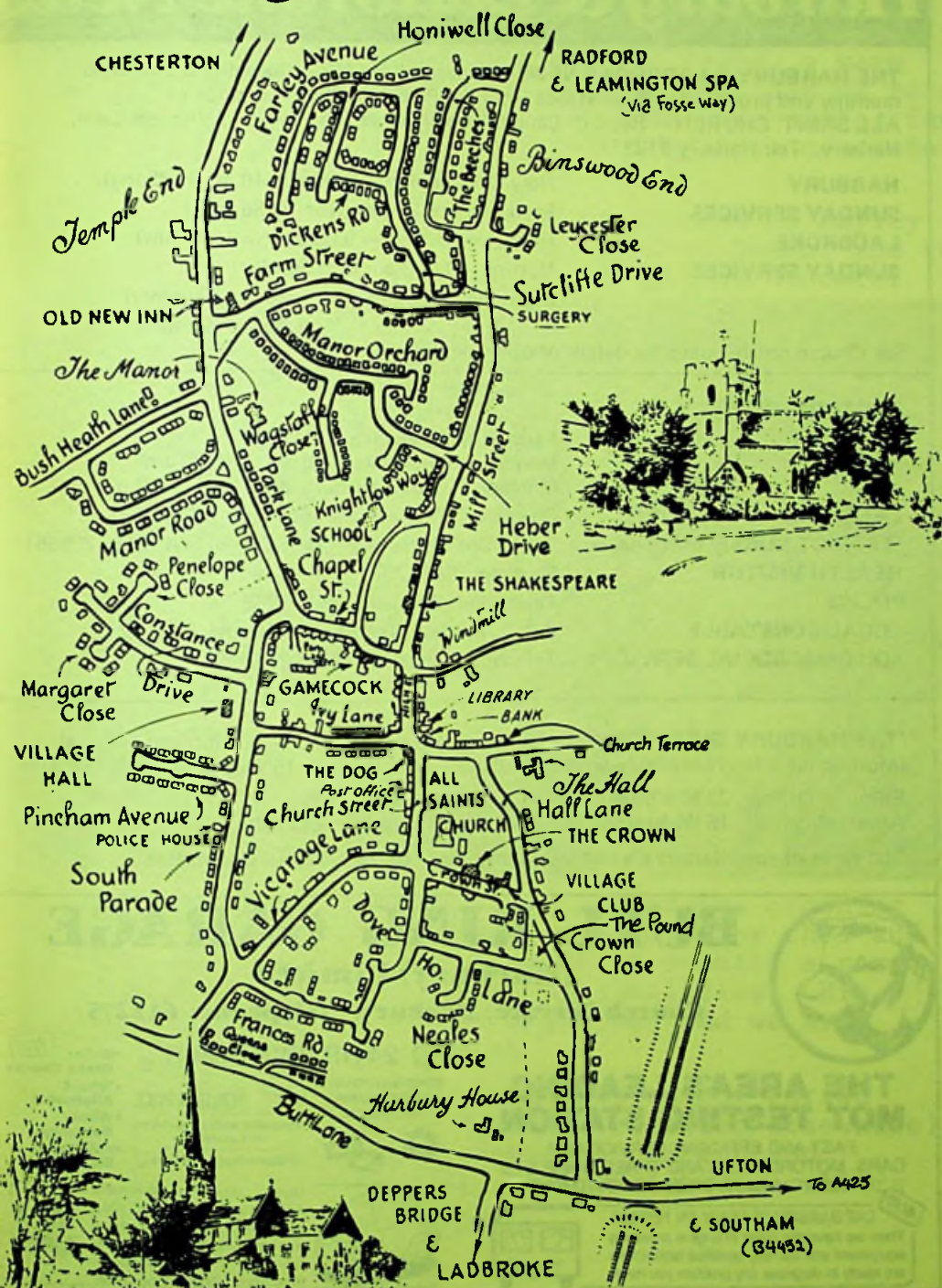


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Evensong (1st Sunday) — 6.30 pm (Summer)
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HAD A BUMPER

LOST: April showers. In spite of the cold winds it has been a glorious month and the sunshine must surely raise our hopes for a fine summer and (even) a warm sunny day for the Carnival. However, the lack of rain is beginning to worry Harbury gardeners who suffer from heavy clay soil. The transition from glue to concrete has been unusually swift and early.

FOUND: a Carnival Queen. Congratulations to Hayley Green of Hall Lane, this year's Carnival Queen, and to her attendants, Penny Ottewill and Cathryn Sanders.



Mike Bloxham's picture was taken after the crowning ceremony. We do thank Mike most warmly for this and all his photographs. Every month he submits a range of photos of local events and personalities. His pictures add greatly to the magazine, and we are grateful for his contribution.

THANKS: from the Village community to our Parish Councillors. The Parish Meeting (reported elsewhere) revealed once again the tremendous concern and expertise, as well as time, that Parish Councillors give in serving the Village.

HARBURY DIARYMAY 1984

- Sat. 5th Playgroup Jumble Sale, 10.30-12 noon, Wight School.
 WI Open Day, 11a.m.-4p.m., Village Hall.
 Christian Fellowship, 2.30p.m., Corner Cottage.
- Sun. 6th SECOND AFTER EASTER. Holy Communion 8a.m.
 Sung Eucharist 10.30 a.m. (with admission of
 new members to Mothers' Union). NO Evensong.
 NO ADVENTURERS, but Adventurers' Birthday Service
 in Church at 3 p.m.
- Mon. 7th BANK HOLIDAY (MAY DAY).
 Craft Fair, Lower Fosse Farm, 10a.m.-5p.m. (Harbury
 Craft Circle).
 Christian Fellowship, 8p.m. at 77 Mill Street,
 Lullington Lodge, Corner Cottage, and
 8 The Beeches.
- Tues. 8th Harbury Friends, 8p.m., Harbury School.
 Senior Citizens' Benefit Committee, 8.30pm, V. Hall.
- Wed. 9th PTA 'Movement in School', 8p.m., School.
 PCC Meeting re Stewardship, 8p.m., Wight School.
 Mothers' Union, 11 Constance Drive, 2.30p.m. -
 'Hands', Part 2.
- Thurs. 10th Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
 W.I., 7.45 p.m., Rugby Club.
 Southam Deanery Prayer Meeting, 7.45 p.m., St.
 Michael's, Bishops Itchington.
 Whist Drive.
- Fri. 11th Mini Rugby Presentations/Disco, Club House.
 Visit of Mr. Bryan Anderson, Commissioner of the
 Royal School of Church Music, 6 p.m.
- Sat. 12th Scout Barn Dance, 7.30 - 11p.m., Village Hall.
 Scouts Car Boot Sale, Wight School, 2 p.m.
 W.I. Skittles Evening, Kineton.
 Christian Fellowship, 8 p.m., Old Mill House.
- Sun. 13th THIRD AFTER EASTER. Holy Communion 8 a.m. Sung
 Eucharist 10.30 a.m. Free Church Service
 2.30 p.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m.
- Tues. 15th Harbury News Committee, 8.30 p.m.
- Wed. 16th MU Coffee Morning, 10-12.30, 14 Sutcliffe Drive.
 PCC Meeting, 8p.m., Wight School.
- Thurs. 17th Archdeacon's Visitation, 7.30p.m., St. Peter's,
 Kineton.
 'HABEAS CORPUS' by Harbury Theatre Group,
 8p.m. Village Hall.

