Garden' of the Medical Faculty. Admission free.

Christ Church College, St Aldates.

History of Science Museum, Broad Street, Admission free

Magdalene College, High Street. Deep park and delightful waterside footpath. Services daily in the chapel which has a superb choir.

Museum of Oxford, St Aldates. Admission free.

Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street. A Christopher Wren building where the degree ceremonies are held. Magnificent view of the University.

Besides its architectural and cultural delights, Oxford is an excellent shopping centre and has numerous restaurants and pubs of character. You can take a river trip, or go out in a punt and there are lovely picnic spots along the river.



If you're feeling energetic go to Oxford early on May 1st and hear Magdalene College Choir sing a Latin Hymn from the top of the tower at dawn, then follow the Morris Dancers up the High Street, to Radcliffe Square.

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### A ROMAN DAY, CORINIUM MUSEUM CIRENCESTER

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MR

### A YEAR IN AMERICA

When we left Harbury last February to spend a year in the USA, we had only vague notions about our forthcoming life style. On reflections many of our preconceptions of American society proved to be misconceptions - especially when related to life in Upstate New York.

Our first adjustment had to be to the scale of the country, since England would fit into New York State alone at least twice! The 'Mother Country' certainly took on a different perspective from 3,000 miles away and rarely warranted a mention on TV, apart from the deployment of missiles at Greenham Common or other obvious American connections.

We soon adjusted to 'fast food', drive-in banks, frequent Presidential addresses and the familiar exhortation to "have a nice day" - from people who

genuinely seemed to mean it! When not travelling, we lived at Geneva in a massive clapboard farmhouse, set in 100 acres of peach and apple orchards, belonging to the Research Station of Cornell University. The nearest family was half a mile away and so we effectively lived in splendid isolation apart from the array of deer, woodchucks, opossums and skunks that wandered around the 'yard'. In winter, the skunks were adopted as 'pets' and regularly fed on our scraps - especially bones!

We sampled all the local delights including wine-tasting at the many wineries, boating, swimming and fishing for salmon and trout in nearby Seneca Lake and in Lake Ontario, 20 miles away. The pace of life was more relaxed than in England - driving at a maximum of 55mph even on the 'Thruways' and shopping in often deserted malls. We were surprised by the amount of National pride, demonstrated by the 'Stars and Stripes' flying in countless yards, and the 'Pledge of Allegiance' being made daily in schools. The girls enrolled at Phelps, 8 miles away, and like all rural American children were picked up by a yellow school bus that stopped outside the house at 7.20 am for Clare and at 8.35am for Emma and Roanne. They had invitations to slumber parties, barbeques and roller-skating disco's but most contact with their friends was by 'phone, since all local calls were FREE.

The community spirit revolved around the Churches and the Firehouses. The City of Geneva (population 16,000) had 22 very active Churches which regularly organised 'open lunches', to which everyone brought a 'dish to pass'. Afterwards, there was a speaker - for which I filled the bill on several occasions, talking about England, our USA travels and the Church of England. The Firehouses laid on breakfasts, smorgasbords and dinner to raise funds since each rural community (the size of Ladbroke) had its own team of firefighters, who had to be quick off the mark as most of the houses were made of timber. Stan was co-opted into a group known locally as the 'cellar-savers' - for obvious reasons in a wine-growing area! The equivalent of the Village Carnival was the local Fireman's Parade attended by many local teams in an interesting assortment of uniforms (denim overalls and a motley collection of hats?), gleaming fire-engines and marching bands.



We thoroughly enjoyed America for the openness of its countryside and its people, all of whom were extremely welcoming and friendly. I didn't however altogether care for beefburgers (unfortunately) childrens TV programmes (non-stop cartoons), neon-advertising hoardings and some junk (litter) stream 'yards'. As for the rest of the countryside and many of the National Parks, they have to be seen to be believed. Hopefully, I will have a chance to describe some of them in the next issue.

CHRIS FINCH

#### ACTION RESEARCH FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILD

The Harbury Group have already raised several thousand pounds for the fund, one would very much welcome new members with new ideas and willingness to help. If you would be interested contact Ann Roden on 612803.

