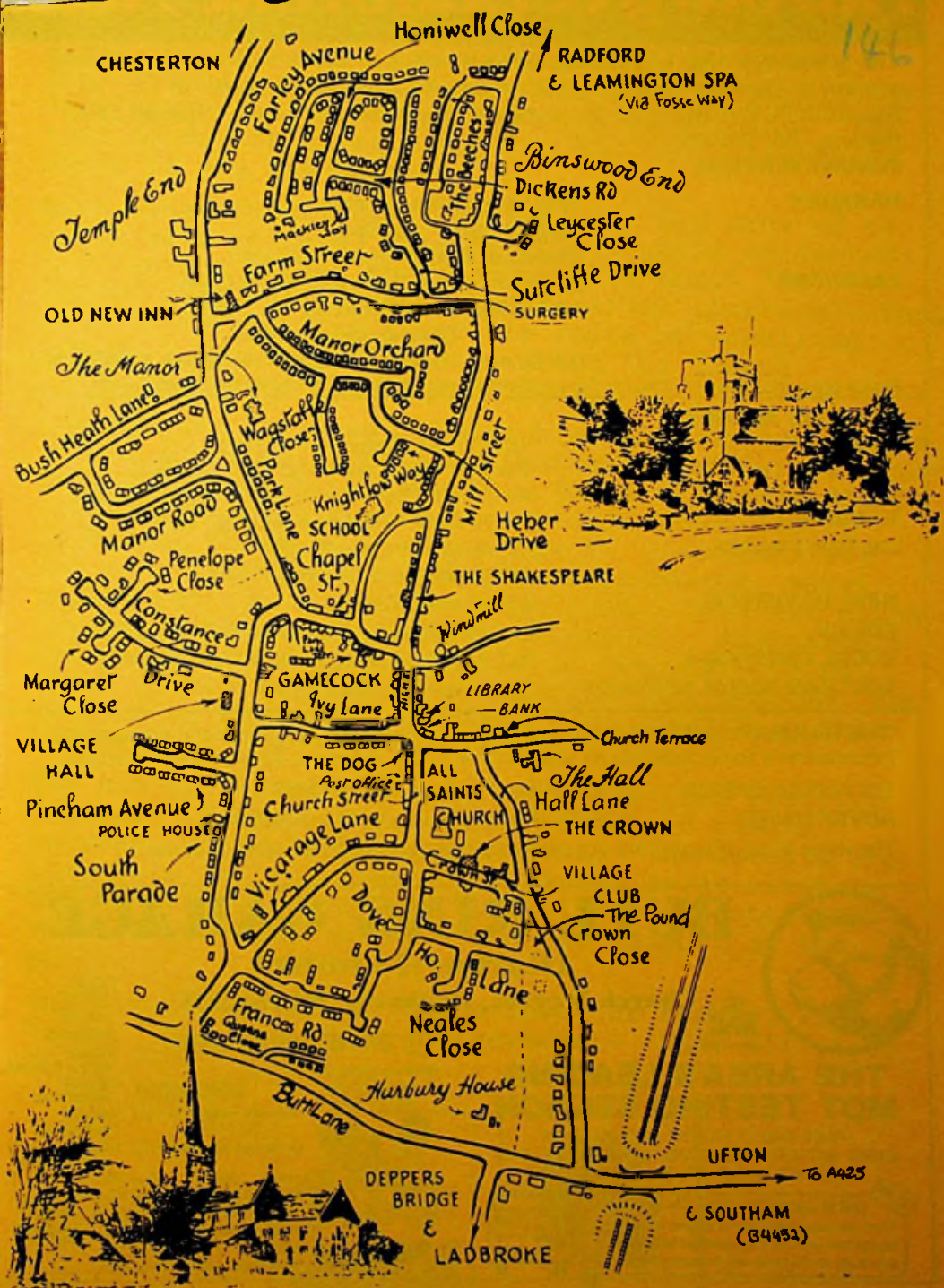


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SUNDAY SERVICES

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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Over the past few years there has been concern about the provision for young people in Harbury. Many people have been most encouraged by the recent development of a new and thriving Youth Club. The club holds its first A.G.M. on May 7th. Please be there if you can help.

Many congratulations to Jean Rowe. Not many of us would have relished setting off to cycle to Canterbury on the bitter snowy morning of April 7th - no matter what the cause. Jean deserves congratulations firstly for getting there, in spite of appalling weather, and secondly for putting the Church Facilities Fund firmly on course.

Now for the bad news. There have been major changes in bus services to Harbury following the deregulation of bus operation nationally. There is little doubt that the changes represent a marked reduction in services, which were already poor. Unfortunately the cuts are likely to affect older people, young people and those who are unemployed - they are often largely without alternative transport. Fortunately Catteralls Coaches are to run an evening service, which offers partial alleviation of the problem. The details of Catterall's service are printed in this Edition.

May 8th is Election Day for the Stratford District Council. Harbury has two candidates to choose between, while Ladbroke has three. The details are elsewhere in 'the News'. We should never estimate the contribution made by our voluntary Councillors. They deserve our thanks - and our support at the polls.

And finally - Harbury has a Town, or rather, Village Crier. The details are elsewhere - 'Hear all about it'.



HARBURY DIARY

MAY 1986

- Sat 3rd 'A Murder Has Been Arranged' by Emlyn Williams
with a Bar in Village Hall 8 pm
- Sun 4th ROGATION SUNDAY - EASTER V 8 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Sung Eucharist 4 pm Rogation Service at Deppers Bridge Recreation Ground
(music provided by the Salvation Army Band)
Bring a picnic - tea provided.
Bayard Academy rehearsal V. Hall
- Mon 5th MAY BANK HOLIDAY
Word of God 8 The Beeches
No 'Prayer & Praise' meeting today
- Tues 6th NHR Book Group Discussion of 'The Colour Purple' by Alice Walker at 47 St Mary's Close
Southam at 8 pm
Horticultural Society 8 pm Wight School - Fruit for Small Gardens - speaker from Barnard's Nursery
- Wed 7th Youth Club A.G.M. in Village Hall 8 pm
Parish Study 8.15 pm at 13 Mill Street
Prayer/Bible Study 8 pm 77 Mill Street
M.U. to Diocesan Service in Coventry
- Thurs 8th ASCENSION DAY
Harbury School Service 9.30 am Holy Communion 10
DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS vote at Village Hall
W.I. 7.45 pm at Rugby Club - Resolutions
- Fri 9th Theatre Group A.G.M. 8 pm in Wight School
- Sat 10th N.S.P.C.C. FUN RUN 3 pm (Entries from 2pm at V.H.)
Kingston & Chesterton Council Meeting 2 pm in Chesterton Church
- Sun 11th THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION 8 am Holy Communion,
10.30 am The Confirmation & the Eucharist. T
Bishop of Warwick. Free Church Service at 2.
Rev. Peter Clarke 6.30 pm Evensong Special Pr
Canon P.D. Peterken Vicar of St. Luke's Derby
Bayard Academy Rehearsal in Village Hall
P.T.A. Family Day at Long Itchington 10 am Green
- Mon 12th NHR Health & Fitness Evening at Verdicts Southam
contact Sue Roberts 612920 for details
- Tues 13th CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
Harbury Friends 8 pm V. Hall. Open meeting with
entertainment by WI Drama Group Coffee & Biscuits
Horticultural Outing to Parker Jervis Nurseries
names to Mrs. Zonak May 7th
Coffee/Bring & Buy Cake stall in aid of Amy Clemen
Fund 10.30-12 at 32 Mill Street

- Wed 14th M.U. Meeting in Church at 2.15 pm 'The Life & witness of Corrie-ten-Boom
Scouts & Guides A.G.M. Scout Hut 8 pm All parents welcome
- Thurs 15th ANNUAL PARISH MEETING in Village Hall 7.30 pm
- Sat 17th P.T.A. Sponsored Walk
Car Boot Sale for Theatre Group 10.30 am Wight School Car Park
Adventurers Birthday Celebration 3 pm outside V.Hall
Bayard Academy Show in V. Hall
Youth Club Disco in V. Hall 7.30-10.45 pm
- Sun 18th PENTECOST (WHITSUNDAY) 8 am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 3 pm Adventurers Birthday Service with Rev David Beardshaw in Church (no morning class)
- Mon 19th Word of God 3 Vicarage Lane
Prayer & Praise 11 Constance Drive
Prayer/Bible Study 8 pm 8 The Beeches
- Tues 20th Extraordinary Meeting of the PCC to meet Captain Andrew Smith, Church Army 8.15pm
- Wed 21st Parish Study Course at 13 Manor Orchard 8.15 Luke Harbury News Committee Meeting 8.30 pm 23 Mill St
- Thurs 22nd NHR Coffee Morning at 36 Binswood End at 10.30am
Young Wives 2 pm Village Hall
Thursday Club 2.30 in Village Hall
Whist Drive 7.45 pm Village Hall
Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm Farley Room V. Hall
The Archdeacon's Visitation to Priors Marston 7.3
- Fri 23rd School Ends
- Sun 25th TRINITY SUNDAY (PENTECOST I) 8 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Sung Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN JUNE HARBURY NEWS TO EDITORS BY TODAY
Sports-Aid Run & Barbeque V. Hall from 12 noon (see article)
- Mon 26th Parish Hike 11am from Church
- Wed 28th 7.30 Deanery Eucharist at Long Itchington. Rural Dean's Silver Jubilee of his Priesthood (to be followed by Barbeque)
- Thurs 29th CORPUS CHRISTI Holy Communion 9.45 am
Neighbourhood Watch Meeting in Village Hall
- Sat 31st THE VISIT OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH
9 am Holy Communion

