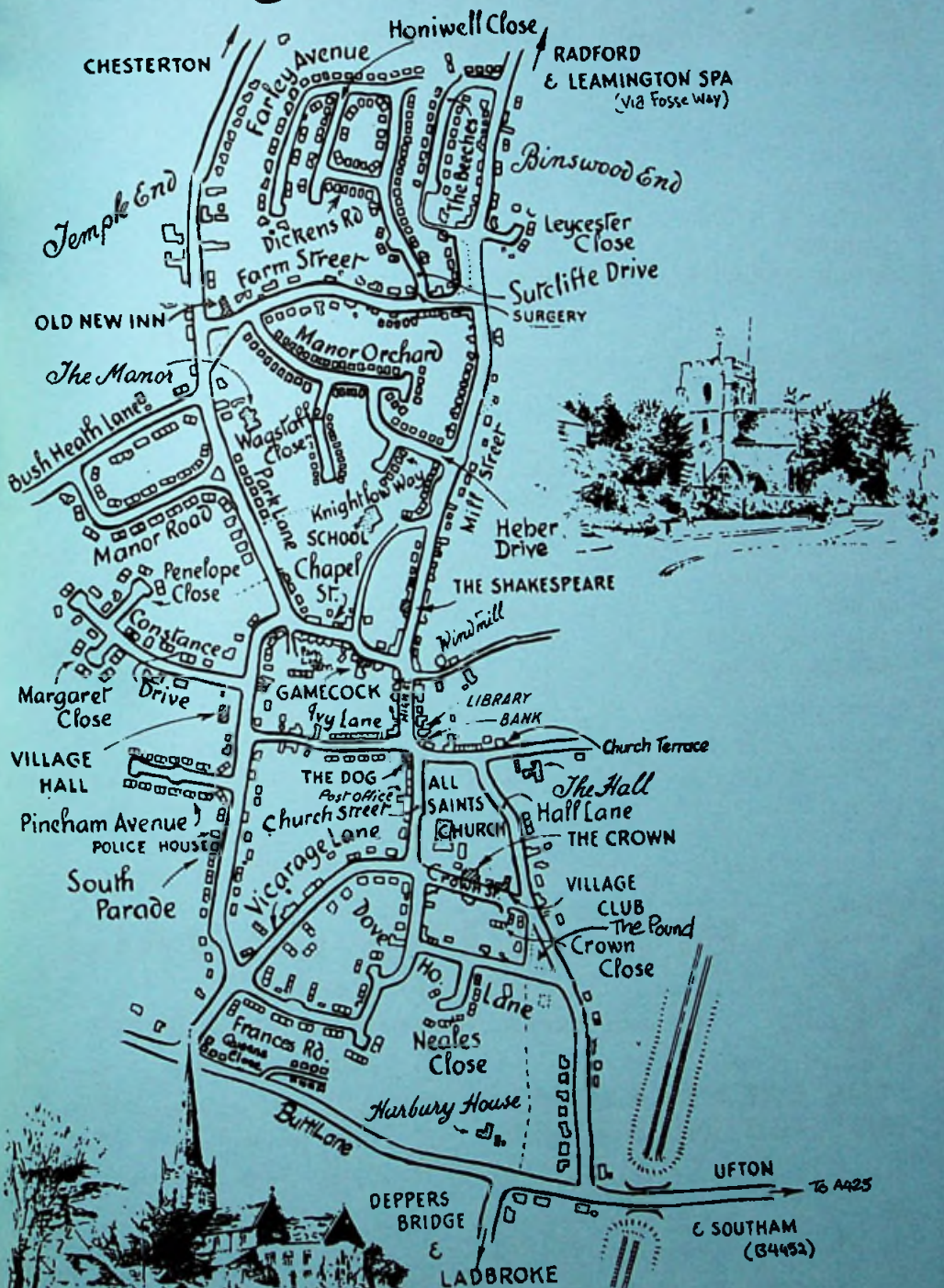


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Mattins — 11.00 am (3rd Sunday)
Evensong (1st Sunday) — 6.30 pm (Summer)
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CARNIVAL TIME IS HERE AGAIN!! After the rotten weather of late May, it must improve for Carnival Day. Harbury is fortunate to have a flourishing and well-supported series of events. All we need now is some bright sunshine - and smiling faces.

Carnival Week begins with the Tennis Tournament & Children's Sports on Sunday 3rd June. It is unlikely that Bob Reid will take part in the Sports, fresh from his appearance in the London Marathon. Bob completed the run in a very creditable 3h17m, raised a good sum of money for charity, and says that the atmosphere and organisation were tremendous. Harbury must have more Marathon runners to the acre than almost any place in England.

Next month, July 14th promises to be 'a hot time in the old town' with barbecues operating on behalf of both the PTA and the Rugby Club. There is a limit to the number of burnt sausages anyone can eat. Linda Ridgley keeps a long-term

diary, and organisations are urged to use to avoid clashes.

Finally, this is our biggest issue ever, at 44 pages. We don't know whether to laugh or cry (and nor do I: Typist) but it must be good value for your money.

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June 1984

Sat. 2nd	Tennis, 3-6p.m.
Sun. 3rd	Under 16 Disco, Village Hall, 7.30-10.30.
	<u>Sunday after Ascension.</u> 8a.m. Holy Communion. 10a.m. Sung Eucharist (NOTE TIME)
	with Heemstede Chamber Orchestra & Windmill Singers. (Sunday cont. over)



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- Sun. 3rd cont. Tennis: Carnival American Tournament, 10a.m.
WARNACT Guided Walk, Harbury Spoilbank, 2.30.
Children's Sports & Cross Country, 2.30 at
the Recreation Ground.
- Mon. 4th School begins.
Extra Dancing Class, Wight School, 4-5p.m.
Under 5s Portraits, Village Hall, 2-5.30.
Junior Tennis, 4.30-5.30: 5.30-6.30.
Playbus, Dog Car Park, 12.45-2.45 (and
weekly until 2nd July)
Christian Fellowship, 8p.m., The Spiers,
Corner Cottage, Lullington Lodge, 77
Mill Street.
Carnival Bingo, 8p.m, Village Hall.
- Tues. 5th Tennis, 6.30p.m. to dusk.
Harbury Society Mystery Tour, 7.30 from
V.Hall(25p Children, 50p adults)
Parish Study Course, 8pm, 13 Manor Orchard.
- Wed. 6th 11 am., Bring & Buy Cake Stall, V.Hall.
Fourth Year Parents' Evening at Southam.
Mothers' Union Garden Meeting, 2.30p.m.
at 17 The Beeches.
'Our Man in America' talk & slide show on
USA by Stan Finch, Village Hall.
Junior Tennis, 4.30-5.30; 5.30-6.30; 6.30-8.30.
- Thurs. 7th 9.45a.m., Holy Communion (MU Corporate Service)
Tennis, 6.30 - dusk.
7.45p.m., Men's Group at 23 Mill Street.
Whist Drive, 7.45 p.m., V.Hall.
- Fri. 8th Last Tennis Coaching Session with P.Brown.
- Sat. 9th HARBURY GRAND CARNIVAL & FETE - Recreation
Ground. 1.30p.m. Procession. 2p.m.,
Fete and Clay Pigeon Shoot.
CARNIVAL DANCE, 8p.m., Village Hall.
Christian Fellowship, 8p.m., Corner Cottage.
- Sun. 10th Whitsunday. 8a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30a.m.
Sung Eucharist (Adventurers attend).
Adventurers' Outing, 11.45a.m. from
Church. 2.30 p.m. Free Church Service.
6.30p.m. Evensong.
Tennis, 10-1p.m. - Blencoe Cup v Alcan.
2.30p.m., Warnact Guided Walk, Ufton Fields.
Action Research House to House Collection
this week.

