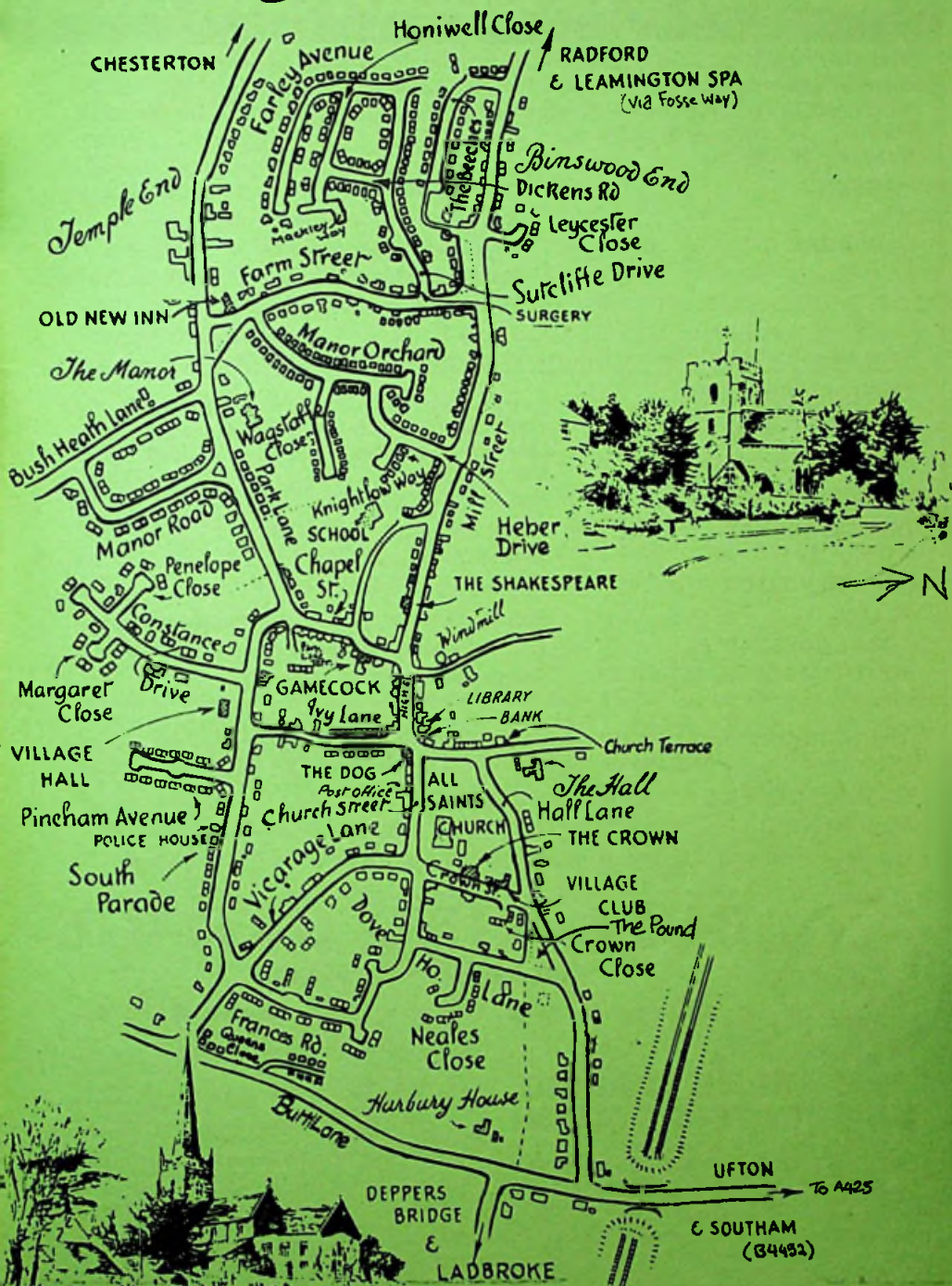


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Mattins and Communion - 11.00am (3rd Sunday)

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

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**HAD A
BUMP?**

Sunday November 10th is the day this year when we remember specially those who gave their lives for our freedom in two World Wars. Harbury Members of the British Legion will lead the Remembrance Service which will commence at 10.15 a.m. in Harbury Church and then at 11 a.m. at the War Memorial.

With so much conflict still in the World it is perhaps opportune not only to give thanks for those who died for us but to remind ourselves that unless conflicts can be peacefully resolved, many more lives will be lost.

It seems that no sooner are Summer holidays over than we are approaching Christmas! This issue carries notice of this year's Christmas Fair which as usual promises to be a most enjoyable affair - we understand that the organisers will be trying to provide more space for those attending this year, as last year things were rather crowded.

The move to get a youth club restarted gathers pace we are glad to say - see inside for the details.

Many people will have admired the restoration work going on at the Windmill. Following last month's article, we publish here Mike Bloxham's photograph taken a few days ago, of progress to date.



HARBURY DIARYNOVEMBER 1985

- Sat 2nd ALL SOUL'S DAY: 9.45 am Holy Communion
BONFIRE at Recreation Grounds Lighting at 6 pm.
- Sun 3rd SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF ALL SAINTS (8th Sunday
before Christmas) 8 am Holy Communion. 10.30 am
Sung Eucharist, 6.30 pm Evensong (Special
Preacher The Rev. David Capron, Vicar of St.
Andrews Shottery)
- Mon 4th Christian Fellowship Meetings, 8 pm, Lullington
Lodge, 77 Mill St., 8 The Beeches.
5 Week Flower Arranging Course "Christmas Decor-
ations" starts today 7.30 pm at Harbury School.
- Tues 5th Coffee Morning at Phoenix House, High St., 10.30
to 12 noon with Cakes, Children's New Clothes,
Christmas Cards and Raffle in aid of Playgroup.
Horticultural Society A.G.M. 8 pm Wight School.
Senior Citizens Cttee 8.30 pm Village Hall.
- Wed 6th Mother's Union Village Hall 2.15 pm (Discussion)
Scouts Coffee Evening/Bring & Buy, 5 South Parade
7.30 pm.
- Thurs 7th Mother's Union Corporate Communion 9.45 am.
Folk Evening at Old New Inn 8.30 pm in Lounge.
Men's Group 23 Mill St., 7.45 pm.
- Sat 9th CRAFT FAIR in Village Hall 10 am - 5 pm.
N.S.P.C.C. Ceildh in Village Hall 8 pm - 12
- Sun 10th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (7th Sunday before Christmas)
8 am Holy Communion, N.B. 10.15 am Remembrance
Day Service 2.30 pm Free Church Service - Mr. J.
Hawkins of Warwick St. Baptist Church. 6.30 pm
Sung Eucharist.
- Mon 11th N.H.R. General discussion with guest speaker on
Vegetarianism and Wholefoods at Binswood Cottage
Binswood End 8 pm.
- Tues 12th Mother's Union Coffee Morning 14 Sutcliffe Drive
10.30 am.
Harbury Friends 8 pm in School.
P.C.C. Meeting 8 pm Wight School.
- Wed 13th Village Hall Cttee 8 pm Village Hall.
Parish Study Course 13 Mill St.
P.T.A. Music Workshop.
- Thurs 14th W.I. Annual Meeting 7.45 pm Village Hall.
Thursday Club 2.30 pm in Village Hall.

