



# Harbury & Ladbroke News

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Evensong - 6.30pm (Not 1st Sunday)

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Mattins and Communion - 11.00am (3rd Sunday)

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May has been notable for April showers - or was it the onset of the monsoon? The featured photograph (by Staff Photographer Mike Bloxham) shows Cub Scouts Adrian Exton and Jeremy Hayes (right) clearing litter from the steps of the Editorial Office, under the careful supervision of Lloyd Byles.

Cubs and Scouts have made a major contribution to cleaning up Harbury

for the Best Kept Village Competition, with the occasional assistance of the District Council. It's time for the rest of us to lend a hand.

The main event in Harbury in June is the CARNIVAL - the best in the district - and we look forward to a fine day on the 8th, with plenty of amusement and a handsome contribution to Village Hall funds.

Harbury's activities seem to pale into insignificance beside the impending opening of the Ladbroke BYPASS. It will turn Ladbroke from a beautiful and dangerous village into a beautiful and serene village.

Finally, good wishes to all the young people in Harbury, Ladbroke and Deppers who face examinations this summer.

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JUNE

Sun 2nd

TRINITY SUNDAY: PENTECOST I.

8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist,  
with admission of new members to M.U.  
Children's CARNIVAL SPORTS and Cross Country Event,  
2.30 p.m. at Recreation Grounds.

Mon 3rd

CARNIVAL BINGO at Village Hall, 8 p.m.  
Christian Fellowship - for details phone 613390.

Tues 4th

Harbury Society MYSTERY TOUR begins 7.30 p.m. from  
16 Farm Street (60p adults, 30p children).  
Meeting in Church at 8 p.m. for those interested  
in evening Bible Study group and/or evening  
Prayer Group.

Wed 5th

Mothers' Union AGM at Village Hall, 2.15 p.m.  
SOAP BOX DERBY, 6.30 p.m. at Crown Inn.  
Scout AGM with Venture Scouts' Slide Show, 7.30p.m.  
at Scout Hut.

Thurs 6th

CORPUS CHRISTI (Thanksgiving for the Holy  
Communion). 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion (MU  
Corporate Communion).

Bring & Buy CAKE STALL, 11 a.m., Village Hall  
Golden Age Birthday Tea, Dog Inn, 2.30 for 3 p.m.  
Girls' Club in the Village Hall.

FAMILY BEETLE DRIVE in Village Hall, 7 p.m.

Fri 7th

CARNIVAL FOLK CLUB, the Lounge, Old New Inn, 8.30pm.  
Scout Group Gang Show Video, 7.30 p.m., Village Hall  
followed by Disco for children.

Sat 8th

CARNIVAL DAY.

Procession 1.30 p.m., Fete 2 p.m., Clay Pigeon  
Shoot 2 p.m., Six-a-Side Football Competition  
2.30 p.m.

Grand CARNIVAL DANCE, 8.30 p.m. to Midnight, with  
"Blue Velvet". Tickets £2.50 inc. Ploughman's  
Supper.

Sun 9th

PENTECOST II. 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m.  
Sung Eucharist, 6.30 p.m. Evensong (with visit  
of St. Mary Magdalen's, Coventry, congregation).

Mon 10th

Junior Tennis (Primary School age) 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Tues 11th

St. Barnabas the Apostle. 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.  
Harbury Friends, 8 p.m. in the School.

National Housewives' Register Book Group, 8 p.m.  
Senior Citizens' Committee, 8.30 p.m., Village Hall.

Wed 12th

Sen. Cits Summer Outing to Weston Super Mare.  
PTA Computer Evening, 8 p.m. at the School.



- Thurs 13th Golden Age, 2.30 p.m. Village Hall.  
 Girls' Club at Village Hall  
 National Housewives' Register visit to Charlecote House, 7.30 p.m.  
 W.I., 7.45 p.m., Village Hall: Lin Hayes on Lace Making.  
 Men's Group, 7.45 p.m., Edgeways, 6 Vicarage Lane.
- Fri 14th Dominoes Presentation Night at Village Hall.  
 Junior Tennis (Secondary School age), 5 p.m.
- Sun 16th PENTECOST III. 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m.  
 Sung Eucharist, 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- Mon 17th Action Research House to House collection this week.
- Tues 18th NHR Quiz Evening with Leamington NHR.
- Wed 19th Meeting in Church, 7.30 p.m. for all would-be flower arrangers
- Thurs 20th Girls' Club in Village Hall
- Fri 21st (Longest Day).
- Sat 22nd ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN JULY MAGAZINE TO EDITORS BY TODAY PLEASE.
- Sun 23rd Nativity of St. John the Baptist (Anticipated).  
 9 a.m. Parish Eucharist and Breakfast at LADBROKE, 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion with hymns.  
 Guides' Thanksgiving Service, Southam Church, 3 p.m. (parade from Community Centre, 2.30)  
 PONY SHOW on Recreation Grounds.
- Tues 25th Young Wives, 2p.m. in Village Hall.  
 Village Hall Committee, 8p.m., Village Hall.
- Thurs 27th Golden Age 2.30 p.m., Village Hall.  
 Girls Club, Village Hall.  
 Whist Drive, Village Hall.  
 Parish Council, 7.30 p.m., Village Hall.
- Fri 28th PTA "It's a Knockout", 7.30, School playingfields.
- Sat 29th (Stage Up in Village Hall)  
 Southam School PTA Steak Barbeque and 50s/60s Disco at Southam School.
- Sun 30th PENTECOST V. St. Peter the Apostle. 8a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30a.m. Sung Eucharist (Guides and Scouts attend). 6.30 p.m. Service at the Royal Showground (cars leave Church gates at 5.45 p.m.)  
 Conservatives' Summer Garden Party at Flax Hill, 12 - 2.30 p.m.

# JULY

- Tues 2nd Harbury & Ladbroke News Committee Meeting, 8.30pm,  
 23 Mill Street, Harbury.

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 Wed 3rd Mothers' Union Garden Meeting, 2.30p.m. 11 Constance Drive.  
 Thurs 4th Folk Club, Old New Inn, 8.30 p.m. in Lounge.  
 NO Men's Group today (meeting 11th July instead)  
 Fri 5th Harbury Theatre Group's Summer Entertainment with Refreshments, Village Hall, tickets from Lindop's Drug Store.  
 Sat 6th Tennis Club Boys' Doubles Championships, 9 a.m.  
 Harbury Theatre Group's Summer Entertainment with Supper, Village Hall, tickets from Lindop's Drug Store.  
 Sun 7th Tennis Club Girls' Doubles Championships, 2p.m.

### REGULAR DIARY DATES

FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30pm  
 2nd Sunday in the month.

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sundays

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

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

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

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Mondays

BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.

TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 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 a.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.



## 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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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.

### FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

The Confirmation Service on 19th May was a delightful occasion. Bishop Vernon Nicholls conveyed an enthusiastic Christian joyousness which should be an inspiration to the newly confirmed - and to all of us. It is to be hoped that all those who were confirmed (see the Rector's letter) will be encouraged to come to Church regularly - please give them your support.

The Rogation Day service, held on the playing field at Deppers Bridge as being central to our two parishes, was attended by over 50 people, including a small but tuneful band from the Salvation Army. The Rector arranged for the weather to be fine, and everyone considered the Service to have been a good idea.

The work of organising teams of helpers for the various activities included in the Time and Talents portion of the Stewardship Mission is now getting underway, and it is to be hoped that the double benefit of wider involvement and rather more ambitious projects will be realised as a result.

Finally, please make a couple of notes: on Sunday 9th June, visitors from St. Mary Magdalen in Coventry will be at the Village Hall for tea at about 5 p.m., and will then join us for Evensong. Please try to be at both places to welcome them. And also, Sunday 23rd June is Parish Breakfast Day, and we are

to be guests of Ladbroke. So only one morning service - at 9 a.m. at Ladbroke, followed by breakfast in Ladbroke Village Hall. If you need transport, there will be a list at the back of the Church for you to write your name. JBM.

### HARBURY ADVENTURERS

On Sunday 19th May there was an Adventurers party because Adventurers were having their 5th birthday. We sang some songs then the Adventurers went up to the front and sang "God is good to me" and "God loves you", then five children from Adventurers came out and blew out the candles on the cake. Then we had a film about a handicapped person called Peter. The film was also about some other handicapped children. It showed about the special care the children had. Then the adults went home and we played some games. We played musical chairs, musical bumps and a game where we had to dress up and run round a chair and give the clothes to the next person. After that we had tea. We had a lovely time and we would like to thank the leaders.

WILLIAM & JAMES STRINGER.

### CHURCH FLOWERS

Following on from the Stewardship Campaign, the number of helpers has increased considerably. I hope soon to have contacted all new volunteers to see what help they can offer. I shall be in Church at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th June to show any newcomers our reserves of containers and the mysteries of getting water! If you would like to come and add your name to the list that evening, please do. If you cannot meet then, and would like to do a stand or altar flowers, you will find the list by the door. If in need of more information, ring 612200. M.RIGDEN.

### ADDITIONAL CURATES' SOCIETY

Once again we are indebted to everyone who contributed towards the Lenten Appeal for ACS. A total of £183.08 was raised - a most welcome contribution towards the invaluable work of the ACS in encouraging young people to join the priesthood. AM.



## FROM THE RECTOR

Among the major Festivals and Saints' Days of June, there is a minor Saint's Day which tends to go by unnoticed unless you happen to live in the diocese bearing his name or your parish church is dedicated to him. I refer to St. Alban. Noting his day is not made easier by the fact that two different dates are suggested. Some prefer to observe 17th June, others 22nd. It does not matter which you choose as long as, having two dates, you manage not to forget both of them.

St. Alban is known as the first British martyr, and the story told about him is worth remembering. Alban was a well-to-do citizen living in Verulanium. The Diocletian persecutions were being felt in this country at that time, and one day a wretched priest, fleeing from the soldiers, sought refuge at the house of Alban. Being a liberal minded man, he took him in and for a time he was safe. During the days which followed, Alban had plenty of time to observe what sort of man the priest was, talking to him, listening to him, watching him at his prayers, noting how deep-rooted his faith was. Alban was so impressed that he was completely won over to the Christian faith and asked the priest to baptise him. Eventually the soldiers came knocking on Alban's door and he, hoping to save the priest so that he could continue his good work, presented himself dressed in the priest's clothes. No one bothered much about questioning him, and he was arrested at once. He was condemned to death, and died, so the story goes, just outside the city gates, where today stands the Abbey Church of St. Alban. All this took place many centuries ago and yet St. Alban is revered even now because of the work of an ordinary, unknown, unnamed priest.

The term Evangelism sometimes puts people off, and very often scares them. They will say that ordinary people like you and me can play no part in Evangelism. But is that so? What does Evangelism mean? It is true that it means proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and winning over others to the Christian faith. Well, perhaps not many of us are capable of that. However, let us put it a little less

dramatically and say instead that it is being loyal to Our Lord and faithfully standing by the Gospel He made known day by day. Is that beyond our capability—

Alban was persuaded and converted by the example of a humble priest fleeing for his life.

ANTONY ROWE.

### THE CONFIRMATION

This took place this year on Sunday 19th May at Harbury. Bishop Vernon Nicholls, formerly Bishop of Sodor and Man, administered the Sacrament. It was a very happy and joyful occasion, and it seemed most appropriate that on that day we were also celebrating the Sunday after the Ascension. As was proper, there was a large congregation present to welcome and support the candidates on this very important day of their lives.



The candidates are pictured here with the Rector and the Bishop. From the left they are Mark Stuart Hayes Ann Brunt, Rachel Jayne Lambert, Hilda May Stephens, Stephen James Lambert, Maria Buffone, Charles Richard Mayer, Emma Buffone, James Forster Mayer, Kathryn Ann Percival, and Simon James Garner (from Ladbroke).



Another candidate, Susan Dormer, was unable to be present, but she is to be presented for Confirmation at St. Peter's, Wootton Waven, on Wednesday 5th June at 7.30 p.m. It would be very good if people from Harbury could go to the service and support our candidate.

Please remember all the candidates in your prayers, and pray that they will be faithful in the commitment they have made, and ever remain steadfast.

#### HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday 5th May: Joanne Turner, daughter of Alan George and Sandra Margaret Turner, of Tidworth, Hampshire.

Sunday 19th May: Ben Oliver Sebastian, son of Martin Trevor and Ann Lois Alford Smith.

#### HOLY MATRIMONY

Saturday 11th May: Philip Edward King, of Hamstead Marshall near Newbury, and Jennifer Anne Trice, of Chesterton House Farm, Mill Street Harbury.

#### FUNERALS

Wednesday 1st May: Brenda Gloria Olive Wheatley, 12 Farley Avenue, Harbury, aged 60 years.

Thursday 2nd May: Margaret Compton, formerly of Crown Close, Harbury, aged 84 years.



#### CONTACT GROUP

This is a group set up in the village some time ago to help people in times of crisis and need. The role is to provide someone who is prepared to listen and offer a sympathetic hand of friendship, and who may have been through similar circumstances in the past. We already have some 30 volunteers but are always grateful for further offers of help. The areas we can cover at the moment range from post-natal depression to multiple sclerosis, from coping with elderly parents to marriage problems.

If anyone needs help from the Contact Group, please ring one of the following numbers: 612285, 613340 or 612585.

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## LADBROKE NEWS

### JUNE DIARY

Sunday 2nd TRINITY SUNDAY. 9a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns. 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

Wednesday 5th 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Thursday 6th CORPUS CHRISTI (Thanksgiving for the Holy Communion). 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion with Hymns.