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- Mon. 11th Extra Dancing Class, 4-5p.m., Wight School.
Tennis 4.30-5.30: 5.30-6.30p.m.
Recreation Ground Advisory Committee AGM,
8p.m., Farley Room.
- Tues. 12th Tennis, 6.30p.m. to dusk.
Village Hall Committee, 8p.m., V.Hall.
Harbury Friends, 8p.m., School.
- Wed. 13th Harbury Friends; talk on Macrobiotics.
Coffee Morning in aid of Playscheme, 10.30
-12.30, 9 Church Terrace.
Tennis, 4.30-5.30: 5.30-6.30.
Setting up of Election Booths, V.Hall.
- Thurs. 14th EURO ELECTIONS
Tennis, 6.30 - dusk.
W.I., 7.45p.m. Rugby Club (NOTE venue)
- Fri. 15th Theatre Group, 8p.m., Wight School.
Crib Presentation.
Tennis, Intermediates, 6 - 8p.m.
- Sat. 16th Tennis, 3-6p.m.
PTA Sponsored Walk.
- Sun. 17th Trinity Sunday. 9a.m. Sung Eucharist and
Parish Breakfast at Ladbroke. 6.30pm,
Holy Communion.
Tennis 10 - 1 p.m.
PONY SHOW at the Recreation Ground.
PTA Family Treasure Hunt, 4pm, School Car
Park.
- Mon. 18th Extra Dancing Class, 4-5pm, Wight School.
Tennis, 4.30-5.30: 5.30-6.30.
Christian Fellowship, 8p.m., 11 Constance
Drive and Corner Cottage.
- Tues. 19th Tennis, 6.30p.m. to dusk.
Nursery School Parents' Evening, 8pm, V.Hall.
PCC, 8p.m., Wight School.
Senior Citizens' Cttee, 8.30, Village Hall.
- Wed. 20th Senior Citizens' Outing to Barmouth.
Tennis, 4.30-5.30: 5.30-6.30.
- Thurs. 21st Corpus Christi (Thanksgiving for the
institution of Holy Communion). 9.45,
Holy Communion.
Tennis, 6.30 - dusk.
- Fri. 22nd Junior Disco, Harbury School, 7-9p.m. in
aid of Playscheme.
Tennis Intermediates, 6-8p.m.
- Sat. 23rd Tennis, 3-6p.m.
Christian Fellowship, 8pm, Corner Cottage.

- Sat. 23rd Scout Support Cttee Barbecue, Leamington House.
 cont. Harbury Club Dance - see advert.
- Sun. 24th Nativity of S. John the Baptist. TRINITY I.
 8a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30a.m. Sung
 Eucharist: preacher Canon Stuart King.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
 Tennis, 10 - 1p.m.
 ARTICLES FOR JULY MAGAZINE TO EDITORS BY
 TODAY, PLEASE.
- Mon. 25th Extra Dancing Class, 4-5p.m. Wight School.
 Young Wives' A.G.M.
 Tennis, 4.30-5.30: 5.30-6.30.
- Tues. 26th Young Wives, 2p.m., Village Hall.
 Tennis, 6.30 - dusk.
- Wed. 27th Coffee Morning, 9 Church Terrace, as 13th.
 Tennis, 4.30-5.30: 5.30 - 6.30.
- Thurs. 28th Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
 Tennis, 6.30 to dusk.
 Parish Council, 7.30, Village Hall.
 Whist Drive, 7.45, V. Hall (proceeds to Brownies)
- Fri. 29th St. Peter the Apostle. Holy Communion 7am.
 Theatre Group Meeting, 8pm, Wight School.
 Domino Night.
 Tennis Intermediates, 6 - 8 p.m.
- Sat. 30th Tennis, 3 - 6 p.m.
 ALL SAINTS' MIDSUMMER FAIR, 2 p.m. in
 the Village Hall.
 Southam School PTA Barbecue with '60s
 Disco. Tickets from School.

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- Sun. 1st TRINITY II. 8a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30,
 Sung Eucharist. 6.30p.m. Royal Show
 Service at Stoneleigh.
 Tennis, 10 - 1p.m.
 Coach to 'Mission England' Meeting with
 Billy Graham: 3.30pm, Villa Park.
- Mon. 2nd New Intake Parents' Evening, Southam.
 Extra Dancing Class, 4 - 5 p.m., Wight Sch.
 Christian Fellowship Meetings, 8 p.m.
- Tues. 3rd New Intake Parents' Evening, Southam.
 Tennis, 6.30 - dusk.
 Harbury Horticultural Society Barbecue,
 7.30 p.m., 11 Constance Drive.
 Coach to Billy Graham Meeting, 7.30p.m.
 at Villa Park.

Thurs. 5th Tennis, 6.30 - dusk.

Sat. 7th Tennis, 3 - 6 p.m.

Fête at Wattons Lodge, Southam (in aid of
Council for the Disabled)

Sun. 8th Tennis, 10 - 1p.m.

Mon. 9th Extra Dancing Class, 4-5p.m. at Wight Sch

Tues. 10th Southam School Open Evening.

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.

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

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

W.I., Village Hall, 2nd Thursday each month, 7.45 p.m.

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

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

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

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From Harbury Churchwardens

Some years ago, some of us were concerned that members of the 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock (as it was then) congregations hardly ever met, so we started the Parish or Fellowship Breakfasts, which have now become so much a part of the Harbury scene. Now that we share so much with Ladbroke, we have an even greater need and opportunity for fellowship. For the first time, therefore, we are having the breakfast and service at Ladbroke. This is on Sunday, 17th June, at 9 a.m., and we hope that Ladbroke Church will be packed for the service, and that the village hall there will be full for the breakfast which follows. It would be a help to those preparing the breakfast if they could have a rough idea of numbers. There is a list on the table at the back of the Church - please sign if you are coming to this great occasion of worship and fellowship. Lifts will be available for those without transport - just turn up at Harbury Church not later than 8.40 a.m., and someone will pick you up.

We have again been invited to join other congregations for the Royal Show Service at the Showground on Sunday 1st July, at 6.30 p.m. Although we shall not be having a coach this year, there will be transport for those who would like it. There will be a list in Church shortly.

These two special events are both occasions when we can get together with other Christians with whom we do not normally have the opportunity of worshipping: a great opportunity for fellowship - for sharing. In the words which introduce the peace in Rite A in the Alternative Service Book, "We are the Body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace, and builds up our common life."

FROM THE RECTOR

COMFORT

Comfort is something we all think we are entitled to nowadays. Of course, comfort means very different things to different people, from tea and toast, to smoked salmon and champagne, from a hot water bottle & electric blanket. Usually it is a word thought

of in material terms - what makes me feel a little indulged or what makes life a little more bearable. Often indeed rather a pessimistic view of life, as if but for these things we just couldn't cope. Perhaps we get a different impression of comfort when we think of it in terms of a child, upset and frightened, being reassured by a parent, or a bereaved person being consoled by a friend or a relative. This comfort is nothing to do with making life easier by material possessions, but it is a giving to us of a sense of well-being and security, not just with words but by the fact that they are there with us and are able to convey something of themselves to us. Life isn't exactly made any easier for the problems and fears are still there, but comfort then is the encouragement and the strength to face up to these problems and fears.

Jesus promised his disciples the Holy Spirit which he called 'The Comforter' and by this he didn't mean that life became easier for them, but that through the Holy Spirit of God they would become strengthened and invigorated to do whatever was expected of them.

The Church declares her faith in the Holy Spirit when it is said in the Creed "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father", and on Whitsunday we rejoice as we remember how the Holy Spirit "came as a rushing mighty wind", transforming timid and doubting men into men of faith and courage who proclaimed Jesus Christ to the world, whatever the cost to themselves, even to death itself. We rejoice because the Holy Spirit changed their lives, but also we rejoice because the same gift of the Holy Spirit is given to us.

ANTONY ROWE.

THE CONFIRMATION

Friday 25th May was a day of major importance to the people of All Saints, Harbury, for we received 11 people into the full sacramental life of the Church. It was a great occasion, in spite of the weather, and the bells rang out joyfully to welcome the Bishop of Warwick and a large congregation. No-one could but agree that this was a fitting occasion on which to set out in earnest into Christian life and

8. commitment, and let us pray that those who were presented for Confirmation may remain constant and faithful to their vows always. Please remember them regularly in your prayers.



The young people: Martin Barr, Melanie Ceney, James Dunn, Deborah Simcock, Naomi Winnifrith, Tabitha Winnifrith.

The adults: Keith Barr, Doreen Bloxham, Sheila Bugg, Ruth Dodds, Richard Woodward.

Ladbroke's great day of Confirmation is yet to come - it is on Wednesday 6th June at 7.30 p.m. Bishop John Daly will confirm, and I hope that the people of Ladbroke will turn out well to support the candidates on that occasion. A.S.B.R.

