

Harbury & Ladbroke News

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SUNDAY SERVICES

HARBURY

Holy Communion - 8.00am

Sung Eucharist - 10.30am

Evensong - 6.30pm (not 3rd Sunday)

LADBROKE

Holy Communion (with Hymns) - 9.00am

1st Sunday: Family Worship - 11.00am

Communion - 11.45am

3rd Sunday: Evensong - 6.30pm (Summer) - 3.30pm (Winter)

Please see notice board in Church for weekday services or revised times on special occasions.

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HAD A BUMP?



Photo by Mike Bloxham

We are running into Summer, as our feature picture shows. The runners in the NSPCC Fun Run actually seem to be taking it very seriously indeed. As the Duke of Wellington said about his soldiers 'I don't know about the enemy but they terrify me'. Seriously though in spite of a dreadful Spring, it really begins to feel like Summer.

The NSPCC Fun Run was followed by Sport Aid, and Harbury played its part thanks to the energetic organisation of Kay Pallot and the Youth Club members. But June brings the Carnival and the Pony Show, both major fund raising events, but also really enjoyable occasions. The Summer also brings examinations and we wish our young people every success and steady nerves.

Ladbroke's Parish Meeting report shows a lively and thriving community. Francis Badman has been elected to a further term of Office as Chairman of Ladbroke Parish Council while Keith Thompson has taken over from Sharon Hancock at Harbury. Our thanks and best wishes to all three.

HARBURY DIARY

JUNE 1986

Sun 1st

PENTECOST II 8 am Holy Communion, 10.30 am Sung
Eucharist, 6.30 pm Evensong

Mon 2nd

Carnival Sports at Recreation Grounds

Word of God 8 pm at The Spiers

Prayer & Praise 16 Binswood End

Prayer/Bible Study 8 The Beeches

Tues 3rd

Village Hall Committee 8 pm Village Hall

Senior Citizens Committee 8.30 pm V. Hall

Baptism Visiting Meeting 8.30 pm 5 Mill Street

WAYC Swimming Gala at Leamington

Wed 4th

Mothers Union 2.15 pm Village Hall

Youth Club in Village Hall

Parish Study Course 8.15 pm 13 Mill St (Luke)

Coventry Mimmers Perform 8.15 - 9 pm The Dog

9.15 - 10 pm The Gamecock

Thurs 5th

M.U. Corporate Communion 9.45 am

????Mystery Tour???? 7.30 pm from Wight School

Entrance fee which includes food 40p Adults 70p

Men's Society at 19 The Beeches 7.45 pm

Folk Club in Lounge Old New Inn 8.30 pm

Sat 7th

GRAND CARNIVAL AND FETE Procession moves off 1.1

Sutcliffe Pastures Grand Opening 2 pm TOWN CRIER

Grand Carnival Draw 3.50 pm by Debbie Ellis

Carnival Dance 8.30 pm (See advert)

Sun 8th

PENTECOST III 8 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Sung

Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong

Free Church Service 2.30 Rev. Trevor Beardsall

Sunday Swimming commences. School Pool.

Mon 9th

Prayer/Bible Study 8 pm 8 The Beeches

Prayer & Praise Old Mill House, Mill Lane

Tues 10th

Harbury Friends 8 pm in School

Wed 11th

ST. BARNABAS THE APOSTLE 7.30 pm Holy Communion

Parochial Church Council 8.15 pm

Thurs 12th

Thursday Club 2.30 pm in Village Hall

WI 7.45 pm in V. Hall Make Up Demo.

Fri 13th

Theatre Group Meeting 8 pm Wight School

Sat 14th

Jumble Sale & Cake Stall in aid of Cystic Fibrosis

2 pm at Wight School

Youth Club Disco V. Hall (for V. Hall Door Fund)

Sun 15th

PENTECOST IV 8 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Sung

Eucharist (Adventurers attend - no Adventurers

class at 11.30 today) During the week there

will be NO service on Tues Evening at 7.30 or

Friday morning at 7 am.

Sun	15th	Free Church Outing to Northend 2.30 pm V. Hall
Mon	16th	Word of God 8 pm at 23 Neales Close Prayer & Praise 17 Farm Street
Tues	17th	M.U. Trip to Salisbury Horticultural Soc. trip to Luddington 6.30 V.H
Thurs	19th	Whist Drive Village Hall 7.45 pm
Sat	21st	Whist Drive Harbury Club 8 pm
Sun	22nd	PENTECOST V 9 am at Ladbroke Sung Eucharist and Parish Breakfast 6.30 pm Holy Communion wish Hymns Conservative's Garden Party Temple House 12 noon Harbury Pony Show at Recreation Grounds Battle of Southam with Sealed Knot in aid of Pool Funds
Mon	23rd	Prayer/Bible Study 8 pm 77 Mill Street EMEB Sales Promotion in V. Hall P.M.
Tues	24th	THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST 7.30 pm Holy Communion
Wed	25th	Senior Citizens Outing to Weymouth
Thurs	26th	Thursday Club 2.30 pm in Village Hall Young Wives 2 pm in Village Hall Parish Council 7.30 pm Village Hall
Sat	28th	Southam School Barbeque & Disco 8 pm (see ad)
Sun	29th	ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN JULY HARBURY NEWS TO EDITORS BY TODAY PLEASE ST PETER THE APOSTLE (PENTECOST VI) 8 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Sung Eucharist CentralArea Youth Council 'Getting to Know You Day' Warwick "For Your Pleasue on a Summer's Evening"- conc- ert in the grounds of The Old Rectory at Ladbroke 7.30 pm

JULY 1986

Wed	2nd	Mothers Union 2.15 pm in Village Hall
Thurs	3rd	ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE 9.45 am Holy Communion (M.U. Corporate Communion) Mens Society 9.45 pm Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn 8.30 pm
Sat	5th	Rugby Club Barbeque 7.30 pm
Mon	7th	Prayer/Bible Study 8 pm 8 The Beeches
Tues	8th	Harbury Friends 8 pm in School
Thurs	10th	Thursday Club 2.30 in Village Hall WI 7.45 in Village Hall
Sat	12th	Craft Circle in Village Hall Garden Walkabout

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.

YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 7.30 - 9.30pm Wednesdays

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.

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

For Wight School bookings, ring Mrs. Hayes - 6

REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LADBROKE

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

FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

At a special meeting of the PCC's of Harbury and Ladbroke held on May 20th, two Church Army members, Captain Andrew Smith and Captain Neil Thompson outlined the format of a Parish Mission and the part that they could play in leading such an endeavour. Since the Church Army, which is a Church of England organisation, lead and conduct a large number of missions every year, they have considerable expertise in helping to extend the Gospel message within parishes. Harbury PCC were enthusiastic about Captain Smith's approach and in principle, pending further discussion, agreed that a Parish Mission be held in Harbury in July of next year. More details as they come available.

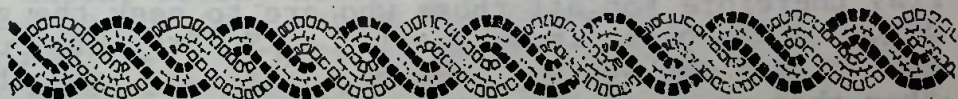
With most of her sponsorship money now in, the total raised by Jean Rowe on her ride to Canterbury stands at £960. This is a wonderful start to the 'facilities fund' - WELL DONE JEAN.

We wish our Organist Ken Norden and his family well as they move house from Radford Semele to Badby. Although his new home is considerably further away from Harbury, we are pleased that Ken will be able to play for us at our morning services - although we shall have to make alternative arrangements for Evensong.

