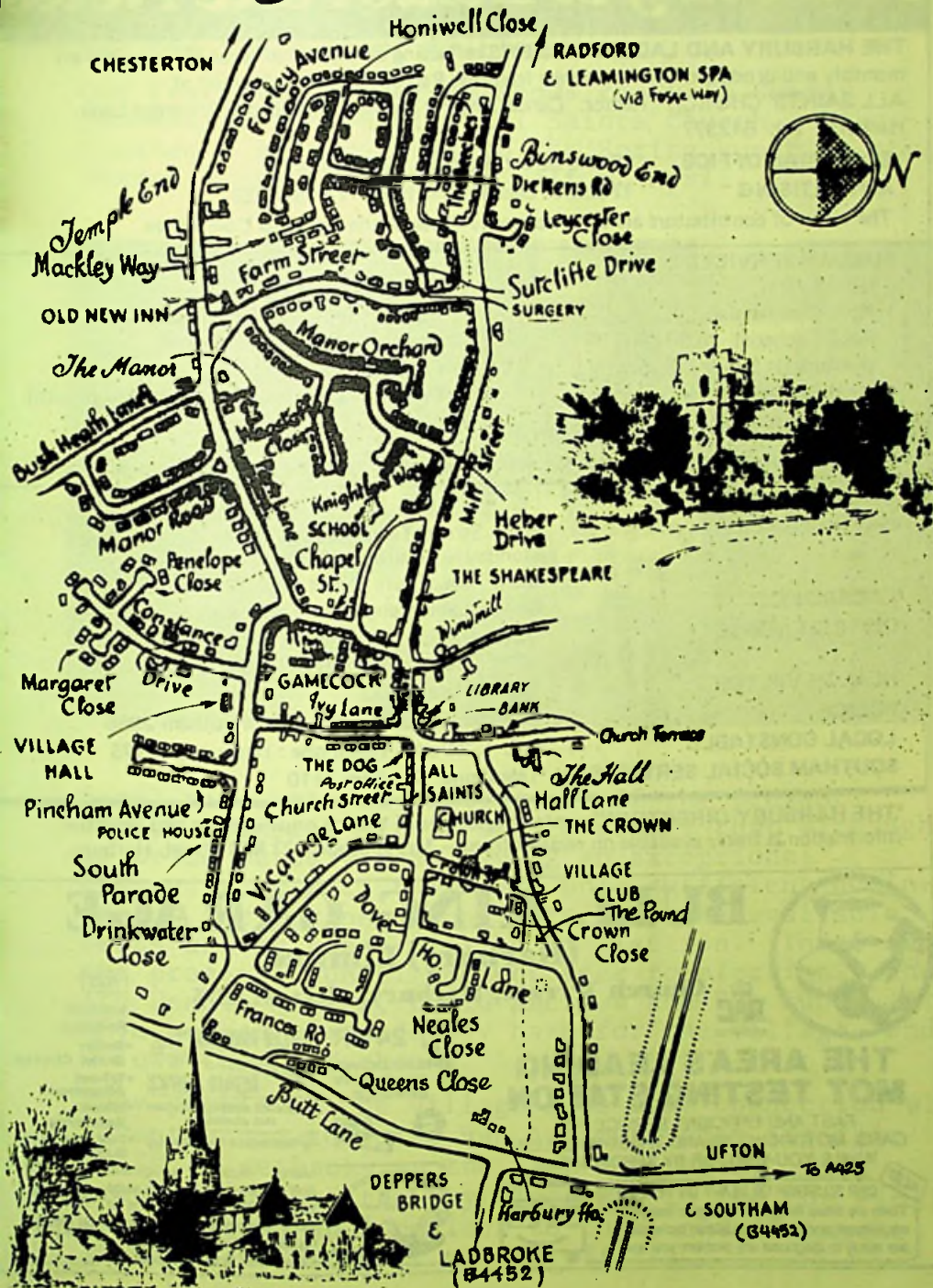


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(Except 1st Sunday of month)

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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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HAD A BUMP?

At last the Winter seems to be behind us as some welcome warm weather brings on the Spring flowers and the trees start to blossom.

Our featured photograph shows the Palm Sunday procession approaching All Saints Church. Mike Bloxham's picture sums up the Spring sunshine that characterised the second half of April.



April also sees the retirement of the present Parish Council. It is sad to report that although we pride ourselves on having an exceptional community spirit, there are only sufficient nominations for the new Council to fill the available seats and so there will be no election. Three of the present Council did not seek re-election. They are Dennis Atkins, David Andrews and Bob Dunn. All have worked tremendously hard for the village, and we owe them our thanks.

Many people in the village have some connection with Coventry and the city has had more than its fair share of setbacks in the last few years. It's tremendous that the Sky Blues are in the Cup Final on May 16th, so good luck to them, and if anyone should have a ticket?!

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Beryl Checkley as Churchwarden) 12pm Holy
Communion, 6.30pm Evensong
PTA FAMILY DAY
Mon 8th NHR Car Treasure Hunt
Word of God 8pm at 63 Mill Street

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, 8.30-10pm
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 mornings.

NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday a.m.

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

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For Village Hall Bookings, ring Mrs. Padbury, 61324

For Wight School Bookings, ring Mrs. Hayes, 61348

REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LADBROKE

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

FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

Annual Meeting and Vestry Meeting April 5th: with Harry Windsor standing down as Church Warden (after 18 years), nominations for the post were called for. John Moore was elected to continue and votes were cast between Beryl Checkley and Ken Hughes. Beryl being declared the winner. She therefore will be officially appointed at the Bishop's visitation to be held at St Mary's Warwick on June 5th.

To mark Harry's long period of service as Church Warden the Rector presented him with two very nice glasses and on behalf of the congregation, he was presented with a camera lens - see Mike Bloxham's photo.



Brief reports of the various church activities were read by the Rector and, there being exactly the correct number of nominations for the P.C.C., the

new council were elected without the need for a vote

The Easter services were well attended and the Church was beautifully decorated - many thanks to all those who spent so much time making preparation. This photograph shows the display prepared by Mrs Enefer depicting the garden and the empty tomb of Easter morning.



The Rector's annual hike took place on Easter Monday when 28 of us congregated at Mickleton and set out on a most pleasant 5 mile route. We paused at Hidcote Gardens where we took our lunch and were delighted to see Shirley and Hamish Keir who had driven out to meet us there.

Quest '87 : the provisional programme is now posted on the door at the back of the Church. Where the words 'House Group' appear on the programme it is intended that those who are able to organise an even at which a member of the Church Army team can meet and talk with your friends and/or neighbours, should write their names against the most suitable date. Please make a start on this as we want to have the programme fairly well fixed up before the end of May.