HOLY BAPTISM

6th May, LAUREN ELIZABETH CARA, daughter of Peter Michael and Anne Elizabeth Woodward of Flecknoe House, Chapel Street.

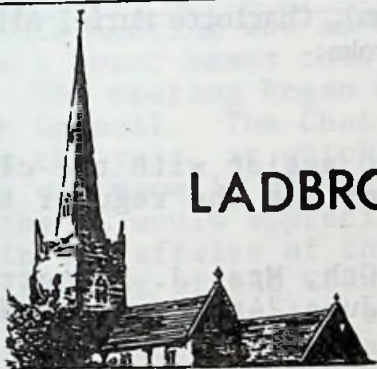
May, Adult Baptisms, RUTH DODDS

RICHARD NEIL WOODWARD

- 14th May, GILLIAN LAURA, daughter of Anthony and Ruth Dodds, 41 South Parade.
- 14th May, ROBERT IAN, son of John Malcolm and Patricia Louise Woodward, Lynwood, South Parade.
- 20th May, GEMMA ELIZABETH, daughter of Patrick and Gillian Mary Farrell, 19 Farley Avenue
- 27th May, MELISSA JANE, daughter of Leigh William and Christine Susan Franklin, Holland House, Ivy Lane.

HOLY MATRIMONY

(at St. Barnabas Church, Heaton, Bradford), May 19th
Susan Smith, daughter of Pat and John Smith, 8 Farley Avenue, and Christopher Johnston.



LADBROKE NEWS

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- Sunday 3rd, First Sunday after the Ascension. 9a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns. 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- Wednesday 6th, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. THE CONFIRMATION with Holy Communion by Bishop John Daly.
- Sunday 10th, Whitsunday. 9a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns. 12 noon, Holy Communion.
- Wednesday 13th, St. Barnabas the Apostle. 10.30a.m. Holy Communion. 2.30 p.m. Women's Fellowship at 4 Bridge Lane.
- Friday 15th, Village Hall "Chicken & Chips" Evening with singer Rhys Wilson.
- Sunday 17th, Trinity Sunday. 9a.m. Sung Eucharist and Parish Breakfast. 11 a.m. Mattins (said).
- Monday 18th, 7.30p.m., Parochial Church Council Meeting.
- Tuesday 19th, Parish Council Meeting.

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Wednesday 20th, 10.30a.m. Holy Communion (Women's Fellowship Corporate Communion)

Thursday 21st, Corpus Christi. 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.
W.I. Garden Party, 7.30 p.m. at Ladbroke House, by invitation of Mrs. Jill Norgate, preceded by a short meeting.

Sunday 24th, The Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Trinity I.
9 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns. Preacher Canon Stuart King.

Wednesday 27th, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Friday 29th, St. Peter the Apostle. 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.

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Sunday 1st, Trinity II. 9a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns.
6.30 p.m. Evensong. 6.30 p.m. Royal Show Service at Stoneleigh.

FUNERAL

25th May (at Oakley Wood Crematorium), Charlotte Muriel Allman, Chapel Ascote Farm, Ladbroke.

BRASS CLEANING

Two volunteers are required to assist with the cleaning of brasses at Ladbroke, to complete the regular team.

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

June 3rd, Mrs. Cooke. June 10th, Mrs. J. Barnett.
June 17th, Mrs. J. Barnett. June 24th, Mrs. Henderson.
July 1st, Mrs. Winkfield.

LADBROKE NEWS

I should like to start by welcoming Mr. & Mrs. Greenway to the village: they have recently moved into Bell View Cottages.

The highlight of the June social calendar will undoubtedly be the 'Chicken & Chips' Evening, this year with live entertainment by the talented singer, Rhys Wilson. This takes place in the Village Hall on Friday 15th June: watch the notice board for details.

Parish Council, 16th May

The meeting opened with a most sincere welcome for the new clerk, Mif Warr: it was hoped that she won't be going back to live abroad for some considerable time! Mr. Francis Badman was then unanimously voted in as Chairman of the Parish Council for the year, and it was decided not to vote for a

Vice-Chairman as Mr. Tom Sheasby had failed to attend the meeting. It was announced that the long-awaited Village Appraisal Scheme is now to go ahead with the co-operation of Mr. and Mrs. Warr.

With the advent of the Bypass it was thought likely that more planning permission would be sought in the village, and the PC had been asked to survey local housing needs. This will probably be incorporated in the Appraisal Scheme.

Outline Planning Permission had been approved for a house for agricultural use at the top of Radbourne Lane, and detailed plans for the two bungalows in the Polish Camp site have been received.

Next meeting, Tuesday 19th June at 7.30 p.m.

Annual Parish Meeting, 16th May

This meeting was as usual well attended: though I didn't count heads this year, the Hall seemed quite full. The meeting began with the report of the Parish Council. The Chairman reported ten meetings during the year, at which only one member of the public was usually present (I wonder who?) He noted that the PC would appreciate more active participation in the affairs of the community. Naturally, the highlight of the Council's year had been the satisfactory conclusion of the Bypass Saga: preparatory work is already proceeding. The Chairman expressed his thanks to the Bypass Committee and to everyone who helped to 'bring the crusade to fruition'. The PC does not intend to sink into obscurity: there are plenty more 'windmills to tilt at'. In particular they are very concerned at Stratford's desire to improve their local leisure facilities at the expense of the District Council.

Mr. Rutherford then reported on behalf of the Parochial Charities, saying that there was unlikely to be any income to distribute this year as current income was being used for land drainage.

The Village Meeting was the invited to receive the 'observations of the County Councillor and the District Councillors', and as usual, having been invited to speak, it was very difficult to get them to stop! Mr. Spencer-White concentrated on the

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penalties incurred by County Councils who exceed their Government targets: he hoped that Warwickshire's financial reserves would enable it to 'steer a level course' throughout the next two years at least. He also mentioned that he had heard that work on the Ladbroke Bypass was due to commence in November '84.

Mr. Reading spoke about his word on the Community Health Council, with reference to the plan to convert the Warneford into a Community Hospital. The meeting also showed considerable interest in the announcement of the plans for a new supermarket in Southam, with parking for 90 cars. It seems uncertain if this would in fact benefit the area.

Mr. Turner spoke of the general problem of irregular litter collections, which is apparently due to the fact that this service is about to be 'privatised'! Concern was expressed at the disgraceful state of litter in the main road through Southam: a problem which was immediately attributed to the pupils of Southam School!

Mrs. Pauline Laidler gave the annual report of the Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I. She reported monthly meetings with a variety of speakers, both instructive and humorous. This year the Institute had organised many outings to theatres and places of interest. Their charity efforts had continued with concern for a ward of patients at the Central Hospital: and of course the famous Garden Party had raised a considerable sum for charity. There seems no doubt that the W.I. is definitely alive and kicking!

Mr. Ken Bull, as Chairman, gave the annual report of the Village Hall Committee. He suggested that it had been the least satisfactory year so far; for the first time an event had had to be cancelled due to lack of support. However, the Car Boot Sale, Barbecue, Harvest Auction and Bonfire Night had given a lot of pleasure, and the Committee had succeeded in making an overall profit. The roof had been successfully weather-proofed, and future work would be concentrated on refurbishing the kitchen and bar area. There is no doubt that the Village Hall is now a recognised and
le community asset.

On behalf of the Ladbroke Bypass Committee, Mr. Neil Justice said that he was delighted to hear that things were on course for the Autumn. He thanked all the village for their fantastic support on the Day of the Enquiry.

At the end of the meeting the idea of bringing gas to Ladbroke was mooted; would there be enough interest? and what would it cost? It was thought that these questions could be incorporated in the Village Appraisal Scheme.

See you next year!

KATE LIVERTON.