Sunday 9th TRINITY I. 9a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns. 4 p.m. Visit of St. Mary Magdalen's, Coventry, congregation.

Wednesday 12th ST. BARNABAS THE APOSTLE (transferred from 11th June). 10.30a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Women's Fellowship meeting in Church.

Sunday 16th TRINITY II. 9 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Sung Mattins followed by Simple Communion.

Wednesday 19th 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Women's Fellowship Corporate Communion).

Sunday 23rd NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (Anticipated). 9a.m. Parish Eucharist and Breakfast in the Village Hall (with Harbury).

Tuesday 25th Parish Council, 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 26th 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Thursday 27th WI "Historical Mystery Trip" leaving Ladbroke at 7 p.m.



Sunday 30th TRINITY IV (ST. PETER THE APOSTLE commemorated). 9 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns.

### CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

June 2nd Mrs. J. Barnett. June 9th Mrs. Greenway.  
June 16th Mrs. Badman. June 23rd Mrs. Garner.  
June 30th Mrs. Winkfield. July 7th Mrs. White.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting in May, which was on the 40th anniversary of VE Day, started with a service in Church taken by the Rector. The theme was Peace and Thanksgiving.

After this we went to Southam to visit Miss Mary Conlan, who welcomed us to her new home. She gave us tea, the highlight of which was strawberries and cream!

Thanks to all who helped in any way with our stall at the WI Coffee Morning on 15th May. We made £22.40 - a very good result.

Please note that our June meeting on 12th will be in the evening at 7.30 p.m. in Church, when Mrs. Beryl Darkes is to demonstrate flower arrangements for Church. Afterwards we are invited to the home of Mrs. Betty Winkfield. Anyone interested in flower arranging is welcome to join us in Church.

NANCY STUBBS.

### LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Members of this WI have had a very busy month. On 1st May a party of members attended the Group Meeting at Southam. On 15th we held our annual coffee morning at the Village Hall. It was a great success once again, and we were pleased to welcome Canon Rowe and many villagers into our midst. It is my pleasure to report that all the organisations who ran stalls were pleased with their results - but even more important, we all had a good time.

On 20th May five Ladbroke members joined 100 other Institute members from all over Warwickshire for a super day out visiting the Botanical Gardens and

Arboretum attached to Oxford University.

On May 22nd we again visited Southam, this time for Gala Evening of song, dance and sketches, all very ably performed by fellow Instituturs.

Our monthly meeting was held on May 23rd, when we discussed the resolutions for the WI AGM to be held at the Albert Hall in June.

Next month on our meeting night we will take off on a historical mystery trip, leaving Ladbroke at 7p.m.

There are still a few vacancies for our York trip on Sunday 7th July. If anyone cares to join us, please contact Southam 4516. G. GOULD.

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL  
ANNUAL MEETING : 14th MAY, 1985

The meeting began with the appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the coming year, respectively Messrs. Francis Badman and Tom Sheasby, with the Planning Committee also remaining as before.

Matters arising from the April meeting were discussed, the majority of them concerning roads or transport. Damage in the layby, and Bridge Lane potholes, had been repaired, and the necessary disruption at the Radbourne Lane junction was being monitored. The Bypass is still ahead of schedule; the new notice board is almost ready; and the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme should be in action by the end of May. Unfortunately, the Marriage Room in Southam still seems doomed.

Discussion then turned to matters financial, and to correspondence: two letters, one concerning a play area for the village, the other the future of the village after the Bypass, were particularly prominent (see the report of the Annual Parish Meeting for more details).

Next meeting: Tuesday 25th June, at 7.30 p.m.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: 14th MAY 1985

Numbers swelled considerably. to over 40 for the second meeting of the evening, and the high turnout amazed one of the District Councillors present!

The minutes of the previous Meeting were accepted, and the Chairman reported continued support. The Bypass had finally started to materialise, after years of delay, and was currently ahead of schedule: a Street Party in celebration is proposed when the bridge at the end of Bridge Lane has been demolished - in effect turning the main road into a cul-de-sac! The appointment of PC Rawlins with special responsibility for Ladbroke was welcomed, and the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was poised for implementation. On a sad note, the Chairman paid a warm tribute to the late Councillor John Turner, and all his work for Ladbroke.

The meeting then considered finance. The accounts are now to be audited tri-ennially to save money, a necessary tactic as this year expenditure had exceeded income!

For the Alibone Trust, Mr. Rutherford reported that a substantial amount of money had been spent on land drainage, but that some money should now be available for the year ahead. Mr. A. Stubbs had taken over as Clerk to the Trustees.

Councillors Spencer-White, Attwood and Graham each then spoke, and Cllr. Graham drew attention to the fact that, from 19th June, there would be a traffic diversion round Southam for about a week, whilst sewers are connected to the new supermarket.

Next it was the turn of representatives from various village bodies and organisations to speak. For the Church, the Rector stressed that he was Ladbroke's Rector just as much as Harbury's, and wanted parishioners to realise that he was always available to help. Timing of services was constantly under review but there was always at least one service each Sunday and from September there would be a Family Service on the first Sunday of each month.

The WI had had a particularly good year with an increased membership, Keep Fit classes and several outings and fundraising events, most of the money being used to help patients in the Christopher Wren Ward at Hatton Hospital.

The Village Hall had also had a successful year, both financially and structurally: bookings had increased, the accounts balance, and there are plans to construct a carpark and dramatically improve the entrance lobby. A special Social Event will be a Bypass Opening Dance. Andrew Pearson, Ron Smith and Alan Stubbs were re-elected, and two new committee members are Stan Greenway and Kip Warr. The Committee received a vote of thanks for their hard work.

There was a special report this year from Kip Warr on the progress of the Village Appraisal. Work has reached the draft stages and it is hoped that publication will co-incide with the Bypass Opening, a momentous event in Ladbroke's history. Kip was concerned that people should approach him BEFORE publication (rather than after!) with anything that they think might possibly be of interest: it is not too late for inclusion, and there are one or two intriguing questions still to be answered. Where was the Standing Stone? When was there a windmill on Windmill Hill? How did the Polish Camp affect life in Ladbroke during the last war? Where was the meeting place referred to in records as "the Usual Place"?

Finally, the meeting considered two letters received by the Parish Council. The first, signed by 10 residents, concerned the future of Ladbroke after the Bypass. The signatories felt very strongly that there should be no building development of any kind, that Ladbroke's "natural and unspoilt character" should be preserved even at the cost of a rate increase, and in particular that the green areas and open spaces in the village centre should be retained. People chose to live in Ladbroke because of its present character. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council agreed with the letter, and had been



concerned for years to preserve the village as it is, and avoid speculative building. However, various opposing views were expressed to the effect that it is detrimental for a village to remain completely static. Mr. Rutherford proposed that some new council houses would be an asset. Finally, a vote was passed that the Meeting wished to support the views expressed in the letter. (Editors' note: a further letter on this topic appears on Page 36.)

