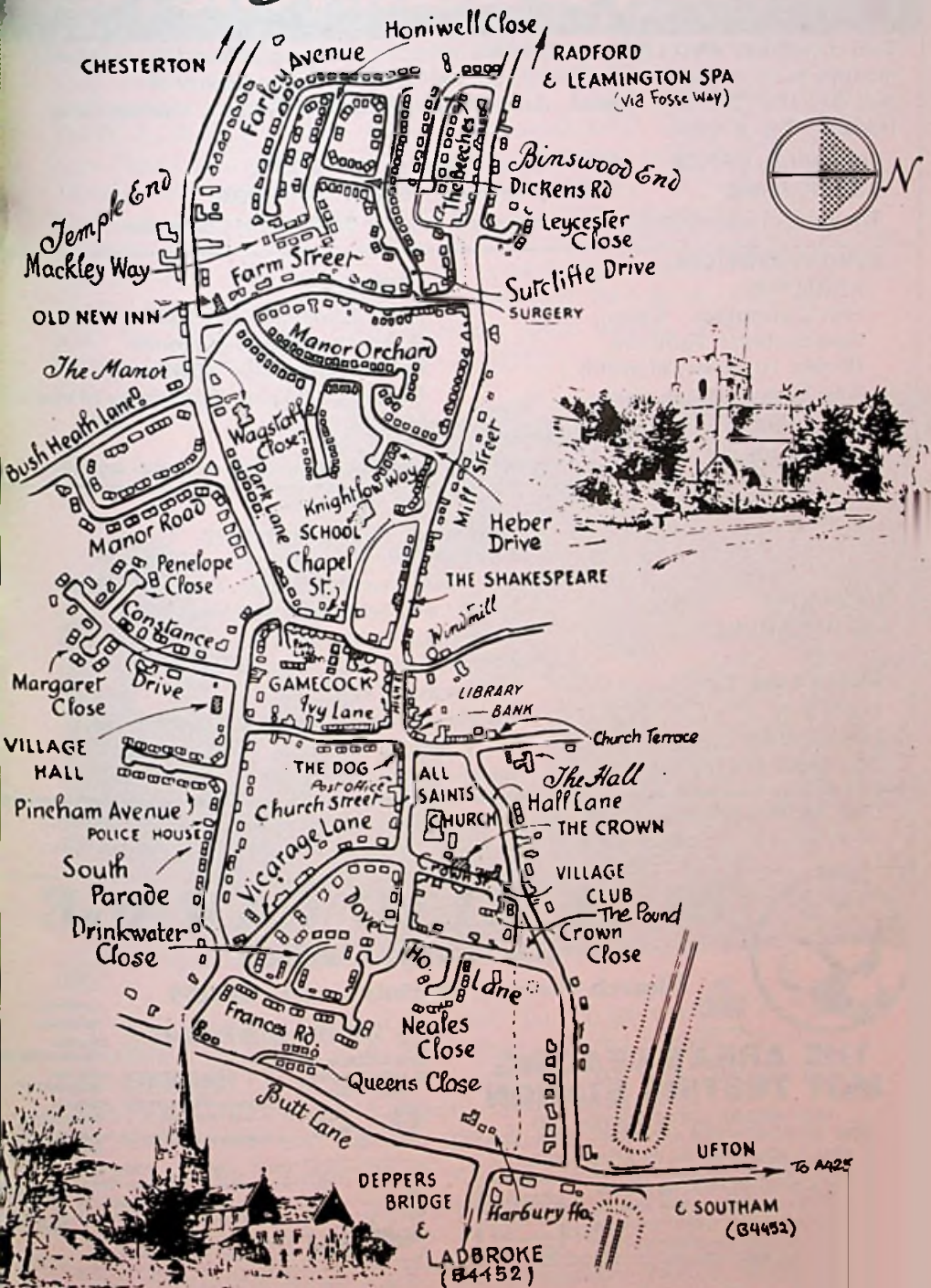


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### HARBURY

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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The poet Keats described autumn as 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'. Obviously he knew his seasons, but he didn't know Harbury and Ladbroke. Otherwise he would have written 'Season of N.S.P.C.C. Fun Runs, rained-off Bicycle Events, the Horticultural and Pony Shows, and getting ready for the Bonfire. Seriously, though, it has been a pretty lively time as our reports and photos indicate. Mike Bloxham's photograph below shows our Parish Council correspondent Linda Ridgley looking really pleased because she hasn't got to cycle to Chesterton and back, when the Bicycle Event was called off.



It was disturbing to read in this month's Parish Council Report the problem of children being delivered to school by car in such a dangerous manner. Please, if you take your child to the Mill Street entrance, park whenever possible in the lay-by, take your child across the road at a safe place - not between parked cars, and above all do not drive into Back Lane.

The Harbury News has for several years endeavoured

to have a young editor, and we must congratulate one of the most recent ones, Heather Whitelaw, who after obtaining excellent 'A' level results is going to Lancaster University to read Psychology. We say good-bye this month to our current young editor Jennie Barr who will be concentrating on working for her 'A' levels next summer. Jennie has worked hard for the magazine and we shall miss her. We also welcome her replacement, Jane Hancock.

### HARBURY DIARY

#### OCTOBER 1987

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| Sat   | 3rd  | N.S.P.C.C. Ceilidh in Village Hall  |
| Sun   | 4th  | THE HARVEST FESTIVAL 9am Sung Eucharist, 11am Harvest Family Service (children bring their Harvest gifts) 3.30pm Workshop for young people with 'Dayspring' Steel Band. 6.30pm Harvest Festival Service & Steel Band concert with refreshments. |
|       |      | Burton Dassett Dig 'Open Day' 10am - 5.30pm   |
| Mon   | 5th  | Praise & Prayer 4 Leicester Close   |
| Tues  | 6th  | Mothers & Toddlers Service at 2.15pm  |
|       |      | Horticultural Society 8pm in the Wight School   |
| Wed   | 7th  | Conservative Coffee Morning at Mrs Gimson's 36 South Parade 10.30 - Noon  |
|       |      | Mothers Union in Village Hall at 2.15pm   |
|       |      | P.T.A. Maths Evening 8pm in School  |
| Thurs | 8th  | Thursday Club at 2.30pm in Village Hall   |
|       |      | W.I. 7.45pm in Village Hall 'Tales of Old Gloucestershire' - Mrs Betty Smith  |
| Sat   | 10th | P.C.C. Harvest Supper in Village Hall 7.30pm  |
| Sun   | 11th | PENTECOST 18 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong  |
|       |      | Free Church Service 2.30pm  |
| Mon   | 12th | Word of God at 23 Neales Close at 8pm   |
|       |      | N.W.R. 8pm 'An Outing' with Jo House  |
|       |      | Praise & Prayer Ravenshaw Cottage   |
|       |      | Flower Festival Meeting 7.30pm 11 Constance Dr.   |
|       | 13th | Harbury Friends 8pm at the School   |
|       |      | Village Hall Committee 8pm in Village Hall  |
|       |      | Wight School Playgroup AGM 8.30pm in Wight School   |
|       |      | Nativity Play Reading 11 Constance Drive 8.15pm all welcome   |
|       |      | Southam School PTA AGM 7.30pm (School Hall)   |