LADBROKE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

For our meeting in May we hired a mini-coach and went to Coventry Cathedral to look round the Visitors' Centre, which has only recently opened. It proved to be a most interesting trip, and included a Walkway of Holograms - three-dimensional images made with laser light of the Stations of the Cross. Next was a Historical Exhibition, an exciting trip through a display incorporating light, sound and special effects tracing the history of the Cathedral from its foundation as a Benedictine Monastery to the present day. This, and the short film which we next saw, took most of us back to the night of the Coventry blitz, with sirens wailing and bombs exploding. The point that came through constantly was 'Love is more powerful than hate', and was shown by the Cathedral's central role in reconciliation, expressed in different parts of the world through the Community of the Cross of Nails. After the film we looked at the beautiful treasures from the old and new Cathedrals displayed in St. Michael's Hall. On view were the final design for the Graham Sutherland tapestry, John Hutton's sketches for the West Screen, and John Piper's designs for the Baptistry Window, and the Cathedral vestments. We ended our visit by looking round the Cathedral.

Our cake stall at the Coffee Morning run by the WI proved very successful and made £25.32. Many thanks to all who supported this.

We look forward to our next meeting on 13th June at 2.30p.m. at the home of Mrs. Pearl Edwards, 4 Bridge Lane. Mrs. Mif Warr, recently returned from Singapore, will talk about her work there. Anyone is very welcome to come along.

NANCY STUBBS.

ADDITIONAL CURATES' SOCIETY

The Lenten appeal on behalf of ACS raised a most welcome £182.29 this year, for which the Society is most grateful. With the number of priests declining year by year, the work of the ACS becomes increasingly important as it tries to attract more young men to work in the Church, so the generosity of those parishioners who support this worthwhile cause is greatly appreciated.

HARBURY PTA.

The last two meetings have tried to inform parents about what their children are doing in school. In April Mr. D. Howe, the County Language Advisor, gave a very informative and amusing talk entitled 'Helping your Children's Reading'. In May, the County PE Advisor talked about the teaching of movement in the Primary School. Using an Olympic theme, she demonstrated how children can use movement skills in a creative way. Many thanks to Miss B. Gibson and the children of Class 5 who were her pupils for the evening: the children quickly forgot about their audience and really put everything into the work that they were doing.

We hope that Saturday 16th June will prove to be a fine morning for the Children's Sponsored Walk: the children will be walking to raise money for much-needed computer equipment - please give them your support.

On Sunday 17th June we are organising a Family Car Treasure Hunt. This event will start from the School Car Park at about 4 p.m., and will end at a suitable hostelry - an appropriate prize going to the winning family!

Finally, an advance notice that on Saturday 14th July we shall be holding one of our main Social events at School - the Barbecue and Barn Dance. There will be a Steak Barbecue and dancing to Magic Rantabout. This has proved to be a very popular and enjoyable occasion in the past. Tickets, price £3, will soon be available from school and from committee members: get yours early to avoid disappointment, as numbers limited!

M. THOMPSON.

ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN AGED 0 - 3 YEARS!

The Southam and District Playbus will be in The Dog car park every Monday from 12.45 to 2.45 until 2nd July. The Playbus has lots of toys and books on board, and there is a Wendy House, and also a Sand Pit. So why not bring your Mum or Dad along - they could probably do with a break!

Tell them it costs 50p per family per session - and that includes a drink and biscuits for you all.

See you there!

C.T.

HARBURY R.F.C. MINI & JUNIOR RUGBY

The playing season was rounded off with our "Fun Evening" comprising a 'Knockout' competition for the Minis, and a 'Superstars' contest for the Juniors who competed against their coaches Rob Hughes, Steve Wells, Daryl Hunter and Pepe Pavel. The coaches won by one point, and were awarded the Superstars trophy at the evening's medal presentation ceremony.

Mini and Junior Club Chairman, Bob Taylor, congratulated all the teams on their playing achievement of the season, and the tremendous spirit in which all the games were played.

Thanks were due to all the ladies who had helped with catering on Sunday mornings, to Felicity and Bill Dugan for their work in marking out the four new pitches, to Alan Crossan, David Waddell, Derek Padbury and Ian Winchester for erecting the posts, to the Mini and Junior Club Committee, and to all 16 coaches for giving of both their time and experience towards Junior Rugby at Harbury.

John Bromley, Club President, presented trophies to the Most Improved Players: Under 8 - David Warner: Under 9 - Tom Wilkins: Under 10 - Edward Fisher: Under 11 - Richard Thumbwood: Under 12 - Paul Glaze and Michael Jenkins: Under 14 - Sean Geary: Under 15 - Darren Ellis. Clubman Awards were made as follows: Under 8 - Damien Lynch: Under 9 - Jody Halford: Under 10 - Neil Boag: Under 11 - Darren Bryant: Under 12 - Simon Waddell. Player of the Year trophies went to Keith Tarver (Under 13), Guy Pattinson (Under 14), and Stephen Hancock (Under 15).



The picture was taken on the Minis' Tour to Derbyshire and Cheshire.

Next season starts with a training session on Sunday 9th September. Players wishing to register prior to the start of the season should contact Dave Andrews, Harbury House, tel. 612528. Players must be registered before the first game against Old Silhillians on Sunday 16th September.

FOOTBALL CLUB

The season has drawn to a close without any awards gained on the field, but after the Dinner Dance at the Charlecote Pheasant this month, the title of most handsome and well-groomed team was suggested as a possible accolade for the Club's members!!

The evening was superbly organised by Rick Evans who managed to arrange a meal, disco and transport for 80 people without any difficulty (no-one got left behind!) John Luke celebrated his 20th birthday during the evening in ceremonious style, despite the fact that it was an unspoken secret amongst the assembled company!

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The Club is organising a 6-a-side football tournament on Carnival Day on a village bais. Anyone interested in entering a 6-person team from any club, pub or other group should contact Les Sollis (612412) or Stan Finch (612305) by the previous weekend, Sunday 3rd June. The Club will present trophies to the winners and it is hoped that the competition will make a novel contribution on Carnival Day - to be enjoyed by all?
C.F.

JUNIOR TENNIS

As the Harbury News goes to press, the results of the Ascension Day Tournament are eagerly awaited, and will appear in the next issue. Please note that from June onwards, Junior Tennis is on Mondays and Wednesdays, and when the coaching has finished the Intermediate/Secondary School sessions will be on Friday evenings for two hours.

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

The fine dry weather in April and early May, and the arrival of several new members has given the Club an excellent start to the new season. The first club American Tournament was played on 5th May, and resulted in wins for Sarah Bunting and Barry Latham. The draw for the mixed doubles knock-out and the men's and ladies' singles was made on the same day, and the early rounds are now being played out. The finals of all are to be played on 15th July.

Defeats in friendly fixtures at Leamington Spa(3-9) and AP Leamington (3-6) were followed by wins at home against Byfield 'B' (6-3) and away at Rowington (5-3). The first match in the Blencoe Cup resulted in an excellent win by 12 sets to 6 over the holders Byfield

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th June at 2.30 p.m. at 17 The Beeches. This will be a Bring & Buy - your support will be appreciated.

Corporate Communion will be on Thursday 7th June at 9.45 a.m.

A very successful Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy was held at 14 Sutcliffe Drive on Wednesday 16th May, when £55 was raised. Prizes were won by Mr. Docherty, Jenny Ingram, Mrs. Hogben and Eileen Wilkins. Our thanks to Mrs. Curry for helping us raise the above amount towards a new Altar Kneeler.
E.W.

HARBURY YOUNG WIVES

The children's Spring Party last month was a great success, even though most of the balloons were burst before they reached the door.

Could anyone please spare half an hour to help run our stall at the Carnival on 9th June? We are selling homemade biscuits and sweets this year, and all contributions gratefully received at 14 Manor Orchard, or telephone 612783 for collection.

Our AGM will be held on Monday 25th June, and menus will be circulated to members at the appropriate time.

We will be running the Toy Stall at the Mid-Summer Fair, on Saturday 30th June. Anyone willing to help or donations of toys, please contact a committee member, or ring Harbury 612783. V.B.

HARBURY FRIENDS

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13th June, when Christine James will be giving us a talk on Macrobiotics (Healthy Eating).

This year we are having a Bottle and Jar Stall at the Carnival, and would appreciate any donations of jam, pickles, squash etc. Donations can be given to any of the following committee members: Pam Taylor, Pauline Smith, Sue Chaplin, Jane Haggitt, Margaret Mercer, Jean Critchley, Lynn Edwards.

W.I.

The May meeting at the Rugby Club was well attended with Mrs. Sue Bradley explaining the resolutions to be presented at the AGM in London, some of which caused quite a bit of discussion.

