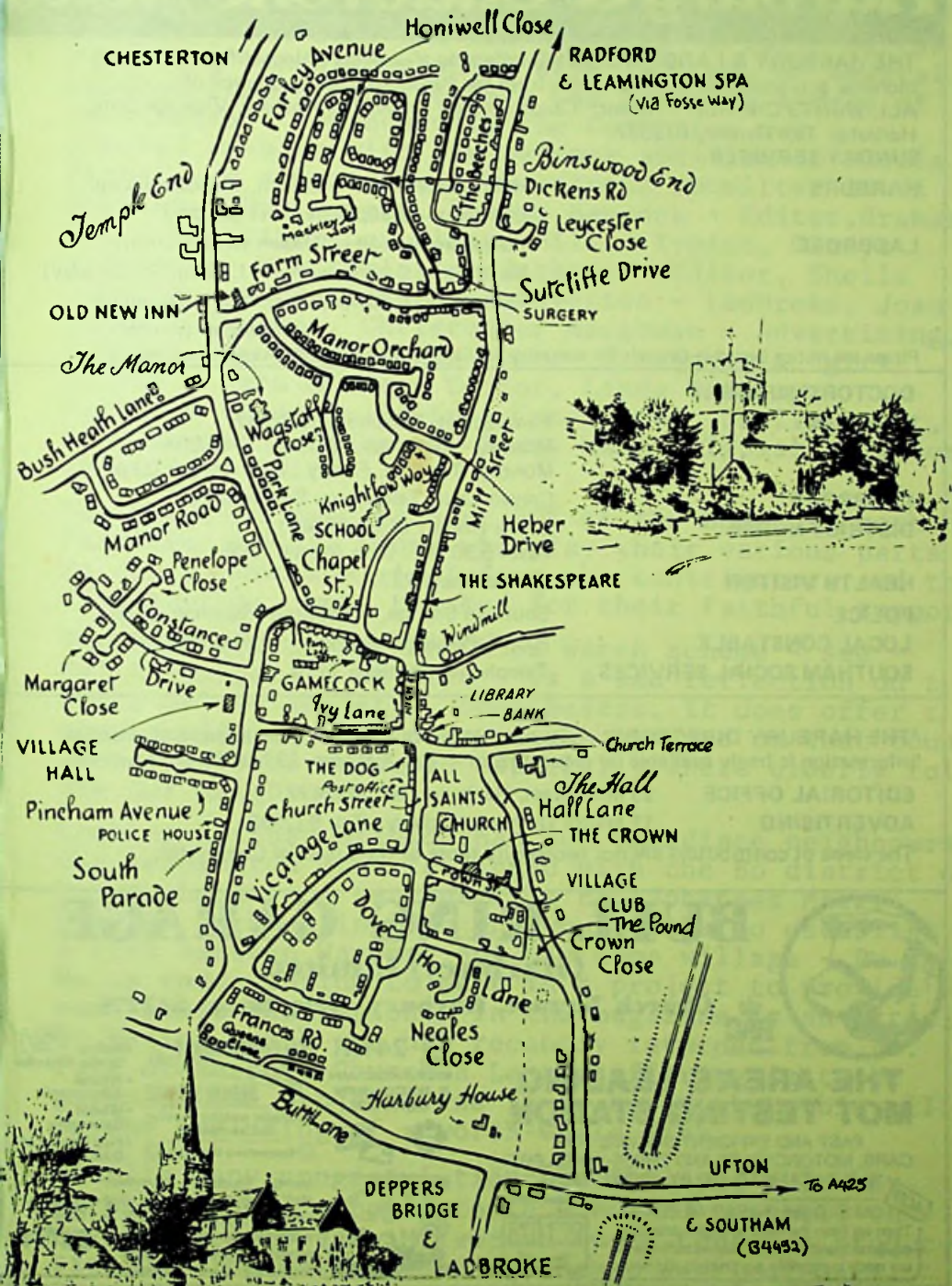


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## SUNDAY SERVICES

### HARBURY

Holy Communion — 8.00am, 10.30am (Sung)

Evensong — 6.30pm (Not 1st Sunday)

### LADBROKE

Holy Communion — 9.00am (with Hymns)

Mattins and Communion — 11.00am (3rd Sunday)

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

— 3.30pm (Winter)

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**HAD A BUMP?**



The A.G.M. of your village magazine was held on Wednesday Jan 22nd and the absence, in spite of the excellent sandwiches which were laid on, of several hundred complaining readers was taken as a vote of confidence! Consequently the Committee was re-elected en-bloc with the welcome addition of Sheila Scott. As a reminder, the current committee is as follows:- Viv Aggett, Sharon Hancock - Editor, Graham Gee - Distribution, Glenys Hill - Typist, Gladys Hutchins - Monitor!, Ian Jackson - Editor, Sheila Jackson - Secretary, Kate Liverton - Ladbroke, Joan Lodge - Indexer, Christopher Macgowan - Advertising Victoria Macgowan, Anne Moore - Treasurer & 'girl Friday', John Moore - Editor, Linda Ridgley, Margaret Rigden - Editor, Canon Rowe, Sheila Scott, Kate Todman - Ladbroke, Terry Wade - Typist, Heather Whitelaw - Editor.

The magazine reaches near 90% of the homes in both Parishes and all those who play their various parts in its production, including the contributors and the distributors, were thanked for their faithful support.

The need for a Neighbourhood Watch scheme - see Keith Thompson's article - is a sad reflection on the state of our society. Nonetheless, it does offer the opportunity to be closer neighbours and on that count alone is to be welcomed especially where elderly folk are our neighbours.

Looking further afield than our immediate neighbours the Leamington area is linked with the Bo district of Sierra Leone. A teacher from Bo, Johannes Maler visited Harbury in 1984 and would like to establish a link between Harbury and his home village - Bo. He is endeavouring to help in a project to provide some basic sanitation. In the magazine is an article by Verity Smith who has recently returned from Bo. Part of Harbury Church's Lenten offering is to be given to the project, and it is hoped that this will be the beginning of a worth-while link.

Finally many congratulations to Philippa Whitaker, Harbury School's peripatetic woodwind teacher, on being asked to take Milverton Music Centre's production of 'The Rainbow' to the Royal Festival Hall (see Chris Macgowan's article) with such success.

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Congratulations too, to the 6 young Harburians who took part.