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| Sun | 1st | PENTECOST II 8 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Sung Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong Carnival Sports Day |
| Mon | 2nd | Prayer & Praise 16 Binswood End Prayer/Bible Study 8 pm 8 The Beeches |
| Tues | 3rd | Senior Citizens Committee 8.30 pm Village Hall Village Hall Committee 8 pm Village Hall Baptism Visiting Meeting 5 Mill St 8.30 pm |
| Wed | 4th | M.U. 2.15 pm in Village Hall Youth Club in Village Hall Parish Study Group 8.15 pm 13 Mill St (Luke) Coventry Mummers outside Dog Inn 8.15-9pm; Game 9.15-10 pm |
| Thurs | 5th | Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn 8.30 pm Mens Society 7.45 pm |
| Sat | 7th | GRAND CARNIVAL AND FETE Carnival Dance in Village Hall |

REGULAR DIARY DATES

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

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sunday

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 8.10pm, Mondays.

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Mondays

BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.

TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 10 - 11.30 am Mondays and 2.00-3.30pm Wednesdays.

PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday morning

NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday

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 Wednesdays

YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 7.30 - 9.30pm Wednesday

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.

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

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

We are indebted to Jean Rowe for her brave and successful sponsored ride to Canterbury in really awful conditions and of course to the Rector who acted as support crew and chief mechanic.

Sponsorship money is coming in well but we would like to have the outstanding amounts in as soon as possible now so that in fairness to Jean, the result of her effort is known and also that the fund for Church facilities can be properly started. So please take all outstanding sponsorship money to:- 5 Park Lane, 23 Mill Street, Kathleen Ellis, 9 Church Terrace or the Rectory (by cash or by cheque payable to Harbury P.C.C.) Outline schemes for the Church room, toilet and kitchen facilities were on view at the Annual Church Meeting and will be displayed from time to time as decision time approaches.

Our visit to the Cathedral was a great success - some 80 parishioners from both parishes making the journey by coach. This Sunday - May 4th at 4 pm the Rogationtide service will be held as last year, at the Deppers Bridge Recreation ground followed by a picnic, all are welcome.

J.B.M.

FROM THE RECTOR

Comfort is something we all think we are entitled to nowadays. Of course comfort means very different things to different people, from tea and toast, to smoked salmon and champagne, from a hot-water bottle to full central heating. Usually comfort is thought of in material terms - what makes a person feel a little indulged or what makes life a little more bearable. Often indeed with rather a pessimistic view of life, as if but for these things now and then we just could not cope. We get a different impression when we think for example of a child, upset and frightened, being reassured by a parent. or a bereaved person being consoled by a friend or relative. Then comfort is nothing to do with making life easier by material possessions, but it is the giving of a sense of security or well-being, not just with words but by the fact that someone is there and able to convey something of themselves to the person in distress. The problems and the fears may still remain, but comfort then is the encouragement and the strength to face up to the problems and the fears and perhaps overcome them.

Jesus promised his disciples the Holy Spirit, which he called 'The Comforter' and by this he did not mean that life would be easy for them but that through the Holy Spirit they would become strong and have the power to do whatever was expected of them.

The Church declares her faith in the Holy Spirit over and over again in worship and especially when we recite in the Creed 'We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified'. At Pentecost (or if you prefer, Whit Sunday) we rejoice as we recall how the Holy Spirit was first given to the early Church and 'came as a rushing mighty wind' and 'tongues as of fire resting upon each one of them'. Until that point, although overjoyed as the truth of the Resurrection of Jesus became apparent to them, they still huddled together in fear, meeting in secret and behind closed doors. But then as the gift of the Holy Spirit was given, they were transformed from timid and doubting men into men of faith and courage ready to proclaim Jesus Christ to the world whatever

the cost to themselves, even to death itself. We rejoice at this great festival because the Holy Spirit changed their lives, but also we rejoice because the same gift of the Holy Spirit is given to us as well and is capable of changing our lives too if we respond.

This month, not only do we keep this great Feast of Pentecost, but as well, we shall witness a group of young people and adults seeking that gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. When we hear them declare their faith in and promise their allegiance to Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour and see them going forward to receive the laying on of hands by the Bishop, let us pray that the Holy Spirit will influence them for the rest of their lives and hope for the same benefit and grace for ourselves.

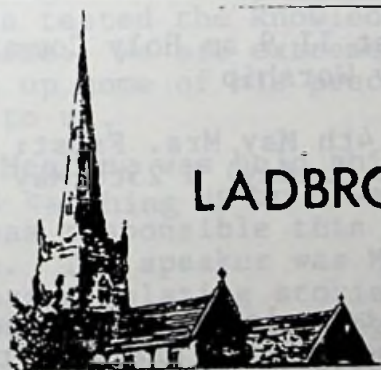
ANTONY ROWE

Holy Baptism

1st April: RACHAEL HELEN ELIZABETH daughter of Mark Gordon Timothy and Catherine Anne Buckingham of 198 Gretna Road, Coventry

Funeral

14th April: DORIS VIOLET JOHNSON formerly of Coventry Age 82 years.



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MAY DIARY

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| Sun | 4th | Easter V (Rogation Sunday) 9 am Holy Communion 11 am Family Worship 4 pm Rogation Service at Deppers Bridge Music provided by Salvation Army (bring a picnic-tea provided) |
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| Wed | 7th | 10.30 am Holy Communion Afternoon Teas in Village Hall (in aid Southam Swimming Pool) |
| Thurs | 8th | Ascension Day 7.30 pm Holy Communion w= Hymns Local Elections |
| Sun | 11th | The Sunday after the Ascension 9 am Ho= Communion with Hymns |
| Wed | 14th | St. Matthias the Apostle 10.30 am Holy Communion 2.30 pm Women's Fellowship |
| Sun | 18th | Pentecost (Whit Sunday) 9 am Holy Comm= ion with Hymns 6.30 pm Evensong |
| Tues | 20th | 8.15 pm Extraordinary Meeting of P.C.C meet Captain Andrew Smith, Church Ar |
| Wed | 21st | 10.30 am Holy Communion Women's Fellow= Corporate Communion |
| Thurs | 22nd | Annual Parish Meeting 8 pm Village Hal= 7.30 pm The Archdeacon's Visitation at Priors Marston |
| Sun | 25th | Trinity Sunday (Pentecost I) 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns |
| Wed | 28th | 10.30 am Holy Communion 7.30 pm Deanery Eucharist at Long Itchington. Rural Silver Jubilee of his priesthood |
| Thurs | 29th | Corpus Christi 7.30 pm Holy Communion v Hymns |

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| Sun | 1st | Pentecost II 9 am Holy Communion 11 am Family Worship |
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CHURCH FLOWER ROTA:- 4th May Mrs. Frost: 11th May M
Cooke: 18th May (Whit Sunday) & 25th May Mrs. J. Ba
June 1st Mrs. Butler.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We were very pleased to welcome Canon Churchill to April meeting. He opened with prayers, then talked us about our Patron Saint, St. George. Some of the stories about St. George may be 'myth' but his idea freedom and discipline are needed today. There are plenty of 'dragons' to fight. We enjoyed the poems England and St. George which Canon Churchill read t The next meeting is on 14th May starting with a ser in church at 2.30 pm. Afterwards we have been inv

by Miss Mary Conlan to tea at her home in Southam,
and we are looking forward to seeing her again.

NANCY STUBBS

LADBROKE CHURCH

On Sunday morning, 20th April, 10 people from Ladbroke joined with 70 from Harbury on the Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Coventry Cathedral to celebrate Holy Communion.

Flowers in a Country Church as you know, it is planned as part of the Ladbroke Festival, to hold a Flower Festival, to be called "Flowers in a Country Church" on 6th & 7th September. The first meeting was held in the Church on Thursday 17th April, 12 people attending. It was a most enthusiastic beginning, with many good ideas put forward. A second meeting will be held at the Church on Thurs 5th June, and please may we ask for more volunteers. You do not have to be an expert flower arranger to be of help, as there are so many facets to setting up a Festival like this. Do give your support and help to make it a great success.

