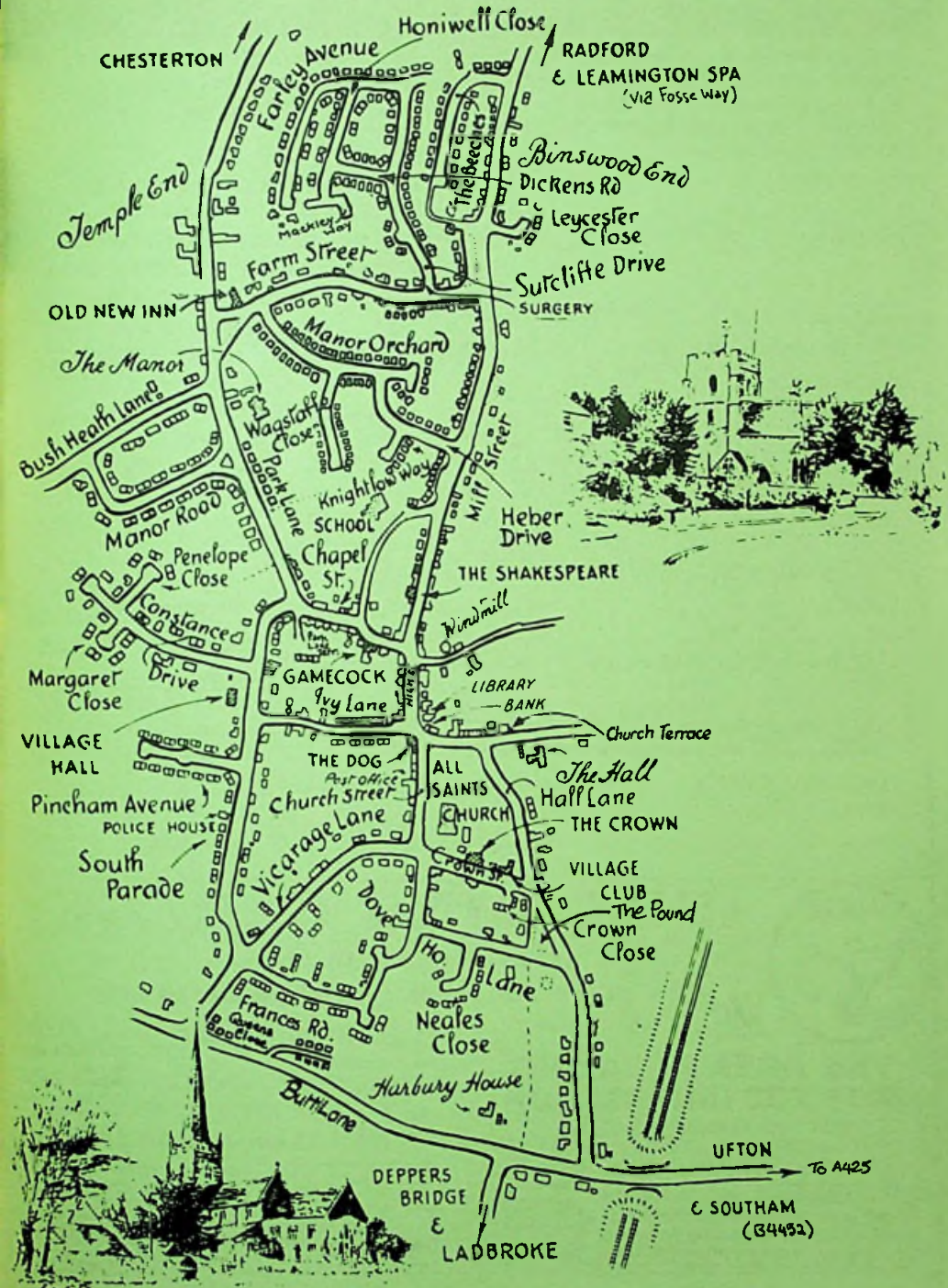


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	Evensong — 6.30pm (Not 1st Sunday)
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	Mattins and Communion — 11.00am (3rd Sunday)
	Evensong (1st Sunday) — 6.30pm (Summer)
	— 3.30pm (Winter)

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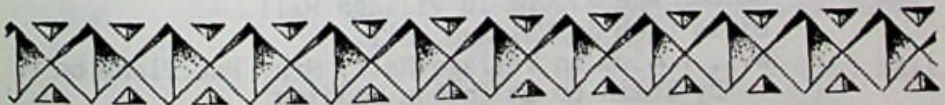
HAD A BUMP?

As the issue is distributed, Easter is upon us and with it the first Bank Holiday of the year. On Good Friday evening, the Windmill Singers will be performing Stainer's Crucifixion in Harbury Church - a fitting work which should be most enjoyable.

Our feature picture this month shows Tom King of South Parade with one of his fine pigeons. Once again we are grateful to Mike Bloxham for the photograph. It is amazing to consider the wide range of hobbies and interests amongst people in the village. Pigeons and photography are only two examples. The immense number of activities which show in our reports and in the Diary make Harbury into a real community and a pretty good place to live.



Nevertheless there are gaps which always seem difficult to fill. One of the continuing problems is undoubtedly provision for teenagers, particularly between 14 and 18. There are opportunities on offer - the Venture Scouts are an outstanding example - but they do not appeal to everyone. Provision for young people should be - and often is - high on the agenda of concern in the village. Perhaps our County Council candidates in May can turn their attention to this matter.



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HARBURY DIARY

- Sat. 30th 4.30pm Bellringers Association Service - Church.
 Tennis Club, Short Tennis & Cheque Book Evening,
 Village Hall.
- Sun. 31st Christian Fellowship Meeting, 8.00pm, 77 Mill St
PALM SUNDAY. 8.00am Holy Communion. 10.45am
 Blessing and Distribution of Palm Crosses at
 Village Hall. Procession of Palms, 10.30am
 Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
 Harbury Conservatives Spring Drinks Party,
 12.00 noon at Wissett Lodge.

APRIL 1985

- Mon. 1st 7.30pm Holy Communion.
- Tues. 2nd Horticultural Society, 8.00pm Wight School,
 Prof. Bleasdale from the N.V.R.S. Wellesbourne
 Holy Communion 7.30pm.
 National Housewives Register Book Group, 8.00pm
- Wed. 3rd Holy Communion, 7.00am.
 Mothers Union, 2.15pm Village Hall, Canon Rowe
 on Holy Week.
 Parish Study Group, 8.15pm, 13 Mill Street.
- Thurs. 4th MAUNDY THURSDAY Holy Communion, 9.45am.
 Folk Club, 8.30pm. in the Old New Inn Lounge.
 Venture Scouts leave for Easter Camp, 7.00pm
 Scout Hut.
- Fri. 5th GOOD FRIDAY 9.30am Children's Service,
 2-3.00pm Before the Cross, 7.30pm The
 Crucifixion - Stainer (The Windmill Singers).
 (Some of the Services for Holy Week are com-
 bined with Ladbroke, see Diary).
- Sun. 7th EASTER DAY 8.00am Holy Communion, 10.30am
 Sung Eucharist.
- Mon. 8th EASTER MONDAY Christian Fellowship, 8 The
 Beeches, Corner Cottage, Lullington Lodge.
- Tues. 9th TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK 9.00am Holy Communion.
 Harbury Friends, 8.00pm at School.
- Thurs. 11th 9.45am Holy Communion.
 Golden Age 2.30pm in Village Hall.
 Girls Club in Village Hall.
 W.I. 7.45pm in Village Hall, Mrs. Pat Plant on
 'By Train to an Indian Wedding'.
 Men's Group, 7.45pm, 19 The Beeches.

