

Harbury & Ladbroke News

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion — 8.00 am, 10.30 am (Sung)
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Holy Communion — 9.00 am (with Hymns)
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Evensong (1st Sunday) — 6.30 pm (Summer)
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HAD A BUMP?

Hopefully, the residents of Harbury are fully refreshed after the Summer break and ready for the forthcoming village events.

If you receive and read this in time, you may like to know that Chesterton Windmill is open on Sept. 1st & 2nd - see article on page 19.

For those who enjoy a cycle ride, the Annual Bicycle Event run by the P.C.C. of Harbury Church takes place on Sept. 9th - see article on page 21.

Congratulations to Kay Pallot and her large team of helpers on another highly successful play-scheme which almost 200 children attended.

Gwen Miles, who has contributed so much to so many village activities, left the village to live with her son and his family in July. She has been dogged by illness for many years but has fought it with a cheerfulness and courage which has won her the admiration of all who know her. We hope she is very happy in her new home.

We are sure that everyone wishes Archie Taylor a speedy recovery from his operation and looks forward to seeing him 'on duty' again soon in 'Top Shop'.

For many Harbury youngsters the next few weeks will be some of the most challenging of their lives. Some are off to University, Polytechnic or colleges of further education, some will start their first job, and in these difficult times, some are faced with an uphill struggle to find work. We wish them all luck, and we hope, the chance of a secure future,

HARBURY DIARY

SEPTEMBER 1984

Sat. 1st Horticultural Society FLOWER SHOW at
V. Hall.

CHESTERTON WINDMILL OPEN DAY.

Tennis 3 - 6 pm.

Christian Fellowship, 8pm, 77 Mill St.

Sun. 2nd TRINITY XI. Holy Communion 8am, Sung
Eucharist 10.30am (Preacher the Arch-
Deacon of Warwick, the Venerable Peter
Bridges).

CORRECTION: Please note that the District Nurse's
daytime telephone number is 9/881451.

CHESTERTON WINDMILL OPEN DAY.

- Sun. 2nd Tennis 10am - 1 pm.
- Mon. 3rd Guides at Village Hall.
Theatre Group Rehearsal, 6pm, Wight School.
Dancing Classes 4 - 5pm at Wight School.
- Tues. 4th Playgroup recommences.
Dancing Classes 4 - 7.45pm, Wight School.
Tennis 6.30pm to dusk.
Badminton Club restarts, 8pm, V. Hall.
- Wed. 5th Mothers' Union, 2.15pm in Church.
Dancing Classes, 4 - 7.45pm, Wight School.
- Thurs. 6th Dancing Classes 4 - 7.45pm, Wight School.
Mothers' Union Corporate Communion, 9.45am.
BLOOD DONORS in Village Hall, 12 noon - 9pm.
Tennis 6.30pm to dusk.
Inaugural Meeting of Folk Club, Old New Inn
Lounge, 8.30pm.
- Sat. 8th NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY -
9.45am Holy Communion.
Flooring of the Roof Space of Village Hall
Tennis 3 - 6pm.
Harbury Tennis Club Picnic Tournament from 11am.
- Sun. 9th Trinity XII. 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am
Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
Free Church Service, 2.30pm in Church.
Adventures recommence 11.30am, Village Hall.
P.C.C. Bicycle Event - Start Old New Inn, 3.15pm.
Tennis 10am - 1pm.
- Mon. 10th Theatre Group Rehearsal, 6pm, Wight School.
Christian Fellowship Meetings, 8pm, Corner
Cottage, High St.; 8 The Beeches;
11 Constance Drive.
- Tues. 11th Slimming in Village Hall.
Tennis 6.30pm to dusk.
Harbury Friends, 8pm in School.
Parish Study Group, 8.15pm, 13/15 Mill Street.
Senior Citizens Cttee, 8.30pm Village Hall.
- Wed. 12th Golden Age Trip to Ludlow & Shropshire -
9.30am from Village Hall.
- Thurs. 13th Dancing in Village Hall.
Golden Age, 2.30pm, Village Hall
Girls Club in Village Hall.
Tennis 6.30pm to dusk.
W.I. 7.45pm in Village Hall.
Deanery Synod Meeting.

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- Fri. 14th NSPOC Coffee Morning, 10.30 to 12 at Hill Cottage,
Farm Street - with Cake Bring & Buy.
- Sat. 15th Tennis 3 - 6pm.
SCOUTS BARBECUE at Leamington House, Church Street,
7.30pm onwards.
- Sun. 16th Christian Fellowship Meeting, 77 Mill St., 8pm.
TRINITY XIII. 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung
Eucharist, 6.30pm Family Service.
Tennis, 10 - 1pm.
Family Garden Party at Temple House, 11.45am to 3pm
in aid of Church Funds.
- Mon. 17th Upholstery Classes start again in Wight School 2pm.
Theatre Group Rehearsals, 6pm, Wight School.
- Tues. 18th Slimming in Village Hall.
Tennis 6.30pm to dusk.
PCC 8pm in Wight School.
- Wed. 19th M.U. Coffee Morning, 1 Vicarage Lane, 10.30 - 12.
Labour Party Meeting at the Old Mill House, Mill
Lane. Talk on Community Schools, Coventry.
Members & friends welcome.
- Thurs. 20th Tennis 6.30pm to dusk.
Girls Club at Village Hall.
- Fri. 21st ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE. 7am Holy Communion.
Tufty Club, 2.15pm in Wight School.
PTA Beer & Skittles Evening at Kineton.
- Sat. 22nd Cubs' trip to Safari Park.
Tennis 3 - 6pm.
- Sun. 23rd TRINITY XIV. 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung
Eucharist, 3pm Royal School of Church Music Visit
6pm Evensong.
- Mon. 24th Tennis 10am - 1pm.
Slimming in Village Hall.
Theatre Group Rehearsals, 6pm in Wight School.
Christian Fellowship Meetings, 8pm at Corner
Cottage, High St.; 77 Mill St.; The Spiers,
Chesterton Road.
- Tues. 25th Young Wives, 2pm in Village Hall.
Tennis 6.30pm to dusk.
PCC EXTRA (Street Wardens) Meeting 8pm in Wight
School.
- Wed. 26th Harbury & Ladbroke News cttee meeting, 8.30pm,
23 Mill Street.
Harbury Society, 8.15pm in Wight School.
- Thurs. 27th Golden Age, 2.30pm, Village Hall.
Tennis 6.30pm to dusk.
Whist Drive, 7.45pm, Village Hall.

