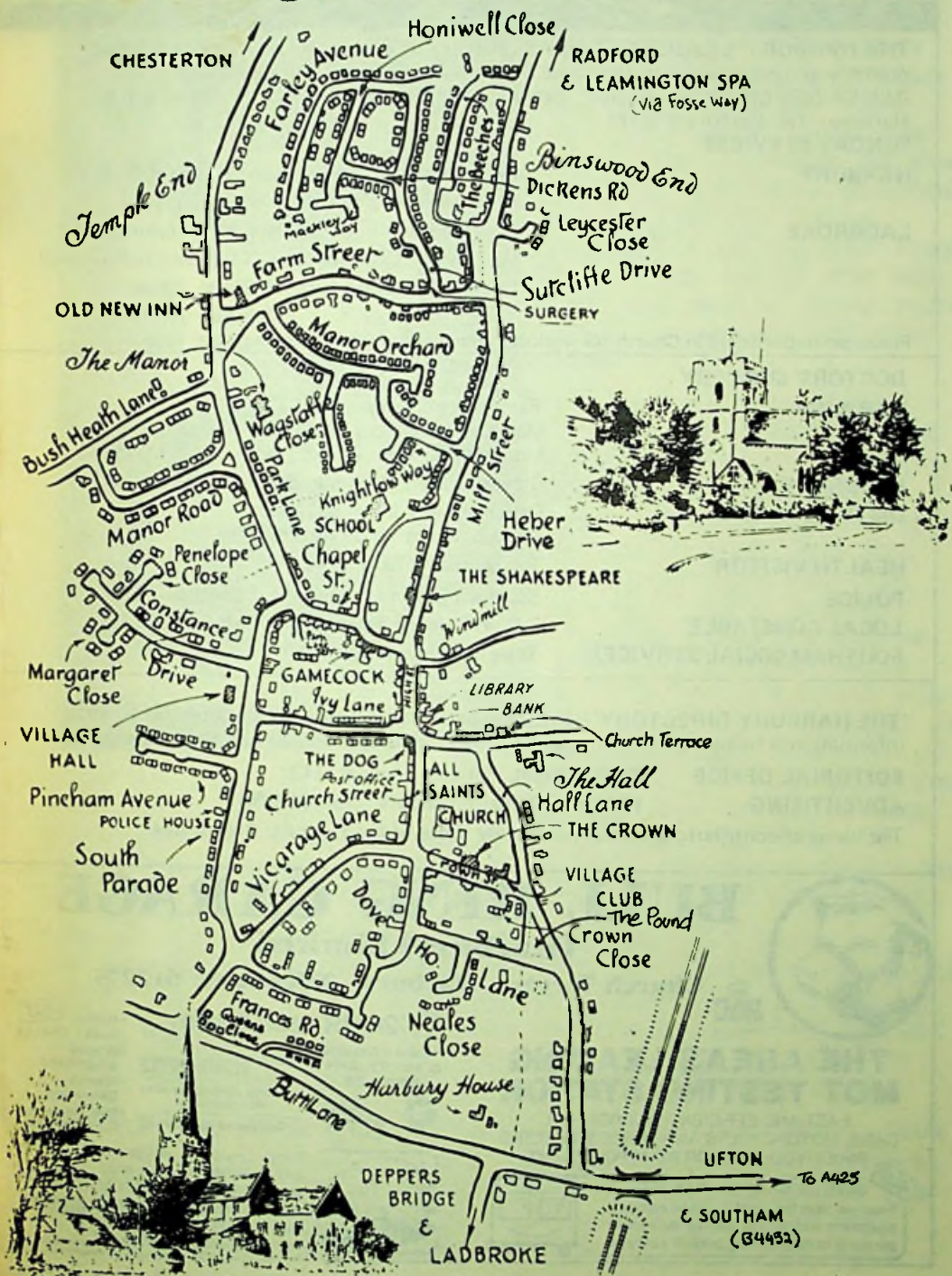


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<b>HARBURY</b>	Holy Communion — 8.00am, 10.30am (Sung) Evensong — 6.30pm (Not 1st Sunday)
<b>LADBROKE</b>	Holy Communion — 9.00am (with Hymns) Mattins and Communion — 11.00am (3rd Sunday) Evensong (1st Sunday) — 6.30pm (Summer) — 3.30pm (Winter)

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Harbury may have had a pretty dreadful summer but the autumn has been far more joyful. The Horticultural show captured the flavour of the weather and Mike Bloxham's picture shows Julie Bennett holding the Fred Lines Cup which she won for the second year running - A great achievement.

Autumn however also brings the time of the year when your friendly Harbury and Ladbroke News Distributor will be calling on you for Subscriptions for the coming twelve months. The magazine committee thank all subscribers for their continued support for what we hope is an important feature of

life in Harbury. We trust that at £2 for the year you feel it good value. It is appropriate at this time to thank our team of Distributors who deliver the magazine to your door every month - without them (and all those others who contribute) it could not exist.

One of the major village gatherings will take place on November 2nd when the Church and Scouts combine to organise the annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display. This is always an enjoyable occasion and much better value than a bonfire in your own garden - probably safer too. Tickets will be on sale in good time.

It was sad to hear of the death of Dr. and Mrs. Jack Sutcliffe, who served the village for so many years. There is an article inside about them both. At the same time it is a pleasure to welcome Dr. Julian Giles who has joined the practice in the village.

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Finally - apologies to FOSSE GARAGE whose telephone number - 613260 - mysteriously disappeared from their display advertisement.

### HARBURY DIARY

OCTOBER 1985

- Sat. 5th HARVEST SUPPER 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun. 6th THE HARVEST FESTIVAL (PENTECOST 19), 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist (Adventurers attend - talk Mr. John Stringer), 6.30pm Evensong.
- Mon. 7th Christian Fellowship 8pm The Spiers Chesterton Rd., Old Mill House Mill Lane, and 77 Mill St.
- Tues. 8th Harbury Friends 8pm in School.  
Harbury & Southam SDP Jumble Sale, The Hut, Craven Lane, Southam 10am.  
Village Hall Committee 8pm in Village Hall.
- Wed. 9th PTA Science Evening 8pm in School.  
National Housewives Register Coffee Morning at 47 St. Mary's Close, Southam 10.30am.  
Southam School PTA AGM, 7.30pm, School Hall.
- Thurs. 10th Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall.  
W.I., Indian Cooker Demonstration, 7.45pm V. Hall.
- Fri. 11th PTA Buffet Dance in Village Hall.
- Sat. 12th Theatre Group's French Restaurant in Village Hall.  
Junior Tennis Indoor Finals.  
Harbury Club - An Evening With the Chas Taylor Duo.
- Sun. 13th PENTECOST 20, 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 2.30pm Free Church Service, 6.30pm Evensong.
- Mon. 14th Nat. Housewives Reg., Dr. Molesworth giving a talk on Hypnosis, at 19 Farley Avenue, 8pm.
- Tues. 15th Tennis Club AGM, 8pm in Wight School.  
Senior Citizens Cttee., 8.30pm in Village Hall.
- Wed. 16th Parish Study Course, 8.15pm, 13 Manor Orchard.  
NSPCC Coffee/Sherry Morning/Christmas Cards, 11am-2pm The Rylands, Dovehouse Lane.
- Thurs. 17th The Deanery Eucharist at St. Michaels, Weston under Weatherly at 7.45pm.
- Fri. 18th SCHOOL ENDS.  
ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST, 7am Holy Communion. 7.30pm (at Ladbroke) Holy Communion with Hymns.  
Football Presentation Evening.
- Sat. 19th Conservatives Scottish Evening (incl. whisky tasting) at Village Hall.  
Open Day, Southam Diocesan Youth Centre.