Our thoughts and prayers will be with Stephen Rowe whose ordination takes place on 29th June. We wish him, and all who will be entering the ministry, a rewarding life in God's work.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Now that, hopefully, we have won our way to summer and to gardens full of flowers perhaps some new recruits could be persuaded to add their names to the list. It is just inside the church porch. If you would like to offer flowers rather than arrange them please contact either Margaret Rigden 612200 or Liz Bunting 612450.



FROM THE RECTOR

There are four times in the year when Ordination takes place. In Lent, at St. Peterstide, at Michealmas and in Advent. Before each Ordination, the Church is bidden to pray for the Ministry and we set aside special days and call them Ember Days. It has been suggested that the strange word 'Ember' could come from a corruption of the latin 'quatuor tempora' - the four seasons. Naturally at such a time when we pray, we think particularly of those about to be ordained, but also we should remember those in training, those already ordained and those who might just be wondering if God should be calling them to Ordination.

The other day I was reading a passage about the gift of the Holy Spirit and the author was comparing the view of a talented singer and the task he has to accomplish with that of the task of a priest.

The singer's view was this:-

'Whenever I look at an audience, I recall that I am not there to express myself or to impress others by making noises. On behalf of everyone present, I have to render articulate things that are stirring in every heart, but which without me would have no point of focus. Without the aspirations of the listeners I am powerless to kindle a flame as a burning glass on a sunless day'.

The author of the passage says that what is true of the singer is also true of the priest.

'It is the priest's office so to read the words before him that they awaken in those for whom he ministers an awareness of those theological truths which are the substance of the Christian faith; that they evoke a response to those truths of a sort which might, perhaps would, lie dormant were it not for his ministry'.

If this is true, and I believe it to be, how humble it is for both singer and priest. Moreover, how essential it is to pray for our clergy at Embertide

Pray therefore for all those who are to seek the gift of the Holy Spirit in Ordination on Sunday 29th June St. Peter's Day and may the Holy Spirit so work through them that those to whom they shall minister shall be blessed and strengthened in their faith.

Ember Days: Wednesday 25th Friday 27th and
Saturday 28th June.

Holy Baptism: 1st April Rachael Helen Elizabeth
daughter of Mark Gordon Timothy and
Catherine Anne Buckingham NICHOLLS,
of 198 Gretna Road, Coventry.

Funeral 2nd May Raymond Percy Biddle formerly
of Harbury.

The Confirmation

The Bishop of Warwick, the Rt. Rev. Keith Arnold
confirmed those listed below on Sunday 11th May at
All Saints' Harbury.



Young People:- James Philip Butler (Ladbroke),
Gillian Laura Dodds, Ceri Lea Edwards, Adrian John
Exton, Jeremy Edward Hayes, Sarah Jane Knight, Lynne
Anne Spencer, Robert Ian Woodward.

Adults:- Florence Lilian and Thomas Martin Marsh
Elizabeth Poupard.

Mrs. Betty Knappe also on this occasion publically
renewed her vows. Please remember them all constantly
in your prayers.

THE ROGATION SUNDAY SERVICE

Buffeted by wind and eventually damped by rain, the service took place at Deppers' Bridge on Sunday 4th May. Undaunted we sang our hymns, lead by the Salvation Army, listened as the Word of God was read and in our prayers asked God's blessing on the sowing and planting of this year and on all the work of the people of our parishes. Then as the service came to an end, we did not scurry away, but were refreshed and delighted with lots of hot tea and cakes generously provided and served by a team of ladies from Deppers Bridge. We record our most thankful appreciation of their kindness.



LADBROKE NEWS

JUNE DIARY

Sun	1st	PENTECOST II 9 am Holy Communion (Said) 11 am Family Worship
Wed	4th	Holy Communion 10.30 am
Thurs	5th	7.30 pm Meeting in Church planning 'Flowers in a Country Church' for September
Sun	8th	PENTECOST III 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns (according to Book of Common Prayer)
Wed	11th	ST BARNABAS THE APOSTLE 10.30 am Holy Communion Women's Fellowship 2.30 pm
Sun	15th	PENTECOST IV 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns 6.30 pm Evensong
	17th	Parish Council
	18th	Holy Communion 10.30 am
	22nd	PENTECOST V 9 am Sung Eucharist & Parish Breakfast at Ladbroke
	25th	10.30 am Holy Communion (commemorating the nation of St. John the Baptist. Book of Common Prayer Rite)

Thurs 26th Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.
 Sun 29th ST PETER THE APOSTLE 9 am Holy Communion with
 Hymns 6.30 pm Simple Evensong
 7.30 pm 'For your Pleasure on a Summer Evening'
 Concert in the grounds of The Old Rectory.

JULY

Wed 2nd Holy Communion 10.30 am

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA:- June 8th Mrs. Garner: June 15th Mrs.
 Winkfield: June 22nd (Parish Breakfast) Mrs. Badman: June 29th
 Mrs. Greenway: July 6th Mrs. White.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting in May started with a service in church taken by the Rector. As it was St. Matthias Day, he spoke about the saint, and also about The Ascension as Ascension Day had been the previous week. We were pleased to have Mrs. Muriel Brown and Miss Mary Conlan with us at the service.

Afterwards we went to Mary's home in Southam where she gave us tea which included strawberries & cream. This made us think that Summer must be near! We are having a stall on 6th August at the W.I. Coffee Morning in the Village Hall. This will be for cakes jam etc. The meeting on 11th June will be at 2.30 pm at the home of Mrs. Betty Winkfield, when we are looking forward to hearing about her son Douglas' visit to Australia on a student exchange scheme.

NANCY STUBBS

PARISH COUNCIL - 21st May

Mr. F. Badman and Mr. T. Sheasby were re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the coming year. Following Mr. N. Justice's complaint about the difficult state of Ladbroke's footpath, an inspection had been held with the appropriate authority and the difficulties are to be rectified by bridges and re-positioning of stiles. Furthermore the verge on the edge of the footpath between the Church and Bridge Lane is to be repaired and hopefully kerbed.

Mr. Badman and Mr. Sheasby had visited the residents of Chapel Ascote, Watergall, Wills Pastures and Hodnell and all had been against the proposed boundary merger with Bishops Itchington and would prefer to be linked with Ladbroke. This information is to be passed on to the Boundary Commission. The Council had received a letter regarding the lack of access

across Windmill Lane at the Bypass and it has been suggested that the adjoining footpath be moved, rather than establish a new right of way. As there was not time to discuss this issue, it would go forward to the next meeting. Work on the total replacement of the bridge in the middle of the village is to start in September and may take two months to complete. In conclusion Mrs. B. Williamson asked about the possibility of erecting a 'no through road' sign at the end of Windmill Lane as residents were being disturbed by unnecessary traffic. Next meeting 19th June.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Apparently Ladbroke has the highest percentage of population to attend these meetings in the County and certainly this year proved no exception. The meeting began with the Parish Council Report. The Chairman Mr. F. Badman reported a quiet year after all the excitement of the Bypass, the only related issue still not settled was the lack of an appropriate Access at Windmill Lane, but this matter was in hand. It was interesting to hear the reasons given by the Secretary of State for not allowing a bungalow to be built in Bridge Lane. He stated that Ladbroke was not in a growth area and any new building on a site outside the established built up area would be an 'undesirable intrusion'. Efforts had been made to create a Playground on the Common land known as 'Penfold Green' in Windmill Lane but this had not been possible as play areas are required to be fenced and no fences are allowed on common land.

Mr. J. Garner then gave the Annual Report on behalf of the Alibane Trust. He commented that due to efficiency of Mr. A. Stubbs affairs are in good order and the trust is able to disperse £350 to each set of trustees.