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 Thurs. 27th Girls Club in Village Hall.
 Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall.
 Fri. 28th BACK TO SCHOOL DISCO in Village Hall.
 Sat. 29th ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, 10.30am Holy Communion
 at Ladbroke.

Decoration of Church for Harvest Festival -
 help welcome.

Tennis 3 - 6pm.

Christian Fellowship Meeting 8 pm, 11 Constance
 Drive.

ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN OCTOBER HARBURY
 & LADBROKE NEWS TO EDITORS BY TODAY PLEASE.

- Sun. 30th TRINITY XV. Harvest Festival. 8am Holy Commu-
 nion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
 Tennis 10am - 1pm.

OCTOBER

- Mon. 1st 9.00am - Help needed at Church to dismantle
 Harvest Display and transport to Helen Ley
 House, Leamington.
 Theatre Group Rehearsals 6pm, Wight School.
 Tues. 2nd Slimming in Village Hall.
 Tennis 6.30pm to dusk.
 Horticultural Society, 8pm, Wight School.
 Wed. 3rd M.U. 2.15 to 4pm in Village Hall. Mrs.D.Gawan
 on T.V. & Cinema watching group.
 Thurs. 4th M.U. Corporate Communion, 9.45 a.m.
 Tennis 6.30pm to dusk.
 Girls Club in Village Hall
 Men's Group, 7.45pm, Lullington Lodge.
 Sat. 6th Tennis 3 - 6pm.
 HARVEST SUPPER IN VILLAGE HALL.

DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO
 LINDA RIDGLEY - telephone 612792.

REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LADBROKE

- Tuesday: 7.30p.m., Holy Communion in Harbury.
 Wednesday: 10.30a.m. Holy Communion in Ladbroke.
 Thursday: 9.45a.m. Holy Communion in Harbury.
 Friday: 7 a.m., Holy Communion in Harbury.

For Village Hall bookings, ring Mr. Picken, 612778.
 For Wight School bookings, ring Mrs. Windsor, 612504.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30pm

2nd Sunday in the month.

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sundays.

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

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

SLIMMING & KEEP FIT, Village Club 7-8.30 and 8.30-10pm, Mondays.

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Mondays

BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.

TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 9.30-11.20am Mondays, and 2.00-3.30pm Wednesdays.

PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings.

NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday a.m.

DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 7-7.45pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tuesday.

BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.

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

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

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

GIRLS' CLUB, Village Hall, Thursday evenings.

W.I., Village Hall, 2nd Thursdays, 7.45 p.m.

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

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

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

FROM THE HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

No sooner are summer holidays over (or even before that for some of us) than we are thinking of the Harvest Thanksgiving. The grain harvest certainly seems to have been a good one this year following the long hot spell. Sunday, 30th Sept. is the day on which we give thanks for the harvest and pray for the right use of resources. We also remember those lands where there is famine. We welcome gifts of produce and flowers and also help in decorating the church on the Saturday morning.

Help would also be appreciated at 9 o'clock on Monday morning 1st October in dismantling the display and packing and transporting the produce to Helen

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Ley House, Blackdown, Leamington. Mr. Ken Brooks, the administrator, says that they will be delighted to receive the produce and will make good use of it. He has issued a very warm invitation to a small group of people to visit the house, to see how it works and to feel the atmosphere. Mr. Brooks has contributed a short article on Helen Ley House and this is published elsewhere in this issue of the magazine. Information about the House will be displayed in Church during September and anyone interested in visiting should get in touch with Viv Aggett.

The Harvest Supper takes place on Saturday, 6th October and we are sure that it will be as well supported and as enjoyable an occasion as in past years.



Iory Davies of Lower Westfield Farm harvesting his wheat crop. All will soon be 'safely gathered in'.
[photo: Mike Bloxham].

