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## SUNDAY SERVICES

### HARBURY

Holy Communion 8 a.m.

Sung Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

(Except 1st Sunday of month)

Sung Eucharist 9 a.m. only)

Evensong 6.30 p.m. (except 3rd Sunday)

### LADBROKE

Holy Communion with Hymns 9a.m.

(Except 1st Sunday of month)

Family Communion 10.30 a.m.

Evensong 3.30 p.m. (3rd Sunday of month)

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Harbury's big annual event, the Carnival and Fete, will have taken place as this issue of the magazine is distributed. Next month we hope to publish the pictorial highlights of what always proves to be a most enjoyable day. We are indeed fortunate to have such a talented and energetic group of people to organise the big day.

Our cover this month carries the 'Quest '87' logo marking a major initiative on the part of the Churches of Harbury and Ladbroke, under the leadership of Canon Antony Rowe. Quest '87 is a mission to be carried out with the help of the Church Army during the first twelve days of July and is the fulfilment of an aim which Canon Rowe has had since he came to our parish almost 4 years ago. We wish the mission much success - see inside for more details.

Prior to Quest '87 we have a mission of a different sort to culminate on June 11th when we elect a new government. Such matters are beyond the scope of this magazine but the 3 candidates standing in our ward have submitted short resumes of the reason why we should vote for them and these are to be found within this issue.

A team from the Harbury News (Graham Gee, Sharon Hancock, Gladys Hutchins and Vicky Macgowan) took part in Bishops Itchington P.T.A. Quiz Night, along with over 20 other teams. We are delighted to report that they won the competition, narrowly defeating Harbury Cricket Club.



HARBURY DIARYJUNE 1987

Sat	6th	CARNIVAL CARNIVAL DANCE in Village Hall
Sun	7th	PENTECOST (Whit Sunday) Sung Eucharist 9am Installation of Beryl Checkley as Churchwarden 12pm Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong
Mon	8th	P.T.A. Family Day Word of God 8pm at 63 Mill Street N.H.R. Car Treasure Hunt Praise & Prayer, Lullington Lodge
Tues	9th	Mothers & Toddlers Service at 2.15pm
Wed	10th	Parish Bible Study Group 8.15 20 Manor Orchard
Thurs	11th	ST. BARNABAS Apostle 9.45am Holy Communion ELECTION - Voting in Village Hall 7am - 10pm No Thursday Club today W.I. transferred to <u>Rugby Club</u> 7.45pm talk by Mr= Dallas Barnes-Hughes on 'Impressions of Moscow and Leningrad'.
Fri	12th	Confirmation Rehearsal 6pm
Sat	13th	Youth Club Disco in Village Hall
Sun	14th	TRINITY SUNDAY Pentecost I 8am Holy Communion 10.30am Sung Eucharist and Holy Baptism 6.30pm The Confirmation (Bishop Vernon Nicholls)
Mon	15th	Prayer/Bible Study (Judgement) 8pm 77 Mill Street Praise & Prayer 15 Pineham Ave
Tues	16th	No Church Service at 7.30pm Village Hall Committee 8pm in Village Hall Senior Citizens Committee 8.30pm Village Hall
Wed	17th	Senior Citizens OUTING to Weston-super-Mare
Thurs	18th	CORPUS CHRISTI (Thanksgiving for the Institution Holy Communion) 9.45am Holy Communion Whist in Village Hall 7.45pm
Sat	20th	"One Night Only" Harbury Theatre Group 8pm in Village Hall
Sun	21st	L O N G E S T    D A Y PENTECOST II 9am Holy Communion with Hymns & Par Breakfast at Ladbroke 12pm Holy Communion at Harbury NEWSPAPER COLLECTION Harbury Pony Show on Playing Fields
Mon	22nd	Praise & Prayer 12 Park Lane
Tues	23rd	HARBURY SOCIETY M?Y?S?T?E?R?Y    T?O?U?R 7.30pm 70p Adult 40p Child

- Wed 24th N.H.R. Coffee Morning 10.30am Venue Anne Greenwell  
Parish Bible Study Group 8.15pm at 13 Manor Orchard
- Thurs 25th THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (Transferred)  
9.45am Holy Communion  
Thursday Club - Strawberry Tea for Members at  
Midge Keen's 20 Constance Drive 2.30pm  
Parish Council 7.30pm Farley Room of V. Hall
- Fri 26th Conservatives Barbecue at Ivy Cottage, Ivy Lane  
7 - 11 pm
- Sat 27th Footnote Shoe Sale at Village Hall morning & after-  
noon  
Scouts Skittles in Village Hall  
Rugby Club Barbecue at Rugby Club  
Southam School P.T.A.- Steak Barbeque + 60's  
Disco 8pm-12 at School
- Sun 28th ST PETER THE APOSTLE (Anticipated) 8am Holy  
Communion 10.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong  
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN JULY'S HARBURY NEWS  
TO EDITORS BY TODAY
- Mon 29th Word of God 8pm at 26 Manor Orchard  
Prayer/Bible Study (Judgement) 8pm 77 Mill Street  
Praise & Prayer 17 Farm Street
- Tues 30th Harbury News Committee 8.30pm at 23 Mill Street
- JULY
- Wed 1st CHURCH ARMY IN HARBURY UNTIL 12TH (see under Quest'87)  
Environmental Science Evening P.T.A. 8pm at School
- Thurs 2nd Folk Club 8.30pm Old New Inn Lounge  
Men's Society 7.45pm 11 Constance Drive with  
Church Army
- Sat 4th Wight School Playgroup JUMBLE SALE 10am-Noon at  
Wight School
- Sun 5th Youth Club Alton Towers Trip
- Mon 6th Word of God at the Spiers 8pm  
Praise & Prayer 4 Leicester Close  
Harbury Theatre Group Play Reading at Wight School  
8pm
- Tues 7th N.H.R. Book Group '84 Charing Cross Road' Helen  
Hanff 8pm at Paddock House Crown St, No Meeting  
in August
- Wed 8th Mothers Union GARDEN MEETING & BRING & BUY, Haze  
Brook, The Pound 2.15pm (with Church Army)
- Thurs 9th Thursday Club 2.30pm Village Hall - visit by  
Church Army  
W. I. 7.45pm Potato Marketing Board in V. Hall



#### 4. 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

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#### 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, 8.30-10  
Mondays

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Mondays.

BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.

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

PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday morning

NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday a.

LUNCHEON CLUB, Village Hall every Tuesday & Friday  
12.30pm.

DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tuesday,  
Wednesday and Thursday.

BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.

N.B. Tuesday CUBS now meet on THURSDAYS.

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.

BELLRINGING PRACTICE in Church 7.30pm every Friday

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

For Village Hall Bookings, ring Mrs. Padbury, 6132

For Wight School Bookings, ring Mrs. Hayes, 6134

## FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

On Sunday June 7th Beryl Checkley will officially take up her office of churchwarden following the Arch-deacon's Visitation in St. Mary's Church, Warwick the previous Friday, when all churchwardens in the Arch-deaconry will have been admitted (or re-admitted).

I look forward to working with Beryl and hope that she will find the task a satisfying one (in spite of having me as a colleague!) Equally, I shall miss working with Harry Windsor whose dedication and conscientious approach to the task are an example to us all.

The confirmation service on June 14th (at 6.30pm) is an opportunity to welcome 18 new full members to the Church and we should give them every encouragement to maintain a regular attendance.