- Sun. 20th LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist (Commissioning of new MU members). No Evensong at Harbury, Ladbroke Evensong at 3.30pm.
- Mon. 21st Christian Fellowship, 8pm 3 Vicarage Lane, 17 Farm St. & 8 The Beeches.
- Tues. 22nd Young Wives, 2pm in Village Hall.  
Village Hall Committee Meeting, 8pm Village Hall.  
Harbury Society Meeting to discuss the compilation of a Footpaths Booklet, 8pm in Wight School.
- Thurs. 24th Thursday Club, 2.30pm in Village Hall.  
Drama Workshop, 10.00am, Village Hall.  
Action Research Jumble Sale, 3pm in Village Hall.  
Parish Council, 7.30pm in Village Hall.  
'Quaker Girl', Southam Comm. Ctr.
- Fri. 25th Scouts & Cubs Disco (Halloween Fancy Dress appreciated), 7.30pm to 10.30pm, Village Hall.  
'Quaker Girl', Southam Comm. Ctr.
- Sat. 26th Christian Fellowship, 8pm 77 Mill St.  
'Quaker Girl', Southam Comm. Ctr.
- Sun. 27th CLOCKS BACK. FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT (Commemoration of St. Simon & St. Jude Apostles). 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.  
All articles for inclusion in Harbury News to Editors by today.
- Mon. 28th BACK TO SCHOOL.
- Wed. 30th PTA AGM, 8pm School.  
Parish Study Course, 8.15pm 13 Mill St.
- Thurs. 31st ALL HALLOW'S EVE.  
Whist Drive in Village Hall.

# NOVEMBER

- Fri. 1st ALL SAINTS DAY, 9.30am Harbury School Service, 10.30am Holy Communion.  
Cystic Fibrosis Bring & Buy/Cake Stall, 10am-12 Noon, Antony's Cott., S. Parade.  
8.30pm Sung Eucharist (Refreshments).
- Sat. 2nd ALL SOUL'S DAY, 9.45am Holy Communion.  
BONFIRE at Recreation Grounds, 6pm.
- Sun. 3rd SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF ALL SAINTS. 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong (Special Preacher, The Revd. David Capron Vicar of St. Andrews, Shotton).
- Wed. 6th Coffee Eve-bring & Buy - Scouts, 5 South Parade.
- Sat. 9th NSPCC Ceilidh, 8pm-12, Village Hall.  
Harbury Craft Fair 10am-5pm, Village Hall.

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, 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.

DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO  
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 THE CHURCHWARDENS

The departure from Harbury of Nan and Derrick Thomas to their new home in Wales will be a great loss to the Church and to the village.

Both have served on the P.C.C. and have been involved with all the Church activities. Derrick has been a faithful bellringer and his photographic skills have resulted in some remarkable shots of Church events. Nan's bubbling enthusiasm will be sorely missed but we wish them both every happiness on the North Coast. Fortunately, their bungalow has room for guests and so I imagine that Harbury will become well represented there!

This is the time of the year when events come thick and fast. As this issue is distributed we shall have our Harvest Supper (Oct.5th) and the following day the Harvest Festival will be held at 10.30am when the Adventurers will join us.

Nov.2nd is the Bonfire Party - one of the events which the Church, together with the Scouts, organise for the village.

The next Parish Breakfast will be on Nov.24th - this time in Harbury. December 7th is the date for this year's Christmas Fair and any offers of help (other than those already known to us) should be addressed to Annette Hughes on 612273.

We are indebted to the Choir for the Special Evensong Service which they performed on Sept.22nd and glad that a reasonably-sized congregation were there to appreciate their efforts.

### FROM THE RECTOR

Some people like the idea of the Harvest Festival, even those who do not have particularly strong religious leanings. There is a desire to express satisfaction at the end of the harvesting period that all is well and that the harsh months of winter ahead will not bring disaster or famine. Basically there need not be any Christian association in this feeling, which of course has been a part of the human condition from earliest times and could be significant to primitive and pagan people. Then again there are some who poke fun at Harvest

Festival and others who find it disconcerting when there are millions in the world who go hungry. I would not be happy with an occasion which merely gives way to self-satisfaction and smugness in that being well provided for, and having nothing to worry about, we can sing the good old harvest hymns heartily. However I do believe in thankfulness and that it should be voiced strongly and openly. Nothing is worse than accepting good fortune and blessings as a right, without a murmur of appreciation. There needs to be a time when we consciously express our gladness that things have gone well for us and that we know it and are thankful. It is part of the Christian way of life to be thankful and to declare it neither reluctantly or hesitantly. But along with that, there ought to be a realisation that many, many others are not in the same fortunate position as we are. True gratitude for blessings can never obscure what others lack and should always stir us to do whatever we are capable of doing to lessen their distress and to alleviate their needs.

Often the Sunday Collect sums up in a few well chosen words some sound Christian teaching, which we should note carefully, and the one for the Harvest Festival admirably achieves this.

Almighty and everlasting God,  
we offer you our hearty thanks  
for your fatherly goodness and care in  
giving us the fruits of the earthe in  
their seasons.

Give us grace to use them rightly,  
to your glory,  
for our own well-being,  
and for the relief of those in need;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ANTONY ROWE

### The Prayer Group

This period of prayer set aside each wekk on Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock was begun in July and has developed satisfactorily ever since. It is open to anyone who wishes to come and people from a number of different traditions already attend. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for praying corporately and to experience different approaches to prayer whereby our



spiritual awareness is deepened. The essence of these Tuesday evenings is simplicity and those who come particularly appreciate the sense of peace and stillness, which is therapeutic in a busy and noisy world.

No-one is expected to come each week - people may come as frequently or as infrequently as it suits. If, however, anyone is prevented from coming on Tuesdays, perhaps it could be mentioned to the Rector and provision could be made to hold the meetings sometimes on other evenings.

### All Saints' Day

The day following All Saints' Day, is by many Christians throughout the world observed as a day on which we especially remember at the Altar, friends and loved ones who have died. All Saints' Day, 2nd November, this year falls on a Saturday and there will be a service at 9.45am at All Saints', Harbury. A list for the names of those whom people would like to be remembered at this service, will be on the table in both churches from Sunday 27th October.

The readings for this day are provided in the Alternative Service Book page 834.

### Holy Baptism

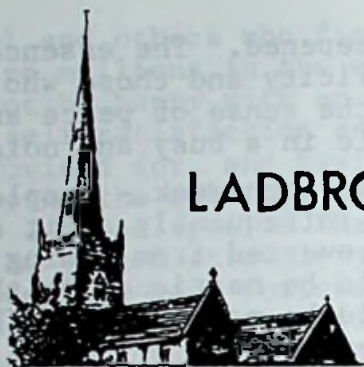
15th September. Simon Francis, son of Alan Francis and Jacqueline Marie Wells, 18 Manor Orchard.

### Holy Matrimony

14th September, at All Saints, Harbury.  
Barry Kevin Neal, 38 Mill Crescent, Southam and  
Elizabeth Callow, Oakwell House, Bascote Heath.

### OPEN DAY AT SOUTHAM CENTRE

On Saturday, 19th October. Why not pop along during the day and find out more about what goes on at Southam and Diocesan You Events in general.  
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# LADBROKE NEWS

## OCTOBER DIARY

- Ms. 2nd 10.30am Holy Communion.  
 Th. 6th THE HARVEST FESTIVAL. 9am Holy Communion  
 with hymns. 11am Family Service  
 (presentation of children's harvest  
 gifts). 11.50am Shortened Holy  
 Communion.  
 Tues. 8th Flower Arranging Course starts, 7.30pm  
 in Village Hall.  
 Weds. 9th 10.30am Holy Communion. 2.30pm Women's  
 Fellowship (at Mrs. Hedge's home).  
 Fri. 11th 7.30pm The Harvest Supper.  
 Sun. 13th PENTECOST 20. 9am Holy Communion with  
 Hymns.  
 Tues. 15th Parish Council.  
 Weds. 16th 10.30am Holy Communion (Women's Fellowship  
 Corporate Communion).  
 Fri. 17th ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST. 7am (At Harbury)  
 Holy Communion. 7.30pm Holy Communion  
 with Hymns.  
 Sat. 19th LADBROKE BYPASS CELEBRATION DANCE.  
 Sun. 20th LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. 9am Holy  
 Communion with Hymns. 3.30pm Evensong.  
 Weds. 23rd 10.30am Holy Communion.  
 Thurs. 24th W.I.  
 Sun. 27th 9TH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS. 9am Holy  
 Communion with Hymns.  
 Weds. 30th 10.30am Holy Communion.