FROM THE RECTOR

As people travel far and wide at holiday times, it is not an unusual thing to do, to go and have a look at the 'local church'. Of course this varies

considerably from mighty cathedrals and great basilicas, to tiny country churches hidden away on lonely hillsides or in deep wooded valleys. What is almost invariably found, is that these places of worship, quietly witness to those who visit them the loving care, the time and attention, the thoughtful imagination which goes into making each church or chapel a holy and welcoming house of God by those who love that place, and where they come to worship and to pray and receive God's blessing and grace. Unless you know or stop to think, it is amazing what needs to be done constantly behind the scenes in a church to make sure that what is offered to God is worthy and presentable, and we ought to be so very thankful for all the many, many things done day after day, week after week, as a matter of course and without the expectation of praise or commendation. But in most churches there is a need for refurbishing what is in constant use and as the work of a church develops and expands, sometimes for other things to be added. More often than not the general funds of a church just do not permit the purchase of additional things, no matter how desirable or necessary they are. A church is amazingly costly to maintain even with the barest essentials. Lighting and heating and keeping the weather out. Yet often when this is pointed out, people become irritated and accuse the church of always pestering for money for this, that and the other. This is not what I am doing at the moment, although the time to be frank and honest about financial matters is sometimes necessary. All I am mentioning is that, as we look around at our beautiful churches and thank God for them, it is worth realising that frequently a church has been embellished and enriched by the gifts of parishioners wishing perhaps to offer a thankoffering to God for some particular blessing or a memorial to some dear friend or relative. This is not anything new. It has been the way of providing what is needed for a church, a way of equipping a church for generations and I approve of it, for somehow when we love God's house and want it to be even more beautiful than it is already, our gift is not only acceptable and useful, it somehow affects the atmosphere of devotion, because we have tried to express to God in a tangible way what is felt in our hearts and to offer what is pleasing to him.

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I am making no particular appeal, but I know very well what our churches are in need of and if anyone ever wishes to provide something for either church, I am always more than ready to discuss the matter with them.

ANTONY ROWE.

ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC VISIT

On Sunday 23rd September, Mr. Bryan Anderson, a commissioner of the R.S.C.M. is spending the day with us. At 3 o'clock he will meet with the Choir and at 5 o'clock there will be tea. Members of the congregation are invited to come at 5 o'clock and for everyone to have tea together. Mr. Anderson will then talk to the congregation and we shall prepare for Evensong.

Mr. Anderson is very skilful in training choirs and congregations to that everyone feels able to offer some useful contribution to the worship. He is very lively and people thoroughly enjoy being taught by him. Do please make a careful note of this date and come along.

HOLY BAPTISM

5th August (at Ladbroke)

David Peter Robert, son of Paul Winston and
Rachel Mary Mugleston, Country Fayre,
Chapel Street, Harbury.

26th August (at Harbury)

Christopher Alexander, son of Andrew Nigel and
Angela Margaret Cook, 'Binswood Cottage',
Binswood End, Harbury.

FUNERALS

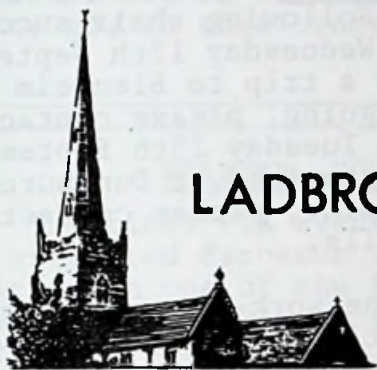
16th August - Dorothy Mary Spike, 5 Crown Close,
Harbury, aged 72 years.

HARBURY ADVENTURERS

We start the new term on Sunday, 9th September at 11.30am in the Village Hall. We are an ecumenical group for children between the ages of four and eleven. There are five classes but this number could increase and, therefore, we are very keen to recruit another member of the team if only on a "stand-by" basis.

We would like to welcome Rose Clarke to the team and extend our belated thanks to Mary Catt for her eleven years as a leader.

SHIRLEY KEIR.



LADBROKE NEWS

SEPTEMBER DIARY

Saturday 1st, Treasure Hunt & Barbecue at Village Hall.

Sunday 2nd, Trinity XI. 9am Holy Communion with Hymns (Preacher and Celebrant the Archdeacon of Warwick). 6.30pm Evensong.

Saturday 8th, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.45am Holy Communion at Harbury only.

Sunday 9th, Trinity XII. 9am Holy Communion with Hymns.

Wednesday 12th, 2.30pm Women's Fellowship at Hall Farm. Mrs. Joan Lewis 'Fostering'.

W.I. Trip to Blenheim Palace.

Thursday 13th, Deanery Synod.

Friday 14th, Bell Inn Darts Club Dance, Village Hall.

Sunday 16th, Trinity XIII. 9am Holy Communion (said) 11am Sung Mattins with simple Communion.

Tuesday 18th, Parish Council

Wednesday 19th, 10.30am Holy Communion (Women's Fellowship Corporate Communion)

Friday 21st, St. Matthew the Apostle.

7.30pm Holy Communion.

Sunday 23rd, Trinity XIV. 9am Holy Communion with Hymns.

Tuesday 25th, W.I. "Fish Evening".

Thursday 27th, W.I. Meeting in Village Hall.

Saturday 29th. St. Michael and All Angels.

10.30am Holy Communion at Ladbroke only.

Sunday 30th, Trinity XV. 9am Holy Communion with
Hymns.

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I. - certainly are having a lively summer! Following their successful outing to Ironbridge, on Wednesday 12th September they leave at 10 a.m. for a trip to Blenheim Palace. If you are interested in going, please contact Pauline Laidler. Then on Tuesday 25th September a "Fish Evening" has been organised at Dunchurch - leaving Ladbroke at 7.30 p.m., please contact any committee member for details.

VILLAGE HALL AFFAIRS. The work-in session at the Hall was pre-empted slightly by the splendid efforts of Tom Sheasby, whom the committee would like to thank for all his recent hard work on the site.