The recent Promotion Day proved to be very successful, with many members showing their skills, proving that the WI is not just 'Jam and Jerusalem'.

Once again a very enjoyable evening was spent at Kington, when over 50 members and friends played skittles.

The May meeting ended with a Quiche and Salad Supper, which members' husbands were invited to attend.

Owing to the European Assembly Elections on 14th June, our June meeting will again be at the Rugby Club on that date. Mrs. Edwards will be talking about 'Summer Cookery'. The competition will be for a Green Salad on a plate.

Should anyone require a lift, please be outside the Village Hall by 7.20 p.m., or contact any member of the Committee. B.T.

HARBURY LIBRARY

I would like to thank all the readers of Harbury for answering my plea to keep using the library. The number of books issued in March and April has increased by 6% from the same period last year - not a great increase but if this trend continues through the year it could persuade the 'powers-that-be' to review their need to reduce Harbury's library service.

Now that the summer is here, do not lessen your reading; we are still under the threat of reduced hours. We have a large selection of paperbacks which are light to pack as you fly off to those far-away beaches (the odd grain of sand will not be frowned on when the book is returned). For those who stay at home we have a good selection of non-fiction books to browse through while you soak up the sun in the garden. A gardening book to see how the lawn should look, with colourful illustrations of grand herbaceous borders. For the computer addict, there is a good selection on the subject, and railway enthusiasts can indulge themselves in a little nostalgia. And of course there are always the novels - Mills & Boon for the romantic, and westerns and science fiction for the escapist. The historical novels of Jean Plaidy, the espionage stories of John le Carre and Frederick Forsythe, and for those with a taste for horror, the novels of Stephen King. Many modern books run to 500 or more pages, and if you find that daunting try the beautifully written short novels of Jennifer Johnston - an Irish writer of great charm. We have recently been allocated a large selection of new editions of popular non-fiction, and in the Reference Section we now have copies of Yellow Pages covering seven areas including London and Birmingham.

To end on a sour note, fines will increase to 17p per week or part of a week from 1st July. Fines for junior readers will remain at 8p. SHIRLEY KEIR.

HARBURY CARNIVAL 1984

Well, it's Carnival Week in Harbury again - do go along to support the many interesting events to be held this week. Programmes are on sale in local shops; committee members will also be door-to-door selling around the village (don't mistake us for Euro-convassers or double-glazers!)

Still time to offer help - offers of cakes for the refreshments, or help on the stalls, are always welcome.

Do come and watch the Grand Procession, headed by our Carnival Queen, Hayley Green, and her attendants, Penny Ottewill and Catherine Sanders. Floats will be assembling in Sutcliffe Drive around noon, and the procession will weave its way round the village at 1.30 p.m.

The fête, to be opened by Mr. Joslin, Chief Constable of Warwickshire, starts at 2 p.m. There will be plenty to entertain all the family - music, stalls, arena events, 6-a-side football, etc.

Finally, for the energetic amongst you, the Carnival Dance, featuring 'Blue Velvet', starts at 8 p.m. Tickets from Neil Roden and all committee members.

All we need now is the sunshine.....JEAN COX,
Carnival Committee.

"STEPTOE STALL" AT THE CARNIVAL

The Theatre Group will be collecting throughout the week beginning 4th June. If you have items for collection - especially if they are bulky or heavy - please telephone John Stringer, 613214.

GOLDEN AGE

Mrs. Farley, Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Sperling were guests at our Birthday Party on 10th May, when we treated to Mrs. Lawson's homemade wine, and birthday cake made by Mrs. Morgan and donated by Mrs. Farley, in addition to the marvellous meal supplied by the
s at The Dog Inn.

At our meeting following the party, we were delighted to welcome a surprise guest, to help us finish up the birthday cake - Father Mackley called in! It was lovely to see him looking so well.

Our usual next meeting has to be cancelled because of the European elections, so we shall meet next on Thursday 28th June. E.K.

"HABEAS CORPUS"

There was some criticism to be heard in the village when the Theatre Group announced that their Spring production would be an Alan Bennett comedy, 'unsuitable for children'. The Theatre Group rightly mostly gives us 'family entertainment' but the decision to do something 'adult' was surely vindicated by large and very appreciative audiences.

Alan Bennett's play is a pungent comedy, with a keen observation of the human condition underlying the farcical plot. The cast, many of whom are relative newcomers to the boards, performed admirably, in Marie Brown's production.

Particularly notable was the debut of Betty Barr, as a frustrated spinster determined to remedy the deficiencies of her physique! Peter Ball, who is growing in confidence on the stage, gave a good performance in the central role of the doctor, with Keith Dormer very funny as his hopelessly hypochondriac son. Janet Thornley gave her usual excellent character performance as the daily help, and there were solid performances from Gordon Robbins, Sue Dormer, Marie Brown, Trevor Grundy, Pam Nurser and Alan Barr. As the unbearably pompous 'President of the BMA', Keith Hayes gave the best performance I have seen from him.

Once again, thanks to the Theatre Group for all the hard work, and providing an evening's excellent entertainment. S.H.

COFFEE MORNINGS

On behalf of Harbury Church, and in aid of the Play Scheme, two coffee mornings with bring & buy sales will be held at the home of Beryl Checkley, 9 Church Terrace on Wednesdays 13th and 27th June, from 10.30 to 12 noon. All welcome.

22. HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

We require a Wardrobe Mistress for our production of 'A Christmas Carol' in December. This production is being undertaken in conjunction with the Windmill Singers and will take place in both Harbury and Southam churches.

The Wardrobe Mistress will be required to oversee the costuming of all characters in Victorian costume (we have books which show what they should be like). We already have some costumes, and others can be hired. However, some dressmaking ability is necessary, and we can offer several willing helpers with sewing.

If YOU are willing to undertake this interesting task, please give Beryl Checkley a ring - Harbury 612519.

CRAFTY GOINGS-ON!

What a wealth of talent there is in Harbury. The several hundred visitors to Harbury Craft Circle's Craft Fair at Lower Fosse Farm on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May were certainly made aware of that as they admired the quality and variety of hand-crafted goods made by members of the circle.

The Circle was established last year by village craftsmen and women to jointly display and promote their work. The individual skills represented are diverse, covering such crafts as corn dollies, gift-ware, painting, pokerwork, silk flowers and wooden furniture. By inviting fellow craftspeople, their craft fairs always contain a wide range of very individual items. The pottery, wooden toys, soft toys and puppets proved popular. Visitors were also able to admire the skills of the woodturner producing bowls and candlesticks, and marvel at intricate designs being painted on to eggs.

The next event will be in association with the Garden Walkabout on Saturday 14th July. If anyone producing individual hand-made goods wishes to join the circle to display at this event, they should contact Ann Roden on Harbury 612803.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Harbury raised £220.21 for Christian Aid during the week from 12 - 19 May, and Ladbroke raised £50.81.

Full thanks are due to all who gave so generously and of course to those who collected. JM.



Karen Davidson is seen here receiving a cheque for £21.50, the proceeds of a raffle held at the Old New Inn, from landlady Mary McLaughlin; and also a personal gift from Mrs. Isabella Marshall (right). Both amounts will be used to help her take part in the Disabled Olympics later this year. WM.

MOTHER THERESA

Calcutta - the nearest place to hell on earth, according to Malcolm Muggeridge. A city of chronic poverty, where three quarters of a million people live and die on the pavements and gutters. Here Mother Theresa and her sisters work among the needy and dying, bringing the love of Jesus to each. There is similar work in Bombay too.

A constant supply of clothing is always needed. If you have any used clothing which is clean, and has at least six months' wear left, and you would like it to be sent to India, then please bring it to my house (or I will collect). I will take it to St. Peter's, Leamington Spa, which is an official receiving station for the co-workers of Mother Theresa.

JILL WINTER, 19 Farm St., 612585.

Our last talk on the evolution of Church Architecture from pre-Christian times to the present day was given by the Archdeacon of Warwick, the Venerable Peter Bridges, who showed a series of slides.

The Society Walk on 20th May was an invigorating ramble led by Rhian Kelsall along the edge of Bascote Woods through Stoneythorpe Park.

The Mystery Tour begins at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 5th June at the Village Hall, and ends - well, that's the Mystery. Entrance is 50p for adults and 25p for children, with prizes for the winners, food, drink and the results at the end of the walk.