- Fri. 18th Tufty Club, 2.15p.m., Wight School.
'HABEAS CORPUS' by Harbury Theatre Group, 8 p.m.,
Village Hall.
- Sat. 19th PTA Coach Trip to Ironbridge.
Jumble Sale, 10.30a.m., Village Hall (in aid of Choir
Robe Fund)
'HABEAS CORPUS' by Harbury Theatre Group, 8 p.m.,
Village Hall.
- Sun. 20th FOURTH AFTER EASTER. Holy Communion 8 a.m. Sung
Eucharist 10.30a.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m.
NSPCC Fun Run, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
- Mon. 21st Christian Fellowships, 8p.m., 8 The Beeches, Corner
Cottage, The Speirs, and 16 Binswood End.
- Tues. 22nd Young Wives, 2p.m., Village Hall.
- Wed. 23rd Additional Curates' Society Festival, 7.30 p.m.,
St. John the Baptist, Leamington.
Scouts AGM, 8 p.m., Scout Hut: PARENTS PLEASE COME.
- Thurs. 24th Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
Parish Council, 7.30p.m., Village Hall.
- Fri. 25th School and Playgroup End.
Theatre Group Meeting, 8p.m., Wight School.
CONFIRMATION by the Bishop of Warwick, 7.30 p.m.
- Sat. 26th Christian Fellowship, 8 p.m., Corner Cottage.
- Sun. 27th FIFTH AFTER EASTER. ROGATION SUNDAY. Holy Communion
8a.m. Sung Eucharist 10.30a.m. Evensong 6.30.
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN JUNE MAGAZINE TO
EDITORS BY TODAY.
- Mon. 28th Bank Holiday.
- Wed. 30th Playgroup starts in Wight School.
Baby Photograph Competition, 2-5p.m.: details from
Helen Taylor, 612408.
- Thurs. 31st ASCENSION DAY. Holy Communion 9.45a.m. Sung
Eucharist 7.30 p.m.

JUNE 1984

- Sat. 2nd Under 16s Disco, Village Hall.
Windmill Singers/Heemstede Orchestra, 7.30 p.m.,
Leamington Parish Church.
- Sun. 3rd SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION. Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Sung Eucharist 10 a.m., (NB THIS EARLIER TIME),
with the Heemstede Chamber Orchestra and the
Windmill Singers. NO Evensong.
Carnival Tennis Tournament 10a.m., and Children's
Sports, 2 p.m., Recreation Ground.

- Mon. 4th HARBURY CARNIVAL WEEK.
School begins.
Baby Photo Competition - as April 30th.
Carnival Bingo, 8p.m., Village Hall.
- Tues. 5th Harbury Society Mystery Tour begins, 7.30p.m.
- Wed. 6th 4th year Parents' Evening, Southam.
Bring & Buy Cakes, 11 a.m., Village Hall.
'Our Man from the States', 8p.m., Village Hall.
- Thurs. 7th Men's Group, 7.45 p.m., 23 Mill Street.
Whist Drive, 7.45 p.m., Village Hall.
- Sat. 9th HARBURY GRAND CARNIVAL AND FETE - Recreation Ground
Carnival Dance, 8p.m., 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.

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

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 in the Harbury Diary PLEASE to Linda Ridgley, 612792.
 For Village Hall bookings, ring Mr. Picken, 612778.
 For Wight School bookings, ring Mrs. Windsor, 612504.

From the Churchwardens

What a wonderful Holy Week and Easter we have had! It is difficult to pick out any one highlight; there were so many of them. It all started with the distribution of palms at the Village Hall and the procession to Church, arriving just as the rain started (rain?? what's that?) Palm Sunday evening saw the moving performance of Edyth Algar's Palm Sunday play, "See You in the City". The Maundy Thursday evening Communion, celebrating the institution of the Lord's Supper was a lovely service but, alas, rather sparsely attended. It is sad more were not able to share in worship on this very important occasion. On Good Friday morning, a small group of children were taken around the Church and Churchyard, remembering the events of the first Good Friday. The Hour at the Cross was a quiet peaceful time of prayer, meditation, hymns and talks, and was very much appreciated by a reasonable congregation. One of the most moving events of the whole season was the wonderful programme of music and readings that evening. The readings were from poems by Michael Justin Davis, and it was almost certainly the first time they have been used in this way outside London, and they were being read at the same time in St. James' Church, Picadilly. The author, in willingly giving permission for the readings to be used, sent a message of greeting to us.

A service we have not had before in our Church was the Blessing of the Paschal Candle on Saturday evening, and the renewal of Baptismal vows. Everyone was given a candle, reminding us that Christ is the Light of the World. Maybe next year we'll be able to have the service rather later in the evening, so that it will be completely dark outside - then the light of the candles will really be shining in the darkness.

The flowers in Church for Easter were in wonderful contrast to its stark bareness on Good Friday, and the Eucharists on this great day were truly an expression

of joy at the news "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"

From Passion Sunday to Good Friday we had a massive cross hanging in the chancel arch, and this provided a focus for our thoughts and worship during this period. One of the most wonderful blessings used in our services is that for Passiontide, and it seems such a pity that it is used for less than two weeks in the year. It is "Christ crucified draw you to Himself, so that you find in Him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven."

Church Flowers

Thank you everyone for the wonderful effort that filled the Church with a riot of spring colours and scents. I am sorry I missed the occasion, and I apologise for any hitches in the organisation. My fault! I hope you will excuse me, and be as co-operative as ever for our next communal effort at Harvest Time. Meanwhile, would you kindly fill in names for the weekly rota. M. RIGDEN.

Church Cleaning

Would anyone give us an hour or two to help keep our Church clean? Recently Mrs. French left the village, leaving us one less. We could do with someone to help keep the brasses clean - handles alone take an hour. E. JENNINGS & E. SOLLIS.

Annual Church Meeting

It is sad that more people don't make time to attend the annual vestry and parochial meetings. However, those who did attend duly re-elected Harry Windsor and Viv Aggett as Churchwardens. There were reports from various organisations connected with the Church, and these all showed a year of growth and development. The annual accounts were presented and approved. Members of the Parochial Church Council were elected, and a number of new members were welcomed, and those retiring were thanked. Diana Holt is taking a Sabbatical after several years as Secretary, and

she was thanked for all her hard work and efficiency. At a short meeting of the PCC after the annual meeting Pam Clarke was elected as Secretary, and Ken Clarke was re-elected treasurer.

Choir Robes

At a recent meeting of the Parochial Church Council it was decided that the choir were in need of new cassocks and cottas. Many of the existing robes are much too short, having been bought to fit the choir 10 years ago. The cottas have been bought, but the cassocks are being made by members of the congregation. As the numbers in the choir are increasing steadily, we are finding it difficult to keep up with the demand. If you think you could help in the making in any way, we would be pleased to hear from you. Please contact Nan Thomas, 3 Manor Orchard, 612793.

Jumble Sale

There will be a Jumble Sale in the Farley Room at the Village Hall on Saturday 19th May, at 10.30 a.m. Proceeds will go to help defray the expenses of the new choir robes. Offers of Jumble and/or help to Nan Thomas, 3 Manor Orchard, 612793, or Joyce Windsor, 5 Park Lane, 612504, or Anne Moore, 23 Mill Street, 612427, or any member of the Church Council.

"See You in the City"

The Palm Sunday play by Edyth Algar was performed to a packed and appreciative church, in place of the Palm Sunday evening service. The play was most suitable for the occasion, with episodes of Jesus' life and teaching skillfully interwoven. The cross-section of Jerusalem society waiting by the gates - the shifty fixer and his heavy, the cripple, the blind man who had received his sight, the children etc. - all reacted individually to the challenge of Our Lord's arrival at the City. It was left to the devil to face not only them, but us, with the question "Crucify Him? Are we with Him or against Him?"

Well done all concerned! We eagerly await another play - what about the Nativity?

