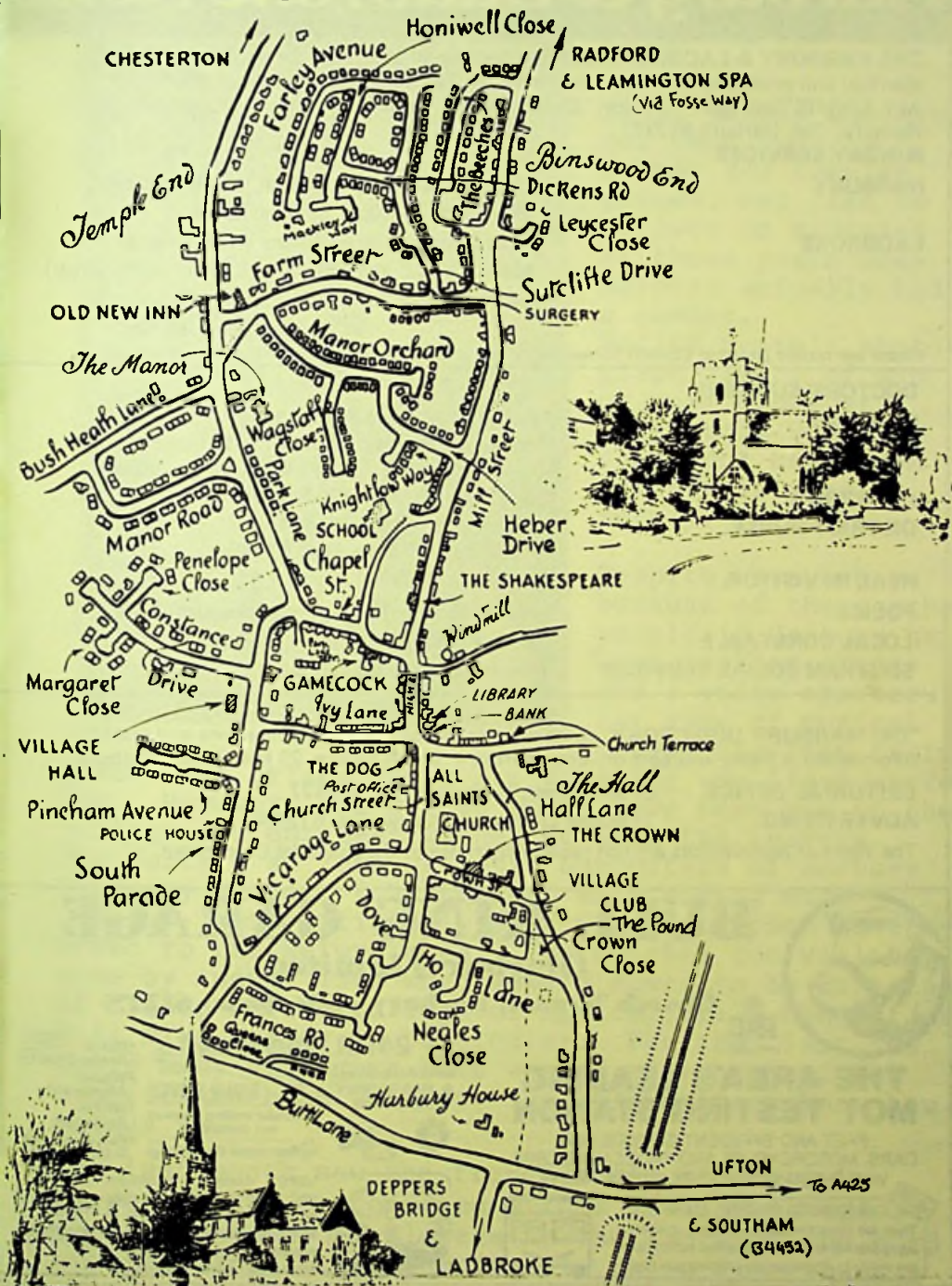


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HARBURY

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Evensong — 6.30pm (Not 1st Sunday)

LADBROKE

Holy Communion — 9.00am (with Hymns)

Mattins and Communion — 11.00am (3rd Sunday)

Evensong (1st Sunday) — 6.30pm (Summer)

— 3.30pm (Winter)

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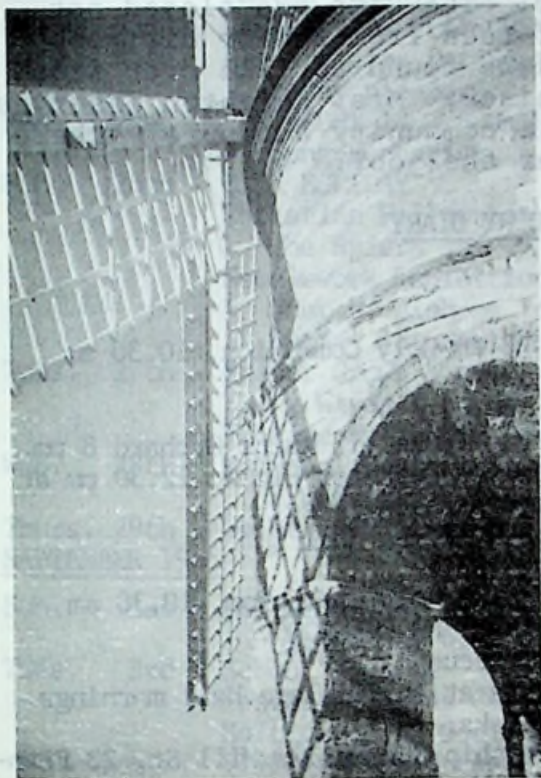
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**HAD A
BUMP?**



Those people who have not been away to warmer and sunnier places, may like to reflect on memories of those years when Harbury actually had a summer.

Verity Smith's photograph (left) of sun on warm stone at Chesterton Windmill could not have been taken this year, surely.

Despite, or perhaps because of the weather people in Harbury have been seeking change and a quite spectacular game of musical houses has been taking

place. No prizes given for guessing who lives where now. However, one or two moves have been out of the village and our best wishes go with the leavers. The Holts - so long stalwart supporters of Harbury in every respect (the Editors will sorely miss Diana) - were officially sent off last month as they moved to the Welwyn area. The Petches too will be gone by August 13th when Howard moves to be Principal of Bishop Burton College of Agriculture. Many of us will miss Tracey in particular. For the last few years many villagers have worked with her and the benefit has been two-way. We will want to know how things go.

The last month saw the tremendously successful Garden Walkabout combined with a Craft Fair and a superb Festival of Flowers in the Church. The hard work and initiative involved in these event were a

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credit to all concerned. It makes it all the more poignant that July also saw the final meeting of the Golden Age Club. The Club has closed not because of any lack of need from senior citizens, but because no-one can be found to take over from Mrs. Knighton as organiser. Mrs. Knighton deserves the thanks of the whole community but surely there is someone to take over the job??