## NOVEMBER

- Fri. 1st ALL SAINTS' DAY. 7.30pm Holy Communion  
 with Hymns.  
 Sat. 2nd Bonfire Party.



Sun. 3rd SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF ALL SAINTS.  
 9am Holy Communion with Hymns. 11am  
 Family Service.

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA: Oct.6th (Harvest) & 13th Mrs.  
 Darkes; Oct.20th Mrs. Wright; Nov.3rd Mrs. Rowe.

### HOLY MATRIMONY

21st September at All Saints, Ladbroke.  
 Keith Andrew Arnold, 4 Church End, Great  
 Rollright and Karen Margaret Barnett, Woodlan  
 House Farm, Radbourne Lane, Ladbroke.

### LADBROKE VILLAGE NEWS

Just in case anyone hasn't noticed! - isn't it love  
 to say goodbye to all that traffic. Juggernauts.  
 lorries, car transporters, coaches, not to mention  
 the cars, were all re-routed on to the new road at  
 lunchtime on Saturday 21st September. A truly hist-  
 oric moment for al of us who live on the old A423!  
 When I woke up the following morning it felt as if we  
 had had a heavy fall of snow and I haven't quite got  
 used to it yet. My daughter has suggested that we  
 write to the Postman and ask to be re-named "Banbury  
 Lane" rather than Banbury Road, and I think that  
 it's quite a good idea. I'm sure everyone will  
 support the Celebration Dance on Saturday 19th  
 October, by which time the contractors will have  
 more or less finished the clearing up process. At  
 the Dance you will have your first opportunity of  
 buying the long awaited 'Ladbroke the Village'  
 booklet, which in a way is the result of the village  
 Appraisal which took place last year, but in fact  
 has turned into a small booklet all about the village  
 itself, it's past and everything about the village  
 in the 1980's. Also on sale will be items of  
 commemorative china (plates, cups and tankards),  
 beautifully made by our local craftsman (or is it  
 woman?) Pauline Laidler, to mark this important  
 occasion. Don't worry if you can't make it to the  
 Dance as the china will be available from the Old  
 Well House, Tel.3458 and the Booklet will be avail-  
 able at "Quince Cottage" or "Bridge Cottage". Some  
 of the proceeds from these items will be donated to  
 wards the Village Hall Funds.

PARISH COUNCIL - Wednesday 4th September.

There was a continued discussion on the possibility of erecting play facilities on Penfold Green in Windmill Lane. The Council has now ascertained that it is possible to use this site, providing that it is not fenced off, which no-one wanted to do anyway. It is against common land law to impede access to the land. However, the Parish Council seemed to feel that it was rather a large undertaking, there was great concern about the cost involved, as not all the families in the village would use it. What would be erected on the site and who would maintain it? Would insurance costs be prohibitive? It all needs to be thought out. I am hoping that now the Parish Council can see the points of their past labours, they will embark on a new campaign!

There was also renewed discussion on the environmental hazards caused by the engineering works at the Poultry Farm. Cllr. Ken Graham was asked to pursue the matter with Stratford District Council.

It was decided to enter into the minutes that the field adjacent to Ladbroke House, had had its two rather scenic ponds filled in with appalling rubbish and hardcore, against Planning Regulations. The rubbish is to be removed and the land returned to agricultural use. The new access to the field is also to be closed.

Complaints had been noted about two local footpaths. The SM90 between Banbury Rd. and Windmill Lane needed cutting back and the stile repairing (in light of the probability of the playground would not be more appropriate?). Councillors agreed to look into this matter and also to ask the District Council to adopt the footpath on the bend as it had now been in use for more than the statutory 21 years.

Planning Wise - the application for a bungalow in Edge Lane had been turned down. The Old School house extension was thoroughly approved and permission had been granted for the use of the Boat in the Bell Grounds for two years.



The Parish Council decided to write to the County Council expressing their dissatisfaction with recent grass cutting; an unsuitable machine was used which does not cut grass only flattens or scalps it!

Next Meeting Tuesday 15th October in the new committee room of the Village Hall.

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Mr. Rush, the W.C.C. site officer for the Bypass telephoned me this week to ask me to ask the village two pertinent questions.

1. Do you want a gate or a stile from the village hall side of Radbourne Lane onto the Bypass. He has been approached by pram pushers, horse riders etc. but also by someone who thinks a stile would stop people crossing without due care?

2. Residents at the top of Windmill Lane want a sign on the Bypass saying "Windmill Lane". Mr. Rush feels this would confuse people trying to find the blocked off part of the lane where the majority of the residents live. He therefore suggests that perhaps the lower end of the lane could be re-named?

If you feel strongly on either of these matters, please let your Parish Council know in writing before their next meeting on October 15th.

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Would any young person over age 16 in the village be willing to babysit on occasions? Please 'phone 7295.

Finally, goodbye to Mr. Mitchell who has left Ladbrooke to go and live with some of his family in Canada.

KATE LIVERTON.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The meeting for September was in Church, when the Rector took the service.

Afterwards we went to the home of Mrs. Betty Winkfield for tea.

The next meeting will be on 9th October at the home of Mrs. C. Hedge. We are very much looking forward to hearing Mrs. Gwladys Gould talk about Dylan Thomas. Visitors to our meeting will be very welcome.

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Hair care was the subject of a very interesting and instructive talk given to us by Stephen Morley who came to us from his Salon in Warwick. He was happy to tackle our individual queries and offeres us some very useful tips.

Tuesday, October 8th at 7.30pm will see the start of a ten week course on flower arranging to be held at Ladbroke Village Hall. Members of the village, both male and female, are welcome to attend. The fee is £13.65 and enrolment will take place at the first meeting.

Our next meeting will be the Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I. A.G.M. The meeting will take place on Thursday, 24th October (4th Thursday in the month) at the Village Hall. We hope to have a good turn out and would cordially welcome new members.

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

The Ladbroke Bypass Celebration Dance on Saturday 19th October is a near sell-out already! Only a few tickets are left: please contact June Tomlins (3736) or Mike Todman (4365). The dance may well be the first opportunity for some to see the first stage of the alterations completed. This is the 'Committee Room' that will seat up to ten persons: it will be much easier to heat in winter and is draught proof!

Much more work is still needed and any offers of help are always welcomed.

P.S. Don't forget Bonfire Night - watch the notice board for details but start collecting firewood now!

"A CHILDRENS GUIDE TO HARBURY"

The book produced by the children of Class 9 last year, has almost sold out of its first edition of 420 copies. This is, of course, beyond our greatest expectations, and will have raised over £200 for PTA funds. A further 200 copies will be ordered soon, in time for Christmas, as a copy will make an unusual and





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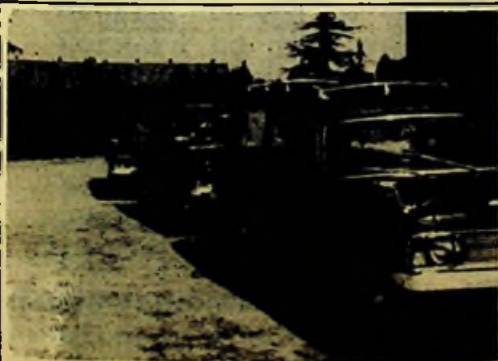
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very interesting present, perhaps for friends who have left the village. You may reserve copies at £1.25 each through the school or by 'phoning me on Southam 3765.