M.R.

FROM THE RECTOR

In some calendars against the date 8th May is noted 'Julian of Norwich, Mystic'. She lived mostly in the 14th century and, although she has secured quite a lot of attention and appreciation, especially in recent years, not a great deal is known about her life or origins, not even her real name. It is accepted that she became an anchoress and lived in a cell attached to the ancient Church of St. Julian, Norwich, which ultimately provided her with her name. Hers was an unsettled and unhappy age, which saw during her childhood the Black Death creeping through Europe, and in later years the Peasants' Revolt. On 8th May 1373, she was critically ill, almost at death's door, and in her sufferings she had sixteen 'shewings' or visions of Our Lord. She recovered from that terrible illness, and then began to meditate upon the series of visions she had experienced. After twenty years, she wrote down all about them and what they meant to her under the title of "The Revelations of Divine Love". Bishop Michael Ramsey says that those who get to know Mother Julian from her writings find some light for the bewildering times in which we live. He says "Julian had visions, glimpses of Our Lord, of the created world, and of the goal of heaven, but she was not a 'visionary', as she saw things of God through the medium of human life itself, experienced in time of suffering and frustration."

Mother Julian's visions were chiefly on the Passion of Our Lord and on the Holy Trinity and, at the heart of all her reflections, stands out clearly her understanding and grasp of the love of God. Time after time, she insists that we should see God as all loving, no matter how difficult and complicated life becomes.

In Norwich today is set apart a very simple chapel on the site of Mother Julian's cell, and it has become a place of pilgrimage for people from all over the world. For many who go there and kneel in the stillness and the silence of that holy place, she still speaks plainly to our generation about the love of God.

"It is the will of God that, of all the qualities of the blessed Trinity, that we should be most sure of and delighted with is love. Some of us believe that God is almighty, and may do everything: and that He is all wise, and can do everything: but that He is all love, and will do everything - there we draw back. As I see it, this ignorance is the greatest of all hindrances to God's lovers. The love of God Most High for our soul is so wonderful that it surpasses all knowledge. No created being can know the greatness, the sweetness, the tenderness of the love that our Maker has for us. By His grace and help, therefore, let us in spirit stand and gaze, eternally marvelling at the supreme, surpassing, single-minded, incalculable love that God, who is goodness, has for us.

For love He made mankind, and out of the same love He willed to become man. Love makes might and wisdom come down to our level - I saw in Christ what the Father is like."

In this month of May, as we commemorate Mother Julian of Norwich, I commend her writings and reflections to you.

ANTONY ROWE.

HOLY BAPTISM

29th April: Matthew Thomas, son of Michael John and Sheila Lynch, "Fairview", Dovehouse Lane.

HOLY MATRIMONY

14th April: Martin Lambert Taylor and Anna Margaret Humphreys.

FUNERAL

11th April: Gladys Woodward, Sycamore House, Butt Lane (formerly of Snitterfield).

MISSION ENGLAND AT VILLA PARK: 30 June - 7 July

The Harbury Christian Fellowship is making arrangements for coaches to take people from Harbury to Villa Park to hear Billy Graham. Further details will be in the next issue. Any inquiries, ring Harbury 613340.



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MAY DIARY

- Sunday 6th - SECOND AFTER EASTER. Holy Communion with Hymns, 9 a.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m. (Please note summer time for Evensong).
- Wednesday 9th - Women's Fellowship outing to Visitors' Centre, Coventry Cathedral (depart 9.45 a.m.)
- Thursday 10th - Southam Deanery Prayer Meeting, 7.45 p.m. at St. Michael's, Bishops Itchington.
W.I. Theatre Trip.
- Sunday 13th - THIRD AFTER EASTER. Holy Communion with Hymns, 9 a.m.
- Wednesday 16th - W.I. Coffee Morning, Ladbroke Village Hall, 10.30 a.m.
Parish Council meeting, 7.15 p.m. in the Village Hall, followed by Annual Parish Meeting.
- Thursday 17th - Archdeacon's Visitation, St. Peter's, Kington.
- Sunday 20th - FOURTH AFTER EASTER. Holy Communion, 9 a.m.
Sung Mattins, 11 a.m.
- Wednesday 23rd - Additional Curates' Society Festival, 7.30, St. John the Baptist, Leamington Spa).
- Thursday 24th - W.I. meeting.
- Sunday 27th - FIFTH AFTER EASTER. Holy Communion with Hymns, 9 a.m.
- Thursday 31st - ASCENSION DAY. Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.

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CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

- May 6th, Mrs. Frost. May 13th, Miss Junod.
May 20th, Mrs. Timms. May 27th, Mrs. Handscombe.
June 3rd, Mrs. Cooke.

LADBROKE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We spent a very pleasant afternoon at the home of Mrs. Herringshaw for our April meeting. Our thanks are due to her, not only for offering us her hospitality, but also for the most interesting and at times very amusing talk which she gave to us of her experiences in the theatre, most of which were in Sheffield at the Repertory Theatre. We are looking forward to hearing more at a future meeting.

For our meeting on 9th May we are going to the Visitors' Centre at Coventry Cathedral. We shall be leaving Ladbroke at 9.45 a.m., going via Deppers Bridge to Coventry, and returning from there at 1.45 p.m. There are two seats vacant at the moment. If anyone would like to join us, please get in touch with me (Southam 3891).

On 16th May we are having a stall at the WI Coffee Morning in the Village Hall at 10.30 a.m. This will be for cakes, jam etc. Would you please take these to the Hall on the day, or let me have them on the day before.

NANCY STUBBS.

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

At the April meeting, Mr. Barby of Locke and England gave us a wonderful talk on antiques, and discussed items brought along by members and guests. We were given many tips on what to look for when selecting items to buy, and what sort of items to think of collecting in the future; we will all be careful which old 'odds and ends' we throw away now!

The next theatre trip will be to the Belgrade on Thursday 10th May to see "Spring and Port Wine".

At 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday 16th May, there will be a coffee morning at Ladbroke Village Hall as a social event for all, when we hope the other organisations of the village and their members will join us. There will be refreshments, a raffle, home-made cakes, plants, etc., and white elephant items for sale. Please come along and have a cup of coffee and a chat.

Next meeting: Thursday 24th May: Mrs. Beaumont, VCO, to discuss resolutions for the AGM: followed by social time and a glass of wine.

P.L.

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting on 17th April opened with the interesting news that Bridge Lane had been repaired - at the wrong end! However, it seemed likely that work would soon start at the correct (main road) end, as this had recently been marked.

The Council re-iterated its firm opposition to both the proposed BMX track in Stratford and also the Leisure Centre; and on the subject of the Bypass, it noted that activity, particularly surveying, continued to be evident. It was decided that Ladbroke would enter the Best Kept Village Competition, yet again, and, with appearances in mind, it was decided to write to Warwickshire County Council about the general state of the layby around the snack-bar bus, and the conditions on the bus itself. A further decision was made to invest in a new, covered notice-board, which Mr. Sheasby offered to construct.

Finally, the Parish Council meets next on Wednesday, 16th May, at 7.15 p.m. in the Village Hall, and this will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8 p.m. The public is very welcome at both meetings, and a particular topic for discussion will be the possibility of bringing gas to the village.

KATE TODMAN.

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee will need at least two new members from May onwards. Please contact any of the committee members if you are interested in helping run our Village Hall, or telephone John Liverton on 3341, preferably well before the Annual Village Meeting.

In case you thought that the committee had gone underground (!) the next outstanding Village event will be a 'Chicken & Chips' Musical Evening on Friday 15th June - put it on your calendar now.

Don't forget the Jumble Sale on 8th May in the Welfare Hut at Southam - we need YOUR jumble.