J.B.M.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Thank you to all who supported our Easter efforts. Many congratulations on the effect were passed on to me - may I pass them on to all helpers and contributors. We shall have much to live up to.

Our next big effort will be during the mission but with the spring weather our weekly flowers should be bright and cheerful.

Lastly can I ask you to collect any small glass paste jars. Mrs Enefer's stock for the Easter Garden is running low.

MARGARET RIGDEN

FROM THE RECTOR

Every Diocese looks to its Cathedral Church with affection and feels a strong family bond with the Church at the centre of diocesan life and experience. Most diocese in England relate to cathedrals which have been standing for centuries, but Coventry is somewhat different in that we have a building of the 20th century and whereas we have a history to tell in this diocese (see below), nevertheless this year is important to us, because we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Consecration of the New Coventry Cathedral. The Jubilee Service will take place on Monday 25th May and the Preacher on that occasion will be the Archbishop of York, the Most Reverend John Habgood. Part of the celebration on that day will be the Rededication of the Bells and they will ring out, all twelve of them, for the first time in over a hundred years. The bells have before been chimed, but not rung because it was unsafe to ring them properly. Now they have been rehung and Coventry strangely lacking in bells for an ancient city, will hear a glorious peal of bells. From then on until the end of September (the Patronal Festival - St Michael and All Angels) there will be a number of special services with special preachers, (the full programme is posted on the Notice Board in church), concerts, including Benjamin Britten's War Requiem with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in July and A Celebration of Jazz with John Dankworth in September, as well as exhibitions and performances of the Coventry Mystery Plays. It is inevitable that there will be

a certain amount of looking back and no doubt, thanksgiving for what has been achieved in these 25 years, but I know that the Provost and his staff and the Bishop too will also be concerned about the years ahead and that the Cathedral will be alive to the opportunities and the challenges of the latter part of this century and be empowered to cope with them ably and thoroughly. That is where we come in for Coventry Cathedral is our Cathedral and we shall be anxious too that its work and ministry should thrive and should minister well to the City of Coventry and to the Diocese as a whole. We have our part to play in the Mother Church of Coventry Diocese and as it should be our prayers and our best wishes are with them especially at this time.

ANTONY ROWE

COVENTRY DIOCESE

The modern Diocese of Coventry was constituted by a Order in Council, September 4th, 1918. Its territory is taken out of the Diocese of Worcester, and comprises the Archdeaconry of Warwick which is within the County of Warwick.

The title is ancient. The old Mercian Diocese of Lichfield had its See at Coventry from 1102-1183, but the joint names of Coventry and Lichfield from 1183 circa 1700, and of Lichfield and Coventry from 1700 1836. In 1836 the title was suppressed, and the ancient Bishopric of Coventry was merged as an Archdeaconry in the Diocese of Worcester.

Link Parishes

Our Links are with St Leonard, Ryton on Dunsmore and St Giles, Bubbenhall, and with St Oswald, New Bilton, Rugby. During 1987, there will be a number of occasions when we shall be sharing each other's functions and special services and these will be announced from month to month.

On Sunday 10th May we shall be welcoming all three of our Link parishes. They will arrive at Ladbroke at 4.30pm to see around All Saints

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and the Village. They will then go over to the Village Hall at Harbury for tea at about 5.15pm and we shall all join together for Evensong at 6.30pm at All Saints Harbury.

Please make a special effort to come and to welcome our guests.

Quest '87

Sunday 24th May is Rogation Sunday and for the past two years we have all met together at Deppers Bridge for the Blessing of the Fields and prayers for our parishes. This year in view of the mission and because Rogationtide coincides with the beginning of the Spring Holiday, the open-air service will now take place on the afternoon of Sunday 5th July. The ladies of Deppers Bridge have promised to serve us as before with refreshments after the service.

Holy Baptism

Sunday 5th April: DAVID JAMES son of John Robert and Carol Lesley Lauder,
10 Pineham Avenue

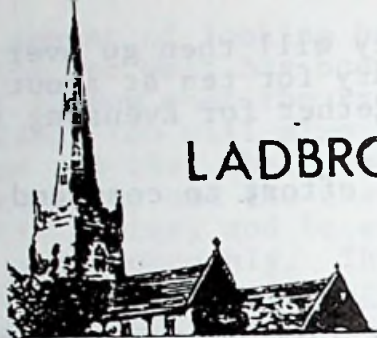
Holy Matrimony

Saturday 25th April: CHARLES DESMOND HARMAN
34 Longmore St. London S.W.1 &
CHARLOTTE JANE RUTHERFORD of
The Old Rectory, Ladbroke.

Funeral

Friday 10th April: HORACE AMOS GREEN
31 Deppers Bridge 82 years.





LADBROKE NEWS

MAY DIARY

Fri	1st	St Philip & St James, Apostles (ASB 768) 7.30am Holy Communion
Sat	2nd	Car Boot & Rummage Sale 10am at Village Hall
Sun	3rd	Easter III (ASB 607) 10.30am Family Communion
Wed	6th	Holy Communion 10.30am
Thurs	7th	Local Government Elections
Sun	10th	Easter III (ASB 612) 9am Holy Communion with Hymns. 4.30pm Link Parishes visit Ladbroke
Mon	11th -	Sat 16th CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
Wed	13th	Holy Communion 10.30 am Women's Fellowship 2.30pm "Woodlands" Radbourne Lane
Thurs	14th	St. Matthias, Apostle (ASB 771) 7.30pm Holy Communion
Sun	17th	Easter IV (ASB 617) 9am Holy Communion with Hymns 3.30pm Evensong & Holy Baptism
Mon	18th	Parochial Church Council Meeting 7.30pm
Wed	20th	Holy Communion 10.30 am Women's Fellowship Corporate Communion Parish Council 7pm Annual Parish Meeting 8pm
Sun	24th	Easter V (Rogation Sunday) (ASB 622) 9am Holy Communion with Hymns
Wed	27th	Holy Communion 10.30am
Thurs	28th	Ascension Day (ASB 622) 8.30pm Holy Communion W.I. 7.30pm
Sun	31st	The Sunday after the Ascension (ASB 629) 9am Holy Communion (said)

JUNE DIARY

Wed	3rd	Holy Communion 10.30am
Sun	7th	Whitsunday (ASB 634) 10.30am Family Communion

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

May 3rd - Mrs Rutherford May 10th - Miss Juno
May 17th - Mrs Timms May 24th - Mrs Handscombe
May 31st - Mrs Butler June 7th - Mrs Cooke (Whit-
Sunday)

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our April meeting was held in Church. The Rector read three passages to us, written by different writers - a Belgian, a Frenchman and a Roman (St. Paul). Following on from these we had a lively discussion about Prayer - how and why we prayed, and what it meant to us.