The big forthcoming event of course is Quest '87 which the rector covers in his article. Although the Church Army will be instrumental in conducting the mission, it is very much up to every one of us to grasp the opportunity fully to deepen and broaden our faith. Please pray for its success and become as involved as you possibly can. A full programme of events is posted on the back door of the Church and a separate leaflet will be circulated prior to July 1st. If you need any more details please phone the rector (612377) or mission secretary Ruth Dodds (612529).

We were delighted to welcome some 70 or so members of our link parishes Ryton and Bubbenhall and New Bilton to tea and then to evensong on Sunday 10th May

J.B.M.

## FROM THE RECTOR

This is my last opportunity to tell you something about Quest '87. We have invited the Church Army to send a team of officers to our parishes on Wednesday 1st July for twelve days. The purpose is to help us to be more alert and responsive to the teaching of our Lord and to convince our friends and neighbours that in Harbury and in Ladbroke the church is not complacent nor inward looking. It is a very suitable time to engage upon such a quest, first as we have

just celebrated the Ascension, when especially the Kingdom of Jesus is stressed and we pray that he may reign in our hearts and minds always and secondly as we enter to season of Pentecost. At Pentecost (Whitsun, if you are more accustomed to that title) we read in the beginning of Acts, those timid, fearful and frightened disciples, having received the gift of the Holy Spirit, were changed people and were willing to go out and face the world, friend or foe and were bold enough to speak of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Church from that time onward has been bidden, not only to gather together regularly to celebrate and to rehearse the faith, but also to declare it openly that Christ's Kingdom can be extended. The Christian quest is to come to know more and more of the truth as revealed in Jesus Christ and the searching and the seeking for that go on ceaselessly. But occasionally it is beneficial to have a very special effort and to make the time, in our busy and hectic lives to allow ourselves seriously to reconsider those things which some believe in with all their hearts, others only vaguely and others perhaps not at all.

Our intention is not to try to pressurise anyone to commit themselves, but to genuinely invite your interest in what we think important to all of us in this confused and bewildered world and to ask you generously to come and meet the Church Army and listen to what they say, as they will, in turn, listen generously to you.

ANTONY ROWE

### THE QUEST '87 PRAYER

Heavenly Father who looks upon us with love, send your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ into this world to lead us back into your presence. Bless us now as we undertake Quest '87, and give us grace to know, love and serve you well. Bless the Church Army teachers who come to help us to strengthen and awaken faith in this parish; and send your Holy Spirit upon us, to guide us into all truth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.  
Amen.



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Specially printed prayer cards are available for all on the table in church. Please come in and take one.

ALL SAINTS  
HARBURY & LADBROKE



### SERVICES

- Wednesday 1st July: 7.30pm Commissioning by the Bishop of Coventry of the Church Army team and the Parishes for Quest '87 at All Saints Ladbroke followed by reception and introductions.
- Thursday 2nd July: 9.45am Holy Communion (Harbury)
- Friday 3rd July: St. Thomas the Apostle  
7am Holy Communion (Harbury)  
7.30pm Holy Communion (Ladbroke)
- Saturday 4th July: 10.30am Prayers in Church (Harbury)
- Sunday 5th July: Pentecost IV  
9am Sung Eucharist (Harbury)  
10.30am Family Communion with Hymns (Ladbroke)  
11.30am Family Service with the Adventurers (Harbury)  
3.30pm Open Air Service (Deppers Bridge)  
Refreshments by ladies of Deppers Bridge  
Music the Salvation Army  
6.30pm The Royal Show Service at Stoneleigh  
Preacher the Archbishop of Canterbury (list for names of those wishing to go in church)
- Monday 6th July: 9.30am Prayers in Church (Ladbroke)  
7.30pm Bible Study in Church (Harbury)
- Tuesday 7th July: 9.30am Prayers in Church (Harbury)  
2.15pm Mothers & Toddlers Service (Harbury)  
7.30pm Holy Communion (Harbury)
- Wednesday 8th July: 10.30am Holy Communion (Ladbroke)  
7.30pm Mission Service (Ladbroke)  
8pm Mission Service (Harbury)
- Thursday 9th July: 9.45 am Holy Communion (Harbury)
- Friday 10th July: 7am Holy Communion (Harbury)
- Saturday 11th July: 9.30am Prayers in Church (Ladbroke)
- Sunday 12th July: 8am Holy Communion (Harbury)  
9am Holy Communion (Ladbroke)  
10.30am Family Eucharist (Harbury)  
6.30 pm Final Mission Service-Ecumenical  
Bishop Vernon Nicholls to attend (Harbury)

It is the intention, for as many people as possible to attend at the times listed on each day through the mission. As is always the case, we hope that people from Ladbroke will come to the services at Harbury and similarly people from Harbury will come to the services at Ladbroke. Should there be any difficulty about transport to any service this can be easily overcome if mentioned to the Rector.

### THE CONFIRMATION

Eighteen candidates will be presented to Bishop Vernon Nicholls for Confirmation on Sunday 14th June. The service is unusually in the evening at 6.30pm and we hope that everyone will make a very special effort to be there to give encouragement and support to the candidates on this very special day of their lives and to welcome them into the full communicant Life of the Church.

### THANKS

This year on Maundy Thursday the Gethsemane Watch was kept at Harbury for the first time. Bertha Kettle did a most appropriate arrangement of flowers for the Watch on the Lady Chapel Altar for which we are most grateful. She used a lovely pair of brass candlesticks of her own, which just put the finishing touch to the whole thing. Everyone remarked how beautiful it all looked. We are most grateful to her for this work particularly so as she has decided to give the candlesticks to us for permanent use.

### HOLY BAPTISM

At All Saints' Ladbroke

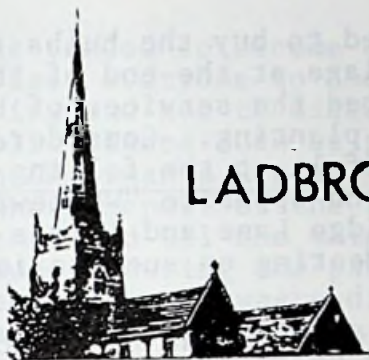
Sunday 17th May: ANDREW FRASER, son of Robert John and Susan Janet Moore, 21 Deppe Bridge.

### FUNERALS

At Oakley Wood

Thursday 21st May: ELSIE BISHOP, 17 Pineham Avenue  
Harbury 81 years.





# LADBROKE NEWS

## JUNE DIARY

- Sun 7th PENTECOST (Whit Sunday) ASB 634 10.30am Family Communion with Hymns
- Wed 10th 10.30am Holy Communion  
2.30pm Women's Fellowship in Church
- Thurs 11th ST BARNABAS APOSTLE ASB 774 7pm Holy Communion
- Sun 14th TRINITY SUNDAY (Pentecost I) BCP Rite 9am Holy Communion with Hymns 6.30pm The Confirmation at Harbury
- Wed 17th N.B. NO SERVICE AT 10.30AM
- Thurs 18th CORPUS CHRISTI ASB 920 (Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion) 7.30pm Holy Communion with Hymns
- Fri 19th 1960's Disco with Chicken & Chips Supper
- Sun 21st PENTECOST II ASB 643 9am Holy Communion with Hymns and Parish Breakfast 3.30pm Evensong
- Tues 23rd Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm
- Wed 24th THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ASB 777  
10.30am Holy Communion
- Sun 28th ST PETER THE APOSTLE (Anticipated) ASB 780  
9am Holy Communion with Hymns

## JULY

- Wed 1st 10.30am Holy Communion 7.30pm Commissioning of the Church Army (see further details under Quest '87)

## LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL - Wednesday 20th May

This was the first meeting of the new Parish Council and all the councillors were present. Mr Francis Badman was once again elected as Chairman and Mr Geoff Timms has taken over the post of vice-chairman. The council has had it confirmed in writing that the footpath across Windmill Lane is definitely to be re-routed to provide a gated access across the

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Bypass. Mr Timms agreed to buy the bulbs to be planted around the village at the end of the summer and Mr Hagard volunteered the services of his Youth Club members to do the planting. Considerable dismay and concern was felt at the felling of all trees on the plot of land opposite "Whiteways" and "Old Well House" in Bridge Lane and it was decided to consult the Parish Meeting on such an important issue.