The second letter, from Kate Liverton, concerned the provision of a small playground within the village. The only land owned by the Council is Penfold Green in Windmill Lane, soon to become a cul-de-sac, and it was agreed to examine the possibility of using the more easterly part of the Green, away from the trees, or the land on the other side of the lane.

The meeting closed with a warm vote of thanks to Francis Badman for all his work as Chairman.

KATE TODMAN.

ADVANCE NOTICE: The Village Hall Committee are planning to hold a Car Boot Sale on 3rd August, followed by a Barbecue the same evening.

Finally, all contributions for July's magazine to Kate Liverton as normal please.

### HARBURY SCHOOL

#### SPONSORED WALK

The 1985 Walk was accompanied by ideal weather conditions, and it was most encouraging to see the support given by both children and parents. We had approximately 160 walkers, a very good number, especially when we remember that many of the older girls were at Guide Camp.

Such is the renown of our Sponsored Walk that we even had a fly-past by the Red Arrows, which I thought was very sporting of them!!

It will be some weeks before we know the total raised but in the meantime I should like to thank all who helped in any way to make it a success.

N.C.OLIVER.

## WEST MIDLANDS SCHOOLS TECHNOLOGY FORUM

Fifteen children from Class 9, who had volunteered last October to take part in a Craft Design and Technology Competition, took their models over to Birmingham University for judging on 15th May.

Their efforts received much praise for the thought that had gone into them, and the ideas that had been employed. It was a most enjoyable and rewarding day and the children can be justifiably proud of the way their work compared with other schools, mainly secondary, from all over the Midlands.

NIGEL CHAPMAN.

## IMPRESSIONS OF FRANCE

When I first heard that we were going to France with the school, I thought straight away that I was not going to go. But I was wrong because on the 9th of May 1985 we set off to Portsmouth and boarded a ferry. The ferry was one of the best boats I had ever been on, in fact, it was the only boat I had ever been on!

MARTYN BYLES.

I enjoyed the holiday or trip very much. All of the places we went to were very interesting. In some of the places we went to we had a guide but all of the others we knew a little about because we had been told at school. The places I enjoyed most were Mont-St.-Michel, Bayeux Tapiserie, the beach at Arromanches and seeing the false harbour, and finally on the last day the Airborne Museum and the Hyper Market. I especially like the last day because at St.-Mere-Eglise we saw the parachutist hanging from the church. We also saw hundreds of bullet holes in the walls of the church.

STEVEN THOMPSON

Our hostel was brilliant, it was just like a mini castle: the grounds were huge and they had a slide and two seesaws in them. Each room had a washbasin in and our room also had a bunk bed and two single beds. The food was lovely and we had a 5-course meal each evening, we had a packed lunch each day, and I think most people got fed up with baguettes.

LYNSEY SPENCER





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ADRIAN TAYLOR.

### HARBURY PTA.

The Annual Treasure Hunt was held on Sunday afternoon 28th April. It was the usual "curiously interesting" route with a wide variety of cryptic clues as arranged by Nigel Chapman and Ken Stephenson. Many congratulations to the winners, Mr. and Mrs. Tasker, who were followed by Mr. and Mrs. Kemsley, and then Mr. and Mrs. Ingram. Dick Whatcott was distinguished in collecting the booby prize, an old map of the district, as obviously he was in need of one!

On Wednesday 12th June a Computer Evening will once again be held. The object is to demonstrate to parents all of the school's computing capability, and to have more equipment on display to enable adults to have some hands-on experience.

Eight mixed teams from around the village will be taking part in "It's a Knockout" on school playing fields at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 28th June. Barbecue tickets will be on sale on a first-come basis immediately after the Whitsun Spring Holiday Week. You can order tickets from any Committee member or from Mr. Oliver. Tickets are £3.25, and the event is on 13th July. If you intend going along, then book your tickets early as we are limited to 100 only.

100 Club Winners: Following the May draw for £10 prizes, drinks are on Mr. and Mrs. Summers, and Mrs. Pam Harris (nee Nurser).

KEN STEPHENSON.

**MAKE A NOTE:** Family Picnic, 20th July, led by Ivor Cooper & Phil Overton, organised by Harbury Fellowship, on fields between Ladbroke and Bishops Itchington. Further details next month.

HARBURY CARNIVAL '85

Carnival Time is upon us once again - let's hope we can keep our reputation as one of the best village carnivals in the area! Please support ventures organised in CARNIVAL WEEK (2nd to 7th June) - Bingo, Mystery Walkabout, The Grand Soap Box Derby, Bring and Buy Cake Stall, Beetle Drive and 'Carnival Folk'.

Details of the Week's events, and the full timings of events on Carnival Day itself (8th June) are in your programme - obtainable in the village or from committee members who will be door to door selling.

For the enthusiasts among you, don't forget that there is a Clay Pigeon Shoot at Hill Farm, Ufton, on Carnival Day, starting at 2 p.m.

Many attractions are planned on the afternoon of the 8th - we have a Comedy Trick Cyclist, The Blue Coats Motor Cycle Display Team, Six-a-Side Football, Dancing Displays, Pony Rides, Steam Train Rides, and displays of Vintage Fire Engines and Vehicles - plenty to amuse all the family - along with stalls and sideshows.

To round off the day, why not go to the CARNIVAL DANCE - tickets are only £2.50 with supper, and the dancing is to "Blue Velvet". Tickets from Helen Taylor (612408).

Proceeds from this year's Carnival will go to Village Hall funds - we all need and use this facility, so do dig deep into your pockets this year.

The Theatre Group will be out collecting for the Steptoe Stall as usual, but this year will also be collecting clothing for the stall on the Field.

Finally, Carnivals need clearing up - if you can offer a hand at the end of the afternoon, you will be welcomed with open arms!!

JEAN COX, Carnival Committee



The Playscheme will run from 12th to 23rd August, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Cost will be 50p per day per child, to include all entertainment and mid-morning refreshment.

We desperately need adult volunteers to help with Cooking, Crafts, Sports (especially the Dads), Minding the Playground, and First Aid. We would also be very grateful for the help of some Dads to set up and run a BMX Bike Track.

More information next month. In the meantime, please telephone Jean Champ (613698), Jill Cadogan (613503) or Jo Tancock (613280) with your offers of help or ideas.

### JUNIOR TENNIS

Firstly, I'm sure that all the children who have attended Jenny Waggott's coaching sessions will have benefited and improved greatly - we're very lucky to have our 'own' expert coach in the village. Junior Club sessions will start on Mondays and Thursdays, 4 - 5 p.m. for first group, and 5 - 6 p.m. for the more advanced, commencing Monday 10th June. Secondary school children's evening will be from 5pm onwards on Fridays, and hopefully all children will be responsible for taking along and collecting up the balls for one evening in the season.