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- Sat. 13th Flower Festival Cake Stall 9.30am to 12.30pm at Wight School.
- Sun. 14th EASTER I. LOW SUNDAY. 8.00am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong. Free Church Service, 2.30pm.
- Tues. 16th Playgroup and Dancing Classes start at Wight School.
Flower Festival Meeting, 8.00pm, Wight School.
National Housewives Register Discussion, 8.00pm Stockton.
- Wed. 17th P.C.C. Meeting, 8.00pm Wight School.
- Thurs. 18th 9.45am Holy Communion.
- Fri. 19th American Slide Show by Stan Finch on behalf of the NSPCC, 7.30pm Village Hall, Tickets 75p (OAPs and Children 50p, includes light refreshments).
- Sat. 20th Tennis Club Jumble Sale, 11.00am Village Hall.
Christian Fellowship, 77 Mill St., Rev. Gideon Cox.
W.I. Skittles evening, 'Swan' Kineton.
Harbury Junior Tennis Tournament, Racquet Centre Coventry.
- Sun. 21st EASTER II. 8.00am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong and Annual Meeting.
Harbury Society Tree Survey, 11.00am, Surgery.
- Mon. 22nd Christian Fellowship, 3 Vicarage Lane, Corner Cottage, 17 Farm St., 77 Mill St.
- Tues. 23rd ST. GEORGE'S DAY 7.30pm Holy Communion.
Playgroup 'Offspring' Children's Clothes Sale, 10.30am-12 noon, 14 Mill Street.
Young Wives, 2.00pm, Village Hall.
Harbury News Committee, 8.30pm, 23 Mill St.
- Wed. 24th National Housewives Register Coffee Meeting, 10.30am.
- Thurs. 25th ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST 9.45am Holy Communion.
Golden Age, 2.30pm, Village Hall.
Whist Drive, Village Hall.
Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall.
- Fri. 26th Under 16s 'Carnival Disco' at Village Hall, 7.30pm-10.30pm with Carnival Queen Contest (Under 18s) in Farley Room at 8.00pm
- Sat. 27th Southam Lions Annual Senior Citizens Party, 2.30pm, Southam School.
Southam PTA Jazz Evening, 8-12, School Hall.
Christian Fellowship, Corner Cottage.
All articles for May H & L News to Editors by

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Sun. 28th EASTER III. 8.00am Holy Communion, 10.30am.
Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm. Evensong.
PTA Treasure Hunt.

MAY

Wed. 1st Mothers Union, 2.15pm, Village Hall, Mrs. S.
Bynoe on 'Be of good cheer'.

Thurs. 2nd COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS in Village Hall.
Folk Club, 8.30pm in Old New Inn Lounge.

Fri. 3rd Harbury Gang Show in Village Hall.

Sat. 4th Harbury Gang Show in Village Hall.

Sun. 5th EASTER IV. 8.00am Holy Communion, 10.30am
Sung Eucharist, 6.30 pm Evensong.

Mon. 6th MAY DAY Holiday.

Thurs. 9th Golden Age 2.30pm in Village Hall.

W.I. 7.45pm, Village Hall, Resolutions with VCO

Fri. 10th National Housewives Register Jubilee Celebra-
tion Evening, 8.00pm at The Dog Inn.

Sat. 11th W.I. Produce Show.

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.

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LINDA RIDGLEY - telephone 612792.

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

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, 10 - 11.30 am Mondays, and 2.00-3.30pm Wednesdays.

PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings.

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

LUNCHEON CLUB: Village Hall every Tuesday & Friday 12-30 p.m.

DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm 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 ONE OF THE HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS!

For the first time since the birth of the Harbury News (as it was then) I shall abandon the editorial "we" and write as from myself. This is the last time I shall be writing as Churchwarden as I relinquish this office at the Church Annual Meeting on 21st April so I want to make this a very personal word of thanks, of reflection and of looking to the future. Having completed 11 years, the time has come to hand over to someone who will bring fresh ideas, skills and insights to bear on the life and work of the parish. When I was elected Churchwarden, I did say that I would serve for 5 years as I felt that it was not right for anyone to serve for more than

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a limited period. We have great potential leadership in Harbury and we do believe in giving everyone the opportunity of office. However, the main reason for my resigning as Churchwarden at this time is to offer service of a different kind to God through His Church. I have already started a course on Thursday evenings (plus one weekend and two full Saturdays) which is an exploration of lay ministry within the Church and which is now an obligatory part of the training of Lay Readers. I have long felt that God was calling me into this ministry and now seems to be the right time for me to be beginning my studies.

If, during the next couple of years, I seem not to be taking as active a part in Church life and affairs, it is not because I am less committed but because I am more so. I have to confess that studying seems less attractive to me than does the work which I have been doing as Churchwarden, but it will be well worth it if it enables me to assist in the worship and work of the Church in a deeper way and to help the Rector in his task of ministering to the people of Harbury and Ladbroke. Pray for me as I study.

The past eleven years have gone very quickly and have seen great changes in our Church and in our worship. It has been very thrilling to see the way in which our worshipping community has grown both in size and in commitment. We give thanks to God for the way in which He has blessed us and enabled us to grow. I take this opportunity to thank Harry Windsor, my fellow warden throughout my term of office, the members of the P.C.C., the people of the parish and above all the former Vicar and our present Rector for their support and encouragement at all times. I believe that God's Church in Harbury is on the threshold of great development and growth and I pray that I may have a share in this, albeit a different share from that which I would have had as Churchwarden.

God bless you my friends and may He use me - and all of us - in His service.

VIV AGGETT.

Please do think and pray about the election of a new Churchwarden and members of the P.C.C. The Church Annual Meeting is on Sunday, 21st April at 6.30pm in Church. Please send nominations in before that meeting. Every potential P.C.C. member (and Churchwarden) should be nominated IN WRITING with a proposer and seconder.

FROM THE RECTOR

The Resurrection

If those who wrote the Gospel accounts when it came to the Resurrection, had needed to be inventive or speculative, they could have done a better job. Here was a glorious opportunity for drama and imagination. But if they were to be factual and to report honestly the experience of those close to Jesus at that time, then they did their work admirably. There is no better example of this than the account told in St. Luke (Chapter 24, verses 13-35) of the two disciples travelling to Emmaus.