## HARBURY DIARY

### FEBRUARY 1986

Sat	1st	Childrens Video Show at School. 9.30 am
Sun	2nd	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS) 8 am Holy Communion, 10.30 am Sung Eucharist, 6.30 pm Evensong
Tues	4th	Horticultural Society 8 pm Wight School NHR Book Night, discussion of book 'A Season in Sinji' by J. L. Car at 26 Farm St. 8 pm
Wed	5th	Mothers Union Lunch in Farley Room at 12.45 pm and meeting at 2.15 pm Youth Club in Village Hall 7.30 - 9.30 pm
Thurs	6th	9.45 am Mothers Union Corporate Communion Mens Group Meeting 7.45 pm Folk Club in Lounge Old New Inn 8.30 pm
Sun	9th	SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER 8 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Sung Eucharist 11.30 am Adventurers in Village Hall as usual 2.30 pm Free Church Service (Adventurers attend) 6.30 pm Evensong
Mon	10th	Christian Fellowship at The Spiers/Prayer & Praise at Lullington Lodge, Dovehouse Lane 8 pm Prayer/Bible Study 8 The Beeches 8 pm
Tues	11th	Neighbourhood Watch Public Meeting in Farley Room 8 pm Harbury Friends 8 pm in School NHR Telly Addicts Quiz Evening 12 Park Lane 8 pm
Wed	12th	ASH WEDNESDAY 9.30 am Harbury School Service 10.30 am Holy Communion, 8.30 pm Sung Eucharist Youth Club in Village Hall
Thurs	13th	Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30 pm W.I. 7.45 pm in Village Hall
Fri	14th	NSPCC Coffee Morning 10.30 am - noon at 8a The Beeches Cake Bring & Buy
Sat	15th	School Ends Jumble Sale in V. Hall for Wight School Play Group 10.30 am
Sun	16th	LENT I 8 am Holy Communion, 10.30 Sung Eucharis
Tues	18th	Village Hall Committee 8 pm Village Hall
Wed	19th	7.45 pm Deanery Lenten Service at Radford Semele (Dr. David Rake) 8.15 pm PCC meeting in Wight School Youth Club in Village Hall



- Fri 21st 10.30 am Coffee Morning, Corner Cottage, Bull Ring  
7.30 - 11 pm 16's & Under Dave Andrews Disco, Village Hall. 60p entrance + refreshments  
Venture Unit Caving weekend in North Yorkshire
- Sun 23rd LENT II 8am Holy Communion 10.30 am Sung  
Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong  
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN MARCH NEWS TO EDITORS BY NOON TODAY PLEASE  
Sponsored Netball Match, Playing Field 3 pm (Harbury Ladies v Cricket Club!)
- Mon 24th School begins  
Christian Fellowship at 8 The Beeches /Prayer & Praise at 16 Binswood End 8 pm all welcome  
Prayer/Bible Study 77 Mill Street 8 pm
- Wed 26th NHR Coffee Morning 18 Farley Avenue 10.30 am  
7.45 pm Deanery Lenten Service at Long Itchington (Rev. Robert Mighall)  
YouthClub in Village Hall

MARCH

- Sat 1st PTA Jumble Sale at School 10 am  
Youth Club Cake Stall/Bring & Buy Coffee Morning 43 Mill St from 10.30 am
- Sun 2nd LENT III 8 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Sung  
Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong
- Mon 3rd NHR Book Night discussion of book 'War Between The Tates' by Alison Louri at 11 Binswood End at 8 pm
- Tues 4th M.U. Coffee Morning Old Timbers Ivy Lane 10.30  
Horticultural Society 8 pm in Wight School
- Wed 5th M.U. Lenten Service in Church followed by Deanery Report  
Harbury Society B A T S 8 pm in Wight School  
talk by Mick Finnimore  
YouthClub in Village Hall
- Thurs 6th 7.45 pm Deanery Lenten Service at Ladbroke (Rev Michael Langrish)  
Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn 8.30 pm  
Mens Group Special Visit
- Fri 7th Children's Disco at School

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

For Village Hall bookings, ring Mr. Harrison - 613800  
For Wight School bookings, ring Mrs. Hayes - 613488

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 - 1130 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.

W.I., Village Hall, 2nd Thursdays, 7.45 p.m.

POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20 - 3.30 every Friday.

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LADBROKE

Tuesday: 7.30 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 Enthronement of the Bishop of Coventry.

We were very privileged to be amongst the 2000 or so people who attended the Enthronement of Simon Barrington-Ward as our new Bishop.

The occasion was quite magnificent, the music superb (there were 5 choirs), the message both stirring and demanding. A great act of worship and the start of 'a new beginning'.

In his address the Bishop called upon the Church to reach out to those in need and to actively follow the Word of Christ.

My impression was that the Diocese of Coventry can look forward to a dynamic leadership - I doubt that it will be comfortable!

I would commend to you the February edition of the Diocese Diary, copies of which are on the literature table in Church, which contains an extract from the Bishops address.

The need for a Church Room attached to or part of the Church, together with toilet facilities, is now regarded as a high priority project. The Church Architect is now to prepare some outline thoughts prior to a full plan being formulated. Meanwhile, Jean Rowe is taking the initiative to start off the fund raising with a sponsored cycle ride to Canterbury - see separate item.

We are indebted to David Clarke, Ian Hamlin and Tony Stubbs for their remarkable work in cleaning the reredos behind the Altar. It now looks again as it must have done when it was first installed some 100 years ago - Well done!

J.B.M.

## FROM THE RECTOR

This year, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple happens to fall on a Sunday and it gives us the opportunity of celebrating the day more fully than when it falls on a day during the week. The title of this day tells us why we regard it specially and we recall one of the few glimpses we have of Our Lord's infancy. Jesus was taken to the Temple with



much joy and thanksgiving in the hearts of his parents and presented to God in faithful observation of Jewish tradition. Together with the longer title of this holy day is a briefer one - Candlemas and it is customary for everyone present at the service to receive a lighted candle. On February 2nd at the Sung Eucharist we shall have our candles and together renew the vows of Baptism and rededicate ourselves afresh to our Christian vocation. As we think about Baptism, we are left in no doubt as to how Christians are required to respond to their faith. The Christian faith is not meant to be a passive religion and we are not expected just to assent to a set of principles and consider them to be rather a good and reasonable approach to life. Whether you were Baptised according to the Book of Common Prayer or the 1928 abortive Prayer Book or according to the more modern rites of the last few years, the challenge is the same as you are signed with the sign of the Cross.

'I sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly under the banner of Christ against sin, the world, and the devil and continue his faithful soldier and servant to the end of your life' (A.S.B. 1980)

In recent years together with the Sign of the Cross goes the symbol of the Lighted Candle with these words

'Receive this Light

This is to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.'

(A.S.B. 1980)

Now to fight valiantly against what is evil and to acquit oneself throughout life as a faithful soldier and servant, and to shine as a light in the world, is not achieved simply or effortlessly. It makes demands upon us, and, although in our own strength we can achieve nothing unless we respond wholeheartedly to what God provides, we are not going to progress far in the Christian Faith.

The Church did not invent Lent to make us miserable or to make us suffer, but to help us grow in faith and in



grace, and in the hope that we may, as Easter Day dawns, be a little more worthy of our vocation. As with everything in this life, little is achieved and is of much worth, without effort and striving and discipline - that is our part - the rest is in the mercy of God, in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Have a good Lent.

Antony Rowe

### Holy Baptism

12th January, George William, son of Patrick George Edward and Julie Clarke, 32 South Parade.

### Funerals

At All Saints' Ladbroke

2nd January, Thomas Henry Barnett, Newlands, Windmill Lane. 80 years.

### THOMAS HENRY BARNETT

The funeral of Tom Barnett took place in All Saints' Ladbroke on Thursday 2nd January. The service was conducted by the Rector and the address given by the former Rector, Canon Fishley, who had known Tom for many years.