- Fri 15th Youth Club Social & Information Evening (for teenagers and for interested parents) 7.30 pm Village Hall.
- Sat 16th Liberals Jumble Sale 10.15 am Village Hall
STAGE UP IN VILLAGE HALL
- Sun 17th 6th Sunday before Christmas. 8 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Sung Eucharist, 3.30 pm Songs of Praise at Ladbroke.
- Mon 18th Harbury Society Footpaths Sub-Cttee 8 pm Wight School.
Christian Fellowship Meetings, 16 Binswood End, 8 The Beeches, The Spiers.
- Tues 19th Harbury & Ladbroke News Cttee Meeting 8.30 pm 23 Mill St.
- Wed 20th Southam School P.T.A. 'Flower Arranging for Christmas' demonstration by Jacqueline the Florist. School Hall 8 pm.
- Thurs 21st Harbury Theatre Group "Bedroom Farce" 8 pm Village Hall.
Mother's Union Evening Meeting 17 Farm St. 7.45 pm (Cheese & Wine)
- Fri 22nd Harbury Theatre Group "Bedroom Farce" 8 pm Village Hall (with licenced Bar)
- Sat 23rd Toy Sale for Ethiopia Wight School 10.30 am
Harbury Theatre Group "Bedroom Farce" 8 pm in Village Hall (with licenced Bar).
- Sun 24th 5th Sunday before Christmas (the Sunday before Advent) 9 am Sung Eucharist and Parish Breakfast 6.30 pm Evensong (N.B. No 8 am or 10 am Services today)
- ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN DECEMBER'S HARBURY NEWS TO EDITORS BY NOON TODAY PLEASE.
- STAGE DOWN.
- Tues 26th Young Wives 2 pm Village Hall.
Senior Citizens Cttee 8.30 pm Village Hall.
- Wed 27th N.H.R. Coffee Morning 38 Temple End 10.30 am.
Parish Study Course, 13 Manor Orchard.
- Thurs 28th Thursday Club 2.30 pm Village Hall
Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm Village Hall.
Whist in Village Hall.
Alliance Open Evening at 3 Park Lane 8 pm.
- Fri 29th 16 & Unders Dave Andrews DISCO. 7.30 - 11 pm
Tickets 60p from Southam School. Refreshments on sale.
- Sat 30th ST. ANDREWS DAY P.C.C. Conference at Offchurch Retreat House.

DECEMBER 1985

Sun	1st	ADVENT SUNDAY 8 am Holy Communion, 10.30 am Sung Eucharist, 6.30 pm Evensong Special Preacher - The Provost of Coventry Cathedral, The Very Revd. Colin Semper.
Mon	2nd	Christian Fellowship Meeting 8 pm 77 Mill St. Dr. Noel Greenhalgh.
Tues	3rd	Horticultural Society 8 pm Wight School.
Wed	4th	Mother's Union Village Hall.
Thurs	5th	Folk Evening at Old New Inn 8.30 pm Lounge.
Fri	6th	W.I. CHRISTMAS PARTY at Village Hall.
Sat	7th	CHRISTMAS FAIR at Village Hall with Santa. Harbury Club 'The Chas Taylor Duo'.
Tues	10th	Harbury Society Open Meeting in Farley Room of Village Hall when Architect Michael Clews will report on the findings of the Re-listing Survey of Harbury's buildings. All welcome, entry free. Harbury Friends 8 pm School.

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 mornings

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

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

DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tuesday.

BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.

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

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

DANCING CLASSES for Children & Adults, Farley Room

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.

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 LINDA RIDGLEY - telephone 612792.

For Village Hall bookings, ring Mr. Harrison - 613800
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REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LADBROKE

Tuesday: 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion in Harbury
 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion in Ladbroke
 Thursday: 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion in Harbury
 Friday: 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion in Harbury

FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

Harvest Supper - grateful thanks are due to Joyce Windsor and her many helpers who put on a most enjoyable meal for some 165 of us and to Richard Woodward and Derrick Thomas who dispensed the liquid refreshments; not forgetting Viv Aggett who plied us with raffle tickets.

The evening was friendly and informal and enjoyed we believe by everyone who attended. We are indebted to the two "Call my Bluff" teams of Tom Winnifrith, Rhian Kelsall and Ken Hughes and Tom Smith, Jean Dunn and Peter Rollason - also to John Algar for providing the obscure words and their various definitions. The Rector, treasurer and churchwardens aided and abetted by David Clarke, were seen in a new light - about which - least said soonest mended! (We are grateful to Beryl Checkley for her patient direction).

Harvest Festival - a full Church, delightfully decorated by many people including of course the School, marked our annual thanksgiving for God's gifts to us.

Parish Communion and Breakfast - please note that we shall be welcoming Ladbroke who join us for Communion and Breakfast on Sunday Nov. 24th. There will only be the one Communion service that day - at 9 am, followed by breakfast in Harbury Village Hall.

After wishing Nan & Derrick Thomas well in their new home last month, their intended purchase fell through at the last minute and so they have decided to stay in Harbury for a while longer. That is good news for us, but very frustrating for Nan & Derrick.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Wareham on the loss of her husband Frank who had been ill for many months, and to Reg Harris and Felicity who share the loss. We also feel for the families of two younger people who have died during the last month - Marjory Szolnoki and Ivor Palmer.

FROM THE RECTOR

Nowadays we are continually receiving reports on this that and the other affecting our daily lives and quite often those reports are gloomy, at least the ones which get most publicity. The Church also makes a generous contribution to the volume of reports produced and recently published one on 'Rural Anglicanism' and needless to say a very disturbing one.

For years people have been saying complacently that the life of the church in the country parishes is strong and healthy, but suddenly this report appears and we learn that all is not well. Briefly stated this is more often the case when five or six or even more parishes are lumped together under one clergyman and little attempt is made for the parishes to work together. Instead the parishes try to remain rigidly independent and resent the fact that there are less services provided than in former years and that the Vicar does not live in their parish.

Fortunately in the case of Harbury and Ladbroke with only two parishes involved, the provision of services is, I would say, adequate and is hardly less than in former years. We have looked to each other for some years now and in particular shared a magazine most successfully.

However I believe that our links need strengthening still further and it would be a good thing if there could be greater interchange in worship at special

times or at ordinary times in the one place or the other.

Over the next few weeks very obvious occasions when this can be done occur. On the Sunday in the Octave of All Saints (Nov. 3rd) the Rev. David Capron well known in both Ladbroke and Harbury, who used to work with me at St. Mary Magdalen, Coventry, has accepted my invitation to preach at Evensong (6.30 pm). Similarly next month on Advent Sunday (Dec. 1st) the Provost of Coventry Cathedral who obviously has few dates available in his diary, agreed to come on that day from a selection of dates I offered him. Then on 17th Nov there is a Songs of Praise at Ladbroke at 3.30 pm and on 24th Nov, the Eucharist and Parish Breakfast at 9 am at Harbury. I hope that especially for each of these occasions, the interchange between the two parishes will be substantial and the general attendance very substantial too. In the same way some of our organisations would, I am sure, welcome people from the other parish. For some years now, Canon Fishley and Mr. George Hedge have joined in the Men's Group meetings at Harbury and there is no reason why other men from Ladbroke should not come too and indeed perhaps offer hospitality for some of the meetings.

In Harbury and Ladbroke we are demonstrating that it is possible to link parishes together without loss of identity for either parish, but we do need to be aware of each other a little more. It is worth putting effort into our association, worth putting up with a little inconvenience, and by sharing in worship and other things, strengthen the Life of the Church.