The Society is collecting crockery for the secondhand China Stall at the Carnival. So if anyone has unwanted items which the Society can recirculate, they are cordially invited to dig them out and hand them over to the collectors, or ring 612792 for personal service!

Notification of the date for the Society Picnic will be sent to members.

Chesterton Windmill is to be opened to the public on Saturday and Sunday, 1st and 2nd September, and members of the Harbury Society have once again been asked to help.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

MID-SUMMER FAIR

All Saints' Church will be holding its Grand Mid-Summer Fair on Saturday 30th June, at the Village Hall starting at 2 p.m. There will be a good variety of stalls including such favourites as Nearly New, Tombola, Cakes, Plants, White Elephants etc. Also, there will be indoor and outdoor games, craft demonstrations, and refreshments (with - we hope - strawberries) - in short a good afternoon out for the whole family.

Donations of tins, unwanted gifts, 'white elephants', cakes, books etc. will be gratefully received. For collection, ring 612533, 612427, 612711 or 612793.

HOLIDAY STALL: Any objects remotely associated with holidays welcome: attention particularly please to 2 competitions: 1) Best holiday snap (entries by 28th June to Haze Brook, The Pound) and 2) The Ugliest Fair (entries to the Hall on the day). MR.

HARBURY RECREATION GROUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The AGM will be held on Monday 11th June at 8 p.m. in the Farley Room of the Village Hall. The function of the Committee is to supervise the use of the playing equipment already installed on the playing field, to raise funds to purchase new equipment, and to liaise with the Parish Council on the various activities and events that the field is used for. At present the Committee is a very small one, and anyone interested in joining would be most welcome.

HARBURY N.S.P.C.C.

A big thank-you must go to the young people of Harbury who, as members of the NSPCC's Young League, save to help needy children. This year we sent a cheque to London for £270 - once again, this is a wonderful achievement. If anyone is interested in joining or knowing more about the younger section of the NSPCC, they should get in touch with Joan Stephenson, 4 Dovehouse Lane, or Sue Wilkins, 33 Binswood End.

HARBURY(N.S.P.C.C.)FUN RUN

Over 150 people of all ages completed the two and a quarter mile course around the village - they ran, walked, roller skated, pushed prams and wheelbarrows did it 3-legged, dressed up in all sorts of costumes and generally enjoyed themselves.

Most runners, especially the children, set out to improve on their performances last year, and generally times were quite a lot faster. David Wright, one of Harbury's up and coming young runners finished first in 12 minutes 1 second, over half a minute faster than last year's winning time. 2nd place went to the much younger Paul Griffin, 13m20. First girl home was Sarah Burnham in 16m20.

If there had been one, the fancy dress prize would surely have been won by Walter Marshall, dressed as the Tin Man from the Wizard of Oz, who clanked his way round in under 40 minutes, and special mention must go to Mrs. Hailey who, in her 70s, walked and jogged the course in under 33 minutes.

This year, we changed the finish arrangements slightly to help sort times out more easily, and all the

competitors' certificates with times were available by 5 p.m. Thanks must go to all NSPCC supporters who took on various jobs on the day, taking entries, marshalling and recording times, and especially to Tim Percival who gave up part of his first weekend off for a long time to patrol the route. Those who ran and helped will be pleased to hear that this event, put on for fun and enjoyment, raised about £60 for NSPCC funds. REW.

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Entry is by coach only - no cars are permitted - so to help you a coach has been arranged from Harbury on Sunday 1st July (meeting starts at 3.30), and on Tuesday 3rd July (meeting starts at 7.30). Entry and transport are entirely free. If you would like to come and are not free on either of these two occasions seats can be arranged on coaches leaving nearby villages for Villa Park, Birmingham.

For seat bookings and further details, ring Shirley, 613390. R.E.

GRAND WIMBLEDON DRAW

The Senior Citizens' Committee are hoping that the Grand Wimbledon Draw which they are promoting will provide an even greater interest in this year's tennis matches - with a chance of winning a total of £40 on the outcome of the Men's and Women's Singles Finals. The draw will take place at the Dog Inn at the end of the first week, when each selected raffle ticket will be matched against one of the remaining singles contenders. Obviously, the holders of the McEnroe or Navratilova tickets might consider themselves the odds-on favourites to win the two £15 1st prizes, but maybe this year will see an upset, with an outside winner?

A list of drawn names will be published on village notice boards, in the Club, and all village pubs which have tickets available, 5p each.

The Committee acknowledges its debt to the village licencees, and to the Tennis Club, who have generously agreed to aid the sale of tickets.

"Charity begins at home" is a well-known saying, and we hope that with your support the money raised by this Draw will help finance the outing for our retired citizens in the summer - preferably in the sun!

C.FINCH (Promoter), T.PERCIVAL (Chairman)

KAY'S FIRST EVENT OF 1984: A BIG SUCCESS



Kay West of Ladbroke was a winner at the BHS Horse Trials at Pebworth Vale in April. Lying second after the Dressage, she then had a clear round in the Show-jumping to retain second place at the end of Saturday. A fast clear round on the Sunday in the Cross Country phase allowed her to overtake the previous leader who,

although clear, incurred time penalties. This win, on her 10 year old grey gelding Crunchy Granola, qualifies her for the National Regional Finals in Cumbria at the end of July.

Kay, who is 20, and a student at the Mid-Warks. College of Further Education, has ridden since an early age, but only took up eventing a year ago; indeed it was exactly 12 months ago at Pebworth Vale that she took part in her very first event. Her studies for exams will severely limit her horse riding in the next 2 months, but at the beginning of July she hopes to compete in Guernsey in both showjumping and dressage.

In addition to the normal prizes for winning at Pebworth, Kay also won the Bird Group Perpetual Challenge Cup, which is awarded for the best placed rider from Warwickshire, Worcester and Gloucester.

Kay's success over such a short period of time is a result of regular early morning riding before college (many a time waking up half the village) and a great deal of help and guidance from her patient and long-suffering instructress, Miss Peta Lewis of Pittern Hill Stables, Kinton.

ACTION RESEARCH FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILD

The Wight School was transformed into a Department Store on Thursday 26th April when Action Research held their Nearly New Sale. The generosity of everyone who provided clothes, toys and other general goods, meant that some superb bargains were available. Brisk trading resulted in £81 being raised to further vital research into crippling diseases.

In the week beginning 10th June we will be holding our annual house-to-house collection. We hope that, as always, you will give generously when our collectors call with the distinctive orange boxes.

Keep over-feeding the cat with Whiskas, and giving the labels to committee members, or putting them in the collecting box at the school. With each label worth 4p, a greedy cat can raise a lot of money to prevent disablement.

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Rubbish, highways, planning and keeping the village tidy kept the Parish Council busy this month.

Keith Thompson came up with the official explanation of the error in the Accounts presented to the Annual Meeting - extra expenses incurred before the figures were audited. He and Sharon Hancock were re-elected Vice-Chairman and Chairman respectively.

Denis Atkins suggested Neales Close, Crown Street, Ivy Lane and Church Street as the next recipients for up-grading lighting. Deppers, with lots of help from its friends, has prepared the base for the Play-bus, and has been offered a climbing frame. 'Asking nicely gets you further', Sharon Hancock said when suggesting that rather than erect official notices prohibiting the fouling of the Playing Fields by dogs a letter asking residents for their co-operation be circulated.

On the vexed question of the annexation of parts of Harbury by Bishops, John Drinkwater reported that there was still no satisfactory explanation of why it was necessary. It will not be discussed again.

Asda Stores regretted it could not re-route its Shopping Bus, and Midland Red held out only slight hopes that the Off-Peak Concessionary Fares might be re-introduced.

Bruce Hannay asked if Rubbish Collection was back to normal, and John Drinkwater explained that much of the mess was caused by bags put out and not collected. The Clerk said that the dustmen were supposed to put the bags out, but Anne Alford-Hunt (now Smith - congratulations) complained that if the bags were not put out they were not collected. Stratford DC would be responsible for this from October 1st.

Bruce Hannay is to investigate further the 'amenity grass cutting'. The Rose Garden is to be cleared by the Scouts, and replanted with shrubs by Mr. Bristow. There was consternation when John Drinkwater sprang the announcement that the judges had already been for the Best Kept Village Competition.