TOURNAMENTS It is proposed to hold the Boys' Doubles tournament on Saturday 6th July between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., and the Girls' Doubles on Sunday 7th July from 2 p.m. onwards. It will be a "choose your own partner" knockout tournament, on a handicap system. If you're definitely free to play on the allotted day please give your names to me as soon as possible, and at the latest by the end of June. If you'd like to play but haven't a definite partner, also give me your name.

The Mixed Doubles will be along "round robin" lines, i.e. not knock-out, and partners will be drawn out of a hat. This will probably be started on the evening of Friday 19th July, continuing on the Saturday, and hopefully will be followed by a party. If the Hall is free, it will incorporate a short-tennis

tournament for the younger members. Again, names to me by the end of June. Also, those interested in singles tournaments - to be played out of Club time - please give me their names by Friday 21st June, so that they can be organised and played during the last few weeks of term.

Finally, there is an Under 16s singles tournament at Banbury on Sunday 16th June - if interested, contact me. Names have to be in a week before.

ROSEMARY OTTEWILL, 43 Mill Street, 613402.

### WIGHT SCHOOL

WANTED: We need someone to take over the duties of Booking Clerk for the Church Room at the Wight School. The person concerned would be responsible for accepting bookings, holding the key, setting the heating clock each week, accepting some responsibility for sorting out problems as they arise, and being part of a small group of people who make decisions on the use and upkeep of the premises as a whole - including the Scout Hut and Library. It is necessary to have the interests of all the users of the room at heart.

If you are interested, please contact Joyce Windsor, 612504, or the Rector, 612377.

### VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee continues to function with representatives from organisations which use the Hall, and other elected people. At our recent Annual General Meeting, to which members of the public were invited, we welcomed two members of that public. From this we conclude that the inhabitants of Harbury are generally satisfied with our services. Mr. Clark our Treasurer reported that bookings had fallen during the year and therefore the revenue was slightly down. However, we have organised some fund raising activities, and have been able to carry out various maintenance and repair work.

During last summer the exterior of the Hall was painted and parts of the guttering replaced. The Farley Room was also improved with a coat of paint. A new blind was purchased for the high window at the back of the Hall, and a new dividing fence has been



erected with the help of the Parish Council. Two unforeseen repairs had to be carried out, namely a leak over the entrance hall into the switch room, and a complete renewal of the Emergency Lighting.

Our fundraising activities have included of course the Carnival and Fete, together with the Playing Fields Committee. We provided coffee and lunches on Garden Walkabout Day, and at the various Craft Fairs which have taken place. We have also held a Race Night and a Disco.

This year we hope to refurbish both sets of toilets and replace the chipped work top in the kitchen as matters of priority. Other things are under discussion, and will be dealt with as funds are available.

SUE ANDREWS.

### HARBURY W. I.

At the last meeting, members voted on the yearly resolutions put forward by the National Federation. Out of the five resolutions members rejected three and abstained from one. A lively and sometimes heated discussion followed each resolution.

On 11th May we held a Produce Show. A good variety of produce was exhibited, including items of food, craftwork, flowers and plants. The overall winner with the highest number of points was Mrs. Bertha Kettle, who received a commemorative cup.

A sporting note! (or so our ladies tell us, who visit the Gamecock regularly) - the Harbury WI Darts Team is through to the 2nd stage playing Old Milverton. Where has all this talent come from?

At the next meeting on 13th June, Lin Layes will be giving a talk about the delicate art of lace making. New members are always welcome!

HEATHER HAWKINS.

### ACTION RESEARCH FOR THE CRIPLED CHILD

BRING & BUY made a super £30.85 - many thanks to all.

HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION starts Monday 17th June - please give generously to help us to help this very worthy cause.

JANICE GRUNDY,

HARBURY ARCC COMMITTEE.

## GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Harbury's Golden Age Club has been in existence for 28 years, and in that time has provided regular meetings and outings for its members.

I have been responsible for the running of the Club for the last 9 years, and, whilst I have enjoyed the task, I have now reluctantly decided that I must give it up after the July meeting. I am not in the best of health, and Golden Age does involve quite a bit of organisation and worry.

My recent attempts to find someone to take over have sadly been unsuccessful so - unless someone comes forward - there will be no further meetings after July.

L. KNIGHTON, 612707.

## GIRLS' CLUB

Help! Harbury Girls' Club are in urgent need of a supervisor to take on the running of the Club in September. The qualifications are quite simple: (a) boundless energy (b) the ability to stimulate the enthusiasm of 24 girls between the ages of 7 and 12 (c) available every Thursday evening during term time from 6 to 7 p.m. to put this energy and enthusiasm to the test.

Potential applicants who would like to know more about this enjoyable and rewarding challenge should contact Rosie Rainbow on 612415.

## HELP THE £1,000,000 BREAK APPEAL

'Have a break, have a Kit Kat' has taken on a new meaning. The "Break" charity was established in 1968 and on the Magpie TV programme in 1974. It provides holidays for mentally, socially and physically deprived children. They are doing a great job but could do more with your help. Richard Baker has launched an appeal asking for foreign coins and Kit Kat wrappers. More information is available inside the wrapper of a large size Kit Kat - look for a Kit Kat advertising the £1,000,000 Appeal, and then let me have your wrappers, or send them up to the address given yourself. I will happily receive your coins and wrappers, and send them up for you. The



Social Concern Dept. of MU have been asked to help, and boxes and literature are available from me if you prefer to do your own collecting among your friends.

I would also like to tell you that the Diocesan MU Social Concern Dept. are asking for offers of hostesses to give short breaks to parents or children or both, who are otherwise unable to have a holiday. Financial help available if required. Forms with further information available from me - please can you help? JEANNE CLARK, 1 Vicarage Lane, 612406.

### FLOWER FESTIVAL AT HARBURY, 13,14,15 JULY

The first combined Flower Festival, Craft Fair and Garden Walkabout to be held in Harbury. 24 gardens open, 30 crafts displayed in the Wight School and Village Hall (Sat. only). The Church Flower Festival will also be open on Sunday and Monday, 14 and 15. Flowers and Crafts - admission free. Walkabout programmes, fl. Festival Evensong, 6.30 on Sunday w<sup>l</sup> include the Windmill Singers.

### HARBURY SCOUT GROUP FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The entertaining "Gang Show" directed by Sue Exton fl60, and receipts from waste paper collections th year are £350. Full details of our income and expenditure will be given at the AGM on June 5th (see diary)

All building bonds have now been repaid: thanks to all whose bonds enabled us to build the Hut extension.

Fundraising is vital to the Scout Group, which must be self-financing. Buildings, equipment, insurance all take money. But the greatest contribution is the time given so freely by all the Leaders.

The AGM is the parents' chance to show their appreciation, and learn more about Scouting. It will be an informative and enjoyable event, with slides of their expeditions by the Venture Unit. Please come - you will be very welcome, and refreshments will be provided by the Ventures. S.J.

CONGRATULATIONS.....to Emma Groves and Sam Butler on gaining the Amateur Swimming Association's Gold Award.

