

# Harbury & Ladbroke News

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## HARBURY

Holy Communion - 8.00am

Sung Eucharist - 10.30am

Evensong - 6.30pm (not 3rd Sunday)

## LADBROKE

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Communion - 11.45am

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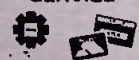
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Mike Bloxham's picture of Janni Freeman and her daughter Katherine sums up the spirit of the Bicycle Event, which was as successful as ever. After the 'summer break' activities in the village have largely resumed. Clubs and Societies have begun their autumn schedules - all trying to take us indoors just as the weather improves.

The Quiz Night will be held at the Club on Wednesday 22nd October. It is always an enjoyable occasion - with lots of encouragement and useless help from the audience as the beleaguered teams struggle with Jim Chapple's bewildering assortment of questions. The Harbury News Team will be defending their title won last

year and no doubt the regular winners - the Hottentots - will be fighting hard to regain the prize.

The Autumn also brings a new crop of planning applications for development in the village. It is becoming increasingly clear that Harbury's open spaces and gaps are under threat. It is a threat that will actually become more serious as the M40 reaches Warwickshire. Perhaps the Parish Council should adopt a new motto - Preserve our Spaces and Views.

## HARBURY DIARY

OCTOBER 1986

- Sat. 4 Theatre Group French Restaurant in Village Hall.  
Youth Club over-16 Disco - Rugby Club.
- Sun. 5 THE HARVEST FESTIVAL (Pentecost 20). 8am Holy  
Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
- Mon. 6 Upholstery Classes in the Wight School.  
Word of God, 8pm The Spiers.  
Prayer & Praise, 11 Constance Drive.
- Tues. 7 Mothers and Toddlers Service, 2.15pm.  
Horticultural Society, 8pm Wight School.  
Senior Citizens Committee, 8.30pm Village Hall.  
Prayer Group in Church, 8pm.  
Harbury News Cttee Meeting, 8.30pm, 23 Mill St.
- Wed. 8 PTA 'Letterland Evening' in School, 8pm.  
Julian Meeting, 8pm in Church.  
Youth Club Fashion Show.
- Thurs. 9 Thursday Club, 2.30pm in Village Hall.  
WI Mary Rose Talk. Open meeting in Village Hall, 8.30pm
- Sat. 11 Youth Club JUMBLE SALE 10am to Noon in Village Hall.  
HARVEST SUPPER in Village Hall at 7.30pm.  
Southam School P.T.A. Calypso Evening 8.30-11.30pm.
- Sun. 12 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am The Adventurers attend,  
6.30pm Evensong.
- Mon. 13 Upholstery Classes in Wight School.  
Prayer/Bible Study at 63 Mill Street, 8pm.
- Tues. 14 Southam School P.T.A. A.G.M. School Hall, 7.30pm.  
Harbury Friends, 8pm in School.  
Tennis A.G.M. 8pm in the Clubroom in the Village Hall,  
New members welcome.
- Wed. 15 NSPCC Coffee Morning to order Christmas Cards, 10.30am-  
1pm, The Rylands, Dovehouse Lane.  
Harbury Society Display of Historical Material by Nigel  
Chapman in the School Hall at 8pm. All welcome,  
entrance free.  
Parish Study Course, 8.15pm at 13 Manor Orchard.  
Playgroup A.G.M., 8.30pm in Wight School.
- Fri. 17 Conservatives ITALIAN Evening at Flax Hill.
- Sat. 18 JUMBLE SALE in aid of Myton Hospice, 2pm at Village Hall  
P.T.A. All Stars Evening at School.
- Sun. 19 ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST. 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am  
Sung Eucharist.  
Southam School Sponsored Dance.  
Newspaper Collection.



- Mon. 20 Upholstery Classes in Wight School.  
Word of God, 8pm at 63 Mill Street.
- Tues. 21 Prayer Group in Church 8pm.
- Wed. 22 QUIZ NIGHT at the Club, 8pm.  
Youth Club Floodlit 5-a-side Football
- Thurs. 23 Young Wives, 2pm Village Hall.  
Thursday Club, 2.30pm in Village Hall.  
Whist Drive in Village Hall, 7.45pm.  
Parish Council Meeting, Farley Room, V. Hall. 7.30pm
- Fri. 24 School Ends.  
Victorian Lantern Show in Ladbroke Village Hall,  
7.30pm, Tickets £1 from Stan Greenway, 1 Bell-  
view Cottages, Ladbroke (4312).
- Sat. 25 Harbury & Southam SDP JUMBLE SALE Ladbroke Village  
Hall 2pm.
- Sun. 26 STAGE UP IN VILLAGE HALL.  
CLOCKS BACK. Summertime Ends.  
NINTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS. 8am Holy Communion,  
10.30am Sung Eucharist, 3pm Repentance and  
Praise for Unity' Preacher the Revd. Yves Dubois  
Russian Orthodox Church, 6.30pm Evensong.  
NO ADVENTURERS TODAY.  
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN NOVEMBER'S HARBURY  
NEWS TO EDITORS TODAY.
- Mon. 27 Prayer/Bible Study, 8pm at 77 Mill Street.
- Tues. 28 ST.SIMON & ST.JUDE, 7.30pm Holy Communion.
- Wed. 29 Netball Sale in Wight School, 7.30pm.  
Youth Club Halloween Disco.
- Thurs. 30 HTG PLAY in V. Hall, "Alphabetical Order".
- Fri. 31 HTG PLAY in V. Hall, "Alphabetical Order".

# NOVEMBER 1986

- Sat. 1 HTG PLAY in V. Hall, "Alphabetical Order".  
Youth Club trip to Brandon Stadium.
- Mon. 3 School Begins.  
Upholstery Classes in Wight School.
- Tues. 4 Horticultural Society, 8pm in Wight School.  
Senior Citizens Committee, 8.30pm in V. Hall.  
Prayer Group in Church, 8pm.
- Wed. 5 M.U. 2.15pm Village Hall, Discussion.  
Julian Meeting at 3 Vicarage Lane, 8pm.
- Thurs. 6 9.45am Holy Communion (M.U. Corporate Communion).  
Coffee AM at 9 Church Terrace, 10.30am-12.30pm.  
Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn, 8.30pm  
Men's Society, 6 Vicarage Lane,
- Sat. 8 BONFIRE PARTY
- Sun. 9 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

# 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.

KARATE CLASSES, Village Hall 7pm every Friday

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For Village Hall Bookings, ring Mrs. Padbury, 613246

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## REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LADBROKE

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

### FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

The Church heating boiler has had its annual 'tweak' and Harry Windsor has been test running it to good effect in readiness for the winter season.

The bicycle event was blessed with good weather and no accidents - see report elsewhere.

The busy season is now upon us: Harvest Festival is on Sunday October 5th with Harvest Supper the following Saturday - Joyce Windsor and Ruth Dodds have tickets - don't delay as the numbers are limited.