ANTONY ROWE.

Holy Baptism

15th September:

Simon Francis, son of Alan Francis and Jacqueline Mary Webb, 18 Manor Orchard.

26th October:

Katherine Samantha Aunger, daughter of Paul Ashley and Susan Angela Baker, 5 Manor Orchard.

Holy Matrimony

14th September at All Saints, Harbury.

Barry Kevin Neal, 38 Mill Crescent, Southam and

Joanne Elizabeth Callow, Oakwell House, Bascote Heath.

12th October:

Thomas Butler, The Wellhouse, Fosseway, Moreton Morrell
and

Alison Clare Baldwin, Grey Gables, Park Lane, Harbury.

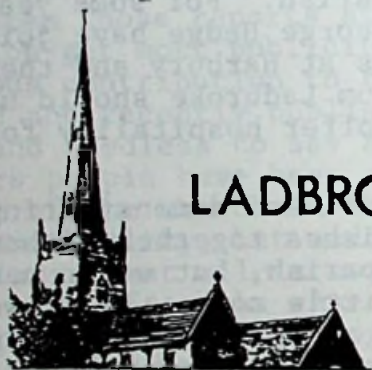
Funerals

10th October: Marjory Szolnoki, 15 Farley Ave 38 years

16th October: Reginald Birch, Hillcrest Cottage,
Binswood End 64 years.

18th October: Ivor William Palmer, 45 Mill St. 50 years

21st October: Francis Sidney Boswell Wareham, End
Cottage 86 years.



LADBROKE NEWS

NOVEMBER DIARY

Sat	2nd	Bonfire Celebrations in Farmyard Field.
Sun	3rd	Sunday in the Octave of All Saints (8th Sunday before Christmas) 9 am Holy Communion, 11 am Family Service.
Wed	7th	10.30 am Holy Communion.
Fri	8th	St. James School 7th Anniversary Service 9 am at Southam Parish Church.
Sun	10th	Remembrance Sunday (7th Sunday before Christmas) 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns and Remembrance Day Service.

Wed 13th 10.30 am Holy Communion
 2.30 pm Women's Fellowship at 15 Ladbroke Hall
 Sat 16th W.I. Attic Sale - Village Hall
 Sun 17th 6th Sunday before Christmas. 8 am
 Holy Communion 10.30 am Sung Eucharist
 3.30 pm Songs of Praise (afterwards refreshments and review of experimental use of the Alternative Service Book)
 Tues 19th Parish Council Meeting
 Sat 23rd Church Christmas Fair 3 pm Village Hall
 Sun 24th 5th Sunday before Christmas (Sunday before Advent) 9 am Sung Eucharist and Parish Breakfast at Harbury
 12 pm Holy Communion
 Thurs 28th W.I.

DECEMBER

Sun 1st Advent Sunday (Commemoration of St. Andrew) 9 am Holy Communion, 11 am Family Service, 6.30 pm Evensong at Harbury (Special Preacher The Provost of Coventry Cathedral, The Very Revd Colin Semper)

THE PARISH OF LADBROKE

The recent approach made to the residents of the parish of Ladbroke and to those who live at Deppers Bridge about supporting the church was generally speaking very worthwhile. The aim was to explain the financial situation, but far more than that, to encourage more people to become involved in the worship and the work of the church. We are very pleased with the improvement in our financial situation as a result of the approach and most grateful to all those who have promised to continue to give regularly, to start to give regularly and to those who have made covenants and donations. Further we are delighted with the positive response in offers of help in the day to day running of the church and its maintenance. We thank all those who have responded in any way. Our long term intention is not merely to put the church on a sound financial footing, but to provide to all who wish to receive it, a spiritual focus and ministry.

10.

The Rector is very happy and willing to meet people in their own homes at any time and will always welcome an invitation to visit.

(At the time of writing replies are still being received).

SONGS OF PRAISE

This service will take place at All Saints' Ladbroke on Sunday 17th November at 3.30 pm. If there is a particular hymn you would like to be included, please write the first line of the hymn and name of the tune and hand to the Rector by Wednesday 13th November, please give your name also. As many requests as possible will be used.

ST. JAMES FIRST SCHOOL SOUTHAM

A new governing body has recently been appointed and two representatives from Ladbroke Parochial Church Council have been included. Mrs. G. Gould and the Rector.

LADBROKE CHURCH - NEWS AND VIEWS

The Christmas Fair will be held at 3 pm on Saturday 23rd November in the Village Hall. Proceeds go to the Church Fabric Fund with a donation to the Diocesan Children's Holiday Project. We would be most grateful for contributions for the Gift Stall, as well as jams, preserves, cakes, bottles (full!) for the Tombola plants etc. Please take them to the Village Hall on the morning of the 23rd, or bring them to me at Sarah's Cottage in the preceding week.

On the morning of 24th November, the Parish Breakfast will be held at Harbury. The service will be at 9 am followed by breakfast in the Village Hall. Everyone is most welcome to meet again with our Harbury friends.

GWYNNE BADMAN

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Sunday 3rd November	- Mrs. Rowe
10th	Mrs. Edwards (Remembrance Sunday)
17th	Mrs. Edwards
24th	Parish Breakfast Harbury

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Many of our members had old memories revived when Mrs. Gwladys Gould read a story written by Dylan Thomas entitled 'A Day At The Seaside'. All the excitement of getting up early on August Bank Holiday Monday was remembered - the train journey, the seaside and the fun and games. Mrs. Gould also read one of his poems.

Our meeting on 13th November will be at Mrs. Daisy Herringshaw's home at 2.30 pm, when she will tell us more about her time in the theatre. When she talked to us last year we had a most entertaining afternoon and we are very much looking forward to hearing her again.

At the Christmas Fair on 23rd November, we are having the cake and produce stall. We would be pleased to receive items for this from anyone.

NANCY STUBBS

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The A.G.M. was held at the Village Hall on Thursday 24th October in the presence of a V.C.O. and two Tellors. The new committee for 1985-86 was appointed.

President - Mrs. G. Moore

Secretary - Mrs. J. Norgate

Treasurer - Mrs. G. Gould

Speakers &

Outings - Mrs. C. Jerome & Mrs. M. Briscoe

Refreshments - Mrs. E. Greenway

Other Committee members Mrs. M. Butler Mrs. D. Wright
The evening was happily brought to a conclusion with Wine & Cheese refreshments.

Next month we hope to welcome Mr. Ilsley from Draycote Potteries who is bringing his wheel along to demonstrate his craft. New members are cordially invited.

On Saturday 16th November at Ladbroke Village Hall the W.I. are holding an Attic Sale in aid of Hatton Hospital. The sale starts at 2.30 pm please bring any good jumble, bric-a-brac or furniture to any committee member or bring it along to Hall on morning of Sale. Please support this good cause.

GWLADYS GOULD

EXTRAORDINARY VILLAGE MEETING

On Friday 25th October a meeting was attended by 30 residents of the village to consider a resolution for gates not stiles to be erected at the access points in Radbourne and Windmill Lanes on to the Bypass.

Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Rush from Warwickshire C.C. were present and Constable J. Rawling also attended. Mr. F. Badman, chairman of the Parish Council, pointed out that what the meeting decided would not bind W.C.C. in any way, but that the views of the village would be taken into consideration. Dr. John Liverton put the resolution to the meeting that in the interests of public safety gates should be erected, inward opening and of a self closing design with latch. He expressed concern that if stiles were erected these would prevent horses, elderly people, mothers with prams and the disabled from walking up the lanes from the village. After much discussion the resolution was carried overwhelmingly. However, Councillor Mrs. B. Williamson wanted it to be made quite clear that the responsibility for this decision would not now rest with the Parish Council.

It is interesting to note that this is the first Extraordinary Village Meeting that has been held since 1978, when a meeting was held to discuss the proposed route of the bypass.

VILLAGE HALL AFFAIRS

On Saturday 19th October a highly successful Bypass Opening Celebration Dance was held in the Village Hall. It was a sell-out and it was nice to see the people associated with the construction of the bypass there to help us celebrate.

LADBROKE - THE VILLAGE

Sales of the Ladbroke - The Village book are going well and copies are available from Bridge Cottage (Southam 3341) or Quince Cottage (Southam 4365) at £1 per copy. A full review of this interesting booklet which covers all aspects of life in Ladbroke both now and in years gone by will be included in next month's magazine.

Commemorative china to mark the opening of the Bypass was available on sale at the Bypass Dance. Cups, plates and tankards designed by Mrs. Pauline Laidler were on sale a £5.50 per item (50p of which went to the Village Hall Funds). If you have not already ordered your china you can do so at the "Old Well House" (Southam 3458).

Don't forget the Annual Fireworks Celebrations at 7 pm in Farmyard Field on Saturday 2nd November. Bring your own fireworks! - The usual delicious refreshments will be on sale.

Finally I would like to welcome the Adams family to "Meadow View", Windmill Lane, Ladbroke.

KATE LIVERTON

PARISH COUNCIL: Tuesday 15th October

The Parish Council met for the first time in the Village Hall's new Committee Room: it was a lively and contentious meeting, and it is a shame that not more than three of the public were there.

The first item was the proposed playground on Penfold Green. Cllr. Mrs. Williamson was concerned that the minutes seemed to show the Councillors being more in favour of the scheme than they actually were, and the Chairman read a very lengthy letter of objection that he had received. Doubts were expressed over the cost, although one Councillor wondered how Deppers Bridge managed to maintain its playground so successfully. In the end, it was decided to take no firm decision.

Nothing had yet been done to mend the broken curbs, or to improve the grass-cutting but the field adjacent to Ladbroke House was being re-instated, and the owner of the footpath had promised to repair the stile. Councillors warmly thanked Cllr. Mr. Sheasby for his hard work in clearing this footpath. Efforts to unblock "Green Lane" had now been going on for 25 years and the Council decided to continue its attempt to have the footpath around the bad bends on the former main road adopted by the District Council.

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Cllr. Ken Graham had, as requested, taken up the matter of the Poultry Farm with Stratford District Council. Their inspector reported that he could find no evidence to support a major departure from the terms of the planning permission and so the Council decided that they could take no further action without another specific complaint, although they would investigate the presence of the gantry.

After discussion the Councillors felt that it was sensible for the 'village end' of Windmill Lane to retain its name, and for the 'upper end' to be known "Windmill Hill", although the residents in question would be consulted. The issue of whether the village end of Radbourne Lane should have a stile or a gate where it meets the Bypass proved much more tricky. The Council had received one letter on behalf of three families in favour of a gate, another suggesting bollards, and the various claims of nearby residents, horse-riders, prampushers, cyclists and passing motorists were all heatedly discussed. A vote was taken but this proved inconclusive and the Chairman finally decreed that it should remain a stile, as this was shown on the plan of the W.C.C. site officer, but that any villager who felt strongly against this should take the matter up with W.C.C.

Less controversially, the Council decided to ask the authors of "Ladbroke - The Village" if their booklet could be sent off to the B.B.C.'s 'Domesday Survey', and to write to Galliford's on behalf of the village to express Ladbroke's gratitude to all those who had been involved in constructing the Bypass.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th November.

KATE TODMAN

The Parish Council of Ladbroke wish it to be known that the views expressed in the report of Village affairs in the magazine are not necessarily those of the Council.



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MARJORY SZOLNOKI

The whole village has been saddened by the death at the age of only 38 of Marjory Szolnoki. She had been ill for several years with a rare form of cancer, which she fought with an equally rare courage. Despite increasingly frequent sessions of unpleasant therapy, she continued to live life to the full with her husband and three young children. Until the last few weeks, very few people in fact realised that she was seriously ill. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to her family. She spent her last few days in Myton Hospice, and donations in her memory can be sent there.

SOUTHAM SCHOOL - AN ENTERPRISING PROJECT

Young Enterprise is an Educational Organisation held throughout the country for young people between the ages of 15-19. It offers the opportunity to gain valuable and practical training in business management, by organising and operating their own small scale businesses.

24 sixth formers at Southam School have formed a 'company' called 'Frontrunners'. Shares are sold for 25p each with the maximum number of shares held by one person being 5. With the Share Capital raised raw materials are bought and products are chosen, manufactured and sold. The final aim is to make a profit in the company and be able to give the shareholders a good return on their investment.

This year we have decided to produce make-up bags, Christmas decorations and 1986 calendars. A competition around the local middle schools is in progress with the winning pictures for the calendar chosen by the committee and awarded with book tokens. The calendars will be on sale at approximately 75p each at Harbury School - who are participating in the competition - or contact me on 612644.

There is also a Disco organised by the company at the Village Hall by Dave Andrews. It is being held on 29th November for 16's & Under at 7.30 pm to 11 pm with tickets at 60p from Southam School.

HEATHER WHITELAW

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SOUTHAM SCHOOL - 6TH FORM 24 HOUR SPONSORED DANCE

At 7 pm on Saturday 19th October 85 members of the 6th Form began an enjoyable?! 24 hours of dancing. The charity chosen this year was Mencap and we were joined by a few of their members during the first couple of hours, who seemed to enjoy themselves immensely.

We danced to the sounds of Andrew Flower's Disco. To relieve the boredom in the early hours of the morning proposterous competitions were organised e.g. sexiest wiggle and knobbliest knees. This was probably the most difficult time for must of us as it was when the blisters started to 'sprout' and it became increasingly difficult to stay awake.

The heavenly 10 minutes each hour were greatly received when we either a) collapsed, exhausted onto the floor b) ate our suppplies of Mars Bars and coke c) smothered ourselves in yet more deodorant!

In the last hour families and friends could come and join in the dancing. We suddenly forgot about our pulled muscles and aching feet - mainly because they had gone numb hours ago! - and really 'boogied on down'.

Thanks to all parents who took 2 hour shifts through-out the dance. Sympathy goes towards those who experienced the incriminating odours of bodies and smelly socks that were emitted during the latter hours!

For our display of great human endurance (almost comparing with man's conquest of the moon) we managed to raise over £1200. Here's hoping that the people next year enjoy themselves as much as we did.

HEATHER WHITELAW

VENTURE SCOUTS - CAVING WEEKEND

Following the evident enjoyment of last year's caving weekend in the Mendips, the Unit decided to investigate the catacombs of Derbyshire on the weekend of 27th - 29th September. This trip certainly separated the men from the girls, none of whom, quite sensibly as it turned out, decided to try their hands

at grovelling around muddy passages or womanhandling themselves up cliff faces.