County Councillor Mr. Spencer-White, and District Councillors Mr. Attwood and Mr. Reading all addressed the meeting and then Mr. M. Todman gave the Annual Report of the Village Hall Committee. He reported a most successful year both financially and improvement-wise! Expenditure had been fairly heavy, due to the new entrance hall committee room and the new car park. He felt that now the Hall needed a storeroom to store equipment and the ditch

The side of the hall needs filling in with hardcore

(if you have any please contact Committee Members Ron Smith or Stan Greenway). Mr. M. Todman, Mrs. J. Tomlin and Mr. D. Wilson declined to stand for re-election and Mrs. P. Teverson, Mr. E. Haggard and Mr. A. Timms are to take their places. The Rector, Canon Rowe then reported on Church Affairs and said, that except at the main Church Festivals, attendances at Ladbroke had been disappointing at times, particularly at the monthly Family Services. Being such an ancient church, many structural repairs were needed and at the moment the Community services were repairing the plaster. The Rector was very glad about the success of the Youth Club, but was concerned about the lack of adequate Christian teaching for the young people of the village.

Mrs. Gould spoke most entertainingly about the year's events of the Women's Institute. Mr. M. Jerome gave the first report for the newly formed Ladbroke Youth Club, which has 21 members in the 12-16 age range. They had been able to purchase some equipment and on fine evenings had been kindly offered the use of Mr. & Mrs. Winkfield's field for cricket or rounders. It was hoped to form a Junior club shortly to provide continuity.

The Rector gave a brief report on the progress of the village festival and Mr. Badman commented that he thought the festival would be good for village spirit and we should help any way we can.

Dr. J. Liverton gave the final report of the Village Appraisal Booklet, at least £40 profit had been made and he asked for suggestions on how this money should now be spent. The Meeting approved the idea to plant bulbs in selected spots throughout the village.

The Cream Teas which were held in the Village Hall raised £50 for the Southam Swimming Pool (see photo of future Ladbroke swimmers in the Village Hall).

More money was needed before 1st July and it was hoped that an organisation within the village might be able to organise a further fund-raising event. Concern was expressed at Midland Red withdrawing all services to Ladbroke. Catteralls were proposing to provide a service which would leave Ladbroke at 6.45 am returning at 6 pm! - not a very satisfactory arrangement!

A collection was taken for the Playbus which raised £18.10p and finally it was decided to enter the Best

Kept Village
Competition next year.

After sitting on a
Village Hall chair
for three hours
eight minutes, I'd
like to suggest some
more luxurious seating
arrangements!

KATE LIVERTON.



DEPPERS BRIDGE FARM

"Ladbroke: The Village" records that originally there were two manor houses in Ladbroke, one of which still exists, and is known today as Deppers Bridge Farm. Over the centuries, this beautiful farmhouse has known many changes and many owners: for some years in the sixteenth century it was the home of Mary, Duchess of Richmond and Somerset, who had been betrothed to Henry VIII's illegitimate son; more recently it has been attached to a Stud Farm.

However, the Spring Bank Holiday weekend sees the start of a new and very interesting phase in the farm's existence: its owners, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Tiedeman and their young son, Joe, now run the farm as a working smallholding, producing naturally reared pork, lamb and poultry, organically grown vegetables, and chemical-free meadow hay, besides stocking organic garden products. The livestock on the farm feature many Rare Breeds, and from the Spring Bank Holiday, the public will be able to visit on four days a week, (Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday, plus Bank Holiday Mondays,) to see these unusual animals and poultry in their natural surroundings. There are Pygmy Goats; Wiltshire and Shropshire Sheep; Tamworth and Gloucester Old Spot Pigs; Chickens with such endearing names as Cuckoo, Mrs. White, Silkies, Scots Dumpies, Egyptian Fayoumis, Rhode Island Reds, Marans and G-Links;

ducks such as Indian Runners, Buff Orpingtons, Muscovies and Aylesburys. Plans are well underway to include a small museum, a nature trail and a picnic area, and visits from school groups and play-groups are welcomed, (if arranged in advance!) The emphasis will be on children handling some animals for themselves, so that they have a real chance to learn about, and enjoy these unusual breeds. To my knowledge, this is the first time that there has been such a venture in Ladbroke, or the vicinity and we wish it every success.

C.A.T.

HARBURY ADVENTURERS

We recently celebrated our sixth birthday with a treasure hunt and service in Church. Fifteen members and three leaders braved the rain to do the treasure hunt which was won, by a small margin, by William and James Stringer. The Minis treasure hunt was won by the blue team of Helen Ball, Stephen Cadogan and Rebecca Okell. All members came together to enjoy "soggy" barbecue and our thanks go to Charles Catt for organising the treasure hunt.

At our birthday service the Rev. David Beardshaw gave us a lively story on the power of the Holy Spirit. For the first time we gave two presentation for 150 attendances and we congratulate Sarah Gee and Fiona Szolnoki on their regular attendance during the past eight years. Also for the first time we used our new overhead projector at this service. We were able to buy this through generous monetary gifts from various sources and we have also been gifted with 25 new Bibles for use in class. We are thankful for these gifts which we know will help us in our teaching.

On Sunday 15th June we shall be attending and taking part in the morning service at 10.30 am in Church. We would like all members to attend and there will be no class at 11.30 am. We hope parents and friends will also be there in support.

SHIRLEY KEIR

FREE CHURCH OUTING

The Free Church Outing is on 15th June when we shall be visiting Northend Methodist Chapel for their anniversary service at 6 pm. There will be a visiting American Preacher and they hope for a good congregation. We plan to have a walk and a picnic (bring your own food) on the Burton Dassett hills beforehand, so please meet at the village hall car-park at 2.30 pm. If you need a lift or are prepared to give one please let me know and we can make arrangements.

Our next Free Church Service in Harbury Parish Church is on Sunday 8th June at 2.30 pm. The preacher is Rev. Trevor Beardsall from Dale Street Methodist Church.

S. JACKSON 612615

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

During this period £298.95 was collected in Harbury and £62.15 in Ladbroke. A splendid result and to contributors and collectors alike - a very warm thank you.

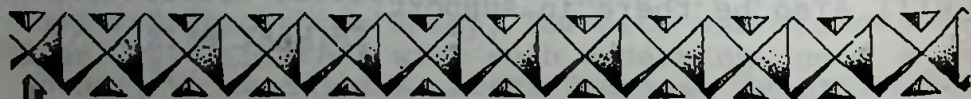
R.G.H.

AMY

Thank you very much for ther overwhelming support for the coffee morning I had recently for the fund to help Amy go for assessment for treatment in Hungary. Thanks to your generosity I was able to send the staggering sum of £160 to the fund. Amy, her parents and her 5 month old brother left for Budapest on May 25th and will have 2 weeks at the Peto Institute for children with cerebral palsy. The initial target of £1000 has been reached, but fund raising is continuing, to enable Amy to return to Hungary if she is accepted for treatment.

Mr. & Mrs. Clennell, and Mrs. Allen (the fund organisers) have asked me to convey their grateful thanks for so much generosity.

M.S.H.





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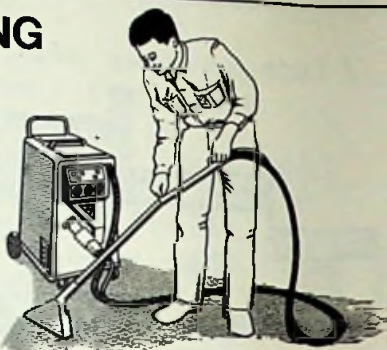
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HARBURY SCHOOL

The 4th Year's trip to Wales.

The coach arrived at Harbury School at about 9 am on Saturday 26th April and all of us were very excited about going to Wales.