HARBURY DIARY

AUGUST 1985

- Sun. 4th PENTECOST 10. 8 am Holy Communion, 10.30 am
Sung Eucharist
- Tues. 6th Prayer Group 8 pm
- Wed. 7th Bible Study Group (Luke) 13 Manor Orchard 8 pm.
National Housewives Register Picnic 12.30 pm at
Newbold Comyn Barbecue Area.
Mothers Union at Village Hall
- Thurs. 8th Whist in Village Hall
- Sun. 11th PENTECOST 11. 8 am Holy Communion, 10.30 am
Sung Eucharist. NO EVENSONG.
Cricket Club Barbecue.
- Mon. 12th PLAYScheme starts at the Village Hall mornings
only for 2 weeks.
Christian Fellowship 8 pm at 77 Mill St, 23 Francis Rd and 8 The Beeches.
- Tues. 13th PLAYScheme IN VILLAGE HALL
Prayer Group 8 pm
Harbury Friends 8 pm at School
Horticultural Society evening out to Notcutt Garden
Centre - 6.45 pm at Village Hall.
- Wed. 14th PLAYScheme IN VILLAGE HALL
National Housewives Register Meeting at the Laurel
Hall Lane at 8 pm. Topic Gardeners Choice.
- Thurs. 15th PLAYScheme IN VILLAGE HALL
- Fri. 16th PLAYScheme IN VILLAGE HALL
- Sun. 18th PENTECOST 12. 8 am Holy Communion. 10.30 am
Sung Eucharist. NO EVENSONG
- Mon. 19th PLAYScheme IN VILLAGE HALL
- Tues. 20th PLAYScheme IN VILLAGE HALL
Prayer Group 8 pm.
- Wed. 21st PLAYScheme IN VILLAGE HALL

- Thurs. 22nd PLAYScheme IN VILLAGE HALL
Whist in Village Hall
Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall 7.30 pm
- Fri. 23rd LAST DAY OF PLAYScheme IN VILLAGE HALL
- Sat. 24th All Articles for September Issue to Editors by
today please.
- Sun. 25th PENTECOST 13. 8 am Holy Communion, 10.30 am
Sung Eucharist, 6.30 pm Evensong
- Mon. 26th BANK HOLIDAY
Christian Fellowship 8 pm at 16 Binswood End,
The Spiers and 77 Mill St.
Needlework Exhibition with Flowers, St. Michael's
Church, Bishops Itchington. 2-8 pm daily till
Sunday 1st September.
- Tues. 27th Prayer Group 8 pm.
Young Wives 2 pm Village Hall
Village Hall Committee 8 pm Village Hall
- Wed. 28th National Housewives Register Coffee Evening at
2 Wagstaffe Close at 8 pm.
- Thurs. 29th Whist in Village Hall

SEPTEMBER 1985

- Sun. 1st PENTECOST 14. 8 am Holy Communion, 10.30 am Sun
Eucharist, 6.30 pm Evensong
- Tues. 3rd School Begins.
Senior Citizens Cttee 8.30 pm in Village Hall.
Horticultural Society 8 pm in Wight School.
Village Hall Cttee 8 pm.
- Wed. 4th Mothers Union Service in Church 2.15 pm.
- Thurs. 5th Folk Club at Old New Inn 8.30 pm in Lounge.
- Sat. 7th HORTICULTURAL SHOW IN VILLAGE HALL
- Sun. 8th Bicycle Event 3 pm Old New Inn.

N.B. During the period from 5th - 29th August there will be
just one weekday Service - Holy Communion on Thursdays at 9.45

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.

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

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. (not August)
HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sunday
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 morning
NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday
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 Road
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.
CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

Thanks to the many people involved over the last few months and
of course in the days immediately before the Flower Festival,
the Church looked magnificent over the whole weekend - and
beyond. It is estimated that over 800 people visited the

Church in addition to all those who attended Services as normal, and the extra large congregation for Choral Evensong with the Windmill Singers which so fittingly rounded off the weekend.

It was a great joy to see Ann Windsor marry Hugh Douglas-Smith on July 20th. Ann has been a loyal member of All Saints' congregation over many years - as chorister and bellringer - and we wish her and Hugh much happiness in the years ahead.

The 5 year architect's inspection of the Church was recently carried out, and we are pleased to report that although there is some work needed, the main stucture is sound.

Despite extremely wet weather, the Garden Party at Leamington House was very well supported and resulted in a handsome profit for Church funds.

J.B.M.

HARBURY & LADBROKE CHURCHMEN'S GROUP

The A.G.M. of the above was held at Wilmcote Lodge, Farley Avenue, Harbury on 11th July 1985. Our next regular meeting will be held on Thurs 3rd October and to anyone interested in joining our Group, details of membership etc. will gladly be supplied by any one of the following:-

Canon Roy Churchill - Chairman
 Tony Stubbs - Vice Chairman
 Bert Wilkins - Treasurer
 Reg Harris - Secre tary

FROM THE RECTOR

It seems to me that if it is possible, without trying too hard, to bring a little humour into Church services, it is not at all a bad thing. At one time people would frown at hilarity in Church, but nowadays I think most congregations value the opportunity to smile. Not that I would want worship to become some form of ecclesiastical entertainment or to have congregations 'rolling in the pews', but the occasional touch of wit or humour does no harm and is probably an antidote against the wrong sort of piety or pomposity.

I have no great skill in producing merriment, nor d-
I have a fund of good stories. Rather I tend to
forget the rich anecdote or, half remembering, fail
to think of the punchline. Yet occasionally I have
been known to cause a slight ripple of laughter and
it is most rewarding when a congregation responds to
the chance and unrehearsed remark, seeming to suggest
we are on the same wavelength. After all how dull
life would be if our homes never resounded to laugh-
ter and why should we want to be any less natural
in God's house, depriving ourselves, and God, of the
ability to laugh with one another or perhaps smile
at ourselves.

The other day when I was rummaging among some old
papers, seeing what I could discard, I came across
a passage someone had written out for me. I think
I had been saying something like I have said above
and a lady responding to it sent me these lines by
a John Hawthorne, who John Hawthorne was, or is, I
don't know, but I do commend his words to you
because I go along with them completely.

The Gift of Laughter

The gifts of the spirit are many and varied. To have
a sense of humour is undoubtedly to be blessed with
one of them. Humour has a transcendent power and
laughter is a part of humour. Humour transcends the
incongruous. It takes it beyond itself, away from
the far corner, where it is an oddity, and into the
light. The incongruous becomes no longer the runt
of creation but one of its flowers.

To laugh at is to love and to be laughed at is to be
loved. Real laughter cannot be cruel.

The view that man is to be distinguished from all
other creatures by the faculty of laughter is not to
be scorned. The ability to laugh, and be laughed at
is the ability to let go of self. To let slip the
mask. To open ourselves to each other and to God,
like a flower to the honey bee.

ANTONY ROWE.

THE AUMBRY

An Aumbry has recently been put into All Saints' Harbury for the reservation of the Sacrament. This is to facilitate particularly the taking of Communion to the sick and those who find it difficult to get to Church. Premium will be made when a congregation have come together to receive Communion, to reserve the consecrated bread and wine for those unable to be present, but wishing to receive the Sacrament. In this way they are not cut off from the worshipping community, but in some real measure share in the fellowship of the Altar.