Our party of expert speleologists, led by the intrepid Chris Bitterli arrived late on Friday night to make camp in an obliging farmer's field not too far from the nearest pub. En route the group displayed the calmness which was to become the hallmark of the whole weekend in its avoidance of disaster in an incident involving a runaway rucksack on a motorway!

The weekend's arrangement was for the group to split into two and for each party to spend a day climbing and a day caving, both of course under expert (?) instructors. Speaking from my own experiences the Saturday was spent rock-climbing at Stanage; a pastime which proved exceedingly difficult. The task of 'leading' the climbs was, as a matter of course given to the ever ebullient John Hancock, the rest of us being quite content to follow him with the security of a safety rope. Absëiling back down the rocks proved much simpler than climbing up them but the day was enjoyably spent in this fashion before returning to camp. Here we found a bombardment of tales of the "horrors of the deep" from those who had ventured underground, prompting a lengthy stop at the local that evening.

A misty Sunday presented certain problems for the climbing party, but those of us investigating the 'Giant's Hole' had other preoccupations. Fortified by the reassuring comments of our predecessors we descended into the depths to behold the delights of 'Poached Egg Passage' and negotiate several tight cave sections including a semi-submerged tunnel only 2 feet high and 'ledge hopping' 40 feet above a stream. We re-emerged into the light of day some 3 hours later, soaking but filled with a sense of satisfaction at our accomplishment and ready to return home.

In all the weekend proved most enjoyable and a hand of gratitude must be extended to Chris Bitterli, Ian Spencer & Bob Small for the expert instruction, John Hancock for the devotion of his time and energy and not least to Jon Walters for providing a limitless source of entertainment throughout the weekend.

YOUTH CLUB FOR HARBURY ??

Following the enterprising petition by the teenagers of Harbury requesting a Youth Club, many enquiries are being made. If there is to be a Youth Club it will be set up with a view to being a permanent group run with a management committee, regular paid leaders trained or training in the profession and volunteer parental support. Can you help please?

The kind of club envisaged will provide stimulus and opportunity - not only for fun and entertainment but also to enable members to discover and develop their individual potential as a "whole person". There will be leadership challenges, awards to apply for e.g. Duke of Edinburgh, Churchill Trust, National Disco dancing competitions, sports, literary and many more - holidays organised weekends away, multiple activities courses trips etc.

There will be a teenage members committee to formulate the exact club programme (leaders will merely provide the necessary expertise and advice): it must be a Club which meets the needs and wishes of the members or it will fail.

Find out more about your new Youth Club, if it can be, how, where and when.

FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER FARLEY ROOM, VILLAGE HALL 7.30
A warm informal social evening. A chance to hear and be heard. Parents and teenagers, please come.
N.B. Lack of attendance on this occasion MUST BE TAKEN AS A LACK OF GENUINE INTEREST AND COMMITMENT so if you feel there should be a youth club Please attend.

Deepest thanks to those who attended the initial steering meeting.

K.P.

HARBURY ALBION F.C.

Both teams are doing reasonably well in their respective leagues, largely as a result of a recent influx of new players. The first team has been strengthened considerably by the ball skills of Darrell White (Josh's brother), transferred from Bishops Itchington, and by the mid-field strength of George 'Rambo' Bryers. Luckily George, who plays

for Racing Club on Saturday has again agreed to play for Harbury on a Sunday. At present George both looks and plays like a player and a half. His only 'weakness' is that he supports United. Others playing well are Andy Hopkins, Lea Williams and Mick Pratt who is doing a superb goal-keeping job deputising for the injured Martin Perry.

The Presentation Disco held at the Village Hall on 18th October was a resounding success, thanks largely to John Luke, who organised the event, and to Andy Hopkins who sold most of the tickets. The Club would like especially to thank the whole of the Old New Inn patrons and staff for their wholehearted generous support. Unfortunately for the recipients of the football trophies the 1983-84 Presentation Dance had to be cancelled and so the club Chairman, Mick Bishop, awarded trophies for both seasons at this year's Disco. For any readers who did not attend, or for those who did attend but could not hear, the awards were as follows:-

	1983-84	1984-85
Player of the year	Andy Hopkins	Terry Sheasby
Young player of the year	Lea Williams	Steve Evans
Leading goalscorer(1st)	Ian Lowe	Colin Sheasby
Leading goalscorer (Res)	Neil Humphreys	Nigel Shiel

For today's game (27th Oct) several players were not available because of family and other commitments, and the 1st team were narrowly defeated 1-0 in a splendid cup game against the present league leaders, the Black Horse, Leamington. With a few players missing and a few others injured, Ally Peebles had to call on the evergreen Les Sollis to strengthen the reserves. Although Les had not played a full game since Boxing Day he turned out yesterday for the Rugby Club and today to play football. He is, and always will be, a perfect ambassador for Harbury Village sport.

STAN FINCH

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Not to be missed, our November production Alan Ayckbourn's "Bedroom Farce". Do not be misled by the title, this play bears no resemblance to a Whitehall farce. The comedy is understated and subtle, rather than slapstick. The play centres round the events of one evening, at a housewarming party. Three couples have what promised to be an enjoyable time, completely disrupted by a fourth couple who are having marital difficulties.

The cast includes Beryl Checkley and Keith Hayes. The set itself is unusual, with three bedrooms on the stage at the same time. Definitely, this play will prove to be an enjoyable experience; on 21st, 22nd, 23rd November at 8 pm, with a licensed bar on the Friday and Saturday.

MARIE BROWN.

ANCHOR YOUTH DRAMA AWARD

Following the recent successful drama workshop a team to enter this national competition has been formed. If you wish to join please apply immediately. Thanks to Tim Watts, Jon Walters and Steve Phillips who worked hard before and on the day. Also thanks to Janet Thornley, Lillian Spencer, Rosemary Ottewill and Isobel Russel and to the teenagers for such an enjoyable event.

KAY PALLOT (613270)

ARBURY FOLK CLUB

If September's Folk Club was a bit quiet, then October's more than made up for it with a full house and a very entertaining evening.

Continuing our practice of featuring our own singers, the guest spot was taken by Alan Wilkins, John Kemsley and Brian Ingram with their unique jug band sound. The audience, who numbered nearly fifty, heard Alan insisting that he was "a liberal, tolerant, reasonable sort of man", John telling us about his "hunch" and Brian doing a convincing impression of a poisoned pigeon! Their humorous

approach was very popular with the audience who insisted on an encore.

The supporting singers on this occasion were Pete and Liz, Gerda, John Black, Tony, Ian, Sue, Mike and myself with two or three songs each in our various styles.

At our next meeting on Thursday 7th November, the spotlight will be turned on Tony Bayliss for the guest spot in the "third half". After that it will be our Christmas edition (the closest we can get!) on December 5th. We meet in the Lounge bar of the Old New Inn, starting a 8.30 pm.

PETER M^CDONALD (613730)

HARBURY OF YESTERYEAR

Transport - a trap to Harbury Station, Edward's buses in Chapel Street (7d single 1/- return), the odd Midland Red and feet!

Mrs. Hawkins of Binswood End recalls twice weekly trips to hospital in Leamington - with 3 toddlers and a pram - buses weren't keen on the latter. The Fosse was peaceful and tea with mother in law in Radford shortened the 12 mile round trip. Have we lost our legs?

M.R.

HARBURY W.I.