The Works. Rural Community Council asked whether Harbury was willing to survey the village to determine the need for low-cost 'starter homes' and old people's

30.
dwellings, but whilst re-affirming their belief in the need for both types of housing, they were not prepared to undertake research.

Planning applications come thick and fast. Extensions granted at 43 Mill Street and 37 Manor Orchard: no objection to extensions at Aitnarf, The Beeches, and Manor Cottage. Agreement on a replacement bungalow at Square Close if the previous permission is revoked, and an indication that an application for a mobile home at the Water Tower Farm would be looked upon sympathetically. The Council insisted on a site meeting before making a decision on the building of 3 detached bungalows off Honiwell Close. This new road is, subject to his approval, to be named after the former Vicar - Mackley Way.

The Councillors commended the speed with which the authorities agreed to extend the double yellow lines at the north end of Chapel Street. The County Engineer confirmed that Bull Ring Lane, the D6207, is a classified road. Although legally the adjoining landowners possess the sub-soil, the powers of the Highways Authority are not affected, and they are the only body able to authorise the erection of signs, and would take action to remove any unauthorised notices.

Mr. Vallis agreed to look at the Fosse/Middle Road junction, but said that the Fosse was only a Third Class road and did not have an accident record. He acknowledged the problems at the Fosse/Harewoods House crossroads, which he said would be alleviated by the construction of the M40.

Two letters complaining about the volume of noise which came from the Fair on the Playing Fields and Councillors agreed to make clear to the Fair operator the necessity of keeping the noise down. One correspondent suggested that whoever had given permission for the Fair to open on a Sunday could not have lived nearby.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

COURIER CORRESPONDENT

I have now handed the task of reporting what has been happening in Harbury on to Kay Pallott (613270), so if you have any event for which you want publicity, contact her. I continue to report to the Courier
liberations of your Parish Council. L.RIDGLEY.

SUMMER PLAYScheme - 1984

Friday 22nd June - Junior Disco at School. Limited number. 7 - 9p.m. Featuring Bodypopping and Robotics. Prizes given.

Monday 30th July - Fun Training Day at Village Hall for all mother, father and teenage helpers. Lunch provided. Teachers from B'ham NPFA Centre to come.

Friday 3rd August - Sponsored Bounce and Registration Morning, 10 - 12 noon.

Monday 6th August - Friday 17th August - PLAYScheme runs from Monday to Friday, 10-12 and 2-4p.m.

WANTED: Playleader.

Applicants must be dedicated enthusiast, cheerful, willing to put in long hours preparing, fundraising, as well as working during the actual playscheme. A small wage for the two weeks ONLY is offered. Must be willing to shoulder full share of work and responsibility. Please apply to committee members as soon as possible (Jean Champ, 613698: Jill Cadogan, 613500: Kay Pallott, 613270).

JIM'LL FIX IT - but may need some help.

Children have written some heartwarming letters to Jimmy Savile about items they'd like to see on the 1984 scheme. The letters will be on show at the Carnival prior to being sent to Jimmy Savile. Please read them, and let us know if you can help.

SPONSORED KNIT-IN

Held on Thursday 24th May was marvellously supported and all committee members wish to express their thanks to all sponsors, knitters and helpers.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The programme is expanding wonderfully well, and thanks to the many helpers who are coming forward. There are still some gaps for specific jobs, e.g. help with transport to local venues would be much appreciated. (Petrol expenses will be offered). Anyone with any skills or hobbies is invited to share them with the children. Help is also needed to man the playing field equipment, especially watching the slide, to organise the tuckshop, and even make coffee for the helpers!

Please start saving rubbish items which are so valuable for modelling, arts and crafts, and games, e.g. yogurt pots, cereal packets, tin foil items, old stamps, wool, fabric, wood bits, etc. etc. Any food items such as old kidney beans, dehydrated spaghetti shapes, lentils, flour etc. can be used for playdough, art and musical instruments.

Usable food items much needed are icing sugar, squash, biscuits, etc.

Thank you for your help and interest.

NATIONAL BIRDWATCH

In the Spring edition of the RSPB magazine 'Birds' was a request to members to take part in a 24 hour national birdwatch, sponsored by Zeiss in aid of the RSPB Woodland Bird Survival Campaign.

The watch was to take place during the month of May, and on the 14th, with a weather prognosis by the meteorologists suggesting a change on the 16th, I decided to carry out the watch the following day. Arising at 4.30 a.m., I started my watch in a local wood, and during two hours, 20 species were recorded. My attention then turned to Chesterton Pool, Mill Pool and Kingston Manor Lakes, and during this waterside watch I recorded 40 different species including Ruddy Duck and Common Sandpiper.

Returning to Harbury, I recorded 30 species within a half mile radius, including two species of Woodpecker, and the highlight of the whole watch - a Hobby, which is a small falcon principally found in the Southern counties of England.

My next call was Brandon Quarries where I recorded 39 different species including some surprises this time of year - Shoveler Duck and Shelduck. Green-shank and Redshank were also seen, but these are regular callers at the quarries. During the afternoon I visited Draycote Reservoir where I recorded 32 species - two of which I did not record elsewhere, Black Headed Gull and Pochard. A further waterside watch was undertaken at Bascote Canal where I recorded only 14 species. At Ufton Nature Reserve species were seen, but I was disappointed I did

not record Tawny Owl, Willow Tit or Grasshopper Warbler. This reserve was the only site on which I recorded a Bullfinch.

My last port of call was Bishop's Bowl Lakes, where 20 species were recorded which included a Nightingale in full song. And my last recording occurred at 9.10p.m. when my car and a Barn Owl were almost in collision!

Birds which eluded me, which I might expect to record were the three above, together with Coal Tit, Kingfisher, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, and Sparrowhawk.

I thoroughly enjoyed this long, exhausting watch, and overall I recorded 74 different species. The money raised will exceed £100, and I take this opportunity of thanking all those who sponsored me.

REX HUMPHREYS.

COUNCIL FOR DISABLED

Thank you to those organisations and individuals who have kindly offered to help at the Fete at Wattons Lodge on Saturday 7th July. If anybody else would like to help, or donate any produce, cakes etc., please contact Rosemary Ottewill, 43 Mill Street, 613402. All are welcome to attend the Fete, and also the meeting (when the National Trust are showing a film) on the last Wednesday of the month. R.O.

AMERICA

Have you ever wondered how you would react if approached by Blackfeet Indians manacingly requesting money on a remote Montana highway; or what you would do if you inadvertently strayed into Harlem, N.Y.; or even what course you should take when confronted by an alligator on a slimy, rain-soaked stretch of footpath? As 'palefaces' abroad, we could not be expected to anticipate the unusual experiences which assailed us on our treks around America - but then, learning to cope with the UNEXPECTED was all part of life, USA style! We didn't expect our brakes to fail whilst winding down countless hairpin bends from 12,000 feet in the Sierra Nevada (where we had driven to see the 3,000 year old Giant Sequoias).....but they did!! Neither did we anticipate crossing the Californian desert at 115°F with the car heater on -

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in order to persuade an overheated engine to maintain continuous motion - but we did!!

We couldn't believe the extremes of weather conditions and in Washington State we marvelled at mini-dust typhoons swirling across the land, whilst in Utah we raced ahead (max. 55mph!) of a terrifying electrical storm which tracked behind us all day from the deserted Grand River valley - into Colorado. At 4a.m. the following day, awakened by the approaching storm yet again, we pushed all our camping equipment into the car (at lightning speed!) and were motoring eastwards towards St. Louis, Missouri, at 4.23 a.m. to avoid the giant hail stones we had already survived.

Our travels around America encompassed 31 states and about 50,000 miles. We embarked on a long weekend trip each month - generally to one of the Eastern seaboard cities such as Manhattan, Boston, Washington DC etc., and took two extended trips, one 'out west' in August, and the second 'down south' in October.

In August we covered 10,000 miles in 3 weeks, and took the recommended drive 'to see the country', heading across the Northern States to Seattle on the west coast, down through Oregon and California, and then returning across the mid-west plains states by way of the Grand Canyon (slightly off course from our home base at Geneva, N.Y.!))