GWYNNE BADMAN

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Members were pleased to welcome Dr. Hancock to their March meeting. His subject was first-aid in the home and he tested the knowledge of members with a questionnaire. We are extremely grateful to him for giving up some of his precious free time to come and speak to us.

The Group Meeting was held this year at Napton and we enjoyed catching up on news from other branches. Ladbroke was responsible this year for organising the raffle. The speaker was Mrs. Betty Hill, she kept us amazed relating stories of her life as an author, journalist, farmer, agony columnist etc.

A small party from the Institute visited the W.I. Craft Exhibition at the Spa Centre. At our April meeting the speaker was Mr. Blakeman who explained the processes involved in Wine making, a most enjoyable hobby. Our wine making members were able to pick up many useful tips whilst the rest of us can't wait to make a start. Mrs. Margaret Butlet ran a very successful plant stall. A glass of good

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vintage gooseberry wine completed the evening.

The social secretaries are hoping to organise another trip to York sometime in July after the success of last years excursion. If anyone is interested in joining us (the more passengers the cheaper the coach) please contact Mrs. Mary Briscoe on Southam 7461.

There will be no meeting at the Village Hall in May as we are joining Harbury W.I. at the Rugby Club Harbury to discuss the resolutions which will be debated at the Albert Hall in June.

Lastly a plea for more members. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month and we really do have good interesting evening. Try coming initially as a guest and see what you think of us, you will be made most welcome.

GWLADYS GOULD

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT Tuesday 22nd April.

The Remedial work in Radbourne Lane is to be done in time and parts are 'in order' for the new bollards which are needed for the entries onto the Bypass. Mr. G. Timms was horrified at the bright yellow colour of the newly installed litter bin, but apparently it is in use. Following a complaint about the poor state of the footpaths in the Village, Parish Council are to arrange a site visit with the appropriate authority in the hope that remedial work, such as footbridges over ditches, will be undertaken. Mr. Michael Todman talked about the Provisional Programme for the Village Festival and the Council thought that it sounded like a most enjoyable weekend.

Ladbroke is part of an area which is to be surveyed by the Dept. of the Environment for a new listed Historic building survey. A Miss Gail Simmonds will be visiting householders in May and she will have credentials with her.

Ladbroke Parish Council have been informed that as a result of the findings of the Boundary Commission, which is anxious that small parishes who do not hold an Annual Parish Meeting, should be grouped with an existing larger Parish, Hodnell, Chapel Ascote Watergall and Wills Pastures are to be grouped with Bishops Itchington.

Ecclesiastically and geographically these parishes have always been part of Ladbroke and the Parish Council intends to consult their residents as to their wishes in this rather arbitrary decision.

The Parish Council has now decided to write and enquire, why there is still no access across the Bypass at Windmill Lane.

The Southam and District Playbus Committee had written to the Parish Council explaining that they are desperately in need of funds, due to the Bus needing a new engine. As the Council had no funds available and the Councillors agreed that the bus was a considerable local asset, they hoped to raise a donation at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

Next meeting Wednesday 21st May 7 pm in the Village Hall, to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8 pm. This Meeting is open to everyone to attend and is always an interesting and lively event - so do come along and keep abreast with Local Affairs!

LADBROKE FESTIVAL 1986

Plans and schemes are now being formed for the main festival which is to take Ladbroke by storm on the weekend of the 6th/7th September. You had better plan to stay home that weekend as the preliminary programme sounds like there will be something for everyone, it includes a Craft Exhibition, Gymkhana, Morris Dancers, Treasure Hunt etc Let's hope the sun shines on this ambitious event!

VILLAGE HALL AFFAIRS

At the Annual Parish Meeting Michael Todman and Dave Wilson are due to resign from the Village Hall Committee and volunteers will be needed to fill up the gaps. Please let Michael know if you are interested in joining the Committee (Tel 4365), it isn't all raking stones I can assure you! I'd like to take this opportunity of thanking both Michael and Dave for all the hard work they've put in at the Hall, the new Committee room and the Car Park are real achievements and an asset to the village.

AFTERNOON TEAS will be served in the Village Hall on the afternoon of Wednesday 7th May 2.30 - 4.30 pm. come along and support this event which is being held in aid of the appeal for Southam Swimming Pool. All offers for cake making would be most gratefully received. Tel. Kate Liverton Southam 3341.

Congratulations to Tim and Gabie Norgate on the birth of their son William, the family live in "Woodcutter Cottage".

Correction in last months edition of this magazine the planning application by Mrs. T. Bennet should have read Mrs. T. Barnett.

KATE LIVERTON

CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS ON THURSDAY 8th MAY

Bob Attwood has been a District Councillor for four years, serving on four different committees. In the past he has been on the governing bodies of three Southam schools and he is a member of St. James Church, and Vice Chairman of Southam C.N.D.

If elected, he plans to continue with his petition to remove the sewerage works from Southam, and with his fight to gain a Concessionary Fares Scheme for the elderly and handicapped. He is against the trend of continuous reductions in public transport services in this rural area.



Bob Attwood believes that there should be more open government in local councils, and is still pressing for Council meetings to be held in the evening. He is concerned to see that the Southam area receives its fair share of available resources, and is particularly keen to improve the local environment e.g. he proposes that the Depot site adjacent to Tomwell Close be used for residential units rather than industrial development.

Arthur Fitchett is the Independent Candidate for the Southam Ward of the Stratford-on-Avon District Council Election. He was born in Southam and is a former Electrical Technician, now retired and currently driving for the area Volunteer Bureau. Both Mr. Fitchett and his wife Teresa are currently serving as Southam Town Councillors and Mr. Fitchett has had thirteen years experience as a Town Councillor, was Town Mayor in 1979-80, District Councillor for six years from 1976 to 1982 and served on the planning and Land and Building Committees.



Other Public Service includes membership of the South Warwickshire Community Health Council, Founder member of 2nd Southam Scout Group, Chairman of Southam Scout Carnival Committee and Governor of St. Mary's R.C. First School.

Mr. Fitchett says that "having known Ladbroke since boyhood, the preservation of its identity and character is of paramount importance to me and this was demonstrated during my previous period of service on the District Council when I struggled to retain Ladbroke's wooded areas which are now protected by the Tree Conservation regulations. Local planning applications have always been of great concern to me and the full consideration and consultation, so necessary, will be continued, as will links with Ladbroke Parish Council".





Dear Electors of Ladbroke,
The Alliance Parties, both Liberal and S.D.P., persure policies to bring about a more equal society, with a wider distribution of wealth, greater concern for the disadvantaged and a fairer treatment of people generally.

Stratford-on-Avon District Council, under the Tory Party, has a record of discrimination against those of the electorate living outside Stratford-on-Avon itself. Stratford is the only district in Warwickshire that does not issue bus passes to the elderly. Services have been run down and nothing has been done to promote employment in the area.

Together with my colleagues on the Council I would pursue a policy of securing a better deal for the electorate of the Southam ward. It is time that Southam had a strong representation on the District Council and, as a member of a strong Alliance group poised to take power on the Council, Southam ward will no longer be regarded as "somewhere in the east of the District that can be ignored". If you would like to see a change in the running of your District Council, please vote for me on Thursday 8th May.

BILL HODGE

PARISH HIKE

Last year on a rather damp Bank Holiday, a small party of us went on a hike in the Cotswolds. Despite the weather, it was a most enjoyable event - we did not get lost, we did not lose anyone and I do not think anyone suffered any evil effects. On Monday 26th May the Monday of the Spring Bank Holiday if there is sufficient interest, we propose to go out again. It will still be in the Cotswolds, but it will be a different route. A list for names of those wishing to go will be in church on the table from Sunday

4th May. As last year we shall do the first part of our trip by car and this year will set off from church at 11 o'clock. Take with you a packed lunch substantial footwear, whatever protection you might need against the weather and, as was said last time, 'keeping up with the Rector is the only requirement for this hiking experience'. A.& B.R.

BAPTISM VISITING

It is proposed to set up a team of Lay people who would be trained to help the Rector by visiting families before and after a child's Baptism. Several people have already volunteered and they and anyone else interested in hearing more about it, are invited to an informal discussion at 8.30pm on Tuesday 3rd June at 5 Mill Street.

Viv Aggett

HARBURY P.T.A.

On Sunday 11th May 'A FAMILY DAY' will be held in the Long Itchington area. Both long and short walks will be arranged beginning from 'The Green Man' car park at 10 a.m. where later lunch has been arranged at around 12.30 pm. It should be a nice day's outing for those who wish to gently explore Long Itchingtons footpaths with family and friends. More information will be available from school shortly. Tickets for the bar-lunch are limited to 50 max. Adults £1.50 Children 75p.