The Aumbry will be consecrated for this purpose on Sunday 25th August at the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist. Fr. Mackley has been invited to perform the ceremony and he has gladly accepted.

Holy Baptism

28th July

Brett John William)	sons of Christopher Ian and Tina Yardley, 14 Leycester Cl
Ashley James Baden)	
Matthew Adrian Peter)	

Holy Matrimony

20th July

Hugh Douglas-Smith, 28 Buzzard Road, Luton and
Ann Elizabeth Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury.

Funeral

15th July

Cecil Frederick Parkhurst, 14 Sutcliffe Ave. 82 yrs

FREE CHURCH FAMILY SERVICE

The preacher at the service in July was Mr. Alan Mitchell of Harbury, who worked as missionary in Kenya for many years. Mr. Mitchell is well known in the village, and it was a joy to hear his message as he led our worship.

There will not be a Free Church Service during August this year, but the monthly service resumes in September. The preacher will be the minister of Dale Street Methodist Church in Leamington - the Rev. Trevor Beardsall. The service will be a 2.30 pm on Sunday 8th September in All Saints' Church Harbury as usual. The service is for the whole family, and everyone is welcome.

I.T.J.



LADBROKE NEWS

AUGUST DIARY

Sun.	4th	TRINITY IX. 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns. 6.30 pm Evensong.
Wed.	7th	The Transfiguration (transferred from Aug 6th) 10.30 am Holy Communion
Sun.	11th	TRINITY X. 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns
Thurs.	15th	10.30 am Holy Communion
Sun.	18th	TRINITY XI. 9 am Holy Communion 11 am Sung Mattins with Communion.
Wed.	21st	10.30 am Holy Communion
Sun.	25th	TRINITY XII. 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns
Wed.	28th	10.30 am Holy Communion
Thurs.	29th	2.30 pm Meeting for Young People in Church

SEPTEMBER

Sun.	1st	TRINITY XIII. 9 am Holy Communion 11 am Family Service.
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INFORMATION FOR LADBROKE

From 1st September arrangements for services will be adjusted slightly. The service at 11 o'clock once a month will now be held on the first Sunday of each month. It will be a simple service intended for the whole family and will last about 45 minutes. After a short break there will be a short Communion service for those who wish to stay. Evensong will be on the third Sunday of the month. This change will not effect the Holy Communion each Sunday at 9am.

Also from Sunday 1st Sept, Rite 'B' from the Alternative Service Book will be used for a period up until Advent. Before Advent Sunday a Church Meeting will be called to receive impressions of the Rite. The decision to make this experiment was fully agreed by the Parochial Church Council.

Finally please note carefully a meeting on Thursday 29th August at 2.30 pm in Church for Young People.

A GIFT

We acknowledge with our thanks the gift of a Creden Table Cloth for All Saints' Ladbroke. It has been given by Mrs. Jessie Willmott. This lovely piece of lace work was done by Mrs. Willmott's mother Mrs. Nellie Cooke. The family used to live in Ladbroke at Gosport Cottage.

LADBROKE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Canon Fishley came to our meeting in July and we were very pleased to welcome him again. The weather was kind so we sat in June Barnett's lovely garden to listen to him. After telling us a little bit more about some of his ancestors, he went on to talk about Church schools and their very worthwhile contribution to the present day schools. Our thanks are due to June for the delicious tea which ended a very pleasant afternoon.

There will be no meeting in August.

NANCY STUBBS.



LADBROKE NEWS

DATES - Saturday 3rd August - Ladbroke Day of Action
including Car Boot Sale, Treasure Hunt and Barbecue.

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

August 4th - Mrs. Parker August 11th Mrs. Todman
" 18th - Mrs. Sheasby " 25th Mrs. Spence
Sept 1st - Mrs. T. Barnett Sept 8th - Mrs. Gould.

Two PARISH COUNCIL Meetings to report on this month. In June it was reported that the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was now in operation. All the literature has been distributed and cards are available to be completed by people going on holiday. There are plans for a film show and talk on this topic in the Autumn.

Concern was expressed at the very high level of the Brook, following a rainstorm on the 24th June, it was decided to write to the County Council and enquire about the effects of the new culvert under the Bypass and of the silting up under the bridge in Church Lane

The need for a Children's Play Area in our village was again discussed and it was decided that the next procedure was to consult the council's legal advisors to find out if there are any regulations which preclude the use of Penfold Green, which is the only piece of Common Land in the village.

The Subject of the Green lane between Windmill lane and Priors Marston is once again on the Agenda. A Waterboard official had been warned off this Public Right of way by the Landowner concerned and the Parish Council feels that it is time that the situation was properly clarified.

The July Meeting was held on Tuesday 23rd and it was reported that in order to utilise Common Land, permission is needed from the Secretary of State. It was decided to seek this consent and to find out more about the insurance aspect of supervising a play area. A reply had been received regarding the flooding of the Brook and it appears that the new culvert is a help not a hazzard. The silt under the bridge is to be removed. It is apparently difficult to ensure totally against flooding because of the flatness of the land through the village.

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The idea of opening a Pharmacy in Harbury was discussed and the feeling in the village appears to be against the idea. The Parish Council feel that the existing arrangements are quite adequate and in many ways advantageous to the community. Progress on the Southern end of the Bypass is not quite up to schedule. However it has been established that a certain amount of trees and screening will be planted on the west side of the embankment where the road crosses the Brook. Next Meeting Wednesday 4th September 7.30 pm in Village Hall.

Jonathan Colvin of High House Ladbroke is at the moment part of a four man team who are cycling from John O' Groats to Lands End in order to raise money for Myton Hospice and Cancer Research. If you haven't already pledged your support, and are willing to sponsor the team please phone Southam 2248.

Cream Teas were served in the gardens of High House on Monday 8th July on what must have been one of the hottest afternoons this year. It proved to be a most enjoyable and well attended event, which raised nearly £40 in aid of our local Playbus.

Finally I should like to welcome to the village Mr. & Mrs. Haggard and Mr. & Mrs. Walker who have recently moved into the new bungalows in Radbourne Lane; and also the Algar family who have moved into Windmill Lane.

KATE LIVERTON

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Our June meeting was an historical evening trip to Edge Hill followed by a non-historical drink and bar snack at a nearby hostelry. July 7th saw a large party of W.I. members, villagers and friends make their way by coach to the wonderful City of York. The sun shone all day and it was the unanimous opinion that a very good time was had by all.

On Thursday 11th July we joined a large number of other institutes at Harbury Village Hall where Harbury W.I. organised a very successful evening. A talk on cheese making was followed by a sampling of many varieties of cheese accompanied by some delicious wine.

Our own garden party was held in the garden of Mr. & Mrs. Norgate on Thursday 18th July. Despite the very mixed weather we had a very happy and successful evening. We are indebted to Mr. & Mrs. Norgate and family, to all helpers and especially to villagers and members of neighbouring institutes for their support and generosity. We are happy to announce that we made a profit of £128. A cheque for £100 will be sent to Myton Hospice and the remainder will be used to give the patients of Christopher Wren Ward Hatton a Christmas party.