It is not yet clear to what extent the school bus facilities in Ladbroke are to be withdrawn, Mrs Liverton felt that this was a real rural amenity and should be protected as such.

The next meeting is to take place at 7.45pm on Tuesday 23rd June.

#### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This meeting took place directly after the Parish Council meeting and as the Chairman said all the season ticket holders were there! In fact about forty members of the public were present, which meant that a fair proportion of households were represented.

The meeting opened with a short talk from Mrs Bradshaw a representative of the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign. She spoke about all that her group were doing, particularly in Stratford, where apparently they hand tourists plastic bags in which to put their litter as they get off the coaches! Mr Alan Gould questioned the speaker about Ladbroke's dreadful plastic rubbish sacks and Mrs Bradshaw said that she was well aware of the problems they caused.

It was reported that the swimming pool in Southam would be ready for action by October this year and money was to be spent to advertise this new facility to the surrounding areas. The results of the Villa survey would not be published for a least another year. Ladbroke was in the Best Kept Village competition and the meeting was advised by our District Councillor Ken Graham, that the first thing the judges looked at was the state of the Telephone Box! Our local Police Constable Tim Percival reported that the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was working well, but he did say that people who lived in houses with large



gardens tended to become complacent in summer months. He advised everyone to lock the house whilst out gardening and not to discuss holiday arrangements in public places such as pubs.

Parish Chairman's Report - Mr Francis Badman gave the annual report of the Ladbroke Parish Council and mentioned all the main topics that had occupied the Council during the past year, such as the problems with the waste disposal depot at Ufton, the suggestion of the closure of Fenny Compton Fire Station, the obstruction of the footpath at the far end of Windmill Lane and several road repairing problems.

It had been decided to purchase a copy of the Domesday plaque to be displayed in the village. Mr Badman commented that the Ladbroke Festival was an outstanding success, the envy of many larger villages. He thanked the village for giving it their support. He closed his report by thanking the three retiring Parish Councillors for all their years of support and advice and welcomed the new members of the Parish Council.

#### Report on Church and P.C.C. Activities

The Rector said that the festival had been a very happy occasion and he hoped to build on this in the future. He had been very sad to lose the Garner family from the village as they had taken such an active part in Parish affairs. Mr Rowe was pleased to report, however, that Mrs Betty Winkfield had been appointed as church warden in Mr Garner's place. The Rector was looking forward to the Church Army's Parish Mission in July. An inspection survey had been carried out on the fabric of the church is likely to be faced with some large bills, but the exact amount was not yet known.

W.I. Report - Mrs Gladwys Gould gave the annual report of the Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I. It certainly sounded as if they have been having a busy and entertaining year with talks on yoga, postboxes, wine-making etc. Once again the Institute had been able to maintain contact with the patients of Hatton Hospital and money raised from the annual garden party had been donated to the Myton Hospice. Mrs Gould emphasised that new members would be made very welcome.

Women's Fellowship - Mrs Gould also reported on the Ladbroke Fellowship who meet on the second Wednesday of each month. This organisation is open to all denominations and age groups.

Village Hall Committee - Mr E Hagard reported that the income was considerably down this year as there were fewer lettings and the Easter Dance had been postponed, due to lack of support. However, the Committee had managed to continue its programme of improving the facilities at the hall (car park, curtains, water-heaters, vacuum cleaner, tables and chairs). The hall is now badly in need of creosote hedges need cutting and help is badly needed from volunteers to carry out some of this work. Mr Clive Hallum, Mr Chris Gould, Mr Don Northorpe and Mrs Irene Bennett were elected to the new village hall committee. The next event is to be a 1960's Disco with chicken & chips supper on Friday 19th July.

Youth Club - Mr Hagard went on to give a report on the Youth Club's activities. Good attendance and atmosphere had been achieved during the winter session, though attendance had fallen off, probably due to the pressure of school examinations. A junior club had been started for younger members of the village. There had been some discussion about allowing young people from other villages to attend the Youth Club and this matter has not yet been resolved. Mr Hagard thanked Mrs Sue Frost, Mrs Rose Allington and Mr Mike Jerome for their regular assistance in running the Youth Clubs.

Friends of Ladbroke Church - A report on this newly formed group which had evolved as a result of the spirit engendered by the Festival was given by Mrs Darkes. She reported that they intend to hold seasonal events, such as music, prose and poetry readings, etc. to raise money for the church. They had started an ambitious project to replace the coconut matting kneelers with tapestry ones. Anyone who would like to help in this venture please contact Mrs Jill Norgate or Mrs Gwynne Badman.

A.O.B - The Chairman of the Parish Council reported that a serious breach of Conservation Area Regulations had taken place in Bridge Lane. A major woodland site containing fruit, ash, sycamore and pine trees



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had been indiscriminately felled. The feeling of the meeting was that these trees must be replaced. This matter had caused considerable concern in the village and it was decided that the Parish Council should write on behalf of the village stating their view to the appropriate authority.

The meeting ended just in time for those who needed liquid refreshment to make it to the Bell before closing time.

KATE LIVERTON

I would like to welcome some newcomers into our village. Mr and Mrs Elkins, who have recently moved into Windmill Lane and Graham and Eileen who have moved into the old Post Office. K.L.

### LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The Group meeting at Long Itchington on April 29th with Stockton as Hosts was a very successful evening 14 members going from our own W.I. Each W.I. sec. gave a report on the previous years' activities and Mr Bob Harris gave a demonstration entitled "Food and Flowers". He produced 3 very appetising dishes with flower arrangements to compliment the food, at the same time giving an amusing commentary on his busy life. Several members had produced flower arrangements in a small kitchen utensil for him to judge and Mrs Beryl Ross had a 'highly commended'. Refreshments were provided and our W.I. ran the publications stall.

Also on that day 4 members started their bowls tuition at Victoria Park, Leamington and looked forward to the 2 hours every Wednesday morning and tried to improve. It was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

Saturday May 2nd was the day of the Car Boot and Rummage Sale at the Village Hall. £90 was made despite a very chilly day. Thanks to everyone who helped man the stalls and provided refreshments.

The second round of the quiz took place on the 13th May and our team did very well again and came 3rd. Congratulations.

Mrs Jill Norgate kindly held the W.I. Committee Meeting at her home on Wednesday 20th when all members were present.

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The May meeting was taken up with voting on the Resolutions for the A.G.M. and Harbury W.I. joined us at Ladbroke. We were asked to vote on 4 topics, 'Consumer Credit', 'Irradiation of Food', 'W.I. Subscriptions and Affiliation Fees' and 'Earnings and Benefits'. Mrs J Braithwaite, Group Adviser, took the chair. As well as refreshments there was a Bring & Buy Sale and a Raffle. Mrs J Norgate read the minutes of the last meeting and Mrs Irene Bennett deputised for Mrs Gill Moore.