Our next event is a Nearly New Sale on Thursday 26th April at 2.30 pm in the Wight School - lots of good quality clothes, books and toys will be on sale. See insert for further details. If you feed a cat on Whiskers, please collect the labels - each is worth 4p to Action!

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#### COUNCIL FOR THE DISABLED - SOUTHAM BRANCH

There are over 40 registered disabled in Harbury and they and anybody interested in helping the disabled are welcome to attend the bi-monthly meetings of the above council, on the last Wednesday of alternate months at Waltons Lodge, Southam. The next meeting is 25th April, 7.30 pm when there will be hot dogs and relish to eat and musical entertainment by the Regency Singers.

On July 7th there will be a fete to raise further funds to assist disabled with transport (which in rural areas is particularly difficult). The Council would be grateful for any offers of assistance to run stalls or donate prizes from any groups or individuals.

Please contact Rosemary Ottewill, 43 Mill St Harbury 613402.

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#### 1984 SUMMER PLAYScheme

Yes, it looks as though it's on after all ... but more help is still needed please. Just one morning or afternoon of your time to play with your children is all that we ask. Thank you

to the many who have offered their support. Monday August 6th for two weeks - Monday to Friday.

Help us to bring "Butlins" to Harbury with all the fun that it involves. Children happily occupied are not into mischief or having accidents on the road. Everyone will have a chance to learn new skills and enjoy practising old ones.

### IN THE GARDEN

April is the most heartening month of the gardening year because the snowdrops begin to brake the dullness of the borders, followed by the crocus and then the show of daffodils, the shrubs and hedges begin to break away from their winter dullness. The Greenhouse either heated or cold becomes a hive of industry. Complete the digging of all your spare ground as the drainage of your soil is most important. Shallots, Broad Beans, Spring Onions and early Peas can now be sown. Small amounts of lettuce and Radish can be sown under cloches towards the end of the month. Plant main crop potatoes and your early sprouted potatoes out providing you can give them protection from frost. It is not too early to think about what cabbage plants you will require for the winter, and order some from a reliable grower who's ground is free from club root. The planting of Runner Beans and French Beans should be left until the end of May. Marrow and outdoor cucumber seed can now be started on your window sill, also a few tomato plants for planting out at the end of May.

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### HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At the March meeting Andrew Tasker gave a talk and slides on Wild Flowers, some of the slides were of particular interest as they were of local spots, he was thanked by Reg Harris we also welcomed two new members, Mr & Mrs Rigden.

At our meeting on April 5th we shall be having a representative from Watkins of Solihull who will be talking about house plants and how to care for them.

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### 1ST HARBURY SCOUTS AND GUIDES FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

SKITTLES EVENING at the SWAN, KINETON on FRIDAY 13th APRIL 1984  
7.45pm for 8.00 pm.

TICKET: £3.00 or for Ventures; £2.50

BUFFET SUPPER INCLUDED

RAFFLE

Tickets from Sue Jones 613261, Bob & Jean Dunn 613567, Rosemary Ottewill 613402, Wendy Stubbs 612782, or any Committee member.



Dear Editors,

May we express publicly our thanks to Mrs Bostock, Mrs Birnie and all their team for the generous gift of £70 which they gave to the Nursery School. On behalf of the children, parents and staff, I should like to thank them very much for their kindness and all their hard work in organising the Whist Drive and Disco in aid of our funds.

The money will be used for our summer outing and to buy some play equipment for the children.

I am sure the Whist Drives and Discos are much appreciated both by the people who attend them and also by the charities which benefit from the proceeds, and I hope the next Disco is a big success.

Yours sincerely,

C MARY CATT

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Please telephone Mrs Eileen Dronfield, Lower Farm, Bishops Itchington, Harbury 612296.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - VILLAGE HALL 7.30pm  
THURSDAY 19TH APRIL

Come along, and question your Parish Council on their policies. Your County Councillor, Mrs P Bidwell will also be in attendance, and available to answer questions.

I have despaired of getting my buggy back, so would anyone like to buy the plastic hood and apron (v.g.c.) that went with it? £3.00. Fits Boots buggies.  
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#### HARBURY CLUB

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## WHIST DRIVE

THURSDAY MAY 10TH - 7.45 pm  
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PROCEEDS TO SCOUTS & GUIDES

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