Our July meeting took place at the Village Hall. Mr. Kane from Kanes of Oxford St. Leamington gave us a most interesting talk on the history of coffee and advised us on the best way of making fresh coffee.

GWLADYS GOULD

Apologies to Mr. & Mrs. Hook for the omission of these words of thanks in July's Harbury News:

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hook send their warmest thanks to all their friends in Ladbroke and Harbury whose good wishes, gifts and cards helped to make their Emerald Wedding Anniversary such a happy and memorable day.

ACTION RESEARCH FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILD

A successful house to house collection in June raised £150, our grateful thanks to all who contributed. Make a date for our 20's Casino Evening on 28th Sept from 8 pm at the Village Hall. Watch this space for further details.

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Cecil Parkhurst



Cecil Parkhurst only lived in Harbury since his retirement but in that short time he endeared himself to everyone he met with his cheery personality that is captured in our photograph (by Verity Smith). Mr. Parkhurst was always ready for a chat, and his concern and affection for other people was apparent. He will be remembered and sadly missed by all who knew him. The abiding memory of

Cecil Parkhurst will be of a perky, elderly gentleman pottering down the middle of Mill Street with Sally - his Cairn terrier - trailing along behind.

I.T.J.

HARBURY C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

The end of term has reached its usual hectic climax. We enjoyed good weather for both Sports Days, with Dickens House winning the shield for the second successive year.

Our 'Domesday Evening' was very well supported as was our musical evening for instrumentalists and 'Jonah Man Jazz'.

Mrs. Margaret Williams leaves us this term to take up an appointment in Buckinghamshire. We wish her well in the future. No permanent appointment has yet been made for the First School vacancy, but Mrs. Rosalyn Bunting has been appointed temporarily for next term.

At the last assembly of the term the House Points Cup was won by Morris house, the Swimming Progress Cup was awarded to Emma Bloxham whilst the Courtesy Cup, presented to the school last year by Mrs. Dorothy Bishop, was awarded to David Cox.

School re-opens on Tuesday 3rd September.

On behalf of all the school staff may I wish everyone a happy holiday. N.C. Oliver, Headmaster.

A CHILDREN'S GUIDE TO HARBURY

The children of Class 9 (aged 11 & 12) of Harbury School have produced a booklet of entirely their own work which is the result of 9 months detailed research about Harbury.

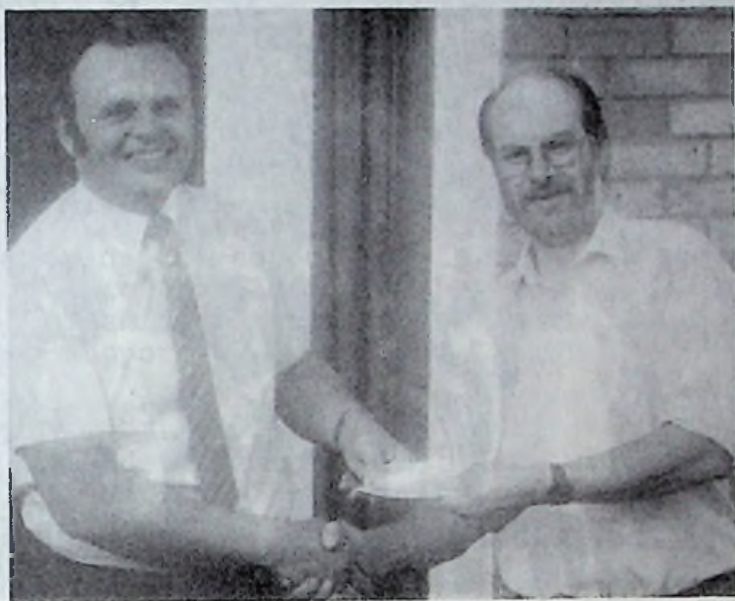
The book consists of a guided tour of the village which is a much condensed version of the children's Domesday Project carried out in the autumn, a foot-path survey with several walks radiating from the village, and a wild flower survey. The children chose those features of the village that interested them. The information was obtained from their own local resource at school and material from the residents of Harbury, aided particularly by Nigel Chapman.

The booklet was launched on 16th July which included an excellent display of the local photographs and documents acquired over the years.

The guide book is available from the school, newsagents or the library at £1.25 with all proceeds going to the school fund. H.W.

HARBURY P.T.A.

A total of 64 competitors braved cold and wet conditions to take part in the 'It's a Knockout' competition held on 28th June. Fancy Dress teams entered by the Tennis Club, Théâtre Group, Action Research, Old New Inn, P.T.A. and 2 children's teams were given various silly games to play before a handful of brave spectators. The children's team was the overall winner and the team entered by the scouts was runner up. The Theatre Group won the fancy dress prize.



The Barbecue and Barn Dance was held on 13th July and was only slightly marred by rain which began right on cue - just as cooking was about to commence. The first 100 Club Big Money Draw was made during the evening and the £50 first prize went to Mr. & Mrs. Appleton of Mill St. Mike Bloxham's picture shows Chairman John Kemsley presenting the cheque to Ron Appleton. Second prize of £20 went to Mr. & Mrs. Bennett and third prize of £10 was won by Mr. & Mrs. Wurr. The next Big Money draw will take place at the Buffet Dance on Friday 11th October. Music will be provided by the big band sound of Delta and it promises to be a thoroughly entertaining evening - so make a note in your diary now. Tickets will be £2.50 each including buffet.

Many thanks to the volunteers who have supervised all the swimming sessions. It is hoped that the use of the pool can be further extended next season.

A pair of men's trainers were found at the 'It's a Knockout' and a child's watch at the swimming pool - Claimants please ring me on 612418

BRIAN INGRAM



The Village Hall have recently engaged a new gardener Mr. Pratt, who is doing a marvelous job, so to add a little colour our Nursery asked if we could have the tiny piece of ground by the front door. The children and I have planted some bedding plants and our sunflower, which I am sure would beat ALL records if people would leave our stakes alone. At the appropriate time we will plant bulbs etc. and hope to make the Village Hall and our playgroup more welcoming.

Our playgroup starts the Autumn term on Tuesday 10th September and we would like to welcome any new children who will be three to join us.

CAROL PERCIVAL 612175

INTER SCHOOLS SWIMMING GALA

The inter schools swimming gala was held at Leamington swimming pool last Wednesday 3rd June. Harbury School was one of 8 schools to enter a team. About 7 of our team got through to at least 1 or 2 final races. Dayle Summers was brilliant in the diving, winning the trophy with the most points scored ever. Ross Bastin also did very well and won a shield for coming

joint first in the Boys diving. Emma Finch won a trophy for coming first in an exciting backstroke final. The other finalists did well in getting points for the school to add to the points they got for winning their heats. The girls relay team of Emma Finch, Kathyne McDonald, Nicola Caddogan and myself came third. The boys team of Steven Thompson, Ross Bastin, Guy Taylor and Adrian Taylor did well getting fourth place. Harbury girls team came third in their races helping the school get third place overall. We would like to thank Mr. Crawshaw and Mrs. Wallington for the organisation and giving up their evening to help and support us. EMMA STEPHENSON

PLAYSCHEME '85

A last reminder that the Playscheme will run from 12th-16th and 19th-23rd August, mornings only. Any child from 5-12 years will be welcome. Cost 50p inclusive.