Plans are still afoot to replace the cladding on the end wall of the Hall, probably in September. The Committee will need volunteers to help with this - so could you watch the notice board for details, or let cttee members know if you are willing to help. The Car Boot Sale went very well and was a good fund raiser.

The "Bell Inn Darts Club" is holding a dance in the Village Hall on Friday Sept. 14th, 9pm - 1am. The Band will be the ever popular Country Rainbow Band and the tickets which are on sale at the Bell Inn, include food and cost £2.

Many Congratulations to Michael and Kate Todman of "Quince Cottage", whose second daughter Charlotte Elizabeth was born on 22nd August. I have had a peek at her already and she is definitely quite an asset to the village!

KATE LIVERTON.

LADBROKE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At our meeting on Sept 12th, the speaker will be Mrs. J. Lewis who will talk about 'Fostering'. This will be at the home of Mrs. B. Winkfield, Hall Farm, at 2.30 p.m. We should be pleased to welcome anyone to this meeting.

We have been invited to a Flower Festival at St. Mary Magdalen's Church, Chapelfields, Coventry on 10th September. This is to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the consecration of the church. Would you please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to go, so that transport can be arranged.

NANCY STUBBS.

HARBURY SCHOOL P.T.A.

The final PTA event of the school year was a well supported Barbecue and Square Dance. Although we picked on one of the few wet Saturdays of the summer, we were able to get the food under cover and a very enjoyable evening was had by everyone. The two winning 100 Club numbers drawn that night were owned by Mr. & Mrs. Griffiths and Mr. & Mrs. Thompson. We hope that during the coming school year we shall welcome some new faces to our meetings and social events.

On Friday September 21st we are holding a Skittles Evening at the Swan at Kineton. The evening will cost £2.50, including a buffet supper; we are hoping to organise a coach at a small extra charge. More details from school at the beginning of term - keep the date free!

On Saturday October 13th, we are hoping to repeat last year's success with another Folk Evening in the school hall. Entertainment will be by the Flying Dogs and a wealth of local artistes; tickets, costing £2 including supper, will be available soon.

M.T.

SOUTHAM SCHOOL FIFTH & SIXTH FORMS EUROPEAN HOLIDAY

Our journey started from Southam School on Saturday 21st July, and after travelling for 24 hours we arrived at our first stop, Beatenberg near Interlaken. Exhausted, we slept well that night. Our two day visit to Switzerland included travelling up the Neiderhorn by cable car or swimming in the hotel pool, visiting Grindelwald where we saw a glacier. The bravest of us went by cable car to get a closer look, it seemed odd to be amongst snow covered mountains in the middle of summer. Our last

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evening in Switzerland was spent at a Barbecue in a perfect setting on the banks of the lake with lanterns in the trees around us and as much food as we could eat.

Italy was our next stop. We spent six days at an Adriatic resort, Caorle, near Venice. On our day visit to Venice itself we were dropped off by boat at St. Mark's Square and given a map to make our own way to the coach pick-up spot in the Piazza Roma. This was a unique experience walking around the long dark streets broken by bridge upon bridge spanning the canals on which gondolas could be seen everywhere. We spent four days on the beach at Caorle, sunbathing, swimming and other water sports. In the evenings we walked round the town and along the beach, sat at the outdoor cafés talking, writing postcards home (!) and watching holiday makers from many different countries strolling by in the warm night air. One of the visits we made was to Yugoslavia to see the Postajama Caves, the second largest in the world.

I shall always remember George Russell's water melon which he kept in a box at the foot of his bed. One evening it mysteriously disappeared and a note was found: 'George, gone for a walk - see you in the morning, Melonie'. George found her next morning on the driver's seat obviously wanting to drive us all home! Thankfully, George kept her close by him for the rest of the journey.

Our final stop was in Germany, in the town of Rhens near the confluence of the rivers Rhine and Moselle. The weather here was grey and damp but on the final afternoon we visited an outdoor leisure centre where we could swim, play chess with gigantic pieces, play volley ball and water polo. The visit ended in an evening disco and then we were off in the coach again through Germany and Belgium and across the Channel arriving in Southam in the late evening after a tremendously varied and extremely enjoyable holiday. Our grateful thanks to the four teachers who accompanied us and organised the trip, Mr. Minton, Mr. Knapp, Mrs. Sherrat and Miss Davidson and to Catteralls who took us and brought us back safely.

VICKY HARRISON.

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HARBURY SUMMER PLAYScheme

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The unfaltering, immeasurable help and support of so many from in and out of the village, the excellent behaviour of the children and the many who contributed to the programme, made the Playscheme Fortnight go with a bang! Thanks to EVERYONE who helped in so many ways - donating dressing-up jumble, fundraising, transport, helping during the fortnight with physical or moral support.