The school 'SPONSORED WALK' will be held from 9 am to noon on Saturday 17th May. This year proceeds will be donated to our school libraries. The walk will be the usual well supervised and proven route, one mile circuits Village Hall/Playing field/Bush Heath Lane/Village Hall. Sponsorship forms will be issued from school so please support and come along to see this major fund-raising event.

An 'ALL STARS ENTERTAINMENT' variety show is being planned for October. Brian Ingram (Tel 612418) is providing the show and we are looking for suitable acts, musical, sketches, plays, comedy, singing etc. if you know of aspiring local talent, please contact

Brian or any committee member.

'STAGE LIGHTING' for the school hall and stage is going ahead. The gantrys have been ordered and the is being specified. Certainly by Autumn we can look forward to excellent lighting, timely for the Christmas plays, parties, discos and dance functions.

100 - CLUB - £10 and congratulations to:-

Mr. & Mrs. Travis: Mr. & Mrs. Daniels: Mr & Mrs. Bro
Mr & Mrs. Black.

Ken Stephenson

SOUTHAM SCHOOL P.T.A.

Our Folk Evening on April 25th was very successful and enjoyable. Our grateful thanks to Peter McDonald, the Jug Band, Tony Bayliss, Mike Putman and Sarah Williams who gave so generously of their time and talent.

We have been able to purchase a number of books to improve the VI form Reference Library. Our next

project is to buy a computer for the Careers Department.

Our next event will be a Barbecue and 60's Disco on June 28th. Tickets will soon be on sale, and should be in great demand after last year's super event.

The committee are aware that many parents feel unable to give enough time to serve on the committee but would like to help in some way. If you could for instance sell tickets for an event please contact a committee member. Harbury members of the committee David Geary 9 Heber Drive, Jane Powell 21 Neales Close, Chris Macgowan 17 Manor Orchard, John Woodward 28 So Parade and Sharon Hancock 32 Mill Street.

M.S.H.

HARBURY SCOUT GROUP

At the present time there are no vacancies in the team however we are in the process of compiling a waiting list in order to plan for the future. Do you have a son of scouting age (between 10½ and 15) who would like to join the scouts? If so please contact Joe Van Hoorebeek Tel 613419

J.J.V.H.



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SCOUT FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Thank you to Drs. J & S. Hancock for their hospitality on April 18th and to all who supported the Wine & Cheese Evening. The total sum raised was £97.90.

All parents of Scouts Guides and Cubs please note the A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday May 14th at 8 pm in the Scout Hut. We ask that as many as possible attend.

During the evening there will be a slide show of the Easter Camp activities undertaken by the Venture Scouts

For personal reasons several members of the Fund Raising Committee will be retiring this year, we would therefore welcome new members.

All the leaders give freely of their time for our children. We should therefore show our appreciation by attending this meeting.

A.M.

VENTURE SCOUTS

Easter Camp at Troutdale Cottages, Borrowdale, Cumbria.

On Tuesday 1st April a group of intrepid explorers set off for Borrowdale in the Lake District for the Venture Scouts Annual Camp. Those present were: Sally Brailsford, Jane Hancock, Sarah Burnham, Martin Padbury, James Mayer, Daniel Hughes, Brian Macauley, Richard Hill, Roger Manning, Stewart Simcock, Graham Smith, Steve Hancock, Steve Luke, Chris Millington and Julian Wade.

On Wednesday we were split into 3 groups of 5 or 6 with a leader. Each group decided on a route. The weather was lovely and warm enough for just a T-shirt however up on the peaks it was much colder and tried very hard to snow.

On Thursday the first of the groups set off on their overnight expedition, planning to walk over the top of Great Gable and camping Styhead tarn at Great Gables base. However due to the quickly changing weather (the whole area was covered in deep snow) and the fact that we found a very large slope covered in about 5 ft of snow, in which we spent 4 hours digging snowholes and successfully building an igloo. We didn't get to the top so set off for our camp-site arriving at dusk. The next day the next group

set off on their expedition on a different route, camping on the slopes of Skiddaw, the others went canoeing down the river Derwent, then across Derwentwater to Keswick. And our group went for another walk. Again the weather was perfect with only a brief flurry of snow.

The evening was then spent, as was the custom by then, in a Pub in Keswick. We woke next morning to find a light sprinkling of snow on the ground, which fortunately soon melted. The group returned from their expedition, the other leaving on their's going almost the same way as the first. One group then spent an enjoyable day canoeing and the other climbing. Sadly Chris Millington had to leave us as his leave had ended and he returned to his barracks.

On Sunday morning everyone got up early and went to a local forest orienteering and then to the swimming baths more for a wash than a swim. We then packed our kit and the van and sadly came home to find about an inch of snow!

We would like to thank Mr. Sedgley of Fosse Egg Farm for his kind gift of eggs, Mr & Mrs. Pearson of Harbury Hall for tents and of course we would all like to thank our leaders Bob Hodgkiss, Bob Small and especially John Hancock without whom we could not have done what we did. JULIAN WADE

At a lively disco held at the Rugby Club on Friday 27th March the Venture Scouts voted to donate the profit to Myton Hospice. This amounted to £70. After a collection the total soared to £108 and this sum has been sent to aid the work of this valuable local establishment.

LONDON MARATHON 1986

Harbury had 3 finishers in this year's London Marathon. Mark Davies of Westfields Farm recorded 3 hours 50 minutes. Trevor Montague of Ivy Lane did 2 hours 55 minutes and eagle eyed T.V. viewers will have spotted John Hancock speeding past the Cutty Sark on the way to a time of 2 hours 48 minutes. Congratulations to all of them.



Photo: Malcolm Tandy

From left: Back row Kieran Youngman, Stephen Cox, David Warner, Leigh Gulliver, Michael Warner, David Girling. Front row Duncan Szolnoki, Richard Appleton Hamish Munton, Peter Andrews and team coach Mike Szolnoki.

On 23rd March Harbury under 10's emerged triumphantly from a Mini Festival. Harbury opened with a hardfought 4-0 win against Stamford with Hamish Munton getting the vital try. First-half tries from Stephen Cox, Richard House, Damian Lynch and Munton again, plus three after the break from Duncan Szolnoki gave them a convincing win against Old Newtonians, and Lutterworth were also beaten soundly, Szolnoki getting three more tries, Peter Andrews and Cox one each. Kibworth were the fourth opponents, and three good tries from Kieran Youngman, plus one from David Warner fended off stout opposition.

The championship rested on the final game between Harbury and their South Leicester hosts. The first half ended all square, Munton the Harbury try-scorer.

Szolnoki finally broke the Leicester resistance with the match winning score.

The under 9's won two games and lost two. Under 11' drew one lost four and the under 12's lost one, drew one and won three (two of these wins being 52-0). On Saturday 19th April the under 11 and 12's left Harbury for a 'mini tour' to the Vale of Lune organised by Dave Andrews with Dads Martin Boag and Jarek Scholtz going along to help. After 5 minutes training on Morecombe Bay sands the boys proved too strong for Jarek Scholtz who had to be taken to hospital with a dislocated shoulder.

On Sunday the under 11's won 12-0 Richard Mills two, and Martin Tuckey the try scorers; the under 12's won 24-0 Neil Boag, Grant Edwards and Eddie Fisher and Daniel Gould scored tries, Stephen Mazurek kicked four conversions.

A presentation evening is to be held sometime in May, date yet to be fixed.

JUNIOR TENNIS

Despite the weather, coaching has commenced and I'm sure all the youngsters will be grateful to Jenny Waggott. Club sessions will start after half-term (i.e. in June) Mondays and Thursdays 4-6 pm. Intermediate Friday evenings 5-8 pm (£2 membership)

Results of Beginning of Season Junior Tennis Tournament

Intermediates: 1st Beccy Burnham 2nd Michelle Waggott
3rd Jamie Williams.

Others Joint 1st Stephen Lambert, Charles Mayer & Claire Turner.

Joint 2nd: Andrew Clifford and Vincent Crossan

Joint 3rd: Sally Barratt and Chris Ottewill.

HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

As our A.G.M. comes closer (May 7th 8 pm) now is a to take stock, assess what the Youth Club has achieved see where it is going and most of all THANK the very many people who have given so much time, equipment money to make this possible. With attendances of 8 100 each week we have been greatly in need of all sorts of equipment.

We can now offer:- 2 table top snooker games, 3 table tennis tables, 1 octagon (snooker style) game Unihoc, Board games, T.V. games and computer 7881.

Indoor softball games, Rounders etc. This equipment allows for small groups to pursue various different interests.