The bonfire party this year is on Nov.8th and offers of help in collecting materials and building the fire will be gratefully received (612427) - also for clearing away the following morning.

Members of the Church Army will be with us in early November - in preparation for next year's mission.

The Christmas Fair will be held this year on Sat. Dec.6th - so would prospective stall-holders please start thinking up bright ideas as the organising team will be looking for a colourful, enjoyable event as was last year's.

JBM

### FROM THE RECTOR

A few weeks ago, I visited a lady who has been quite ill for some time. Throughout her life she has been a faithful and devout Christian, and after chatting with her for some time, before leaving the house, I suggested I should say some prayers with her. She was pleased for me to do so and after a few simple prayers, I gave her a blessing and stood there, watching her. She continued to keep quite still, her eyes closed and obviously rapt in prayer. What her prayers were I do not know, but being in her presence was a great privilege, a humbling yet enriching experience. Eventually after several minutes had gone by, she opened her eyes, gave me a smile of deep serenity and after a murmured 'Goodbye' I left.



U.  
It is not often that one is so aware of someone being so caught up in prayer and so surely in the presence of God. One obviously does not intrude into other people's prayers, but circumstances gave me that experience and I was glad to have it. It brought home to me afresh, the absolute necessity of prayer for every Christian. Yet often we find it hard to pray and often we make excuses to save us from the embarrassment of finding it difficult. Sometimes we gabble away to our hearts content and pour forth our prayers with a dramatic gesture of piety. Yet it seems to me that dear lady, as naturally and as simply as possible achieved an awareness of the presence of God, which is all too rare and which most of us only hope and long for.

Perhaps we need to distinguish between prayer, in which we engage at our public worship, and prayer, in which stillness and silence are necessary ingredients, and which, incidentally, is also worship of another kind. Nowadays the realisation is growing that this sort of prayer is not only for certain kinds of Christians, such as live in religious communities or those who have a special aptitude for it, but it is needful for us all, in order that we may attain the peace of God in our hearts and in our lives.

Antony Rowe

### THE LADBROKE FESTIVAL

The Festival was a delightful occasion and brought with it much joy and happiness, both in the hearts of those who planned it and put it into operation, and of those who came and participated in our celebrations. Cameras were much in evidence throughout the weekend and there are probably hundreds of excellent photographs. We wish to display these at the Harvest Supper at Ladbrooke on Friday 17th October with a view to choosing several of the best for further printings to be made available possibly to visitors to our parish.





CONFIRMATION

At the Confirmation at St. Peter's, Barford on Wednesday, 24th September, Mary Clare Shelley was confirmed by the Bishop of Coventry. It was a most joyful occasion and Mary was supported by a number of us from Harbury.

Please remember Mary in your prayers as she enters fully into the life of the Church.

HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday 7th September. Lisa Kate, daughter of Eric Geoffrey and Julie Lynne Talbot, 14 Dovehouse Lane.

Sunday 21st September. Nicola Sarah Louise, daughter of Gary Stuart and Marilyn Elizabeth Wilby, 15 Frances Road.

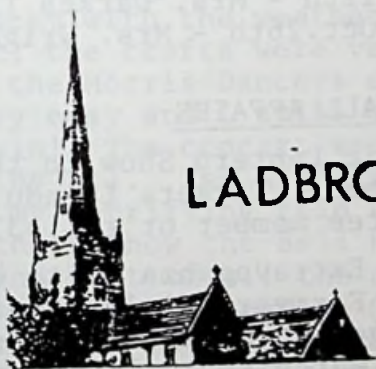
HOLY MATRIMONY

Saturday 13th September. Simon Paul Ward, 24 Avon Road, Whitnash and Claire Louise Geary, 9 Heber Drive, Harbury.

FUNERAL

Thursday 18th September at All Saints', Harbury, Norman Leslie Wilkins, 1, The Ridgeway, Warwick.

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## LADBROKE NEWS

OCTOBER DIARY

Sun. 5 Pentecost 20. 9am Holy Communion (said).  
11am Morning Service.

Mon. 6 7.45pm Parochial Church Council Meeting -  
The Old Rectory.

- Wed. 8 10.30am Holy Communion, 2.30pm Women's Fellowship.
- Sun.12 The Harvest Festival. 9am Holy Communion with Hymns, 3.30pm Evensong - Children bring Harvest Gifts.
- Wed.15 10.30am Holy Communion - Fellowship Corporate Communion.
- Fri.17 7.30pm The Harvest Supper.
- Sun.19 St. Luke the Evangelist. 9am Holy Communion with Hymns. 3.30pm Evensong.
- Fri.24 Magic Lantern Show, Village Hall.
- Sun.26 9th Sunday Before Christmas. 9am Holy Communion with Hymns.
- Mon.27 7pm Extraordinary Vestry Meeting - The Church 7.30pm Parochial Church Council Meeting - The Old Rectory.
- Wed.29 St. Simon & St. Jude 10.30am Holy Communion.

#### NOVEMBER

- Sat. 1 All Saints Day Patronal Festival. 11.30am Holy Communion with Hymns followed by refreshments at "The Bell".
- Sun. 2 Sunday within Octave of All Saints. 9am Holy Communion with Hymns. 11am Morning Service

#### CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Oct.5th - V. Junod; Oct.12th - Mrs. Darkes (Harvest); Oct.19th - Mrs. Darkes; Oct.26th - Mrs. Wright; Nov. 2nd - Mrs. Rowe.

#### VILLAGE HALL AFFAIRS

Don't forget the Magic Lantern Show in the Village Hall on Friday 24th October. Tickets fl adults, 50p children from any committee member or tel.4313.

The Annual Fireworks Extravaganza is to be held on Saturday 8th November in Farmyard Field. Refreshments available, but don't forget to bring along some fireworks as entry is free. Watch the village noticeboard for starting time and further details.

We have two new babies in the village this month, and this doesn't happen very often. Andrew and Dawn Sharples who have recently moved into the Old School House, have a new baby daughter Dorothy and Mark and



Tricia Teverson have a new son Roger Peter. Congratulations to them all. Whilst on this subject I've been asked to remind everyone that the Playbus now visits Ladbroke on a Thursday afternoon from 1pm to 2.45pm. It is for Mothers and babies from birth to school age. Ladbroke does not have many families using this facility at the moment, the Bus needs more customers!

Mrs. Winkfield is still knitting away in aid of church funds. She is a marvellous knitter and can tackle anything, so if you need any new jumpers etc. do 'phone.

The Sale of Booklets about the village has now made a profit of approximately fifty pounds and it was agreed at the Annual Parish Meeting to spend this amount on bulbs to be spread around the village. Now is the time for planting and it is hoped that all the village organisations will lend a hand. Please ring John Liverton on Southam 3341 if you'd be willing to help, or if you have any suggestions as to where they should be planted.