Our route was totally unplanned, and developed from 'a little list' given to us by a kindly mentor at the Experiment Station who indicated some of the American wonders that we should try to see. It took us 3 days to reach the first memorable sights in South Dakota - the desolate 'Badlands', and the magnificent mountain-hewn monuments of 4 famous Presidents at Mount Rushmore (remember Hitchcock's 'North by North-West'?)

We roamed around abandoned gold mines, and the well-known Stage-Coach towns of Deadwood and Keystone, before heading off to the Grand Tetons which are a spectacular region in the Rockies, and Yellowstone National Park. The girls hoped to see the original 'but nowadays the bears are tranquilised and a higher ground during the tourist season -

to avoid problems for bear and tourist alike!

After the incredible hot springs and geysers, Stan (a long-time 'country' fan) wanted to see the Grand Coulee Dam. This warranted a 1,000 mile detour via the Glacier National Park, a strip through the National Bison range, and a drive through several forest parks of Idaho, where a friendly highway patrolman suggested that 75 mph was not really acceptable - even at 6.30 a.m!

We selected our route each night after discussing the possibilities with fellow campers (they usually had 40ft. air-conditioned mobile homes - we had a tent!) and only once did our calculations let us down. We decided at 9 a.m. one day to take a 'quick look' round the volcanic Mount St. Helens area, and we re-emerged at the same spot on the highway 12½ hours later! Our slight detour had taken in miles of unmapped forest tracks still covered with volcanic ash, and a lone exploration of an underground lava tube which extended 1½ miles in either direction from a gaping cavern in the mountainside.

We continued on towards San Francisco (with its 'rusty' rather than 'Golden' Gate Bridge) and then drifted off via silver mining ghost towns in the desert, Navajo Indian settlements, and the 'Painted Desert', to witness the Mormon City of Salt Lake, Utah. We floated in America's version of the Dead Sea, and then retraced our route for 450 miles to visit Bryce Canyon with its multicoloured pinnacles of limestone - one of the truly spectacular natural wonders of the world!

The October trip took us to Florida and the Everglades, where humming birds, egrets and turkey vultures abounded in a lush, semi-tropical setting. Roanne noticed a pair of bald eagles off the coast, and a rare Harbury migrant (the former Martin Rust) was spotted holidaying at nearby Miami.

The contrasts which embody America were nowhere more obvious than in the South, where we witnessed the marvels of Disney's Epcot Centre and NASA's Cape Canaveral, which are not too far away from the poverty-stricken shacks of residents around the Okefenokee Swamp of Georgia. America is amazing, and

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I couldn't hope to do it justice in the space of one article - and probably we won't succeed in covering all the ground at our slide presentation at the Village Hall in Carnival Week. However, if you enjoy 'armchair travel' and would appreciate an insight of our Transatlantic journeys, join 'Our Man from the States!' on Wednesday 6th June at 7.30 p.m. CHRIS FINCH.

IN THE GARDEN

June is a busy month, some sowing still be done, and planting, thinning, weeding, watering, staking, and waging war against pests and disease. As a reward, there will be Broad Beans, Peas, Early Potatoes, and Soft Fruit to eat. Further sowing may be made of French Beans, Peas (an early variety), Beetroot, Carrots, Turnips, Swedes, Spinach and, of course, Lettuce.

The month's transplanting includes Leeks, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbages, Autumn Cauliflower, and other Sprouting Broccoli, Celery, and Ridged Cucumbers.

Why not try one or two Tomato plants in the garden? We have the big event of the year on 14th July, which is of course the Garden Walkabout, when you can visit over 20 gardens in the village, and from every one you visit you can learn something of interest.

It is not too early to think about what you are going to show in September. W.F.Lines.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

As promised, here are details of the Barbecue for members and their families: date, 3rd July, at 7.30 p.m. place, 11 Constance Drive, by kind permission of David and Pam Clarke. We suggest you bring the meat of your choice, and cutlery, and we will supply the etc. and drink. Please telephone or let the following know by 10th June so we have numbers: Edna Lines, 612651: Jean Dunn, 613576: B. Tyler, 613642.

The next event is the Walkabout on 14th July. We have some new gardens and venues for teas and ice cream. This year the Harbury Craft Circle will be joining us, and will be in the Village Hall from 10 a.m. There will be crafts on display and for among the unusual ones will be Calligraphy, Lace-Making, and Wrought Iron. There

will be coffee and ploughman's lunches. As usual, I will be having my produce stall, so any contributions will be very welcome. EDNA LINES.

SWANS, ORCHIDS AND STORMS - MAY 1984

April's drought was finally laid when a storm broke over the area on the afternoon of Thursday 10th May. In a few hours 0.62" of rain fell on Harbury. This and the subsequent figure were given to me by Mr. Harry Reader of 2 Constance Drive, who tells me he has been keeping records since 1932; at first for Blue Circle Cement at Harbury Works, and in retirement for his own interest.

Two days earlier on visiting the Spoil Bank Nature Reserve, a small flower was pointed out to me. The surrounding turf was close-cropped by rabbits but the single spike was clearly an early purple orchid, dwarfed by the animal action. These flowers are probably Shakespear's

".....long purples,
That liberal shepherds give a grosser name,
But our cold maids do deadmen's fingers call
them." (Hamlet)

Here it was, not living up to its epithet. In long grass or woodland it can reach a height of 18".

Despite searching, this was the only flower of the early purple orchid we could find. The characteristic broad, flat leaves of common twayblade, and the black spotted, dark green leaves of the common spotted orchid were prominent but their flowers would not unfurl for another month at least. Primroses, violets, cowslips, bluebells and wild strawberry added colour and variety to the scene.

On 16th May, after overnight rain the sweet but overpowering smell of oil seed rape filled the air near Chesterton Church as I scanned the pool anxiously for the resident pair of swans. The female had been sitting on the nest for 5 weeks, presumably fed by its mate. This morning no swans were to be seen and one egg crowned the raft-like nest mound. Then they appeared, both parents with 3 cygnets. I watched through binoculars as one of the young climbed on to its mother's back. It seemed quite a feat, possibly achieved by a combination of dog-

paddling and pulling with the beak. Boarding was via the gap between wing and tail. Then it was 'up periscope'!!

Apparently six cygnets had hatched, probably on Sunday 13th May, but only three survived the first few dangerous days of life. The predators are thought to have been members of the crow family. There is a rookery behind the Church, and crows and magpies in profusion. Some years ago a fisherman reported a crow making off with a cygnet. Now the swans have left this dangerous spot and walked with their family up the road to the Kingston Pools. This information was supplied to me Mr. Tom Warhurst of Ewefields Farm, Chesterton.

May is closing with a cold, damp wind from the north-west. Over the night of Sunday/Monday, 20/21st we had just over an inch of rain and, though not as heavy, the rain continues to fall as I write (Sunday 27th).
J.L.H.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Harbury News,

I should like to point out and correct the misleading impression given in the article promoting WARNACT contained in your May issue.

This implied that access to the newly-christened quarries at Bishops Bowl Lakes was only available to WARNACT members.

This is of course nonsense: access is open to the general public, and we have opened up some short but interesting trails with spectacular views of the lakes.

You can now drive into the centre of the old quarry area, and there are toilets and refreshments on site. There is a nominal charge of £1 per car for visitors, regardless of occupancy, and this also applies to WARNACT members.

We are setting up a fossil collection and displays on the natural history and geology of the area. These will not be ready until the summer.

CHRIS POUPARD, Bishops Bowl Lakes.

Dear Editors,

I wish to appeal to car drivers coming down Mill Street to drive sensibly. I have recently noticed vehicles turning in the road and mounting the pavement during the lunch time period. I suggest that anyone who is put at risk by this should inform the police.

ALF OVER.

HARBURY VENTURE SCOUTS

Over the Easter holidays a group of Venturers went on a camping trip to North Wales. The photograph shows them enjoying a welcome rest.



From the left, back row - Anthony Jones, Bob Small, Richard Hill, Vicky Harrison, Helen Keir, Penny Simcock, Stephen Luke, Bryan Thomas, Lynn Stanbridge, Mark Jones and Gary Picken. In front are Tim Watts and Jonathan Walters.

S.H.

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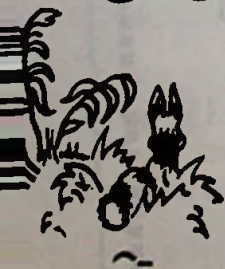
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