- Thurs 15th Prayers for Persecuted Christians at 10.30am at  
4 Sutcliffe Drive  
N.S.P.C.C. Coffee Morning 10.30am The Rylands,  
Dovehouse Lane  
Whist Drive in Village Hall at 7.30pm
- Fri 16th 'Family Tree' Eucharist at 9.15pm
- Sat 17th W.I. Jumble Sale in Village Hall 10am - 12 noon  
P.T.A. Autumn Entertainment Spectacular in School  
Hall 8 - 11.30pm
- Sun 18th ST. LUKE THE EVANGALIST 8am Holy Communion,  
10.30am Sung Eucharist, (6.30pm Special Church  
Service at St Oswalds New Bilton Rugby - Link  
Parishes invited)  
SCOUT NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
- Mon 19th Praise & Prayer 15 Pineham Avenue
- Tues 20th Open Evening for School Reception Classes  
Mothers Union Evening Meeting in Wight School 7.45  
Senior Citizens Cttee 8.30pm in Village Hall
- Wed 21st N.W.R. Coffee A.M. 10.30 - 12 at Alison Hodge's  
home  
Julian Group 8pm in the Church  
Eucharist inaugurating the Harbury Care Scheme 9pm
- Thurs 22nd Thursday Club at 2.30pm in Village Hall  
Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Fri 23rd SCHOOL ENDS  
Conservatives Supper Party at Flax Hill at 8pm
- Sat 24th Stage Up in Village Hall
- Sun 25th CLOCKS BACK  
9TH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS (ASB year 2 readings)  
8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm  
Evensong  
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN NOVEMBER HARBURY  
NEWS TO EDITORS BY TODAY
- Mon 26th Word of God 8pm at the Spiers Chesterton Road  
Praise & Prayer 17 Farm Street
- Tues 27th Harbury Society Juliette Bailey 'The work of the  
Farming & Wildlife Advisory Service' 8pm at the  
Wight School
- Thurs 29th PLAY "Just Between Ourselves" Village Hall 8pm
- Fri 30th PLAY "Just Between Ourselves" Village Hall 8pm
- Sat 31st PLAY "Just Between Ourselves" Village Hall 8pm
- NOVEMBER
- Sun 1st ALL SAINTS DAY - THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL 9a  
Eucharist 11.30am Family Service 6.30-  
of Praise
- Mon 2nd ALL SOULS DAY Holy Communion (Requiem  
Praise & Prayer Lullington Lodge

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Mon	2nd	SCHOOL STARTS
Tues	3rd	Mothers & Toddlers Service at 2.15pm Horticultural Society 8pm in Wight School
Wed	4th	Mothers Union in Village Hall PTA AGM in School 8pm
Thurs	5th	Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn 8.30pm
Fri	6th	Theatre Group Meeting
Sat	7th	Thursday Club Rummage Sale in Farley Room of Village Hall
Sun	8th	VILLAGE BONFIRE PARTY REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Free Church Service Young Teenager Group Video 39 Mill Street

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

For Village Hall Bookings, ring Mrs. Hughes 612716  
For Wight School Bookings, ring Mrs. Hayes, 613488

REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LADBROKE

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

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.

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

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

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

NIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.

Tuesday CUBS now meet on THURSDAYS.

TS. 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.

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS, Wight School 8pm  
Wednesdays.

W.I., Village Hall, 2nd Thursdays, 7.45pm.

POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20pm - 3.30pm every Friday.

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

KARATE CLASSES, Village Hall 7pm every Friday.

BELLRINGING PRACTICE in Church 7.30pm every Friday.

#### FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

The Church Cycle Ride was unfortunately rained off - yet another victim of our poor weather this summer. By the time you read this we will have held our Harvest Festival on 4th October, and will be looking forward to the Harvest Supper on 10th October. In spite of what the farmers tell us is a poor harvest, we will have given thanks to God for the provision of food, and rightly so, for none of us in the Western world knows what it is to go hungry. How much more conscious this makes us of the plight of the less fortunate peoples in other parts of the world, who regularly suffer famine and drought, and how strong should be our resolve to do all we can to help them.

Make a note in your diaries of the Bonfire Party on 7th November - always a good 'do' with most of the village turning out.

You have already heard a little bit about the proposed addition to the Church which is to take the form of a Meeting Room, with kitchen and toilet facilities. A few days before he died Tom Hauley, that good Christian gentleman, wrote down a list of instructions to the Rector about the hymns and readings for his funeral, ending with the hope that the P.C.C. would 'press ahead with the plans for

toilets etc.' We have now heard from Tom's solicitors that, after certain specific bequests, Harbury Church is a residuary legatee of his Estate, jointly with the Diocesan Finance Committee. This will take us a further step along the way towards realising our hopes. We hope that YOU will be interested in this scheme too.

Harbury Church on a Sunday Morning is a lovely place to be. We don't get many regular worshippers - 80 to 100 people out of 3,500 parishioners isn't a marvelous attendance, is it? We would love to see more of you there, and to this end we have done something positive to help you find your way through the Service Book. I read recently that church-goers are 'A company of sinners at a school for saints'. Come and join us!

Beryl Checkley

#### FROM THE RECTOR

The Diocese of Coventry is fairly small as dioceses go, not like Exeter or Oxford, which each have hundreds of parish churches. Nevertheless there are in this diocese nearly two hundred churches and I suppose most of us have visited comparatively few of them. It is fascinating to travel round and to be delighted with some glorious church which has not been seen before. There are some exceptionally beautiful and stately churches to be found and most of them nowadays are lovingly maintained and cared for. Yet sometimes parishes can be a little indifferent to the wider Church of which they are part and only have interest in and concern for the local place of worship. We should indeed cherish and rejoice in the heritage of our own church, which perhaps has stood for generations providing spiritual instruction and nourishment, but we ought never to lose sight of the Church at large or to be unaware of the great family of those who also call on the name of the Lord Jesus. Throughout this year, the Bishop of Coventry has bidden us to look beyond the narrow confines of our own parishes and to meet with our brethren in other parishes. To worship with them and to share in their parish life and events - to be linked with them. You will have noticed in the Diary dates in the Harbury and Ladbroke News from time to



time that we have been invited to services and events with our Link Parishes and similarly we have invited them to some of our special occasions. We are linked with St Leonard, Ryton-on-Dunsmore and St Giles Bubbenhall, two parishes somewhat similar to Harbury and Ladbroke, and with St Oswald, New Bilton, Rugby, a town parish not at all similar to ours. Already it has proved a very valuable and enjoyable experience and with this happening throughout the diocese, there has been a developing sense of unity and a wider vision of the mission of the Church. At the same time, the Bishop himself has been visiting the whole of the diocese from deanery to deanery and spending a few hours in every single parish whether large or small and everywhere people have welcomed this opportunity of meeting their Bishop at close quarters and in informal gatherings. All this has been happening this year and will go on and it has been given the title of 'Mission in Partnership'.