We finally arrived in Fairbourne at about 2 pm. When the coach stopped, we thought that we were there, but we had to walk $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile until we got to the hall! The Hall was situated in beautiful mountainous surroundings and the Hall itself was just like a large house. In the afternoon we explored the grounds and assault course.

The day after our arrival we went on a 10 mile hike over Craig-cum-Llwyd to Cregannan Lakes, and back again. On Monday we went by train to Harlech Castle and on to the Slate Caverns where we had lunch, and then a guided tour. On Tuesday we set off by minibus for the Nature Information Centre at Permaenpool. It was closed so we walked along a disused railway line, that runs along the edge of the estuary, then over the toll bridge to Barmouth where we made pictures on the beach using unusual materials. Then we went on to the RNLI station and its museum and shop. On Wednesday we visited the Centre for Alternative Technology, which has many interesting energy-saving ideas. Afterwards we went to Castell-y-Bere, a castle built in the 13th century. On Thursday, we went to Llangwrit for a sea-shore study and enjoyed ourselves with the crabs and the rockpools. After lunch we went to Dolgoch Falls by the narrow gauge Tal-y-Llyn railway. After a last minute shop on Friday we gave our thanks to the staff at Panteincon Hall and left for Harbury. Back home we were secretly wishing we could do it all again.

I'd just like to say 'thanks' to Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Barr Mrs. Wallington and especially Mr. Crawshaw (who arranged most of it) for a great holiday.

CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT aged 12

West Midlands Schools Technology Forum

Fourteen of the children of the 4th year at Harbury School entered the annual Schools Technology Forum at Birmingham University on Wednesday 14th May. They had to design and construct solutions to problems including a hovercraft which travelled a set distance

in a straight line powered by a balloon, and a device to carry a cream egg over a ravine, and a mechanism to operate a greenhouse window thermostatically. Entries came from a wide area of the Midlands - Harbury's contributions were highly commended. FIONA SZOLNOKI and KATHRYN McDONALD won two out of the five cash prizes provided, and Fiona's hovercraft was the only entry in its section, as other schools failed to solve the problem!

NIGEL CHAPMAN
(Deputy Head)

HARBURY P.T.A.

The FAMILY DAY (Sunday 11th May) was extremely successful. A tremendous turnout of 70 took part in the two walks, a long one and a shorter one along a disused railway track, the canalside and across footpaths around Long Itchington. At the excellent lunch at the Green Man it was delightful to see all of the families together, enjoying themselves. A day worth repeating.

A Sponsored Walk in aid of Books for the School Library took place on Saturday 12th May between 9 and 11 am but finished earlier than planned due to wet weather. 144 children, some bringing their parents along walked a total of 765 miles. They are all to be congratulated for an excellent effort. For the record.

Middle School - 11 miles: Mark Hayes 10 miles: Jonathan Brett, Christopher Wright, Richard Mills 9 miles: Simon Wurr, Paul Tasker, Matthew Black, Stuart McVarish, James Tancock, Duncan Szolnoki, Victoria Hayes, Rupert Neill, Glyn Jones, Simon Lapraik, Stuart Barnes, Stefan Whatcott.

First School - 9 miles: Dominic Travis, Colin Rowell 8 miles: Matthew Knight, Lee Carter, 7 miles: Jenny Pidgeon 6 miles: Vicky Hayes, Robert Andrews, Anna Pidgeon, Alison Szolnoki, Christopher Mulligan, Timothy Wurr 5 miles: Helen Winter, Alex Wade, Andrew Haggitt, Peter Evans, Andrew Daniels, Stephen Baker, Nigel Harrison, Emma Harrison.

It wishes to Nigel & Emma bound for Kenilworth on 1st May.

Current projects include a Natural Pool to help with studies, to be constructed at the school, and voluntary digging will be needed as soon as permission is

given from the County Architects Dept. The Hall/ Stage Lights project is progressing well with approval being sought so that work can begin during the summer.

The Art & Crafts Evening (25th June) has been cancelled.

Sunday Swimming in the school pool will begin from 8th June and it is intended to open again for the first full week of the Summer Holidays. Helpers are wanted to supervise so the extent of use will depend upon volunteers coming forward. If you are willing to help please contact Mr. Colin Oliver or any committee member.

"Jeoff Hackett and Majic Rantabout" will be the attraction at the Barbecue & Barn Dance tickets at £3.50 will be in short supply so please book early for Saturday 12th July.

Look our for the P.T.A. Float on Carnival Day this month.

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Mr. & Mrs. Griffiths
Mr. & Mrs. Edwards.

KEN STEPHENSON

AN ENTERPRISING SUCCESS

The evening of 8th May saw the culmination of efforts throughout the past few months for nine "companies" participating in the Warwickshire area in the Young Enterprise Presentations held at the Sports and Social Club at the Talbot Car Works, Ryton. The Young Enterprise scheme allows an opportunity for 16-19 year olds to experience the organisation and running of a company involving the distribution of shares and the selling of products with the eventual aim of making a profit.

Congratulations are due to Southam School and the 22 members of their company aptly named 'Frontrunner' who were sponsored by 'Budgen'.

Events began back in September 1985 for the young achievers as a series of products and services were launched, namely cosmetic bags, calendars, Christmas candle holders, discos for the local community and a tuck shop service for the sixth form.

Their long hours of commitment to meet the expected demand of their first public event took place at the

18. Victorian Evening in Warwick in December. February saw the commencement of modern style clock production—a risky venture involving most of the company's share capital and profits. This was to be a worthwhile investment resulting in their financial success with share prices having risen from 25p to approx £1.00. Each member took a voluntary examination of which they all passed including 11 merits and one member, Joanna Noble (Southam) obtained the highest marks in the county. This has entitled her to a prize of a flight on Concord that will be flying over the Royal Show in July.



'Frontrunners' efforts were commendable and justly rewarded by the winning of the best product (cosmetic bag) and the best presented stall at the Young Enterprise Trade Fair held in Coventry Cathedral on 6th May. Based on these achievements, the final year's report and the examination results 'Frontrunners' won the title of Best Company in the Warwickshire area and have been submitted for the National Competition which takes place in July.

H.W.

HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

Well it looks as if Harbury Youth Club is well and truly on its way. In spite of a limited turnout, 7th May saw the A.G.M. of the Youth Club with the resignation of the Steering Committee and the election of a new Management Committee. We would like to thank the original members and welcome the new faces. On 12th May the officers for the coming year were elected. Andy Cowan was returned as the new Chairman other officers elected as follows:- Wendy Knowles Vice-chairman/Treasurer, Jean Dunn Secretary, Bill Chalmers Treasurer, Thelma Gulliver Membership Sec. and Brian Ingram Village Hall Liason.

With our expanding range of games equipment we have been pleased to see attendances at our club evenings in the region on 70-80 teenagers, with the games being utilised to the full.

A party went successfully to Solihull Rink for an evening of ice skating. Our monthly disco evening passed without any problems with 200 or so teenagers attending. On this basis we look forward to many more Saturday nights. However we need 4 or 5 adults in attendance and it does seem to be the same few turning out every time. How about a few new volunteers?

With June being the start of the exam season we have not planned any ventures for this month, but club nights and disco will be as usual.

Several intrepid souls have been braving the elements to qualify as helmsmen on the proposed canal boat jaunts. Up to now firm bookings for this venture are a bit sparse, and it would be a shame to lose this opportunity for a few days fun afloat. For £10 we will feed you, give you a bed, and teach you a thing or two about canal boating. Don't be shy, book now, none of the captains are called Bligh!