HARBURY'S FIRST GANG SHOW

A REVIEW: A new diversion for Harbury theatregoers was the first Gang Show of Harbury Cubs, Brownies, Guides, Scouts and Ventures, who under the direction of the enthusiastic Sue Exton put on an excellent entertainment. The children danced, sang, acted, and generally enjoyed themselves immensely.

The 3 performances were thoroughly appreciated by the audiences (especially the hilarious Sand Dance by the Leaders!), and even more so by the participants who by the end of the evening were indeed "Riding Along on the Crest of a Wave". L. RIDGLEY.

THE THANKS: to each and everyone of our marvellous cast for making the show so memorable. To our audience - a huge thank you for coming, and if you enjoyed the show half as much as we enjoyed doing it, then we're happy. To the Theatre Group for loaning their facilities and most of all their muscle-power (not many people realise just how much time and energy is necessary every time the stage is put up). To everyone who did anything to help - teaching dance routines, keeping order backstage, selling tickets, providing words, posters, prizes, drinks, eats.....

Once again, however, may I specially thank Barry Smith Lin Hayes and Bayard Burford for their support, along with Keith Hayes and Keith Burford (and Richard on drums) without whom the show would not have been such a success.

On a closing note, we made a profit of £160, and if you'd like to see the Video you are more than welcome on 7th June at the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. which will be followed by a Disco : 60p. SUE EXTON.

SOUTHAM QUARRY DISTRICT GIRL GUIDE ASSOCIATION: 75th ANNIVERSARY: GUIDE WEEK - 24th to 29th JUNE, 1985

As a prelude to Guide Week, Southam Quarry District (which includes 1st Harbury Brownies and Guides) is holding a Parade and Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 23rd June. Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders and Guiders will assemble at Southam Community Centre and parade at 2.30 to St. James Church, Southam. The service begins at 3 p.m., and parents and friends will be VERY WELCOME. The Parade will dismiss at the Church



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Guide Week is a very important week in this VERY important year - Guiding's 75th Anniversary. Birthday parties are being held, with the first candle being lit at Buckingham Palace on Midsummer's Day. By Friday 28th June, 3 million candles should be alight on 40 thousand cakes! Southam Quarry District's candle lighting ceremony will be at a barbeque and campfire at Southam Junior Sports Club, Banbury Road, Southam, on Friday 28th June from 7 to 9 p.m. And Leamington Division is holding a campfire on Newbold Comyn, Leamington, from 7 to 8.30p.m. on Saturday 29th June. Everyone is welcome, including families and friends.

#### HARBURY HAWKS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB 84/5

The Under 13s had a very up and down season, playing well against top sides in the League but letting points slip against lesser opponents. None the less, they always gave of their best in the manner now expected of them. The players were Darren Thorne (8 games played), Duncan Williams (14 games), Matthew Wallington (28), Blake Edwards (26), Mark Evans (29 - Captain), Steve Thompson (23), Nick Symons (19), Stuart Chinn (27), Paul Turner (27), Stuart Crowther (29), Richard Adnitt (29), Vince Crossan (29), Mike Hanson (15), Scott Biddle (17) and Max Summers (14).

Mark Evans, Vince Crossan, Stuart Crowther and Richard Adnitt played in all League and Cup games, with Richard scoring 24 goals. Special thanks to Mark, Paul, Vince and Max who have been with the Club since the first League game 3 years ago.

How we finished: Played 29, Won 12, Lost 13, Drawn 4.

The Under 14s had a hard season in a very tough League but still fielded a full team with enthusiasm and team spirit. Special mention for Steve Lambert (Team Captain) and Martin Padbury who have been with the Hawks since the first League game 3 years ago, and thanks to Steve Rathbone, Martin Crane and John Mervin for their services to the Club. Congratulations to Darren Boiles (also a founder member) for being one of only two League players to score against the League winners, Norton Lindsey. Well done, Darren!

The Club would like to thank Les Sollis, Doug Green, Ted Buckle, Rob Pettifer, John Herman (of Intec, Leamington), the Working Men's Club, Shirley and Helen for their help and support in various ways. And finally, many thanks to the Parish Council who have given us a pitch which compares with the best in the League, free of charge, for three years.

WANTED: Young lads, 9 to 11 years, for a junior team. Any parent with young lads interested, ring Dave Wallington, Southam 7142.

### HARBURY FOLK CLUB

The 'guest spot' on 2nd May featured resident group "Bonas" - Peter and Liz Bones and Barry and Nicola Lomas. They finished the evening in grand style with some songs accompanied on guitar, mandolin and bass, and some unaccompanied. There were no fewer than 8 other singers, including Andy, a visitor to the village, who played and sang in a most accomplished style. Other guitarists were seen to turn a delicate shade of green while he was playing! The audience seemed to be particularly appreciative of the efforts of all the performers, and were themselves in fine voice during the choruses.

Next meeting is 6th June, a special edition for Carnival Week with a nautical flavour and hopefully some surprise guests. If you haven't yet planned a summer holiday for fear of missing the Folk Club, I should tell you that we'll be meeting as usual on 4th July but taking a rest in August before starting a new season on September 5th.

Join us if you can, and watch out for the Folk Club float in the Carnival procession! P. McDONALD, 613730.

### MOTHERS' UNION

Our speaker in May was Sheila Bynoe from Barford, and she entitled her talk "Be of Good Cheer". She told us that a sense of humour is one of our greatest gifts and this she had in abundance. She talked about the joys of life from first love to first grandchildren, and spoke of the joy of discipline which, as a woman living alone, she practices daily. I was reminded of the Mothers' Union prayer, in which we thank God for the joys of family life. Sheila told us not to confuse joy with pleasure, and that our greatest joy



as Christians is in Christ.

On Sunday 2nd June, two new members will be admitted to MU during the 10.30 a.m. service. I do hope as many members as possible will support them.

Our next meeting on 5th June, 2.15p.m., Village Hall, is the AGM. We shall elect a new Branch Leader, and appoint new Secretary and Treasurer, and I do hope all members will attend this very important meeting. At this meeting tribute money will be due, and £2.50 will be collected from those going to Lincoln on 11th June. Members recently attended two Diocesan services in Leamington, and 3 members spent a Quiet Day at Priors Marston on 22nd May.

I would like to thank all members for their support and encouragement during my six years as Branch Leader.

SHIRLEY KEIR.

### NSPCC FUN RUN



Despite our clash with the PTA Sponsored Walk and the Adventurers Service, over 100 set off on the Run, escorted by Tim Percival who, with many volunteer marshalls, saw the runners safely around the 2 mile plus course. Expectedly, John Hancock was first home in 12m13secs. The last two years' 'winners', David

Wright and Trevor Montague, were unable to attend to provide him with needed competition.

Most starters finished but this year's notable performance must be Craig Youngman's. He's 3, and he ran and walked all the way, and helped his Dad to a respectable time of 29m.20secs.