Tom had lived practically the whole of his life in Ladbroke and the family have farmed in the village for many many generations. He was a well-known and much respected figure and he will be greatly missed especially by his wife Gladys and the family.

Many of the older residents of Ladbroke will remember the years he devoted to Hall Farm and will know what a skilful farmer he was and how hard work came as second nature to him. In recent years, his health has been poor, but being a determined man, he never gave way and still took a pride in his garden and his vegetables to the end. He has certainly left his mark in the history of Ladbroke, like many of his family before him.

'Rest eternal grant unto him O Lord and may light perpetual shine upon him'

### DEANERY LENTEN SERVICES - BODY TALK

The Church of England has changed remarkably in the last 20 years. Old patterns have been superseded. We are frequently urged to play our full, responsible part in the life of the Church.

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But why? And how?

We hope this series will stimulate and challenge.

The services will begin a 7.45 pm in various churches of the Deanery, and will last about 45 minutes. Refreshments will be served afterwards and it is hoped that people will use this opportunity to meet those from other parishes. Please pray for these services, for the speakers, and for yourself, that the parishes of our Deanery may be given a fresh impetus.

- Feb 19th We are the Body of Christ - Revd. Dr. David Rake, Chaplain to Warwick University Radford Semele.
- Feb 26th Christ is the Head of His Body - Revd. Robert Mighall, Vicar of Kineton - Long Itchington.
- Mar 5th Eyes and ears (open to God and to the world) - Revd. Michael Langrish, Vicar of Offchurch - Ladbroke.
- Mar 12th Mouth and hands (witness and service) - Revd. Philip Tyers, Curate of St. Matthew, Rugby - Bishops Itchington.
- Mar 19th Send us out in the power of your Spirit - Bishop Vernon Nicholls - Napton.

#### LENTEN GIVING

Boxes for those who wish to have one for their extra offerings during Lent will be available in Church from Sunday 9th February.

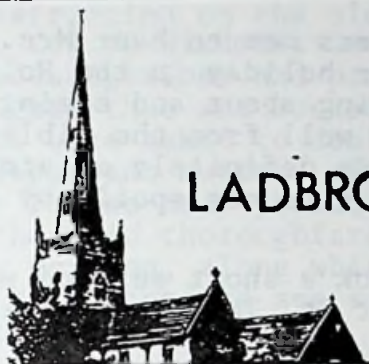
At Ladbroke, the offerings this year are to go to assist in the work of the Society for the Promoting of Christian Knowledge.

At Harbury, the offerings will be given equally to two projects.

- 1) To help pay for a priest in the Windward Islands Mission.
- 2) To help fund the provision of a water supply in Sierra Leone.







## LADBROKE NEWS

### FEBRUARY DIARY

Sun	2nd	THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas) 9 am Holy Communion 11 am Festival of Lights - a Family Service
Mon	3rd	7.30 pm Proposed Youth Club - Open Meeting Village Hall
Wed	5th	10.30 am Holy Communion
Sun	9th	7TH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER (QUINQUAGESIMA) 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns
Wed	12th	ASH WEDNESDAY 10.30 am Holy Communion 7.30 Holy Communion with Hymns 2.30 pm Women's Fellowship at Pearl Edwards home.
Sun	16th	LENT I 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns 3.30 pm Evensong
Wed	19th	10.30 Holy Communion 7.45 pm Deanery Lenten Service - Radford Semele
Sun	23rd	LENT II 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns (Book of Common Prayer)
Wed	26th	10.30 am Holy Communion 7.45 Deanery Lenten Service - Long Itchington
Thurs	27th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm W.I. Potato Marketing Board Demonstration (all members of public welcome)

### MARCH

Sun	2nd	LENT III 9 am Holy Communion 11 am Family Service
Wed	5th	10.30 am Holy Communion 7.45 pm Deanery Lenten Service - Ladbroke

### CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Feb 2nd and 9th Mrs. D. Smith  
(No flowers in Lent)

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

In spite of the snow members met to hear Mrs. Marion Grainger tell us about her holiday in the Holy Land. We very much enjoyed hearing about and seeing pictures of places that we know so well from the Bible. It was nice to know that there was definitely an atmosphere in the holy places, which were not spoilt by too much commercialisation.

Before this the Rector took a short service with prayers and readings about St. Thomas a Becket, whose day was celebrated on Dec 29th.

Our next meeting on Feb 12th is at 2.30 pm at the home of Mrs. Pearl Edwards when we shall be pleased to welcome Miss Durrell who is a Deaconess living in Banbury, to talk to us. Nancy Stubbs.

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

P.C. Percival from Harbury was the guest speaker at the W.I. meeting held at Ladbroke Village Hall on Thursday 23rd January. He shared with us many of his experiences whilst in the Cheshire Police Force. He certainly had a captive audience when he related his involvement with the Moors murderers. We are extremely indebted to him for giving us such an interesting evening.

Next month 27th February the Potato Marketing Board will be giving a demonstration. This is an open meeting and members of the public are welcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to say that we would like more members and I can assure a very warm welcome to any member of the village who would care to join us. Please contact me or any member of the committee if you require and more information.

Gwladys Gould (Old Rectory House, Banbury Rd.  
Ladbroke Tel. Southam 4516)

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

Apologies were received from Mr. Francis Badman and the Parish Council wished him a speedy recovery and hoped he would be with them at their next meeting.

Mrs. B. Williamson had researched into the idea of establishing a Play Area on the land in Windmill Lane and found that in various aspects the idea was untenable. The other Parish Councillors thanked her for going to so much trouble on their behalf.



The obstruction on the old route to Priors Marston at the top of Windmill Lane was again on the agenda and investigations had proved that it was now Mr. Peels gate that was locked and Warwickshire County Council were asked to deal with it. This may seem an unimportant matter, after the route has fallen into disuse for so many years, but this green road was once the main thoroughfare between Stratford and Priors Marston, along which salt was carried - so it would be a shame to see such an ancient right of way disappear.

The remedial work in Radbourne Lane had been inspected and it is to be rectified. The Parish Council have been asked to suggest a site for a new litter bin, to which the village is entitled.

An appeal has been made for all residents to wrap up glass, tins etc before placing them in the refuse sacks as there have been several accidents lately. Now for some good news for a change - Mr. Ken Hayward has been granted permission for a retail shop, lets hope they get lots of support from the village when the shop opens - personally I shall find it most useful!

The Parish Council decided to try and get the County Council to move the 30 MPH signs which are at present situated in School Lane, back beyond the old Rectory, to try and slow down traffic entering the village from Deppers Bridge, particularly in light of the accident to "church cottage". The upkeep cost and position of all road signs is a matter for the County Council, not the Parish Council.

A discussion took place about the proposed village Youth Club, which was thought to be an excellent idea  
Next Meeting - 26th February 7.30 pm in the Committee room of the Village Hall.

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On Monday 3rd February at 7.30 pm there will be an Open Meeting in the Village Hall to discuss getting a Youth Club off the ground. Boys, girls parents and any other interested parties are urged to attend to discuss the situation. It is hoped that following a general discussion a steering committee would be set up to get the Youth Club started. Equipment such

as table tennis, darts boards etc will obviously be needed, so if you have any ideas to contribute do go along to the meeting or phone Mr. Eric Haggard on 7523.