Sincere thanks for gifts of money and equipment to the following:- Southam Carpets, The Smith Family, The Old New Inn, The Crown, The Shakespeare, The Dog, Harbury Club, Lorraine Andrews, Rugby Club, Princes Trust, Rosemary Ottewill & family, W.C.C., Whist Drive, Mr. Basil Thwaites, Funds from Church Christmas Fair, Theatre Group, Southam Lions and our generous anonymous donation - all have contributed along with the fundraising discos, to give the youth of Harbury a very healthy, well equipped club. They must look after it. This equipment is to be used by future members as well as themselves. So many people have given time and talents to the Club that there is insufficient space to name individuals.

We welcome leader Neil McLaughlan who has added much to the character of the Youth Club. We hope he and Matthew and Brendon will stay with us for a long time. Painting of the Youth Club Room in the Village Hall progresses well. We thank the Village Hall Committee for its use and for their continued support and understanding.

CANAL BOAT HOLIDAYS - Training has begun and by May 11th at least 7 leaders will have been processed ready for our holidays on:- Fri 18th July - Sunday 20th "Superskiff" Napton: Friday 15th August - Friday 22nd 9 am "Centenary" Stratford (to be divided into 2 day breaks)

Please bring £2 deposits NOW space limited (Total cost £10 for 2 nights holiday including food)

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Thanks to Lynne Stanbridge and Andrew Steele for organising this much requested event. Outright winners were Vanessa Smith and James Mayer.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

May 7th Coten End Youth Centre see Sarah Bunting if you wish to enter.

BASKETBALL

Event to be planned soon.

TALENT SHOW

April 30th 7.30 pm. Rescheduled event possible thanks to the ceaseless efforts of Mrs. Beryl Sheasby, Janet Thornley and the 'Lunar Escapade' team and others

in the show. Looking forward to seeing the results.
Thank you again to the Theatre Group for the use of
stage and lighting and support.
Adventure into leadership Course - Congratulations
to Jon Walters for the glowing report received from
Senior Field Officer.

Forward Planning - Youth Club Diary

May 17th - Saturday Disco Village Hall 7.30 -10.45

May 21st - Wed. Special Craft Unit visiting to do
enamelling, engraving etc.

May 25th - Sports-aid Day Recreation Ground.

May 30th - Girls Day

June 3rd - Swimming Gala - WAYC event Leamington.

Possible trip to Alton Towers if sufficient interest
for half-term week.

A.G.M. Wed 7th May 8 pm Village Hall

Club night will continue as normal with extra helper

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will be leaflets about the Summer School at the back
of the church or further details can be obtained from
me on Harbury 612711.

Viv Aggett

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

Exactly one year after his last appearance at Harbury Dave Tickle from Harborne was the guest at the Folk Club on April 6th. Much of Dave's contemporary material is not really folk music at all, but the audience seemed to enjoy his fine singing and genial personality. I certainly enjoyed accompanying him on some of his songs, reviving a very occasional musical partnership.

Right at the other end of the folk music spectrum was Roger who returned to play us some more traditional tunes on the whistle and flute, and somewhere in the middle came Gerda, John and Bonas, all in fine form. In a category all of their own were the Jug Band who, this month, revealed Brian's singing talent for the first time with a very authentic rendering of the Kipper Family's version of 'The Village Pump'.

Plans for the Folk Clubs Carnival Float are already well advanced and anyone else who would like to help in any way should contact Peter Bones (612832) or me. The next meeting of the Folk Club is on June 5th at 8.30 pm in the Old New Inn.

Peter McDonald 613730

COVENTRY MUMMERS

The Coventry Mummers are a group of men dedicated to the performance of English Ritual Drama, or Mummers Plays. Mummery was a rural activity performed in pubs and streets at Christmas and New Year. Actors were ordinary people. The Mummers repertoire includes the St. Georges Play. the Plough Play and the Sword Play. They are visiting Harbury on Wednesday 4th June and you can see them perform at the Dog from 8.15 - 9 pm and at the Gamecock from 9.15 - 10 pm.

CHESTERTON

Chesterton and Kingston Council Meeting will be held on Saturday 10th May at 2 p.m. at the Church. All are welcome.

Dorothy Noden

AMY

Amy Clennell is six years old, fair haired, blue eyed, bright and lively. She lives in Long Itchington and she is handicapped by Cerebral Palsy. She is trying very hard to learn to walk, and although of normal intelligence her handicap makes it difficult for her to learn to read and write.

Many of you will have seen the recent T.V. documentary about the Peto Institute in Budapest where brain damaged children achieve astonishing progress by a method known as conductive education. Amy's parents have a chance to take her at the end of May for assessment for a place at the institute. It represents her only chance to go there as she is older than the children they take normally. At her present school she receives only one hour of physiotherapy a week, and spends all the time in a wheelchair as there is no one to help her with her walking.

A committee in Long Itchington is raising the £1000 necessary for Amy and her family to go to Budapest for the assessment. I have known Amy since she was born and to help the fund-raising I am having a Coffee morning with a Bring & Buy Cake Stall at 32 Mill Street on Wednesday 14th May from 10.30 a.m. till 12 o'clock. If you can't make it I will be grateful for any gifts of cakes, or items suitable for a raffle prize. I hope to let you know how Amy gets on in a future edition of the Harbury News.

SHARON HANCOCK

HARBURY CARNIVAL '86

The '86 Carnival is now taking shape, and we will be delighted to welcome Alan Howarth M.P. to open the fete. There are several new attractions to entertain you all on the day. Warwick Model Flyers will be giving a display of model aircraft flying; Bodies & Co will be showing us all how fit they are; and The David James Band, a group of talented teenagers who specialise in Rock 'n' Roll will be there to entertain the energetic. More traditional music will be provided by the excellent Coventry Sea Cadet Band and newcomers for '86 the Atherstone Girls Band.

Warwickshire Steam Engine Society will be there with a static display, and the Royal Leamington Spa Archery Society are coming to provide us with a new sideshow.

Many village organisations and individuals have kindly offered to run stalls for us - not too late to offer your services to Brian Wade (612831)

Can you offer help with the Refreshments, either by baking us a cake or by helping with the teas in the afternoon? Please contact Helen Taylor (612408 or Di Ralphs (613813).

The procession has always been one of the highlight of the Carnival - classes for Decorated Float; Decorated Float (Trade); Children's Float; Decorated Bicycle, Pram or Car; and Horse Drawn. mounted or led.

There are six classes for Fancy Dress entrants - under 5, 5-7 years, 8-10 years, 11-17 years, and new for this year, two classes for Adults - Individual and Group.

Carnival Dance Tickets will be available soon from Committee members, at £3 each, featuring The Likely Lads, a carvery supper, bar and raffle.

Programmes with details of all Carnival Events, including Sports Day on Sunday 1st June, and Clay Pigeon Shoot on Carnival Day will be available mid-May onwards from local shops, pubs and from door to door sellers (the ever faithful committee). Please support us!

J.C.

GRAND CARNIVAL DRAW

Don't forget to buy your Raffle tickets for the Carnival Draw, available from Krayems the News-agent, Mr. Lindop, Kathleen Ellis hairdresser, Local Pubs and Committee members. There are 18 wonderful prizes to win, and tickets are only 10p each.

The raffle will be drawn on Carnival Day at approximately 3.50 pm at the Recreation Ground by Debbie Ellis.

Remember all proceeds will go to the Village Hall to help raise funds for the heating system.

Helen Taylor

MOTHERS' UNION

During our meeting in April Diana Buck showed us how to arrange flowers in the various containers in Church. She created a beautiful pedestal arrangement at the chancel steps and a simple display of tulips and carnations in a pewter vase.

At our meeting on 14th May, which again will be in Church, we have Mrs. Lancaster giving a talk on the life and witness of Corrie-ten-Boom who was a Dutch woman who helped the Jews in Amsterdam during the war. There will be a Bring & Buy stall at this meeting to raise funds for the "away from it all" scheme.

On 7th May many of us shall be attending the Diocesan Festival Service at Coventry Cathedral at 2.30 pm.

S.K.

HARBURY W.I.

On Thursday, April 10th our Vice-President, Mrs. Deirdre Dunbar, told us that our Drama Group had entered a short play in the W.D.A. Drama Festival on Saturday 5th April at the Criterion Theatre, Coventry. They were awarded the First Place Cup for the Ladies section, of which they are justifiably proud. Thanks were given to Mrs. Zonik (producer), Mrs. Keeling (wardrobe mistress) and Mrs. Groves (prompt), without whom the play could not have been done so well. All our congratulations go to everyone involved.