I can't finish writing this month without saying how much I, and everyone else I have spoken to, enjoyed the Village Festival Weekend. We were certainly lucky with the weather, the Church looked magnificent, the crafts were very varied and well displayed, the Morris Dancers energetic, the Treasure Hunt very easy and I still don't understand why we didn't win! The concert was standing room only and enjoyed by all. The highlights of the weekend for me were my terrifying trip up and of course down the church tower (how the Bell Ringers manage I'll never know), and best of all the marvellous pony and trap ride in brilliant sunshine (see photograph over the page) down the lane to Deppers Bridge. I think Mr. Sheasby should make this a regular event, I'm sure we'd all be queuing up! Well done to all the organisers, and I hear they've even made a profit.



Mr. Sheasby with Carly and Terry Hayward in his Pony and Trap.

Kate Liverton

### Women's Fellowship

For most of our members it was their first visit to The Retreat House at Offchurch, when we spent the day there for our September meeting. We started with Communion in the Chapel taken by the Rector, who afterwards gave us a short talk followed by a discussion, the theme of which was 'The Church in Ladbroke'. After an excellent lunch we were free to explore the house and village. We then continued with a discussion on unpopular people in the New Testament, and evil things about us in the world today. The time went far too quickly, and it was soon time for us to leave the peace of the Retreat House and return to our every day problems.

Our next meeting on 8th October is at 2.30pm at the home of Mrs. Gwladys Gould when Miss Violaine Junod will tell us about her recent visit to Africa.

Nancy Stubbs



## Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

We were joined by three members from Southam W.I. at our monthly meeting. A very impressive demonstration was given by the Baymix Company. They demonstrated the versatility of their open deep fryer, showing how a mixture of sweet and savoury dishes can be cooked at the same time. The cooking takes place at very high temperatures sealing in all the flavours.

Next month is our Annual General Meeting. A new committee will be appointed and it is imperative that we have a good attendance to ensure a democratic election.

### Gwladys Gould

Last month in Country Life magazine, a letter appeared written by Laura Blythe of Ladbroke, Leamington Spa. She was complaining about the fact that the sound of the church bells "break into a much-needed sleep after a hard, working week". She states that they ring in the village at eight 0'clock am and that it would be more Christian spirited to ring them at Evensong! The mystery is that no-one I've spoken to has any idea who Laura Blythe is?, and Ladbroke bells do not ring until nearer 9am. Do the bells bother you? or do you find them peaceful and restful - a definitive part of village life?

### Kate Liverton

## Julian Group

The Julian Group met last month and have decided to meet every four weeks. The next meeting will be in church on Wednesday October 8th at 8.00pm. Most subsequent meetings will be at the home of Joan Smith, 3 Vicarage Lane, starting on Wednesday November 5th.

J.W.

## Free Church Service

At the meeting held last week it was decided to continue with the services next year. We are grateful to the Rector and P.C.C. for their kindness in allowing us to use the church. There is a service on the second Sunday in each month, it lasts 45 minutes and there is a creche for children. The preacher on October 12th will be Rev. Peter Clarke from Warwick Street Baptist Church. We start at 2.30pm, everyone is welcome.

S.J.

## Harbury Adventurers

As part of our teaching on a Sunday morning we all learn a verse from the Bible. For the past four weeks we have been hearing the stories of Gideon, Ruth and Hannah and we have learned from these stories to - 'Stand firm and steady, keep busy always in your work for the Lord', 1 Corinthians 15:58. I am sure we, the leaders, are doing our best to stand by this verse as we prepare each week for the Adventurers classes. Unfortunately, the number of children attending on a Sunday morning has dropped considerably and it is not encouraging when your class has only one child as happened recently. It is also not financially viable as we rely on the collection to pay for the Village Hall. Our lessons for the next few weeks are entitled 'Christ has the answer' and we shall talk about how we can be like Jesus in today's world. Towards the end of term we shall once again hear about the birth of Jesus and will end the term with our Carol Service in Church.

We would like to see more members (aged from four to twelve years) on a Sunday morning at 11.30am in the Village Hall where they can learn songs and hear stories about Jesus and his many friends and followers.

On Sunday 12th October we shall be attending Church at 10.30am when members will take an active part in the service. We do hope parents and friends will be there to support us.

Shirley Keir





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Fight for good with the 'Heroes and Heroines' fancy dress party (5-12 year olds)

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As you may know, the Harbury Young Wives is basically a Christian organisation. In recent years we have become increasingly alarmed about the effect that 'Halloween' and the infamous 'Trick or Treat' games are having on our children. I know that a number of Harbury parents feel the same.

Because of that, we decided to hold a special Fancy-dress party - for good - and call it a 'heroes and heroines' party.

It will be on 'All Saints Day', which is Saturday 1st November from 3.30pm-5.30pm in the Farley room of the Village Hall.

All children from 5-12 years are welcome. There is no charge, but please, if you would like your child to come, telephone me - Sue Dormer on 613254 and let me know. Perhaps you would supply a few small items of food for the party, I can let you know what we need.

Your children can dress up as their favourite characters in the fight against evil: She-Ra, He-man, Superman, an Angel, a Fairy, even the Hulk. There will be prizes for the best costumes. So please, help us in the fight for good on 1st November.

Sue D.

### Trick or Treat - A Message to Parents

Last year many residents in Harbury found the evening of Halloween disrupted by having to answer the door several times to children out to "Trick or Treat". Many elderly people were badly frightened. One does not wish to prevent children from enjoying themselves but when the results are as above, they must learn when enough is enough and the responsibility is ours as parents.

May I implore parents to take on this responsibility. If your youngsters resist, get them to stay in and answer the door that evening every time. One lad

did this last year and soon learnt what a nuisance he and his friends were being.

Also a plea to householders not to give the children anything when they call. If this happens, they will soon get fed up and pack it in. Then perhaps this very unfortunate custom will disappear from Harbury.

Rosemary Eld

### THE HARBURY SCHOOL NATURAL POND

Dipping in a pond and finding out the secrets of a miniature underwater universe never ceases to be exciting and fascinating.

The staff at Harbury wanted to make this facility available to all the children and so we collaborated to design a natural pond and choose a site in the school grounds.

None of us being experts at creating a pond we were very grateful for all the help and advice we received, especially from Elizabeth Butler and her team at Warnact.

Our site was finally approved, the butyl lining ordered, and after a rallying call from Nigel Chapman the pond was excavated. The 4th year children removed the turf and began digging. The job was then continued by a team of very strong and willing parents and teachers admittedly some confined themselves to drinking coffee and shouting advice!

Why had we thought we'd need a mechanical digger?! The pond was dug, lined and filled in the evening and the slabs and turf laid the next morning. A team from Warnact brought and planted a wonderful selection of pond and marsh plants; and Andy Tasker led an expedition to Ufton Fields where we dipped and caught a few creatures to begin the 'life' in the pond.

The children have contributed sticklebacks, water scorpions and bull heads, these are all swimming in their new habitat.

Now we can watch the changes to the pond plants and creatures and observe the life cycles and simple food chains at all times of the year; without the work of organising a "trip".