Kate Liverton

### SOUTHAM SCHOOL SKI HOLIDAY

On the 10th of January at 2 a.m. 2 coach loads of excited children + teachers set out on a very long journey to Schladming, Austria via London Gatwick.

We arrived at our resort in time for dinner. The hotel was called Wisenheim and it was in a place called Rohrmous.

Throughout the week we took part in some very exhilarating skiing and the last day we had the pleasure of trying out our new skill on the world cup run on the mountain 'planai'.

Sadly four members of our party ended up in Schladming General Hospital but all stayed cheerful with many visits from the rest of us, and all are recovering well.

I think we all enjoyed our holiday very much and would go again tomorrow, but can I just say a big thank you to Mr. Savage, Mr. Brown, Mr. Fearn, Miss Knowles and Miss Finnis for making the holiday possible.

Thank You.

Jane Hancock

### HARBURY SCHOOL P.T.A.

1986 P.T.A. Programme was issued to all of the children at school and lists all the events planned for this year. Please note these dates.

The P.T.A. exists for the benefit of all our children at Harbury School and raising funds for equipment is our main concern. Of course, many offer assistance in as many different ways, according to skills, resources and time available, what could you offer?

Fund raising events are also enjoyable and fun for those involved and opportunity to meet and make friends. So please take note and give your support. If your programme did not reach you then ask your child to get another from Mr. Colin Oliver -headmaster



The Rugby Club was the venue for the Social Evening held on Friday 24th January. Some 70 persons had a most enjoyable evening circulating, chatting and enjoying the refreshments etc. A raffle was announced by chairman John (the Dentist) Black, first prize was one ticket for the Mexican Evening whilst second-prize was two tickets for the Mexican Evening! Joan Stephenson won both prizes! With great generosity she then handed the first prize back. Nigel Chapman won the re-draw. This was great news since now at least 3 people will be attending the Mexican Evening! Various members of the folk-club plus volunteers from the guests provided background music that later developed into community singing 'a la' last night at the proms. A successful evening worth repeating.

A Childrens Video show will take place at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday 1st February in the school hall. Send them along so you can get on with those small jobs! Drinks and Crisps are inclusive - 25p. The next Childrens Disco will be Friday 7th March at School.

A Jumble Sale will be held on Saturday 1st March at 10 a.m. entrance 10p. Please send your jumble to school on Friday 28th February or we can collect on Friday evening from 6 pm onwards. If collection is required please call:- Mary Thompson 612050 or Jenny Evans 612700. We need you and your jumble for this event.

Look out for the Mexican Evening likely to be a highlight, so arrange your tickets early to avoid any disappointment. This is to be held on Saturday 22nd March in the school 8 pm until midnight. There will be a late bar and raffle. Tickets £3 each incl. buffet. New Orleans jazz will be provided by the 'Stray-Cats' band and to help with the 'mood' fancy dress is welcomed. See you there Pedro!

#### 100 Club Winners - January Draw

Mr. & Mrs. Dormer      £10

Mr. & Mrs. Griffiths    £10

Ken Stephenson

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### WIGHT SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

We shall be holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 15th February at 10.30 a.m. in the Village Hall. Admission 5p and refreshments will be available. Notes will be put through doors regarding collection of jumble, but if any problem occurs, please telephone 612789. PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US!!

### THE MILVERTON MUSIC CENTRE

On January 20th I popped down to the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London (part of the Festival Hall complex on the south bank) to attend the launch of Barclays Bank's "Youth Music Theatre Awards". These awards are designed to encourage schools, school children and communities alike to stage theatre and music productions. The launching of the scheme was very special because although it was a national event, The Milverton Music Centre had been chosen to perform Peter Maxwell Davies' "The Rainbow".

The composer was himself at the ceremony which was opened by Richard Baker. The stage was then handed over to Philippa Whitaker who is well known to Harbury School and is Director of the Milverton Centre.

To me the performance seemed to be flawless and received loud and long applause not only from the 1000 children who attended but also from the fifty very hard nosed music and education press critics. It was subsequently featured on breakfast radio and the following Saturday on BBC2 TV.

It was clearly a great honour for Philippa Whitaker and the Milverton Centre to have been asked to perform at this prestigious event and congratulations to Harbury School for supplying four of the musicians - Kirsty Allan, Sarah Gee, Fiona Szolnoki and Anna Macgowan; one of the actors is Steffan Adams and, whilst no longer at Harbury School, the star of the show in Dylan Adams who was brilliant.

C. Macgowan

CONGRATULATIONS - to Victoria Allan of Sutcliffe Drive who has obtained a place at King's College Cambridge to read English and Fine Art.





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## VENTURE SCOUTS ANNUAL HIKE TO BURTON DASSETT

After having recovered from New Year celebrations fifteen intrepid Venture Scouts left Harbury late on 2nd January and walked to our destination via numerous ploughed fields and country lanes.

After problems with forgotten tent pegs(!!) and strong winds the tents were finally pitched by 3 a.m. After a sleepless night we were soon back on the road heading for Harbury after an action packed but tiring event enjoyed by everyone, so here's to next year!

H.W.

## CANTERBURY OR BUST

Jean Rowe is to undertake a Sponsored Cycle Ride from HARBURY to CANTERBURY (160 miles) in aid of the New Church Building Fund which has toilet facilities as its first priority, beginning on Monday 7th April and ending on Saturday 12th April. More details next time.

## HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Some 24 gladiators, decked in an array of weird and wonderful garments, took to Harbury's tennis courts on New Year's Day for the annual Tennis Club Muffler Tournament.

Once the ice had been removed, battle commenced with vigour and enthusiasm as passers-by paused and wondered at this strange custom as it unravelled. Pausing only for the occasional glass of punch and a wonderful midday lunch, the addicts played until daylight ceased.

Wendy Latham took the lady's crown with her first ever title and Steve Chaplin won in the men's section.

N.R.

## HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

We are now half way into the season and the A team are doing reasonably well, however the B team, although not having many wins, come a close second in the matches they lose.

On Sunday 23rd February there will be a Sponsored 'Netball Match' against the Harbury Cricket Club. This promises to be a spectacular game as it is the first chance that the Cricket Club have of getting a ball in the nets this season! The proceeds are to be split equally between Myton Hospice, The Netball Club

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and the Cricket Club.

All Club members have sponsor forms, please support us, come along and jeer or cheer. Don't forget the date - 23rd February - Sunday afternoon - 3 pm start.

J.E.

#### YOUTH CLUB STEERING GROUP

Residents of Harbury Parish are invited to attend the Public Annual General Meeting of Harbury Youth Club at 8 pm in the Village Hall on Wed 7th May. The main purposes of the meeting will be to formally adopt the Club's constitution (copies will be made available) and elect the Management Committee (which will succeed the Steering Group).

In the meantime, a fund raising programme is underway - so please support us in any way you can.

Many thanks to those parents who have helped us. We will be contacting those who have already offered to assist the Youth Leaders on Wednesday nights but it's not too late to offer your services!