FINALLY..... I would like to welcome Alan and Brenda Timms who have recently moved into Tollgate Cottage; and of course it is good to see the Warr family settled back into their house in Bridge Lane.

KATE LIVERTON.

HARBURY SCHOOL

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Miss Judith Rees-Jones, who has been on a temporary appointment with us for a year, one term with Class 1 and two terms with Class 6. Miss Rees-Jones leaves with our very good wishes - she has been an excellent member of staff, has taken a full part in the life of the school and has been very caring towards the children in her care. She takes up a temporary appointment at Telford Middle School next term.

Next term we shall welcome Mr. Tony Crawshaw to our staff. Mr. Crawshaw will be full-time, replacing Mr. Stuart, and will be responsible for Middle School maths, boys' games and computer studies. On this latter topic, we shall be introducing the school micro-computer into the Middle School next term. A lot of background work has already gone into this development, and it will be interesting to see how it progresses. We are very conscious of the fact that the purchase of this computer, as in most other schools, has relied completely upon parental help. This will also be true for the purchase of most software and additional computers.

We have been very pleased with the sporting achievements of the children this term. The third-year Girls' Netball team won a cup as winners of their section in a Netball Tournament held at Warwick. The fourth year Boys' Mini-Rugby team won the Leamington Cup in a fourth year mini-rugby tournament held in Leamington, whilst the third-year team were beaten finalists in the Bourne-Shield Tournament held for third-year teams on the same day. We are grateful to all the dads who helped out on this occasion.

The Boys' Football Team have acquitted themselves very well in the Small Schools League. They will have played a total of 18 games during the season, and will finish in a mid-way position.

Class 10 are being taken on an Educational Visit to Devil's Bridge, near Aberystwyth, during the Easter holidays. A lot of work has been done by Mr. Chapman

in preparation for this visit, and a lot of work will be done during next term by the children as a follow-up. We hope that they will be able to learn a lot from the experience as well as find it thoroughly enjoyable.

HARBURY SCHOOL NETBALL: On 10th March the 3rd year Netball Team finished the season in grand style. They entered a tournament in which they had to play five schools from the Leamington area. With one game of the tournament left to play, our girls were in with a chance of winning the cup. To the girls' delight, Feldon (Long Itchington) were beaten by our nearest rivals, St. Pauls, and so the cup was ours. The team was Dayle Summers, Linsey Spencer, Vicky Card, Donna Revitt, Lucy Tanner, Emma Finch, Sarah Johnson and Emma Stephenson. Suzanne Barr was unable to play on this occasion, but she has represented our school in other matches. Our thanks go to Mrs. M. Wallington for helping with coaching, umpiring and transport throughout the season.

CROSS COUNTRY: Also on 10th March, Wendy-Kate Ottewill represented the Central Area in the Area County Championships at Nuneaton. The girls' team finished second behind the Northern Area, and the boys' team finished second behind the Eastern Area. The boys' race was so close that a recount was necessary.

D. L. WALLINGTON.

SOUTHAM SCHOOL P.G.L. ADVENTURE

On 21st April, 14 girls from Southam, and Head P.E. Teacher Miss Finnis set off on a long train journey to Royal Oak, the PGL Adventure Centre at Llangorse in the Brecon Beacons. We slept in 10 berth caravans next to Lake Llangorse. We had a chance to do windsurfing, sailing, caving, abseiling, canoeing, fencing, rifle-shooting, archery, and pony trekking. We were very lucky with the weather, perhaps helped by the sun dances we did every morning on the tennis courts. The atmosphere in the camp was very friendly, and when it was time to leave everyone started to cry. We would like to thank Miss Finnis for a wonderful holiday. We all intend to go back to Royal Oak in the future.

JANE HANCOCK.

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We were up ready and raring to go at a bit earlier than the crack of dawn! to travel to Gatwick Airport. We landed at Milan, to be met by Claudia, our courier and we were driven to our hotel at Lido di Jesolo. After arriving, some of us went for a swim; Mr. Williams joined in, if only getting his feet wet.

Tuesday came, and we visited the sights of Venice. The next day we had a long coach trip down to Assisi where we were to stay for 3 nights. We think we speak for everyone when we say that this was the most enjoyable stay as it catered for all our needs. To bring this long day to an end, what better than a disco! We had a sample of what the Italian music and boys were like!

Bright and early next day, we visited the beautiful little town of Assisi. When we arrived we were given a guided tour around a lovely old cathedral which was built in memory of St. Francis. We were then all let loose to Peruggia, and did lots of shopping. On the way back we were informed that we had to dress up as outrageous punks, as we were going to have a Punk Supper. After this supper, we all went to the disco all dressed up. A comment must go to the teachers who enjoyed themselves as much as we did, and more!

Friday morning we were given free to shop around Spoocho. In the afternoon we were driven to Gubbio, and on arriving back at the hotel - yes, you guessed it - another disco!

On Saturday we were driven to Florence; on the way there we stopped for dinner and to shop around Stenne, and also to visit a Cathedral. We arrived at our final hotel - or should we say "dragon's cave"? We say this because Mrs. Finch nick-named the owner 'dragon lady' (and all the other teachers agreed). As we feared our chances against the dragon lady, we went for a night-time walk around Florence, and we ended up at a Pizza Parlour, probably due to the good, or bad, navigation of Mr. Williams. We found out during this week that Mr. Williams' sense of direction has a lot to be desired.

On Sunday morning we went for a walk into Florence. We went into an art gallery called Academia, most famous for its sculpture - the original Michaelangelo's David. After this we went for a look round the famous dome-shaped Cathedral in the centre of Florence. On the way Mr. Williams' quick reflexes paid off, as someone attempted to pick-pocket him.

In the afternoon we travelled to Pisa, and saw the famous leaning tower. Most of us went up it. It is an incredible experience - seeing is believing.

Monday morning we had an early start and drove from Florence to Milan: here we sadly had to leave Claudia. We were very sorry to leave her, our courier, guide, translator, leader, dragon controller and friend.

It would be wrong to finish this piece of writing without thanking Mr. Williams who walked the wrong way, Mrs. Sherratt 'anything for a laugh', and Mr. Owen, or 'Captain Cave Man'. We'll say no more. Not forgetting Mrs. Finch; who could?

LORRAINE ANDREWS & REBECCA BURNHAM.

SOUTHAM SCHOOL WHEEL BARROW RACE

On Sunday 13th May the Southam School Vith form are taking part in a sponsored wheelbarrow race. This is in aid of Cystic Fibrosis, for which they hope to raise £100. The ten or eleven teams, of 4-5 people, including a staff team of Vith form tutors, will be in fancy dress, and there will be prizes for the best-dressed team.

The event starts at 2 p.m., with a grand parade, and the race commences at 2.15 p.m. with the teams trying to complete as many of the quarter-mile laps round the school as possible. There is a prize for the most laps completed, with a maximum of 40, before the 3 p.m. finish.

Spectators are advised to wear waterproofs, as the teams will be armed with water.

Harbury & Ladbroke News apologises to SPA MOTORS, Old Warwick Road, Leamington Spa, for incorrectly printing their advertisement on our back page last month. SPA MOTORS will be pleased to show you their range of Vauxhall and Opel cars.

Resplendent in monogrammed sweat-shirts, the Unit left Harbury on Tuesday April 24th in a minibus hired from Wellesbourne Lions, en route for Snowdonia. In all, 14 members attended the camp, adjacent to Llyn Crafnant, in a secluded valley in North Eastern Snowdonia. The weather and scenery would have done justice to Austria in early summer. One very British failing - the nearest pub ran out of bitter. (Of course, this did not affect the morale of the Unit.)