This Fun Event raised about £35 for NSPCC funds. My thanks to all who competed or watched, and especially to the many helpers who made it so enjoyable for the runners.

R.E.W.

### HARBURY SOCIETY

The Mystery Tour is on Tuesday 4th June, 7.30 p.m. from 16 Farm Street. 60p for adults, 30p for children. For this you get clues which will puzzle you round the village for an hour or so, ending somewhere secret where answers will be displayed and sustenance provided.

We are running the Secondhand Crockery Stall at the Carnival on the 8th. If you have any old china and glass we can sell, bring them along to the Field on Carnival morning, or ring me on 612792.

Our tour of the Quarries, was guided by the owner of the fisheries, Chris Poupard, who explained what improvements he had made and identified the wildlife. It was a fascinating morning, and anyone can share the pleasure for the Nature Trails are open to the public on payment of £1 car parking fee. Visitors on foot go free, and there is a chance to do a little trout or coarse fishing at a very reasonable cost.

Judges in the Best Kept Village Competition will be visiting Harbury in the next few weeks, so keep up the good work of smartening up the village for summer!

New Committee member Joan Clarke is very concerned lest there are people who unknowingly have an old well in their garden. I have been plotting all Wells from the first edition of the Ordnance Survey for Harbury, and shall display it in the Library in the summer. Do look to see if there was a well on your property. It may not have been adequately capped.

Our Annual Picnic will be in July. L. RIDGLEY.



People who knew what they wanted, including Cricketers who knew what they wanted but not where they wanted it made for a lively Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllr. Bidwell was quizzed about the lack of financial help for integrating handicapped children into ordinary schools. John Drinkwater deplored the closure of Norton School which he said provided the discipline young offenders needed, and Iory Davies JP complained that its 'under-use' was the result of "softie, softie" Social Services failing to follow the Magistrates' recommendations to use the school. Linda Ridgley asked Mrs. Bidwell to exert her influence to ensure essential repairs were carried out to Harwoods House.

Sharon Hancock, praising the work of the Recreation Ground Advisory Committee, gave a potted history of its foundation, works and achievements. Steve Chaplin explained that the entire Committee - now only 4 - was to retire, giving the funds over to the Parish Council for improvements to the Grounds. The PC thanked them for their hard work, and promised to organise the inspection of the play equipment, a vital function which the Committee had performed.

The Village Hall Committee reported that, despite its efforts to attract villagers to its AGM, there had been little interest. The Hall had less revenue from bookings in 1984, but fundraising events had enabled it to undertake essential repairs.

Under Any Other Business, residents of Constance Drive took the chance to complain eloquently about lack of water pressure in the supply to their homes. Mr. Clarke said that everyone knew the problems with the Constance Drive 'lake' but as well as too much water on the surface, there was not enough in the taps! The STWA had said the supply was 'marginal'. Another resident said that, since coming to Harbury, he had found the Rateable Value was high. "Wasn't it a pity" he said, "that the water pressure doesn't follow suit?" His plea was met with a spontaneous, heartfelt round of applause, and both Parish and District Cllrs. promised their support. There was also sympathy for the residents of Constance Drive about the nuisance of loud music when Fairs visit the Playing Fields. The Council purposely limits Fairs to two visits p.a

Harbury Ladies Netball Club were out in force to press for a Pitch to be constructed on the Recreation Ground. At present they have an agreement with the Tennis Club to use the Courts for matches, but they have nowhere to train their Youth Team. As Netball and Tennis seasons overlap, the situation is not ideal. A Court would cost £4,000 - £8,000 to construct, but, subject to security of tenure being guaranteed, the Sports Council might be persuaded to make a grant of up to 75%. The Court would not have to be fenced, and could be used for a variety of other sports, and as playing space for children. The Club was asked to find out more about costs, and the PC would try to assist them. John Drinkwater thought grants from Stratford DC might be available.

Mr. R. Holt, for the Cricket Club, caused consternation when he asked whether the PC would consider helping the Club to provide a Square on the Recreation Grounds. The Club has to seek a new home, but had already applied to the Council and been promised £2500 to lay a Square at the Rugby Ground. Cllr. Drinkwater was committed to supporting their application to the DC for a similar grant for this purpose, and was dismayed to discover that the scheme was in a state of flux. Mr. Holt explained that the Cricketers had not agreed terms with the Rugby Club.

#### HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, MAY

The meeting opened with the re-election of Sharon Hancock as Chairman and Keith Thompson as Vice Chairman. Sub-Committees remain as before.

A convoluted official letter from WCC on "notice to cease a callbox" was finally translated as being a request from the Chief Fire Officer that he be told of any proposals to reduce the number of callboxes in the village! Apparently the law states that British Telecom has the duty to inform only the lowest tier of Local Government, in this case the PC, and the Fire Officer would like the chance to put his objections in and when such a move was mooted.

The Council was unanimous in its resolve that street lights at important and dangerous junctions should remain lit all night. The Cllrs. also reaffirmed



their intention to fight "tooth and nail" any proposal to develop the Paddock area round the Church. Planning permission has been granted by the DC for extensions at 39 and 37 Mill Street, 38 South Parade, Chellow Dene, and Neales Close. The PC registered no objection to applications for an extension for Mr. Warner's house on Bush Heath Lane, the conversion of a stable at Harbury House, and the erection of a bungalow on the Water Tower site for Mr. Cecil Bloxham. The decision on plans for Hillcrest Cottage in Binswood End were deferred until a site visit has taken place, because the drawings submitted were difficult to interpret.

PC Percival is to keep an eye on parking by the School entrance in Mill Street, but he suggested that the time was right for Mr. Oliver to issue again his warning to parents NOT TO DRIVE UP BACK LANE to collect and deliver children.

Canon Rowe thanked the PC for allowing Deppers Bridge Playing Field to be used for the Open Air Rogationtide service, and asked that they grant a similar concession for 1986 when Rogation Day fell on 4th May.

Steve Chaplin, the retiring Chairman of the Recreation Grounds Committee, donated the assets of the Committee which included £800, a Coconut Shy, Skittles, a Hoopla and several lengths of rope, to the Carnival Committee. The PC resolved to advertise for someone to inspect the play equipment (with the aid of a check list) on a weekly basis, with a more thorough 3-monthly check being undertaken. This would satisfy the requirements of the Council's insurers.

The Carnival Committee have decided that profits from the Carnival should go to the Village Hall Committee, and Carnival Chairman Keith Thompson praised the enthusiasm of the vital young Committee he had to help him.

News that the Clerk had already written to the STWA on behalf of the residents of Constance Drive who had complained about poor water pressure, provoked recollections from Cllrs. of unflushable loos and other plumbing horror stories.

In asking Cubs and Scouts to pick up litter round the streets of Harbury, the PC had sought to tidy the

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village and also contribute to Scout funds. However, in this they were out-manoeuvred by the Scouts, who donated the litter picking to the Council as their contribution to the Best Kep Village Competition effort. Several members of the Council reported having seen the DC's Litter Picking team out in the village on consecutive Wednesdays, and roadsweeping had also been done. The Council faces a difficult time in trying to tidy up the Cemetery, where some of the graveside kerb have sunk. It would be a "Big Job" to move them, and an even greater task to contact the relatives and ask them to do it.