During the October meeting the Village Hall was filled with the rich aroma of Indian Cookery, Mrs. Suri aided by Mrs. Virk gave the W.I. a pleasant introduction of home cooking Indian-style with a simple yet tasty chick pea dish accompanied by chapattis. Quoting from one of the information sheets the two ladies brought with them 'if you are interested in real Indian cooking your comforting tin of curry powder will have to go. The curry powder, raisins, apples and flour are just not Indian cooking.

For those of you who missed the info. sheet but can remember the process here is the chick pea recipe: 8oz chick peas or other pulses plus potatoes 1 med onion, 1 small tin tomatoes, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp turmeric,

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp chilli, 1 tsp salt, 2oz ghee or oil, fresh ginger and garlic acc. to taste.

After the demonstration the large number of members and guests who attended the meeting were able to sample the food.

We'll be pleased to see everyone again at our A.G.M. on Thursday 14th November at 7.45 pm.

HEATHER HAWKINS

MOTHERS' UNION

Our meeting on 6th November will be a discussion afternoon when we shall hear all the news from the recent Diocesan Council meeting. On Tuesday 12th November we are holding a Coffee Morning at 14 Sutcliffe Drive by kind invitation of Mrs. Curry. The M.U. are planning to give the Church a new purple altar frontal and this will be the first money-raising event for this project - all are welcome.

As we hold our meetings on an afternoon we have some working members who are unable to attend. We are therefore having an evening meeting on Thursday 21st November at 17 Farm Street. It will be a Cheese and Wine evening and our Deanery President Anne Werrell will be there to meet members. The evening starts at 7.45 pm.

We are pleased to welcome three new members who were admitted on Sunday 20th October. The M.U. are running the cake stall at this year's Christmas Fair and all contributions will be most welcome.

SHIRLEY KEIR

FLOWER ARRANGING

There are a few places left on the five week flower arranging course, "Christmas Decorations", starting at Harbury Combined School on Monday 4th November 7.30 - 9.30 pm. If you would like to join the class, please come along on the first evening, bringing some flowers foliage and a container to do an arrangement of your own choice. If you have any queries, please phone me 613497.

SYLVIA BURDETT

CHRISTMAS FAIR

All Saints' Church will be organising the Christmas Fair which will be held this year on 7th December in the Village Hall, starting at 2.30 pm.

Following the Stewardship Mission, the Church is in an improving financial position and therefore the proceeds from the Fair, instead of going to Church Funds, will go to Harbury Youth Organisations.

Lots of produce stalls will be featured together with White Elephant, Computer Games, Videos, Refreshments, Tombola etc. and of course the Grand Draw with many prizes including a Christmas Hamper, Turkey, Christmas Cake etc. Father Christmas has promised to come and so it should be a great afternoon.

Gifts of 'White Elephants' tins for the Tombola etc. will be gratefully received - ring Annette Hughes on 612273 or give to the Draw ticket seller who will be calling on you soon. J.B.M.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - CAKE APPEAL

As the Youth Club of Harbury will have a role to play in our community which is showing itself so willing to support the needs of our teenagers - would teenagers (and/or Mums) please bake cakes, biscuits, pies or tarts for the M.U. Cake Stall at the Christmas Fair on Sat 7th December. Please bring cake donations to Village Hall on the Sat morning. Thank you (or would you rather run a stall) Let me know on Nov 15th please).

KAY PALLOT

THIRD WORLD SUPPORT

Did you know that All Saints' Church Harbury support the third world? and have done so for some years now through the agency TEAR FUND. This year we held a stall at a coffee morning (held at Margaret Rigden's home) where we had a wonderful selection of the goods which are produced by people from all over the world and a total of £70.70p worth were sold. Thank you very much to those who supported this with their purchases.

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I have been told that if every church made such an effort, however small it might seem to us, what a difference it would make. However, next year we hope to make an even better effort and already your Parochial Church Council have some exciting ideas in mind, so next autumn when you hear mention of this PLEASE DO COME!

If you missed our event this year why not pop over to Kenilworth High Street and visit the shop JUTERONOMY or failing that Margaret Rigden has a catalogue.
Thank You.

PAM CLARKE

CHRISTMAS TOY SALE & COFFEE MORNING - Bargains Galore

Saturday 23rd November 10.30 am Wight School.

Please help the Bob Geldoff Christmas Toy Appeal for Ethiopia. Why not clear out your childrens' toy cupboards ready for all their many new Christmas presents to provide a Christmas gift for a child who has narrowly escaped starving to death? We all have so much - they have nothing. Please let us have your child's quality unwanted toys, to sell for, or to send to Ethiopia.

Helpers much appreciated. Please ring 613270.

Toys and warm clothing donations to the Wight School on Saturday morning (or before then to 31 Manor Orchard)
Thank You.

HARBURY SOCIETY

The society has formed a sub-committee to investigate the publication of footpath walks round Harbury. Anyone who has a favourite walk they would like include or has ideas as to format or content can let me have information (16 Farm St 612792) and I will pass it on. Enthusiastic people will be needed to test out the walks before they are published, again volunteers will be welcomed with open arms.

The sub-committee of Bob Wilkins, John Hancock, John Smith, David Winter, Ken Stephenson and Nigel Chapman will meet on Mon 18th November 8 pm Wight School.

Mr. Chapman kindly came to the first meeting to explain how the schoolchildren had produced their Guide to Harbury which includes five footpath walks. They have made £250 profit so far for P.T.A. funds.

We plan to hold our Social in the New Year as usual but before that we have the treat of a talk by Michael Clews the architect in charge of the re-listing of Harbury's buildings. He has agreed to tell us of his findings on Tuesday 10th Dec. and we have hired the Farley Room of the Village Hall for 8 pm that evening.

For anyone who lives in an old house or has an interest in architecture and the history of the village the meeting is a MUST. It will be open to all and entrance is free. Do come.

LINDA RIDGLEY

A THREAT TO THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE PARISH OF CHESTERTON AND KINGSTON.

The Local Government Boundary Commission has been reviewing the administration of Parishes within Stratford District. Chesterton has no Parish Council and has not held a Parish Meeting within the last five years. The Commission has now said that unless arrangements are made for regular twice yearly Parish Meetings the Parish should be amalgamated with a neighbouring Parish or abolished.

Stratford District Council is strongly opposed to the idea that amalgamation or abolition should be imposed upon the Parish against the wishes of the local electors, but if there is no agreement that regular future assemblies will be held, or if no proposals for amalgamation are made the Boundary Commission will abolish the Parish. This would deprive the electors of the Parish of their right to hold a Legal Parish Meeting.

At the time of writing a Parish Meeting has been called for 2nd November in the Parish Church. Comments in writing may be sent by any person on the Electoral Register for Chesterton and Kingston to

Mr. T.J.W. Foy,
Chief Executive,
Stratford District Council,
Council Offices,
Church Street,
STRATFORD ON AVON.
CV37 6HX

SPONSORED CLAY SHOOT

A sponsored Clay Pigeon Shoot was held in the quarries on Saturday 21st September and the sum of £180 was raised for the Village Halls of Harbury and Bishops Itchington.

The shoot was organised by Ted Buckle, Mick White and Chris Poupard. Prizes were kindly donated by the following local businesses:

Bishops Bowl Lakes, Bishops Itchington P.O. & Stores, Jackie Bloxham, The Butcher's Arms, The Crown, The Dog, Dovehouse Autos, The Drug Store, The Gamecock, Harbury P.O. & Stores, Harbury Supermarket, Jessups Newsagents, Jans Stores, Krayems Newsagents, Knights Butchers, Ladbroke Road Stores, the Malt Shovel, Micar Bodies, Moores Potatoes, The Old New Inn, The Shakespeare, Brian Summers Butchers.