The peace of the valley was altered (I could not say shattered) by a succession of fire-fighting Land Rovers taking men to deal with the blazing heathland. At night the surrounding hills took on the appearance of volcanoes with flames leaping into the darkness.

After pitching our tents on that first afternoon, we divided into two parties to explore the surrounding hills. Both groups ended up swimming in one or other of the numerous lakes. Next day we had a full day in the mountains, ascending Moel Siabod, above Capel Curig, by various routes. Lunch was a lengthy affair by Lyn-y-Foel.

Two more days of faultless weather followed. On Friday, before leaving for home, some members tried their hand at rock-climbing and abseiling, whilst another party climbed Tryfan by the exciting North Ridge. A special thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Pearson of Harbury Hall for the loan of tents, Mr. Sedgley of Fosse Way Egg Farm for his generosity, Anthony Jones for driving and help with organisation, and Gary Picken and Bob Small for assistance. Not forgetting Bryan Thomas for his happy, smiling lifestyle. JLH.

HARBURY R.F.C. MINI-RUGBY

April has been a month of much activity in the Mini Section of the Club, with two Festivals and visits to Derbyshire and Cheshire.

Our Under 8s, 10s and 12s were invited to the first Oxfordshire Festival at Banbury RFC, where they played against teams from Stratford, Banbury, Bicester and Buckingham. At the end of an exciting day's rugby, our 10s and 12s emerged victors, to put Harbury RFC as first winners of 2 out of the 3 trophies.

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At the Leamington Festival, we came up against teams from Macclesfield, Wilmslow, Solihull, Leamington and Kenilworth. Although all our matches were keenly contested, the tournament was dominated by Solihull who took 4 out of the 5 trophies.

The month was rounded off with the Derbyshire 'tour' for Under 10s, 11s and 12s. First stop was Derby RFC, where each of our teams won convincingly with the Under 10s chalking up a 60-0 victory.

We stayed overnight at Ilam Hall in the Peak District, and moved on to Wilmslow RFC on the Sunday where our Under 11s and 12s combined to pay their first ever game of 15-a-side rugby. Both the inexperience of playing the 15-a-side game, and the effects of playing, walking and swimming escapades on the previous day (not to mention the midnight beanfeast!) combined to produce our downfall, with Wilmslow winning by over 30 points. However, much was learned from the game, and we were well looked after by our hosts.

On the evening of Friday 11th May, our medal presentation and 'fun evening' (including disco) will take place at the Clubhouse.

JUNIOR TENNIS

The season started on 28th April, when 22 youngsters turned up for a tournament which was won by Trudi Waggott. Tied second were Michelle Waggott and Sarah Bunting. Tied third were Martin Bunting, Maxwell Summers and Penny Ottewill.

During May, club sessions are Wednesdays, 4.30 to 5.30 (for beginners), 5.30 to 6.30 (for intermediates), and 6.30 to 7.30 (for those at secondary school. Junior membership is £2.

It's not too late to join the coaching sessions on Friday evenings (£3 payable to Pauline Brown). Times are 6.15 to 7.15 for stroke practice, and 7.15 to 8.15 for actual games.

Further details from Rosemary Ottewill, 43 Mill Street, Harbury, telephone. 613402.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be at 11 Constance Drive on Wednesday 9th May at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Standing will speak on 'Hands' - part 2.

A Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy will be held at 14 Sutcliffe Drive on Wednesday 16th May, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. The proceeds will be donated towards a new Altar Kneeler. Everybody will be most welcome.E.W

HARBURY CARNIVAL 1984

Nearly Carnival time again! Plans are well in hand for another super event, on SATURDAY 9th JUNE, when we will be pleased to welcome the Chief Constable, Mr. Peter Joslin, to open the proceedings.

Carnival activities begin on Wednesday 30th May with an Under 5s Portrait Sitting at the Village Hall at 2p.m. Carnival Week itself starts on Saturday 2nd June, the main events being:

- Saturday 2nd June - 7.30 to 10.30p.m. - Under 16s Disco in the Village Hall, admission 60p.
- Sunday 3rd June, 10 a.m., Carnival Tennis Tournament.
- 2 p.m. Children's Sports and Cross Country event. All at the Recreation Ground.
- Monday 4th June - 2p.m. - Under 5s Portrait Sitting
- 8p.m. Carnival Bingo. Both at Village Hall.
- Tuesday 5th June - 7.30p.m. - Mystery Walkabout.
- Wednesday 6th June - 11a.m. - Bring & Buy Cake Stall.
- 8 p.m. 'Our Man from the States'. Both at the Village Hall.
- Thursday 7th June - 7.45 p.m. - Whist Drive, Village Hall.
- Saturday 9th June - 1.30 p.m. Procession.
- 2 p.m. Fete and Clay Pigeon Shoot.
- 8 p.m. CARNIVAL DANCE.

Full details of Carnival Week, together with Carnival Day, will of course be included in the Carnival Programme, available soon, price 25p.

Don't forget the Carnival Dance! Tickets are available from Committee members, price £2.25 (the tickets, not the committee members!). This includes dancing to a live group, and a Supper.

We have the popular, traditional Carnival Week events this year, in addition to which we are trying some new ideas. The Under 5s Portrait Sessions at the Village Hall are being run in conjunction with John Wright Photography, and this has been arranged principally by Helen Taylor, who will answer any queries (612408).

In addition, we look forward to meeting "Our Man from the States", on Wednesday. Please come along for a different sort of evening out. Admission is 30p for adults, and 15p for children and senior citizens.

Our thanks and best wishes to all the participants, float builders etc. etc. - we hope that you have a good day!!
KEITH THOMPSON, Chairman(612050)

HARBURY CARNIVAL QUEEN 1984

Congratulations to Hayley Green, this year's Carnival Queen, and her two attendants, Penny Ottewill and Catherine Sanders.

This year's competition took place at the Village Hall, and prizes were presented by the retiring Queen, Vicky Harrison. The panel of judges consisted of Canon Rowe, Mrs. S. H. Hancock, Mrs. S. Townsend, Mrs. B. Burford, Mr. T. Percival and Mr. J. Birnie. Our thanks to the judges for carrying out very efficiently the difficult task of selecting a winner from an entry of ten very pleasant and attractive young ladies!

Our thanks also to Mrs. Bastock and her colleagues for their organisational assistance. Without their help the event would not have been possible.

KEITH THOMPSON, Chairman

HARBURY CARNIVAL BABY AND UNDER FIVES PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION 1984

Come and have your child's photo taken free of charge (courtesy of John Wright) on Wednesday 30th May or Monday 4th June, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Village Hall. A panel of judges from John Wright will then choose the winning portrait(s), which will be framed and presented on Carnival Day (9th June), when all other photographs will be displayed and available for purchase if wished.

HARBURY SUMMER PLAYScheme

Many thanks to the many Mums and children who helped at our happy and successful first fundraising event, and donated cakes and jumble (also apologies to those whose jumble we could not collect). The Playscheme Committee is working away, building up an exciting and comprehensive programme for the scheme, which will run from Monday to Friday, between 6th and 17th August. Please inform any committee member of any time, arts and crafts products, industrial waste items, food or other donations you may be able to offer.

Help is needed for FISHING, football, boating, chess, dominoes, and any other hobbies which a limited number of children could participate in, e.g. 4-6 per adult.

Committee members are Helen Taylor, 612408: Mary Moss 613455: Jean Champ, 613698: Kay Pallot, 613270: Sally Townsend: Jill Cadogan, 613503.