The next meeting will be held at Woodlands, Radbourn Lane on 13th May at 2.30pm by kind invitation of Mrs June Barnett. We shall be watching a film about the work of the Church Army.

We plan to go to Coventry for our August Meeting to see the Mystery Plays on August 12th - the matinee performance. If you are interested please contact Mrs Gwynne Badman 2187. Husbands and friends are very welcome to join us.

BETTY WINKFIELD

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Members enjoyed a very interesting talk and slides by Mrs Barbara Yorke at their April meeting. She was a purser on the Cunard Line and worked on both the Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth before she married. She had many amusing stories to tell of life aboard ship and the famous people she met including The Duke & Duchess of Windsor. She had several Dinner Menus to show us with autographs on including the Duke of York's signature. Slides showed life aboard ship and places visited. Mrs Gwynne Badman proposed the vote of thanks.

Several members also brought along their arrangements of flowers in unusual kitchen containers. Mrs Jill Norgate and Mrs Beryl Ross came first and second and have agreed to provide a flower arrangement for the competition at the Group Meeting at the end of the month.

April 29th is the start of a four week intruction course on bowling to be held at the Victoria Park,

Leamington when six ladies are going along. The instruction lasts for two hours from 10am-12 noon each week and should be very entertaining and informative. Also on the 29th is the group meeting at Long Itchington with Stockton the Hosts and Mr Bob Harris giving a demonstration on 'Food and Flowers' members arriving at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

A Car Boot and Rummage Sale has been organised at the Village Hall on May 2nd starting at 10am. Anyone who can help on the Stalls or who has any unwanted articles such as clothes, books, games, toys or household equipment etc. or any plant cuttings or would make cakes for refreshments or sale please take them along soon after 9am on the day. Pitches for cars at £3 in the Car Park available. Book with Mrs Gill Moore on Harbury 612207

May 13th is the second round of the W.I. Quiz which is being held at Southam Welfare Centre starting at 7.30pm. Please go along and support the team, we wish them every success. The May meeting on 28th is Resolutions for the A.G.M. There will be Wine & Savouries after the meeting.

Southam W.I. has invited us to join them on an evening outing to Broughton Castle on 2nd June. No venue has been decided on for the trip in June so if any member has a suggestion to make for an enjoyable outing would they please contact Mrs Christine Jerome on 3325.

GLENYS HALLAM

PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting was held on 22nd April in the Village Hall.

Asbestos tipping has been rejected at Ufton but the Councillors decided to monitor the situation carefully. Planning permission for a site in Lower Radbourne Lane has also been rejected, but access for The High House has been agreed. A letter had been received stating that the Council had carried out drainage work outside Cherry Trees, School Lane, as a goodwill gesture but was not prepared to do any more.

A deposit had been sent off for the Domesday Plaque and posters have arrived for the Best Kept Village Competition. Perhaps with next year's competition

partly in mind, the Council decided to buy daffodil bulbs in July, for planting around the village - volunteers to help with this will be needed later in the summer.

Unfortunately free travel on the school buses has been withdrawn for Ladbroke children: apparently it was only started originally for children who were attending Ladbroke school when it closed.

The Southam Area Committee meeting will be held on 24th June at Radway. The next meeting of Ladbroke Parish Council will be at 7.00pm on Wednesday 20th May before the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm which will include a short talk by a member of the Keep Britain Tidy campaign. However, that Parish Council Meeting will be the first of a Council comprising three new members, Mrs Kate Liverton, Mr Stan Greenwa and Mr Peter Williamson, who will be joining Mr Francis Badman and Mr Geoff Timms. (As 3 councillors were standing down and 3 new people wished to serve there is no need for a Parish Council election on May 7th) Now seems the ideal time to thank the 3 retiring councillors for their many years of service to our village. Mrs Chris Jerome has been a concillor for 8 years; Mrs Betty Williamson for 11 years and Mr Tom Sheasby has given over 20 years Council service, part of which was on the District Council. We are very fortunate in Ladbroke in having Councillors who are prepared to give such a continuity of service to the village: we thank them warmly and send our good wishes for their "retirement" from Parish Council life. Best Wishes too to the new Council.

Village News

Our thanks are also due to Mr Sheasby for the new notice board which has appeared in School Lane. It will be a very attractive and useful addition to the village.

Please take all items for inclusion in the June issue to Kate Liverton, Bridge Cottage before Saturday 30th May.

KATE TODMAN

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL BELLS

It all started many years ago when a consistory court decided that the Coventry Cathedral Bells should be hung 'dead', and therefore silent. Since 1927 the 14 bells hanging in the old Cathedral tower had remained silent because they were hung in such a way that it was impossible to swing them in the traditional manner. This means that they hung with their mouths facing downwards and with no headstocks or wheels to allow them to be swung through 360°. Then Provost Colin Semper arrived at the Cathedral and decided that it was time the situation was reversed, and his target was May 25th 1987 - the Silver Jubilee of the Consecration of Coventry's new Cathedral. Thus followed many months of patient work by Harry Windsor and others to ensure that the old tower was strong enough to withstand all that bell metal swinging about, and that it should not deflect and therefore make the bells difficult to 'handle'.

The order was eventually given to Taylors, Bellfounders of Loughborough and the work began. Everything went like clockwork and all the work was completed without any hitches. At last the day arrived when we were to be allowed to try the bells. Invitations were sent to a group of Ringers from the Diocese, who assembled with a certain amount of trepidation - would the tower deflect, or would the bells be difficult to handle? Provost Semper started the evening with prayers, and then we were ready for the great moment. I went outside and stood in the Ruins to listen - and then it happened! Was this glorious sound really coming from Coventry Cathedral Tower? The bells sounded magnificent and beyond our wildest hopes and expectations. Those of us who were listening were overwhelmed and said that for 60 years those bells had remained silent.

As I write we are preparing to hold the Annual General Meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers at the Cathedral, so that as many as possible of the Ringers in the Diocese can have the opportunity to ring. I'm sure that they too will feel as we did on that memorable evening. On May 25th the bells will be consecrated by the Bishop at the conclusion of the Silver Jubilee Service and will begin many years of work to teach a band of ringers from the Cathedral congregation to ring the bells to the Glory of God, a

for the pleasure of those who hear them. We all have a feeling of something approaching disbelief that we are so privileged to have been involved in a small way to break the silence of years, so that churchgoers can be called to worship, and to remind all who hear the bells that our Mother Church is active and very much alive.