The children who produced the book can be justly proud of their effort. Through the Harbury News I would like to pass on the numerous complimentary comments received from all those who have bought copies.

Our thanks are particularly due to Mr. Taylor of the Post office, Mr. Krayem and many others who have lent their counters as sale-points for the "Childrens Guide" from which the proceeds will ultimately benefit all children of the school.

NIGEL CHAPMAN

The P.T.A. are very grateful and appreciate the enthusiasm of Nigel Chapman without whose direction this Guide would not have been possible.

P.T.A.

P.T.A.

The Barn Dance and Barbecue (Sat.13th July) got off to its usual wet start, however the shower was very short-lived and an excellent, if not athletic night, was much enjoyed by all. 'Magic Rantabout' and Geoff 'The Caller' Hackett ensured that everyone was soon swinging, promenading and dozy- dohing! whilst the committee plus friends 'rattled the glass-es' and 'turned the taps' when on bar rota! 120 attended which raised £159 for the general fund. The barbecue side salads and desserts were very good, our thanks and appreciation is extended to the ladies of the committee catering section, we shall look forward to next year's event.

During the first week of the school holidays it had been decided to extend the use of the school swimming pool as an experiment to see what use might be made. At 20p per session and £37 taken before expenses we considered that it had been a successful exercise which was very much enjoyed by the children. Thanks to our organisers and to the adult helpers without whom of course supervision of the pool would not have been possible.

Incidentally, the P.T.A. and School are always pleased with positive support like this, so please do keep responding to notes from school. It is also interesting to see that, whereas many parents do return those tear-off slips, some don't but are very willing to help if approached. Our preference is to use the 'return tear-off slip' method as opposed to 'gentle' pressing, so please if possible, make the effort to put pen to paper, just sign and return! It makes for easier organisation.

On Friday 20th September the Swan Inn, Kineton was the venue of the Beer and Skittles evening. The coach left the school in fine style with our Mary organising the bowling partners - and later returned in even better style. John Kelmsley was seen around the score-board, perhaps even helping Keith Thompson keep scores. Was it therefore only bad arithmetic which allowed the skilful winners, Corina Bennett and David Wurr, to actually come first, with Jenny Waggott and the 'bold John' only making runners-up! Of course not. The wooden spoon (perhaps appropriately) to Denise Dormer and Nigel Chapman - they were last! Prizes will be presented at the AGM in October.

A Science Evening has been programmed for Wednesday 9th October. The time will be advised later, but is expected to be early evening to enable children and parents to attend. In the school hall will be various simultaneous demonstrations which have been prepared by the children and staff of all departments to illustrate as many as possible of the various aspects of science which appear on the school curriculum. Coffee and biscuits will be available at this interesting demonstration.

The Committee have gone to much effort so please support the BUFFET DANCE on Friday 11th October. 'Delta', a live band, have been booked to provide the music for what promises to be a great night. A buffet is also included in the ticket price of £2.50 and a bar will be available. We look forward to seeing you there when, as an extra, the 100 Club will be drawn. Seven prizes totalling £120, including one



prize of £50 will be drawn, all of which have been accumulating during the summer holiday period.

Ken Stephenson.

#### YOUTH - WENDY TAKES THE INITIATIVE

Wendy Ottewill (13) is keen to see a Youth Club in the village again. With friends, she has raised a petition signed by over 100 youngsters asking for Youth Club type facilities.

Many people in the village are aware of the need and are keen to help if it can be organised properly.

Wendy's initiative may be just the prod needed to get the potential support in the village into action. Hopefully, more on this next month.

JBM.

#### PLAYSCHEME 85

The Playscheme organisers would like to thank wholeheartedly everyone who in any way helped to make the venture a success and without whom nothing would have been possible.

Many thanks.

Jill Cadogan

#### SCOUTING NEWS

Having cleared all debts on the Scout Hut extension we were hoping that funds raised this year would enable us to add to scouting equipment.

Sadly however, the Scout Hut floor which last year was repaired by the Government Yough Scheme has started breaking up and must be repaired for safety's sake. This means a considerable capital outlay.

Also the canoes which in the main have served the troop for twelve years have become unsafe to use. They have been inspected by those who understand the sport and are considered not worthy of repair.

Canoeing is enjoyed by many at camp and other days and it is generally agreed they should be replaced.

If anyone knows where we may purchase good second-

hand or new plastic canoes at a reasonable price please contact the Scout Leaders or Ken Hughes.

As you may imagine, we are therefore looking for several hundred pounds. Please support our fund-raising efforts especially if your sons and daughters are engaged in Scouting and Guiding in the village.

For your diary our next event is a Coffee Evening Bring and Buy by kind permission of Tony & Wendy Stubbs, 5 South Parade on Wednesday, 6th November at 7.30pm - please come.

AM

### HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

For the second year running your cricket correspondent is delighted to report an even better season than before. Despite the dreadful weather of the so-called summer (we only "took drinks" once), the club played some excellent cricket and recorded several very notable wins.

As people will have read in their national dailies the club is moving from the Blue Circle Ground at Deppers Bridge where they have played since they were formed 15 years ago. By courtesy of the Rugby Club and with grants from the Parish and District Councils, a cricket square has been laid at the Rugby Club. It is hoped that more villagers will then come along and play in what is a very pleasant way to spend your Sunday afternoons.

Enough of the future - what of the past season? The club welcomed several new players - Tom Winniffrith Daryl White, David Grey (2nd time around) and Neil Humphries (full time). This youthful blend, together with the more mature (age and cricket ability) members gave the team a balanced look. The surprise of the season was the find (late in life) of Gary Lowe as skipper (shrewd move by Kevin White). Gary really excelled himself - on and off the field. His strict discipline in the field and generosity in the clubhouse was a joy to everyone! The fact that his batting was a dead loss was irrelevant as he did take some athletic looking catches.



Wins were recorded against Southam Teachers, Mollington, Flecknoe, Kenilworth, Farnborough, Lighthorne, Ship Inn, Wandsworth and Bishops Itchington. The wins against Flecknow (last ball), Farnborough (on their own pitch) and Lighthorne (much to their dismay) were most satisfying.

What of team performance? The evergreen Brian Wallington and Bernard Holloway continue to amaze their team mates; they'll surely still be taking wickets and scoring runs when the rest of us are cricketing has-beens. The bowling of Ian Lowe proved unplayable in several games and with bowling out teams for low scores the batting fortunately didn't need to make many big scores. Skipper Lowe's insistence on team fitness enabled some spectacular catches to be taken; even Les Sollis, ambling in the deep, took (and dropped) one or two that happened to come his way. Ian Turner's wicket keeping also improved obviously putting pressure on Downton.



The team photograph shows 10 players and a few of the many supporters. Missing from the photo were

Daryl and Kevin White (the latter away at Scout Camp), Neil Humphries and Les Sollis.

Next year the club will be nomadic while the new pitch matures but any aspiring cricketer will be most welcome to play.

IAN HOLROYD

### HARBURY RUGBY CLUB

The start of a new season - marked by frantic activity to construct a cricket square.

The Rugby Club has welcomed a few new faces, including Brian Wilson from the village but would still benefit from seeing a few more.

Should any lads between 16-19 have any interest in forming a Colts section - we would like to know. If there is sufficient numbers we could look to forming a side on Saturday afternoons/Sunday mornings. Please contact Ian Holroyd on 612527. We look forward to seeing you.