On June 2nd a number of our members have accepted an invitation to join Southam W.I. on an evening visit to Broughton Castle, Northants.

Several ladies are going to Edgbaston in mid June to watch the Professional Ladies Tennis. Later, on 17th June we have the Hatton Patients to the Village Hall for their Annual Outing for tea starting at 2.30pm. If anyone would like to help either with your presence or by providing food, please contact one of the committee members. There is also a Bowls competition on the same day 10am - 1pm at Victoria Park, Leamington. 4 members will be forming a team, Mrs G Badman, B Timms, G Gould and G Hallam. Please go along if you can and lend your support.

GLENYS HALLAM

### THE LADBROKE BRIDGE - final episode!

As regular readers will remember, the bridge construction in my front garden has been causing me considerable concern and a great deal of interest for many months. The eight week project stretched into its fourteenth week and as luck would have it, we all set off for a pre-arranged three week holiday in the happy confidence that all would be finished by the time we returned. We drove back into Ladbroke at the end of April, after a very long, tiring journey, only to find that the road was completely blocked off, as tarmac was being laid and we had to reverse back down the road and re-enter via the bypass.

We were amazed to see that there was still plenty of work to be done as by now this small project was getting close to taking nearly as long as the entire





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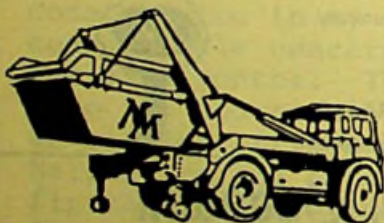
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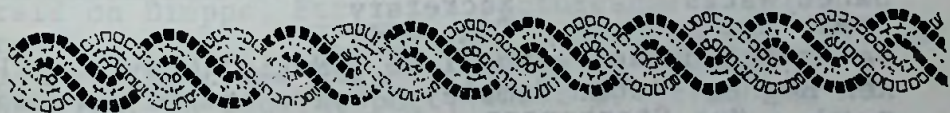
bypass! There was one bright spot - the Portaloo had gone, but I did begin to wonder what was taking its place.

We had only been back for two days when my friendly construction team lost their jobs and some new men were brought in to replace them. The new team seemed to spend most of their working day leaning on the new bridge. We thought everything was drawing to a close as everything was looking quite shipshape when they began to dig the road up again - it transpired that pink toilet paper was spotted floating gently down stream as a local sewer pipe had inadvertently been connected into a storm drain. My husband is still talking about the day when the workmen had to borrow his spade, as they had been dropped off in Ladbroke and left without transport and tools!

The great day dawned when the painters arrived and painted the bridge a lovely pale green and it really improved the look of the place. After hasty consultation with our neighbours we phoned Warwickshire C.C. to check that the bridge would stay green, only to be told that it had to be grey, as all bridges have to be grey. Sure enough, when it finally stopped raining the bridge became a true battleship grey - what a shame.

The bridge was finally finished on 16th May. I had hoped for a ribbon-cutting opening ceremony, but instead they just went home leaving behind sand, stones, leaning fences, mouldy turf and a very boring looking modern bridge, totally out of character with its surroundings and I'm still wondering if it was really needed in the first place.

KATE LIVERTON



## HARBURY ADVENTURERS

On Sunday 17th May, Harbury Adventurers celebrated their seventh birthday. A service was held in the Village Hall followed by a party for the children afterwards.

The service consisted of hymns that everyone sang, using the overhead projector, and a song by all the Adventurers. The Rector led some of the prayers.

Mrs Pam Clarke showed us some slides of her holiday in the Holy Land. There were pictures of the cave where Jesus was born, the upper room where he had his last supper and other places he visited. Fiona Hancock, Catherine Gee, Alison Szolnoki, Jenny Dormer and Jamie Stringer read passages from the Bible about these places. To show how sheep know their shepherd Mrs Clarke brought in a baby lamb that came when she called it.

After the service the parents left and there were games followed by a tea. Thanks to everyone who made it so enjoyable and provided the food.

ANDREW CADOGAN

## HARBURY SCOUTS AND GUIDES SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting was supported by some 50 people on 21st May. Reports on the many and varied activities held over the past year were given by the scout, guide and cub leaders. The Chairman and Treasurer reported on the success of the fund-raising activities.

The meeting regretfully accepted the resignation of the Group Scout Leader - Mike Pallot and thanked him for his support over the many years that he had been associated with the group. Committee member Paul Exton also resigned and the Committee thanked him for his efforts over the last year.

The new support committee comprises:-

Brian Ingram	-	Chairman
Janet Watts	-	Secretary
John Hunt	-	Treasurer

Felicity Dougan - Ann Glaze - Muriel Grey - Jo Hous  
Ken Hughes - John Kemsley - Moira Lamant - Pauline  
Smith - Ken Stephenson - Jo Tancock - John Travis



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We are holding a Skittles evening on the evening of Saturday 27th June to which all scouts, guides and cubs are cordially invited.

The scouts are to be congratulated for working so hard in tidying the scout hut grounds, planting a new Cupressus Leylanii screen hedge and a specimen tree - all in aid of Environment Week.

The next newspaper collection will be on Sunday 21st June.

BRIAN INGRAM

### HARBURY WIGHT SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

We are having a Jumble Sale on Saturday 4th July at the Wight School from 10am - 12 noon. All funds raised will benefit the Playgroup.

If you have any Jumble please contact-

Terry Wade	-	16 Park Lane	612831
Babs Lymn	-	9 Sutcliffe Drive	613487
Caron Phipps	-	3 Frances Road	613320

for collection or it can be taken to any of the above addresses.

There will be an entrance fee of 5p.

### HARBURY SCHOOL - Un Sejour Magnifique!!

At 6.00 in the morning we waved goodbye to Harbury. We had a pleasant journey on land and sea till we arrived at our hotel L'Auberge Normande, which means the Normandy Inn. We were welcomed by Madame and Monsieur Picot. Once everyone had settled in we went for a walk down to the beach. It wasn't quite what some people expected as it was pebbles not sand, but it was very nice. We arrived back to have a beautiful meal of Salade de Carottes, for starters, Poulet et Frites, for main course and Mousse au Chocolat, for dessert.

We visited some very interesting places such as the Millitary Museum, which was all about the Canadian raid on Dieppe, Etretat a picturesque seaside resort noted for its unusual rocks, Fecamp a local market, where we put our French to practice, Honfleur an ancient port, where we tried and

succeeded to ask for ice creams, but France wouldn't be complete without the highlight of our tour - PARIS where we went to the top of the Eiffel Tower and toured the Arc de Triumphe, Notre Dame and Sacre Coeur by coach. We all had a fantastic time and the children who went are very grateful to the teachers for organising this trip.

ROANNE FINCH

### HARBURY P.T.A.

#### Harbury School Pool

Sunday Swimming commences on 14th June, 9am - 12noon for all children of Harbury School under the supervision of the P.T.A. Committee. Please note that for reasons of safety/supervision and numbers attending the swimming will be restricted to Harbury School-children only.

Summer Holiday Swimming as an extension to the Sunday swimming, weekday swimming proved very popular last year and we are pleased to be able to continue this again this year. It is good for our children to learn and improve their swimming and to gain water confidence as well as having a good time! But we do need parent supervision to help at the poolside - look out for the notice from school.

#### FAMILY DAY Sunday 7th June

For those who have never been, a visit to Ufton Nature Reserve should not be missed. Andy Tasker will lead this walk which is now a popular annual family occasion.