But in obtaining a wider perspective of the church than just our own parish is only part of the intention. Next year is the second phase of the Bishop's plan and we shall look further still. Eighteen people from churches in different parts of the world are to visit our diocese. Already invitations have been accepted from East Germany, China and the U.S.A. and visitors are also expected from South Africa, Barbados, Holland, North India and Nicaragua. The purpose is to be a sharing of experiences and they will come to see what is happening in the Life of the Church in this country and tell us about the Life of the Church from where they come. This all begins on September 7th 1988 and they will be here for a month, during which time three of the visitors will spend a week in each deanery. John Nightingale, Mission Adviser to the Diocese writing in 'Diary' asks the question 'Why do we bother to do this?' and gives an answer 'Our faith is not only a legacy from the past, but a vision of the future'. Certainly mission in our own place is our responsibility. But people in different parts of the Christian body can help one another, gain a further vision of God's call and the gifts he has made available to them.

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In preparation for next year, each parish is being asked to prepare a profile of itself to be sent to our visitors, so that they can begin to learn a little about the parishes and the deaneries before they actually arrive.

It is an interesting prospect and I am sure we shall not only enjoy meeting our visitors from all over the world, but learn a lot from all that we shall be sharing together.

ANTONY ROWE

### HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday 20th September (at Ladbroke)

STUART ALAN GEORGE, son of  
Paul Winston and Rachel Mary  
Mugleston of 9 The Beeches,  
Harbury.

Sunday 27th September (at Harbury)

JOANNE ROSE, daughter of  
Stephen and Carolyn Joyce  
Dorning 13 Wagstaffe Close.

### HOLY MATRIMONY

Saturday 12th September

ROYSTON NEIL POW,  
11 Greensward Cl, Kenilworth  
and RACHAEL ELIZABETH BEST  
1 Bushheath Lane, Harbury

### FUNERALS

Tuesday 8th September (at Harbury)

JOHN STANLEY COWAN  
11a Sutcliffe Ave, Harbury  
64 years.

Thursday 10th September (at Ladbroke)

IDA MAUD PARKER  
Orchard Bungalow, Bridge Lane,  
Ladbroke, 86 years.

Friday 18th September (at Ladbroke)

EUNICE REEVES  
28 Mayfield Rd, Southam 57 years

Friday 18th September (at Southam)

ANTONIO TEBALDI  
Hudiss Cottage, 67 years.



## SONGS OF PRAISE

This will be held in All Saints' Harbury at 6.30pm on Sunday 1st November, All Saints' Day and our Patronal Festival. This type of service is always popular and everyone enjoys singing some of the best and most-loved hymns. Requests should be handed to the Rector (by Friday 23rd October please) specifying the tune preferred. As many as can reasonably be used will be selected. Refreshments will be served after the service.

## 'FAMILY TREE' EUCHARIST

To be held in All Saints' Harbury at 9.15pm on Friday 16th October. The intention of this Eucharist is to bring before God in our prayers those who have died, especially members of our family or others for whom we have a particular concern.

## FLOWER FESTIVAL 1988

A meeting has been arranged to discuss a proposal to have a flower festival in All Saints' Harbury next year. The meeting will be held at 11 Constance Dr. on Monday 12th October at 7.30pm. Should you be unable to attend the meeting on that date but would like to be involved, please let the Rector have your name and address.

## SPONSORED BICYCLE RIDE

The Rector wishes to thank all those, both riders and walkers, who took part in the Sponsored Bicycle Ride arranged by the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust. There is still sponsorship money to be handed in, but a statement of the amount raised will be given next month. Also thanks to those who throughout the day welcomed the participants at Ladbroke and at Harbury with gratefully received refreshments. And last but not least thanks to all who so generously did the sponsoring.

## PLAY FOR EPIPHANY

We are hoping to produce a Nativity Play in Church for Epiphany. We need help in all departments but first we must get a cast.

There will be a play reading and casting at 11 Constance Drive at 8.15pm on Tuesday 13th October. Everybody welcome!

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If you can help in any way, such as with making costumes, stage managing, refreshments, publicity etc. etc. please telephone or sign the list on the table at the back of the church.

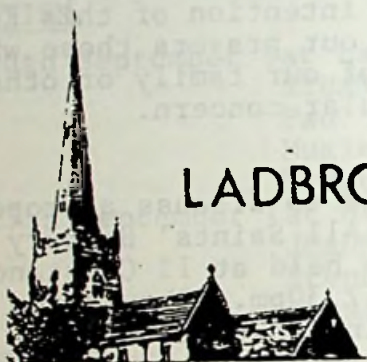
The play is called 'The Business of Good Government' and was written by John Arden for the villagers of Brent Knoll in Somerset. They performed it in a church too.

We're hoping to hear from you.

The Rector  
612377

Mary Shelley  
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Edith Algar  
612354



## LADBROKE NEWS

### OCTOBER DIARY

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| Sun | 4th  | The Harvest Festival 10.30am Family Communion<br>Children to bring their Harvest Gifts)<br>3.30pm Evensong  |
| Wed | 7th  | 10.30am Holy Communion  |
| Fri | 9th  | 7.30pm Harvest Supper (with music from Harbury<br>Folk Group)   |
| Sun | 11th | Pentecost 18. 9am Holy Communion with Hymns   |
| Wed | 14th | 10.30am Holy Communion<br>2.30 Women's Fellowship at Betty Winkfield's<br>home  |
| Fri | 16th | Magic Lantern Show  |
| Sun | 18th | St Luke the Evangelist. 9am Holy Communion<br>with hymns 3.30pm Evensong<br>(6.30pm Special Evensong at St Oswald's<br>New Bilton, Rugby - Link Parishes invited) |
| es  | 20th | W.I. visit to Ufton Village Hall, Microwave<br>demonstration 7.30pm<br>Parish Council   |
|     | 21st | 10.30am Holy Communion  |



Thurs 22nd W.I. AGM - Harvest Supper  
 Sun 25th 9th Sunday before Christmas (ASB 2nd year readings  
 9am Holy Communion with Hymns  
 Wed 28th No Service at 10.30am

### NOVEMBER

Sun 1st All Saints' Day - Patronal Festival  
 10.30am Family Communion 3.30pm Evensong  
 Mon 2nd All Souls Day 7pm Holy Communion (Requiem)

### CHURCH FLOWERS

Oct 4th (Harvest Festival) and Oct 11th Mrs Darkes  
 Oct 18th Mrs S Moore & Mrs Kennedy  
 Oct 25th Mrs Moore Nov 1st Mrs Frost

The Whist Drive organised by Pearl Edwards raised £100 for Church Funds. Congratulations on a highly successful event, and many thanks to all who supported it.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We had a most interesting meeting in September when Mr Tom Sheasby came to tell us of his life as a farmer. He lived in Claverdon in his early years and had many amusing stories to tell. Life was hard then and hours of work long, but it was a happy time. Some of the members with farming experience also joined in the reminiscing.