Andy Cowan - Chairman

Betty Knappe - Secretary

Wendy Knowles - Treasurer

#### HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

Wed February 5th - Village Hall. The start of Harbury new and exciting Youth Club. Each Wednesday until Mar when more formalised club begins, there will be Coffee Shop - games, music, refreshments & activities. These will be limited by equipment presently available. Fund raising will increase options later. Bear with us meanwhile.

Congratulations to the Teenage Forum and its professional and conscientious programme.

Holidays various possibilities put forward include canalboats, cottage in Wales, Weekend at Honiley Hall are viable if decisions are taken rapidly.

Events:-

Feb 5th Coffee shop & Club night 7.30 - 9.30 discussion of programme etc.

Feb 12th Coffee Shop & Club. Representative of Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs will discuss possibility of weight training, aerobics, circuit training etc.

Feb 18th Unihoc Boys & Girls B.L. Gaydon 7 pm

Feb 19th Teen quiz at Coten End Youth Centre Warwick 7 p.m. Supporters welcome.



Feb 25th 5 a side Football 14-16 years. Boys B.L. Gaydon 7 p.m.

Feb 26th Coffee Shop & Club Night, drama workshop with professional from Warwick University Theatre.

Feb 28th Teenage Disco 13-16's 7.30-9.30 pm.

March 5th First official Clubnight.

March 12th Clubnight -W.A.Y.C. special mobile unit activities, arts & crafts.

#### Youth Drama Group Events

Feb 20th, 21st, 22nd, 9-5, 7-10 p.m. Drama Workshop & evening play performances at Belgrade. Details later.

March 1st Cake Stall, Bring & Buy at 43 Mill Street from 10.30 am in aid of Youth Drama Funds.

Advance Notice - Weekend in London (or daytrip if preferred) to see winning entries in National Amateur Drama Awards Competition. Details later.

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Harbury like many communities is a potentially attractive target to the Criminal. We could assume that nothing will happen here - on the other hand we could do something constructive to try and minimise Crime in the village. To this end the Home Office in conjunction with the Police have devised a scheme called Neighbourhood Watch. The purposes of the scheme are:

- \* to reduce local opportunities for crime, thereby deterring would-be thieves and vandals.
- \* to develop a community spirit, so that everyone can contribute towards the protection of their property by mutual co-operation and communication
- \* to inform the co-ordinator or the Police of any suspicious activity.

If the scheme can be set up successfully, the principal benefits of Neighbourhood Watch are

- \* helps to reduce local crime such as burglary, vandalism, car thefts and theft from cars.
- \* enhances community spirit.
- \* suspicious strangers waiting outside school, play grounds or where children congregate, can be quickly reported to the Police.
- \* Crime Prevention advice can be quickly and efficiently circulated throughout the community.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes therefore lead to a greater shared awareness of problems in the community

and to a better understanding of the practical steps that can be taken to tackle these. There has already been some interest shown in Neighbourhood Watch within the village. At the last Parish Council meeting the Council indicated its overall support. I was asked to investigate the scheme and have therefore arranged a Public meeting at the Village Hall (Farley Room) on Tuesday 11th February at 8 pm. This meeting will be addressed by Sergeant Joyner, Crime Prevention Officer, and our local Police Office P.C. Bennett will also be in attendance. If you are interested in the protection of your property, and of the village as a whole, please come along and find out more about 'Neighbourhood Watch'.

Keith Thompson

Harbury Parish Council

### FLOWER ARRANGING CLASSES

Spring is nearly here! Make the most of this lovely season by attending a short course of four classes on Spring Flowers, either at Harbury Combined School starting Monday February 24th 7.30 - 9.30 or at Southam Adult Centre starting Friday February 28th 10.15 am to 12 noon. Enrollment first meeting. Please bring some spring flowers and a container to make your own arrangement to the first class. If you have any queries please phone me on 613497.

Sylvia Burdett

### HARBURY W.I.

At the January meeting Mrs. J. Frith talked about 'Dolls, Ancient and Modern'. The dolls came in all shapes and sizes starting with wooden dolls, china dolls and wax dolls. Looking towards future doll collectors, Mrs. Frith also collects modern-day dolls including her latest purchase of a doll which looked just like a real baby boy! My personal favourites included the doll dressed as a Victorian pedlar, whose apron was literally covered in tiny ornaments such as a pedlar woman would sell, and the pretty faced baby dolls of the 1930-50's.

The W.I.'s biggest fundraiser of the year - The Dance on Saturday 18th January was a most enjoyable occasion. Everyone seemed to enjoy it (the Committee hopes so anyway). The 'Likely Lads' played with their usual



excellence - where else can you dance the night away to anything from a waltz, quick-step, through modern 'pop' to barn dance-type music?

If you weren't there you missed the greatest entertainment - several men skipping together in the huge skipping rope turned by members of 'The Likely Lads'. The men were quite good, but a long way behind the 'girls' - nine ladies (after lots of laughter making tries) ended up skipping in the rope together, equalling the 'Likely Lads' record (which I might add, has only been reached once before). Our thanks to everyone who attended the dance, and made it go with a swing!

At our next meeting on 13th Feb, Mrs. Toor will give us a talk entitled 'The Life and Customs of Indian Women'. Everyone is welcome. Terry Wade

### MOTHERS UNION

Despite the snow we had a very good attendance at our January meeting to hear Celia Barrett continue her talk on the old families of Harbury. Celia told us the history of the Beck family from Chesterton who were Mill owners in the 19th century and showed us many photographs, from her collection, of people and places of long ago. Once again a most enjoyable afternoon.

On January 22nd 10 members had a sponsored knit to raise money for the Overseas Department's Relief Fund. This fund not only provides aid to overseas projects but also for any natural disasters occurring in this country. Last year money was donated to the Bradford Fire Appeal Fund. We knitted for 1 hour and Sheila Bugg, as expected, produced the longest piece of knitting - 14 inches. The resulting pieces will be collected together from the whole of the Diocese and sewn into blankets for 'Save the Children'.

Our next meeting is on 5th February when the Rev. R. Staunton will give us an illustrated talk entitled 'In the Footsteps of St. Paul'. Prior to this we shall be having lunch at 12.45 in the Farley Room. We are continuing to raise money for a new altar frontal and have a coffee morning on 4th March at Old Timbers, Ivy Lane at 10.30 a.m. S.K.

NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES REGISTER

The Spring programme of events is now underway and we are looking forward to an interesting and varied calendar. The January meeting was an Italian evening with information provided by all present on aspects of Italy, followed by a sampling of various Italian dishes.

February includes the long-planned social outing to Warwick Castle for a Mediaeval Banquet - food again! In our usual programme, the February evening will be a Telly Addicts Quiz and in March there will be a Mad March Hare Evening, which is promised to be an evening of frivolity and madness.

Our usual coffee mornings are being held throughout these months and the theatre visiting programme will be starting later in the year.

Do you enjoy reading a good book? Why not come along to the NHR's Book group. The Book group is affiliated to the main NHR group but it is not essential to belong to the main group in order to come along to the book group. We read a different book every month and meet at a members house to discuss our views on it. The meetings are very informal and usually end up with a chat on books and authors in general. The next meeting is on Tuesday 4th February at 26 Farm Street and the book for discussion is 'A Season in Sinji' by J.L.Car. The books for discussion in March and April are 'War between the Tates' by Alison Louri and 'Empire of the Sun' by J. G. Ballard. For further information on the NHR meetings contact Sue Roberts 612920 and the Book group Ann Warhurst 613110.