It is unwise to mention individuals as space will not permit a true summary, but some must be named. The many men who helped; arts & crafts specialist co-ordinator, Jill Cadogan and team, for so many

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hours planning and preparing such a delightfully varied programme of crafts; treasurer Linda Harrison who literally burned the "midnight oil" for weeks; Janet Watts for organising the Red Arrows flypast; Sally Townsend for the spectacular hot-air balloon event and help with cleaning the hall; Jean Champ for her marvellous choreography - will we ever erase "Agadoo" by Black Lace from our minds?; Sue Downton, Karen and Rob Harris for coming daily from Leamington and each adding individual dimensions to the Playscheme. Antony Gulliver proved a gem beyond price as he enhanced the talent show, circus event, mini-olympics (he carried the torch in an original Greek costume) and introduced Giraffe-spotting to our nature outing at Bishop's Bowl; Stephen Phillips, Nicola, Vincent and Michelle Crossan were helpers above and beyond the call of duty - NOTHING was too much trouble and they worked so many extra hours with good humour, enthusiasm and conscientiousness; Sue Warr for a massive cooking schedule; Sue Exton for many things not least of all the Greasy Pole; Mary Moss for storeroom control; Sue Dormer for FIRST AID.

Due to welcome, unexpected generosity of many sources including Southam Lions, and raffles run by local pubs on our behalf, we were happily able to make small donations to the many charitable organisations who have helped us over the two years with programme events, competitions, prizes, outings, films and talks. These are:- NSPCC, Warnact, C of E Children's Society, Radio Warneford, Venture Scouts, Girls Club and Harbury School.

We feel particularly pleased to have been able to put some money to such good causes even though the children had everything they possibly could be given on the Playscheme with many free extras e.g. pony rides, bounces, 2 barbecues and party food. But we have also been able to leave some funds in the account for 1985 when either a much reduced event and/or an outing are envisaged. Vacancies will exist for new organisers and leaders as well as new helpers. Secretarial help would be VITAL for a future scheme however reduced. Please contact Mrs. Jean Champ if you might be willing to help.

We hope we have not inconvenienced other groups in any way. We apologise if we have and are grateful to "Pop-in" for giving up their afternoons for two weeks. The Playscheme video tells it all and a public viewing is planned. Do try to see it.



Leon Byles & Paul Fryer "Having a lovely time!"



A "Greasy Pole Pillow-Fight!" (photos Mike Bloxham)



Thanks to all the kind children who have written to say how much they have enjoyed the Playscheme. Our outside helpers from Southam, Warwick and Leamington all remarked on the wonderful behaviour, politeness and enthusiasm of the children and felt we were privileged to have such great kids in Harbury. We heartily agree!

KAY PALLOT & the Playscheme Committee.

PLAYSCHEME LOST PROPERTY

Sum of money; Navy Blue anorak with orange lining; Navy blue anorak with American Pie label; Lady's green headscarf; Blue anorak, red collar, red stripes round bottom; Blue sun visor; Brown V-necked jumper; Brown Skoda purse; White cardigan (3/4yrs); Red Tee-shirt (City of London coat of arms on front); Light green comb; Blue & white comb; 1 Pair white socks; Yellow purse (bell on the zip); Oyster coloured plastic hair band; Blue waterproof; Blue and white wrist band; Boots child harness; One lamb with braces round his neck!; One white mitten; One striped belt; Maroon & grey cardigan.

If anyone recognises any of the above items, could they please contact Vanda Ball, Tel: Harbury 612783.

THE HELEN LEY CHARITABLE TRUST

This is a voluntary charitable organisation, set up in 1975 to provide short term residential care for people with Multiple Sclerosis.

The philosophy and aims of the Trust are:

1. to enable families to have a break from their arduous caring task.
2. to enable the person with M.S. to have a change of scenery and to meet new people with whom he or she can discuss common problems.

The Trust believes it has the ability, human resources and sense of purpose to achieve its task in a way not often available elsewhere in the field of physical disability. It takes people into its care offering love, a high standard of nursing care and, we hope, a sense of purpose to some of the most vulnerable members of our society.

Helen Ley House is the only short stay nursing home in the country primarily for multiple sclerosis sufferers, who therefore come to it from all over the United Kingdom.

JUNIOR TENNIS

As I forgot to report any results for the August issue, there's quite a lot to record this time. Congratulations to the 60 approx. junior members, who have been so enthusiastic.

The results of the Ascension Day tournament were Beginners Group - 1st: Julie Brown, tied 2nd: Claire Hillis and Kathryn McDonald, 3rd: Roy Coupe. More advanced Group - 1st: Dylan Adams, 2nd: Paul Glaze, tied 3rd: Lana & Martin Marsh. Intermediates - 1st: James Mayer, 2nd Stephen Padbury, 3rd: Maxwell Summers.

During the season the following passed stage 4: Paul Dugan, Leon Scholtz, Claire Hillis, Julia Brown, Emma Stevenson, Lucy Knight and Kathryn McDonald. Stage 3: Roy Coupe, Kieran Youngman, Jeremy Hayes, Alison Barnes, Fiona Szolnoki, Sarah Gee, Clare Ingram and Fiona Crossan. Stage 2: Emma Groves, Ben Butler and Donna Smith. Stage 1: Shane & Adrian Exton, Mark Newbold, Kathryn

Andrews, Alex Watts and Jayne Archer.

At the end of season tournament, Lucy Knight won the beginners tournament, Kathryn Mc Donald was 2nd and Julia Brown, Kieran Youngman and Shane Exton tied 3rd. In the more advanced group, Vincent Crossan was 1st, Paul Dugan, Trudi Waggott and Wendy Ottewill all tied 2nd.

During the holidays at a tournament held in Leamington, Lucy Knight won the Under 10 girls and Claire Hillis came 3rd, while Vincent Crossan played extremely well to get to the Under 12 Boys' semi-finals. Then a teenagers' team - James Mayer & Penny Ottewill, Jamie Williams & Vicky Ridgley, Stephen Hancock & Claire Turner - beat Southam Club, 44 games to 37.