Our next meeting on Oct 14th will be at 2.30pm at the home of Mrs Betty Winkfield, when she will talk to us about her work over the years as a midwife.

NANCY STUBBS

### LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The W.I. Garden Party on the evening of July 23rd was held in the Village Hall. It was a huge success with stalls, games and refreshments of raspberries and cream. Everyone worked very hard and thanks to members and people of the village who supported it raised over £190. Most of it is going to Mother Theresa's Incubator Fund. The following week a Rummage Sale held in Southam Welfare Centre raised £71.

The Autumn programme started with a mouthwatering home made chocolate demonstration by Mrs Sh Boon on 24th September. Lovely ideas for p

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were suggested and a tasting session was enjoyed by all. Mrs C Jerome gave the vote of thanks and the raffle of home-made chocolates donated by Mrs Boon was won by Mrs M Hughes and Mrs B Ross.

We have been invited to a Microwave Cookery Demonstration at Ufton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th October. All welcome.

Our best wishes to Mrs Elsa Greenway and Mrs Gill Moore both convalescing after operations.

The next meeting is on October 22nd with the A.G.M. combining with a Harvest Supper. New ladies to the village especially welcome.

GLENYS HALLAM

### VILLAGE HALL AFFAIRS

The Village Auction and Barbeque were both outstanding successes, not only in being excellent fund raising events, but also in the large numbers of people who attended them. Following a most enjoyable evening last year, there is to be another Magic Lantern Show in the Village Hall on Friday 16th October at 7.30pm. Tickets price £1.50 from Committee members. There will be a licensed bar and refreshments at this event.

### LADBROKE PLAYBUS

The Southam District Playbus visits Ladbroke every Thursday afternoon during term time. It is open from 1pm to 2.45pm and provides a meeting place with refreshments, for families with children under school age, (including babies). Upstairs on the Bus there is always a varied selection of craft activities for the youngsters, as well as toys. Please do come along and support our Bus (70p per family) as if not enough families use it, it will go somewhere where it is more appreciated!

### PARISH COUNCIL 22nd September.

There were two items on the agenda for the July meeting which need to be mentioned. Firstly thanks to Mr Justice for again repairing the village seat. Several near accidents have been reported in School Lane, due to the Post Box being sited on a blind bend. It has been suggested that it would be safer and more suitable if the box was to be re-sited near



the proposed village shop. The Parish Council would like to hear village comments on this proposal.

At this month's meeting a reply had been received about re-siting the 30m.p.h. signs in School Lane. Following the recent elections, decisions made beforehand are not necessarily being honoured and rural funds are now being re-directed to inner city areas. The 30 m.p.h. signs have now been refused as the area between the church and School Lane is too rural to meet the criteria and our local Police Constable who attended the meeting, suggested that chevron signs on the bend by the church may help to slow traffic down. The gate from lower Windmill Lane onto the Bypass would go ahead but only providing funds are available from the Dept. of Transport. The kerbing from the church to the village should be done this winter. Repairs for the bridges and stiles of the footpaths have been completed. A reply had also been received from the electricity board on the subject of power cuts. Ladbroke has an overhead system which is always liable to disruption in lightning storms etc; but following recent repairs the board had no reason to anticipate further problems! However, since that letter was written we have had a 5 hour cut on Sunday 6th Sept and two momentary flashes since. Lights continue to flicker, so further enquiries are to be made.

The Council had received a reply regarding the lack of free school transport for children over 8yrs old in Ladbroke. Ladbroke is now in line with County policy and the County Council's reasons can be inspected by prior appointment with the Parish Clerk, Mrs Elsa Greenway.

Revised dog bylaws for the Stratford District had been received and the Council decided to investigate to see which bylaws affect Ladbroke. There was some discussion on the problems of dogs fouling pavements and adjacent grass verges, but the Council was not aware that this was a serious problem at the moment. According to the newly published Rural Settlement Policy there is to be no development permitted in the village.

It was decided to investigate the possibility of getting a weight restriction for heavy lorries on the road from Deppers Bridge into the village.

Mrs Liverton gave a report on the recent Public Meeting in Southam on establishing a Health Centre in Southam, which would undoubtedly benefit Ladbroke residents and it was agreed to keep an eye on future developments.

Next meeting Tues 20th Oct 7.45pm.

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Does anyone else object to the terrible smell of agricultural fertiliser which has been pervading the Ladbroke atmosphere for the last few days? - whatever it is has been making me sneeze! and my children have refused to play outside. I wish the manufacturers would put some lavender in the mixture!

KATE LIVERTON

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### JULIAN GROUP

Members of the Julian Group and friends - eleven in all - spent Sept 23rd at Mount St Bernard Abbey, a Cistercian monastery in Leicestershire. Apart from learning a good deal about the daily lives of the monks (would you start your day regularly at 3.15am?) we had two talks on subjects related to the group's aims, attended a short service in the splendid church, ate a filling three-course lunch in the guest-house, explored the grounds and the tempting shop, and, led by the Rector, had our own short meeting in a side chapel. Many thanks to the three gallant people who took the rest of us in their cars.

The group's monthly meeting now moves to the third Wednesday, i.e. 21st Oct this month, at 8pm in the Church. After a brief reading or prayer we sit quietly for half an hour. This period can prove utterly refreshing, but for those who find this kind of prayer difficult there are leaflets giving helpful advice. If you are interested, please ring 612354 (before Oct 13th please, due to holidays).

E.M.A.



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## HARBURY P.T.A. REPORT

Many thanks to the parents who came to the Welcome Evening on 4th September. It was a very useful and informal event which we hope to repeat each year, the wine and coffee seemed to be appreciated, thank you C.C.

By the time you read this the children's Disco & Barbecue will have taken place. Over 150 sausages and 30 litres of lemonade will have been guzzled shaken and stirred to music from the deft hand of KOOL KAT KEMSLEY - many thanks John.