The speaker for the evening was none other than our President, Mrs. Celia Barrett who spoke about 'Old Harbury'. As a villager born and bred, Celia has been researching the village during the time from about 1880 to the 1930's ever since she became involved in building her own family tree. There were several anecdotes, including the information, new to most of us, that Miss Joan Lodge's father had been one of the Headmasters of the Wight School. During this period of time there were many and varied shops in the village - several butchers, drapers, bakery, saddlers, bicycle shops and even a place

where, every so often, a visiting dentist would set up his equipment ready to do his worst to whoever needed him. With the population only a third of what it is now, it is difficult to imagine so many shops in a village.

There were articles from the Harbury Evening News on the goings on in the village, including a lively account of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Celebrations in 1887. It was interesting too, to hear of the many organisations belonging to Harbury then, almost as varied as the ones we have now. Celia's talk was appreciated by us all, including those such as myself who are 'newcomers' to the village.

Next month's meeting is the 'Resolutions' evening which is to be held at the Rugby Club, due to Elections in the Village Hall. Do come along, this meeting is usually very lively and your contribution will be most welcome.

T. Wade

THE RIDE TO CANTERBURY

Most of you will know by now that I covered the 154 miles from HARBURY to CANTERBURY in five days. I thought traffic might be a problem, it was, but along the A2 and not through central London. I had not really allowed for snow, on the Monday and Friday, or two pictures, the second of which necessitated walking the last few miles.

I should like to thank my "back-up" team of ladies (and one man) without whom I could not have undertaken the ride. I am most grateful for all the help and encouragement I received.

Thank you to all the people who sponsored me or have given donations, not least to the person who promised me £1 a mile and still gave me £160 when it proved to be 154 miles and not 160.

Jean Rowe





"OYEZ, OYEZ"

Harbury now has its very own official Town Crier in the shape of Andy Latham - well known to many from his appearances at recent Carnivals. Mike Bloxham's photo shows Andy proclaiming his official status to the listening public with the help of our pretty Carnival Queen, Debbie Ellis.

Andy is organising a "Fun Day" at Newbold Rugby Club in Rugby on Saturday May 24th. Ruth Maddoc (of Hi-di-fame) will be present. Stalls are £5 each, holders keep any proceeds they make. For further details phone 992 79810. If you would like our Town Crier to attend or publicise your function, please contact him as above.

Sue Andrews

HARBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The scheme is now operating with 20 Co-ordinators, who by now will have visited the houses in their area. They will have left a card indicating who the Co-ordinator is and a window sticker. If you have received these, please display the window sticker in a prominent place.

If you have not been contacted by a Co-ordinator, the chances are that the scheme is not operating in your area! If you would like to be involved, and can be of assistance, we still need a few Co-ordinators.

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Keith Thompson 612050

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Our A.G.M will be held on Friday 9th May at the Wight School starting at 8 pm.

On Saturday 17th May at 10.30 am we will be holding a Car Boot Sale in the Wight School Car Park. Why not take this opportunity to clear your cupboards/garages of all those items "too good to give away". Book your pitch (Cost £3) by telephoning 612869. Refreshments on sale. Proceeds to Theatre Group Funds for new Lighting Equipment. G.H.

HARBURY SPORTS-AID RUN & BARBEQUE

Sunday 25th May Midday Village Hall/Recreation Ground

Plans are underway (pending permission) for a gala afternoon in support of the International Appeal for Ethiopia involving a gentle run around the Recreation ground with Barbeque, Tug-of-War, Dragon Bounce Inflatable, Fun sports etc. Watch for more details. Special T-shirts available and forms from Midland Bank Harbury. Entries must be sent by May 18th (T-shirts available even if you are not running). We cannot resolve the terrible situation in the Third World as individuals, but by joining together we can greatly contribute to saving lives. Please help make teas, cakes, help marshal, run on the day, buy a special Sports-aid T-shirt, sponsor runners. We can all do something, however little.

SOUTHAM SPORTS-AID 10 am to approx 12 noon 25th May. Why not join in the run around Southam approx 6 miles. Contact Mr. Hughes on Southam 3955. All cheques to "Race Against Time" for the Sports-Aid appeal.

Central Area Girls Day on Friday 30th May Harbury girls (age 12-18) are invited to join a special event at Campion School 10 am to 5 pm where art, crafts, self-defence, drama, jewellery making, biking video games, quizzes, teenage face painting and hair care etc. etc. etc. will be offered. A chance to meet girls from different clubs, areas and cultures. If transport required contact Kay Pallot 613270 all girls welcomed.

NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES REGISTER

NHR provides informal meetings for people interested in wide ranging subjects and who enjoy meeting people and taking part in lively discussions. Our spring programme has included some entertaining evening meetings. The most recent was a musical evening, with members bringing examples of the music they enjoy. We realised that although none of us were "musical" everybody enjoyed listening and most agreed they would like to learn more about music.

The next two evening meetings will be a fitness evening at Verdicts Southam with an opportunity to join in an exercise session followed, in June by a meeting where a physiotherapist will talk about her work and answer questions.

On the social front, there is a dinner at The Dog Inn and everyone should be getting in training for the annual Pub Walk. Anyone interested in NHR should contact Sue Roberts 612920 or Sheila Buitt 613671 or come along to one of the monthly meetings or coffee mornings.

STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION MAY 8th 1986

Elections for Harbury's representative on Stratford District Council take place in the Village Hall on Thursday 8th May. The District Council is responsible for many important services such as environmental health, refuse collections, planning decisions and recreation and leisure services. Do read the candidates statements and use your vote on May 8th.

JOHN B. DRINKWATER

In offering myself once again for your consideration for re-election to the above named Council on the 8th May, as your Independent Candidate, I should like to mention the following facts:-

I have been a resident of Harbury for almost 27 years and am a retired Police and Local Government Officer and was employed by the Warwickshire County Council for over 42 years.

In May 1976 I was elected to the Stratford-on-Avon District Council as one of your members and since then until now, I have served continuously on the Policy and Resources, Planning, Personnel and Grants Committees.

I am at present Chairman of the Grants sub-Committee and this has enabled me to give support to various voluntary organisations in the Ward who have made application for Grants, and in the majority of cases with considerable success.

During the past 10 years I have been a regular attendee at the monthly meetings of Bishops Itchington, Harbury, Lighthorne and Ufton Parish Councils. I have been a member of Harbury Parish Council for nearly 25 years.

In conclusion I promise if elected that, as during the past 10 years, I will be truly independent in my assistance to all persons irrespective of any Political membership, who approach me with problems concerning the District Council.

ROBERT HARKELL of Lighthorne,
Liberal/SDP Alliance candidate.

As readers of Alliance FOCUS know already, I am available to devote the necessary time to community needs, if required, having now retired from an active industrial life. My last two decades were spent working internationally as a factory efficiency consultant and it is not unlikely that my experience could benefit ratepayers in terms of better value for money spent.

Those experiences also cause me to be convinced that Britain would benefit in very many ways from Alliance policies, both nationally and locally. Nationally they would strengthen our manufacturing competitiveness and increase the wealth generated by industry; coupled with that would be established a fairer and more caring society than we see today. Those policies appeal to me enormously and I would like to play some part in their introduction, albeit only locally.



Locally I want to help young people help themselves get out of the poverty trap, possibly through rejuvenation of the Council's Industrial and Employment Sub-committee (which rarely meets). I also wish to see that older people, who have worked hard all their lives are better rewarded for their contribution to society. As a start, pensioners and the disabled would get concessionary bus fares - just as they do in all other Districts in this County.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council was willing to give £50 towards the new engine for the Playbus when it learned that other Parishes had donated £50 each but it was reluctant to give the £250 it had promised to the Netball Club for construction of a pitch on the Recreation Grounds despite the fact that the Club's other promises of grant aid are dependant upon the Parish Council coughing up! This was because as yet no definite scheme has been submitted along with evidence of viability. It was thought that a letter of intent would suffice. The Finance Committee will meet with the Netball Club to discuss their plans.

The Hawks Football Club Goalpost will be retained for the summer in the hope that it will draw footbolls away from the Village Hall area, and when the weather permits work will be done to improve the drainage of the fields by the Hall and Car Park.

The Council, having searched the Bye-Laws decreed that it was not illegal to play Golf on the Fields and regretted that it was unable to help the resident who had complained about the danger caused by golfers. It was they said a Civil matter.

Councillors were tickled by the Carnival Committee's plans to nominate Andy Latham as Harbury's Official TOWN CRIER and they gave formal permission for the Fields to be closed for the Carnival on Saturday 7th June.

Bill Middleton was pleased that following the report in the Courier that the Parish Council was extremely dissatisfied with the work of the Community Programme he had at last received a reply to his letter of complaint. The authorities promised the work would be completed but disclaimed knowledge of all previous

correspondence, including the letter of 28th Jan which carried a cheque for £349.27!! It is the Parish Council's belief that the cheque safely found its target.