Here were two men, just like the rest of Jesus' disciples, numb with shock and grief, and with all hope and spirit drained from them. The only thing to do was to get away from it all, to trudge along those seven weary miles to Emmaus, away from the noisy, uncaring city at least to be quiet. Yet they could not get away from it all and as they stumbled along the rough road they talked and talked about all that had happened, as people usually do when someone dies. Then Jesus walked with them and asked why they talked so and reproachfully they told him of their sadness, of all their frustrated hopes and of the death on the Cross of the one who had meant so much to them, and, to add to all the misery, the rumours which were rife of the empty tomb and the appearance of angels. But then the stranger began to talk to them and showed an amazing grasp of the scriptures and explained things about the Messiah which they had never quite

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understood before. And in next to no time, they reached their destination and were pressing the stranger to stay for a meal with them.

And when he had sat down with them at the table, he took bread and said the blessing, he broke the bread and offered it to them!

At that moment, everything seemed crystal clear and they knew the stranger, even though he left them. They knew in that instant and their hearts were aglow with certainty - Jesus was risen from the dead and was with them alive for ever. Without hesitation, without considering their weariness or the lateness of the hour, back they hurried to Jerusalem, now with joy in their hearts, to tell the others that it was all true.

This is no concocted story, it is too calmly and too naturally told. It is the experience of two ordinary people just like you and me. As the great festival of Easter is once more celebrated, I hope this is your experience of the Risen Christ.

A Happy and Joyful Easter to You.

ANTONY ROWE.

The Stewardship Mission

This actually took place in March, although much careful and preparatory work had been going on for some time. The Supper was held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 9th March and the Bishop of Warwick and Mr. Arnold were our special guests. This was very well attended and was a most enjoyable occasion. Then followed the visiting of most of the regular members of All Saints', who were asked to consider what they could offer to the Church, both in time and talents and in money to forward the work of the Church and to develop her mission. From early reports we have had, it seems that the result will be very promising and will enable us, now that

our resources are consolidated to engage more earnestly, more widely and more effectively in the mission of the Church in this parish.

A Future Date

Looking ahead into May, please make a note of the Rogationtide Service to be held at Deppers Bridge on Sunday, 12th May at 4 o'clock. The service will be held at the Recreation Ground with the permission of the Parish Council and the music will be provided by a small contingent of the Salvation Army.

The intention is that people from both Harbury and Ladbroke will meet together midway between the two parishes at Deppers Bridge and there in traditional manner ask God to bless the countryside and the whole farming community.

HOLY BAPTISM

- 5th March Jennifer Alison, daughter of Robert Edward and Alison Dorothy Hodge, 36 Binswood End.
- 24th March Claire Marie, daughter of Philip John and Anna Kristina Harshbarger, The Willow, Vicarage Lane.

HOLY MATRIMONY

- 30th March Bruce Gordon McLaren of Dundee and Joanne Elizabeth Nockells, 44 Frances Rd

FUNERALS

- 1st March Daisy Elizabeth Turner, 9 Vicarage Lane
aged 88 years.
- 8th March Philippa Margaret Green, Harbury Hall,
aged 34 years.
- 12th March William Henry Webster, Old Barn Farm,
Ladbroke aged 80 years.
- 18th March Winifred Parker, 11 Pineham Avenue,
aged 85 years.
- 21st March Bernard Wilkins, formerly of Harbury,
aged 91 years.

MOTHERS UNION

The ALTER KNEELER is completed and we do appreciate all the help we have received with this project. I would like to thank all M.U. members who supported the coffee morning to raise the money and helped with the sewing, Anne Moore for organising the purchasing of materials, Mrs. Szolnoki, Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Winterbottom, Mrs. Goodman and M.U. member Nancy Davies for their needlework skills and Pat Riding, another member, who assembled it. Without their invaluable help we would certainly not have completed it so quickly. The kneeler will be dedicated on Easter Sunday.

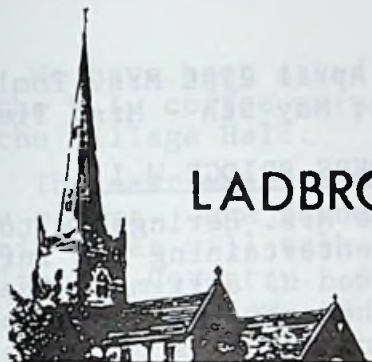
Our March meeting took the form of a discussion afternoon with everybody taking part. We heard about the Social Concern Department's "Away from it all" scheme which is aimed at providing short breaks for disadvantaged children and/or adults with M.U. members acting as hostesses, and some of us have recently taken part in a T.V. survey for the Media Department. We have a most enjoyable "Spring Fling" evening on 14th March at the White Lion, Radford, and our thanks to Eileen Wilkins for again organising this.

Our next meeting is during Holy Week on 3rd April when Canon Rowe will be our speaker.

ONE WORLD LINK WITH BO, SIERRA LEONE

A few months ago, a few of us met with Johannes Maleh, a teacher from Bo to discuss the idea of a link between Harbury and Johannes' home village. Johannes has now returned home and tells us that the idea was greeted with enthusiasm by the villagers, and they have formed a committee to work on improvement projects for the village. Their first plan is to install some lavatories, and they hope that we will be able to help in some way. I hope to arrange a meeting in the near future, to discuss ways in which we can help.

M.S.H.



LADBROKE NEWS

APRIL DIARY

Holy Week

- Wed. 3rd 10.30am, Holy Communion.
 Thurs. 4th MAUNDY THURSDAY 8.00pm Sung Eucharist.
 Fri. 5th GOOD FRIDAY, 10.30am, Children's Service,
 12.00-1.00pm Before the Cross.
 Sat. 6th HOLY SATURDAY, 8.30 pm, The Blessing of the
 Paschal Candles.
 (Some of the services of Holy Week are combined with
 Harbury, please check Harbury Diary Dates, too).
 Sun. 7th EASTER DAY, 9.0am, Holy Communion with Hymns.
 12.00 noon Holy Communion, 3.30 pm Evensong
 with Holy Baptism.
 Mon. 8th MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK, 9.00am Holy Communion.
 Wed. 10th 10.30am Holy Communion.
 Women's Fellowship at Mrs.Barrett's Home,
 Radbourne Lane.
 Sun. 14th EASTER I, LOW SUNDAY, 9.00am Holy Communion with
 Hymns.
 Wed. 17th 10.30am Holy Communion.
 Thurs. 18th Clothes party|coffee morning, Village Hall.
 Sun. 21st EASTER II, 9.00am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung
 Matins with Communion.
 Wed. 24th 10.30am Holy Communion.
 Thurs. 25th W.I. - Spring Flower Arranging Demonstration.
 Sun. 28th EASTER III, 9.00am Holy Communion with Hymns.

MAY

- Wed. 1st St. Philip and St. James, Apostles, 10.30am
 Holy Communion.
 Sun. 5th EASTER IV, 9.00am Holy Communion with Hymns.
 6.30pm Evensong and Dedication of Royal Arms.

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

April 7th - Mrs. Darkes; April 21st Mrs. Tomlins;
 April 28th - Mrs. Hanscombe; May 5th - Mrs. Timms.

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

We were delighted to welcome Mrs. Heringshaw to our February meeting. She was entertaining and informative when she spoke and showed us a film of the ceremony which took place when she and her husband were inaugurated as Mayor and Mayoress of Sutton Coldfield in 1966. It was very nice to share with her what must have been an experience of a lifetime.