On 7th Oct at 8pm there will be a Maths evening at the school for both First and Middle School Parents. This will be an opportunity to see how mathematics is taught through the school with ample demonstrations.

Tickets are already available for the 'Autumn Spectacular' on Saturday 17th Oct at the school 8 - 11.30pm. This promises to be an adults evening of surprises, say no more!, with hot foot and bar. Tickets at £2 from the School or Committee members.

ADVANCE NOTICE of the P.T.A. A.G.M. on Wed 4th November at 8pm at the School. Please try to attend this meeting especially if you wish to be on next year's Committee. The Committee should represent all parents with children at the School and all our children benefit from the P.T.A. Social and Fund raising events arranged. We have held very democratic elections over the last few years, don't miss your chance! Nominations for the 1987/88 Committee will be taken both before and at the A.G.M.

J.B.

## SOUTHAM SCHOOL AWARDS EVENING

The Annual Awards Evening was held in the School Hall on the 21st September. After an introduction by the Chairman of the Governors Mrs R M Styles the Orchestra gave a spirited rendering of 'Inracte' by Pezel.

In his Address, the headmaster Mr H J Skinner spoke with great feeling about the present difficulties in schools - in particular the constant changes being

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imposed by government. He cited the rushed introduction of G.C.S.E., the new Technical and Vocational Initiative Curriculum and now the Core Curriculum proposals which will mean the majority of what the pupil studies in Secondary School will be decided by central government. On a happier note he was able to report excellent examination results both at 'O' and 'A' level.

The orchestra then accompanied Sarah Williams (who has just left the school to take an Art Foundation Course) singing 'The Greatest Love of All' - a performance which deservedly earned lengthy applause.

The Awards were presented by the Chief Probation Officer Mr J A Pendleton. Harbury was very well represented. Lower School awards went to Andrew Clifford (Physics & Music) Julia Brown (Science) Emma Finch (English & Geography) and Fiona Szolnoki (Textiles).

Upper School awards went to Gregory Taylor (Geology) Heather Whitelaw (History) Stephen Hancock (Biology) Sacha Lee (Human Biology) Matthew Checkley (Mathematics) and Sarah Burnham (Physical Education). The Headmaster's Award went to Lorraine Andrews for her outstanding contribution to school life.

In his Address Mr Pendleton spoke with humour and compassion of the lessons he had learned in his life as a Probation Officer. The evening was rounded off by a Vote of Thanks ably proposed by Lorraine Andrews.

M.S.H.

#### SOUTHAM SCHOOL P.T.A.

The current committee have organised a full programme for the coming year beginning with a Cookery Demonstration by British Meat on 7th October (see Ad for details).

Many of the committee will be retiring at the A.G.M. in the School Hall on October 14th as they no longer have children in school. New members are urgently needed, so if you have a child at Southam School do consider giving a little time to raising funds which are always needed. Recently we have purchased reference books for the Vith form library and computers for both the Careers and Special



Eductional Needs departments.

The next social event will be the Calypso Evening with the 'Ocho Rios Steel Band' on November 14th. This was a very successful evening last year and tickets at £3 (including a Caribbean Chicken Supper) will soon be on sale.

M.S.H.

#### HARBURY SCOUT & GUIDE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The Committee are pleased to report that the group has succeeded in raising about 50% of the target set for providing a water supply for the Camaroon orphanage.

A splendid turnout of guides, scouts, cubs, leaders and committee members braved the appalling weather on Saturday 5th September to hike along the Grand Union Canal between Radford and Napton. The map reading expertise of one group of hikers let them down when they set off in entirely the wrong direction - towards Leamington. The hike was a sponsored event and whilst money is still to be collected we are hopeful of raising about £400 towards the Cameroon project.

The venture scouts have also raised money at a recent disco and the guides are also organising fund raising activities. We also thank Peter MacDonald and the Folk Club for the kind donation raised at the September Folk Club night.

The newspaper collection is on Sunday 18th October. If anyone has collected papers that have inadvertently remained uncollected, please let me know and I will arrange a special collection

BRIAN INGRAM (612418)

#### HARBURY VENTURE SCOUTS

September's varied programme has included two evenings in Coventry. One relaxing at the cinema another more energetic in the swimming pool and later on the climbing wall. On September 13th a group rose early and drove to Ironbridge for a day's canoeing on the River Severn. The bridge is impressive from the landward side but from the river

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it comes into its own. A rope swing proved popular before lunch at Bridgnorth. We paddled on to Hampton Loade in the afternoon and arrived back in Harbury at 7pm.

We are putting a team into the Quiz at the village club on September 30th and hope this year to progress beyond the 1st round. A programme for October & November is being finalised by the committee. Anyone between 15 and 20 years who would like to join the Unit please contact Daniel Hughes at Leamington House or myself at 32 Mill Street. Before Christmas we will be holding a caving weekind and looking further ahead to 1988, a lightweight camp in one of the mountainous regions of Britain. Proceeds from a disco organised by Jamie Williams on 25th Sept are being divided between the Cameroons Appeal and Group Funds.

JOHN HANCOCK

#### HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

That Was The Weekend That Was!

When? September 12th/13th Where? Honiley Hall  
Why? because the password was 'involvement' - and Harbury members participated fully in workshops, discussions, eating (well the food was excellent) and activities (have you heard about the night exercise?)

The Week-end was voted a great success by all those who attended it, leaders and members alike. For all those members who didn't go, the message is:

DON'T MISS THE NEXT ONE!

(see photograph on following page)

The ice-skating was well attended as usual, but those members remaining in the village had a most enjoyable evening at Emma's Pizzaria. Everyone appreciated the time and trouble which had been spent in the preparation and presentation of pizzas.

PAT SUMMERS





"Looks like a barrel load of laughs!!!"

## DIARY DATES

### SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 30th - Sponsored Piano Push Around the Pubs. In aid of our Senior Citizens. Collecting boxes will be left around the village for your contributions.

### OCTOBER

Wednesday 7th - W.C.C. YOUTH SERVICE MOBILE UNIT Games Pop Quiz, Floodlit Games such as netball.

Sunday 11th - BLACKPOOL ILLIMINATIONS OUTING it is vital that money is paid towards this outing as as soon as possible.

Wednesday 14th - "THE WAR YEARS" There has been an encouraging response to this activity, but Kay on 613270 would love to hear from anyone else who would like to contribute on the evening or make a carrot cake, or help her with a problem ... who or what was 'The Dagenham Connection'? It is sure to be a

fascinating evening for teenagers, committee members, leaders and interested villagers.

- Saturday 17th - SPOOKS AUTUMN DISCO 7.30 - 10.45pm  
Seasonal Prizes
- Wednesday 21st - RUGBY RAPIDS SWIMMING OUTING only £1.50  
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9.45pm approx.
- Wednesday 28th - VIDEO EVENING School half term.