Programme:- Either 9.30 am meet at school and walk to Nature Reserve.

Or 10.30 am meet at the Nature Reserve

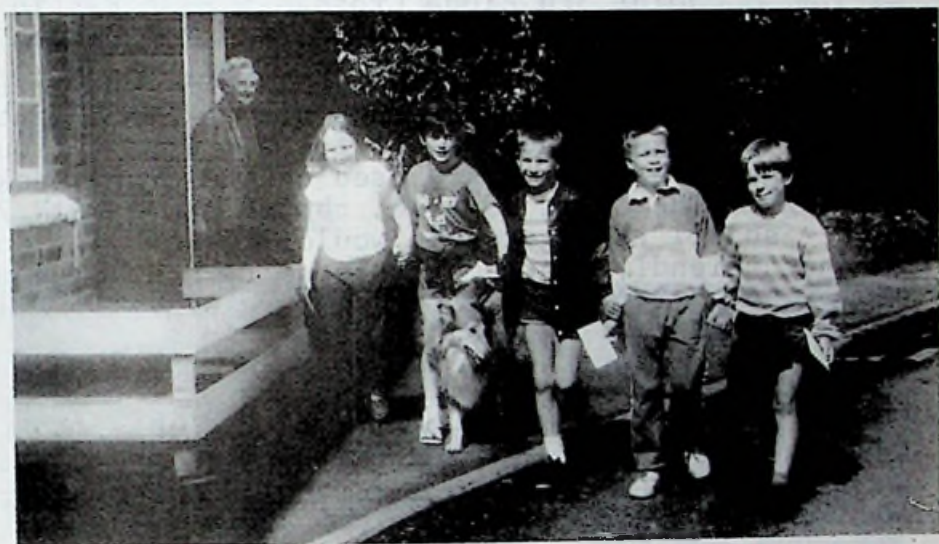
We will then return for a picnic in the school grounds or hall when drinks will be on sale. Please do come along with the family, we look forward to seeing you.

#### BARN DANCE Saturday 11th June

Probably the P.T.A.'s most popular event, so if you really want to come along, reserve your tickets early! Once again, Geoff Hackett will be our 'caller' with the backing of the popular "Magic Roundabout"



Barbecuing commences at 8.10pm and dancing will be through to midnight. Should be a great night!  
 Tickets: £3.50 Bar Available.  
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#### SOUTHAM SCHOOL P.T.A.

Many thanks to those stalwarts who supported the Fun Run on a very wet Sunday Morning. Particular thanks are due to the local Carnival Queens who presented the medals.

Our next event is a Steak Barbeque on Saturday June 27th at the school. There will be a 60's Disco and a licenced bar and tickets are great value at £3.50. They can be obtained from school or from Committee members. M.S.H.

TEENAGERS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

In the beginning of season friendly tournament the results were as follows:

2nd Years: 1st Chris Wright 2nd Leon Scholtz  
 Joint 3rd Fiona Crossan & Ross Bastin  
 3rd Years and up: 1st Vincent Crossan 2nd Steven  
 Thompson 3rd Jonathon Frost.

We realise that Friday evenings aren't convenient for all teenagers, but except for Wednesdays (Youth Club Night) the courts are used on the other weekday evenings. The court is free, though, on MONDAY 22nd JUNE - so all teenagers who would like to play in another friendly tournament please turn up by 6pm and/or give your name to me Rosemary Ottewill 43 Mill Street, 613402.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

The collection in Harbury realised £341.98; in Ladbroke £58.02, giving a joint total of £400.00. Warmest thanks to contributors and collectors for such an excellent result.

R.G.H.

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

The centre of attention at May's Folk Club meeting was one of the audience rather than one of the performers. The second half of the evening was dedicated to "Doctor John", offering musical good wishes to John Hancock for his mountaineering expedition in Pakistan. Most of the singers featured songs about climbing or camping though some of the connections were rather obscure!

I warned John of the dangers of offering camp hospitality to blood-thirsty Scotsmen (based on my forefathers' bad experiences in Glencoe); Nick and John advised him to "Keep Holding On"; the Jug Band warned about eating too many beans and advised on the best use for Llamas in remote regions; but the highlight was surely Mike Putnam's superb monologue, "The Ballad of Idwell Slabs", which tells of sinister happenings on the rock face. We hope that John will remember all the good advice when he's at 22000 feet!



Strangely enough, there were fewer singers than we've had for many months but the list also included Nuneaton duo Mike and Gary plus instrumentalists Roger and Mike. The evening finished with two songs from an impromptu six-piece band which attempted to be "All Together Now" but was more successful in "Strike the Bell, Landlord".

The next Folk Club is on July 2nd, at 8.30pm in the Lounge of the Old New Inn.

PETER McDONALD

### HARBURY YOUTH CLUB



Tim Percival looks delighted to receive a cheque for £150 on behalf of the Senior Citizens Benefit Association from the Youth Club.

CONTACT GROUP

Are you about to have a serious operation, have suffered a bereavement, or are undergoing family problems? If so, would you like to meet someone who has been through similar circumstances, and with whom you could talk over the difficulties and problems you are facing. The Contact Group was set up in the village some years ago to serve this very purpose. If you would like to know more, please contact Jill Winters (612585) or Moya Waterman (612285) or Rosemary Eld (613340).

BREAD AND WATER MORNING

On Thursday July 2nd, from 10.30am, there will be open house at 19 Farm Street. Instead of coffee and biscuits, you are warmly invited to come and share the same fare as many of the world's prisoners of conscience - bread and water. The missionaries from Quest '87 are hoping to be present so it would be an ideal opportunity to meet them. The morning will be very informal but with two minutes silence at eleven o'clock to remember all those in our world who suffer persecution, oppression and injustice. Donations will be very welcome and money contributed will be split between two charities. The first 'Aid to Russian Christians' is an organisation which sends aid to the families of Russian Christians imprisoned for their faith. There are still many religious prisoners - including our adopted one - Father Sigitas. The village near Bo in Sierra Leone, which has established a link with Harbury, will receive the other half, towards the wells and toilets they want to build. Instead of the usual Bring & Buy please could you instead just "bring a tin" (or several if you can) for the people of Romania. There is still great need there.

J.W.



## MOTHERS' UNION

Our meeting this month is on June 3rd at 2.15pm at the Village Hall. We shall start with our Annual General Meeting - this will be followed by our speaker - Mrs Beth Bastock - one of our Diocesan Vice-Presidents.

Please note an alteration to the date of our July meeting. This will take place on Wednesday July 8th at 2.15pm. It will be our annual Garden Meeting and will be held at Hazebrook, The Pound, by kind invitation of Mrs Margaret Rigden. We have changed our meeting day so that we may share in the Parish Mission and we look forward to welcoming two members of the Church Army Mission Team. Also that afternoon there will be our annual Bring & Buy sale for Mothers' Union funds.

On June 1st Mrs Hannah Lowe goes to the Warneford Hospital for a cataract operation and we send her our love and assure her of our prayers.

ESMÉ CHURCHILL

## HARBURY W.I.

Our May meeting took the form of a birthday party to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Warwickshire F.W.I's. All ex-members over 70 years of age were invited and welcomed with a posy of flowers.

Everyone present then enjoyed a beetle drive followed by birthday cake and a glass of wine. It was nice to see so many familiar faces once again and all looking so well!

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Keeling on behalf of behalf of our visitors and the raffle was won by Mrs Lyn Watkin and Mrs Dorothy Groves. To round off a very happy evening we sang Auld Lang Syne.