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

January's Folk Club, just two days into 1986, was like an extension of the festive season for many people. As we had no featured guest, all eleven singers shared the limelight - they were the Jug Band, Gerda, Pete & Liz, Barry & Nicola, Tony, John and myself. For the 'third half' most of us played and sang together on a few old favourites, including Wild Mountain Thyme, Goodnight Irene and finally Parting Glass - the perfect song for the end of the evening.

We meet again this Thursday, 6th Feb, when the guests will be Jim Andrews and friends. Following that, the next meeting is on 6th March as usual 8.30 in lounge of





Congratulations are due to two Golden Wedding Anniversaries that have taken place recently. Firstly on January 6th Jack and Win Bloxham celebrated their anniversary with a party at the Dog Inn. Win enjoys her flower garden and has attended the Parish Church for many years. Jack, a keen snooker player and T.V. viewer, a member of Harbury Club, was with Harbury Co-op for a life time delivery roundsman, except the war years when he served with the R.A.F. All being well they hope to make a trip to Australia this month.

The second celebration is for Ivy & Harold Wilkins of Manor Road for their anniversary which took place on 25th January. Here's to many happy years for both couples.

#### HARBURY SOCIETY

Mick Finnimore who calls himself the Batman has agreed to give a talk on these warm furry creatures at the Wight School on Wed 5th March beginning at 8pm. It is Mick who insists that he is 'Batting for Britain'!

The Social was cancelled because of lack of support but there seems plenty of enthusiasm for the production of the footpath walks. The Countryside Commission has agreed to give some financial help

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and we hope to test walk one of the routes in the Spring - more details later.

Also in the Spring the Historical Society, of which the Society is a Corporate Member, is giving a talk by Helen MacLagan on 'Recent Archeological Work in Warwickshire' at 8 pm on Tuesday 22nd April at Ashorne Hill College.

Finally everyone please look out your old unwanted jewellery, beads etc for our Stall at the Carnival this year. If you want to get rid of anything now give me a ring and I will collect it.

Linda Ridgley 612792

#### ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY AT CHESTERTON

The parish of Chesterton and Kingston contains a wealth of evidence of Romano-British and Medieval settlement. In the Roman period an extensive village, or small town existed on the Fosse, to the north-west of the modern village. In the area of the modern hamlets of Chesterton and Kingston a number of areas of Medieval settlement and the remains of an extensive Medieval village are known.

It is hoped that it will be possible to survey some of the parish over the next year or two in order to obtain a fuller record of archaeological sites in the area. The construction of the M40 through the parish may impinge on known sites - or on those yet undiscovered. Additionally it would be of general interest to know more about the pattern of Roman and Medieval settlement in this area, which has an unusually complex and interesting past.

Dr. R. Hingley - Warwickshire Museum

#### LOCAL LINKS WITH SIERRA LEONE - WEST AFRICA

Many of you will know of the One World Link between Leamington Spa and Bo, second largest town in Sierra Leone. This has been developing for several years now. A number of schools are linked, there have been exchange visits by teachers and medical supplies and students go regularly to Bo hospital.

The Link was taken a stage further this Christmas by a group of 12 Venture Scouts from Dale Street Methodist Church in Leamington plus two leaders going over to Bo for 3 weeks to work with their scouts on a project - making tiles with a small intermediate technology



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machine to reroof their Methodist Primary School. With us went two members of our One World Link Committee. Their aim was to find out how the Bo side of the Link felt it was working.

The project meant a lot of planning, fundraising and liason with Sierra Leone beforehand. Our Venture Scouts organised events to help pay for their fares. We produced a booklet on 'Life in Leamington' to give to their linked schools and Resource Centre.

We were greeted with a welcome of singing and dancing by their Scouts and Guides. We all stayed together in a Catholic Training Centre. They had the good idea of pairing us off in double rooms so at once we had a local friend who could answer our questions, help us bargain in the market and introduce us to their extended families. We ate local food - rice cassava leaves and fish - which was cooked over an open fire. All our water was drawn up by bucket from a tank or well. On Christmas Day we ate with local families - in a temperature of 90°! We were very aware of their generosity in these times of increasing economic hardship.

So what did the project achieve? Our joint work on the roof meant that 900 tiles were made and a sample piece tiled. We hope they can finish it before the rainy season. Many friendships developed and school links will be strengthened. It was an amazing adventure for our young people and we hope that some of their Scouts may make an exchange visit to us.

While there we met again Johannes Maler, a lecturer at Bo Teacher Training College, who visited Harbury in 1984. He remains very interested in a link between his village and ours, an idea that several of us here are wanting to explore. We would welcome comments on this from readers.

Meanwhile, any of you are most welcome to come to the Sierra Leone Spectacular at Dale Street Church on the evening of Thursday 13th March. It will be an evening to remember! Contact me for details.

Verity Smith  
Tel. 612804

Those who have read recent outpourings from me, must be wondering why I have a pre-occupation with fire. I can assure you I'm no arsonist! The article on the fire at The Dog led naturally to this one, as they were so close together in time and location. Reproduced here is the article from the 'Courier' dated 1st September, 1888.

#### ALARMING AND DISASTROUS FIRE AT HARBURY

About nine o'clock on Sunday evening, a most destructive fire broke out at a grocer's shop and general stores, carried on by Mrs. Richard H. Knight, just opposite the Parish Church, at Harbury, and, despite the efforts of the villagers, coupled with those of the Southam and Leamington Fire Brigades, the entire premises were destroyed, and damage estimated at close upon £2,000 was done. It appears that Mrs. Knight, who is a widow, returned home at a quarter to nine o'clock, after service at the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, and on entering the shop, lit a benzoline lamp. With this she proceeded into the adjoining house, where she resided, and while doing so, the lamp suddenly exploded. In her fright, Mrs. Knight threw the blazing lamp upon the floor, and the burning oil quickly igniting the flooring, the flames spread with great rapidity. She raised an alarm, and together with her sons and P.C. Collett, endeavoured to extinguish the fire, but owing to an insufficient supply of water, they were unable to do so. The quiet village was naturally thrown into a great state of excitement by the alarm, and a large number of people were soon on the spot. The church bell was rung and a messenger was sent to Southam for the Fire Brigade. In the meantime the villagers, led by the Revs. C.H. Phelps and M.N. Kearney (the Vicar of Harbury), and Mr. Bourne (Southam), sought to save the goods and stock, which they snatched from the window but owing to the rapid progress made by the fire the bulk of the stock was destroyed. The goods and furniture which were rescued from the flames were removed to the infant school. At 9.20 and half-past nine, two distinct reports were heard, which left no doubt as to the gunpowder which was stored on the premises having been reached and exploded. By this time the shop and warehouse were a mass of flames, and in a short space of time the second storey rooms shared a similar fate, and the fire was raging through the roof. The Southam Fire Brigade, under the direction of Captain W.B. Sturley, arrived at five minutes past ten, and in a few minutes were playing on the burning mass, but the shallow wells were quickly emptied, and the "suction" piping of the engine was not long enough to reach the water in the deeper wells, some of which went down nearly 100 feet. Conse-