JOYCE WINDSOR

WIGHT SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

We shall be holding an Open Morning in the Wight School on Friday 15th May 1987 between 9.30am and 11.30am. This is an opportunity for all prospective playgroup parents and children to see the Playgroup in operation. We shall be very pleased to see you and your toddler, so do come and join us, and watch and join the children at play.

HARBURY P.T.A.

Hall Theatre Lights - these were completed in time for the school musical production of Oliver last month and greatly added to the show enjoyment. The lights enabled various parts of the stage to be enhanced or highlighted using dimmers and spotlights. The P.T.A. have provided a roof frame slightly to the front of the stage, onto which is provision for 24 lights. All of course would never be used as such, but the options are available to enable various lighting sets to be arranged. A shorter ceiling bar has been located to the rear of the hall with two further vertical bars on either side of the hall, all of which will take up to 3 lights. The P.T.A. have supplied 6 lighting units to be added to the school's existing 2 spotlights. At a later date, if required, more lights can be fitted as funds become available. The system will also be used to generally light the hall for school functions, parties and P.T.A. events.

50/50 Auction - Our thanks to Bernard Price who, as auctioneer, provided what can only be described as an excellent performance throughout a long day of auctioning which raised £310 towards P.T.A. funds. Many interesting and varied items fell under the hammer with brisk bidding for some of the more unusual items. Thanks to all those donating pieces

for the auction, helpers and to the villagers and friends who attended - we hope you were all well pleased with your purchases.

The ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK will take place on 16th May when most children at the school take part in the MAJOR fund raising event. This year funds raised will be used to purchase:

- Another 'computer and monitor' (£300)
- 'Wooden equipment' for the reception class (£200)
- 'Lego Technic' for the craft & technology class

All these we hope you would agree are useful contributions to our children's education. Please ensure your children understand what it is that we are doing and why we are doing it. Encourage them to take part and come along yourselves if you want, and most of all please sponsor the children!

KEN STEPHENSON

SOUTHAM SCHOOL P.T.A.

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Spring Dance - over £450 was raised for our funds.

Our next event is the famous Southam Fun Run. Why not get out for some exercise after cheering the Sky Blues at Wembley on the 16th! It's a 3 mile cross country course, and local Carnival Queens will be waiting at the finish to present medals. We hope to raise a lot of money for our current projects - purchasing musical instruments, a computer and a new basket-ball strip. So come on all you pupils, parents, brothers, sisters and friends, get a sponsorship form from school and get some trainers on!

N.B. Don't forget the Barbecue and 60's Disco June 27th.

M.S.H.

CALLING ALL TEENAGE TENNIS PLAYERS

There will be a friendly beginning of season tournament on Friday 7th May. So whether you're a 2nd year at Secondary school or entitled to play with the adults or inbetween, why not come along and get in the swing.

Either turn up at the courts at 5.45pm - to start the tournament at 6pm ('til dark!) and/or, especially if

you might be late, give your name to either Rosemary Ottewill 43 Mill St. Tel. 613402 or Barry Latham, 38 Manor Orchard Tel. 613871.

If you can't play on Friday 8th May, but would like to play other Fridays - the courts are booked for you, as long as you pay your membership fee of £2.50. (You're entitled to play at other times as long as the courts aren't booked) - this can be paid on the 8th May!

HARBURY SCOUTS, CUBS & GUIDES

Please note that the Annual General Meeting of the Scouts, Cubs and Guides Group will be held at 8pm on Thursday 21st May in the Scout Hut.

We shall be particularly pleased to see as many parents of Scouts, Guides and Cubs as possible as well as anyone wishing to help with any of the scouting activities.

BRIAN INGRAM

HARBURY CARNIVAL '87

Just a month to go! The count down to June 6th has started - so be ready with your usual generous response to the raffle ticket, programme and dance ticket sellers; the collectors of things for the Steptoe stall (who will also be collecting 'good clothes' for Mrs Carter's stall); and our last minute pleas for help.

This year the Carnival Queen will be LISA TEBALDI and her attendants will be Lindsey Spencer and Kim Davis. They were chosen at the special Disco run by the Youth Club on 1st April. The eleven candidates gave the judges a very difficult choice and the result was a close run thing. Congratulations to all the girls who entered, especially thank you for the 'retiring' (hardly apt!) Queen, Debbie Ellis who has reigned gloriously through the past 12 months. Also we are grateful, yet again, to the Youth Club for putting on the Disco and helping to make it a successful evening.

(see picture overleaf)



Back to the big day itself. Please give it your support by coming along, and bring your friends and relatives from outside the village if you can - remember not many places have an event to compare with your Carnival! But if for some reason you can't make it - you can still help in other ways - such as buying and selling raffle tickets. More people are needed to run some stalls and work with the putting up/taking down crew - the 'A Team'. Some men have offered to join this dynamic force for good - but not enough yet, and not one woman has ventured forward into this traditionally male dominated occupation. The Carnival Committee is an "equal opportunity employer". Admittedly the pay is lousy, but the rewards are fantastic! Interested? Ring Andy on 613120 or Brian on 612831 now.

A.C.

HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

Once again an action packed month. Club nights are well supported with activities including the usual snooker, table-tennis, videos and pop music. The evenings closing with energetic games of Uni-Hoc and three a side football. We sent a team to the county quiz at Kenilworth where our team of Ron Coupe,



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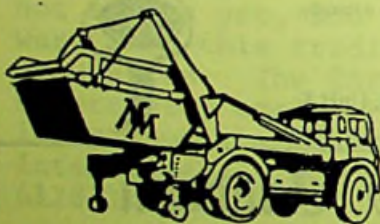
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Haydn Jones, Frank Edwards, Nathan Smith & Alan Phillips put up a strong fight, being beaten by a team quite a bit older and wiser. Unihoc at Leamington Boys club, thanks to Emma Finch for her efforts in organisation. Then a highly enjoyable evening at Rugby Rapids, with the general opinion - oh lets do it again. A team of 7 mixed teenagers attended the WAYC football coaching session at the Sky Blue Commission in Coventry, and with a further 3 sessions to go we will have a football team yet.

There have been some new additions to the Youth Committee and we would like to welcome Harriet Shuttleworth, Paula Ross, and Damien MacDonald and after several meetings some new ideas are forthcoming. Thanks for the impromptu collection towards the Townsend Ferry Disaster Fund where we were pleased to realise the sum of £10. The final total for donation to the Guide Dog Association has passed the £600 mark which was beyond our wildest expectations.

Over the next few months we are organising numerous outings and trips, so to save disappointment if you are interested, get your name on the list now.