All the staff would like to thank parents for the sponsored walk money of 1985 which paid for the pond, and the invaluable and willing help they gave us to create it.

We have now set up a management committee among the staff and with the help of the children we will create an attractive area around the pond.

Thank you to everyone who helped us to establish an educational asset in the school grounds which will be there for many years to come.

Anne Miller

### P.T.A.

TO PARENTS OF NEW CHILDREN: Welcome to Harbury School and to the P.T.A. Like many other clubs and societies of the village, the P.T.A. enjoys the unique village feature of excellent support from members and many other villagers. The P.T.A. exists to fund raise for the benefit of all our school children, which all provides a basis for some very good social occasions - do come and join in. We would also welcome parents with good ideas or enthusiasm to take a more active role on the committee or at the A.G.M. on 12th November.

The P.T.A. also need new members for the 100-CLUB PRIZE DRAW. As we lose children to the secondary schools some parents may resign, so it is essential that parents of new children consider joining this important fund-raising activity - a snip at 75p per month with a chance of winning at the monthly prize-draw. Please contact for information: Mary Thompson (612050), Jenny Evans (612700) or Harbury School.

### Children's Disco and Barbeque

On Saturday 27th September Kool-Kat Kemsley's disco pounded our ears whilst the children pounded the school hall floor from 6.00pm until 8.00pm. Over 140 children enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks at the disco which featured the new sound/

light disco-unit purchased by the P.T.A. Our thanks to all those who gave up their time to help in the various ways to make the event a success.

TICKETS AVAILABLE for the ALL STARS EVENING, Saturday 18th October in the School Hall. This promises to be a super evening with a very full and entertaining programme of sketches and musical interludes. Appearing are:

W.I. Drama Group - Irish Dancing - Barber Shop  
Singers - Theatre Group - Teachers Ensemble -  
Musicians Many - Buffet - Bar 8pm-Midnight

Tickets £3.00 now on sale, reserve now to avoid disappointment. Heavy demand is expected.

A.G.M. NOTICE Wednesday 12th November. School Hall - a few committee positions will become vacant to new and existing parents.

#### 100-CLUB PRIZE DRAW

Mr. & Mrs. John Kemsley - £10.00  
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Dormer - £10.00

KEN STEPHENSON

#### Southam School Awards Evening

The Annual presentation of awards at Southam School took place on Monday 22nd September. The evening began with a short programme of music by the orchestra under the direction of the Head of Music, Mr. Herbert. The 1st movement of Bach's 5th Brandenburg Concerto featured some lovely flute playing by Heather Whitelaw. It was followed by a very attractive arrangement of popular marches 'Sousa and Friends' which gave the percussionists a chance to shine.

The Awards were presented by Mr. M.L. Ridger, the Chief Education Officer. Harbury was well represented, with awards to Paul Turner (Lower School Science), Charles Mayer (Lower School Home Economics), Sonia Taylor (Lower School Craft, Design and Technology), Susan Allan (Upper School Art and English Literature), Lynn Stanbridge (Upper School Biology), Susan Dunne



(Upper School French), Simon Clifford (Upper School Physics), Clare Finch (Upper School Home Economics) and Michelle Crossan (Typing). The John Turner Memorial Award for Community Service was awarded to Lorraine Andrews.

After a short address by Mr. Ridger in which he spoke of the difficult months of the Teachers' pay dispute and his hopes for the future, the Headmaster reported on a year of outstanding academic success, both at 16 plus and 'A' level. The evening concluded with a Vote of Thanks ably proposed by Sixth Former Ian Morris.

M.S.H.

### SOUTHAM SCHOOL P.T.A.

Our next fund-raising event will we think, offer something a bit different. We are delighted to welcome the Ocho Rios Steel Band from Rugby. Band members are from Rugby Schools and they have established a national reputation. As well as playing for dancing they will demonstrate Limbo Dancing. Tickets are £3 including Calypso Turkey Supper. See the advertisement for further details.

The P.T.A. A.G.M. is in the School Hall on Tuesday 14th October at 7.30pm. Several committee members are retiring this time, and any nominations for new members would be most welcome.

Finally, tickets for the '200' Club are now available from Mr. Knapp at School. They cost £2 and give 3 chances of a £50 prize and 5 chances of a £10 prize.

M.S.H.

### 1ST HARBURY SCOUTS

On Saturday, 13th September, a group of 16 Scouts, One Venture Scout and three adults set off for a weekend hike along the Cotswold Way.

The hike started at Stump's Cross and ended at Cleeve's Common on the first day, via Hailes Abbey, Winchcombe and Belas Knap (an ancient Burial Chamber).

We stopped at the Roman Villa and our "resident Archaeologist", John Pickin, gave us the benefit of his knowledge regarding the mosaic floor. Right on cue he discovered a piece of Roman pottery much to the Scouts' amazement (I think he took it in his pocket just to impress!).

Following true Scouting tradition, the heavens opened just after lunch and didn't close again until we were well settled into the Youth Hostel at Cleeve's Common. Once we had dried out we had a very comfortable night, the other visitors to the hostel might disagree as the Scouts didn't seem particularly tired!

After a hearty breakfast we set off on the return journey via Cleeve's Cloud, Dowdeswell Reservoir, Ravensgate Hill and Seven Springs. A total of 20 miles well walked by the lads.

Thanks to those parents who provided transport to and from drop-off points, also to John Pickin and Martin Padbury for assisting me on the walk (I mean with the Scouts, not holding me up).

Forthcoming activities include: ice-skating, an incident hike and a continuation of the canoeing.

JJVH

### HARBURY VENTURE SCOUT UNIT

The committee have planned a programme through to Christmas and it has, I think, a good balance between physical challenge and stimulation of the mind as well as putting something back into scouting rather than always taking out. On Sunday 5th October the Unit are running an incident hike for the troop. Patrols, in the course of a ten mile hike will have to complete a 'dead' man's crawl, pitch a tent blindfold, use a stove and limited water to cook porridge and a cup of tea and finally follow a woodland trail and set a map. The winners will be announced in next month's Harbury News.



As well as swimming and climbing at Coventry we are also going there to try our hand at ten pin bowling. Later in the month we hope to have a team in Quiz Night at the Village Club and repeat our own form of 'Question Time' at the hut with an invited panel.

The committee has changed with the departure of Lynn Stanbridge to Bath University and James Mayer to a new home in Sussex. We hope to see them and Graeme Smith who is off to Southampton University at any of the Unit's meetings they can get along to but certainly at our Christmas Dinner to be held at the Shakespeare Inn on Tuesday 23rd December.

Old 'underground' hands - Stuart Simcock our lighting man take note - will be pleased to hear we have arranged to complete our dip into Britain's premier caving areas by sampling the delights of South Wales Caving (Cave in Welsh - Ogof). This will be over the weekend of November 22nd/23rd so start collecting all your grottiest clothing.

Anyone interested in joining Venture Scouts: boys and girls 15 years and over please contact our secretary Rodger Manning, The Red House, Leamington Hastings, Rugby (Telephone Marton 632977).