Talent Show - our gifted drama members put on a play they had written themselves set on the 'Lunar Enterprise' inaugural passenger flight to the moon, and Madonna (Debbie Ellis) and disco dancer Louise gave a dramatic musical performance to a capacity audience. Thanks to all who supported this event. The drama group were invited to perform to the Warwick PHAB Club (Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied) and joined in a special drama workshop afterwards.

20. Training events - May 10/11th. Canadian Canoe leader ship training Sarah Bunting & Stephen Phillips.
Canalboat training - Mrs. Rosemary Ottewill, Jon Walt-

Sports Aid - May 25th Gala Fun Sunday. Over £500 raised. Thank you to all those who participated in Sports Aid to help with this International effort.

Congratulations to our new netball team who won the WAYC tournament and are through to the next round!

Remember it's your club, the Youth Committee would like to hear of any ideas you might have for new equipment, ventures or expeditions. Talk to them, everything will be given consideration.

Bye for Now ROY PHILLIPS

N.S.P.C.C. FUN RUN - May 10th

Despite clashing this year with the F.A. Cup Final, 125 runners turned up for the 2½ mile course around the village. The weather settled fair, if windy and we knew we were in for another good event, when so many of the keener runners as well as the walkers roller skaters and pram-pushers limbered up for the off.

As always, P.C. Tim Percival led the runners round and saw all safely in before dashing back for the second half from Wembley.

Recent recovery from their London Marathon brought a record time from John Hancock in 11 mins 55 secs, followed closely by Trevor Montague only 3 seconds behind, making this probably the best race we have had so far.

Thanks to all who gave up their time to take part and especially the numerous marshalls who ensured another safe day. All finishers, and that was virtually everyone who started, should have by now received a certificate.

We don't set out on this event to make a lot of money, just to have fun, but the net result of over £60 to N.S.P.C.C. funds is gratefully received.

See you all next year.

R.E.W.

SOUTHAM AREA SWIMMING POOL ASSOCIATION

£20,000 required by 1st July.

Our final fund raising event will be a re-enactment of the Battle of Southam on Sunday 22nd June. Thanks to your generosity our target is in sight but we must have a good day on the 22nd. Do try to come and watch the 'Trayne of Artillerye' show you how it was done in 1642. The venue Southam Football Club at 2.30 pm. Admission £1 per family or 50p with programme.

All being well work will commence on the pool, Welsh Road West, Southam in Autumn 1986 and we'll be splashing about in it the following year.

J.L.H.

HARBURY CARNIVAL

Carnival time is here again - let's hope for good weather so that we can all enjoy ourselves on the 7th.

Full details of the times of all events are in your programme, obtainable in the village or from committee members who will be door to door selling.

To start the ball rolling, the Children's Sports and Cross Country Event will take place on Sunday 1st June - do come along, as it's a very enjoyable event for all the family.

On Carnival Day itself the fun starts with the procession around the village, leaving from Sutcliffe Drive at 1.30 pm. The Fete, with many attractions and sideshows will open at 2 pm on the Recreation Ground. At the same time, for the enthusiasts, a Carnival Day Clay Pigeon Shoot starts at Hill Farm Ufton. There will be a final chance to buy Raffle tickets early in the afternoon at the Fete and the Draw will be made at 3.50 pm. Many villagers have kindly undertaken to sell tickets for the Raffle - please remember to return the counterfoils and any unsold tickets to your distributor or to Helen Taylor direct by Thursday 5th June at the latest.

Finally if you are spring cleaning the house, don't throw anything away - yet - the Theatre Group will

be collecting for the Steptoe Stall and for the clothing stall.

J.C.

Carnival Committee

SCOUTS AND GUIDES SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Grateful thanks to the retiring members of the Fund Raising Committee - Sue Jones, Ann Mayer, Bob and Jean Dunn - who have all worked extremely hard over many years. Thank you also to Ken Hughes, who has retired as Chairman, but remains on the Committee. Ken was elected in July 1978 (if the Minute Book is to be believed) and has been slogging away ever since. Long may he continue! Thanks also due to Wendy Stubbs.

The new Committee is:- Brian Ingram (Chairman), June Luke (Deputy Chairman), John Hunt (Treasurer), Janet Watts (Secretary), Paul Exton, Anne Glaze, Muriel Grey, Jo House, Ken Hughes, John Kemsley, Ken Stephenson, Jo Tancock, Mike Pallot (Group Leader).

A BARBEQUE in the garden of Kingston House, by kind invitation of Brian and Susan Ingram, will be held on Friday 18th July starting at 7 pm. Tickets available soon.

The newspaper collection is a major fund raiser and efforts are being made to ensure that every road in the village has someone collecting papers regularly. Please volunteer to John Kemsley - the more names on the rota the better. Thank you to everyone who saves papers; and if you have not done so before, please start now. Committee members will arrange special collections for large quantities.

J.W.

HARBURY FOOTBALL CLUB

Harbury AFC were promoted at the end of last season. Their run of success has continued, and after another very good season they have finished in the top four of Division One. There were notable performances from Andy Hopkins, George Bryers, Lee Williams and Terry Sheasby, while John Luke, Colin Sheasby and Ian Lowe have provided the goals. There is little doubt that Harbury can look forward to another good season. The Reserves have also done well, winning more games

than they have lost. In particular goalkeeper Allan Merrick has played some outstanding games. Our correspondent - we won't mention your name Les - says that since some of the older players are well past their prime, there is a real need for some of the younger village lads to join the Club.

I.T.J.

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

The wandering boys have played two games so far this season. The first game was against Stockton and Harbury lost in spite of a good bowling performance. The old faithfuls performed well with Les Sollis taking 6 for 34 and Brian Wallington 2 for 26. Stockton were all out for 76 but Harbury could only manage 46 runs in reply with Dick Wright scoring 16.

Greater success against Mollington with Harbury scoring 75. Dick Wright with a capable 31 runs and Ian Lowe 11. Mollington were dismissed for 47 with Brian Wallington taking a creditable 6 for 19, Ian Lowe 2 for 17 and Wilf Morris 2 for 6. Our correspondent - who wishes to remain nameless as well as anonymous - says that newcomer Dick Wright has made a good start. Concern centres round Ian Holroyd who is said to be finding it difficult to get into the side, and is suspected of having both age and weight problems! Our correspondent is also worried about the form of skipper Gary Lowe, but dare not say anything in public in case he gets dropped.

Fixtures for June - all away.

June 1st Bishops Itchington

" 15th Kenilworth

" 29th Flecknoe

PLAYSCHEME '86

Once again we are asking for support for a play-scheme this year. Offers of help, equipment or just ideas will be gratefully appreciated. It will run for two weeks, mornings only, for 5-12 year olds, from 28th July - 1st August and 4th August - 8th August. If you can help in any way please contact Jill Cadogan (613503), Jean Champ (613698) or Jo Tancock (613280).

The possibility of having an afternoon playscheme for the older ones (9-14 years) for the same afternoons, is being discussed. This will go ahead subject to sufficient helpers coming forward. Please telephone 613270 if you can help in some way.

JILL CADOGAN

BABY CLINIC

Are you free on Wednesday afternoons?

If so perhaps you could help us. We need volunteers to join a rota to make tea and coffee for Mums attending the Baby Clinic at the Village Hall. It only involves a commitment of 2 hours (1.50 - 3.50 pm every two months.

If you can help we would be very glad to hear from you. Please contact:-

Clare Taylor
7 Park Lane,
Tel. 612477

or

Pat Riding
3 Neales Close
Tel. 612704

VILLAGE HALL

At the recent Village Hall Committee A.G.M. we welcomed three members of the public. During 1984-85 we received all the proceeds from the Carnival, following the wind up of the Recreation Ground Committee. Also to raise funds we have provided refreshments at the Garden Walkabout and Craft Fayres.