CANAL BOAT TRIPS

April - Fully Booked
July - 2 or 3 places left
August 14th - 16th & 21st - 23rd Places still available.

ALTON TOWERS - Sunday 5th July
only £3 for members £6 for non-members.

If you are interested in any of these outings please add your name to the list on clubnights only. Don't ring the leaders at home, nothing is more annoying than constantly having to answer the phone. Study your diary sheets, and ask about events on Clubnights please.

A cheque will be presented to Tim Percival for Senior Citizens outing from funds raised by Youth Forum and Harbury Youth Club Members.

After all this we must be the Club that gives you more. See you next month.

ROY PHILLIPS

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

Things don't improve at the Folk Club. On April 2nd we still had far too many singers and far too many people in the audience for the size of the room! Seriously though, providing that the singers don't mind doing just a couple of songs each, the audience don't seem to object to being crammed into every available square centimetre of the Old New Inn Lounge —

This month, the cast of singers included Gary and Mike who came all the way from Nuneaton to savour this special atmosphere, Lucy and Pete from Warwick Folk Club, and John and Nick (as 'Filling Time') featuring Nick's outrageous percussion playing on his Yamaha keyboard. The Havesters, fresh from a recording session for the Radio 2 folk programme, included an outstanding new song of Ian's; Gerda sang two songs on her own then joined Roger and Lucy for a couple of tunes; Alan and Brian bravely represented the Jug Band without John, the jug player; Peter and Liz started the evening (the most difficult spot) within seconds of Pete arriving at the door, and Mike brought us some more Jake Thackray humour.

The next Folk Club is at 8.30pm on Thursday May 7th, followed by our special Carnival edition on June 4th. If you would like to help in any way with the Folk Club carnival float, please let me know. Many different skills are needed.

PETER McDONALD (613730)

ATTENTION ALL HARBURY CLUBS OR SOCIETIES

Are you doing anything to make our environment a better place. If you are - why not enter for a Keep South Warwickshire Tidy Award - entries by the 30th June - Ray Carter, Old Forge House, Binswood End has the forms.

HARBURY W.I.

Our president Mrs Diedre Dunbar, was very thrilled to tell us that we took 2nd place (out of 91 entries) in the competition for a small flower arrangement at the recent Spring Council Meeting held at the Spa Centre. Congratulations and many thanks to Mrs Diana Buck!

Mr Church of "Church's China" then gave us a very interesting and informative talk on the design of British China from the first pottery in about 1780 to present day bone china. He told us the best design to go for in a tea pot and also a tea cup and several points to look for when replacing your own. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Middleton and the raffle was won by Mrs Mancell and Mrs Groves.

Would members please note that the Produce Show will now take place on Saturday May 16th. Entry forms in by May 14th please.

At our May meeting we will be having the Resolutions. Please join us!

S.G.

MOTHERS' UNION

At our April Lent Service we were pleased to welcome Canon Dan Campbell - the Vicar of Leamington Spa - who gave us a most excellent address on prayer. After discussion it was decided that owing to the Mission in July and members other commitments, we would postpone our summer party until September.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th May at 2.15pm in the Village Hall when our speaker will be Mrs Connie Reid - one of our Diocesan Life Vice-Presidents.

Mrs Parker has now moved to Whatten Lodge in Southam. We send her our love and best wishes as she returns to Southam. We are all delighted to see Shirley Keir looking so well after her recent operation and we assure her of our love, support and prayers as she undergoes further treatment during the coming weeks.

Mrs Ruby Davis is to have a further eye operation on 1st May and we send her our love and shall remember her in our prayers.

ESMÉ CHURCHILL

MORRIS DANCING

After two practices, it looks as though we may have the makings of a Morris side in Harbury. So far, 18 people have appeared at the Wight School on Wednesday evenings, including our two musicians, Gerda and John. We have started learning dances in the Cotswold tradition, specifically from the Oxfordshire village of Ascott-under-Wychwood.

Although we have made a promising start, it will be some months before we can dance in public. So it isn't too late to join in - we particularly need more men. I'm very happy for the women to be sharing in this traditionally male activity but I don't want the men to be outnumbered! For the time being, the cost is £1 per person per session, to cover our instructor fees.

At our practice on May 6th (8pm at the Wight School), I hope to include a 'sit-down' session when we can elect some officers to put the organisation on a more formal footing. Please phone me if you would like to know more.

PETER McDONALD (613730)

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

As in previous years the Theatre Group will be running the Steptoe Stall at the Carnival on 6th June. Why not take this opportunity to clear out those unwanted items in your garage/loft/shed. During the week preceding the Carnival members of the Theatre Group will be calling to collect such items and it would be a great help to us if you could have them ready for when we call.

See next month's issue of Harbury News for details of our next production.

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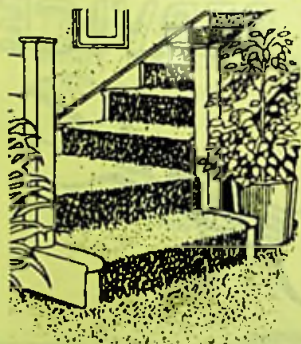
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STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL AND HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

Local elections day this year is May 7th and as usual our Polling Station is in the Village Hall. Harbury has nine seats on the Parish Council and Deppers Bridge one seat. There are only 9 candidates for the Parish Council seats so they will be elected unopposed. They are Keith Thompson, John Drinkwater, Iory Davies, Bill Middleton, Sharon Hancock and Marjorie King, all members of the present council, and three new faces, Midge Keen, Ken Stephenson and Mike Coy.

There are 2 candidates for the District Council election and their statements are printed below. The District Council is responsible for many important services such as Housing, Environmental Health, Refuse collection, Planning & Leisure and Amenity provision. It's no use complaining if you don't bother to vote, and in local elections, on average 70% of us don't. Do read the candidates statement, and go to the Village Hall on May 7th and vote.

There is also an election for the Deppers Bridge seat on the Parish Council and candidates statements can be read below.

MESSAGE FOR HARBURY NEWS FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN SHARP, DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE

Dear Voter,

Many of you will know me well since I became your Conservative District Councillor eight years ago. My wife and I have lived in Harbury Ward since 1949, and I am a parish councillor and churchwarden in Lighthorne.

While serving on the District's Planning, Housing, Police and Finance committees, I have actively fought for the



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conservation interests of the Harbury area. In particular, I actively supported the establishment of the new Conservation area, the recent tree preservation orders and the current fight against the application for local tipping of asbestos. Many Council tenants are now benefiting from new heating and insulation that our Housing Committee is installing. I also supported building of three new OAP bungalows in Harbury and the granting of financial aid for the new netball court now under construction.