Our next major event is on FRIDAY 3rd AUGUST - 10 a.m. A SPONSORED BOUNCE AND CARNIVAL STYLE REGISTRATION MORNING. PLEASE PUT THIS IN YOUR DIARY.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

'HABEAS CORPUS'

Three dates not to be missed: 17th, 18th and 19th May, when we will stage the hilarious comedy 'Habeas Corpus' by Alan Bennett. A lecherous doctor, a frustrated clergyman, an 'appliance' salesman, and a lady with a past - all of these and many more struggle through their lives, going from one misunderstanding to another, until all is finally revealed.

This very funny play is definitely more suitable for adults and students. Coffee will be served at each performance, and on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th there will also be a bar.

We are still short of one or two items, including a gentleman's large cream straw trilby hat, and a war-time tin hat. If you could lend us either of these articles, would you please contact either Lin Hayes or Marie Brown.

ANNUAL MEETING - the following officers of the Group were elected: Chairman, John Stringer; Vice-Chairman, Diana Holt; Treasurer, Gordon Robbins; Secretary, Carol Percival. We have a full programme for 1984.

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In addition to 'Habeas Corpus', we plan to produce two one-act plays (one involving children) in October, and in December we are to stage 'A Christmas Carol' in the Church, with the Windmill Singers.

MASTERMIND - we are still hoping to go ahead with this, although we only have three applicants so far. Please don't think you have to choose 'academic' subjects - Rugby Union Football and Railways have already been chosen, but, as well as Shakespeare and Greek Mythology, how about trying Cookery or Gardening or.....well, you tell us. For further details please phone Robert Waterman, 612285.

WARDROBE MISTRESS - we are still looking for someone with flair to co-ordinate costumes for our plays. There are a number of ladies in the Group who would be willing to help with the sewing. Please phone Lin Hayes for details, 613488. CAROL PERCIVAL, 612175.

SOME GOOD NEWS AND SOME BAD NEWS!!

First the bad news: Harbury Tufty Club will be closing down for the summer. This is due to a general decline in membership, and an overall lack of funds.

Now for the good news: Harbury Tufty Club will be re-opening on Friday 21st September, at 2 p.m. in the Wight School, with a fantastic PARTY! Invitations are open to all our members, plus anybody who wishes to join. Look out for posters giving more information nearer the day. S.M.D.

N.S.P.C.C. - HARBURY FUN RUN

Last year over 150 runners completed the two and a quarter mile course around Harbury. Help to top that number by turning up for the start this year on Sunday 20th May, at the Village Hall, at 2.30pm. All runners need to wear a number, which they can get by registering at the Village Hall from 1.30, or - to avoid the crush - in advance from Sue and Bob Wilkins, 33 Binswood End.

This is a fun event, catering for all, from the very fit to the toddlers and pram pushers - fancy dress is very appropriate for the day.



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HARBURY SOCIETY

During the winter months the Society tends to indulge itself, holding meetings, talks and socials for its own enjoyment (although most are open to the general public, if only the general public would come).

As the better weather approaches, we become more outward looking. We run a MYSTERY TOUR in June, mainly, it would seem, for the children. This year it's on Tuesday 5th June, from 7.30p.m. Look out for posters telling you where to start. That's the first mystery! We are also repeating the successful SECOND-HAND CROCKERY STALL which we ran last year at the Carnival, to raise funds for the Village Hall and Recreation Grounds Committees. Members of the Society will be pestering you for old china towards the end of May, but anyone who has items they want to get rid of now can ring me on 612792 for collection.

The end of the winter hibernation marks the beginning of preparations for the Best Kept Village Competition - really a ploy to get the village tidy for the summer, but there is a prize, and the village will look better for the effort. Fenny Compton keeps winning, which can't be right. We must pull up our socks, dig for victory, make Britain bloom, and hoe! hoe! hoe!

LINDA RIDGLEY.

OLD BUTTONS AND BUCKLES

1984 is Button & Buckle Collecting Year for the Church of England Children's Society. Anything pre-1939 has a value, and is popular with collectors. It might be painted enamel, gilt and foil, carved pearl, animal heads from hunting jackets, or art-deco from the 20's and 30's. They might be military, railways, tramways, livery buttons, or German picture buttons of the 1870s - in great demand. Buckles too have their 'collector value' - especially Nurses' silver buckles. A single Victorian button has been known to sell for £20.

Almost 7,000 children and young people were helped by this Society last year. Do YOU have an old button box

or sewing basket? Can YOU help? If so, please let us have your old buttons and buckles, which we will forward to the Society for sorting, valuation and sale. Thank you. MOYA WATERMAN, 13 Manor Orchard.
MARGARET RIGDEN, HazeBrook, The Pound.

HARBURY W.I.

Mr. Roberts gave us a very interesting talk with slides on the work of the Warwickshire Nature Conservation Trust, which was founded in 1970. There are 18 nature reserves in Warwickshire, covering over 700 acres, some quite near to Harbury, of course.

Harbury WI were the hosts this year to the group meeting which was very successful. We are now looking forward to the Open Promotion Day on Saturday, 5th May, and to our Skittles Evening at Kineton on 12th May. Our next ordinary meeting will be on 10th May at the Rugby Club, when Mrs. Sue Bradley will be helping with the resolutions for the AGM in London. Anyone requiring a lift, please be at the Village Hall by 7 p.m.

The raffle was won by Lyn Edwards.

B.T.

EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY!

Viv Aggett's flat was well and truly warmed on Easter Saturday, 28th April, with coffee in the morning, tea and cakes in the afternoon, and cheese and wine in the evening. Many people helped in so many different ways to ensure the success of the day, which also raised £100 for Church funds. Very many thanks from Viv and the Church.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 1984

We 'noble members of the public', as Sharon Hancock dubbed us, who DID attend this meeting, quizzed Warks. County Cllr. Patricia Bidwell about Education and Planning, but extracted few promises. Yes, she would like to see sheltered housing in the area. She hoped Southam School would maintain the same pupil/teacher ratio despite falling rolls. 'Valid' was her comment on Colin Oliver's complaint that schools were expected to take on the additional burden of teaching those children with 'special educational needs' without any extra resources. The

District would obviously 'take note' of any WCC objections to developments in rural areas which did not comply with the Structure Plan (Reviewed) conditions, demanding a wide range of house types. The need to give secondary school Headmasters time 'to devise other suitable punishments' was the reason why WCC was leaving to them the decision on whether or not to comply with the ruling of the European Commission on Human Rights that Britain should abandon corporal punishment in schools, but a recommendation, still to be ratified, should mean that Warwickshire would stop beating infants in two years' time!

In her report, the Chairman spotlighted the high cost of housing which made it difficult for young families to remain in Harbury. She thought that the continued filling of open spaces and large gardens with expensive houses was to the detriment of the village environment and ultimately community life.

The work of the Contractor who mowed the Village Greens had impressed the Council, but there were disturbing reports of rubbish being dumped at Francis Road and Leycester Close. This is totally unnecessary because Stratford District Council still runs a LARGE REFUSE COLLECTION WHICH IS FREE - all you have to do is ring 993 67575.

Harbury agreed to support Lighthorne's campaign for a Roundabout at the Harewoods House crossroads. Ralph Gurden made a plea for double white lines on the Fosse at the junction with Middle Road, to reduce accidents.

Denis Atkins was congratulated by all for his work on upgrading the lighting in the village. As he pointed out, it is a cheap and efficient way of improving the illumination. Harbury can convert three lights and improve their level of lighting by 50% for the cost of one new column.

John Drinkwater reminded the meeting of the major planning decisions affecting the Parish in the past year. The two chip shop applications had been refused. Cecil Bloxham had lost his appeal into the refusal of permission for a farmhouse at the Water Tower. Cllr. Drinkwater had taken up the cudgels on

behalf of the tenants of Sussex Cottages who were living under the threat of demolition.