Please can all those still in the junior club tournament (singles or doubles) either contact me (Rosemary Ottewill, 43 Mill St., 613402) or turn up on Wednesday 5th September 6.00pm or Friday 7th 6pm to try and play the rest of the matches. As soon as they are played we hope to have a finals day followed by a barbecue for all junior tennis members (bring your own food and drink!)

R.O.

(Apologies for any names spelt incorrectly).

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

With the official end of the season only just over a month away, we can look back on quite a successful season. Twenty nine members of the club have played a variety of teams and that is a record in itself. It has been nice to see those who were apprehensive about playing in a match coming off court having enjoyed themselves whether losing or not. Very encouraging has been the fact that two of our Juniors have played in Senior teams, namely Sarah Bunting and James Mayer and acquitted themselves admirably both on and off the Court. It keeps the old 'uns on their toes and gives the rest of the Juniors something to aim at.

The Blencoe Cup Team have excelled themselves this year and having won all their matches so far with just one to play can safely say "We've won the cup for Harbury". The second time in three years of playing in the competition.

Dates for Members' Diaries - 8.9.84 - Picnic Tournament starting at 11.00 a.m. and continuing to the bitter end!

18.10.84 - A.G.M. will be in the Club Room at 8.00 p.m. and continued in the Gamecock when the light fades.

B.M.L.

HARBURY BADMINTON CLUB

The start of the new badminton season is once again upon us, so it's time to put down your bucket and spade and pick up your racket. Due to injuries and a general shortage of members we are only able to enter one team in the Leamington mixed league this season - they will be in Division 3. At the same time we have entered a team in the Men's/Ladies' League so that our younger players can have some match practice. As you can see, we are short of members - so if you enjoy badminton and would like some match experience (or have already played matches before) please contact Maureen Smith on 612759 to find out more. Club nights start on Tuesday Sept. 4th at 8 00 pm in the Village Hall. See you there!

ANN TASKER.

CHESTERTON WINDMILL OPENING

The mill's elegant exterior - generally attributed to Inigo Jones or his pupil John Webb - can be admired every day of the year; only on special occasions can the even more interesting 17th century machinery within be inspected. This weekend, 1st and 2nd September, sees the next open days, from 11 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Warwickshire County Council, who restored both the fabric and (with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings) the machinery in the late 1960's, will have provided a temporary staircase for public access to the interior.

Previous openings have proved exceedingly popular; because only a limited number of people can safely be accommodated at once and because they ascend and descend the same stairs, long queues are likely to form. Early arrival is strongly advised!

Many explanatory notices are attached to the machinery and members of the Wind and Watermills

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Group of the SPAB will be on hand to provide more detailed information. Admission to the mill is free, although donations to defray the cost of maintenance and of opening will be warmly welcomed. Posters and other literature - as well as cups of tea - will be on sale.

T.C.M.

HARBURY MOTHER & BABY GROUP

Many new mothers in the Harbury area have been working full or part time before they have their baby or may only have recently moved into the village. My son was born only six weeks after a move from Oxford to Harbury and I was very grateful for the friends and contact made at the Harbury Mother and Baby Group.

If you have a new baby and would like to make new friends who share a similar lifestyle to yourself, why not come along to this group. You can meet other new mums for a friendly chat over a cup of coffee. We provide a play area for babies and toddlers, and refreshments for mothers.

We meet in the village hall whilst the baby clinic is in progress every 2nd & 4th Wednesday in the month (2.00 - 4.30 p.m.)

GILLIAN RILEY.

HARBURY YOUNG WIVES

During the holidays the following committee members were elected:- Vanda Ball (Chairman), Sue Dormer (Secretary), Janet Hill (Treasurer), Janice Grundy (Nanny), Lynn Watkins (Teas and Posters), Judy Farnsworth (Teas).

Eileen Wilkins and Alison Hunt have kindly offered to help look after the children when we start again this month.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th - 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. All are welcome. Could children please wear soft shoes to deaden the noise! We hope to have a member from the Warwickshire Nature Conservation Trust to give a talk on that day.

V.B.

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MOTHERS' UNION

Our first meeting of 1984/85 year will be a service in Church on September 5th at 2.15 p.m., followed by tea.

All other monthly meetings will be held in the Farley Room at the Village Hall.

New members are always most welcome.

A Coffee Morning has been arranged for Wednesday September 19th, 10.30 - 12 noon at 1 Vicarage Lane. Proceeds to be used for the Church Altar Kneeler. Please support this event generously and bring your friends.

I would be most grateful if those members who have "Overseas" boxes would bring them to the September meeting.

At the meeting on October 3rd, Mrs. D. Gawan will speak on the M.U. TV & Cinema watching group.

EILEEN WILKINS.

HARBURY P.C.C. BICYCLE EVENT

Due to this very hot Summer, we decided to hold the Great Bicycle Event a little later this year - at least that's my version - so Sunday September 9th is the day.

The event - if you are not familiar with it - is for fun, although there is usually some pretty lively competition during the afternoon. It starts at 3.15 p.m. from the car park of the Old New Inn and is run on the quieter roads around the village and through Mr. Thwaites' estate. The course is approximately 5 miles round and competitors in each class, except that for adults, cover one lap; adults cover two.