Please help us by collecting all your unwanted bits and pieces for our craft activities. Does anyone have any lavender, rosemary or other sweet-smelling herbs to spare? Let us have your collections any time after 1st Aug delivered to 41 Vicarage Lane or Tel. 613503 for collection. Alternatively please bring them direct to the Village Hall on Sunday 11th August between 2-4 pm.

PLEASE could EVERYONE who has 'volunteered' to help and been unsure when they are available contact Jill (613503) or Jean (613698) and let them know when they can come. MORE PEOPLE are desperately needed especially some men to organise a BMX bike track. Many of last years helpers are on holiday - so if YOU can spare a few mornings (don't worry we never give anyone anything to do they can't cope with) We will be VERY VERY grateful to hear from you.

See you on the 12th!!

JILL CADOGAN

THE HARBURY & DISTRICT NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES REGISTER

The open evening held on 15th July raised £29.10. This has been donated to the Southam Swimming Pool Fund. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this evening. SUE ROBERTS

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THE JOHN O'GROATS TO LANDS END SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

Four teenagers who have just finished their 'A' levels at Southam School are presently undertaking a 1000 mile sponsored cycle ride which should last about 3 weeks.

Both Neil Bridges of Ufton and Mark Palmer of Harbury tragically lost their mothers from cancer. Now they and Andrew Holt (who has just moved to Herts) and Johnathan Colvin from Ladbroke are determined to raise money to help find a cure for the disease. Half of the money they raise will go to the Myton Hospice in Warwick and half to the Cancer Research Campaign.

They left for John O'Groats early on 25th July being taken up to Scotland by Massey Ferguson who are sponsoring the boys.

If you would like to make a donation you should contact Neil on 613215 or Mark on 612734 or Johnathan on Southam 2248. Any contribution would be very gratefully received.

HEATHER WHITELOW

LORRAINE'S REMARKABLE FUND RAISING

Lorraine Andrews (15) has already been recognised by the Warwickshire N.S.P.C.C. Board for her outstanding fund raising efforts. Altogether over a period of 7 years she had raised £581 for this excellent cause. This year is the 100th anniversary of the N.S.P.C.C. and Lorraine wanted to raise £100 to help the less fortunate children in this world. She has in fact managed to raise £106.30 by organising 2 Disco's a sponsored silence, a Litter Pick and Magic Show. Her next projects include a Jumble Sale to be held in early August and a private Disco in September, both at Harbury House.

Lorraine would eventually like to teach or work in a third world country. We wish her luck in this ambition and congratulate her on her efforts with the N.S.P.C.C. Well done Lorraine and keep up the good work!

HEATHER WHITELOW

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Harris of Farm Street celebrated their Diamond Wedding on 13th July -

CONGRATULATIONS!

I thank all who played their part during the 1984-85 Season in helping the first team gain promotion to the first division. Particular thanks go to Alistair Peebles for maintaining a well-disciplined reserve team on the numerous occasions his squad was decimated to provide substitutes for injured first team players.

At the A.G.M. on 10th July, it was agreed that with our elevation to the top flight, we should try to up-grade the showers in the village hall. To help finance part of the cost, Les Sollis suggested increasing signing-on fees from the current nominal fee of £1, to a realistic £5. To say the least, this proposal was not received too enthusiastically. Nevertheless, once Ian Lowe got the bit between his teeth he suggested the proposal be carried, and managed to coerce brother Gary into seconding the motion. The well-informed will realise that this is another first for Harbury. Greater things were still to come, as Gary later agreed to run the tote, the clubs main money spinner from mid September onwards.

The rest of the meeting went more or less as planned with Les Sollis, Joseph Field and Dave Perry being re-elected as vice presidents and Andy Hopkins as club captain. This year most members of the club agreed to do a specific job. We were, however, unable to find anyone willing to be trainer. If anyone is interested in this post could they please contact me. Training at present consists of a 2 hour session in Southam School Gymnasium each Wed (8-10 pm) during the winter months.

STAN FINCH.

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

First of all a big thank you to Jan and Jim Stott for their kind donation from the Pony Show funds towards the cost of our hoped for court. Also a big thank you to the people who supported our Barbecue held at the Rugby Club on 29th June and the Rugby Club itself for their kind donation. Our next fund raising event is a Jumble Sale to be held in the V. Hall on Sat 14th Sept so if you have any Jumble please contact any club member or Tel. Jenny on 612700 to arrange collection.

For anyone interested in playing Netball, Harbury commence training on Saturday 10th August at 1 p.m. All newcomers and juniors are wellcome.

J.E.

GARDEN WALKABOUT/CRAFT FAIR/FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS



GEMMA ROBERTS MAKES
A GARDEN WALKABOUT!

(picture Mike Bloxham)

"What a fantastic week-end!!" was the phrase heard most following the mammoth village event of the year which took place in mid- July.

The weather was glorious and a feeling of tremendous happiness and goodwill pervaded - wherever people gathered together.

Programmes for the walk-about were sold out by mid morning and a reprint was necessary to enable the hoards of visitors to find their way around the various gardens resplendent as always - from tiny cottage garden to the most formal layout.

All manner of crafts were on view at the Village Hall and Wight School and once

again people were amazed to see so much talent displayed. We are fortunate indeed to find so many gifted folk living amongst us and to have an opportunity of seeing their skills demonstrated.

The Church looked truly magnificent as every corner of the building was brought to life by the skilful use of flowers of every shade and hue - from the smallest daisy to the largest delphinium.

A busy rota of visiting organists provided music in Church throughout Saturday and Sunday and the week-end culminated in Choral Evensong with the Windmill Singers.

Many months of planning and preparation had gone into the organisation of all these events - from

planting cornflower seeds in early Spring to baking the last cake for teas on Saturday. So many people were involved in this village weekend that it would be impossible to name them all. Suffice to say - thank you one and all for giving so much pleasure to so many people. A venture we hope will often be repeated in the future.

Colour photographs of the Flower Festival are on display in Mr. Lindop's shop and he will be happy to take orders from anyone who would like copies.

A.M

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

Mike Bloxham's pictures capture the splendour of the Festival of Flowers.



(Above) A corner of the Lady Chapel and (Overleaf) a visitor takes a closer look at the Church Silver.



HARBURY W.I.

In July Harbury W.I. held a Cheese and Wine Evening in aid of Myton Hospice. Members, friends and guests from other Institutes attended. Mrs. C. E. Smalley from the National Dairy Council gave an interesting talk about the history of cheesemaking. The emphasis was on English cheese which Mrs. Smalley described as one of our oldest convenience foods. A Sale of Work and Raffle were also organised for the evening and the total sum of money raised for Myton Hospice was in excess of £200.