### HARBURY NETBALL CLUB

Have you seen our new court?

It was a pipe-dream that materialised through dedication, organisation and hard work. Many thanks must go to all those people who gave their time and energy, especially as many of them did not have "netball players" in the family. Yet another example of our very special Harbury Community. THANK YOU.

Now we can begin serious training .... so why not come along and share the facility. Netball training is an excellent way to keep fit (Thurs evenings), without being committed to league games. BUT if you do catch 'netball fever' we would welcome a few extra players in the Saturday afternoon squad. No matter what your size, shape or age (teenage to Grandma) give Jenny a ring on 612700 for details.

PAT SUMMERS

### HARBURY FOLK CLUB

I can hardly believe that the Folk Club has been running for three years but there we were, on Sept 3rd, starting a fourth season and still the Old New Inn lounge was packed to capacity.

The entertainment was provided by the regulars who form the dependable nucleus of the club - Gerda, Pete & Liz, Mike, John & Nick (appearing as 'Fill & Drill') the Jug Band, Tony and I - plus new Harbury residents, Ian & Sue (alias the Harvesters). Everyone seemed to be on particularly good form after the summer break but, for me, the highlights were Gerda's song 'The angels have taken my racehorse away' (the sublime) and Brian's Swanee whistle playing (the ridiculous).



This season, we are featuring regular raffles with the proceeds going to various charities. On this occasion, the raffle raised £13.40 which has been donated to the Scouts' fund in aid of the orphanage in the Cameroons.

As we start a new season, it is an appropriate time to remind everyone that the accepted convention in a folk club is to LISTEN to all the performers, to give everyone a chance to be heard. As I've mentioned before, all the performers are amateurs but they're not there to provide background music. So please, listen or .....

Enough of this controversial comment! I hope to see you on November 5th for the next fun-packed session. The fun starts at 8.30pm.

PETER McDONALD

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Our next production which can be seen in the Village Hall on 29/30/31 Oct is Alan Ayckbourn's play "Just Between Ourselves".

The play explores the relationship which exists between Dennis, a real male chauvinist, Vera, his wife, and Marjorie his possessive mother. Into this outwardly normal home come Neil and Pat, somewhat divided on the desirability of buying Dennis's old car.

The staging of this play presents the Group with a number of challenging problems, for instance, how do we build a garage with a car inside on our stage? How do we get a car inside the Village Hall-through the roof perhaps?

Why not come along and see how we solve the problems and enjoy a good evening's entertainment. Producer Anne Megeney has lined up a strong cast:- Keith Hayes, Carol Percival, Beryl Checkley, Alison Hodge and David Hill. Tickets available soon from Phil Lindop.

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THE MOTHERS' UNION

Our meeting on Wednesday 7th October will be at 2.15pm in the Village Hall, when our speaker will be Mr McQuoid of the Care Trust.

On Tuesday 20th October at 7.45pm in the Wight School we shall have an extra meeting when we hope to be joined by all our members who are unable to attend afternoon meetings. The speaker will be Mrs Anne Lancaster and her subject 'Personal Experience of Muscular Dystrophy'.

ESMÉ CHURCHILL

HARBURY W.I. REPORT

Did you know that in the early 1800's Leamington only had a population of about 300 and in 1846 the first Post Office was opened in the town? This plus endless other interesting information was learned by us at our September meeting when Mr Bill Gibbons showed us slides and gave us a talk on 'Early Leamington'. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Deirdre Dunbar.

On September 12th we held a most enjoyable Harvest Supper when around 60 members and friends tucked into home made shepherds pie followed by apple pie and cream. Harbury 'Jug Band' then entertained us rounding off a very happy evening.

On October 17th W.I. is holding a Jumble Sale in the Village Hall from 10 'till 12. This will be for charity - please support us! Please ring 612206 for collection of any jumble or contact any W.I. member.

Our next meeting will be on October 8th when Mrs Betty Smith will tell us 'Tales of Old Gloucestershire' new members always welcome! S.G.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH TRUST

Many thanks to everyone who came to our Coffee Morning/Bring & Buy on 22nd September and helped to raise the wonderful £76 total.

hanks especially to Celia for the use of her house!

B.M.A.



## HARBURY HELP-LINE

So we've got a name at last - the group you've already seen mentioned in the last two Harbury News. Our aim, just to remind you, is to offer a variety of services for anyone in need of help.

The project will be launched in a more specific way at a special Eucharist on Wed 21st Oct at 9pm in the church, at which the group and its work will be dedicated to God. Anyone else will also be warmly welcome. We would be glad, too, to hear from those who might like to offer their services but who have not yet joined us.

In the meantime, please do ring these numbers if you would like to seek help:

For emergency transport: Vivien Neill 613461  
or Marie Allen 612958

For help with form filling (eg job applications, official forms): John Algar 612354 or Jeff Bedford 613219

Odd jobs about the house: Jeff Bedford 613219

Help with knitting, cooking hobbies: Mary Catt 612864 or Lesley Jones 613207

Visiting hospital patients: Canon Rowe 612377

And if you would just like someone to call in and visit you: Betty Knappe 612679 or Sue Dormer 61325

There are further possibilities still to be worked out in detail: more next month.

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

A lot has happened in the last two months. Firstly I am very pleased to welcome our new Booking Secretary, Mrs Olga Hughes, 3 Knightlow Way Tel. 612716, who should be contacted regarding room bookings etc. (but please not after 9pm)

The floor of the main hall was resealed in August and more recently an entry for the 'Best Run Village Hall' Competition organised by the W.R.C.C. has been submitted. Whether we are successful or not, preparing the entry has made me appreciate just how well the Village Hall has been managed over the years.

At the recent monthly Committee meeting, the fund raising sub-committee was reformed and has proposed a number of fund-raising events. Peggy

Middleton will be holding a coffee morning at 27 South Parade on Saturday November 14th from 10.30am onwards. Also, there will be a produce stall at the Craft Fair on November 21st. Any contributions for this stall will be very welcome. Several other events are also in the pipeline. Remember all the proceeds go towards the running costs of the Village Hall.

The report from the heating consultant has now been received and a decision regarding the heating system to be used will be made very soon. Hopefully, it will not be too long before we have an improved heating system installed.

The first maintenance day took place as planned on 26th September. I would personally like to thank all those volunteers who gave up their time to help at the Village Hall. It was nice to see everybody working so hard and enjoying themselves at the same time. Of course, the tea, coffee, cakes and sausage rolls were an added bonus! In all a very successful and enjoyable day.

Finally after all the good news, one sad note. Sue Andrews, our long standing Secretary, has had to resign due to business commitments. Fortunately she has agreed to continue until her replacement is able to take over. Sue has carried out the duties with such efficiency over the years that it is not always fully appreciated just how complex the work can be. We would like to thank her for the time, effort and good humour she has put into the work of Secretary.