On May 16th we held a very successful produce show with over 200 entries. The cup was won by Mrs Bertha Kettle. Many thanks to Mrs Doreen Bloxham for arranging everything.

Our next meeting takes place on June 11th at the Rugby Club - please note !! Mrs Dallas Barnes-Hughes will give us her 'Impressions of Moscow and Leningrad'. Everyone welcome. S.G.

## HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Our A.G.M. was held in the Wight School on Friday 1st May.

In his report the chairman, John Stringer, said that 1986 had been dominated by fund raising for our new lighting board. Our activities had ranged from Car Boot Sale, Trivial Pursuit Evening to French Restaurant. The money we raised together with the generous grants received enabled us to purchase the lighting board which offers great potential.

Two major productions were presented with great success - "Alphabetical Order" despite its extreme difficulty and "Pinocchio" which proved once again the interest and enthusiasm of children and young people. In addition we recorded "Dear Departed" as a Radio Play for the Warneford Hospital and contributed to the P.T.A. 'All Stars Evening'.

We made our traditional contributions to the local community including raising £144 for the Playing Fields Committee at the Carnival with our Steptoe Stall.

He wished our new chairman, Carol Percival, every success and hoped the group will find ways of actively involving children and young people while continuing to produce a wide range of plays to entertain the village.

Our next production is "One Night Only" on Saturday 20th June at 8pm in the Village Hall when we will present two 1 Act Plays and Supper will be served. As the numbers have to be limited you are advised to get your tickets as soon as possible!

At our next monthly meeting on Friday 26th June, we will be pleased to welcome any potential new members to the Theatre Group. The business of the evening will be preceded by Coffee/Chat so do come along - 8pm at the Wight School.

On Monday 6th July we will be having a Play Reading at the Wight School at 8pm when the Church Army Mission have been invited to come along. Everyone is welcome to come and join in this informal evening.

G. HILL



HEREBURGH MORRIS

Do you recognise the name? "Hereburgh" was plucked from the pages of that splendid little book, "Hungry Harbury", from the Iron Age origins of the village. We thought it would make a suitable name for our Morris dancing side, although the Morris tradition is a mere 500 years old.

Hereburgh Morris now practice regularly on Wednesdays in the Wight School and we have elected a "Bagman" (Christine Costigan) and a "Squire" (yours truly). We feel sufficiently confident in our progress to have started preparing our outfits and "accessories" and I hope it won't be too many weeks before we are seen in action.

Finally, a request to any Harbury historians - do you know if Harbury has ever had its own (adult) Morris dancers in the past? I'd be interested to hear from anyone with information or, of course, from anyone who would like to join us as a dancer or a musician.

PETER McDONALD (613730)

PLAYSCHEME '87

An update for everyone on this years Playscheme. The important dates are the two weeks beginning 27th July and 3rd August. Times will be the same as last year:- Monday - Friday 10.00am until 12 noon, at a cost of 50p per child per day. This will include mid-morning refreshment and any entertainment provided. Children between the ages of 5-12 will be welcome.

We still need volunteer helpers. If anyone is able to help could they please let us know NOW. PLEASE call even if you can only spare one or two mornings. Once again - are there any older boys who can help with sports and games? Trips are not finalised yet but help with transport and supervision will be appreciated.

Watch this space in July for final details - in the meantime offers of help please to Jill Cadogan (613503) or Jean Champ (613698).

J. C.

## THE BRITISH LATOK II EXPEDITION

John left for Pakistan on the 23rd May fortified by dozens of cards and good luck wishes. He was last heard on a very poor telephone line from Islamabad which he described as hot and chaotic. He left there by road for Skardhu on the 27th May, and by now should be walking up to base camp. He hopes to be back in the village early in July so there should be more information in the next Harbury and Ladbroke News.

## THE GENERAL ELECTION 1987

Polling Day is June 11th and the Polling Station at the Village Hall will be open from 7.00am until 10.00pm. So you have plenty of time to cast your vote. There are 3 candidates standing in the Stratford-on-Avon Constituency and their statements are printed below.

### ALAN HOWARTH - CONSERVATIVE



Alan Howarth spent much of his boyhood in Warwickshire and now lives with his family at Tysoe.

Since being elected M.P. for Stratford-on-Avon in 1983 he has vigorously supported local cause

He has initiated special debates in Parliament on the proposed radio masts at Bearley, on the National Vegetable Research Station at Wellesbourne, and on the threat to the grammar school at Stratford and Alcester.

He has fought for the rights of parents to keep village schools, and has been a strong supporter of bus de-regulation, and has consistently campaigned to open the North Warwick Railway Line.

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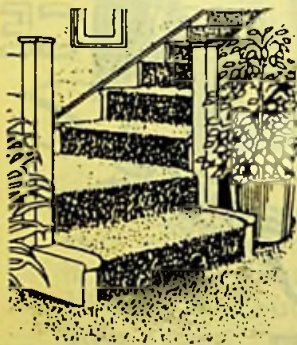
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With his fellow Warwickshire Conservative M.P.s he has successfully pressed the Home Office on four occasions to increase the police establishment for Warwickshire.

Alan believes strongly in the importance of an M.P. being accessible to his constituents, and he has held regular 'surgeries' in Stratford and in other towns and villages in the constituency.

Alan Howarth has been Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of State for Local Government. He has also served in the Northern Ireland Office. His special interests have included economic policy for the arts and for charities.

#### BOB RHODES - LABOUR



Bob Rhodes lives in the Constituency at Salford Priors, and is a former Warwickshire County Councillor. He is a manager of services for the mentally handicapped in Birmingham and is a member of the British Institute of Mental Handicap. He is a Parish Councillor and a School Governor.

Bob Rhodes says 'Four million people unemployed, two million manufacturing jobs lost, growing hospital waiting lists, eight million people living in substandard conditions, massive sums of investment capital exported, a disastrous rise in crime (60% in Warwickshire) these are the results of eight years Tory Government.

Labour aims to reduce unemployment by one million in two years by investing in house building, transport, hospitals and manufacturing industry. We will provide real training for real jobs. We will properly staff the N.H.S. and Social Services and put our police back on the beat to tackle the crime wave. Ordinary people cannot afford another Tory Government!

Bob Rhodes will be canvassing in Harbury on Sunday 7th June and hopes to meet as many of you as possible.



Rural areas like ours are threatened by a Government that has already damaged village life. The Alliance can reverse that decline.

Our public investment programme - shown by independent analysis to be non-inflationary - will provide improved homes, schools and public transport, and put back the demand for manufactured goods that the economy needs. Above all, by placing far greater emphasis on Education, we can improve individual opportunities and safeguard our economic future.

We can reverse Conservative policies that threaten village life, such as their relaxation of planning controls that could cover our fields with large-scale development, and the bus deregulation that has left this area even worse off for transport.

Already locally, the Alliance has gone far. In 1985, I became County Councillor for Wellesbourne, achieving a swing against the Conservatives that will be sufficient, Constituency-wide, to put me into Parliament now. We now have a "Balanced" County Council, which, despite massive withdrawals of Central Government funding has improved education, social services and efficiency. Last year, Harbury elected Bob Harkell to represent local interests. After this year's local elections, we now have Alliance Councillors representing almost 60% of the people of this Constituency at one or more levels.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

In his Chairman's Report, Keith Thompson painted a picture of a thriving community with the Youth Club growing in its range of activities and the street lights shining brighter than ever - thanks to the efforts of Dennis Atkins and the Lighting Committee. Dennis Atkins is retiring along with Bob Dunn and Dave Andrews to be replaced by Ken Stephenson, Midge Keen and Mike Coy. Mrs Keen has resigned from the Village Hall Committee and her place as Chairman has been taken by Alan Barr.