Thanks have been extended to all those who helped in this successful event. Later in July a group of Harbury Members and husbands braved a rain soaked evening in Victoria Park for a friendly bowls match followed by supper in the Gamecock. Meetings begin again on Sept. 12th when a talk will be given by Mr. & Mrs. Ruffell on Alcester Roman Market.

Heather Hawkins 612493

GOLDEN AGE

It was with great sadness that the final meeting of Harbury Golden Age Club took place on Thurs 25th July, 26 years after its establishment. Mrs. Knighton has been running Golden Age for the last 9 years and has

reluctantly retired due to ill health and no-one has come forward to take her place, which is most unfortunate.

She was delighted with the beautiful flower arrangement presented by members as a token of appreciation for all her hard work.

If there is anyone who feels they could take over from Mrs. Knighton, it is not too late to save the Club. Duties include:- booking, unlocking and locking the Village Hall for meetings once a fortnight; choosing prizes for bingo and raffle; making sure supplies of tea, milk etc. are replenished; organising trips, outings etc. It sounds a lot for one person to undertake but these duties could easily be shared to make the task less daunting.

Please contact Mrs. Knighton at 10 Wagstaffe Close (612707) if you feel you could spare a Thursday afternoon once a fortnight to help.

SENIOR CITIZENS BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

The recent 'Wimbledon Draw' organised by the benefit association was well supported in the village and the committee thanks all those who bought tickets.

The upsets in the Men's competition with McEnroe & Lendl eliminated meant that the result was not a foregone conclusion, but in the Women's event, M. Navratilova & C. Lloyd played true to form and took the title and runner up respectively. The winners of the £15 prize money each were M. McLaughlin (B. Becker) and Mr. Davies (M. Navratilova) whilst £5 each went to R. Wilso (C. Lloyd) and Emily Watts (K. Curren). The revenue from the draw together with a very generous donation from Jan & Jim Stott of the Gamecock (proceeds from the Pony Show) provided a boost for the funds.

The association, chaired by P.C. Percival, relies entirely on funds received from 2 Annual Draws, contributions from pub bottles, revenue from Darts and Dominoes competitions and surprise donations from groups or individuals (as in the case of the Gamecock).

Each year the money raised provides a Summer Outing for the Senior Citizens in the village as well as a Christmas Dinner and entertainment in December. As there has been a considerable influx of retired people into the village in recent years, the

Committee is anxious to hear from anyone who would like to be included on the list to receive invitation. The invitation is extended to any man aged 65 years or over and his wife or to any woman aged 60 years living in the Parish of Harbury and Deppers Bridge. If you would like to be included please get in touch with Mrs. J. Evans, Wayside, Park Lane 612700, or with P.C. Percival, Police House, 612175. C.F.

H.T.G.'s "SUPPERTIME SPECIAL"

The Theatre Group's Summer Entertainment was an amusing pairing of a subtle little costume drama; a showcase for the character acting talents of Carol Percival and Janet Thornley as the bitchy sisters arguing over the worldly goods of their father who thwarts their plans by being not dead, but dead drunk; and an unsophisticated thrash at a Music Hall Singalong notable for the efforts of Janet Thornley, Isobel Russell, Mary Shelley and Keith Burford.

A tasty supper, pleasant company and a Bar, all contributed to the relaxed informal atmosphere.

L. RIDGLEY

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP - FRENCH EVENING

By popular request we are repeating our highly successful French Restaurant evening on Saturday 12th October, the formula, as before, being French style food served in a licensed restaurant setting with, we hope, live entertainment.

Bookings will be accepted on a first-come first served basis, on 613214 or 612175 from, but NOT before 9 a.m. Sept 15th - each booking to be accompanied within 7 days by a deposit of £1 per head (returnable if cancelled before the night). We do apologise in advance to anyone who may be disappointed but we really cannot cater for more than 50 people.

"JUST THE STAGE AND A FEW LIGHTS"

Harbury Theatre Group has had a growing number of requests from organisations staging entertainments in the Village Hall. We like to help, of course, especially if the show is for charity, and our apparent reluctance to put up the stage, scenery and lights,

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LARGE GARDEN • CAR PARK.

has puzzled some people. So I was asked to write and help to make it clear why Theatre Group members look so tired around play production times, especially when you remember that the same people do all the carpentry and decorating as act in the plays.

To erect the stage, the "apron" stage, the proscenium arch and curtains, takes a team of able-bodied adults working under careful direction, a full working day. By Saturday evening they may have a simple "box set" up but it will take at least Sunday and probably a few evenings as well to paper, paint and furnish it. When the show is over, it takes the same strong experienced team a further half day to dismantle it and pack it away. Without the direction of people who "know" the stage, the job is impossible. Even if you provide the workforce, Theatre Group members must give up weekends to direct you.

All the group's equipment is bought from play profit and not all our plays make a profit! We pay for licences, (£60 for a popular play) Hall hire, and occasional donations to charity. All the rest of our money is ploughed back into equipment that we, and our many predecessors, have been collecting for years. Goodness knows what it is all worth; but we are just buying a new lighting board for £2000. Every lamp has a bulb with a short, expensive life. New bulbs cost £12 each. That's why we must erect and operate the lights ourselves - and that means a couple of us giving the time to hang and operate the lights for you.

Bear in mind that almost all productions will need a copyright licence (which can be expensive) and will need to meet safety and fire regulations. We can advise you on these - and you would be well to take our advice, as the Fire Officer inspects just before opening night, and has the power to close the show! Don't forget that the stage always inconveniences others - we appreciate the kindness and patience of Badminton players, for example.

We are certainly not complaining; we are very appreciative of the Village Hall and its facilities; but we can't say "yes" to every request. And we may have to make a charge - for simple wear and tear.

We'll help you if we can - especially if it is for the village - but please check with us before you

book Torvill & Dean for Dick Whittington on Ice! J.N.S

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 1985

In the 1985 competition for the Best Kept Villages in Warwickshire, Harbury came second to Leek Wootton in the Large Village Class out of a total entry of 39 villages. Third was Welford on Avon. This represents a considerable achievement for Harbury against competition from such naturally picturesque villages as Wootton Wawen and Brailes. Harbury was in fact the winner of the Southam area competition. Harbury will therefore receive the County runners-up cup (donated by Mrs. E. W. Griffiths), at a special ceremony on Saturday 7th September. In the view of one of the County judges, the neat appearance of houses and gardens was a major factor in Harbury's success. The other local village that did well was Ufton which was first in the Southam area Small Villages competition and won a special prize as one of the most improved Churchyards. The annual competition is organised by the Warwickshire Rural Community Council.

I.T.J.

THE HOLT FAMILY



On 13th July Harbury said goodbye to the Holt family, who have moved to Welwyn. Peter works for the Special Products Division of the Danish Bacon Company as Market Development Manager and he finds he now has to be closer to head office. Diana is joining the Personnel Dept. of Tesco Stores' head office to replace the part-time regional secretary's job she has shared with Anne Moore at Action Research for the Crippled Child for the past 10 years.