ALAN BARR

#### FAMILY SERVICES IN HARBURY

The family service being held at 11.00 on Sunday 4th October in church marks the beginning of a series of new look, family services to be held on the first Sunday of the month. With the children taking a leading part, they will, we hope, be lively, interesting and short - containing some new ideas which will be revealed as time goes on!

We extend a warm welcome to everyone. The next vice will be on Sunday 1st November at 11.30

R.L.E.



HARBURY N.S.P.C.C.

Fun Run we did not have as many runners as usual, but we were pleased to see those that came, and hope that next year we can persuade more of you to get out the trainers and join the fun! It is not a race though the experts treat it as such, just a jog round the village with a certificate for all at the end. We shall try to go back to having it earlier in the year in the future. Nevertheless, we made a small profit and we sincerely thank Bob Wilkins for organising it once again for us.



Whist Drive We had a very welcome donation of £55 from one of the regular whist drives held in the Village Hall. Our grateful thanks to Mrs N Bastock and everyone else who helped.

Coffee Morning to be held on Thursday 15th October at Liz Bunting's, The Rylands, Dovehouse Lane. This is now an annual 'Christmas card ordering' Coffee morning. It seems early but orders take time so we do hope to see as many of you as possible then. If you cannot come but would like to order, catalogues will be available from committee members. There will be mince pies with your coffee to start the festive season early!

LIZ BUNTING

MIDDLE AGED AND MISERABLE

When I was in my late teens, I believed that the main qualifications for being middle-aged were two in number. They were to look miserable, and drive around in a large car. Normally I noticed that people did these two things simultaneously. Recently I have had to revise my theory, and it is now based on the actual experience of being middle aged in Harbury.

To be middle aged in Harbury you need to be superbly fit and partially deaf. The fitness is for two main reasons - firstly you need to be exceptionally nimble to escape being mown down by eleven year old cyclists hurtling round corners on the pavements. Secondly you need to have the athletic ability of Daley Thompson to go for a walk along the field footpaths. Have you noticed that many of the stiles are about eight feet high? It puzzles me because I didn't think cows could jump very high.

The partial deafness is a response to the latest crop of motor scooters which sound slightly louder than the R.A.F. fighters that zoom over the roofs at tree top height. I don't think I could cope with either the scooters or the planes if I wasn't slightly deaf.

I am starting a survey of people who live outside Harbury to discover if these problems of middle age are common in other communities. The problem is they will probably be far too miserable to co-operate in the survey. I don't blame them.

I.T.J.

HARBURY SOCIETY

The County Museum has let us know that the Burton Dassett Archaeological Excavations, about which Mr Nick Palmer spoke to us in March, are to be open to the public on Sunday 4th October from 10am to 5.30pm.

The Society's next talk will be on Tuesday 27th Oct at 8pm in the Wight School when Juliette Bailey will explain the work of the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group which, as their literature says, cares about:- hedgerows, woodland, streams, ponds and meadows and seek to help farmers create new wild life habitats and provide refuges for the wild species that are



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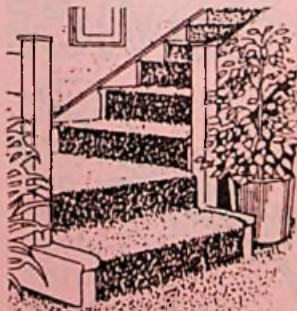
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Our talk in September was given by Peter White who lives at the Manor House, Harbury. Peter is Chief Architect and Planner to the British Waterways Board and has produced a manual to give guidance on the care and restoration of the canals network. He has been responsible for the Award Winning Gas Street Basin complex in Birmingham and many other schemes including a Canalside Walk in Camden which was commended for the way in which it 'resolutely refused to stifle the canalside vernacular. He gave many examples of the way in which the group of professionals he leads have been able to change attitudes to the canals, renovate and improve them whilst retaining their character and encourage a greater awareness of Britain's canal's heritage which apart from its importance as a leisure asset can provide a valuable resource of ideas for designers and engineers today. Peter White's talk was fully appreciated by a large and enthusiastic audience and he has offered his expert eye to the Society to identify eyesores and areas for improvement within the village.

LINDA RIDGLEY

#### WINDMILL SINGERS AUTUMN PRODUCTION

Please reserve a place in your diary for our very own production 'In Makeshift Manor'. The venue is Southam Community Centre, and the dates are November 12th 13th & 14th. Tickets are £2 and will be available from Whitehead & Reynolds in Southam, or from your nearest friendly Windmill singer.

We hope that 'In Makeshift Manor' will give you some hours of entertainment. The show has been written for the Windmill Singers, with the talents and strengths of various members in mind. The story is of a day, early this century at a country manor house, and all human frailty is there. The story themes are woven around thwarted love, constancy, romance, miserliness, greed and is there hint of blackmail? Eccentric and exotic personalities are met at every turn, and plots and counter-plots abound. Even if we have not intrigued you with our story - come and be enchanted by nostalgic music from the turn of the century. ANN McLOUGH LIN

PARISH COUNCIL - AUGUST

That John Drinkwater has been a local Councillor for many years shows in his understanding of the intricacies of the subject; just who is responsible for what service; the right man to approach with a particular problem - especially concerning roads. He regrets the passing of the lengthman. He's strong on community policing having had first hand knowledge of how it can work.

Along with Sharon Hancock he strongly criticised the developers of Fox Close who led purchasers to believe the road would be called 'Chapel Mews' when it had nothing to do with the Chapel and was not a mews at all. The naming of the road was the District's job and the Parish Council had suggested Fox Close. He reported that infilling appears to be out of favour with the planners. Permission was refused on appeal for two houses on the pumping station site in Mill Street - just as well because there have been problems there with failures of the pump and flooding of Mr Trice's land with unmentionable effluent. The District Council refused Gordon Bennett's application for a bungalow at 9 Vicarage Lane. The P.C. had no objection to the following extensions at 51 Mill St. and 11 Manor Orchard (both approved by Stratford) for K. Waters at Deppers (refused by the District), 24 Farm St, the Great Western and at Sharmer Farm for Craft workshops. The Council was intrigued by the redevelopment at Binswood End and has asked SDC for details for it has seen no plans. It is also looking into the regulations about garden fires and the construction of fowl houses!

An ex-resident had been distressed to find that as a result of the faculty granted by the Bishop of Coventry the kerbstones had been removed from his parents grave but the Council had followed the proper procedures by advertising its intentions in the Press. Thanks to John Drinkwater's experience an amicable solution should be possible. He promised that the graves could be pinpointed from the Clerk's plans and identified for the family.

Midland Red apologised for lopping the trees along Bush Heath Lane but pointed out it was doing the owners task for them.