You will have noticed that the District Council have again not increased council house rents or the domestic rates.

Please use your vote for me on Thursday May 7th so that I can continue to serve you all, irrespective of party, to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,
John Sharp

PETER WHITE - LIBERAL/SDP ALLIANCE CANDIDATE



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It is widely acknowledged that Liberals are very effective in community affairs. Our independent approach emphasises the individuality, richness and diversity of each one of us and urges the harnessing of these qualities to the overall good.

We have much to be grateful for here. Some, however have real worries and concerns, it is by CARING and CREATIVELY solving problems and seizing opportuni-

ities that a Liberal Councillor for Harbury will make a real difference to our District Council affairs.

My worthy opponent does not always find it possible to really oppose the dominant group and question what is going on. It is our money they are spending to meet their sense of priorities! Why should our "outlying interests" continue to be neglected? Why

aren't our disadvantaged groups given more assistance? What about the needs of both the young and the old.

We don't pretend to have a monopoly on good ideas! Liberals are realistic and modest. We want affordable and achievable answers to these and other matters. On May 7th, returning a second Liberal/SDP Alliance Councillor will make a REAL difference! - and will oblige our District Council to take notice of an informed, independent, alternative approach, that will work to the benefit of ALL of us in Ufton, Harbury, Chesterton and Kingston, Bishops Itchinton and Lighthorne.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS DEPPERS BRIDGE WARD

My name is JOHN MOORE and for the past 18 months I have represented Deppers Bridge at the Parish Council meetings. I am a local Farmer and have lived in Harbury Parish all my life, the last 5 years at Deppers Bridge with my wife and 3 young children.

I would very much like to continue serving the community with your support.

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Mr Timothy Eason who has been nominated for the Deppers Bridge seat on the Harbury Parish Council has now found that he has got to leave the area because of a job promotion. He has been unable to withdraw his name from the ballot paper but would like to ask the electorate not to vote for him.

MUSIC EXAM RESULTS

At the Easter Session of Exams the results of the four pupils entered are:

Practical

Grade 2 - Elizabeth Travis	- Pass with Merit
Grade 4 - Daniel Tancock	- Pass

Theory (Max Marks 99)

Grade 1 - Daniel Tancock	- 69 Marks
Grade 5 - Samantha Neill	- 82 Marks

Many congratulations.

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FATHER SIGITAS TAMKEVICIUS - Update

After a false report claiming his release, the latest reliable news is that he once again is in a K.G.B. prison in Vilnius, Lithuania. Please continue to write on his behalf to the Soviet authorities - addresses from me. Over a dozen people met for the vigil in Church for Father Sigitas and we do invite everyone to continue to pray for him and also for all the others still in camps or psychiatric hospitals. A prayer group, for the persecuted throughout the world - meets the first Thursday of every month, 10.30am at 19 Farm Street. It is ecumenical and all are invited.

JILL WINTER

HARBURY CHARITIES

Some notes on the various charities which have been left for the benefit of the village.

Free School - Thomas Wagstaff

In the year 1610 Thomas Wagstaff purchased a plot of ground on the north side of the churchyard of Harbury and erected a school. He placed therein a master and allowed him £20 a year and kept the building in repair but died without endowing of it. That, in a case in Chancery, Thomas Wagstaff, grandson of the founder being willing to continue the endowment, it was by order Sixth February 1637 that lands of better value than £20 per annum should be settled for the

perpetual payment of the said salary and repairs. In consequence, the £20 was settled to be paid yearly out of a moiety of the tithes of Harbury and was so paid until the year 1738. The then owner, Elizabeth Oughton, discontinued the same: another suit was the consequence and, by order of the Court, 1759, it was ordered that the Charity should be established forever for instructing boys, children of the inhabitants of Harbury in reading, writing and accounts. The annuities of £20 and 20 shillings is now (1825) paid by John Heath Esquire, the owner of the moiety of tithes so charged. The £20 is paid the schoolmaster who resides in the school house originally provided. He receives all the children of resident parishioners who are qualified and instructs them as above. The 20 shillings is applied by the Trustees for repairs.

John Jorge

John Jorge left certain lands and premises either for repairing and maintaining the Church of Harbury or for the relief of the poor. The open lands of Harbury were enclosed in the year 1780 and allotments made in view of the ancient lands. The property now consists of a small orchard and between 24 and 25 acres of land divided into four fields let at the yearly rental of £31-10s-0d (1823). Occasionally distributions of money, bread or clothing are made to the poor after attending to the reparation of the church.

Poors allotment

Upon the inclosure of the common fields of Harbury, about the year 1780, an allotment of 30 acres was awarded in lieu of the right of the poor to cut furze. The herbage of this allotment is annually let at Easter by the parish officers and produced £33 (1825). 70 tons of coal were purchased at 1s-4d per cwt and sold to the poor at 1s-2d which loss, with expenses, consumed the money. The poor also cut furze on the land.

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In view of the fact that values changed over the years, it was felt necessary to sell any property which was still in existence. This was done and the

money invested with the Charity Commissioners and continues to the present day. The income of the John Jorges Charity is equally divided between the reparation of the church fabric and the poor of Harbury.

STICK INSECTS

Stick insects are minute when they have hatched out their eggs but they grow bigger and bigger. If you have baby stick insects you can keep them in a sweet jar but when they grow bigger you could make your own vivarium with an old Quality Street tin or something like that and thick Acetate made into a tube to fit inside the tin then place the tin lid on top with all holes punched in it covered with curtain netting over the top of the holes this will make a fairly big vivarium.

The stick insects live on privet and that is all, you can spray them with water but only a little bit. You put the privet in a fairly small container with cotton wool soaked in water this keeps the privet fresh.

The stick insects eggs are very small they are brown with a white dot at one end they take a couple of months to hatch and a bit before they do, it is a good idea to put another layer of netting on top of the vivarium. The stick insects need cleaning out about once a week and a change of privet. My stick insects are 6 months old and are 7cm long and have laid lots of eggs. I call my stick insects Gin and Tonic.

by RICHARD APPLETON

HARBURY SOCIETY

We held our Guided Walk last Sunday as part of our Contribution to Environment Week and to give people the opportunity to see what one of the Footpath Walks from our forthcoming book will be like.

Continuing in that theme we have a very interesting talk lined up for Tuesday 19th May 8pm in the Wight School when Mr John Ireson will give a talk on 'THE COMMON FOOTPATH' which will explain the growth of the ancient, prehistoric footpath network in this country. Not quite the Ley-lines I promised but fairly close I think.