Sussex Cottages which for the past few years have been threatened with demolition are still standing and at the urgings of the County Councillor, Mrs Patricia Bidwell, Warwickshire opposed the tipping of asbestos at Ufton Hill Farm.

Mrs Bidwell, Mr Sharp, Mr Turner and Mr Harkell, the District Councillors had opposed the siting of the M40 Service Area at Barn Hill, Chesterton and were congratulated by Keith Thompson on their efforts, although there was some shuffling of feet by Parish Councillors and Iory Davies was heard to say that he was not opposed to the development. Cllr Mrs Bidwell explained that all the Conservatives had supported her in her fight and she had been primed with details of Chesterton's long history. She had denounced those in favour of the siting as Twentieth Century vandals but still she did not prevail.

Mrs Bidwell, as usual, took the opportunity to address the Annual Parish Meeting and report on the committees on which she sits, Planning, Education and Social Services. From her speech it appears that the County is seeking to remove children previously catagorised as Educationally Sub-normal from Special Schools. They will become 'Children with Special Needs' and local schools will be expected to provide for their education with a 'Core' school to which they can be returned from time to time. Mrs Bidwell admitted that Mr Skinner of Southam School had expressed concern that such children would be isolated within a normal school and that staffing

for such children would 'have to be looked at carefully'. The scheme was in its planning stages only.

Mrs Bidwell promised improvements in the care of the Elderly and more hostels for the mentally handicapped. The County was to issue a circular on Multi-Cultural Education. She was pleased that the County Rate had risen only 7.9%.

Sharon Hancock gave a vote of thanks for Mrs Bidwell saying that her attendance at both the Annual and Parish Council meetings was appreciated and that she was always willing to help the Council.

Keith Thompson thanked his colleagues for all their assistance in the past year.

LINDA RIDGLEY

### HARBURY SOCIETY

For the alert amongst us, the talk given by Mr John Ireson on the Prehistoric Footpath Network, was thought provoking. He had drawn hundreds of lines dozens of maps to show routes he claims to have discovered were used by prehistoric man. Some in the Stonehenge area were quite impressive, others radiating out to the far reaches of Mongolia were rather more speculative. When Swindon Museum dismissed his network as 'Ley-lines' he set out to prove statistically that the geometric shapes on his plans could not have occurred by chance.

In the Warwickshire area he 'discovered' a focus of routes on Stockton and one on Meon Hill, together with a link up between Meriden Cross and Banbury Cross, but by far the most important point he made was that today in Warwickshire historic rights of way are falling into disuse because of a curious anomaly: 'E' roads, (bridle-ways, Green Lanes etc) are classed as roads and appear not on the footpath map but on the County Road Map which is out of print: the Ordinance Survey shows rights of way that are on the definitive Footpath Map but not unmetalled roads that are rights of way therefore there is no way of knowing of the existence of an 'E' road right of way and these roads decline in use.



The Mystery Tour will begin at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd June. Entry will be 70p for adults and 40p for children with food and the answers at the Mystery destination. Clues take you round the village on foot answering questions using some local knowledge but mainly observation. The object is to puzzle, entertain and make you more aware of your surroundings. Do join us. The tour starts at 16 Farm Street.

LINDA RIDGLEY

### PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

May Parish Council Meeting, at which Mike Coy requests a Sleeping Policeman; a sleeping policeman awakes to investigate a mysterious decapitation. Ken Stephenson's horticultural expertise is called into question and the Horticultural Society's answer to the Parish Council is Universal Pansies.

New boys, Keen, Stephenson and Coy attended their first meeting as Councillors, together with all the Harbury District Councillors and County Councillor Mrs Bidwell. Keith Thompson was re-elected as Chairman with Bill Middleton as his Vice; Stephenson, Davies and Middleton formed the Properties Committee; Stephenson, Drinkwater and Coy the Highways Cttee; Drinkwater, Hancock, Keen and King the Planning Cttee; Middleton, Davies, Moore and Hancock the Finance Cttee and Mrs King and Mrs Keen made up the Lighting Committee. John Moore became the Deppers representative with 54 of the 69 votes cast for the seat. On the District Council Harbury has representatives on all the Committees; Mr Turner is on Amenities, Environmental Health and Finance; Mr Harkell, Planning Industrial Development and Environmental Health and Mr Sharp on Housing, Finance and Planning where he is Vice-Chairman.

County Councillor Mrs Bidwell reported that the road passing the Tip will be re-constructed and that Blue Circle would be proceeding with repairs to the Barriers round the Quarries. The Council claimed that the opening of the M40 would not generate more traffic on this road and that improvements were not necessary.

Mr Coy asked if a Sleeping Policeman could be built on the part of Dovehouse Lane that leads to the Pound to stop speeding traffic but it was decided not to proceed with this.

The Councillors thought Mrs Drever's offer of a seat at the Library to commemorate her late husband was an excellent idea but they did not know who gives permission, the Church or the County. The seat outside the School in Park Lane was vandalised on Cup Final night and will be replaced. Vandals also damaged the retaining wall round the garden in Chapel Street.

James Turner gave a vote of thanks for the Harbury Society's persistence which had eventually resulted in the designation of Tree Preservation Orders. It was unfortunate that in the week that householders received notification of the designation Dave Andrews at Harbury House should find contractors for the Bus Company lopping his trees. A Lime in the Cemetery has suffered wind damage and will be felled. Keith Thompson suggested that the PC should introduce a scheme to replant such trees which are past their best.

The Horticultural Society did not like Ken Stephenson's flower tubs; they are the wrong shape and will take too much watering. They protested they had NOT AGREED to plant up the tubs but did recommend Universal Pansies for the job. Ken has bought the tubs and believes they will need watering only once a week. It is hoped to have them in place in time for the Carnival and Best Kept Village Competition. The Guides will look after the Temple End one and Ken hopes the W.I. will take on another.

Ray Carter reckons the evil smelling chopped bark that he put under the Spaceship on the Playing Fields as a safety surface would make a good garden mulch. It cost £65!

The Council decided to ask the local Constable to have words with youths who annoy others with loud radios at the Playing Fields, rather than undertake amendments to the Bye-Laws or prosecutions.



Yet another lamppost has been decapitated. This time in Vicarage Lane. Tim Percival went out at 2am to inspect it after it had been reported to the Police at 0153. The EMEB made it safe but there was no sign of impact on the post, no broken glass from headlights round the column and no deterioration of the concrete. Sharon Hancock was convinced it did not fall by itself although as Ray Carter said it was 'snapped off like a carrot'. No one knows what happened. A mystery!

Also impenetrable are the workings of the County Council. Mr Riches wanted the PC to erect extra lights to make the Speed Limit legal. The PC suggested the County set the lights up and now a Mr Brodie writes that footway lighting is not the County's responsibility! It has come full circle and Sharon Hancock recommended the PC wastes no more time on the issue. It is TWADDLE!

She was equally dismissive of suggestions that Fox Close, the new development in Chapel Street on the site of the old engineering works, should be called Chapel Mews. There had been good historical reasons why they had chosen Fox Close for the new road.

The imminent opening of a Chemist's at the Co-op was a shock to the Council, but Cllr Hancock recalled that the previous applicant had been granted permission to open such a shop and she explained that the Co-op drapers already has permission for retail use.