Classes: Boys & Girls 8 - 11 yrs
 " " 12 - 15 yrs

Ladies

Adults 16+yrs

Team event run concurrently

Results are determined from the time taken to cover the Course but a handicap is also applied which

allows the slower competitors a start over those considered faster - so you get two chances at winning a prize (mostly very nominal and courtesy of generous Harbury shops and pubs).

The team event is won by the team having the best 3 results (members can be in different classes).

Entry is FREE and intending competitors should report to the start by 2.30 p.m.

We are grateful to Mr. Thwaites for his permission to use his estate and to Mr. & Mrs. McLaughlin for the use of their car park.

Do come and join is what usually proves to be a most enjoyable afternoon.

J.B.M.

FAMILY GARDEN PARTY AT TEMPLE HOUSE

The lovely house and garden of Michael and Anne Lambert is open on Sunday 16th September at 12 noon for a family garden/luncheon party in aid of Church funds. Refreshments, games and stalls will be available for the entertainment of all and informality will be the keynote. Toys, children's clothing and other items will be very welcome for the Bring & Buy Stall and can be brought along on the day or to Temple House the day before.

Please come along and enjoy yourselves and help to raise some much needed funds for Harbury Church.

B.H.

HARBURY & DISTRICT NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES REGISTER

Our Autumn programme includes: Coffee A.M., Theatre Visit, Holiday Special Evening, Visit to IBM Computers (bio-rhythm charts on request) and Christmas Party.

New members always welcome, phone the Local Organiser, Heather Hawkins 612493 for details.

The Book Discussion Group: this is a lively sub-group of the NHR meeting monthly. Books and opinions vary greatly! You don't have to be a NHR member to join, the group is open to all. The book for September is *Light a Penny Candle* by Maeve Binchy and for October, *Moll Flanders* by Daniel Defoe. Phone Fiona Pidgeon 612479 for details.

NSPCC CEILIDH NOVEMBER 17th

This is advanced notice of a Ceilidh to be held in the Village Hall on November 17th, from 8pm until midnight, in aid of the NSPCC.

The evening will consist of folk dancing (barn dance style, with a caller) plus entertainment in the form of folk singing and demonstrations of clog dancing, mostly provided by the Lively Junction Ceilidh Band.

Tickets will be available nearer the time but, if the idea appeals to you, put the date in your diary now.

M.McD.

GOLDEN AGE - TRIP TO LUDLOW

Golden Age are having their trip to Ludlow and around Shropshire on Wednesday 12th September. We still have a few seats left and should be pleased to sell them to visitors for £3 each. We shall leave the Village Hall at 9.30 a.m.

L.K. 612707.

MUSIC EXAM RESULTSPRACTICAL

Grade 1 - Kathryn Andrews - Pass
David Cox - Pass

THEORY (Max Marks 99)

Grade 4 - Andrea Burford - 90 Marks
" 5 - Wendy Bloxham - 84 Marks

All are pupils of Mrs. J. Coope (612556)

1st HARBURY SCOUT GROUPNEWSPAPER COLLECTION

It is hoped to recommence on 23rd September, dependant on the number of volunteers available.

Would you please keep your magazines and newspapers for this purpose. It would greatly assist the collectors were you to tie the papers into 12" or 15" high bundles.

Thank you.

KCH (Chairman)

HARBURY SOCIETY

We have been surprisingly busy over the last few months; arranging to help at the opening of Chesterton Windmill; giving our views on the proposed Conservation Areas and having our Annual Picnic at Chesterton WATERmill.

So continuing in that vein we have arranged an informal meeting on Wednesday 26th September, 8.15pm at the Wight School when we will have on display photos of the Picnic, preliminary details of the Conservation Areas (main meeting to be held October/November) AND some historical details on the Wind and Water Mills at Chesterton and Harbury and the people who ran them.

Celia Barratt has kindly consented to bring along some of her photographs and research on the people of Harbury and Chesterton and to tell us more about who they were, what they did and where they lived. There will be ample opportunity to chat to her over tea and biscuits (or coffee and cakes if we exert ourselves!) It promises to be a lively and sociable occasion before we get down to the tougher task of arguing the pros and cons of Conservation Areas the following month. Do come along.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

PLACES TO GO

Once summer is over the stately homes close and long journeys seem inappropriate. It is a good moment to see what is on our doorstep.

Canal walking in autumn has its new areas - sloes for gin, blackberries for jelly, elderberries for wine and rushes for your flower arrangements. We are particularly lucky here with the local canals the Grand Union, the Oxford and the Stratford. How long since you walked up the Hatton flight of locks or wandered to canal junction at Napton?

Baddesley Clinton (Turn left off the A41 between Warwick and Solihull. It is well signposted).

This beautiful moated medieval manor house belongs to the National Trust. It is a stunning

building to look at, and inside it still feels like the home for centuries of the Ferrers family who gave it to the Trust. The surrounding garden is very beautiful, and the Trust have converted the out-buildings into an excellent shop and tea room. The interesting little Church is but a short walk away. The house is open until the end of September from Wednesday - Sunday between 2-6pm and in October on Saturdays and Sundays between 2-5pm.

If you would like a full day's outing, Hatton Craft Centre is only a mile or two away and well worth a visit.

Packwood - an Elizabethan house, beautifully furnished and with an interesting garden which includes yew garden once thought to be representative of Christ and his apostles preaching to the multitude. Open April - Sept. Wed - Sat and Bank Holidays 2-6pm. Admission: House & Garden £1.30; Garden only - 80p. No prams or push-chairs.