JERRY BIRKBECK

### HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

In case you haven't noticed, it is the year of the European. Mr. Becker, Mr. Lendl and Miss Mandlikova, not to mention the heroics at the Belfry, have confirmed it.

At last we (the Europeans) are breaking the stronghold of the Americans in world sport. So 1985 is surely the year to get that seldom used racket out of the press, and join your village tennis club.

I guess many clubs have a somewhat stuck-up air about them; well I don't think this criticism can be levelled at us - we have even been known to frequent the local pubs and sunbathe on court.

I moved to the village about two years ago and to my delight, discovered an excellent tennis court on my doorstep and I set about using it.

The problem is the courts lie unused too much and I am appealing to you good folk out there in the village to Come and Join Us.



Don't worry about standard; nobody's going to sneer if you're not the original athlete. After all they let me in so they must be tolerant.

Our season begins in April but we do have a tournament on October 12th at the Racket Centre in Coventry.

The AGM is in the Wight School at 8pm on Tuesday, 15th October. New members welcome.

Annual Membership Fees: standard rate £8.50, £16 for a couple, £4 for students and £2 for juniors.

If anyone is interested, please contact Tom Smith on Harbury 613680 or Nick Rowe on 612377.

Finals Day was Sunday, 15th September, when all finals were completed without one drop of rain falling!! This must be a record! Results were as follows:

LADIES SINGLES: Michelle Waggott beat Sarah Bunting.

MENS SINGLES: Barry Latham beat James Mayer.

MIXED DOUBLES: Jenny Waggott & Bryan Harrison beat Sarah Bunting & Ian Waggott.

MIXED DOUBLES PLATE: Sheila Scott & James Mayer beat Nicky Knight & Clive Taylor.

### JUNIOR TENNIS RESULTS

Girls Doubles: Rebecca Burnham & Lorraine Andrews

Runners-up: Vanessa Smith & Sarah Burnham.

Boys Doubles: Ian Percival & Vincent Crossan.

Runners-up: Charles Mayer & Ian Macdonald.

Mixed Doubles: Vanessa Smith & Christopher Ottewill.

Runners-up: Rebecca Burnham & Dylan Adams.

The singles finals will be played indoors on the evening of Saturday 12th October.

### WIGHT SCHOOL KEY AND BOOKINGS

Will users of the Wight School please note that Lin Hayes, Corner Cottage, Bullring - 613488 - is now responsible for all bookings and is custodian of the key.

Grateful thanks are due to Joyce Windsor who has performed this valuable service for some 13 years.

JBM

### BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 1985

On 7th September I had the pleasure and privilege to represent Harbury at the presentation of awards for this year's competition.

From an entry of almost 100, Harbury came SECOND in the County this year, in the large village category, only narrowly being beaten by Leek Wootton, who were hosts for the ceremonies. Winners of the small village category were Thurlaston.

I was presented with a trophy and certificate by Cllr. Brindley, Chairman of the County Council. These will be on display around the village, beginning in the Co-op window.

Our congratulations and thanks to everyone who "did their bit" in helping to achieve this honour. Having been 3rd last year and second this year, let's "go for it" in 1986.

KEITH THOMPSON  
HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

### HARBURY MOTHER & BABY GROUP

We need volunteers with or without small children to join a rota for making and serving drinks (non-alcoholic!) to parents attending the Baby Clinic in the Village Hall. It only involves spending a couple of hours at the clinic on a Wednesday afternoon about once every six weeks.

If you can help, please contact one of the following who will be very pleased to hear from you:



Clare Taylor 7 Park Lane, Tel.612477  
 Lyn Edwards 27 Manor Orchard, Tel.612762  
 Gill Farrell 19 Farley Avenue, Tel.612951

### HARBURY YOUNG WIVES

Thank you very much to PC Tim Percival who spoke at our meeting last month. His talk on Community Policing was excellent and some of his anecdotes were very funny as well as hair-raising (like the one where he had a 'life-or-death' race with the run-away trailer of an articulated lorry!). He survived - needless to say - and is here to tell the tale, thank goodness! Anyway, many thanks again to 'our friendly local policeman' - Tim Percival.

There is no meeting this month - due to half-term at school - but in November we are hoping to have a 'Christmas Bazaar' to raise some funds. Please, everyone support this if you can! There will be more details in next month's Harbury and Ladbroke News.

SUE DORMER

### MOTHERS' UNION

At our meeting on 2nd October we have a return visit from Mrs. Standing. The admission of new members on 29th September was postponed and the new date is now Sunday 20th October, at the 10.30am Sung Eucharist.

Six members from Harbury joined other Coventry Diocese members in attending the Monther's Union Annual Meeting held this year at Blackpool. 2,700 M.U. members from all over the country were welcomed by the Mayor of Blackpool. He pointed out that two weeks ago Blackpool were hosts to the T.U.C. Conference and in a weeks time he would welcome the Conservative Party Conference. Our Central President Hazel Treadgold, remarked that the M.U. had never been the "jam" in such a sandwich before! We were then addressed by the Bishop of Blackburn who told us that his diocese had the largest M.U. membership in the U.K. - 17 short of 10,000. Unfortunately, during the meeting we learned that membership throughout the country had dropped by 2% but overseas membership had

risen by 5.8%. During the afternoon we learned of the work of the Mother's Union overseas, especially in Africa. It was a most enlightening meeting for those who attended for the first time.

S.K.

### Mother's Union (Overseas Boxes)

I would like to thank all Mother's Union members who hold Overseas Boxes, for their continued support. The amount collected this year was £23.70, and together with cheques and donations a total of £31.70 was sent to our overseas representative Mrs. Mary Marriott. Many Thanks.

Eileen Wilkins

### Wednesday Group -? Coffee meeting -? Morning Fellowship Group

- - well we still don't know what to call it!

Perhaps it would help if I could explain what it is about;- There are a number of people in the village who find it difficult to get out in the evenings - mums with small children, people working 'late' shifts pensioners etc. Life for some of you is a dull circle of 'work, eat and sleep' which goes on day after day with no seeming end in sight and no purpose in life. Ordinary groups can give you fleeting breaks from all your troubles, but when the meetings finish, all the worries come crowding back!

We are starting a group which will give real and lasting help. The people running this group are just like you, people who have known all kinds of problems. Now, we are all Christians. The problems are still there, but there is no more depression or suffering! We have been so filled with love and joy we feel that we must try to share all of this with others, particularly those who most need it.

Don't worry, we won't preach or try to make you do things that you don't want to. We are very good listeners.



It doesn't matter who you are, young or old, all are welcome. We will meet every Wednesday (from 9th October) from 10am until 11.30am at my house - 12 Park Lane. If you are a parent, don't worry about having to keep your children quiet, because there will be lots of toys for them - indoors and out.

Please come along! You'll be sure of a very warm welcome. Or if you wish to find out more about the group first, ring me on 613254. God Bless You All.

SUE DORMER

### THIRD DOCTOR FOR HARBURY PRACTICE

Dr. Julian Giles has joined the Harbury Practice and will be taking up full duties from October 1st. He qualified at St. Bartholomews Medical School in 1979 and completed his General Practice training in Kingston-on-Thames. He will be living in Long Itchington and this will be something of a home-coming for his wife who was brought up in Warwickshire.

New surgery times have been arranged and a card with full details is available from the surgery.

### HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

The next production by the Harbury Theatre Group will be 'Bedroom Farce', by Alan Ayckbourn. This promises to offer an hilarious evening's entertainment. The cast are already enjoying the rehearsals but are finding the lack of suitably sized beds frustrating! If you have a spare 4ft. bed, please contact Marie Brown, 612741 or Alan Barr, 612765.

### ACTION RESEARCH FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILD

We are holding a jumble sale on Thursday, 24th October in the Village Hall commencing at 3pm. If you have any jumble please bring it to the Village Hall in the morning of that day between 9-11am or if there is jumble that needs collecting please contact Janice Grundy 612930, Sue Daniels 612600, Dorothy Groves 612710.