Special thanks are due to the entire Buckle family who between them acted as judges and operated the traps on a none too pleasant afternoon.

Winner of the 25 bird sporting shoot was Mick Rouse, a member of the England Team, who has just moved into Bishops.

PRIZE FOR CHRIS POUPARD, BLUE CIRCLE & HARBURY QUARRIES

Blue Circle entered their Harbury Quarries in the Competition run by The Times and The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors and won a Commendation in the Conservation Awards, for the work Chris Poupard has done to transform the Quarry into a commercial fishing venture.

The Awarders emphasised that the original covenants on the Quarries imposed no obligation on the company to repair the damage to the environment. They could have left the sight derelict but the Company and Chris had created a splendid amenity enhancing a very run-down area and providing greatly improved facilities for the use and enjoyment of that area by the public.

The Company has been so impressed with Chris's work that together they have developed another fishing site in Essex to be opened next Good Friday. Blue

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Circle took great pride in the fact that they were the only commercial undertaking to win an award in the Competition and laid on an excellent buffet luncheon for the judges, company officials and local notables.

After the formal ceremony of presentation was over and the Press had taken photographs, Chris Poupard rummaged about in a black plastic bag and like a conjurer produced a beautiful 4lb Brown Trout for Mr. Sinclair Scott of the FRICs. Chris swore that the trout had leapt out of the lakes into his boat, but fishermen are full of tall tales like that.

LINDA RIDGLEY

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT OCTOBER 1985

Some people have endless trouble getting Planning permission, to others it is a mere formality. The Authorities however have to go by the book in this and other matters.

For instance; Chesterton and Kingston have been happily jogging along for years with representation whatsoever. Plans for the M40 have come and gone but still they have not held so much as a Parish Meeting. They were content, but not so the Boundary Commissioners, tidy minded bureaucrats who have decreed that either Chesterton and Kingston pull up their collective socks and hold the required two meetings a year or face extinction or be amalgamated into one of the neighbouring parishes.

To its credit Stratford D.C. is opposed to this and is seeking to stir the slumber of centuries and persuade the parishes to meet. Mrs. Dorothy Noden was at the Parish Council meeting to assure Cllrs that a meeting would be advertised for 2nd November in the Church at 2 pm.

The D.H.S.S., following the procedures laid down, has sent the Parish Council a folder of all the documents relating to the application to run a Pharmacy in Harbury. It contains over 30 letters all opposed to the change. The local Doctors have appealed against the decision for the Pharmacy because it would mean they could no longer dispense to their patients who lived within one mile of it.

The Parish Council has reiterated its opposition emphasising that the folder contains not one letter in favour of the change. In all this debate Sharon Hancock very properly said not one word, having handed over the Chairmanship to Keith Thompson when she declared her interest in the matter.

Mr. Turner's retrospective application (that means he is applying for Planning permission after the event - eight years after) for retail use at Warm Glo House, High Street elicited no comment from the Council.

The Harbury Society successfully enlisted the help of the Parish and District Cllrs to press the District Council for fuller explanations of the law relating to changes to Listed Buildings (the Windmill) and repairs to Listed Buildings (Harwoods House) as explained in the Harbury Society Report.

The County Council Engineers have told the Council that the 'ponding' in Constance Drive will be difficult to cure, and hopes to budget for the work in next years estimates. In complete contrast the speed with which the County implemented the suggested improvements to the Mill St./Farm St. junction almost deceived the eye. Tim Percival reported that the fun little triangle painted on Farm Street is a 'ghost island'. All agreed that the painted lines showed up the bend and emphasised the hazard.

The Parish Cllrs agreed there was a need for Youth facilities in the village and promised support for Kay Pallot, the prime mover, who, Sharon Hancock reported, has been most enthusiastic and thrown up a number of interesting ideas. A drop-in evening for those interested in discussing the problems and accomodation is planned and when concrete proposals are ready the Parish Council will help.

Mr. Reading, Chairman of Southam Swimming Pool Association was present to plead for a donation from the Parish towards the building costs of the Swimming Pool. Ufton, Bishops Itchington and Stockton had already agreed to provide unspecified amounts. The Cllrs thought that although Ratepayers were already contributing through the District Rate they would

gain an extra benefit from a Pool in their area and should give something to show their commitment to the project to provide an amenity for the Southam region.

Dennis Atkins recommended that the Parish Council up-grade the remaining lights in Vicarage Lane, Penelope Close, Constance Drive and Margaret Close, leaving only the lighting on Sutcliffe Pastures to be changed to Colour-corrected Mercury. Keith Thompson had been doing his 'usual crystal-ball gazing' and had set the Precept at £7610 (the same as last year) with a little more money in the General and Lighting Accounts and less in the Cemetery Account. Cllr Atkins proposed a vote of thanks to the Finance Cttee Chairman, who he said 'does a grand job and leaves us time to talk about other things'.

LINDA RIDGLEY

SUSTENANCE FOR THE INVALID (?)

Winter's coming and with it no doubt all the usual flu bugs, and when someone in the family is poorly and has no appetite it's sometimes difficult to know what to give them that is light but nourishing. One favourite in our family is Egg-in-a-cup, which is a very lightly boiled egg popped into a cup and beaten with a little salt and pepper. Another good old standby is egg custard, and the best recipe I know is: 2-3 eggs, 1 oz castor sugar, 1 pint of milk and vanilla essence. Strain into a buttered 1½ pint dish in larger baking tin containing about 1 inch of cold water, and place in centre of slow oven (335° gas 3). Bake for 1 hour until firm.

Clear chicken soup or 'Jewish Penicillin' is easy and nourishing. Boil up chicken giblets with seasoning and an onion. Simmer as long as possible - it can only get better! Boil up chicken bones with the usual seasoning and an onion, and when cool combine with giblet stock. Add some diced carrots, a dash of Worcester sauce, pepper and gravy browning until it reaches a pale golden colour. Simmer for 1 hour, serve with fingers of dry toast.

Egg nog is a quick, easy drink: combine together 1 egg, $\frac{3}{4}$ of a pint of milk, a few drops of vanilla essence, and drink cold. It's better still with the addition of a tablespoon of sherry or brandy!

Perhaps some of you have invalid recipes we could all share?

VICTORIA MACGOWAN

The "Professor" and his Basket



Dr. Winnifrith with his large shopping basket is a familiar figure in the village. Born in 1938 in Dulwich he was Kentish born and bred, spending his childhood in the one country village of Edenbridge, attending Tonbridge School. With a father and brother living in Kent he still has close links with his native county and supports its cricket with enthusiasm. When he left school the family moved to Chelsea; he however, was already off to Oxford University studying Classics.

His first job was at Eton, teaching Latin, Greek and English. Despite

the formality of the dress, the boys were still boys and he enjoyed his time with them. However august the atmosphere it had its restrictions - contacts with the outside world were minimal. Dr. Winnifrith missed external stimulus and felt that the boys had difficulties in adjusting. Five years was enough and then he was off to Oxford again to work for a higher degree which would qualify him for university teaching.