Our guest speaker at our next meeting, Thursday 28th March is Miss Junod, she will describe to us the everyday life of a black South African citizen.

Looking ahead to April our meeting will be an open evening when Mrs. Beryl Dark will give a demonstration of Spring flower arranging. Please come and join us for what I am sure will be a happy and worthwhile evening. April 25th is the date to put in your diary.

Looking further ahead to our summer trips: Sunday, May 19th to London and Sunday July 7th to York. Ring Mrs. Gould on Southam 4516 for further details.

G. GOULD

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At our first meeting in 1985 we were very pleased to welcome Nurse Kohler, no stranger to most of our members. She started by quoting from Richard II - "This royal throne of kings etc." and said what a beautiful country we had in which to live and travel. The lovely slides she showed were of places from Land's End to the very North of Scotland, and revived many pleasant memories of our own visits to them. The cathedrals and churches, their stained glass windows, and architecture were particularly beautiful. The slides had been put together to mark the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

We have been asked to have a cake stall again at the W.I. coffee morning on May 15th at 10.30am in the Village Hall.

The next meeting on April 10th will be at the home of Mrs. June Barnett, Radbourne Lane, when Mrs. Winnie Miles will talk to us about St. Faith's Shelter in Coventry. Anyone who would like to hear her is most welcome to join us there.

NANCY STUBBS

ALL SAINTS CHURCH LADBROKE - News and Views

Annual Vestry Meeting

This meeting was held in the Village Hall on Monday, 18th March, at which Mr. David Rutherford and Mr. Jerry Garner, Churchwardens, were re-elected for the coming year.

Annual Parish Church Meeting

This followed the Annual Vestry Meeting, Chaired by the Rector, Canon Antony Rowe, with 15 people present.

The existing Parochial Church Council were re-elected and reports were given by the Electoral Roll Officer, Francis Badman, Ladbroke's representative to the Deanery Synod, Betty Winkfield and the Treasurer, John Comfort, who was supported by the Hon. Auditor, Alan Stubbs. It was also reported that some external and internal repair work would be undertaken by the Community Service workers, commencing as soon as the weather improves.

The Meeting spent most of its time discussing the 1984 accounts. Great concern was expressed at the increased expenditure over income, which has resulted in a deficit of £1,158 (the 1983 figure was £405). It was requested at the meeting that the people of Ladbroke be made aware of this disturbing situation.

In connection with the Holy Week services the Rector produced a supply of Easter Cards, listing the services in both Harbury and Ladbroke and by the time you read this, you will have received one.

GWYNNE BADMAN

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ROYAL COAT OF ARMS

An extremely handsome Royal Coat of Arms (oil paint on board) has been commissioned for Ladbroke Church to replace the one that hung there in 1847, since lost. We are deeply indebted to Mr. Geoffrey Clarke's daughter, Mrs. Jill Jowett, who has so brilliantly designed and executed this work.

As Canon Fishley always regretted the absence of the Royal Arms in Ladbroke Church it is intended to dedicate these new Arms as a tribute from his friends and former parishioners to his 23 years of much loved ministry in the Parish. The dedication will take place during Evensong at Ladbroke at 6.30pm on Sunday, 5th May in the presence of Canon Fishley and it is hoped many of his friends. Refreshments will be provided after the service.

The cost of the Arms has been underwritten and will not be a charge upon Church funds. However anyone wishing to be associated with this tribute to Canon Fishley and worthy addition to the Church is invited to subscribe by sending their donation as soon as possible to the Rector or Churchwardens, making clear it is for this purpose. (Cheques should be made payable to "Ladbroke Parish Church"). All donations will be acknowledged, but will remain anonymous. Should donations exceed the installed cost of the Coat of Arms (estimated at £250) the surplus will be credited to the Ladbroke Church Fabric Fund.

There will be a clothes party/coffee morning in the Village Hall on April 18th, in aid of funds for our church - cake stall, raffle etc., so if you'll be home, do try to come along.

Mrs. Betty Winkfield is considering the possibility of starting a church group/Sunday school, for the children of the village. It is not envisaged that this would meet on a weekly basis. If at all interested, would you please contact her, or the Rector.

As the Parish Council has not yet met this month, I find that I have space to mention two interesting tales from Ladbroke's past.

Apparently for many years there existed in our village a "Ladbroke Club", to which many of the residents belonged. They paid so much to join, and were then taken care of, in case of sickness, or other difficulties. Once a year a marquee was erected in "Butchers Close" (now part of Ladbroke Farm). A Brass Band from Southam was engaged for a dance at night and a jolly good time was had by all. It seems that on the first day the ladies served refreshments to all the men of the village and on the following day the men set to and waited hand and foot on the ladies and children ... not a bad idea!

The second reminiscence is on a ghostly theme - so be prepared! There can't have been many occasions this century when the village of Ladbroke has hit the headlines, but in 1926 it was very much in the news. "Lady of Ladbroke Hall nearly caused a crash", wrote the Courier. The chauffeur at the Hall, a Mr. George Streddar, was driving through the grounds, when a woman dressed in black, appeared in his path. He jammed on his brakes, expecting to find whoever it was lying under the wheels of the car - but the woman had vanished! Not long before-hand a Mrs. E. Timms arrived at the Hall early on a winter's morning ... "I was helping at Ladbroke Hall, I rang the front door bell and being unable to make anyone hear, I went round into the courtyard ... As I stood there waiting a tall lady in black emerged from the shrubbery down the stone steps and walked across the courtyard and disappeared in the vicinity of the stables". The servants made a thorough search of the premises, but although snow lay thick on the ground, there was no sign of any foot-prints!

How's that for a good ghost story, back to more mundane matters next month!

KATE LIVERTON



CHURCH FLOWERS

There is still time to make a gift towards Easter Flowers, perhaps in memory of a loved one. Contributions to the Rector or me (Hazebrook, The Pound). Any flowers will be welcome - so will aid and skill. Any offerings to the Church Easter Saturday morning, 9.30am onwards.

MARGARET RIGDEN

HARBURY FLOWER FESTIVAL

The two coffee mornings to raise funds for the Flower Festival were extremely well supported and most successful, and thanks are due to everyone concerned for their hard work in organising these events.

The next occasion worth noting is a Cake Stall to be held in the Wight School on Saturday, April 13th 9.30-12.30 - please come along and buy a cake (or two!) - it will save you baking time!!

Anyone who is interested in taking part in the Flower Festival or helping in any way is invited to attend the next meeting on Tuesday April 16th, 8.00 in the Wight School.

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HARBURY SCHOOLClass Nine - Craft Design & Technology Project

Several members of the class are involved in designing and constructing models for an exhibition and forum in Birmingham during May.

Among the interesting tasks being carried out is the construction of a solar powered ferris wheel, an animated sign for a park, a glider, and vehicle weighing less than 150 grams. If you measure out 150 grams you will appreciate the problem!