Ian Holroyd, for the Cricket Club, wrote attempting to clear up the false impression he feared the PC had gained from what had been said at the Annual Parish Meeting. For although there were some details and conditions to be cleared up, the Club would be moving to the Rugby Ground, and he hoped that the PC's generous offer of £250 towards the cost of the Square would still stand.

Harbury Hawks, the Junior Football Club, thanked the PC for granting it free use of the pitch at Harbury, and asked if they could continue to use it in the 1985/6 season, when they would be fielding three teams. The Council was pleased to show its support for this facility for the young by granting permission for free use.

and they were quite happy that Harbury Ladies Netball Club wished to add to the amenities of the Recreation Ground by having a Netball Court constructed, and had pledged their support. Sharon Hancock said that the Council was not against the development of the area concerned, but she counselled that members should defer discussion until the ladies came up with 'concrete scheme for tarmac'ing the area'

LINDA RIDGLEY.

### IN THE GARDEN

June is a busy month. Some sowing is still to be done, and planting, thinning, hoeing, watering, staking and waging war on pests. As a reward there will be, towards the end of the month, broad beans, peas, early potatoes, soft fruits, radish and lettuce. The month's transplanting includes leeks, Brussel sprouts,



cabbages, autumn cauliflower, calebrese, and other sprouting brocoli, celery, and self-blandng celery, runner beans sown under glass, marrows, and outdoor ridge cucumbers.

Runner beans must be kept well watered, as this helps the setting of the beans. W.F.LINES.

### HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At the last meeting of the season, Mr. Wragg, Superintendent of Parks in Leamington, gave a very helpful talk on "Preparing for the Show". Also good hints on the staging of vegetables and flower arranging. So it was very disappointing to have such a poor attendance, as, because entries were down last year, we want to encourage more of our members and non-members to have a go, and make this year's Show a success.

The Church bells will ring out on Saturday 13th July to herald the Flower Festival, Garden Walkabout and Craft Fair, starting at 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Tickets will be on sale soon at local shops, from committee members, and at the car park on the day. EDNA LINES.

### HOLIDAYS AFLOAT

You don't need to be a boat owner or to have previous experience to "take command" of a narrow boat worth upwards of £20,000 for a holiday afloat, and to enjoy the relaxation of being away from it all - free to get up when you like, eat when you will, and to moor up almost wherever you wish. Boats available in hire fleets are really very comfortable, with all "mod cons", and it is not surprising they cost from about £200 a week to hire (peak prices for peak holiday season). But once you are aboard, the only real expense is feeding yourselves, and the occasional visit to a canalside pub or shop. There is plenty to keep everyone busy because locks occur every mile or two - sometimes every 50 yards - and for these all the family from age 5 or so can enjoyably (and helpfully) lend a hand. With so much fresh air and exercise, appetites are always healthy, and by dark everyone is flat out. Such is the well-being, crew members even volunteer for household chores!

Choosing the boatyard really depends on which part of the 2,000 miles of interconnected inland waterways you wish to explore - Hoseasons or Blakes holiday brochures give full details. Locally, there are good bases at Fenny Compton, Napton, Calcutt (Stockton), Warwick, Braunston, and Hillmorton from which you can explore the Southern Oxford through Banbury, the North Oxford to Coventry and beyond up the Ashby Canal to Snarestone: alternatively you can try the Grand Union going south through a couple of (daunting?) tunnels to the Waterways Museum at Stoke Bruerne or north through Leamington/Warwick to Birmingham (which has more canals than Venice), or divert south again to Stratford on Avon. How far you go depends on how energetic you feel, but don't forget you will never average 3 mph, and often much less - locks take 10 minutes or so each! But who cares, because every mooring seems like a different world to the last.

This Summer I head off with my family (grandchildren aged 9 and 7) from Calcutt for Birmingham via Stratford, and expect to take a week to reach Stratford (25 minutes by car?), but then it does involve 81 locks in the 31 miles, and we will be stopping off for three nights at the Saltisford Arm in Warwick to attend the Warwick Canal Festival on 27/28 July. Why not come and see me there on "Varuna Venture"? Two weeks earlier, on 13/14 July, there is a rally of boats in the Stratford Canal Basin in front of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre to celebrate the 21st Anniversary of the restoration of the Canal. If that is not enough, over 700 boats will be converging on Milton Keynes for the IWA National Rally on 24/26 August - a sight indeed!

P.R.T.

#### SOUTHAM VOLUNTEER BUREAU

In your Editorial last month, you talked about the tradition of community service, and thanked many people. May I add one more thank you?

The Southam Volunteer Bureau organises transport, gardening, decorating etc. Where transport is concerned, we take people to hospital, dentists, opticians etc., and without our hardworking corps



of drivers in Harbury, the service could not carry on. It is not just a matter of taking and bringing back clients - our volunteer drivers stay with them and help whenever they can.

These volunteers are a vital part of our community, and on your behalf I would like to thank them.

GILL NICHOLS,

Southam Volunteer Bureau Organiser  
(Southam 3110).

### CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

I should like to express my thanks to Canon Row and to all those who helped to make the restoration of the Royal Arms in Ladbroke Church such a joyous occasion on 5th May, and for their great kindness to my late wife and myself over so many years. Our many friends from Ladbroke and Harbury were joined by some old acquaintances from Wolverhampton, and some of my former pupils, to make it a wonderful and for me a very moving occasion, which I shall always remember.

Thank you again, and God bless you.

'Ben' Fishley.

Dear Editors,

I would like through the Harbury News to express my sincere thanks to all my friends for the lovely flowers, presents, and many many beautiful cards sent to me during my recent stay in hospital and also on my return home. Thank you all so very much.

Mary Morgan,

32 Frances Road.

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Dear Editors,

At the AGM of the Ladbroke Parish Council, the meeting ended with a discussion on the future of Ladbroke after the completion of the Bypass. The Chairman concluded that he was voicing the opinion of the majority of the meeting when he stated that on completion of the Bypass any planning applications for dwelling houses in the village would not be supported by the Parish Council.

It must be every villager's wish that Ladbroke should remain a quiet, beautiful residential village, but surely houses built to blend with the environment with picturesque gardens would enhance our village, and would be far better than neglected plots of land which had been allowed to become overgrown.

The introduction of another dozen houses built in the correct positions could improve the landscape and the new blood brought in could possibly enrich the life of the village.

Do we really believe that Stratford Council would allow the construction of large estates, tower blocks, or whatever it is that we are afraid of?

Shall we ask ourselves one question - is it the village or is it ourselves we are thinking about, when we say that we will not support any planning applications?

G. GOULD.

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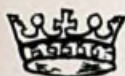
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