Planning permission has been granted for an extension to 37 Deppers Bridge and changes to the Manor House. The Parish Council did not object to extensions to 10 Farley Avenue and Eastbury House on Hall Lane, nor to the amendments to plans for Greenhill, Deppers Bridge, which has been the subject of at least three planning applications. The Severn Trent Water Authority is appealing against refusal of permission to build on the site of the Sewage Pumping Station in Mill Street so I may have to revive my offer of a prize for the most apt house name.

LINDA RIDGLEY

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Mrs Annie Austin is recovering from a recent eye operation at her daughters home.

Mike Bloxham's photograph shows that she is fit and happy. When he took the photograph, Mike said that Mrs Austin looked

'90 years young'.

JUNE IN THE GARDEN

It should now be safe to plant out marrows, tomatoes ridge cucumbers. Pinch out the tops of dahlias and stop garden chrysanthemums for the last time.

As soon as the Aubrieta is over, crop it right back to the base, which will soon produce a compact green clump of foliage which will carry next year's flowers

Summer prune red currants and gooseberries. Peg down strawberry runners. Divide daffodils and narcissus when the leaves have yellowed. Winter cyclamen should be stored on their sides against a north wall. Potted Azaleas can be sunk pot deep in a shady place and kept well watered.

Spray roses regularly. Nimrod T. gives the foliage a lovely sheen. A clove of garlic planted beside each bush also helps to reduce greenfly. If you don't let it flower there is no smell.

At the end of the month Clematis can be 'serpentine' layered. Bend down a young shoot and where it touches the ground peg it into a 2" hole well filled with compost. Repeat at intervals along the shoot, leaving the two pairs of leaves at the tip above ground.

E. D. Z.



## HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

An excellent talk by Mr Thacker from Knowle concluded the year's programme. Talking about garden design, Mr Thacker was full of ideas and suggestions for all shapes and sizes of gardens. Particularly to illustrate his theme of 'Contrast' he brought along a Landrover full of plants.

A report in last month's H and L News which also appeared in the Courier, stated that the Society was willing to plant out the tubs being provided by the Parish Council for use near the 'Harbury' signs. It may be that the report is inaccurate, but in any case the Society is anxious to avoid misunderstanding.

The Society's Committee met with the representative of the Council for the first time after the publication of the reports. It pointed out that the long, narrow, shallow boxes (not tubs) suspended above ground level as proposed, constitute the most punishing conditions in terms of wet, dry, hot and cold weather.

The Committee was unable to suggest a suitable growing medium or appropriate plants to avoid, for instance, a daily trip (or more) with a watering can in the blistering heat of an English summer - or even in last April's weather. Suggestions were made on whom to consult. Since then, Mr Thacker (see above) had a word about it and expressed his agreement with the Committee's anxieties and made some suggestions which are being passed on.

The Society is willing to co-operate with realistic schemes, but is concerned that its efforts should have a reasonable chance of succeeding.

Now prepare for the Walkabout - July 11th!

B.A.R.

M.B.

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Dear Electorate,

May I take this opportunity to thank all those who supported me in the District Council Elections, held on the 7th May, and I will do my best to justify your faith in me

Although I stood as a Conservative I would point out that I have been elected as a District Councillor to serve everyone in the Harbury Ward regardless of political views and this I will do to the best of my ability.

JOHN SHARP

Dear Editors,

May I thank everyone who sent me flowers, fruit, cards and get well messages during and after my recent spell in hospital, not to mention all my visitors! They were all very much appreciated.

My sincere thanks, MURIEL GREY

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank all my Friends for all the Cards and Flowers I received during my recent stay in Hospital, they were very much appreciated, I feel so fortunate to be surrounded by such kindness.

MRS LIESEL WICKER

Dear Editors,

Thank you Harbury Society for your Silent Support when the proposed Motorway Service Station is built at Barn Hill, Chesterton. Harbury is far enough away from the proposed site to only need worry about suitable materials and styles but the residents of Chesterton are near enough to have to worry about sewerage, lighting, noise and pollution.

In the past Chesterton residents have been urged 'pull up their socks' but it seems that when we do pull them up we get no support.

Yours sincerely, GEORGINA BALL

Dear Editors,

Thank you for printing our 'lost cat' advertisement at such short notice. The advert had a telling effect because no later than 24 hours after the Harbury News was delivered "Sylvester" was discovered entombed behind a new set of kitchen units in a nearby home. The surprised owner duly scanned his/her Harbury News and discovered that they were the finders of the missing moggie!

After a short spell of convalescence "Syly" has now fully recovered but has decided to stay in at nights in future

Yours faithfully, ROBIN DAVIS



Dear Editors,

Mrs Jennings has asked me to point out that the work done on her bank in Mill Street was undertaken by her Grandson, Nick Fryer with the help of Ray Carter, AT HER OWN EXPENSE.

Yours faithfully, LINDA RIDGLEY

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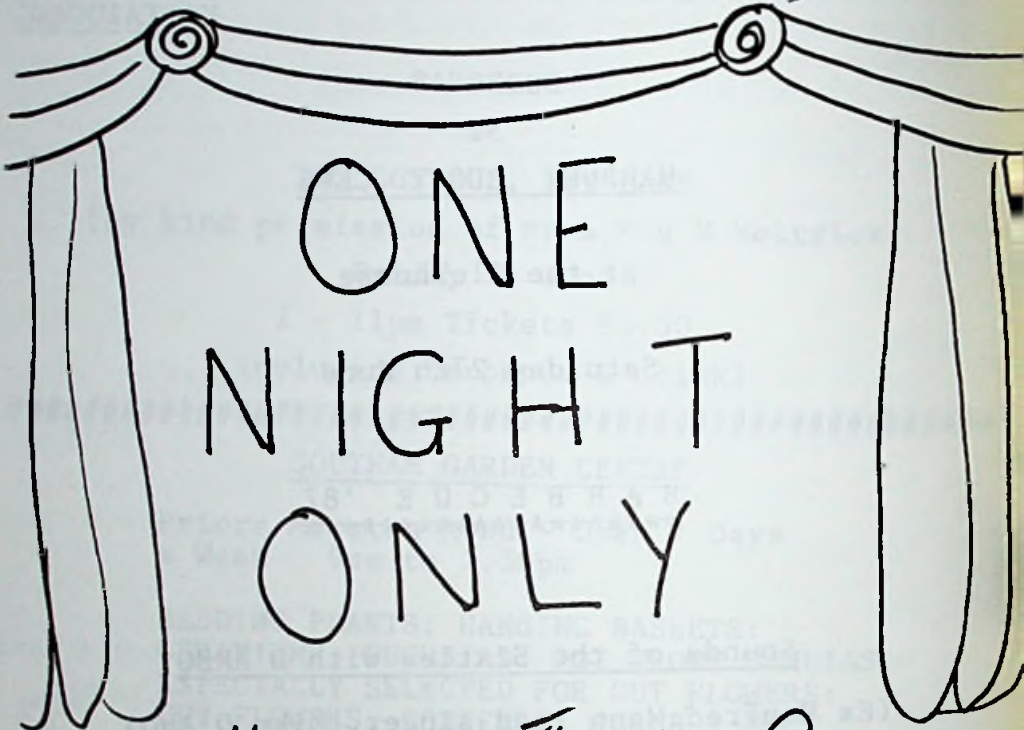
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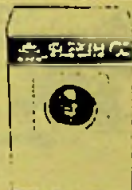
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