Andrew, born in 1966 in Wolverhampton and now at school in Southam is to go to Loughborough University to do computer

studies and hopes to go into industry, with which we wish him much luck. Caroline born in Shropshire in 1969 moved to Harbury when she was 12 weeks old, so can truly be said to be a 'Harbury baby'! She is leaving Southam school to study at the De Havilland College W.G.C., where she will do a 2 year Business Studies course and we also wish her every happiness in her future.

All four Holts have made an indelible imprint on Harbury life and they will perhaps be best remembered for their family contribution to the Harbury Theatre Group. Diana has acted, produced and even written 3 pantomimes and the other 3 have also acted; Peter and Andrew will perhaps best be remembered for their superb lighting and sound effects. Andrew and Caroline, growing up in Harbury, belonged to all the usual organisations - cubs, scouts, brownies & guides and both sang in the Church choir as well as Andrew being and Altar Server. Caroline plays flute and guitar and was in the school orchestra; Andrew played badminton and was a bellringer and has the distinction of having won a sports cup at Harbury School. Diana's achievements in village activities would tell an article by themselves, and there are many organisations which will sorely miss her.. Both she and Peter were founder members of the Harbury News, and Diana has been its secretary for many years, with Peter doing an excellent job as advertising manager. Diana also founded the Tufty Club and has been secretary of the Young Wives and a keen member of the Mothers Union. Both served on the Parochial Church Council for 10 years, for 9 of which Diana was its secretary. Peter worked for many years on the Recreation Ground Committee and was chairman of the Carnival Committee. He was a member of the Harbury Conservative Committee and onetime chairman. As a family they enjoy travel and holidays and often visit France as well as Kent, Cornwall, Wales and Scotland. They've also been involved in various exchange visits with children from France and Germany, and Caroline was away at Easter with her girlfriend in the Channel Islands. Many villagers have got to know Diana's parents - Mr. & Mrs. Berridge - over the years, and it's sad to think we shan't see them again but we do send this marvelous elderly couple all our best wishes for a long

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and healthy future, and ask Diana to pass on our sentiments.

Diana, Peter, Andrew and Caroline will be missed by us all and I know the whole village joins me in wishing them every possible happiness in their new life - and we hope to see them back in Harbury on visits as often as possible!

VICTORIA MACGOWAN

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

The Folk Club's first season finished on 4th July when we used the Old New Inn's extended Lounge Bar for the first time. Despite the absence of the 'Butterflies', we had a good turn out as usual, though, with the extra space, we weren't so crammed together.

I can't very well comment on my own performance as the 'guest' for the evening but I really enjoyed it, mainly because of the excellent chorus singing from the audience. Without exception, all the singers who have visited the club have remarked about the friendly atmosphere and the outstanding singing in Harbury which is by no means the case at other Folk Clubs in the area.

Gerda did a great job compering the evening and she was the only singer who had prepared material appropriate to Independence Day. She also introduced the Harvesters (making their 3rd visit to the club), Tony, Mike, John B. and the unpredictable, un-named jug band - Alan, John K. and Brian.

Looking back over the first 11 meetings of the club, it seems to have been a great success and I don't propose to change the format for the next season, though we may have some extra events. I have counted at least 29 singers and musicians who have performed during that time, and a good proportion of those are from the 'Greater Harbury' area. My thanks to all of them, to everyone else who has supported us, and also to Mary and John McLaughlin for their hospitality.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 5th Sept, so make a date to join us for the start of the new season and, of course, to celebrate our 1st birthday. Same time same place - the Old New Inn Lounge Bar 8.30 pm.

Peter McDonald 613730

HARBURY SOCIETY

This year is the 150 Anniversary of Brunnel's Great Western Railway, known to some enthusiasts as 'Gods Wonderful Railway' and in honour of this event we have arranged for local expert Mr. Bolland to talk on the subject. There is to be a get together of ex-GWR men at the Museum in Warwick at the end of August when GWR exhibition will also be open. Our meeting on Tuesday 17th Sept should be of wide appeal and will therefore be open to all. More details will be given in the Autumn.

We are indebted to Dave & Sue Andrews for their hospitality on Wimbledon Men's Final Day when a select few picnicked at Harbury House. The House is an 18th Century addition to a 15th Century farmhouse and is one of only 5 buildings in the village which is Listed. There is a chance that others may be afforded this protection when the Ministry Survey team visits Harbury in the Autumn and the Society has supplied their agents with details of buildings it believes warrant their attention.

Listing is supposed to protect important buildings and give owners the access to government funds for their maintenance, yet Harewoods House in Chesterton Parish which stands in a prominent position on the Fosseway/Banbury road has been causing Society members concern for some time. Despite requests to Stratford District Council and to individual District Councillors nothing has been done and the property remains in need of attention. There ARE funds available for the repair of Historic Buildings and there IS legislation to enable local authorities to ensure that they are maintained, but unfortunately what seems to be lacking is the will to use them. A Harbury building which is not listed but is of some Historic interest is the fine but dilapidated stone field barn to the north of the Mill Street Pumping Station. It is a relic of Harbury's late Enclosure in the 1880's and no longer serves the needs of modern farming, but with its coursed stone, tiled roof and interesting use of cast iron supports even in picturesque decay is a building of note. It can best be seen from the Field Footpaths SM62a etc. which leads down from Mill St to the Railway Embankment. Take a summer stroll to have a last look at it.

The Society is slowly gearing itself up towards producing a booklet of Harbury Footpath Walks and would be interested in hearing from anyone who has the enthusiasm and time to help research and produce this. In the meanwhile we can recommend to you the splendid 'Childrens Guide to Harbury' which the top classes of Harbury School have just launched. It is an excellent and most beguiling book.

Finally, at last and about time too, the Map showing the Wells and Pumps indicated on the 25" First Edition O.S. of Harbury in 1887 is on display in the library. Do let us know of any Wells or Pumps not marked.

Linda Ridgley

PLACES TO GO - TUTBURY & SUDBURY

This journey entails a round trip of about 100 miles but is varied and caters for all ages. Tutbury - via the A38 to the N.W. of Burton has a ruined 15th Cent. Castle where Mary, Queen of Scots was imprisoned. The curtain walls give a fine view over the Trent Valley. There is ample picnic space - adults 50p children 25p March-Oct 10-6.

The town is semi-industrial but factories are on a small scale. Do not miss a visit to the Georgian Crystal Company in Silk Mill Lane. Visitors can watch the glass blowing and, in the top shop, the cutting - both processes incredibly skilled. A factory shop sells goods at reasonable prices. It is open all the year Mon-Sat 9-5.

By taking the road from Derby to Stoke, the A50 you reach Sudbury Hall - a Charles II house - interesting if not beautiful, set in attractive grounds. The most exciting feature is the Derbyshire Museum of Childhood housed in the Servants Wing that included chimneys for aspiring sweeps to climb. Open Weds, Sat Sun 1-5.30 pm. Hall - adults £1.80 Children 90p Museum only - adults 50p children 25p. Return via A515 and Lichfield.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

.....Helen Kelly (16) of Pineham Avenue for winning first prize in a Warwickshire Careers project competition, the Graham Rolls Memorial Award. Helen's highly commendable project was on medicine. She will be presented with a cash prize of £30 and the school

will receive, for the 3rd time the Graham Rolls Shield.