JG.

## THE HARBURY BICYCLE EVENT

Sunday 8th September saw another successful Harbury Bicycle Event organised by All Saints' Church. This year the weather was ideal and a record 67 cyclists took part.



Some of the large number of riders in the 12-15 year old class line up for the start.

Photo: Mike Bloxham.

Bruce Carter ran away with the 2-lap men's event and David Winter took the handicap section. Other results on next page.

Grateful thanks are due to Mr. Basil Thwaites for allowing us to use the roads through his estate, to John McLoughlin at the Old New Inn for the use of his car park, to John Woodward (Woodward & Liggins), Lindop's Drug Store and Taylor's Top Shop for prizes, to all the helpers and timekeepers and of course, to all the competitors who in coming along and taking part make the whole event worth while.

JBM.



## Bicycle Event Results

### 8-11 year olds:

Time	1 Paul Dugan	Handicap	1 Richard Mills
	2 Richard Mills		2 Shane Exton
	3 Leon Scholtz		3 James McFadian

### Best Girl

Time	Vicky Hayes	Handicap	Vicky Hayes
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### Ladies

Time	1 Mary Gallagher	Handicap	1 Jean Rowe
	2 Jean Rowe		2 Mary Gallagher
	3 Isobel Russell		3 Isobel Russell

### 12-15

Time	1 Charles Mayer	Handicap	1 Max Summers
	2 Darren Boiles		2 Ian McDonald
	3 Robert Woodward		3 Jane Hancock

### Best Girl

Time	Jane Hancock	Handicap	Jane Hancock
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### Men

Time	1 Bruce Carter	Handicap	1 David Winter
	2 John Hancock		2 Alan Lea
	3 Chris Bitterli		3 Chris Bitterli

### Team

"The Crown", Bruce Carter, David Megeney.

## BE A TEENAGE HERO!

The Anchor Youth Drama Awards Scheme invites Harbury teenagers to form a drama section to their youth club and to compile a production around the theme of "Heroes" to last 10-20 minutes. Six finalist teams will be selected to perform at the Shaftsbury Theatre London. Winners will bring £2,500 to their group and many personal prizes. (All finalists are awarded some prizes). The competition is courtesy of Anchor Butter and the Government Arts Sponsorship Scheme.

Any teenagers who might enjoy drama, dance, mime and stagework are invited to an initial DRAMA WORKSHOP during half-term on Thursday morning, 10am Farley Room Thursday October 24th. Please bring a packed lunch. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes, bring some dressing up props if you have any - and have a willingness to work, relax and have a really fun day. Cost 50p (includes coffee break refreshments). The attending Group members will create their Heroic production and represent Harbury in this National competition using any combination of music, dance, drama and mime.

KAY PALLOT

### HARBURY FOLK CLUB

Harbury Folk Club celebrated its first birthday on September 5th with the first meeting of a new season. To make it a real birthday celebration, the Old New Inn supplied a surprise birthday cake in the shape of a galleon, recalling the successful Folk Club float (the 'Golden Behind') in this year's Carnival. Thank you, Mary and Kay, it was much appreciated but it seemed such a shame to cut it!

It was a pity that more of the regulars weren't there to enjoy the evening (and the cake). The lounge bar was not exactly empty but we could have packed in another twenty or so. Nevertheless, the music was as varied and entertaining as usual. In addition to our 'resident' performers - Pete and Liz, Gerda, Tony, John B., Alan, John K. & Brian - we also had a set from five singers from Warwick Folk Club - Paul, Bob and 'The Committee'.

By the time you read this, we will have had the October meeting, starring Alan, John and Brian, and we'll be looking forward to November 7th when Tony Bayliss will be taking the guest spot. Another folk event in November is the Ceilidh, in aid of the NSPCC, on November 9th at the Village Hall, featuring the Junction Ceilidh Band. This talented and versatile band will be providing the same blend of folk dance, music and song that made last year's event so enjoyable (see separate advertisement).

PETER MCDONALD (613730)



HARBURY CRAFT CIRCLE

Harbury Craft Circle will be holding its next Craft Fair on Saturday, 9th November 10am-5pm, when once more a really super selection of hand made items will be on view - all locally made. As before, morning coffee, lunches and afternoon teas will be served in the Farley Room by the Village Hall Committee. We all look forward to welcoming you then.

JW

HARBURY W.I.

Our September meeting began with an interesting discussion about the future of Denman College which is run by the WI. Many Harbury members have attended Denman where a wide variety of courses are provided. The courses planned for 1985/6 range from pewter work and photography to energy and the environment. However the costs of keeping Denman going have risen and its survival is now in question.

Following this, Jeanne Beaumont humorously read out the gallant tale of our President and Treasurer taking part and doing their very best in a WI tennis tournament.

Afterwards Mr. & Mrs. Ruffell showed us slides with a recorded commentary about the annual modern-day Alcester Roman Market.

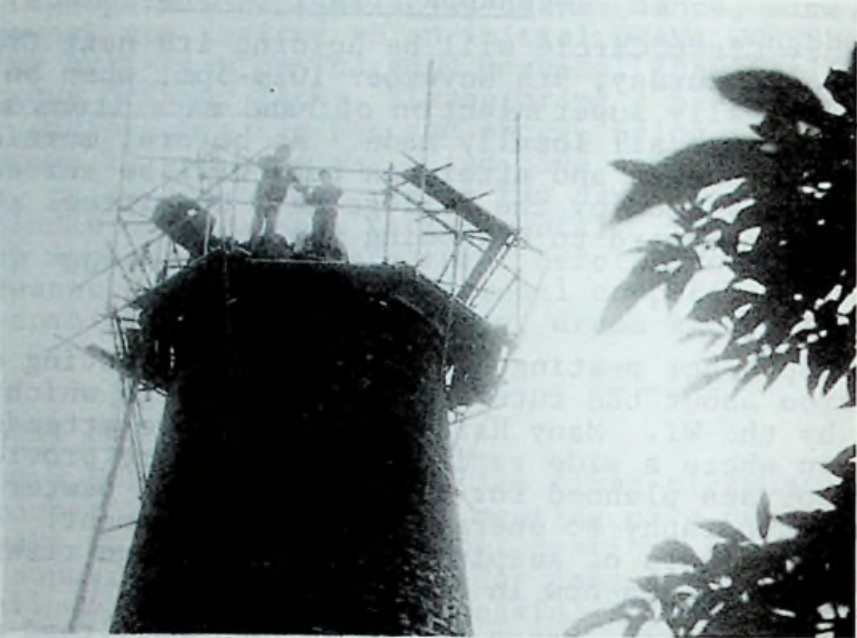
There has been a change of plan for the October meeting, Winter Puddings have been exchanged for Indian Cookery, which sounds just as good, so come along and enjoy the aroma on Thursday 10th October at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. New members always welcome!

HEATHER HAWKINS 612493

The Restoration of The Mill

It will not have gone unnoticed that Harbury Mill is having building work done on its roof ready for the winter weather. The style of the roof will be similar to before but will be replaced by wooden shingles instead of the old corrugated sheets. The work will take about another three weeks.

cont:-



Originally the upper parts of the mill were of wood but were replaced in the early nineteenth century by the present brickwork. The Mill was powerful, capable of grinding ten bushels a day. The sails were of the 'common type' ie. wooden frame work over which canvas cloths were spread.

Harbury Mill was wind driven up until the First World War, when one of the sweeps broke in a gale and, rather than replace the rotting timber, a diesel engine was installed.

The Mill ceased to function just before the Second World War. The ground floor is now used as a light engineering works and most of the mill machinery is no longer there.