With the funds we have been able to completely refurbish the Gents toilets, and give some attention to the Ladies toilets. We have replaced a chipped worktop in the kitchen, and provided a new kettle. Mrs. Sollis, who continues to organise Monday evening Bingo sessions has been able to have a new microphone and speaker.

The proceeds from this years Carnival will go into the sinking fund for a new heating system which at the moment stands at about £3000. We hope to start work on this shortly.

We also hope to provide some lighting in the Car Park. The area in front of the Village Hall tends to get very congested and we are conscious that in and emergency this could be hazardous. We hope everyone will use the Car Park at the back in future.

Also in hand are the doors on the Playing Field sides of the hall. They are once more being replaced, this time with reinforced steel ones, which we hope will be more durable.

The Committee were elected En-bloc with the exception of our Booking Secretary who is on the point of leaving the village, and as yet no one has volunteered to replace him! Until we find a new recruit people wishing to hire the Hall are asked to phone our chairman Mrs. Keen 612561

SUE ANDREWS

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

On 1st May, the Folk Club featured Gerda in the guest spot with no fewer than twelve supporting singers and musicians, and another forty or so in the audience. As we have come to expect from Gerda, her songs were a pleasant mixture of old and new, accompanied and unaccompanied, but on this occasion she surprised us with a song with the concertina for the first time.

Among the other performers were Robin, whom we hadn't seen for several months, Roger, with some more whistle tunes, and John on the fiddle again. A rare treat was the singing of Sarah Williams with that amazing voice of hers and we had the regular treat of the Jug Band up to their usual tricks. Bonas made sure of a mention in the Harbury & Ladbroke News again when the male half - Pete and Barry - sang "Wild Mounting Time", a rustic parody of a traditional song! I should also note that one of our regular singers had the nerve to accompany himself with a pre-recorded backing but the audience were remarkably tolerant!

Next Thursday, on 5th June, we have our special Carnival edition and then the next meeting is the last one of the season, on 3rd July, starring

Kenilworth group, Romany Pie. The Folk Club starts at 8.30 pm in the Old New Inn Lounge and everyone is welcome - except for those who are more interested in talking than listening!

Look our for the Folk Club float in the Carnival.

PETER McDONALD 613730

MOTHERS UNION

At our May meeting Mrs. Lancaster talked about the life and work of Corrie ten Boom, a remarkable Dutch woman. She was born into a loving Christian family in Haarlem. Her father held bible studies for the whole family, in six languages. She became a watch repairer and when in her 30's started Christian clubs for teenage girls, and eventually mixed groups. She found the Lord was leading her to help "simple minded" young people saying 'the Holy Spirit does not need someone with a high I.Q.' When the war came her house was a safe house for Jews but she and her family were betrayed and taken first to prison and then to Ravensbruck concentration camp where her beloved sister died. She was able to smuggle the bible into the camp and organised prayer and bible study meetings using verse 10 of Corinthian as her inspiration - 'I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and difficulties for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.' After the war she opened refuges for lost souls. In her 60's she started travelling the world providing inspiration for many people, among them Billy Graham and obviously Mrs. Lancaster whose Christian faith was renewed by reading about this remarkable woman. Corrie ten Boom died in 1983 aged 91.

Our meeting on 4th June is in the Village Hall at 2.15 pm. We shall have a short AGM followed by a talk by Muriel Thomas who has recently retired as our Diocesan Secretary. Subscriptions are due at this meeting and members going to Salisbury on 17th June will need to bring a further £3.50.

The Bring & Buy at the last meeting raised £13.76 for the "away from it all" scheme.

S.K.

HARBURY W.I.

We were pleased to welcome several members of Ladbroke W.I. for the Resolutions Meeting in May, at the Rugby Club. Thanks were given to Mrs. Dorothy Noden and her daughter for purchasing the fabric for our new red tablecloths and whipping the ends for us.

We shall be having our usual cake stall at the Carnival on 7th June and would be grateful if cakes could be delivered to the Village Hall between 11am and 12 noon.

We welcomed Mrs. Celia Beaumont (County Chairman) who took the next part of the evening, helping to get our thoughts in order, ready to vote on several resolutions to be discussed at the W.I. National A.G.M. in London. Our delegate to the A.G.M. will be Mrs. Margaret Butler of Ladbroke.

Everyone then enjoyed a wine and cheese evening, during which special raffle tickets were sold for a prize of a framed picture, painted by Bertha Kettle - which was won by Jean Cowan. This raffle raised the grand total of £48 and will be sent to the Denman College Appeal towards the cost of repairs to Denman.

On 12th June there will be a make-up demonstration given by a Revlon specialist from Rackhams, to which all are welcome.

T. WADE

CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH TRUST

We are holding our JUMBLE SALE at the Wight School on Saturday 14th June at 2.00 pm (Outside, weather permitting).

We also hope to have a cake stall and a raffle.

If you have any jumble, bric-a-brac or white elephant items, or would be willing to donate a cake or raffle prize, please contact Barbara Andrews on Harbury 612857.



HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Once again the Theatre Group will be running the STEPTOE STALL at the Carnival on 7th June. During the week before the Carnival we will be calling at all homes in Harbury between 7 pm and 9.30 pm collecting for the stall so please have a good sort out, and have items for this event ready when we call.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 13th June in the Wight School at 8 pm. G.H.

A MURDER HAS BEEN ARRANGED

Harbury Theatre Group has given us some excellent evening's entertainment over the years, with a talented group of actors and remarkably resourceful producers and set designers. The best productions have I think been when they have risen to the challenge of a difficult but quality play, and the recent marvellous 'Bedroom Farce' springs to mind. The trouble with 'A Murder Has Been Arranged' written by a young Emlyn Williams is that it is a really awful play. The combined talents of Laurence Olivier, Peggy Ashcroft and Trevor Nunn would fail to make it a good evening in the theatre.

Everyone involved performed creditably and if the prompter was needed more than usual it simply proved the old theatre adage that good lines are easier to remember than bad ones. The few good lines in this play went to Janet Thornley as the cook and she made the most of them. Beryl Checkley gave her usual first-rate performance and Keith Hayes and Annette Hughes managed to inject some genuine spookiness into the last scene.

A lot of hardwork had gone in to the production of this play and I've no doubt the next play will be a more worthwhile vehicle for the group. I for one look forward to being there.

M.S.H.



HARBURY SOCIETY

The MYSTERY TOUR begins at 7.30 pm from the Wight School on Thursday 5th June and ends ??????

Entry fee of 40p with 70p for adults includes food and answers. Clues are cryptic and obvious. Only a little knowledge of the village is needed for most answers are glaringly obvious, when you know what they are!!!! Prizes for the best in both Children's and Adults sections will be presented at the Carnival; - where you should visit our Second-hand Jewellery Stall, pearls, crystals and sparkling brooches and one or two collectors items, all at a very reasonable price.

Despite the poor turn out last year we still intend to have our Picnic in July, so members should put Sunday 13th July pm in their diary and wait for more details.

Few people came to our Footpath Walks but the team is not daunted and continues with its literary work.

Chesterton Windmill is open on September 27th & 28th and once again we have been asked to provide people to help man it. Volunteers should contact me please on 612792.

See you all on Thursday 5th June 7.30 pm for the Mystery Tour you masochists!

LINDA

OYEZ - SOME BACKGROUND ON OUR CRIER

Four and a half years ago a gentelman lived and worked in Rugby. His job involved noisy G.E.C. turbines. He worked with another gentelman who was slightly deaf. These two circumstances combined to encourage him to increase the power of his voice. At about the same time, through reading a library book, a friend suggested he should be a Town Crier. So was born Rugby's Honorary Town Crier. Almost his first job was the Announcement of the Royal Birth - Prince William, which almost coincided with the birth of one of his own children.