Over the next few weeks members of the Society will be calling on you to collect any unwanted jewellery and beads for the Carnival Stall. Last year, thanks to the generosity of the public and the hard work of the members we made nearly £200 for the Carnival Funds. Do bear us in mind when you Spring Clean; even broken items are of use. If you have nothing to give them then perhaps you will find something to your liking on our Stall on Saturday June 6th!

In June there will also be posters sprouting to tell you when and where the Mystery Tour starts. I can't tell you more than that as it is still a mystery to me. This is not a fund raising event; indeed it usually makes a loss but it is intended to be great fun and encourages everyone who takes part to look more carefully at their village. Those who took part last year know now if they did not before of Shirley Keir's attempts to keep Engels out of the Library! It should be impossible to get lost and there are prizes, answers and food at the end of the road so sharpen your pencil and join in.

Finally, as every year, remember that Harbury has entered the Best Kept Village Competition and be public spirited. In July Harbury opens its gardens to the outside world and the admiration we get should be recompense enough for our efforts, but it would still be great to win the Competition and beat Fenny Compton!

LINDA

PARISH COUNCIL APRIL 1987

Your last chance to see the old Parish Council in action has passed. It wasn't a vintage meeting but it was typical of the range of topics which exercise your Councillor's minds:- roads, planning, lights, repairs, smartening up the village and DOGS, or more accurately - dog excrement!

Guardian reader Sharon Hancock gleefully regaled colleagues with tales of Mr Diaper, Barking Council's dog warden whose new powers were set out in a newspaper cutting sent to the Council by an irate Mill Street resident who had been abused by a dog owner when she remonstrated with him for allowing his dog to foul the footpath. Cllr. Hancock said that it was often the dogs which were allowed to

to roam loose that caused the most trouble, but that Harbury already had Bye-Laws covering the offence.

The Stratford District Council has said it will take legal action against the owners of the waste land at Queens Close if they do not keep the plot tidy and the Parish Council agreed that they would not cut the grass in the meanwhile.

Interviewed by District Councillor Harkell on Depper Bridge behalf has brought an immediate improvement in the refuse collection there and the Cllrs expressed their gratitude. Dave Andrews reminded the Council of its decision last year to spend £150 on buying flower tubs to be attached to the 'Harbury' signs at the entrance to the village. The intention had been to encourage village organisations to plant and maintain the tubs, or 'Adopt a Pot'. The plan has been taken up by Ken Stephenson who has taken the scheme one stage further with plans to surround the signs with plants, bulbs and shrubs. Dave Andrews said that Ken Stephenson had 'done a bit off the spadework' canvassing opinion amongst the village groups and thought that the Youth Club, Guides and others would be willing to look after the flower tubs. Ken explained that there would be four tubs into which would slot removeable containers. The Horticultural Society was willing to plant these out for the first season and indeed 'Fred Lines has his name down for the Binswood End one'. Mr Stephenson wanted the Parish Council to provide the cash to cover the planting costs as well as the purchase of the tubs and he suggested that the Council could donate a prize.

Ray Carter had quoted £280 for maintenance work at the Play Area which involved rust treating the metal parts of the play equipment, painting the woodwork, renewing the swing seats and taking up the concrete beneath the 'Spaceship' and replacing it with bark. The damaged parts of the Manor Orchard Play Area wall will be repaired despite the confusion over the precise ownership. Dave Andrews reported that after a hold up for bad weather the Netball Court would be tarmaced on the 27th, but that there would not be an earth mound because the ladies feared mud would spread to the court's surface. Keith Thompson

suggested the Pony Show and Carnival should be obliged to rope off the Court when they use the Field to prevent vehicles being driven across and Cllrs then discussed various permanent physical barriers, conifers, posts, bollards etc with Bob Dunn having the last word with his 'Ha-ha'!

Mrs Bidwell was to be asked for further news of the barriers for the Quarries when she addressed the Annual Parish Meeting. It has been agreed that the School Bus will be rerouted through Harbury when the statutory notice had been given.

Several planning applications had been discussed in Committee and no objection had been registered to them. They were:- an application to convert two barns at Greenhill, Deppers Bridge where Pettifer & Jones already have 2 separate permissions for housing or conversion, and an application to convert a building at Harbury Hall Stud to accommodate the Stud Groom. John Drinkwater read out a letter from Solicitors acting for a group of Hall Lane residents who were objecting to the application on the grounds that when the Stud had been set up with almost twice the number of horses it had at present there had been a Stud Groom's cottage in the complex. The cottage had been sold off for £35,000 and the residents did not see how further accommodation was justified given that there were fewer horses and the previous Groom's cottage had been surplus to requirements. The Parish Council had sent in its 'No Objection' before hearing of the neighbours complaints and District Cllr Harkell asked whether he wanted him to make any comments on the application on the Parish's behalf. He had viewed the site and thought it would be difficult to make the narrow building attractive enough even to put the Stud Groom in let alone sell it at a later date.

Mr H M Nakkar the new owner of the Bishop Bowl Lakes had applied for an alternative siting for the Warden's house already granted at the pools. Mr Sharp the District Cllr thought it was better sited than the original and having looked at the plans and agreeing that the building would affect no other person the PC decided not to object.

By a small majority the County Council had turned down Mr Mann's application to tip asbestos at Ufton Hill Farm. Is he appealing or not the Cllrs wanted to know?

There is less mud being spread on the B4452, as Marjorie King said you can see the white lines. The PC will keep up the pressure for kerbing lest the problem be overlooked.

Poor Mr Miller will be reminded that Harbury was promised a footpath between Butt Lane and Hall Lane. He will be told that he is wrong in thinking that footpaths about which the PC complained are not dangerous or that the drain covers in Manor Orchard and Neales Close are not subsiding. There are also pot holes in Bush Heath Lane for him to fill in.

Sharon Hancock complimented the Clerk on his death defying work on the Mill Street bank where Mrs Jennings's hedge, undercut by road improvements had been gradually slipping into the road. The hedge has been removed, the bank graded and turfed.

Cllr Atkins was commended on having organised the completion of the lighting conversion plan before his retirement from the council. All the work had been done at a cost of £1484. Metal columns were less in keeping with a village situation and cost more, but they lasted longer. He reported no reply from Mr Riches of the Planning and Transportation department who had had the temerity to suggest the PC should erect an extra light to make the Bush Heath Speed Limit legal. Harbury's cunningly worded riposte conceded that we would not object if the County put up the light!