The workmen's discoveries have not yet included the ghosts of the two millers who met violent deaths in the mill and who are reputed to haunt the building. One was entangled in the machinery at the beginning of the century and the other was killed a hundred years previously when he was beaten to death by the sails as he tried to turn them into the wind from the old gallery which no longer exists.

H.W.



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## HARBURY SOCIETY

Mr. G.B. Bolland who is presently giving a series of lectures in the Warwick University Night School series gave an illustrated talk on the Great Western Railway. Below is an extract from the talk:

"Harbury Cutting was famous in its time and caused the GWR endless trouble and still poses some problems for BR. The Cutting, 2½ miles long and 120ft deep was the largest man-made excavation of its day. It suffered several landslips especially on the Banbury side of the Tunnel. In the late 1860s the up-line was closed for about four months whilst a large landslip was cleared. The Museum's photograph of the Cutting is thought to date from this time and show the work in progress to clear the line."

There are a series of talks which might be of interest:

Wed. 16th October 7.45pm at the Oddfellows Hall in Clarence Terrace, Leamington. Mr. Martin Carver is giving a talk on Sutton Hoo.

Thurs. 24th Oct. 8pm in the children's section of Leamington Library, Avenue Road, Lyndon Cave talks on 'Lost and Unknown Warwickshire Houses'.

Thurs. 14th Nov. 8pm at Kenilworth Castle Gatehouse. James Kilmartin lectures on 'Coventry & the Godiva Procession'.

In the New Year Helen MacLagan who gave such an interesting talk to the Society on Local Archeology is giving news of 'Recent Archeological Work in Warwickshire'. The talk takes place at Ashorne College 8pm on Tuesday, 22nd April 1986.

### DOCTOR & MRS. J. SUTCLIFFE

Dr. Jack Sutcliffe, known as Dr. Jack, came over from Ireland to Harbury at the age of three, to Victoria House, Farm Street, where his father became G.P. for Harbury and areas around; and in early years travelled his rounds on horseback. Dr. Jack's two sisters were born at Victoria House, and both became doctors. Dr. Jack practised for 52 years, only leaving to serve in the army in World War II, when his sister Olive took over his work.

He retired in 1969; a presentation was made to him and his wife in the Village Hall. After a brief stay in Ireland, they lived in Suffolk, where he died and where sadly his wife died three weeks later, leaving a daughter Annabelle, who lives in London:

BARBARA FARLEY.

## THE WINDMILL SINGERS/THE QUAKER GIRL

The Windmill Singers who have always catered for a wide range of musical tastes move to pastures new this Autumn in presenting The Quaker Girl at Southam Community Centre for three evening performances from Thursday 24th October until Saturday 26th October. This will be a fully staged and costumed musical show with the choreography, musical direction, production and all solo parts and chorus being undertaken by the members of The Windmill Singers.

The Quaker Girl was first performed in London in 1910, running for over 500 performances, and revived in 1945 when the show toured England and Scotland for 3½ years being received everywhere with great enthusiasm. The First Act is set in an English Country Village with the Second and Third Acts in Paris. The show contains some beautiful music and should provide good light entertainment with its blend of gossip, romance, intrigue and good humour.

Tickets are priced at £1.50 per head, but thanks to the generosity of the local business community, there is a supply of free tickets for OAPs. Tickets may be obtained from: Messrs. Whitehead & Reynolds, 5 High Street, Southam or members of the Windmill Singers (Bryan Harrison 612533, Sheila Scott 612637, Tim Knight 612522, James Turner 612915).

## NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES REGISTER

Over the last year our local group has gone from strength to strength. We are now embarking on our Autumn programme of monthly evening meetings when members host in turn, in their own homes. Topics will include a talk on 'Hypnosis' by Dr. Molesworth from Leamington, a discussion on 'Vegetarianism and Wholefoods' with a speaker from the Vegetarian Society and a mulled wine evening with Christmas fare in December. There are planned visits to Stratford and the Belgrade Theatres and we will be continuing with monthly coffee mornings again, in members homes, where children are welcome. Our main social event this winter will be a Mediaeval Banquet at Warwick Castle in the New Year.

The National Housewives Register welcomes anyone who wishes to get out for the evening to meet with like-minded women in discussing 'non-domestic' matters. If you are interested in coming along to any of the above meetings, please contact Sue Roberts, Local



Organiser, 612920 for details.

### Book Group

The Book Group is affiliated to the Harbury and District NHR, meets on a monthly basis at a member's house. The meetings start at 8pm and we discuss a book which we have all read during the previous month. The books which we have chosen for October, November and December respectively are 'In the Springtime of the Year' by Susan Hill, 'Ebony Tower' by John Fowles and 'The Dillens' by Angela Hewins, all of which are available in paperback.

People are welcome to come along to the book group even if they are not members of the main NHR group. Please phone Anne Warhurst on 613110 for date and venue of meetings.

### THE FIRST EVER COACH OUTING FROM HARBURY SCHOOL

One often reads of the wonderful school outings of modern times, some even across the Channel, and no doubt our first ever coach tour from the Harbury School which is now the library, would to the modern child seem very tame by comparison. But just imagine the thrill to those forty boys and girls in July 1921 who were lucky enough to be able to take part in this outing.

It was organised by Miss Bustin, a well known and much loved (or hated) teacher, according to how you were able to comply with her demands. As it was not so long after the First World War coach outings were quite a novelty and the excitement it gave to many of us who had been little further than Leamington or Warwick can be imagined. Our transport was an old Tilling Stevens solid tyred 40 seater with seats going all across the body and a soft top which could be pulled from back to front in case of rain. But the weather was perfect. So we enjoyed the fresh air.

Our whole day out cost us 5 shillings (25p) and that included a splendid meal in Coventry. We set off from school with fond farewells from a group of mothers and some stern warnings from Mr. Dickens our headmaster on how to conduct ourselves. Our first stop was at Long Itchington where we saw the huge captured German Field Gun standing in the middle of the village pond. It had been given to the village by a stupid Parish Council as a War Memorial, and

the men of Long Itchington were so disgusted they pushed it into the pond where it remained standing until the Second World War.

The A423 main road in those days was merely a pretty tree lined lane into Coventry and we enjoyed our ride. On arrival at Coventry we were met by a friend of Miss Bustin who helped show us round the places of interest. Our first call was the Cathedral - That of course was the Old Cathedral, now the Ruins. One great thrill was ascending the 365 steps to see the view from the top of the tower. We gasped when told we were on the third highest spire in England. The two higher being Salisbury and Norwich. We also visited St. Mary's Hall and also were shown into the Rudge Whitworth works, where cycles and motor cycles were being made.

After our meal we travelled on to Kenilworth Castle, Warwick Castle and Guys Cliffee House and received a historical talk on each from Miss Bustin. She also insisted at Kenilworth that we all bought our Mothers a little gift. Most of us bought some small souvenir or sweets, but one lad, William - much to Miss Bustin's disgust - purchased a large red sausage thing called a poloney which he carefully stowed in his pocket. But he had a fall, or was pushed, down a steep grass bank near the castle, squashing his gift over his best jacket. On loading the coach up again William was missing and we were delayed half an hour. On being told, "Miss - he has gone to buy another poloney", our good teacher's reply was hardly printable!

We arrived home at 7.30. Just a simple run round one is inclined to say. Yes, simple, but on looking back over the space of time, and looking at modern Coventry with its tower blocks and some ugly buildings (no doubt necessary in this age of hygiene and progress) remember we were lucky enough to see the beauty of all the old buildings, the loveliness of the old cathedral - a beauty the modern child will never be fortunate enough to see. R.E.T.

Thanks .....