During his Annual Holiday that year he knocked on the doors of various commercial establishments in the town to ask if they would provide money for a "Fine Hat, Fine Coat & Fine Breeches", anyone

who has met Andy Latham will not be surprised to know he raised the money - about £300 in 2½ hours.

He has been so busy in the intervening years that this Regalia is showing signs of wear and tear. A new one is being made at Rugby College of Further Education by a student who wants a Career in Theatrical Costume. From last month's 'News' you will know that he is now Harbury's Town Crier too. For his new Regalia he has asked for a badge of Harbury. Mrs. Bertha Kettle and Mrs. Carol Percival are designing and making one depicting the Windmill and Church.

Two years ago Andy came fifth in the World Championships held in Canada. Rugby town is twinned with Rugby, North Dakota. He acted as host to a visiting party of representatives from there. As you can imagine they were very impressed with this bit of "Old England". They have raised enough money to fly Andy and his family out there this summer to take part in their Centennial Celebrations, and when they found out that his daughter was a Brownie they reserved a place on the Brownie Float for their Carnival Procession.

There are 39 members of the Ancient and Honourable Guild of Town Criers in England today, and 1 in Scotland. Rugby had a Town Crier until 1907, but he died in the workhouse. The first one was appointed in the 15th century, he was also Toll Gate Master and Animal Inspector.

Andy does as much as he can for Municipal and Charitable organisations. He recently accompanied a group of wheelchair bound people who were "walking" from London to Doncaster. Between Rugby and Coventry he helped them to collect £302. He attends all kinds of functions by invitation, he opens shops and offices attends Carnivals, Fetes, Annual Dinners, pushes over piles of pennies collected for charity, he 'does' birthdays, anniversaries and Valentines. Indeed in 1984, a leap year, he actually proposed on behalf of a lady, too shy to do it herself.

Alison, his wife, thought that he had "flipped his lid" when he first told her of his new venture, mainly because she didn't know what was involved. Over the years they have derived a great deal of pleasure and

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Andy Latham is very grateful for his new appointment as Harbury's Town Crier and he says he will do his utmost to serve the people well. If you would like him to attend or publicise an event, please contact him on Rugby 79810.

SUE ANDREWS

CROSSROADS CARE ATTENDANT SCHEME

Many people do not realise that the television serial and the Care Attendant Scheme are connected - but they are. Briefly, it involved a true story being written into the Crossroads programme, the story of a young physically disabled man, living in Warwickshire, at home with his mother. As with so many carers, the right help was not available at the right time. A way of coping with the problem was written into the serial and later translated into a real life scheme.

In 1973 the Tutor to the Warwickshire District Nurse Training School in Stratford upon Avon was asked to cost and work out a scheme to provide 'care attendants' who could relieve, support and help the carer. The objectives of the Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme are:-

To relieve stress:

- a) of families of persons responsible for the care of a disabled person suffering from paraplegia, tetraplegia, multiple sclerosis or other chronic or disabling illness.
- b) exceptionally, in suitable circumstances, of such disabled persons living alone.

To avoid admission to hospital or residential care of such disabled persons should a breakdown or other failure occur in the household.

To supplement and complement, NOT TO REPLACE existing statutory services, and to work closely with them.

To strive to maintain a high standard of care.

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M. I. SANKEY Chairman

HARBURY BRANCH, STRATFORD LABOUR PARTY

At a meeting of the Branch Committee on 21st May, the Labour Party's parliamentary candidate for the Stratford constituency, Bob Rhodes, was introduced and opened discussion on some of the matters which are of such vital concern to all at this time.

The chairman of the Branch, Alf Hancock, thanked Mr. Rhodes for his interesting review of the present volatile political situation and hoped that he would visit Harbury again fairly soon.

A.W.H.

HARBURY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Since the last Annual Parish Meeting the Parish Council has had some triumphs and some defeats. Water supply Constance Drive has not been improved but the building of the new OAP's bungalows at Frances Road has started. After all the controversy, the Cricket Club did join the Rugby Club and the Recreation Grounds Committee wound itself up and gave the residual funds to the Parish Council for use on the Playing Fields.

This year the Chairman, Sharon Hancock, was pleased to highlight the establishment of the Youth Club, and the successful fund raising by the Southam Swimming Pool Committee, which means that construction at Southam School can begin in the autumn.

John Drinkwater complained that Mill Street still looks like a battlefield and urged District Councillors to do something about it quickly. He also gave news of the important Planning decisions, the development in Chapel Street which despite objections will still have three bungalows behind the frontage house; Sussex Cottage which thanks to the work behind the scenes is still standing and the proposals for the repair of the Manor, and, development to the rear.

Dennis Atkins gave news of the upgrading of the lighting and asked the public for new improvement ideas. Keith Thompson expressed the Finance Committee's satisfaction with the cost of the Green's maintenance and he thanked

the Chairman of the Parish Council, Sharon Hancock who is stepping down this year, for her leadership.

The Chairman in her turn thanked John Drinkwater for his years of hard work on the District Council. Mr. Drinkwater asked the District Councillors present to do what they could to help the Netball Club with funding for the new Netball Court on the Playing Fields. It was agreed to hold a joint meeting of the Parish Council and the Netball Club to sort out the funding and maintenance of the new Court.

Sue Andrews reported that the Village Hall Committee would be running the Carnival in June itself and benefiting from the profits. The Hall, she announced was in need of a new Booking Secretary. District and County Councillor Mrs. Patricia Bidwell spoke with great enthusiasm and conviction of the work of the County Committees on which she sits: Education, Social Services, Planning and Trading Standards.

Mrs. Bidwell assured Colin Oliver there would be extra ancillary help for Schools taking on handicapped children. She told Sharon Hancock that WCC had already complained to Westminster that funds for GCSE were inadequate and she explained to Keith Thompson that as the DES pays grant to WCC on the number of pupils it has, small schools with more places than pupils have to be 'rationalised' or amalgamated.

LINDA RIDGLEY

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Your Council is plagued by pieces of land no-one wants to maintain, the Parish Council owns the Greens and these it has mown by a contractor. Tony Ceney looks after the Cemetery and the County Council cuts the Playing Fields.

The District Council is responsible for various pieces of grass round Council housing, and cuts these adequately. Other strips are the responsibility of the County Council. They are considered to be 'Highway' and they are cut only twice a year, except at road junctions.

The County Council (Mrs. Bidwell) declares that if we want more 'cuts' of the grass the rates will have

to go up. This would cost a considerable amount for a small benefit. If the Parish Council cut all the grass it would cost each of us only pennies. They already do cut grass that is properly the responsibility of another authority, Stratford's.

However, I digress; the pesky pieces of land are: in Mill Street where the District Council has been 'improving' the Sewerage Pumping Station and has left "an absolute shambles" according to local resident, Sharon Hancock; Frances Road where contractors for the District Council are making life a misery for householders; Mill Lane where the owner of derelict land says he has neither time nor money to clear it; and Queens Close where the neighbours object to having to cut grass on the developers overgrown plot.

The Parish Council will register an official complaint about the Mill Street land for Iory Davies reports that untreated sewerage is running into Mr. Trice's ditch. They will press SDC to clear the roadway at Frances Road and ask the Environmental Health Officer what can be done at Mill Lane where the planning permission on the plot has now lapsed.

But Queens Close remains a problem. The Councillors have written to the owner asking him to keep his land in good order and would consider maintaining it as open space if he would dedicate it to them, but they have received no reply. Investigations into the exact status of the land will take place and the advice of the Planning Authority will be sought.