JLH

### SCOUTS AND GUIDES SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The Committee are pleased to report that further improvements to the Scout hut have recently been undertaken and would like to thank the many volunteers who came forward to help varnish the new floor.

One of the most profitable fund raising activities is the collection and sale of newspapers. This has regularly raised over half the income each year and has contributed significantly to the purchase of equipment such as canoes and to the Scout hut improvements. The Committee is pleased therefore to announce that the collection of newspapers is to be resumed as and from Sun. 19th October with the introduction of a new scheme. The village has been divided into 9 areas each of which has its own collection coordinator. The coordinator will ensure that collections are made on the third Sunday of each month so please leave your tied bundles of papers

outside your property ready for collection. If you have a large stockpile of papers that require collection please inform John Kemsley (613556).

A new and exciting fund-raising event is being planned for the end of next month. For details see next month's 'News'.

### BRIAN INGRAM

#### HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

We are off and running after our 4 weeks holiday. After 3 clubnights with attendances of over 90 teenagers, enthusiasm does not seem to be waning. We are pleased to welcome 30 new members, which more than covers our leavers.

During the holidays we completed the canal boat holidays, and the opinion seems to be that a good time was had by all. Interest permitting, we will organise further trips next year.

On the sports front the girls challenged the boys to a football match. Although the result was 9-2 in favour of the boys, this did not altogether reflect the run of play. With the girls taking a 2 goal lead, and the boys pulling back to 2-2 at half time, it was not a foregone conclusion. After a serious team talk, or was it threats, the boys got it together. Oh well, more training girls, then a rematch.

The 24th saw another trip to the ice rink at Solihull, we will soon be up to international standard with all this practise.

After lengthy debate over the fire extinguisher incident it was decided to hold another disco. With a capacity turnout, a noisy evening passed without incident. In view of this we have booked 5 more up to the end of the year. However, we still need your best behaviour, and a few more adult helpers, it is only for 3 hours.

See Diary for most October Youth Club Dates. 8th October - Fashion Show. Let's have your ideas on fashion within a budget. Your chance to be a model. 29th October - Halloween Disco. Fancy dress, with games and competitions. 10th October - JUMBLE SALE at the Village Hall. How about sorting out those unwanted items. Can we have some volunteers to man the stalls please?



Finally we have organised a trip to Brandon Stadium on the 1st Nov. for the last stock car meeting of the season. We must have at least 25 to qualify for a party discount, so let's have your deposits now or you will miss the boat.

Well, mustn't give you too much of a good thing, more next month.

R.P.

Youth Club Extra  
Weekend of Sport & Thought, Honily Hall

WCC invite Harbury youth aged 13-16 yrs. to enjoy a 2-day event during half term, Mon-Wed. Oct.27-29. For £12 young people can enjoy all the fun workshops, coaching, trip to Coventry Raquet Centre, all food and accommodation. £2 Deposits to be paid from Wed. Oct.1st. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY! Phone 613270 for more details.

JUNIOR TENNIS

Results of the club tournaments are as follows:  
Boys singles: 1st Vincent Crossan; 2nd Chris Ottewill;  
3rd Jonathon Frost; 4th James Playden.  
Boys Plate: 1st Steven Thompson; 2nd Andrew Clifford;  
3rd Martin Marsh; 4th Kieran Youngman.  
Girls Singles: 1st Sarah Burnham; 2nd Jane Hancock;  
3rd Fiona Crossan; 4th Wendy Ottewill.  
Mixed Doubles: 1st Julia Brown & Vincent Crossan; 2nd Fiona Crossan & Leon Scholtz; joint 3rd Wendy Ottewill & Martin Marsh, Jane Hancock & Shane Exton, Fiona Crossan & Jonathon Frost.  
Boys Doubles: 1st Steven Thompson & Chris Ottewill;  
2nd Vincent Crossan & Jonathon Frost; 3rd Mark Hayes & Leon Scholtz; 4th Andrew Clifford & James Playden.

NSPCC YOUNG LEAGUE

Unfortunately last month's sale in the Wight School could not go ahead due to conflicting demands on the children's time. We do apologise for any inconvenience this cancellation caused and hope to see you all at our Christmas Card Sale on the 15th October at 'The Rylands', Dovehouse Lane, where, as

well as coffee, we will be selling mince pies - just to get you in the festive spirit.

J. Stephenson

### CHARITY COFFEE

A series of COFFEE MORNINGS will be held during the winter months, from October to March inclusive, on the first Thursday of each month from 10.30am to 12.30pm, with the exception of New Year's Day. Coffee and biscuits will cost 25p, and the proceeds will go to a different charity each time. The next one will be on 6th November. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall. Do come along to 9 Church Terrace and enjoy a pleasant morning among friends.

Beryl Checkley and Joyce Windsor

### CHRISTIAN BOOKS

In the Church there is now a small library of Christian books which are available for anyone in the village. Do have a look - there may be something there to help or encourage you or to answer some question.

### MOTHERS UNION

At our meeting on October 1st we heard of the work of the Samaritans - a very important voluntary work carried out in society today.

On Nov.5th we shall have our Discussion Meeting in the Village Hall at 2.15pm when we shall also hear reports from the Diocesan Council & Deanery committee.

An advance date for your diaries please. On Nov. 20th at 7.45pm (venue to be announced) we look forward to welcoming Mrs. Pat Coldwells, our Diocesan President, as our speaker. This is an extra special meeting in the evening, when we hope all our members who are at work during the day will be with us. Please make every effort to attend, when you will all have the opportunity to talk to your Diocesan President.

Our November Corporate Communion service is on November 6th at 9.45am.

Esmé Churchill



HARBURY W.I.

After our break in August, 25 of us had a coach trip to Brevitt Shoes at Northampton on 9th September, which was extremely informative and interesting. A great many of us came away from the factory shop afterwards with some sort of footwear at very reasonable prices!

September 11th was the date of the Websters Wools Fashion Show. Our grateful thanks to Gordon Bennett who collected, and Pauline Hayes who returned, the 40 or so garments from Websters in Rugby which were used for the fashion show put on by us. The 'models' were the bravest of our members, who made a super job of parading the tops, sweaters and cardigans in front of a large audience of members and visitors. Thanks to the models (including Karen Tyler) and also to Celia Barrett for reading the commentary which Websters provided - a very enjoyable event.

On October 9th, Lt. Bill Davies is coming to give us a talk, with slides, on 'The Mary Rose'. The meeting is an open one to both men and women. Visitors will be asked to pay 50p each, which includes refreshments and the evening begins for non-W.I. members at 8.30pm.

TMW

Harbury Theatre Group

Some dates for your diary - on 30th and 31st October and 1st November we shall be performing Michael Frayn's play "Alphabetical Order" - an occasion you won't want to miss! This interesting and amusing play takes place in the library of a provincial newspaper where clutter and chaos reign - until the new Assistant Librarian, Leslie, arrives to take up her post. Then things improve ..... or do they? Come and see!