Deppers Bridge Playing Fields will get its new Play Equipment, it will just have to be patient. The Parish Council agreed in principle to allow extra funds for its purchase having discovered that its normal supplier no longer provides the horizontal bars it wanted. The Notice Board is nearly complete and will be erected soon, and the Council has referred Mr. Moore's complaints about water standing on the road and pavements to the Divisional Engineer.

A spate of apologies has followed Harbury's March letters of complaint. Community Programme apologised; the Director of Planning and Transportation admitted that the work to clear the drainage ditches on Middle Road was not tidily done (Cllrs pointed out that after the mechanical digger had cleared the ditches a man had had to work for a week with a shovel to clear up the mess); and for the EMEB Bob Dunne said that the length of time taken for the Board to respond to a call to deal with the decapitated and dangerous lamp post in Mill Street was 'not up to the usual Standard'!

The Diocesan forms requesting a 'Faculty' to remove the curbstones from certain graves in Harbury Burial Grounds have been completed and as Cllr Atkins said now await the deliberations of 'higher authority'.

The Council will try to get the land behind Childyke Mill Lane which has been subject to dumping cleared up and has agreed to suggest to the developer of Queen's Close that he donate the open area at the entrance to the estate to the Parish for it has not in the past been adequately maintained. Should this approach fail the Parish will charge the owner for cutting the grass. Cllr Andrews agreed to find out more about Southam's flower boxes which have been attached to the signs at the entrance to the town. He thought the practice very attractive and all agreed it would make a good impression on the judges of the Best Kept Village Competition if Harbury could follow suit.

The Council, having seen for itself the awful state of Greenhill registered no objection to plans for its demolition and replacement by four houses. The latest ammended plans for the Chapel Street site were adjudged to be better at the front but the Parish Council objected to the continued determination of the developer to build behind the line of the existing buildings.

Councillors were pleased to recommend the plans of Mr. White of Harbury Manor House to renovate the roof of the Manor and erect a pair of semi-detached retirement cottages off Wagstaffe Close. They praised the drawings submitted and the Chairman pointed out that Mr. White's previous plans for an indoor swimming pool were the first she had encountered that proved to be a true representation of the finished project.

Closing the meeting Sharon Hancock reminded all present of the forthcoming District Council Elections and urged everyone to use their vote.

WARWICKSHIRE AND CENTRAL AREA YOUTH COUNCIL

Jonathan Walters and Timothy Watts were welcomed to the Youth Council on 21st April. This Committee was set up by Youth Officer Alan Perry to give the young people of Warwickshire a say in how large sums of money should be spent to improve the Youth Service. The Council has been invited to attend a weekend seminar at Honiley Hall in June and will have a special "getting to know each other day" at Warwick Youth Centre. This will break down barriers and give the enthusiastic members an opportunity to produce some worthwhile ideas. The first public project will be:-

FUN SUNDAY July 6th at Campion School 2 pm. Fun sports, welly wangling, outdoor events and fun for all especially 10-14 year olds. More details later. Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs is also concerned with rethinking service to Youth Clubs in particular. Harbury members have been invited to attend meetings on Sat May 3rd and Thurs May 8th at the Spa Centre - Please contact Kay Pallot 613270 if you wish to contribute. Club representatives will be Sarah and Louise and others as they volunteer.

HARBURY SOCIETY A.G.M.

The existing Committee was re-elected and the Treasurer reported that the Society was in funds thanks to the continued good sales of Hungry Harbury but that without these it would be running at a loss. The Chairman pointed out that the Civic Trust was encouraging local societies to charge larger subscription fees to enable them to cover their costs and the meeting unanimously decided to increase the fees to £2 with a family membership of £3. Ken Stephenson reported on the progress of the Footpath publication and asked for more volunteer specialists who could point out items of interest along the routes of the walks. Mrs. Joan Clarke volunteered to question local residents and note their remembrances.

The Footpaths Sub-Committee is to organise a series of guided walks along the route of the footpaths to be included in the booklet and these will take place in the week 3-11 May (see article by Ken Stephenson).

In June/July there will be the Mystery Tour, posters will give you details. At the Carnival we are running a Second-hand Jewellery Stall and members will be calling over the next few weeks to take away any unwanted beads etc that you may have. My thanks to those who have already looked out items for the Stall. Anyone who has items they want collecting should drop me a line at 16 Farm St or call 612792.

Linda

FOOTPATHS - Following the success of 'Hungary Harbury' the society have decided to produce a booklet of walks around Harbury. Some 12 walks are being investigated by an enthusiastic team who will be proposing walks of varying lengths and conditions. It is also planned to produce a map of each walk together with a route description and points of interest. In developing this booklet the society may be able to obtain some grant support. Can you help? All kinds of 'experts' are required. Artists to illustrators, botanists to geologists, historians to archeologists, in fact anyone who can add anything to the booklet. If you can help or know of sources of assistance, please contact Linda Ridgley.

We do hope to be able to have a draft booklet or even a printed version available towards the end of this year, our thanks to and with the help of: Nigel Chapman, John Hancock, David Winters, Bob Wilkins, John Smith, Ken Stephenson.

ENVIRONMENTAL WEEK is 3-11 May 1986.

Harbury Society as part of National Environmental Week have arranged several walks around some of our footpaths. Please come to the Village Hall suitably clothed, especially footwear, and bring a waterproof.

| <u>Walk</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Distance</u> |
|---|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Sunday 4th May | 11 am/4 pm | 11 miles |
| (Village Hall-Itchington Hall-Salt Way-Bishops Itchington-Harbury. Leader: John Smith bring a picnic) | | | |
| 2 | Sunday 4th May | 1.30pm/4.30pm | 6 miles |
| (Village Hall-Ufton-Stoney Thorpe-Harbury Leader: Nigel Chapman) | | | |
| 3 | Tuesday 6th May | 6pm/8.30pm | 5 miles |
| (Village Hall- Salt Way-Harbury Leader: John Smith) | | | |
| 4 | Tuesday 6th May | 6pm/8.30 pm | 4½ miles |
| (Village Hall-Chesterton-Kington-Harbury Leader: Bob Wilkins) | | | |
| 5 | Tuesday 6th May | 6pm/9pm | 6 miles |
| (Village Hall-Ufton-Stoney Thorpe-Harbury Leader: Nigel Chapman) | | | |
| 6 | Thursday 8th May | 6pm/8.30pm | 4½ miles |
| (Village Hall-Chesterton-Kingston-Harbury Leader: Bob Wilkins) | | | |
| 7 | Saturday 10th May | 9am/2pm | 10 miles |
| (Village Hall-Radford Semele-Ufton-Harbury Leader: John Hancock bring picnic lunch) | | | |
| 8 | Sunday 11th May | 2.30pm/5pm | 4½ miles |
| (Village Hall-Chesterton-Kingston-Harbury Leader David Winter) | | | |

On the day walks may be varied to suit the weather, conditions underfoot and group members. Please turn up at the village hall for a prompt start.

Ken Stephenson

MUSIC RESULTS

The Three pupils entered for the Easter Session of Exams were successful. They are:-

Practical:- Sarah Burnham - Grade 5
Daniel Tancock - Grade 3

Theory: (Max 99) Samantha Neill - Grade 4
(91 marks)

Many congratulations. M.J.Coope (612556)

DARYL HAWKINS TRUST

Lorraine Andrews and her team, have raised £20 through a 16's Disco. Plans are underway to hold a separate 16's Disco specifically for this. Neil McLaughlan's (our new leader) personal commitment to helping this unfortunate young man, who was so brutally and unjustifiably attacked at Hintons last Summer, has resulted in a very good turnout of Harbury Youth Club members to support a sponsored walk on May 10th. Thank you to the many sponsors and walkers. Anyone wishing to help further should contact the Daryl Hawkins Fund (Leamington 28255) - ask for Emma.

BIRDS EYE VIEW OF HARBURY

In pride of place now at the Dog Inn is a remarkable collage of the village consisting of a series of photographs taken by Joe Griffin from the top of the Mill.

Taking advantage of the opportunity afforded by the recent repairs to the Mill's roof, Mr. Griffin used the vantage point to take pictures through a full 360°. These unusual shots show parts of the village not normally visible and they have been arranged to form a panorama by Tony Dodds.

Nigel Chapman and the pupils of Harbury School have annotated the display and it is now on show, by kind permission of Doug Powell in the Dog Inn. Thanks to to foresight of Joe Griffin and the enthusiasm of Mr. Powell's patrons we now have an important historical record of Harbury circa 1985 which though fascinating today will increase in importance as the years roll by.

Linda

30.
BO EXHIBITION AT HARBURY LIBRARY

Following the considerable local interest in Sierra Leone, there is now a temporary exhibition at the Library. This features particularly the town of Bo which is linked with Leamington.