quently the fire had completely gained the mastery where it had possession, and attention was turned to four adjoining cottages, in which the tenants had become so affrighted as to move their goods and chattels. Here the progress of the fire was arrested. at 10-45 the large beam carrying the front of the shop, and supported by two iron columns, succumbed, and the front fell with a crash. Shortly before 11 it was found that the Southam Brigade were unable to successfully cope with the burning shop, and a telegram was sent to Leamington by the Great Western Railway authorities for assistance. The alarm bell at the old Town Hall was tolled, and at 10 minutes past 11 Captain Orton and six of his men had the manual engine out ready to proceed to Harbury, but owing to the want of horses they were unable to do so at once. They waited until 20 minutes past 11, when, no horses being forth coming, the men started to pull the engine along the Radford road. When they had proceeded as far as the Oak Inn, the horses overtook them, and after they had been harnessed to the engine they started onward at a rapid rate, reaching the scene of the fire about midnight. The fire then, to some extent, had burnt itself out, and the Leamington men remained for a couple of hours rendering such assistance as they could. They discovered a well in the vicarage grounds, and pumping from this into the Southam engine a fairly continuous stream of water was directed on the burning building. The fire continued to blaze at the back of the premises until nearly five o'clock, but half an hour afterwards it was so far extinguished that the Southam firemen were able to return home, leaving two of their men in charge. The house and shop, which were the property of Mr. J. York, draper, of Bath Street, Leamington, were entirely destroyed, and the damage is estimated at nearly £800. The whole of the property and the stores were insured in the Northern Insurance Office. A very erroneous report found its way into the "Birmingham Daily Mail and Post". The statement that the Co-operative Stores and two adjoining cottages were destroyed by fire is altogether wrong. The premises of the Co-operative Society are more than 100 yards from where the fire took place, and, of course, remained intact. The secretary has, however, received a number of letters, expressing sympathy. The business premises destroyed by the fire were designated "Knight's General Supply Stores", but were in no way connected with the Co-operative Society.

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It is horrifying to think that it took the Southam brigade over an hour to receive the message and reach the village. And what state of readiness were the Leamington brigade in if they had no horses?! I wonder why gunpowder was on the premises too. An ancient relative of mine seems to remember people using the stuff to clean out the flue of the copper, as ordinary brushes could not be used. Probably irrelevant!

NIGEL CHAPMAN.

Sometimes the attrition of their constant battles with the authorities leads your Councillors to throw up their hands in despair, saying, 'What more can we do?' as with the impending changes in the bus service. Sometimes one senses a definitive and positive apathy as when Mick Chick appeals annually for volunteers for civil Defence and Emergency Planning. The silence is stunning.

But once in a while they are so insensed by the absurdities of the Regulations, and their interpretation that they boil over with indignation. How can Stratford District Council have consistently refused a perfectly pleasant unobtrusive bungalow at Highfield Stud, they steam, yet blithely give permission for a huge indoor Riding School (not that they object to that). Why can't SDC insist, as the PC wishes, that the new extension to Ashton House, be built in matching stone when, because it is in the Conservation Area, Listed Building Consent is required to demolish the existing unsightly extension that was once Dr. Pirie's surgery?

Then some scathing comments on the lack of continuity of supervision of the Manpower Services Team the Parish has used. Poor Bill Middleton seems never to have the same supervisor to complain to, and the Playing Fields fence is still only half painted. However, the team does come rent free, and they may be used to repair the stiles on the Field Footpaths, for the PC can claim back from the County money spent on materials. So it's got to be worth a little frustration.

Farm Street has been preying on the collective mind for a few months now, but the junction has been improved thanks to the intervention of Alan Howarth, and the potholes have magic yellow lines round them which may portend repairs. However hedges in Mill Street and Vicarage Lane will have to be cut back. Much heart-searching was caused by the proposed widening of the Playing Field's entrance. Could it be justified for the once a year struggle to get the Carnival Floats in? But these scruples disappeared when the Council realised the Carnival Committee would do the job free!

The PC is submerging in a sea of forms necessary to enable it to deal with the untidy graves, so it was a



boost for the Cllrs and a pat on the back for Tony Ceney when £50 towards the upkeep of the Burial Grounds was received from a donor who had been, he said, most impressed with the standard of care there.

Having weighed all the possibilities suggested by Mr. Bristow, the PC plumped for grassing over Crown Green as the best way of keeping it neat. They will consult the adjacent owners before making a final decision.

By a stroke of genius Keith Thompson, although he modestly claimed it was just good fortune, has arranged for the Public Meeting on 4th February in the Farley Room to discuss setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to be held in the middle of the week of National advertising.

The Rogation Day service will again be held at Deppers Bridge Playing Fields, and Mr. John Moore reported all was quiet in that outpost, but wondered gently when the children would get the promised extra Play Equipment. Horizontal Bars were hinted at. Mr. Moore drew all things Deppers for his field of interest, and the other new member, Marjorie King, landed the plum Planning and Lighting sub-committees. She learned that work is to go ahead on the upgrading of another six lamps, but Dennis Atkins will have to battle hard to complete his grand conversion plans, for Councillors have begun to lobby for extra lamps for their favourite dark bits of the village.

They are quick to see the opportunity afforded by the District Council's planned improvements to the old peoples' bungalows in Frances Road and Vicarage Lane and have leapt in to ask if outside lights can be added when the rewiring is done. The District intends to install cavity wall insulation, Economy 7 storage and water heaters in the near future.

L. Ridgley

### MUSIC EXAM SUCCESSES

At the Christmas session of Associated Board Exams all the pupils entered were very successful. They are:-

<u>Practical</u>	Elizabeth Wyburn -	Grade 1 - Mer
	Fiona Wyburn -	" 1 - "
	Kathryn Andrews -	" 2 - Pass
	James Tancock -	" 2 - "

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Theory (Max marks 99)

Anna Catt - Grade 5 - 85 marks  
Samantha Neill " 5 - 91 "

1985 certainly ended with a flourish - congratulations to you all.

M.J.Coope.  
Sutcliffe Drive.

BACK NUMBERS OF THE HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS

I am about to throw away my duplicate copies of the Harbury and Ladbroke News. If anyone is in need of individual issues, please ring me on 612711 on or before 9th February.

I am short of 4 issues in my own collection and wonder if anyone has a copy of the issues of June 1981 March 1982, July 1983 or October 1983 which they could spare me.

Thanks. Viv Aggett

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The Stratford District Council are very concerned about the number of accidents to their employees resulting from sharp objects being put into refuse sacks. In five months there were 10 incidents of collectors being injured mostly by broken glass. Please do not put this type of material in your sack without first wrapping it in several layers of newspaper or similar protection.

M.S.H.