Just one thing - we are having difficulty in getting office furniture for our set. Have you an old filing cabinet knocking about, or a free-standing bookshelf, preferably tall? If so, and you are willing to lend it to us, please contact me.

Beryl Checkley 612519

## HARBURY FOLK CLUB

The Folk Club started its third season on September 4<sup>th</sup> with slightly smaller numbers than at July's meeting but 40 is still a good turn-out and is rather more comfortable than the 60 or so that we have had.

We were missing a few of the regular singers but still had more than enough. The Long Itchington trio of Gerry, Jenny and Alan had expanded to a quartet with the addition of Gerry's wife, Jean. The other group of the evening was the irrepressible Jug Band, on particularly good form with still more hilarious material.

After their appearance in July as a duo, John Black and Mike Putnam were going solo again, creating "showbiz" speculation about the future of the "Molar Rollers"! Tony Bayliss, Alan Wright and I completed the list of singers, most of whom joined forces on the final song of the evening, a rousing rendering of "Gilgaray Mountain".

Many Folk Club members were back at the Old New Inn on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, but this time it was in the car park for the start of the annual bicycle event. I was pleased to see so many people representing the "Folk Club Flyers" - we had a ladies team and two men's teams (over 16s and over 17s). The six men confounded the organisers by ignoring our scientifically-assessed handicaps and insisting on a mass start. One hour later, we arrived back for a mass finish to the strain of "The Wild Cyclist"!

The next meeting is at 8.30pm on November 6<sup>th</sup> when Bonas will be doing the guest spot.

Peter McDonald (613730)

## HARBURY BICYCLE EVENT

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bicycle Event organised by All Saints' Church took place on September 14<sup>th</sup> in ideal weather conditions and attracted a record entry of 69 riders plus 3 dogs!

John Hancock yet again improved on his time for the previous year, covering the 10 mile course in 31



mins. 26 secs. comfortably winning the men's class.

Andrew Ball put in a good performance to record fastest time in the 12-15 year old class (16 mins. 20 secs. for the five miles) with Simon Waddell quite close behind.

In the 8-11 year old class Joseph Harvey was fastest, hotly pursued by Aaron Stephenson and Martin Taylor whilst Anna Catt made off with the Ladies class.

The team event was enlivened by the Folk Club entering 3 teams, 2 of whom were mobile entertainers - see photo below. This event was won by the PCCO team of Anna Catt, Naomi Richardson and Sarah Packwood - a very good effort and the first time that a Ladies team has won - well done.



Our thanks are due to all the competitors who made the event what it is intended to be - a fun afternoon; to all the marshalls and timekeepers

without whom the event could not be run; to Nan for providing tea and cake, for the organisers; to Mr. Thwaites for allowing us to route through his estate and to the Old New Inn for the use of their car park area. See you next year!

JBM

## RESULTS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Handicap</u>
8-11	1st Joseph Harvey	Aaron Stephenson
	2nd Aaron Stephenson	John Russell
	3rd Martin Taylor	Michael Griffin
	Best Girl Lucy Comfort	
12-15	1st Andrew Ball	David Warner
	2nd Simon Waddell	James Davies
	3rd Ian McDonald	Gary Overton
	Best Girl Emma Finch	
Ladies	1st Anna Catt	Anna Catt
	2nd Naomi Richardson	Naomi Richardson
	3rd Chris Carter	Chris Carter
Men	1st John Hancock	Charles Catt
	2nd Guy Gaskins	David Winter
	3rd Matthew Robinson	John Hancock

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XIV Leichtathletik Europa Meisterschaften .....  
or to put it more simply the fourteenth European Athletics Championships. The Germans certainly have a way with words making them grow and sound imposing. Stuttgart where the Championships were held is an impressive city with a modern rapid transit system which makes driving about in cars largely unnecessary. It is situated in a bowl of the hills on the eastern side of the Black Forest where a small tributary stream runs down to join the River Neckar.

To get out of the city on foot (except on the Neckar side) often meant climbing lots of steps. Hence the name given to Stuttgarters by other Germans 'Steppel Volk'. The mandatory training runs during our week at the games either consisted of gentle tours of the extensive central parks or step 'bashing'.

Most of you will have seen some of the events on television. We joined a contingent of Britons, one Irishman (who seemed to know everyone in the Irish team personally) and assorted Germans, Russians and



French, in one part of the stadium each day. The weather was very British and we certainly had something to shout about as Linford Christie, Roger Black, Seb Coe, Steve Cram, Jack Buckner, Daley Thompson, Fatima Whitbread and our men's 4x400metres relay team won their gold medals. But there was a good feeling between the spectators and it was smiles and handshakes all round when Sergei Bubka won the pole vault for Russia or Stephane Cariston the 110 metres hurdles for France.

Was it pure chance that the athletics coincided with the annual wine festival! We didn't have to drown our sorrows though there were certain disappointments, notably Steve Jones's tactics in the marathon. His standing ovation when he eventually arrived at the stadium must have given him heart to fight another day.

I can't resist one dig. This autumn will see the completion of an all weather running track at Edmons-cote. However someone has decided there is no money for floodlights so winter training will still be off limits. To compete on equal terms with the Europeans we need to give our athletes the best facilities. Let's see those lights go up soon.

J.L.H.

#### THE THURSDAY CLUB

We now have a membership of around 40, and, on average, 30 or so people attend each meeting. We have been fortunate in getting some very interesting and informative speakers, and following the speaker, we enjoy a cup of tea with home-made cakes. Whatever your age, if you are free on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, and would like to join this friendly gathering, do please come along.

Beryl Checkley

#### Harbury Library

The reading trail during the holidays was well supported. Fourteen children completed it and received a certificate and the chance to win a prize. This was won by Simon Wurr as his spot on the "Space grid" was the nearest to the "treasure". We do hope you

will enjoyed it and discovered books you might not normally have read. We certainly enjoyed hearing your version of the books read and apologise to other readers for any delays caused.

Shirley Keir

### HARBURY SOCIETY

The Society recently corresponded with Miss Priestman who used to live at Clifton Cottage, Mill Street. She left Harbury in 1917 but remembers with great affection her best friend Gladys Biddle who she said she had not seen for 70 years (Unfortunately Gladys Biddle died only recently).

We also received a letter from Mrs. Marney who was trying to find out more about her relatives who were recorded as having lived in North Street, Harbury in the 1851 Census and at Northfields in 1861.

Both of these letters we passed on to Nigel Chapman at the School for he and the children have done a vast amount of work on the history of the village. They have details of the old Census returns and a wonderful collection of old photographs and other research material. Nigel has agreed to explain and display some of this material for us in the School Hall on Wednesday 15th October at 8pm. I do urge everyone to come along and see what the village used to look like and to take the time to read some of the information that the School's research has revealed. The displays will be open to all and there is no admission charge. If anyone has old photographs, local magazines or other documentary material they would like to bring along both the Harbury Society and Nigel Chapman will be very pleased to see them.