The Library is open on Mondays and Thursdays. The exhibition will be up until Thursday 15th May, evening session. Verity Smith

WINDMILL SINGERS IN HOLLAND

The Windmill Singers, including several members from Harbury enjoyed a memorable and highly successful visit to Heemstede, Leamington Spa's new twin town in Holland, as guests of the Heemsteds Chamber Orchestra at Easter. They were supported at all the events by the Mayor of Leamington. Their performances included a concert version of "The Quaker Girl", a Jubilee Concert on Easter Sunday evening with 3 English madrigals, Handel's "Zadok the Priest" and a work for two choirs and orchestra by Telemann with the Heemstede Christian Oratorio Choir, and other works by the Orchestra by Sibelius and Schubert. On Easter Monday there was musical Eucharist celebrated at Bennebroek Church, where the service was superbly conducted by the parish priest in both Dutch and English - the music included 2 further madrigals, a repeat of "Zadok the Priest" and the Sibelius overture 'Pelleas & Melisands' and a wonderful rendering of 'The Easter Hymn' from Cavalleria Rusticana by the Windmill Singers' principal soprano soloist. The weekend concluded with a farewell party at which both orchestra and singers produced their own cabaret during the evening which lasted seven hours but seemed to pass in half that time! The most lasting impression of a weekend filled with wonderful music and good fellowship is of friendship. How splendid that Leamington and Heemstede have just been officially twinned, after many years as friendship town.

B.B.H.

WELCOME BACK: to Joe Bamford who has moved back to the area and is now living at 4 School Steet, Lutterham.

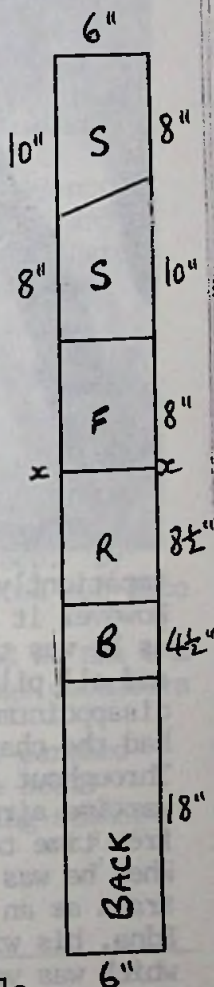
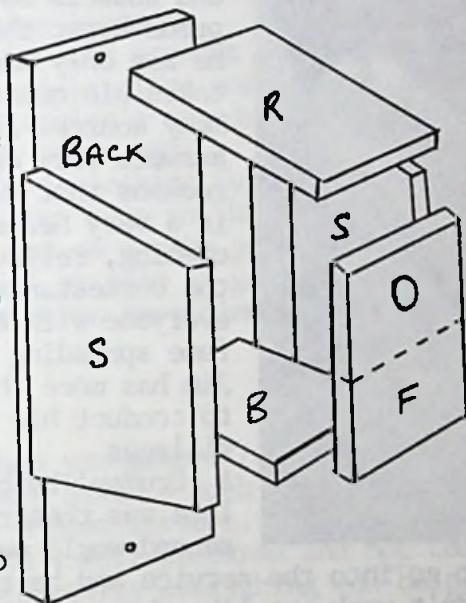
HOW TO MAKE A NEST BOX -make it now, nesting begins early May -

Construction Cut the board to lengths. Cut between front (F) and roof (R) is best made by holding the saw at an angle, so giving one sloping edge for the front and another for the roof. This cut (x-x) should make the upper side of the roof quarter of an inch longer than the lower side. If you have to use preservative, use non-toxic type, e.g. cuprinol not creosote. The

inside of box must be at least 4" square and entrance hole 5" from the floor.

Hole Size

- 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " dia (10p piece)
Blue Tits, Great Tit, Tree Sparrow
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " dia House Sparrow, Finches
- Open Entrance
Robin, Flycatcher
Wagtail (fix box to trellis or creeper covered wall)



Materials

Location

Best facing north, east or south east unless there are trees and buildings for shelter. At least 6 ft high, angled slightly forward.

- (- $\frac{3}{4}$ " x unplanned softwood
- (- 6" x 2" rubber/waterproof canvas/leather for hinge.
- (- 24 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " nails or screws
- (- pair of good catches/hooks

Don't locate too close to bird table.

Nesting materials will build up and make it unsuitable. Parasites will lay eggs also, so clean out the box during late autumn. Do not disturb box too much, infrequent inspections are O.K.

K.S.

PROFILE - JIM CHAPPLE



Quiz master extraordinaire is the title Jim Chapple has won for himself in the village. For with the exception of the first contest in 1951 Jim has set the questions and overseen the quiz every year. It means finding between 160/170 questions and answers each time and it is his proud boast that in all these years he has only made two mistakes. He takes his questions from a great many sources and checks the answers very carefully. Jim reckons that audience participation is a very necessary part of the evening, relieving any tension in the contestants and providing everyone with a good laugh. His fame spreading beyond the village Jim has more than once been asked to conduct his quizzes in other villages.

A 'Brummy' by birth Jim's great love was the Air Force and when the second world war was on he waited impatiently to go into the service and be trained as a pilot. However it didn't work out like that, because almost as soon as he was taken into the Air Force the Japanese war finished and all pilot training was discontinued. To his great disappointment he was put in charge of stores and never once had the chance to show how good a pilot he could have been. Throughout the war he kept diaries recording his sightings of wartime aircraft, he still has these and still refers to them from time to time.

When he was demobbed he joined Parkinson Cowan and started to train as an accountant. It was while he was here that he met Edna, his wife. Together they helped form a table tennis club which was very popular and where they tell me they used to play table tennis in the round, a complicated but highly amusing form of the game. Edna & Jim married three years later and they have two sons Colin and Martin and two grand-daughters. In 1954 he qualified as a cost accountant and five years later moved to A.P. in Leamington where he is presently financial controller.

Jim says he is an enthusiastic 'rabbit' golfer. I'm not sure what that means but other 'rabbit' golfers are bound to know. The highlight of his golfing was when he partnered Bernard Hunt in a pro-am match.

It is 18 years since Jim and Edna moved to Harbury from Southam and Jim has always taken an active part in the village. For 6 years he was chairman of the Scouts & Cubs administration committee which involved fund raising for canoes, tents and other equipment. He was P.T.A. treasurer at the time when the school swimming pool was being planned. Each year he audits the magazine accounts.

Jim doesn't agree with the present day thinking of change for the sake of change, it is often unnecessary, seldom bringing better results, particularly in education, which could well have been left alone years ago.

A keen gardener, Jim is looking forward to his retirement when he can devote more time to the beautiful fuschias and begonias he grows, and as a vice president of the Leamington football club he will be able to get to more matches, and with any luck he may even have time to improve his golf.

G.H.

IN THE GARDEN

May is the month when you generally plant a few extras that you forgot last year, as it's such a late start don't worry you can still have a good harvest. All your small seeds should be planted in a well prepared and not too deep. By the end of the month nearly everything can be planted out into the garden.

Tomato plants can be put in the cold greenhouse and at the end of the month in the garden. Why not lay a few ridge cucumbers in the garden planted out in June.

If your early potatoes are showing, keep them well earthed up to protect from a late frost. Runner beans are best planted on well manured ground. For a quick growing summer cabbage try Greyhound.

W.F.LINES

PRINCE'S TRUST WORKING HOLIDAY

Young people have been invited to join an all expenses paid working holiday to repair Maiden Castle Dorchester. Contact Sue Dunn 613576
or Kay Pallot 613270
for details

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

In spite of being holiday week and of course disgust weather, there was a good attendance at the April meeting. Mr. Porter of 'Clows' Garden Centre told us all there was to know about propagation starting with seeds through to air-grafting - very interesting. The speaker in May will be Mr. Lawson from Bernards who will talk on Fruit growing for small gardens. Will members wishing to go to the Parker Jervis garden outing on May 13th please give their names to Mrs. Zonik no later than May 7th.

Tel. 612365

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| Harbury..... | 2106 | 2306 |
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CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all the kind messages of sympathy we received in our recent sad loss of a dear husband and father.

Jill, Richard & Julia Hockley



Dear Editors,

I write to thank the many friends I left behind after living in your lovely village for 17 years. I have moved to the Isle of Wight and I should like to say how sad I felt leaving my second Mum, Mrs. Helen Owen whom both my husband Rennie and myself love very much; also Mr. & Mrs. Davis of Mackley Way and dear Mrs. Ashly who once played the organ at Ladbroke Church.

May I send the people of Harbury our best wishes and thank them for having us.

Regards,

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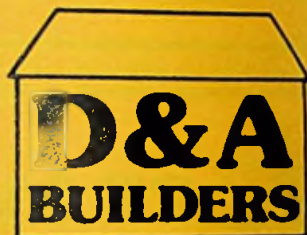
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