He emphasised the strong protests the Parish and Ward members had made when stables at The Beeches had been constructed contrary to Planning Permission. Ian Jackson asked why the District Council had allowed the retrospective Planning Permission, but Mrs. Bidwell explained they were advised that the applicant would go to Appeal, where he would probably win his case as the stables were doing 'no demonstrable harm'.

Keith Thompson presented the Balance Sheet showing £7,182 in hand. The Tennis Club Sinking Fund was in credit by £1,040. The Tennis Club administered the Courts, collected the fees and provided £400 (plus inflation) towards the Sinking Fund; the Parish Council provides £200 per annum. The Village Hall roof was completed and the Village Hall Committee reported that it was concentrating on other repairs and the raising of funds to pay for them.

Answering questions arising from the presentation of the Recreation Ground Committee report, Ann Alford-Hunt said that there had been a net loss on the Playscheme. It cost the Recreation Ground Committee £234. She agreed that this was not really acceptable but explained that it had been the first year it had been run, and no-one knew what to expect. All agreed that the scheme had been well received, and Ann promised tighter control this year, and stressed that the organisers were already raising funds.

Few members of the public attended the Annual Parish Meeting, the one night in the year when our Cllrs. put forward their year's work for our approval. They work tirelessly and devotedly for the Parish; it is a shame that more support was not shown for their efforts.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 1984

Sir Dudley Smith's secretary, Mrs. Dugan, petitioned the PC on behalf of OAPs who would like cheap transport to town. She had investigated the possibility of Stratford DC providing bus passes and, like those before, had got the brush-off but persevering

had sent Harbury details of the scheme operated by the Wellesbourne PC, which gives OAPs £3 of bus tokens every quarter. It costs Wellesbourne over a quarter of its total income to provide that money (enough for 1½ trips to Leamington from here per quarter), and Harbury reluctantly decided that such a large cost could not be worth so small a benefit. However, the PC will press Midland Red to re-introduce off-peak fares, and it did discuss the possibility of hiring a special shopping bus for OAPs at intervals. All agreed that it was unfair that pensioners in some areas had free or subsidised transport, and it was felt that a national scheme was needed.

The PC will ask the Greens Contractor to quote for cutting the grass areas which are currently the responsibility of Warwickshire CC. The County announced that it would pay Harbury £75 per annum to cut its grass, and sent an interesting map; it marked areas of grass that the County never cuts, and some it claimed to cut which isn't even grass!

The PC received a very 'civil' letter from the Severn Trent Water Authority expressing gratitude for 'bringing to our notice the hazardous conditions in Temple End' where a broken main had been causing treacherous icy patches all winter. The burst has been mended - now the better weather has come.

Harbury will complain to Stratford because in its conditions of Planning Consent for the extension to The Old New Inn it required a panel of stone to be erected on site before the building began. However it did not enforce this condition, nor does it seem inclined to do so now. What, says the PC, was the point in specifying it in the first place.

The Council will request a site meeting with the Highways Dept. to determine the best way to make the Middle Road/Fosse Way junction less hazardous, and it will give its full support to the campaign by Mr. Sharpe of Lighthorne for a roundabout at the Harewoods House/Fosse Way crossroads.

The PC hoped that Bishops Itchington's Annual Parish Meeting might reveal the reason why that parish sought to annex part of Harbury. They have designs on the 'Bishops Bowl Lakes' (a misnomer for the Quarries), all

of the Works, and the Sports Ground. It appears they believed that, as the Works is shown on their Village Plan as designated for industrial development, they will be prevented from using the land for industry if it is not within their parish boundaries. The rates review might also be a consideration. The PC will ask Stratford to explain why Harbury was not sent a copy of the Bishops Itchington plan, as it appears to concern our Parish too, and they will demand confirmation that the plan is correct.

The PC had discovered it could get an extra one and a quarter % interest by changing its account from the Bank to the Post Office.

'In view of our rather healthy balances, I would be in favour of beginning another scheme', the Chairman said as she urged Denis to continue with his conversion campaign. The last cost £481 and the PC thought this excellent value. New lamps for old!

LINDA RIDGLEY.

MANY THANKS.....

to those who responded to the appeal to enable Karen Davidson to swim in the Paraplegic Olympics. Among other donations, £20 has been received from Harbury Club, and a cheque is shortly to be presented to Karen from an Easter Egg raffle run by John and Mary McLaughlin, at the Old New Inn, Harbury.

If you would still like to help this brave young athlete, your donations would be gratefully received by Miss Jean M. Harmsworth, Secretary of the Disabled Unit at the Ken Marriott Sports Centre, 49 Naseby Road, Rugby.

W. MARSHALL.

DAYS OUT

Have you discovered Sezincote? This 19th century house lies on a slope of the Cotswolds, just west of Moreton in the Marsh, and is privately owned. The house is an extraordinary mixture of Georgian and Oriental architecture, most happily combined - oriental arches and onion domes blend into the hillside site. The grounds continue the theme with lotus pools and stepped shrines to Indian Gods. It is so successful that the Prince Regent, who was

contemplating a Chinese Palace in Brighton, changed his ideas and commissioned his own version of Sezincote, the Royal Pavilion. It can be a two-in-one expedition - one entry to Sezincote lies opposite the gate of the Batsford Arboretum.

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Have you ever wondered who puts in adverts like this in newspapers, on notice boards or in shop windows? Last month, the Parochial Church Council received an invite to a meeting by the 'COVENTRY CHRISTIAN MESSAGE', and I was delegated to follow this up.

I learned that the message one receives if the number is rung is a prerecorded message intended to give HOPE, ENCOURAGEMENT and the LOVE OF CHRIST to people who may feel alone and at the end of their tether. The message concludes with another telephone number for those who may wish to proceed further and talk directly to a friendly voice. Between five and six hundred calls are received each month by the pre-recorded message, and upwards of 10% of these follow up with a call to the other number.

The recorded message is changed each day. The organising committee consists of Christians from various Coventry Churches. It is their hope to project the message of hope to all in need. Their intention is to provide a FREEFONE service when funds permit (most phone calls are made in the cheap period), which seems to indicate that financial problems deter the most needy. The committee continue to pray to Our Lord for His guidance, and ask that everyone will join with them in their prayers for this venture.

PAM CLARKE.

LUNCHEON CLUB

New members always welcome: All senior citizens are eligible for membership. For further details contact Freda White (612163) or Lynne Edwards (612762).

HEEMSTEDE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA and
THE WINDMILL SINGERS


On 31st May the Heemstede Chamber Orchestra from Holland will arrive in the area to stay with members of the Windmill Singers in Harbury, Leamington and the surrounding villages. The previous highly successful visit in 1981, and the Windmill Singers' return visit to Holland in 1982, will be followed by a concert at All Saints Parish Church in Leamington Spa, on Saturday 2nd June, at 7.30 p.m. The concert will include 'Spring' from 'The Seasons' by Haydn, Mozart's 'Symphony No. 32' (La Villanella rapita), two soprano solo Mozart works which will be sung by the Dutch soprano Lisette Emmink, and choral works by Monteverdi and Handel. Tickets can be obtained from Sheila Scott, 612637, and Bryan Harrison, 612533.

On Sunday 3rd June, at 10 a.m. there will be a Communion Service at All Saints, Harbury, incorporating some of that music into the service. The works will include Mozart's Exsultate Jubilate, the Coronation anthem 'Zadok the Priest', and a Serenade for Wind and String Players by Dvorak. During the taking of communion, Monteverdi's 'Beatus Vir' will be performed.