The PTA have subsidised the buying of solar cells, for which we are very grateful. If anybody has access to wheels, ball bearings etc. which could be used in our models please let me know.

NIGEL CHAPMAN



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The MYRIAD THEATRE COMPANY of two entertaining travelling players captivated our children who attended their performance in mime, play and song of David Livingstone's Adventures. Afterwards, children took part in a workshop supervised by Myriad and had a super time when they play-acted using improvised props as part of the lesson.

AN EVENING OF POETRY was held on Wednesday, 13th March, as part of the National Poetry Week activities held at school. During this week, as you no doubt are aware, the children of all classes were involved in various aspects of poetry, from the learning of special poems, dressing-up to parent presentations. The PTA, as part of this Poetry Week, arranged an excellent evening when there was a capacity attendance. Some 200 persons were entertained by our children and finally by Mr. David Howe, Advisor for English, who admirably concluded the evening with his first-class delivery of a selection of children's poems. There was a superb atmosphere and enthusiasm surrounding the whole evening.

Advance notice is given of the popular Car Treasure Hunt to be held on Sunday 28th April 1985. A route around the district with adult and children's clues and prizes. We usually finish this event at some convenient spot for a snack, prizes and search-parties. More information will follow later, but pencil into your diary now. Also, Jaqui Powell, PTA Secretary would like to hear from Village Club, Pubs, Societies and organisations who would like to take part in 'It's a Knockout' to be held on Saturday, 29th June 1985. 8 teams of 4 men and 4 ladies to enter to take part. Please call Jaqui Tel.612246 for information and if interested.

DRAGON WORLD ... exists beyond Granny's Garden ... is an educational game for children aged 6+ years and just purchased by the PTA for use with the school's BBC-Computer. The package includes a story, music for dance/drama or two-part adventure, story book, ideas-book for class activity, illustrated record sheets, a users manual and keyboard overlay.

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The Jumble Sale held on Saturday 23rd March raised £128 for PTA funds. The usual well attended hectic event with many bargains. Thanks for coming to buyers and helpers.

100 CLUB - £10 winners:

March: Mr. & Mrs. Andrews and Mr. & Mrs. McCracken.

KEN STEPHENSON

SOUTHAM SCHOOL PTA

The severe February blizzard caused the postponement of the Folk Evening to the 16th March. Gloomy weather forecasts of yet more snow caused the Committee some worry but fortunately all was well, and a large audience enjoyed an excellent evening's entertainment. We were fortunate that all the performers were able to make the new date, and there were contributions from Peter MacDonald, Bonas, and Sarah Williams, as well as the 'Star Turn' - Brandywine Bridge. Many thanks to them and to Budgen Supermarkets who supplied the delicious array of cheeses. The evening raised £150 for PTA funds. Our next event is a Jazz Evening in the School Hall on Saturday, 27th April. Entertainment will be by Salon Rouge and tickets at £2 (including a hot supper) are on sale now at school, or from 32 Mill St. or 9 Heber Drive.

M.S.H.

P.S. Make a note in your diary for our Steak Barbecue and 50's-60's Disco on 29th June.

HARBURY PLAYGROUP

Playgroup are holding another "Offspring" childrens clothes sale, coffee and cakes morning on Tuesday, 23rd April, 1030-12.00 at 14 Mill Street. The clothes are new, to fit small babies and children up to 10-12 years of age. Everyone welcome.

TMW

HARBURY VENTURE SCOUT UNIT

March has been a month of preparation for our Welsh expedition at Easter. After our annual hike/camp to the Dassett Hills, reported in last month's Harbury News, the Unit has some idea of what conditions might be like in Wales and had tried out their equipment. On March 14th a contingent went to Coventry Sports Centre for an evening of swimming and a very

useful session on the climbing wall.

A week later we held a meeting to discuss the route we hoped to take through the mountains of Snowdonia. If all goes well, and the weather is not too inclement, our last night should be spent at three thousand feet in a very basic mountain refuge. That seemed to appeal to the 'he man' element although ex-Unit Leader Bob Wilkins thought it would be more comfortable sleeping in a tent next to the refuge - on grass instead of slabs of rock! Equipment and a menu for the five day journey were discussed at some length and Bob showed some slides of previous days in the hills.

On Saturday 23rd March thirteen members of the Unit walked the Knightley Way. This interesting twelve-mile footpath is well way-marked by Northamptonshire County Council. The weather was cool but sunny and although the going was heavy in places, due to rain the day before, the hike was voted a great success. Thanks to Ken Hughes and Tim Millington for assisting with transport.

J.L.H.

JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

This year Jenny Waggott has kindly offered to coach any keen tennis players. The format will be slightly different to previous years, as the groups will be restricted to approx. 10 children at a session and will be graded according to ability. The cost will be 60p a session, and a course will last 6 weeks (i.e. £3.60). So that the sessions can be organised (including days and times) please give your name, age, times free etc. as soon as possible to either Jenny Waggott, 8A The Beeches, Harbury 612554 or Rosemary Ottewill, 43 Mill St. Harbury 613402. Days for general junior tennis sessions will be announced in next month's Harbury News*, but don't forget that meanwhile any children can use the courts free except at the times designated to the adult tennis club. Junior tennis membership will be £2.00 p.a. and student membership £4.00. All those who have put their names down for the beginning of season tournament at the Ace Racquets Centre on Saturday 20th April, will be told details nearer the date. *(If any adults are willing to help organise these sessions I should be very grateful for their assistance - Rosemary).

ROSEMARY OTTEWILL

HIGH-FLYING CRAIG

Fifteen year old Craig Knowles of Mill St. has crowned a highly successful 1984 Athletics season by being placed 4th in the National Boys Rankings for High Jump with his leap of 1.79 metres. This is a terrific achievement and we offer our congratulations and good wishes for further success this season.

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

It has been a month of mixed fortunes for both teams. The first team started off well by beating Lighthorne and Winstons and went into the first two of their games against Green Man in a buoyant mood as League Leaders. Once the overnight snow had been cleared from the lines, the home game was played at a tremendous pace. However this was a game of missed chances and a defensive lapse in the last minute allowed the visitors a share of the points. At the away game, although the team battled well, Green Man deserved to win. Despite this minor setback, the team is playing well and anyone wishing to beat them will have to work hard. The players of the month have been Lee Williams for his all-round effort and Andy Hopkins for his "they shall not pass" approach.

The Reserves were finally knocked out by Greyhound in the Semi-final of their league cup in a hard-fought contest, after a long run due to the bad weather. In a hard-fought contest Dave Hagan scored two of the Harbury goals and Nigel Shields and John Martin the others. The loss of Gary Lowe, a key central defender, prior to the cup tie, left the team somewhat short of power in the air. In the last few games, however, the team has been re-shaped and now is beginning to look more balanced. For the next four weeks, Neil and Gordon Humphreys are both home from College and this should help considerably to strengthen the teams.