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### OLD HARBURY MEMORIES

Mrs. Jennings was born in Harbury, has lived here all her life and has seen many changes in village life. She started to attend the Wagstaffe School when she was 5 and remembers a large coal fire which was very welcome after doing drill in the school yard before lessons started. She particularly liked sewing and the standard in the school was so high that some of their work won a prize in a London exhibition. Nature walks were one of the school treats and she remembers many more wild flowers than we see today, there were whole fields yellow with cowslips. On a walk to Humblebee Cottage their teacher told them to look for bullet holes from the Civil War in the wall round the garden.

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They also practised hard for their Country Dancing which they performed on Mick's Hill, the field behind Dr. Hancock's house. Many children also went to Sunday School and the summer picnic with races was held in the Cherry Orchard opposite the Police Station.

As she grew older she could join in a variety of activities. The Girls Friendly Society met to learn Ballroom Dancing. The Pleasant Tuesday Evening group had Bible Study at Wissett Lodge and afterwards played croquet on the lawn. The Band of Hope at the Wesleyan Chapel and the Primitive Methodists encouraged young folk to sign the pledge and entertained them with lantern slides.

Lighter entertainment could be found on Friday nights at the Club Room. You could pay 6d which seems incredibly cheap to us today, to see a picture. The projector frequently broke down and you always had to come again next week to see the 'next exciting installment'. The sweet prices seemed low too, 4oz Sharps Creamy Toffee for 1d from Thornicrofts shop. If you preferred to save your money you could deposit your pennies in the Co-op Penny Bank on Saturday night. The village shops provided everything but there were occasional Crock Fairs in the Bullring.

There were some special occasions. On May day the girls made Maypoles from two hoops attached them to a broomstick and then decorated it with bunches of daisies, buttercups, cowslips and ribbons. Then they sang and danced outside various houses. On August Sunday the Southam Town band played and paraded round the village and then accompanied hymn singing for an open-air service.

The village was much quieter, very little traffic and a trip into Leamington a rare treat.

To correct a previous error - Corner Cottage in the Bull Ring was called Messers shop. S.J.

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## ARTHUR'S DISABLED EXTRAVAGANZA

If you are a regular viewer to Central News Television you may have seen a report on a disabled party organised primarily by a 66 year old from Banbury, Arthur Morrow.

This mammoth event took place at the Spa Centre in Leamington on Sunday 12th January and involved over 800 mentally and physically handicapped of varying ages from all over the Midlands and was free of charge.

The party lasted for an incredible five hours with an extravaganza of entertainment including magicians, country dancers, fire eaters, bell ringers, the Leamington Gang show and a Corps of Drums which they appeared to enjoy the most. This entertainment was preceded by endless supplies of food, all donated by local residents (including Harbury) and companies. This produced a substantial tea for the guests which was made and distributed to them by many organisation including a group from the fifth & sixth form of Southam High School, which is how I came to be involved.

The event did not go without its hitches however. I had a phonecall Sunday lunchtime to say that there were only three people in the kitchens making sandwiches for over 1000 people and could I go in early and help! Overall the day went surprisingly well especially considering no one really knew what to expect.

The party was a dream-come-true for Arthur Morrow who had been working on the project for over four months. It was a great success, enjoyed by everyone. We found it a very worthwhile and memorable experience as well as making us appreciate how lucky we are!

H.W.

## IN THE GARDEN

The year begins to stir a little but do not be impatient, even the hardest seeds germinate only slowly in cold soil, and if it's wet they will rot. Shallots can be planted out at the end of the month weather permitting also broad beans, myself I start broad beans in boxes or cups in the greenhouse and plant out in April. Another useful vegetable is the carrot it's a native of Afghanistan and neighbouring regions and during the last hundred years spread to the low

countries and then to England in the reign of Elizabeth I when it was referred to as 'Honey Underground', when sugar was scarcer and used as a sweetener in cookery. There is a large assortment of carrots to choose from, it is up to you which you fancy stump rooted - intermedial & long rooted, it is not advisable to plant the seed before April and then at weekly intervals.

W.F.Lines

### HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

If you remember what the weather was like on 7th Jan, you will know why Mr. Bragg was unable to get here. Attempts were made to phone everybody and we hope nobody turned up and was disappointed. Mr. Bragg was very apologetic and is now scheduled to come for the meeting in October.

We hope for better luck at the next meeting on Tues. 4th Feb at 8 pm at the Wight School. Dr. Gear of the Henry Doubleday Trust will be talking about Organic Gardening. At that meeting, orders will be taken for peat and potting compost. If you are thinking of joining the Society, you should know that, in addition to these items, members are able to order seeds etc. and benefit from impressive discounts. You're too late for the seeds this year, however.

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27th December 1985

Dear Rector,

I hope that your Christmas was as happy and fulfilling as those I recall from pre-war days used to be in Harbury Church. It's a couple of years now since I was in the parish, but it's still much in my mind, particularly since a party I attended up here just before Christmas. In fact, the details might make a story for your parish magazine which I still hold up as a shining example of what such vitally important publications should be. If you think so, perhaps you could pass it on to the editor. It happened like this.

Just before Christmas, a party to celebrate the 21st birthday of a former Harbury girl, was held at the Old Rectory, Silecroft, near Millom in South West Cumbria, brought together a family group which between them represented every decade of the present century in the life of Harbury. And every one had an association through christenings, weddings, deaths, with All Saints' Doyenne of the occasion was Mrs. Winifred Kitchener, now a sprightly 85, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cleaver. Mr. Cleaver was a notable Harbury churchworker and was for some years a churchwarden, as was also Mrs. Kitchener's late husband, William. Next in line was her son, David, now an officer in the RAF and stationed in Carlisle, and who is married to Judith, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Shields, who for many years kept the Dog Inn in the centre of the village. They now live at the Old Rectory, Silecroft, and Charles is in his seventies. Parallel with them, as it were, was Mr. Alick Cleaver, who was the first server at Harbury church before the war during the vicariate of the Rev. A.F. Capps. He, incidentally, was christened by the Rev. Beardsworth, whose widow was a frequent visitor to the village long after her husband had died. Alick was godfather to David, again just before the war.

Next came David's daughter Joanne who was celebrating her 21st birthday. She was until a few months ago, working for BNFL at Sellafield before going to Liverpool University to study engineering. Also present was Yvonne Phythian, sister of David and daughter of Winifred who is married to a Lancaster headmaster and was bridesmaid at Alick's wedding in 1939. She had brought her two daughters June and Anne, one a staff nurse and the other a physiotherapist. Finally, having driven up from the Midlands

specially, was Rex Wheatley, who now lives in Whitnash, and is brother-in-law of Mrs. Shields (better known to some perhaps as Nita Povey - or is that going back too far?)

And what did they all talk about? Harbury.

Just as an afterthought, a friend of David's was also present. He came originally from Kimbolton and had, only a few weeks previously, driven through Harbury. Oddly enough, he knew a branch of the Harbury family of Farley (formerly of the Manor House and for whom Alick's father, Ernest, worked for many years who originated from Kimbolton.

I'm sorry if all this is complicated, but then families always are, and short of drawing up a family tree, I can't get it all over. I shudder to claim "Is this a record?" but in some odd way I think it must be.

Again, all good wishes to the Church. I hope again to visit it, but as I am staring 70 in the face next year, such trips are getting fewer and harder to make.

Yours sincerely,

Alick E. Cleaver.

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