For your diary for November please reserve the evening of Tuesday 11th November when at 8pm in the Wight School Richard Cox, who works as a Pollution Control Officer for the Severn Trent Water Authority, has agreed to give a talk on the problems of the control of water pollution. The recent spillage of chemicals at Rugby which polluted the Leam and the ever growing concern about the Nitrate levels in this area make it an important and topical subject and one which everyone ought to want to know more of.



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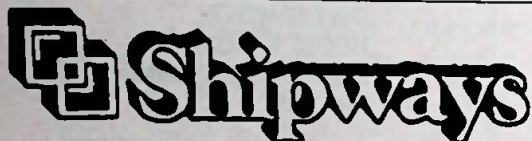
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The Jug Band has kindly consented to entertain at our New Year Social and in February we will have the promised talk on the discoveries at the Avon Dassett dig.

Chesterton has been alerted to the problems that the proposed Service Area for the M40 at Barn Hill could bring and is lobbying for support. The recent work on the Railway Bridge on the Fosse has resulted in a slight increase in through traffic in Harbury and gives a flavour of what we can expect when the Motorway comes. It will affect us.

My thanks to everyone who helped at the opening of Chesterton Windmill. It was hard work but well worth it, especially when we could see the sails turning and the machinery working!

Linda Ridgley

### Harbury NHR Group

The Harbury NHR Group is part of a national organisation formed to provide a meeting point for women to hold stimulating discussions (on anything except the kitchen sink and children); make new friendships; and enjoy social events.

We meet monthly in members' homes in the evening and hold coffee mornings where children are welcome. The topics discussed in the evening range from the serious to the lighthearted. We also visit local theatres regularly and in addition we have an associated book group where a new book is discussed each month. The book group's programme this autumn will be 8th October: "A Few Green Leaves" by B. Pym; November: "The Bone People" by Ken Hulme; December: "The Tripe Echo" by H.E. Bates.

The main group's autumn programme is as follows: 6th October: An African evening; 16th October: Quiz evening with the Leamington group; 11th November: Acupuncture; 9th December: Christmas meeting.

If you are new to the village, or have lived in Harbury for many years and you would be interested in learning more about NHR or would like to join the group please contact Sheila Burtt on 613671.

A. Greenwell

## PROFILE - VIOLAINE JUNOD



Although for some years Violaine has been one of Ladbrokes' more conspicuous residents, her life began in a very different sort of community. She was born in Mozambique and spent the first year of her life in a primitive, native African hut, the eldest daughter of a Swiss Missionary, whose father had been a missionary before him. This family tradition of service to the community has very much been reflected in Violaine's own career.

She took her first degree in Social Studies at Witwatersrand University in Johannesburg and afterwards worked on two experimental projects, one in a poor white area and one in Alexandra Township, involving preventative Community Health Care, an idea very much in advance of its time. In the course of training social workers she came to know Winnie Mandela. During this period Violaine became increasingly concerned about the problems associated with African Urbanisation and the Political Oppression of Africans. Next she



came to the London School of Economics to complete a further degree in Anthropology and then returned to South Africa to take up her first University lecturing post in Durban. Working in Durban, Violaine became involved with Alan Paton in the formation of the South African Liberal Party, which became associated with movements dedicated to passive resistance to Apartheid. These Political activities led her to be closely associated in the massive arrest of the Leaders of the Protest Movement in the mid-1950s. In 1958 Violaine went to the U.S.A. to give the American people the full facts about the Treason Trials that were being held in South Africa and to collect money to maintain the families of detainees. She was awarded a fellowship which extended her stay and enabled her to compare the situations of Black people in the deep South of America with those of South Africa. During this trip she met Eleanor Roosevelt, the then Senator John F. Kennedy and became a close associate of Martin Luther King. On returning to South Africa she was faced with the Political restraint and probable imprisonment and so decided to make U.S.A. her permanent home and she spent the following three years working at the Universities of Boston, Harvard and California, at which she coordinated Peace Corps Training programmes. One of her happiest memories of her stay in U.S.A. is of the time spent in a Malibu beach cottage, which had previously been owned by Diana Dors and had a most unusual bedroom!

Violaine took out papers for U.S.A. citizenship but was advised to refrain from active concern over Human Rights, whilst her application was being considered and this led her to abandon this plan. Financed by U.N.I.C.E.F. she returned to Africa, this time to Uganda, where she worked for ten years at the first school of social work in East Africa at Makerere University, during all the traumas, coups and attempted assassinations culminating in the rule of Amin. She left Uganda to take up a one year post in Family Planning with FAO in Tanzania and then in 1973 Violaine took up the post of head of Applied Social Studies at the Lanchester Polytechnic in Coventry; where she worked until her

retirement last year. She found working in Coventry great contrast to working in third world countries, where contact with the centre of power is only a phone call away. The job at the Poly proved more frustrating and rather stressful at times. Now technically retired, Violaine is able to devote time to her many interests and wide circle of friends. However, seeing her in her peaceful Ladbroke home, I couldn't help feeling that perhaps it was just too peaceful and that before long Violaine may be back on African soil once more!

Kate Liverton

### PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

A miracle happened at the September meeting - business was completed in record time and Councillors were off to their respective 'locals' by 9pm. John Drinkwater in the Chair welcomed Sergeant Papworth, the Community Liaison Officer for South Warwickshire who explained that ethnic minorities were his main responsibility and as they were singularly absent from the meeting he would merely observe.

Councillors were fussed that the Theatre Group had not told them it had had the £200 grant for a Lighting Board from the Stratford District Council but they agreed to pay their share. The Netball Club had also not officially informed them that it had approval for the Sports Council Grant towards the cost of building them a Netball Court on the playing fields.

At Sharon Hancock's insistence the Parish Council will instruct the Village Hall Management Committee to review its Insurance cover and safety arrangements following the recent accident to a Youth Club member who received cuts to his wrist when the glass in the Main Door broke. Cllr. Hancock insisted that ordinary glass should not be used in such situations.

Ray Carter admitted that the Gas Board contractor presence in the Village Hall Car Park is down to him. He made the on-the-spot decision to allow them to store the equipment there rather than have it lying about on the grass verges. The Cllrs. promise that the mess will be cleared up.

Dennis Atkins had only bad news on the Lighting front, another battlefield with the authorities. The



Electricity Board had broken the bracket when they replaced the rotten lamppost in South Parade so that there was a new post but no light! In addition the adjacent lights were not working and although he had rung three or four times the lights were still out. With the increased traffic through the village caused by the diversions on the Fosse, Dennis was concerned about safety. PC Tim Percival had warned the Electricity Board of the dangers but to no avail and Cllrs. were of the opinion that the transfer to Coventry had had an adverse effect on the service. Cllr. Davies said that the officials were 'more and more remote the further away they get'.