Many of you will, no doubt, remember the superb playing of the Orchestra when they visited Warwickshire three years ago, and will no doubt wish to take part in what should be a memorable service of worship, music and international friendship. For those of you who missed the last occasion, then why not come along to either the concert in Leamington or the service in Harbury, or perhaps to both occasions. They should both be very enjoyable.

HARBURY - HOW HIGH?

Does ODN mean anything to you? To the Ordnance Survey Services it stands for Ordnance Datum Newlyn which is the mean level of the sea at Newlyn in Cornwall and is used by them for establishing differences in heights on their ordnance survey maps of Great Britain. The Survey Services identify the heights by means of bench marks emplaced at varying densities in the country, and the commonest form of bench mark consists of a horizontal bar

cut into vertical stonework with a broad arrow below³¹.
the centre of the horizontal bar. 

A bench mark was cut into the stonework of 30 Binswood End, Harbury, in 1967, and at that point the height above the mean at Newlyn is 394.54 feet. This is still a valid mark and may be used by Ordnance surveyors for levelling purposes.

An interesting leaflet, "Levelling No. 33", may be obtained from Ordnance Survey Enquiries, Romsey Road, Maybush, Southampton SO9 4DH.

HARBURY AND ITS NEIGHBOURING WILDLIFE

As many readers of the Harbury News will already know, the Warwickshire Nature Conservation Trust (or WARNACT for short) is the county wildlife group set up 10 years ago to save plants and animals, and the areas in which they live, from destruction by modern development.

Despite the increasing pressures on Warwickshire's natural habitats, many wildlife species will survive, and thrive, if given the right opportunity. WARNACT, and its members, create that opportunity and encourage all those who use, own or manage land to become more fully aware of the countryside and the need for its protection.

The Trust is one of 46 County Trusts, and now owns and leases 23 nature reserves, totalling 1,000 acres of land, with almost 3,000 members. It is through the care and management of these special wildlife sites that threatened plants and animals can be protected for future generations. By pure co-incidence, the latest Trust reserve lies on the very doorstep of Harbury residents at a neighbouring disused quarry.

Bishops Bowl Lakes (previously known as Bishops Itchington Quarry), has now been transformed into an extensive fishing complex for local anglers. Fortunately though, WARNACT had opened early negotiations with the company responsible for the development and, as a result, many special wildlife features survived the change. A subsequent agreement was also reached whereby the Trust gives the site owners ongoing conservation advice in return for free access for its members.

The Lakes, covering 40 acres in all, are formed from

old limestone quarries which were allowed to flood in 1970 when the workings closed down. Surrounded by calcareous grassland, scrub, woodland and imposing cliff faces, the lakes have now become a haven for wildlife. 152 different plants have been identified on the site and such rich variety attracts a profusion of butterflies and up to 18 species each year. Also, of the 77 birds recorded, kingfishers, great crested grebes and mute swans are now a common sight.

However, like all the Trust's reserves (which include areas of ancient woodland, unimproved meadows and disused railway lines), access to Bishops Bowl Lakes is only offered to WARNACT members. For a very small annual subscription - which currently works out at less than 12p a week - supporters of the Trust are given free access to some of the most unspoilt wildlife areas still remaining in Warwickshire.....and the number of reserves is growing every year.

Trust membership brings free Trust newsletters, wildlife magazines, and a host of other benefits. It also offers local people a chance to help WARNACT staff and volunteers to care for the countryside. Without members' subscriptions (the Trust's only regular source of income), Warwickshire's wildlife would have a far slimmer opportunity of survival.

Trust membership can cost as little as £3 per year, and is only £8 a year for a family. Please contact Susan Newsome, 1 Northgate Street, Warwick CV34 4SP, tel. 496848) if you wish to join. S.N.

TEAR FUND & TRAIDCRAFT TEA

I still have supplies of Tear Fund loose tea at 95p for 500g. The profit from this tea goes to support community facilities for tea workers and their families on the Mornai tea estate in Assam. I also have Traidcraft tea bags - £1.15 for 80. 10% of the price supports development work for the Third World through Christian Aid.

Please call any time for your tea from 19 Farm St.
JILL WINTER.

CONGRATULATIONS!

All pupils entered for piano and theory exams at Easter were successful. They were:

Practical - Daniel Tancock - Grade 1.

Theory (Max. marks 99) -

Samantha Neill - Grade 2 - 95 marks.

Nicholas Ball - Grade 3 - 81 marks.

Georgina Ball - Grade 4 - 90 marks.

Anna Catt - Grade 4 - 95 marks.

Carole Moore - Grade 4 - 85 marks.

M. J. COOPE.

MID-SUMMER FAIR - JUNE 30th - HARBURY VILLAGE HALL

All Saints Church, Harbury, have moved their traditional 'Spring Fair' to June 30th, when we shall present an extravaganza of side shows and stalls, both inside and outside the Village Hall. Make a note of this date NOW - June 30th, at 2 p.m. More details in next month's Harbury & Ladbroke News. PJH

IN THE GARDEN

If you have kept last April's Harbury News, you will see that I said not to worry about late planting due to the wet spring! This year is very different; we need 12 hours of steady rain (at night, of course). Nearly all seeds can be sown now direct in the garden. All plants you have raised in the greenhouse or under warm conditions, be careful to give some protection for about a week. It is a big mistake to sow small seeds too deep. Rhubarb, if covered, requires plenty of water to keep it growing.

When planting lettuce seed, make a trench 1" deep, put in $\frac{1}{2}$ " of damp compost, then sow seeds thinly and cover with soil. Prepare ground for outdoor tomatoes to be planted at end of the month. Outdoor chrysanths can be planted out about the middle of the month.

If you are buying bedding plants, buy those not in flower. If you cannot obtain the winter greens you want, you can sow the seed now where you require them, then thin them out to your requirements. W.F.LINES.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Well, I expect it had to happen sooner or later. Yes! The speaker in April let us down, but we were fortunate

to have Mrs. Zonik to step in the breach to give a very interesting talk entitled 'More Things True than False'.

We have now finished our programme for the season, but one interesting item - we are having a Barbecue on 3rd July at 11 Constance Drive, by kind permission of David and Pam Clarke, but more about that later. I think you will all agree we have had a very interesting winter programme, and attendances have been good.
E.P.L.

EPITAPHS

Epitaphs seem to have lost their edge of humour and sometimes irony. Their study in churchyards and inside the churches themselves, where they are often more legible, has filled a good many books. One I particularly like, with a local flavour, is the following: "In loving remembrance of Dear Will, the Beloved Son of Edward and Anne Herringshaw of Leamington, aged 23 years. Translated to glory by lightning flash, after preaching at Marton on Sunday February 20th, 1910, on the subject of 'From Death to Life', John V, 24. He was ready. Are you?"

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

May I, through the Harbury News, thank everybody who sent kind messages of condolence upon the death of my mother-in-law, Mrs. G. Woodward (Nan to her friends). I hadn't realised just how many friends she'd made here during her three years with us.

Many thanks. Yours sincerely,

HELEN WOODWARD.

My family and I would like to thank most sincerely everyone for their messages of sympathy, cards, letters and flowers, in our recent tragic loss.

E. SOLLIS.

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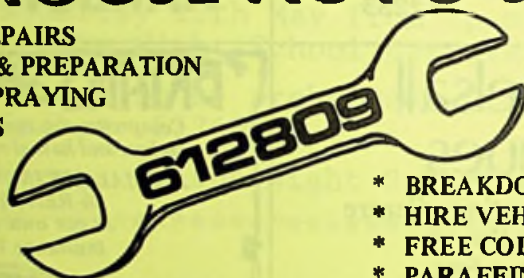


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