Prompted by Cllr Hancock, Chairman Keith Thompson announced that there were nine seats on the Parish Council for Harbury Ward and one for Deppers Bridge. In Deppers Mr Eason and Cllr John Moore were contesting the seat but there would be no election for Harbury Ward. Of the incumbent Councillors Dave Andrews, Dennis Atkins and Bob Dunn are not standing for re-election and Mike Coy, Midge Keen and Ken Stephenson are the new nominees, so they are what you get whether you want them or not. Sharon Hancock said it was a matter of regret to her that there would be no contest

She would much rather be elected to office than returned unopposed.

Chairman Keith Thompson thanked the retiring Councillors for their hard work and support and was particularly appreciative of the efforts of Dennis Atkins whose cunning wit I shall sorely miss.

LINDA RIDGLEY

JOHN ELLIOTT

Mrs Sadie Elliott and family wish to thank relations and friends for the kind support, letters, cards and messages of sympathy in their sad loss, also many thanks to the Harbury Bellringers for their quarter peal rung in John's memory.

MAY IN THE GARDEN

If you want to increase your snowdrops now is the time to divide the clumps while the leaves are still green. Daffodils which are reluctant to flower can be encouraged by watering now with a liquid fertiliser.

Sow radish and lettuce seed mixed together the former will be harvested before the latter and this will reduce the need for thinning the lettuces.

Vegetable seed should be sown all this month and tomatoes and runner beans planted out. Remember to nip out the tops of broad beans to prevent black fly, these tops, lightly boiled, make delicious eating.

Keep your roses regularly sprayed. Adding phostrogen to your chosen brand provides a foliar feed for the developing leaves at the same time. Keep the hoe going to suppress growing weeds. Put in supports for tall perennials ready for when they are needed. Pinch out the tops of vigorous species to encourage bushy growth.

Chrysanthemums and dahlias can be put outside at the end of the month, but it might be worth remembering the old Warwickshire saw, that we have not seen the end of the frosts until the last flower has dropped off the Winter Jasmine!

E.D.Z.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Mr Jones and his colleagues did us proud with a first rate illustrated talk on Delphiniums. It is one of the pleasures of membership to have the opportunity to meet theses experts who are so down-to-earth in all senses.

The last meeting of the season is on Tuesday, 5th May at 8pm at the Wight School when Mr Thacker will talk about Garden Planning.

It is not too late to volunteer to help with refreshments at the Walkabout on July 11th. Mr Bristow will welcome extra pairs of hands.

B.A.R.

James Turner drew to our attention this letter from Dr Tom Winnifrith published in The Times on April 10th:-

BAT AND BALKANS

Sir, We have the honour to report that a game of cricket was played at Balldran in Albania on Monday April 6. Scores: British Academics XI 36; British Bankers XI 31.

Judging by the keen interest in the game displayed by the Albanian spectators, we hope that next year a combined team of town and gown may play an Albanian XI.

Yours faithfully,

T. J. WINNIFRITH
(Captain of the Academics)

FRANCIS WITTS
(Captain of the Banker

Albania.

PROFILE - IAN HOLROYD

The following profile was handed to the Editors by an anonymous sportsman heavily disguised as Les Sollis. The Editors have attempted to remove anything that is less than complimentary, but it has proved very difficult.

Ian Holroyd is the grand old man of Harbury sport. His age is a well kept secret, though he has clearly been around for a long time. He lives in Mill Street and can often be seen walking his Black Labrador - Shelley - around the village.

Ian was born at Bradford in Yorkshire and he will talk for hours about his beloved Yorkshire Cricket Club. There is probably no truth in the rumour that he is a contempory of Sir Leonard Hutton - but he is obviously on first name terms with Sir Geoff Boycott. Ian moved into the area about ten years ago, and initially lived in a first floor flat at Ladbroke Hall. Although some unkind folk have suggested that he could not manage the stairs, the real reason for moving to Harbury was to be closer to the centre of activity.

Ian works for the Milk Marketing Board, though the recent employment of two assistants does not mean that he has become a part-time consultant to the Board. Ian has happy memories of his stay at Ladbroke Hall, and recalls the social events with a glint in his eye, particularly those that centred on the swimming pool. Ian recalls an occasion when Sid Field actually dived into the pool, though since it was dark at the time there is some doubt about the details. Indeed underwater photography was one of Ian's favourite recreations in his younger days. At one poolside party Ian was about to dive in with his camera, ably assisted by several enthusiastic helpers, only to utter those immortal words 'I CAN'T'

Ian is still young at heart, and shows a keen interest in sporting activities. He is of course currently Chairman of the Rugby Club, and has turned out for the Village Cricket Team. He is always willing to pass on his sporting experience to up and coming youngsters like Les Sollis. Rumour has it



ANOTHER BRIDGE, ANOTHER PLACE

The bridge at Ladbroke and the post boxes at Harbury have recently captured the news. This month it is the turn of Deppers Bridge. Not only has Deppers managed to find enough candidates to have a contested Parish Council ward election, but Mike Bloxham has given us a photograph of the Bridge across the River Itchen. The Bridge is dated 1939 and Mike's picture shows it with the river in flood at the beginning of April.

I.T.J.



CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

I have been requested by Bill Clifton of Pools Farm Harbury to write on his behalf his expression of sincere thanks to all who have sent cards and gifts to him during his enforced stay in Warwick and Stratford Hospitals. He has also appreciated the many people who have visited him at these places.

Hopefully by the time this letter is read he should have returned home and with assistance be able to continue a recovery to better health.

Yours sincerely,

John Drinkwater

Dear Editors,

During my recent stay in hospital, and on my return home, I have been overwhelmed by the cards, flowers and gifts sent to me. I would like to thank all my friends for these, but especially for the love, support and prayers given before and after my operation. As I am to have further treatment please keep me in your prayers.

Yours sincerely,

Shirley Keir

A HARD DAY!

By the time he comes home in the evening
 My Hero, my Man of affairs
 I have laundered three loads in the washer
 I have made thirty trips on the stairs
 I have vacuumed the rugs and the sofa
 I have waxed the linoleum floors
 I have spent and approximate lifetime
 Getting fingerprints wiped from the doors
 I have eight times re-napped my daughter
 And eleven times lifted my son
 I have kicked his first little football
 At the point of his first little gun
 I have battled the beds and the bathtubs
 I have mastered the mop and the broom
 I have fixed me a lunch for a princess
 Which I somehow forgot to consume
 I have vied with a travelling salesman
 And two vendors of new magazines
 I have broken the bank for the butcher
 I have patched me a hole in my jeans
 I have soothed I have salved I have bandaged
 I have darned I have knit I have purled
 By the time he comes home in the evening
 My Hero, my Man of the World
 And it's then that he kisses my forehead
 In his tenderest gentlest way
 And I listen for forty five minutes
 While he tells me he's had a hard day!

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