The Parish Council has NO PLANNING POWERS OF ITS OWN. It can only advise the Planning Authority of its own and local views on proposed developments and this it does vigorously. At this meeting it registered no objections to a variety of minor extension plans and advised the owner of Tresco that his proposed application to convert the Barn fronting Vicarage Lane into a holiday home would fail, as had the recent application at Temple House Barn.

Sometimes the Council receives a bouquet for its care of the village. The son of Mr. Parkhurst sent a letter of thanks for the erection of the seat in his father's memory in Chapel Street and the Council congratulated itself on its good idea of building the low stone wall

round the garden which is to be included in the Garden Walkabout on 12th July. Dave Andrews gave details of the flower tubs that Southam is using in its 'Britain in Bloom' scheme and the Council will order enough to fix on the 'Harbury' signs at the entrances to the village and ask local societies to plant them up.

Mrs. Pratt has had to resign temporarily from her role as caretaker of the Recreation Grounds but Mr. Crossan has agreed to take over.

Deppers new Play Equipment will be ordered this month and the area Superintendent of Highways promised to make a 'wet weather inspection' of the area that floods. The Clerk has finished the Notice Boards for Deppers.

The Clerk has also planted the hedging whips both along the Allotments fence, and elsewhere on the Playing Fields. He had a miraculous effect on the bundles of 200 trees which like loaves & fishes expanded to fill all the gaps. He counted up to 380 and gave up! The Council has accepted a quotation for draining the fields, the gate is being removed by the Carnival Committee and the Manpower team are once more painting the fence.

This meeting saw the resignation as Chairman of Sharon Hancock, in order that a new Chairman could have a full year's experience with a settled Council before the elections. John Drinkwater took on the Vice-Chairmanship and Sharon Hancock placed the Chain of Office round Keith Thompson's neck. As Chairman, Keith Thompson explained the outcome of the meeting with the Netball Club and the draft provisional agreement over the ownership and maintenance of the new Court. An application had been made to the Sports Council for Grant aid, but he thought it could be built cheaper on a do-it-yourself basis. He was optimistic that work could start soon. The Courts would remain in the ownership of the P.C. and a Sinking Fund would be established to pay for the repair and maintenance. There would be an initial contribution of £100 by the Netball Club, matched by the P.C. and subsequent contributions of £200 (plus inflation) from the Ladies and £125 from the Council. Administration and booking would be in the hands of

the Club which could keep any income generated. Cllr Thompson thought the Youth Club would want to use the Court for Netball, Volleyball and Basketball.

There was disappointment at the poor response to the Councils invitation to attend the Annual Parish Meeting. It was jokingly suggested that this was because the parishioners were satisfied with what the Council did and only stir themselves when they had an axe to grind.

LINDA RIDGLEY

PROFILE - JOHN DRINKWATER



Many people in Harbury - irrespective of their political views - will have been sad to see that John Drinkwater is no longer a District Councillor. The recent election ended his ten year spell on Stratford Council. John's service to the Community, and his concern for individuals has been a notable feature of Harbury for many years. He has epitomized the ideals of voluntary public service.

John Drinkwater was born in Handsworth, which was a rather different community in those days, and was then part of Staffordshire. He was educated at King Edward's Grammar School Aston, one of a group of famous schools in Birmingham. John was actually disappointed when he first went there - they played rugby and he was and has remained very keen on soccer. He was also a skilful and - I suspect - very formidable water polo player.

John left school during the depression years of the 1930's but he had two or three jobs before he decided to join the police. He became a member of the Warwickshire Constabulary in 1934. Throughout his police service John was in the Rugby Division serving at Rugby, Brinklow, Stretton-on-Dunsmore and finally at Long Itchington. John arrived there in 1942, the same year that he married Rene, who because she works in the Post Office is actually even better

known in Harbury than John. John was clearly a much loved and very effective community policeman, long before the term was coined. Only last week he stood on a roadside reminiscing with a family of gypsies that he had known for forty years. John has an endless fund of comical stories about his police career. At one time he and Rene had a dog that proved most embarrassing for a policeman. The dog had criminal tendencies and was given to stealing. It even arrived home one day carrying some items of ladies underwear.

John ran a boys club for 15 years, and he and Rene clearly made a major contribution to the life of Long Itchington. It must have been something of a wrench to retire from the police in 1959, and commence a second career. John and Rene moved to Harbury and John started work with the Highways Department of the Warwickshire County Council. Concurrently he began his third career in public service when he was elected to Harbury Parish Council in 1962. He was chairman for 4 years in the early 70's. It is most appropriate that he has just become Vice-chairman, and will hold that office in the year that he celebrates 25 years on the Parish Council.

But John's third career really took off when he retired from Shire Hall in 1976 and was elected to Stratford District Council for the Harbury Ward as a Independent. He has proved a selfless servant of the public with the full support of Rene. It is appropriate that they were able to attend a Royal Garden Party last year. It is typical of both of them that they are as comfortable standing on the lawns of Buckingham Palace, as they are standing, talking to gypsy friends by the roadside.

John is particularly proud of his life membership awarded by the retired policemen's association, and of the honour of proposing the vote of thanks to the Queen Mother when she opened the new Council Offices in Stratford. But Harbury should be proud of John Drinkwater. The village owes him a very real debt of gratitude. He has set a very high standard of service which other Councillors can only hope to aim for, and will rarely be able to achieve.

I.T.J.

We are sorry to hear that Fred Lines is unwell and therefore has been unable to write his article this month. We hope that he is better soon.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Two events in May: a talk by Mr. Lawson of Barnards on fruit growing in small gardens. As usual we learnt a lot which seems unsurprising only when someone had actually told you. Second, a trip to the Parker-Jervis Nursery near Abingdon which was also very worthwhile.

In June we have a visit to Luddington Fruit and Vegetable Centre. That is on Tuesday 17th. Please be at the Village Hall by 6.30 pm. This is important so that no one needing a lift is not looked after and also so that no one has to hang about waiting for someone who has actually left already.

Future events: first, the Garden Walkabout, as already announced on Saturday 12th July from 11 am until 6 pm. Second, the Flower Show is on Saturday 6th September. Schedules for this will be ready in mid July, watch for the adverts.

DANDELION TIME



Suzannah Neill crawls among the golden dandelions.

Photograph by Mike B

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

Thank you to everyone who supported my sponsored slim, which resulted in Cancer Research and All Saints' Church Sewing Fund benefiting by a total of £386.00.

Beryl Checkley

Dear Editors,

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all the people of Harbury, and they were many, who supported me at the recent District Council Election.

I regret that I was not successful this time but would like to say that I have enjoyed being of service to the Village at District Council level for the past 10 years and will continue to try and be of limited assistance in my membership of the Parish Council.

John Drinkwater

Dear Editors,

We thought you might like to hear of a very pleasant and unexpected encounter we had today.

Our Harbury friends will know that we now live in Hertfordshire, but today we've been to Highworth in Wiltshire for the confirmation of a god-daughter.

And who should be officiating but Bishop John Gibbs, formerly Bishop of Coventry!!

After the service, we rather diffidently introduced ourselves to him, not at all sure that he'd remember us, but he immediately smiled broadly and exclaimed, "You were involved with that splendid magazine, the Harbury and Ladbroke News!!"

He and Mrs. Gibbs still see copies of the News at their new home in Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire, where they are very happily settled, and the Bishop is kept busy with confirmations and other duties. We told him how well Father Mackley was, when we visited him recently, and we talked of Antony & Jean Rowe and he seemed delighted to be reminded of Harbury.

It goes without saying that we were too!!

Yours sincerely,

Diana & Peter Holt

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