First team results - March 1985

3rd:	Lighthorne	0	Harbury	4
10th:	Harbury	3	Winstons	0
17th:	Harbury	3	Green Man	3
24th:	Green Man	5	Harbury	2

Reserve team results - March 1985

3rd:	Harbury	4	Greyhound 5 Cup semi-final
10th:	Central Hospital	2	Harbury 3
17th:	Kestrel	2	Harbury 2
24th:	Harbury	0	Louis De Poortere 3

S.FINCH

HARBURY CARNIVALHarbury Carnival Queen

The Carnival Committee are running an Under 16's Disco on Friday, 26th April, 7-30-10.30pm - 50p admission. David Andrews will be presenting the Disco, and refreshments will be on sale. At the Disco the Carnival Queen Competition will be held. Local girls under 18 who would like to enter should come along to the Farley Room at 8.00pm. Prizes of £10 and Carnival Dance tickets for the winner, and £5 each for the two attendants, plus the privilege of leading the procession on June 8th, Carnival Day.

Carnival News

The planning for this year's event is progressing well. New events this year include a Soap Box Derby in Carnival Week, divided into 3 classes, under-12's, 12-17 years and 18's and over. The Derby, with 2 people per Soap Box will be held around a route in the village - full details of rules and how to get an entry form in the May edition.

On Carnival Day itself, many old favourites will be there to entertain the crowds - Bands, Rugby's Town Crier, Steam Train rides, plus many attractions new for this year - a comedy trick cyclist, Parachute Jump, Motor Bikes Display and dancing displays.

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

The Fancy Dress Competition has 5 sections: under 5, 5-7 years, 8-10 years, 11-17 years and Adults. There are no entry forms or fees for the procession or fancy dress, but please let Tim Percival know if you would like to enter a float this year.

Offers for stalls are still needed - contact Brian Wade on 612831. Programmes will be available mid-May onwards - buy one for full details, and even if you are away on the day, please support us by buying a programme - you could win a prize in our Lucky Programme Draw.

JEAN COX, Carnival Committee

HARBURY W.I.

In March Harbury W.I. opened their doors to several Warwickshire groups for the final of the County Quiz; those taking part were from Ettington, Great Alne & Kinwarton, Lillington, Princethorpe and Tysoe. Princethorpe W.I. won the final which was chaired by Judy Braithwaite. The contestants won individual prizes as well as a joint prize for their own W.I. group.

To complete the very pleasant evening Mrs. Lewis and her team of Scottish Country Dancers entertained everyone.

Congratulations to the Harbury W.I. Badminton players who won the game with Long Itchington W.I. recently. A mention also for the 16 ladies who met in the Gamecock for a darts match - only one dart in the fire! The evening produced a team who will play Kenilworth W.I., well done Audrey, Celia, Cynthia and Deirdre!

Next month on April 11th Mrs. Pat Plant will be talking to us on the subject "By Train to an Indian Wedding". The Skittles evening in Kineton will be on April 20th

***** HARBURY W.I. PRODUCE SHOW SATURDAY MAY 11th ***

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'DRY ROT' - HARBURY THEATRE GROUP PRODUCTION

Whitehall farces of the Brian Rix era have always caused lively reaction from the press. The Harbury Theatre Group production of 'Dry Rot' is certainly no exception. It is difficult to choose between 'I fell about laughing' and 'I laughed until I cried'. This production gave immense pleasure to Harbury audiences and everyone concerned deserves congratulation. Diana Holt's production was notable for its verve and energy - and not least - for the clear enunciation of lines. This was important because this play by John Chapman is rather more notable for funny lines than falling trousers.

All of the cast performed well, though some were clearly stretched in parts that differed somewhat from their normal styles. John Stringer and Marie Brown were solid and convincing as the Colonel and his lady, while Ali Hodge and David Hill played the younger leads with considerable steadiness, poise and clarity. In comedy the straighter parts are inevitably the most difficult. Betty Barr played

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the maid of all work with skill, not least in her ability to maintain a West Country accent throughout the play. Both Keith Dormer as the horse thief and Dorothy Astill as the policewoman gave useful cameo performances. But the evening was memorable for the three comic roles. Alan Barr as the French jockey was a delight. His amazing French accent - and incredible memory - caused a near riot in the audience. Yet the major bouquets must go to Keith Hayes (as Tubbe) and Trevor Grundy (as Phipps). Keith Hayes has appeared many times on the Harbury stage, but this must rank as one of his finest performances. His portrayal of a seedy bookmaker was comical from the moment he entered. Trevor Grundy was - if possible - even more outstanding. Admittedly he had some very comical lines but his timing was perfect and his whole manner was very droll indeed.

As usual, the backstage crew deserve congratulation for their support and skill. They produce plays under adverse conditions with limited resources but give considerable entertainment to the village. The Theatre Group deserve success with their first entry in the Warwickshire Drama Festival, which takes place as we go to press. Good luck and thank you.

I.T.J.

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

The March meeting of the Folk Club featured a guest spot by Gerda, the usual variety of songs and styles from other local singers and the capacity audience that has become a regular feature of our meetings.

Gerda gave us an interesting selection of songs performed in her customary accomplished style with tasteful guitar accompaniments. We shall have more of these guest spots in future months so that other singers have the opportunity to prepare a longer programme than usual.

Straight from the Abu Dhabi Folk Club, Mike Putnam made a welcome return appearance (or was it another farewell?) and we saw the first performance by the new partnership of Alan Wilkins and John Kemsley. This was the first time that Harbury Folk Club had heard the distinctive sound of John's baritone Jug - let us hope it won't be the last! The

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line-up was completed by Pete and Liz Bones, with and without the other half of 'Bonas' plus newcomer Steve who gave us some Georgie culture.

The next two meetings of the Folk Club are on April 4th and May 2nd. At the April meeting we have a surprise guest so why not come along to the Old New Inn at 8.30pm to find out who it is?

PETER McDONALD (613730)

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

On May 2nd, elections will be held for a new Council for Warwickshire. Three candidates are standing in the Harbury Division and we print their messages to you below.

The County Council is responsible for Education, Social Services, Highways, all the Police and Fire Services. These Services are vital to all of us, and we pay for them, so use your vote on May 2nd

PATRICIA BIDWELL

I am very pleased to be given this opportunity of telling you some facts about myself, and a short report of the past three years, as your Warwickshire County Councillor.

I am married with three grown-up children and have lived nearby at Northend for over twenty years.

I was elected to the Southam R.D.C. in 1968 and have been a member of local government ever since. I know Harbury and Chesterton well and supported your wish to be designated a conservation area.

I now serve on the Education Committee because I know how important a good start is to education. This year more money is to be spent on helping the under-fives, also on improvement in the cover provided for secondary schools when a teacher is absent.

Last year I was a member of the working party which published the review of the



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Structure Plan, very important for villages like Harbury. Home help support has also been increased so that the elderly can stay in their own community.

If you want more information or need my help. my telephone number is Fenny Compton 284.

MARY SHELLEY

I have lived in Harbury with my family for twenty years. The Nursery School I started still flourishes in the Village Hall. I take an active part in a number of Village activities and am aware of the problems that face our community. I believe I can represent your interests by serving on the County Council and I ask for your support.

May I draw your attention to some matters that concern us all.