..... Kate Sanders (17) of The Beeches who has recently won the beauty title of Miss Stratford on Avon 1985. Her 1st prize included a music centre and a beauty therapy kit. She is currently training to become an instructor at the Warwickshire Equestrian Centre, Balsall Common. Kate has been fortunate to get a contract with a modelling agency and is well on the way to fulfilling her ambition to work professionally as a model. Kate was an attendant to Harbury's Carnival Queen in 1984.

HARBURY MORRIS DANCERS

What do you do with 120 bells, 50 metres of satin ribbon, 25 apricot skirts with necker chiefs, a collection of orange/silver shakers and a banner? The answer is that you assemble a group of girls aged between 8 and 12 years and with the help of enthusiastic parents, turn them out as the 'Harbury Morris Dancers'. This year the group have appeared at more events than ever before, involving 5 Carnivals, a Strawberry Fete near Stratford and a Youth Spectacular in Victoria Park. They have received considerable press coverage, including one unintelligible comment printed alongside a photo in the Midweek News, that "Harbury had brought a Morris with them at least that is what their banner said"!!??

They draw many complementary remarks about their appearance on each occasion (even with the 4 year old shakers!) and their displays were always well received.

Thanks are due to all the girls who turned up so faithfully to each event and to the parents who supported them, as they provided transport to the various venues. The team members were N. Evans, L. Wallington (banner carriers) J. Bennett, C. Moss (tambourines) C. Andrews, K. Allan, S&H Bingham, H. Burnham, S. Bennett, E&R Finch, E. Gardner, C. Hillis, C. Ingram, C. Kelly, L. Knight, C. McDonald, J. Moss, D. Smith, T. Waggott, A. Watts, C. Wadell, F. Whyburn (dancers). Well done everyone - you helped to keep HARBURY on the map!

C. Finch

IN THE GARDEN

Having had a very successful Garden Walkabout we must now turn our attention to the Flower Show which is on Saturday 7th Sept. Although it has been a difficult season I feel sure you can find at least one or two plants or veg to make the Show a success.

Jap onion seed should be sown by 15th August. It is not too late to sow Beetroot, Lettuce or Radish in a good seed bed. Where you have cleared the ground of Broad Beans it is a good place to prepare the ground for Spring Cabbage. Runner Beans will set better if the plants are kept moist during dry periods, it is far better than spraying.

Would winners of Cups won at last years Show please return same as soon as possible to H. Wilkins, 1 Manor Rd. Show schedules are available at same address. W.F.LINES

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Once again we were blessed with glorious weather for our Garden Walkabout and combined with The Flower Festival and The Craft Fair we really did fill the Village, our takings before expenses were a record £670, but we do hope this year we are not going to lose money on the Flower Show through lack of support, as you know it involves a lot of hard work so come along with your entries large or small they all count.

The Committee want to thank all who so willingly opened their gardens, and I want to say a special thank you to the kind people who sent me such beautiful cakes and produce for my stall, and not forgetting the two "girls" who helped me on the day. A reminder to all who put their names down for the evening outing to the Notcut Gardens, will they be at the Village Hall on 13th August at 6.45 pm. EDNA LINES.

HARBURY BICYCLE EVENT

The annual bicycle event run by Harbury Church will this year take place on Sunday 8th Sept. As usual we are indebted to Mr. Thwaites for allowing us to use the roads through his estate and to John & Mary McLoughin for the use of the Old New Inn Car Park

at which the event will commence and finish. There will be classes for 8 year olds up, including adults and ladies. So limber up and get those bicycles ready for this 'fun only' event. Entries on the day at 2.30 pm - event starts at 3 pm. J.B

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

Like numerous people before us, we know that leaving Harbury will be quite a wrench. Many have had reason to express thanks for the kindness & friendship they have found in this village. Few, however, can have received as much practical help & support as we have been given during our stay here.

When we arrived, little did we know the pain & headache we were to experience within 18 months of arrival. Even less did we dream of the selfless & loyal support given to us over the next 4½ years. Words are very inadequate to express our thanks for all your help but this letter is a sincere attempt to convey our real appreciation. For the rest of our lives Harbury & its people will retain a cherished corner in our memory.

We know that Tracey will continue to improve & thank God that out of despair He has wrought much blessing. We look forward to returning from time to time to see old friends. Craig, Tracey & Gavin join us in saying Cheerio, thank you & God Bless you all.

Howard & Shirley Petch.

6, Foxley Grove, Digswell, Welwyn, Herts.

Dear Friends,

We cannot put into words our feelings when we came to the Village Hall and found so many kind people waiting to say goodbye to us before we left Harbury. It was a complete surprise - hence our total inability to respond adequately to the kind words of John Moore and the Rector. They both listed activities with which we have been involved. We are in no doubt at all that we gained far more than we gave. We gained 16 happy years, many many friends and a

host of happy memories.

Your most generous gifts are beautiful - Derrick Thomas's superb photograph of the Church now hangs in our hall, the silver dish graces our sideboard, and the magnificent clock stands on our mantelpiece. Thank you all very, very much - for these gifts and for all that Harbury will mean to us - you all have a special place in our hearts.

Peter, Diana, Andrew & Caroline Holt.

Dear Editors,

SAM UNSWORTH

I should like to thank everyone who has consistently prayed for Sam's health over the past few months without ever knowing who he is. Sam, the fit and active 58 year old Head of the school I worked at in London, was struck down this Spring by cancer of the spine. He has fought back with tremendous courage, surviving crisis after crisis, and is at home now recovering from the effects of massive chemotherapy. The cancer has been completely eliminated.

Please continue to remember Sam in your prayers.

Thank you.

John Stringer.

Dear Editors,

My husband and I would like to thank all the people who sent me flowers, etc, and lovely 'get well' cards wishing me a speedy return to better health. This shows what a lot of nice people live in this village, and I am happy to be back home amongst you all.

L. Knighton.

Dear Friends,

I would like, through the Harbury News, to say thank you for all the cards, flowers, gifts and get well wishes I have received, whilst in hospital and since arriving home.

I am progressing well and hope to be back (!) to normal soon. Your kindness and good wishes have been much appreciated and have, I am sure, contributed to my making such a good recovery. Thank you all.

Barbara Andrews.

Dear Editors,

I should like to say through the Harbury & Ladbroke News how appreciative the family was of the tremendous congregation of Harbury residents who attended the funeral of my father, Cecil Parkhurst, last Monday 15th July, at the Parish Church.

I am of course writing individually to thank the many people who sent floral tributes, but would also like to thank all those whose names I do not know who came to the service out of affection and regard for my father.

yours sincerely,

Kenneth Parkhurst.

Summer Outing to picturesque Tredington (straight down the Fosse).

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