Mention of the Post Office in connection with the request for a larger box in Farm Street precipitated further complaints. School Secretary Marjorie King said that mail from Warwick posted First Class was taking three days to arrive and Cllr. Hancock said letters from Newcastle took a week. Cllr. Atkins asked why there were two systems of delivery in Harbury and Mrs. King explained that houses built pre-war retained their afternoon delivery. Both Cllrs. Hancock and Middleton declared that they would forgo one delivery if only letters could arrive on time (they both live in post-war houses anyway). There had been a noticeable deterioration since the sorting had been moved to Coventry, and to add insult to injury this month two of the Council's cheques had gone astray, costing the Council the extra expense of cancellation! To ensure that the Post Office is aware of the Parish Council's displeasure at the late delivery of the mail the Clerk was instructed to 'write a letter'!

Stratford District Council has granted planning permission for extensions at: 4 Chapel Street; 18 Park Lane; 29 Manor Orchard and 14 Vicarage Lane. The Parish Council registered no objections to the plans to build a bungalow at Highfield Stud, the change to light industrial use at Burnside, Deppers Bridge or the remedial work on the Homstead in Crown Street although Cllrs. did stipulate that the materials used should be suitable.

Cllr. John Drinkwater reported that Stratford District Council had rejected plans to build two houses on the Sewerage Pumping Station site as being contrar to the Structure Plan and an undesirable consolidation of the village, closing off open views important to the street scene; were awaiting revised plans for the swimming pool at 23 Farm Street and had stipulated that no more than three dwellings were allowed at any one time on the Sussex Cottages site in Vicarage Lane. It is intended that the cottage be eventually converted into one house and the extension to the east be demolished and two modern houses be constructed in the grounds.

Stratford District Council issued an invitation to Councillors and Parishioners to visit the Council Offices in Stratford for the Open Evening on 17th October between 6.30pm and 8.30. Councillors were most concerned as to how they could let the District know the number to expect, especially as light refreshments were on offer. They passed to Sharon Hancock the questionnaire on sports facilities which the Sports Council will use to compile its publication 'What's Your Sport?'

The only sport taking place at Deppers recently seems to have involved the wrecking of the Igloo, pensioned off by Harbury to Deppers where it was hoped it would have a quieter life. There is still no sign of the promised extra Play Equipment and now the Parish Council has suggested surveying the hamlet to determine the age range of the children so that the items provided for play will be suitable. Cllr. John Moore still favoured the Adventure Playground suggested four months ago by Cllr. Dunne but Cllr. Hancock was under the impression that there were mostly younger children. She pointed out that the Playbus visited Deppers and that catered for the under fives. Unfortunately John Moore said that Playbus visits were rumoured to be stopping and this threw the Council into a turmoil because they had expended much time, money and sweat in providing a hardstanding for the bus at Deppers and had recently contributed to the new engine for the Bus on the understanding that it was providing a service for the community at Deppers.



Farmers it seems have miracle sprays which will eradicate weeds and Cllr. Iory Davies volunteered to look out something suitable for removing the nettles and weeds which Keith Thompson had complained were causing Dark Lane to be overgrown. PC Percival will attend to the problem of scattered beer cans. The state of the waste land on the corner of Queens Close was 'shocking' Cllr. Hancock said and Cllr. Sharpe promised that the matter was in 'legal hands' at the District Council.

Councillors are still pinning their hopes of highway improvements on the magic yellow lines that have appeared about the village. These mystical marks portend the arrival of the road gang and already Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Sollis and the Fryers have woken up to an improved lay-by in Farm Street. The Village signs, the remedial work to stop flooding in Church Terrace and the boards at the Bendigo Mitchell Crossroads are all promised by ex-Harburian Tony Walters who controls such things.

Councillors were astonished to learn of the Balkan connection to the Fosse Closure. Tim Percival revealed to amazed Councillors that Britain has had to import Hungarians to repair the railway bridge on the Fosse. Although work had been delayed because the Hungarians recruited to spray cement at the bridge had found the iron framework placed against the bricks was not rigid enough and was having to be reinforced. Tim was convinced that the bridge would be opened at Midnight on Sunday 28th September because no extension had been sought to the order closing it!!

"We must not let the matter die" joshed Bob Dunne when informed that the Parish Council has at last received its 'Faculty' to remove the broken kerbstones from the Burial Grounds. The last Hurdle is to negotiate with the Cemetery Caretaker for the work to be done, as it has to be completed within a twelvemonth. One has to agree with Cllr. Dunne, It's not nice to see Councillors losing their faculties.

Linda Ridgley

### IN THE GARDEN

October to my mind is the month when you realise what you have achieved and where you have failed to get the best results.

Storage of vegetables is best done in boxes of peat or dry sand, leave parsnips in the ground and dig as required - carrots, beet-root and potatoes are best got up, your sprouts may need support. Spring cabbage can be planted out.

Now is the time to take geranium cuttings. All ground that is cleared of vegetables etc. should be dug over rough so that the frost can improve it for spring planting. As my sight is getting bad I am finding difficulty in continuing with these articles, much as I have enjoyed it over the years, but as the trend today is for alpines, rockeries and flower arranging the person who is taking over is very well versed in these subjects.

W.F. Lines

#### HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

In spite of the poor summer weather, the Flower Show attracted about the same number of entries as usual, and judges were impressed by the high standard. In particular, the children's entries were excellent and therefore very hard to judge. We hope for even more entries in the children's classes next year. Cups were presented by Keith Thompson, winners being:

Parish Council Allotments Cup - Ray Padbury.

Farley Cup - H. Taylor. All Saints Cup - S.T. Hauley

Courier Cup - H. Wilkins.

Brunton Cup - Tied Mrs. Kettle, Mrs. Hancock & Mrs. Sanders.

Daniel Challenge Trophy - Mrs. S. Wurr.

L.A. & E.D. Zonik Challenge Trophy - Mrs. Beaumont.

Fred Lines Cup - Julie Bennett. Barnes Cup - Emma Finch.

Finch Challenge Cup - Emma Finch.

Harold Wilkins Challenge Cup - H. Taylor.

Garden News Top Tray Awards: Gold Medal - H. Taylor;

Silver Medal - F. Lines; Bronze Medal - H. Wilkins.

To build on the success of the annual show a small-scale "Spring Show" is now suggested, to take place at the regular meetings early in the season. The schedules, less rigid than in a formal show, are:

February meeting: 10-12 crocuses in a bowl.

March meeting: 5-6 daffodils.

April meeting: 3 hyacinths.

Participants will be asked to bring along their entries to the meeting. The aim will be much more to celebrate than to compete.

Proceeds from the Walkabout have now been shared and the Society has been able to make donations to All Saints' Church, Theatre Group, the Youth Club, Wight School Playgroup, Guides and Scouts.

All are welcome at our next meetings on 7th October (Soil in your Garden) and 4th November (Flowers of the Bernese Oberland) and AGM both at 8pm at the Wight School.



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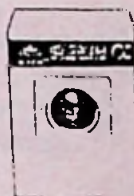
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