Our schools have difficulty in providing the basic materials for your children's education. They are turning to you to supplement their needs. This you do well. You give generously, but your time and money should provide "extras" to enhance school life, not pay for the essentials that should be covered by rates.

Many of us cannot afford to travel to Leamington by bus. The fares are extortionate, the service poor and non-existent on Sundays. People on low wages find the fares a severe burden.

During the snowy period in February, we suffered chaos, because the roads were not gritted for two or three days. Accidents in the district due to poor services, threw an extra burden on the already overworked medical units.

In this day and age we have a right to a better quality of life.

Make your voice heard on May 2nd. Vote Labour!



PAUL WILLIAMS, S.D.P. Liberal Alliance

Basic details: 30 years of age. Honours Engineering Graduate. Working for British Steel.

As a resident of Harbury, I am sure that the sources of aggravation in this village affect you also, perhaps to a greater extent. Classic examples spring easily to mind regarding Bus Services, Local Schools and even Road Safety. Warwickshire, with its spread-out population, needs public transport more than most parts of the country, yet our County Council is bottom of the list in supporting services.

Meanwhile, the youth of this shire are suffering from falling standards in our schools vis-a-vis the rest of the country. In Warwickshire the ratio of teachers to pupils has fallen substantially to the extent that many subjects are not now available in certain schools. Witness the demise of practical subjects at Southam. Furthermore, schools are no longer as pristine as they were in my day. Cleaning of schools is suffering from cuts and many teachers are appalled that such a basic requirement is being treated in such a scrooge-like way.

Road safety is another avenue requiring rigorous attention. Many residents of Harbury and Bishops Itchington complain of cars travelling at high speed through the village.

Of course there are many other areas of concern to us all. Suffice it to say that your County Councillor should be fighting for these aims as a basic requirement.

Given the chance, I will gladly perform that function for you.

PARISH COUNCIL

In his continuing efforts to bring together the two villages in his amalgamated Parish, the Rector of Harbury and Ladbroke, Canon Rowe, proposes to hold a joint outdoor service on Rogation Day. Instead of the traditional 'Beating of the Bounds', difficult in a modern agricultural area, he suggested holding a service on the Recreation Ground at Deppers Bridge, equidistant from Ladbroke and Harbury, and he requested permission from the Parish Council for the use of the Field. Cllrs. welcomed the idea but were worried about the

provision of car parking. The Council determined to liaise with the Southam Police on the problem of parking.

District Councillor Drinkwater brought to the Parish Council's attention the application at Mr. Peter Mann's Farm for permission to tip. The Ufton Land Fill Site would be on the right of the road to Bascote on an area of land from which limestone had been extracted. Filling would take place over a fifteen year period and a concrete road with passing places would be constructed for the lorries. Ufton Parish was not objecting to the application.

There were no objections from the Parish Council to plans to extend: 1 Honiwell Close, 11 Neale's Close and 3 Vicarage Lane.

The Council's Sub-Committee had considered the application for permission to build a bungalow at Highfield Stud in Deppers Bridge and was divided on the question and so brought the matter to full Council. Here too there was division, with one faction being in favour of recommending the granting of short term permission for a mobile home and the other wanting to allow the bungalow to be built. The Stables needed the full-time attendance of the owner and some members of the Council thought that this justified the building of a dwelling house. Others argued that permission for residential building had been refused previously and that the present owners had known that when they purchased the property. Chairman Sharon Hancock suggested that the Parish Council support the granting of permission for a temporary mobile home until the applicants were able to build up the business and prove the need for a bungalow, but on a split vote the Council decided that it would recommend that a permanent dwelling be allowed.

An emergency meeting of the School Governors was called to counter the threat to the School's temporary classroom which the County had decreed should be removed. Mr. Oliver, the Headmaster had proved to the Governors that with the numbers of pupils in the School next year the Classroom was essential and they had supported him.

The Bus Shelter, which was vandalised over the Christmas/New Year period is to be tidied up after the Parish Council received representations from parishioners objecting to their plans to demolish it. One public-spirited citizen has volunteered to keep the shelter clear of rubbish.

On receipt of a letter from the Library Service complaining of the sorry state of the Parish Council's Noticeboard in the grounds of the Wight School the Council rapidly agreed to renovate the board.

Cllr. Davies was worried that the low branches of the trees on the Pound would make maintenance of the grass difficult. The Clerk thought that some of the Pines in the Burial Grounds were dangerous and that in Crown St., opposite the Village Club, the branches of a tree were overhanging the road. The Council agreed to leave the problem of these trees, and the trees on Mill St. which were damaged by the contractors piping the ditch, to Cllr. Andrews who would get expert advice on them. The Clerk and Iory Davies would see whether British Rail had repaired the footbridge on SM62 and the County Engineer would be asked to check all footpaths for frost damage. The District Council would be asked to repair the rotted street name plate at Vicarage Lane. Repairs would be organised for the lighting column No.52 and 50 in Constance Drive.

WCC had half-heartedly offered Harbury £105 a year to take on the cutting of grass areas that are the responsibility of the County but the amount was unreasonably low and would only have paid for about two cuts a year, so that Harbury has declined to take them up on it. Keith Thompson pointed out that the streets had not been swept for some time. Cllr. Drinkwater explained that Stratford District Council was supposed to take this function over from the County on April 1st, but it was agreed to press for the Street Cleansing to be done, for, whilst the two authorities were negotiating over the change the gulleys were silting up.

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Cllr. Atkins reported that the Playing Fields Cttee. had decided that the shackles and chains of the Children's swings would have to be replaced and the Clerk offered to do the work. The Play Equipment is to be repainted and the bridge on the Mound removed. The mowing Contractor is to be warned to take especial care when cutting the grass near the play equipment for fear that an inquisitive child may be injured.

Cllr. Bill Middleton explained to the Council the reaction of the Village Hall Committee to the news that the Parish Council expected them to pay for the erection, by the Community Industries Team, of a new fence round the Hall. He admitted that it had been unfortunate that the team had started work before he had authorised them to do so and before he had had a meeting with the Village Hall's representative about the repairs, but he thought it unreasonable that the Cttee. should take the attitude that they ought not to have to pay for the fence because it was not to their specification. The Village Hall Management Committee had said that it had not budgeted for the cost of the fence in this financial year, but it had got it done at a bargain price Cllr. Middleton asserted. Mr. Middleton informed the Council that the Village Hall Cttee. had been working on a quote of £760 for the erection of a plastic-coated wire fence, and it had in fact cost £389.98. The Clerk read out the relevant passage in the tenancy agreement of the Village Hall which laid out the need to erect and maintain a galvanised metal fence at least four foot high with concrete posts. The Chairman suggested sending the Invoice to the Hall Cttee. and explaining how the work was started without discussion and emphasising the economy.

LINDA RIDGLEY

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HARBURY AND DISTRICT BRANCH LABOUR PARTY

At the Annual General Meeting on the 20th March, officers were elected as follows: Chairman - Richard Wells, Secretary - Ron Shelley, Treasurer - Mike Bloxham, Membership Secretary - Sharon Hancock. The speaker for the evening was Bransby Thomas from Southam who spoke about Party policy for the forthcoming County Council Elections.