To everyone who came and made my 65th "Wing Ding" such a success: to the bakers, 'freezers' and transporters; for the many lovely gifts and cards, and to those who made the surprise trip possible - my heartfelt thanks and love,

BELLA



KEEP OUR SUNDAYS SPECIAL

I've just been reading through Diana Holt's article "Do you wash the car on a Sunday?" in July's Harbury & Ladbroke News, and I've just written to our MP to ask him to vote against any Bill relaxing the present law on Sunday Trading. I've quite surprised myself really because I'm not a vehement sort of person - you know the sort - I'd rather be told to cut the sandwiches than organise people to make them! But one sentence in Diana's article really leapt out and hit me - "Family life is bound to suffer".

I started thinking about families, and we're all part of one whether we like it or not. I thought about the word 'family' and just let it rest in my mind. What does it bring with it? - Love, warmth, security, protection. We've let some of the values of the family go in our materialistic, selfish, rat race society, but isn't it time to call a halt, isn't it time to say a great big NO to more destruction to our family life.

So I'm saying to you all out there in the big wide world of Harbury and Ladbroke - if I can, you can. Please write to our MP, a handwritten, personal letter, as simple and as short as you like (I got carried away and went on for three pages - so be warned!). Ask for a reply (or his secretary might just file it away!). His name and address is:

Alan Howarth MP  
The House of Commons,  
Westminster,  
LONDON SW1A 0AA.

If you could let me know when you've written I should certainly like to know, because I've a feeling that I'm going to go on chivvying you until you do!

Joan Smith  
3 Vicarage Lane 613680

PARISH COUNCIL

An inauspicious start to the proceedings: the Chairman had forgotten her Badge of Office for the first time since her election to the position, followed by the announcement that Cllr. Anne Smith and Cllr. John Saunders, representative for Deppers, have

resigned. If there are more than two proposed for the vacancies we shall have an Election.

Then the Cllrs were peeved to receive a Questionnaire from Stratford District Council on the minutiae of the layout of a new Recreational Area for Stratford. The Councillors wanted sports facilities etc for the whole of the south of Warwickshire and not just for the residents of Stratford and the tourists although as Dennis Atkins pointed out they were not objecting to the scheme, just having to pay for it. Stratford could do what it liked, expecting the rest of the District to pay was what was wrong.

The Council asked for an Emergency Meeting of the School Governors in view of the escalation of the teachers dispute which was not beginning to have serious effects at Harbury School which previously had suffered little. Cllr Davies reported that the County Council was to install an Air Raid Siren at the School.

A site visit to the Mill St./Farm St. junction had resulted in a consensus that there was little physical improvement that could be made (a retaining wall to stop the Farm St. gardens slipping into Mill St. was deemed too expensive at £20,00) and that emphasising the danger of the narrow road and bad junction might slow down traffic and give those turning right more time to manoeuvre!

John Drinkwater reported that the plans to build a stone garage at 8 Vicarage Lane had been withdrawn because they were not supported by the Planning Committee and there had been objections from neighbours about gross overshadowing. The application for access had been granted. There had been no objections to extend forward 16 Park Lane, the plans for Ashcroft, Hall Lane had been passed and there was no objection to the application at 53 Mill St.

The application by Mrs. Douglas to open a Pharmacy has resulted in a most complicated situation. The Doctors were obliged to apply to dispense as well and the Family Practitioner Committee has to find for a Pharmacy unless this would prejudice the provision of 'Pharmaceutical and Medical Services'. They judged the present situation to be satisfactory.



and acknowledged that the Doctors would lose revenue if this ceased but they did not consider it 'Prejudiced the Provision' etc. so they have granted Mrs. Douglas's application but allowed the Doctors a nine months stay of execution, so that anyone living within one mile of the Pharmacy would not be able to have his medicines directly from the Doctors after the Pharmacy had been open for nine months. The Doctors have appealed against the decision!

We won Second Prize in the Best Kept Village Competition. Third Last year, so next year the Parish Council is convinced we shall be First. The Cup and the certificate will be displayed in the village for all to see. The Judges praised the village's efforts and were especially pleased with the condition of the village's estates of houses.

Mr. Bristow is to be asked to look into the complaints that the Parish Council's shrubs are blocking the light from the windows of the Crown Inn and to suggest a scheme for the Crown Green as he did for the Rose Garden. He reported that some of the shrubs at the Rose Garden had been stolen and that a retaining wall was necessary to prevent the gravel from escaping.

The Council has agreed to erect the seat to Mr. Parkhurst's memory at the Rose Garden and the old seat will be placed on the Pound Green.

Once again Mr. Pratt won the Allotments Cup but although there were enough good Allotments for the Judges, Mr. Bristow and Stan Finch, to judge the overall standard of cultivation was declining. There is no Waiting List for Allotments.

The Council agreed to give financial aid to Harbury Ladies Netball Club in their efforts to construct a court at the Playing Fields and Iory Davies kindly offered to relieve them of surplus top soil. He is currently investigating the mysterious disappearance of one of the Council's old mowers which was stored in the Chapel. No-one recalls seeing it for ages and there is a Legend that it was pensioned off to Deppers to try to tame their Play Area in the days when Ivy Catterall was Deppers' representative.

The Parish Council does not think the condition of the dented support to the Tall Swing is an item for immediate action unlike the replacement of the

sand round the Climbing Frame where the concrete settings have become exposed but they read Mr. Tagg the Engineer's report with great interest, noting his conclusion on the Tall swing that a bent leg reduced the strength of the member. The Clerk reported that he had replaced the seats on two swings and that the only other problem with the area was with MOLES!

The Councillors confirmed that they did not allow Golfers to practise in the bottom field but the Clerk reported that he and his dog had had a most productive time in the Top Field retrieving the balls they had lost there.

LINDA RIDGLEY

#### IN THE GARDEN

The gardener turns squirrel this month, wisely storing against the winter ahead. Carrots and beetroot can be dug up and stored in peat or sand but not parsnips - they should be left in the ground. Potatoes should be dug up and stored in a frost proof shed. Celery and leeks should be earthed up frequently so as to complete the blanching. Spring cabbage and jap onions should be kept free of weeds. The question I have been asked is why are my onions thicker in the neck than previous years. The answer is it is the law of nature when the season is bad plants and veg. turn to produce seed & in so doing onions are no exception, the seed stem starts in the centre of the onions and proceeds through the neck of the onion. Should the growing conditions improve it leaves the onion with a large neck. The ground you clean off veg. etc. dig over and leave it rough and spread farmyard manure or compost on top - this gives the birds a chance to pick up any grubs which would be harmful to your next crop.

W.F. LINES

#### HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our Show Sec. Harold Wilkins had a few nail biting moments on the Friday when he only had about eight entries for the 'Flower Show' but in typical Harbury style we came up to scratch and I think you will all agree, considering the difficult season it was a good show. Unfortunately it made a loss. The Secretary would like to thank all who gave to the Tombola stall and all who gave their time in any way. I think a mention must be made to Harold Wilkins' two granddaughters, Kim and Mandy who worked so hard all day. Owing to holidays a late item of news: the Society gave donations to the Church, Scouts and Guides from the Walkabout. The first meeting of the new season will be the AGM, when Mr. Wragg will talk on Plant Propagation. More details next month.

EDNA LINES



PUBLIC NOTICE  
RARISH OF HARBURY

VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with Section 87 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972, that 2 vacancies exist in the office of Parish Councillor for the Parish of Harbury, by reason of the resignations of Councillor Smith and Councillor Saunders (Deppers Bridge Ward) on the 26th day of September 1985.

Any two local government electors for the Parish may require an election to be held to fill the said vacancies. To do this, they must send a written request to the Chief Executive, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Council Offices, Birmingham Road, Stratford-on-Avon, which must reach him not later than the 24th day of October 1985. No set form of words is necessary.

If such a request is received by the Chief Executive, an election will be held. If no request is received, the vacancies will be filled in due course by co-option by the remaining members of the Parish Council.

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(Signed)

(Designation)

*M. S. Hawker*  
*Clerk*

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