The Rollright Stones - Our nearest prehistoric standing stones. They lie in a circle on a lonely hill-top site amid farm lands just off the A34 Shipston to Oxford road beyond Long Compton. The King's stone is in the field opposite, and to the East of the circle are the remains of a Neolithic tomb, the largest stone 8ft high, enclosing a burial chamber. Free access at all times.

Meon Hill - An eerie place with prehistoric and witchcraft associations. It is a beautiful spot for a picnic on a sunny day - often with the bonus of hang-gliding to watch. Access via Quinton off the Stratford to Broadway road. A path leads up the hill from the end of the village green of Upper Quinton.

The editors would be glad to have any suggestions about your favourite local outings, particularly details of any walks that do not involve too many miles by car. Please let us pool our resources.

IN THE GARDEN

September is an interesting month as there is so much to gather in and you will have the result of any showing you have done. If you have not sown your

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spring cabbage and Japanese onion seed, do so at once. Keep spraying all your winter greens and earth up your celery. Lift onions and get them dry before storing in a cool place; it need not be frost free. It is time to take geranium cuttings. Your Brussels sprouts may need support against the winter gales. Prune blackcurrants and get your grease bands on your fruit trees as soon as possible.

W.F. LINES.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

By the time the Sept. issue of this magazine is printed, the "Flower Show" will be well under way, so more about that next month.

The first meeting of the new season is on Tuesday Oct. 2nd. It will be the A.G.M. but don't let that put you off as we have Mr. Vatch who will be talking on "Water Gardens". This is a subject we haven't had before. We welcome all our old members and this is a good night to join our society. We have some good speakers on a wide variety of subjects, so why not come along.

Tues. Oct. 2nd, 8pm, Wight School.

EDNA LINES.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear editors,

My thanks to all in any way connected with the Playscheme. It has been a rare and special opportunity to run the Playscheme over the last two years. However, the stresses and demands of the 6-7 months preparation in both years have been enormous and so I hope the community will understand the absolute need for my husband and myself to take time off together with the family and take a "Sabbatical" break. The Playschemes have shown that they are viable, possible and would be supported; that funds, staffing and facilities are all available and that the children deserve the best. I hope the vacancy I leave will definitely be filled. It can be done. Thanks to all.

A keen Harbury Supporter,

KAY PALLOT.

LETTER FROM THE KARAKORAM

Last year we published a 'letter from Israel written by Peter Edwards of Denys Close, Temple End. Peter has just completed his first year at Oxford University. During his vacation he has travelled into the remote areas of Northern Pakistan.

Dear Harbury & Ladbroke News,

Glancing through a "National Geographic" last year, I came across an article on a remote village in the Karakoram Mountains in Northern Pakistan. The village was apparently untouched by Western Civilisation. I was intrigued by this article, not the least because I had never heard of the Karakoram mountains before. Thus it was that I came to be in Pakistan this summer, mounting my own mini expedition to explore the Karakorams and especially to trek to Shingshal.

After a journey of some 1,500 miles firstly on the famous "Khyber Mail" train north from Karachi, and then by road along the famous Karakoram highway, I found myself in Gilgit. I hired a guide, bought trekking provisions and tried to obtain permission for the trek to Shingshal, since it is a sensitive border area. Thanks to the influence and contacts of my guide we soon found ourselves speeding north in a jeep from Gilgit to the head of the Hunza valley where the trek was to begin.

It took two and a half days to trek the forty six miles to the village, through some of the most barren and dangerous mountain terrain imaginable. Rarely did we drop below 10,000 feet, whilst the path snaked across near vertical scree slopes, along rock ledges, over one thousand feet above the angry river. In many places the path was wiped out by land slides, which made sections very dangerous. At times we had to descend to the river and wade up to our chests in the numbing glacial waters.

Walking twelve hours a day and living on a diet of rice and lentils we slept the nights in shepherds' huts. On the third day we came to the mighty Mulungutti glacier. The glacier provided an almost insurmountable obstacle. It took 2 hours to cross the mile width of it. Eventually however we found

ourselves looking down from 15,000 feet on a lush green valley, a "Canaan" in a land of desert and barren crumbling rocks, where daytime temperatures soared to 40°C. Even though we were totally exhausted, the sight lighted our spirits and just as dusk was falling we reached the outskirts of Shingshal, a few stone huts, wheat fields and an irrigation network.

We were greeted as long lost friends by the villagers who led us to one of their houses where we were to stay and we awarded the utmost hospitality for two days.

The lifestyle in Shingshal was much as we expected. Everybody owned and worked a piece of land, whilst the richer of the villagers owned and grazed Yak in the high pastures. The diet was frugal and we ate only what was in season, so we were relying on spinach and yoghurt. The warmth and hospitality of these mountain people was what impressed us most. We had not expected to be treated so royally or to find such a peaceful and friendly settlement in such desolate mountains.

We were lucky to be able to meet these Wakhi people, the majority of them residing in the restricted and isolated area of the "Wakhan Corridor" in South-Eastern Russia. However, as the Pakistan government proceeds with the idea of building a jeep road to Shingshal, what the "geographic" magazine discribed as "one of the world's loveliest villages" will soon be another tourist centre.

PETER EDWARDS.

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Alan Wilkins of Orchard House thanks all friends for their best wishes on his marriage to Sue in July and thanks Sue for the wonderful two years so far.

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