R.S.

HARBURY AND DISTRICT NHR

Celebrations are going on all over the country for the NHR Silver Jubilee. Locally we are having a special evening at the Dog Inn where we'll be pleased to see members past and present. We're also holding an Open House Coffee Evening on July 16th in aid of the Southam Swimming Pool Fund and everyone will be very welcome, we'll be promoting ourselves too!

It has been a pleasure to see the membership increasing over the last year, we have one stalwart member who travels from Stockton for our meetings and we're always happy to see new members. We welcome young children at our daytime meetings and hope we can provide something for everyone.

Our next three months' programme includes: a theatre visit, coffee meetings, National Conference, discussion evening, Quiz evening with L/SPA NHR, evening tour of Charlecote House, Barbecue and Book Group meetings.

The next three books for the Book Group beginning in May are: A Passage to India by E.M. Forster, June: Harry's Game by Gerald Seymour, July: The Bell by Iris Murdoch. The Book Group welcomes non-NHR members.

For NHR details contact Heather Hawkins, tel. 612493; for Book Group contact Fiona Pidgeon, tel. 612479.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HARBURY SOCIETY

Tim Millington the Chairman, reported on an excellent year during which the Society had continued to establish itself as an authoritative body, giving its views on important Planning Applications - the

Chip Shops and the Manor Restaurant - its opinion on the installation of Countryside Kerbs, and pressing for the designation of Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Areas in Harbury. Members of the Committee had been invited to the NFUs 'Meet the Farmers' evening. The major success of the year had been the designation of the two Conservation Areas and the most important venture for the future was the researching going on with the help of the Venture Scouts for the publication of a booklet of Footpath Walks.

The Treasurer presented the Balance Sheet which showed a healthy surplus and reminded the members that Subscriptions were due on 1st April 1985.

The Secretary outlined the events of the past year; four talks and four Social Events including the ever popular Social and Mystery Tour. She promised a walk round the Quarries in the Spring. The Society had agreed to run the Secondhand China Stall at the Carnival.

Rosemary Ottewill moved that the existing Committee be re-elected en bloc and this was accepted (David Rolf retired because he will be leaving the village).

On the day that everyone received their Water Rates Demand, John Kemsley came to talk to the Harbury Society on the subject of the village's water supply. Mr. Kemsley is a Senior Scientist with the Water Authority. He said that until the 1930s Harbury's water came from wells. There were two types of well: the deep wells which tapped the permanent water table and the shallower soft water wells. In the mid-1930s attempts were made to improve supplies by constructing a Borehole in Bush Heath Lane, but the water became polluted. At the end of the thirties piped water was brought in from Rugby. The Treatment Works abstracted water from the Avon which was pumped to Napton, Bishops Itchington and then to Harbury along cast iron mains which still run along Pound Lane (Hall Lane), Pump Street (Crown St.), Mill Street and Ivy Lane out to Binswood and Temple Ends. No sooner had the supply been improved than the Second World War broke out and the camps at Kington and Gaydon robbed Harbury of water to such

an extent that for two or three days a week there was no pressure and water wagons had to be sent.

There was some improvement after the War, but it was not until the late 1960s that a new supply from the Campion Hills Works was brought into the village along a 10-inch main into the village Water Tower. This is Leam, not Avon water. In the mid-1970s the Water Tower came under suspicion of causing health problems and a re-chlorination plant was added.

Disposal of water and effluent had been just as antiquated and Mr. Kemsley told of the Night Soil Collectors with their horses and carts. The sewerage works at Deppers Bridge was opened about twenty years ago. Our water is pumped out of the Leam into a holding reservoir. The water is of a reasonable quality with a fair amount of nitrate and half the fluoride that the Authority requires.

Nitrates are a problem. The concentrations are high in the Leam due to the agricultural catchment area. The water is stored in its reservoir where some sedimentation takes place. Water is pumped from the Reservoir to the top of the Campion Hills by a pumping station which is manned 24 hours a day. The water is re-chlorinated before it leaves the plant to ensure that it is sterile. Fluoride is added at the request and the expense of the Area Health Authority.

On Sunday, 21st April we will be conducting a survey of trees recommended for Preservation Orders. The survey will consist of a gentle stroll round the village, beginning at 11.00am outside the Surgery on Farm Street. Come along and learn more about Harbury's trees.

LINDA RIDGLEY

SOUTHAM AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

We are holding our 14th Annual Spring Party for all senior citizens in the area. Once again we have an excellent programme of entertainment. The party will take place on Saturday 27th April at 2.30pm at Southam School.

As usual, free transport will be provided to and from the school.

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All senior citizens are invited, posters have been placed in the Post Office and Village Club on which names can be entered to enable us to make the necessary arrangements.

We look forward to a good attendance from Harbury to make the event an enjoyable occasion.

BOB MACHELL AND BOB DUNN

HOME FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY



For Mrs. Sarah Enefer of Pineham Avenue Mothers Day was made complete when her daughter Sybil arrived from California having left Harbury twenty years previously, her last visit here was 1973. Although Mrs. Enefer has visited her daughter's home in America this flying visit of one week enabled them to attend Mothering Sunday Family Service together, where they received, along with all ladies of the congregation bunches of Spring daffodils

handed out by Harbury's Choristers. Sybil's father, the late Mr. Sidney Enefer, was Harbury's village blacksmith for many years trading from premises opposite cemetery corner. Pictured, Mrs. Enefer with Sybil after Mothering Sunday's Family Service.



IN THE GARDEN

To the Gardeners who are thinking of turning part of their garden into a conservation area. If you do be sure you pick the part where the soil is very poor as the plants you wish to grow only thrive on poor ground, and save all your compost for your vegetable plot which will give you a better reward for your labour. Give a small dressing of Growmore on your lawn as this will encourage the grass to grow and deter the daisies. Although it is now Spring the ground is not warm enough to sow small seeds outside. Shallots and onion sets can be planted out when the ground is dry enough. The Broad beans which I started in separated cartons in the slightly heated greenhouse will be transferred to a cold house or garden frame for planting out in about two weeks time. Now is the time to prepare trenches for runner beans and celery, protect your spring cabbage from doves and other birds; should you have any spare cloches place them over the ground which you have prepared for your early peas or late sown broad beans. Growmore is best spread on the ground at least two weeks before planting.

W.F.LINES

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting on Tues. April 2nd will be a wonderful opportunity for members to pick the brains of the expert. Our speaker is Professor Bleasdale, Director of the N.V.R.S., Wellesbourne - his talk is entitled "What's new in vegetables and research". We are very lucky to be able to get this speaker, so let's make it a full house and bring a visitor along. Looking forward to May, we shall be having a talk on "Preparing for the Show". I am sure this will be very helpful to our members who show and also to encourage members who have not shown before.

July 13th is our 'Open Gardens', if anyone would like to open their garden please get in touch with me or any other committee member.

E.P.L.

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We are moving to Harbury on 4th April and I am looking for a parent who could look after my 8-year old son Christopher for an hour or so after school (term time only).

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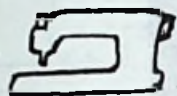
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