For two years he studied English and then went on to Liverpool University for two years. During his period at Oxford he married and at 32 in 1970 he arrived at Warwick University as lecturer in English. He subsequently became head of the now thriving and expanding Classics Department.

The family settled first in Byfield but, in 1977, after the death of his wife, they moved to Harbury to be nearer schools and work. Life has been busy - head cook, shopper, childminder and ferryman for Tom now 17, Tabitha 16 and Naomi 14. Tom will soon be away to study history, politics & economics, Tabitha is now on a scholarship to Kings School, Canterbury, studying sciences, Naomi is still at Kings High and showing dramatic talent.

Despite family commitments, the doctor is a great traveller, speaking a mixture of 9 languages-badly! The travel is in connection with his research which is part and parcel of his university work. A team of university students take over at home - this explains the glamorous visitors. His great interest is in studying the descendants of a tribe who still speak a dialect of Latin and are scattered throughout Greece, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Albania. At least one yearly visit accompanied by research assistants gleans information for a projected publication on their history and language.

Not only has the doctor penetrated the boundaries of Albania without being arrested for spying although he was made to have his hair cut but, wearing his other hat as lecturer on the Brontes in America and recruiter of foreign students in Latin America, he has managed to visit El Salvador and Chile. Once he was honoured by the National Anthem in the presence

of the Argentinian Ambassador in the aftermath of the Falklands. He is an examiner in English for the International Baccalaureate which qualifies foreign students for admission to English Universities.

He assures us that these travels, enjoyable in themselves, have a spin-off. Appreciation of the tranquillity of Harbury and its friendly atmosphere is quickened by journeys down nine-lane highways in Los Angeles.

M.R.

SUNDAY STROLL

We went for a pleasant Sunday afternoon stroll along Hatton Rock. It 's a steep river cliff overlooking Alveston and the water meadows of the Avon just north east of Stratford. The river takes a big swing round there and has cut into the hillside leaving a precipitious cliff about 50' high.

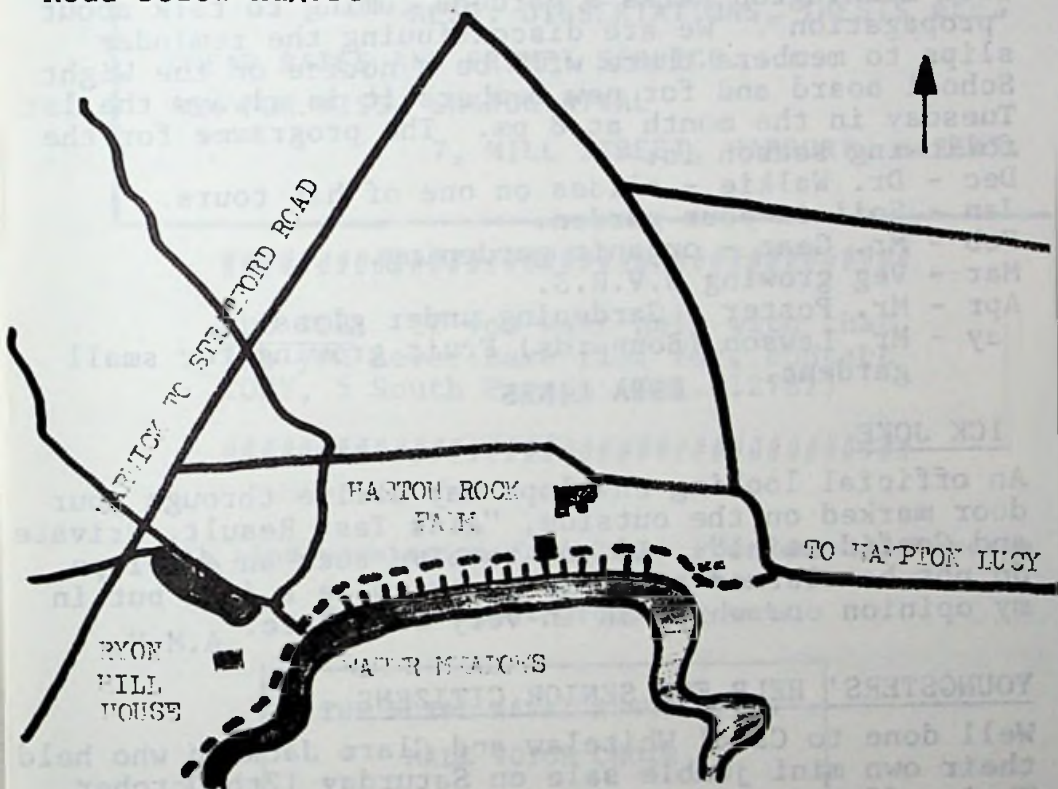
We left Charlecote on the road to Hampton Lucy, turned right past the Church and on down the road until just before the first junction where the road makes a sharp right hand turn. We parked on the left and followed a well defined track with woodland on our right. This leads down to the river through arches of Elderberry which seem to have colonised where the Elms have died. A local farmer pointed out where the Badgers have made slides down the hillside on their night forays to the riverside.

By the Avon the Birmingham Air Training Corps has a campsite with two rather tatty huts further up the hill. The path passes the huts, climbs the river cliff and continues along the top with good views of the old water meadows to the south of Alveston in the distance. Off to the north beyond the wood, is Hatton Rock Farm, an original Georgian Farmhouse with 'agribusiness' additions and next to that a very strange white house which would be more in place on a seaside cliff. Here the ATC has a sandbag redoubt and the woodland round is littered with relics of their wargames.

The path crosses a chasm, climbs some steps and runs along the edge of a field until it drops down into a tributary valley where, overlooked by the imposing Ryon Hill House an old lake has become clogged with

vegetation.

In low-lying area along by the river there are strands of the incredible and highly poisonous Giant Hogweed. It is a plant from a nightmare, like Cowparsley but 15 - 18 ft high with seeds as big as your thumb. The nettles there are also of giant proportions and having marvelled at the Hogweed, we turned back, although for those more adventurous, the path continues by the river for about a mile further before swinging west to meet the main Stratford to Warwick Road below August Hill.



IN THE GARDEN

With scarcely anything to sow or plant, November is the time for digging and Spring cleaning - do not wait until Spring. Broad beans can be sown this month in a sheltered part of the garden, but I prefer to wait until early Spring. Carrots and Beetroot can be dug up and stored in boxes of peat. Give support to Brussell Sprouts if in exposed position. You can

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HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The first meeting of the season got off to a good start and a good attendance, Joe Elliot gave a talk with slides on Alpines; this is an aspect of gardening which is getting very popular. He was thanked by Eleanor Zonik.

The Nov meeting is the A.G.M. and we have Mr. Wragg from Leamington parks & gardens coming to talk about 'propagation'. We are discontinuing the reminder slips to members there will be a notice on the Wight School board and for new members it is always the 1st Tuesday in the month at 8 pm. The programme for the following season is:-

Dec - Dr. Walkie - slides on one of his tours.

Jan - Soil in your garden.

Feb - Mr. Gear - organic gardening.

Mar - Veg growing N.V.R.S.

Apr - Mr. Poster - Gardening under glass.

May - Mr. Lawson (Bonnards) Fruit growing for small gardens.

EDNA LINES

SICK JOKE

An official looking envelope may arrive through your door marked on the outside, "Aids Test Result, Private and Confidential". If you receive such an envelope do not be alarmed as it is meant to be a joke but in my opinion one which is in very bad taste. A.M.H.

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