When Mrs Waddell complained that it cost £3.50 return for a man and his wife to travel to Leamington the Parish Council promised to look again at Wellesbourne's scheme to assist pensioners travel but as Sharon Hancock pointed out it is likely to cost the Parish Council a great deal for a very small benefit to OAP's.

Sharon Hancock promised to try to keep up to date the register of the housebound that goes with the Harbury Emergency Plan and she brought to the Council's attention the parking problems along Bush Heath Lane. The Council will ask the authorities if driveways or a lay-by could be constructed. She still wants the Bus Shelter demolished as a step towards beautifying Harbury.

Harbury lost out again to Fenny Compton in the Best Kept Village Competition. Can you wonder the Council says? The gutters are full of weeds, the Co-op shop could do with a coat of paint, the flowers in the new tub by Harbury House are almost dead, some of the allotments are in a terrible state, and a monopoly maniac has pinched the Park Lane sign.

The Parish Council is trying:- Ray Carter played gooseberry to Marjorie King and Iory Davies as they walked the footpath from Temple End to Harbury Heath and will repair the stiles. He has ordered the new sign and seats for Park Lane and the Library and was on his way to repair the Tarzan Swing when he got Ess Picken's report that it was dangerous. There's to be a new fence for the Tennis Courts and a survey of the new car park for the Recreation Grounds. The Netball Club has paid over half of the cost of the Court already. Harbury Hawks donated £25 to the Fields, the Pony Show would be on 6th September (they got in with their request before the Football Club applied officially to use the field for the 1987/88 season) and the Parish Council told a Constance Drive resident that golf is not prohibited by the Bye-Laws but that players are liable for any damage they do to his property.

The Councillors will lay a wreath at the Remembrance Day service this year.

Many of the problems that your Parish Council has to solve depend on the WHO DOES WHAT question. The builder of Queens Close will not maintain his open space there. It does not belong to the Parish, the District the County or the neighbours, so initially no-one would mow it. The District (the authority who gave planning permission) thought it might enforce maintenance by the owner, but now, exasperated residents have taken over the land. There is a strip of grass outside the Recreation Grounds fence in Deppers that should be mown by the County, but they only do it twice a year and the long grass is a danger to children crossing the road - so the Parish will get it cut. They ask residents to make sure that there is enough room left outside the field for the newly returned Playbus to manoeuvre and they will continue to press the County to alleviate the danger caused by water standing on the road there. They stressed that they have tried their very best to get a speed limit for Deppers, but can not move the higher authorities who demand serious accidents before they will consider one.

They asked the County to give concessionary travel to OAP's. Mr Rendell said the County left this to the Districts and the District says they let the Parishes do it (with the fallacious argument that some District Ratepayers who have no Bus service would be contributing to free travel for those OAP's who do have a service!) Now Harbury is not really in a financial position to make much difference to the cost of a bus to Leamington (although I have never understood the reluctance to spend Parish Rate - a tiny proportion of the overall Rates bill on schemes which give a direct benefit to our Parish and no-one else!) For a 1½p rate increase the rough calculation was that the Parish Council could give OAP's 4 free trips a year to the town. Wellesbourne PC and Stratford Town Council (which County Councillor Mrs Bidwell was at pains to point out is a third tier authority like Harbury and NOTHING TO DO with Stratford DISTRICT COUNCIL) run schemes based on tokens. The Parish Council will look into the full costings and give details at the Annual Parish Meeting where the public can discuss the matter and decide whether it wants to initiate such a scheme. The Parish Council will also put the problem to the Area



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Sharon Hancock reported on the public meeting for better Community Health facilities in the Southam Area. The area manager, Mrs Newell wants to know what it is that local people need and it is hoped that a new Community Health Centre can be built in Southam but this depends on the successful closure of the Warneford Hospital which will release funds for such new ventures.

The Councillors congratulated Mike Ellis on his perspicacity when setting the rates of contribution to the Tennis Courts Sinking Fund all those years ago and for successfully predicting the fall in inflation rates.

The Council is to congratulate the organisers of the Pony Show who despite the bad weather managed to keep the Playing Fields from harm and rolled the ground afterwards.

Two-thirds of the Properties Committee are still away so nothing has yet been done about the Fletcher family graves or the removal of the stones and the pruning of the trees in the Burial Grounds.

Ghetto blasters, and motor cycles and scooters are fraying the tempers of certain Councillors. 'Can their silencers really be legal?' they asked the Village Constable. Probably legal - but noisy was Tim's verdict, but if the riders break the law and someone gets their number and signs a statement they can be prosecuted. Our Policeman needs help for he can't be everywhere he said. He covers 5 other villages as well as Harbury.

The Funfair comes on 6th-13th October and Sharon Hancock fought off attempts to restrict fairs to one a year. Keith Thompson heeded a request from Constance Drive that the generators be repositioned but said that the nuisance to near neighbours had to be balanced against the pleasure that others received from the visit of a funfair.

Mr Green has been given permission to install ornate gates in the Harbury Hall wall overlooking the Paddock. The Lukes can have a pitch roof to replace the flat one at 24 Farm St. The PC did not object

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to Mr Robbins extension at 49 Mill St but they will tell his neighbour he must repair the footpath in Heber Drive damaged in his building works. The rebuilding in Binswood End (to which the PC in no way objected) is permitted development.

'Children's legs were made for walking' Iory Davies told his colleagues. Sharon Hancock, fearful that she will be the one who has to 'pick up the pieces' was expressing her grave concern that 'idiotic parents' were bringing their children to school by car, and parking on the north side of Mill Street where the children then had to cross between the same parked cars. Some were even driving up Back Lane where they have to reverse to get out, while children are trying to get IN!! Mrs King thought the problem would be solved if parents got up five minutes earlier. Tim Percival suggested more 'School Entrance' signs with the zig-zags might make parents use the lay-by and the County will be brought out to see the problem for itself. They will also be taken to see the parking problems in Bush Heath Lane.

Harbury, along with Ladbroke and Wellesbourne has been chosen as a guinea pig in a Neighbourhood Watch survey to be conducted by Southampton University.

LINDA RIDGLEY

### OCTOBER IN THE GARDEN

Whatever this summer has lacked it hasn't been slugs. Out apparently in a wet season having bred in April they do it again in October! So take strong measures now. If you don't like to use slug pellets, try drowning them in saucers of beer or salting them.

Green tomatoes can be ripened by leaving them in a bowl with a few ripe ones.

Indoor azaleas should be brought inside and replanted in an ericaceous mixture and always in a clay not a plastic pot. Biennials should be planted out now whilst the soil is, hopefully, still warm. Spring cabbage seedlings should be set out 9" apart. The soil should be drawn up around leeks. This will both blanch and lengthen them.

Remove any shoots which have grown out from the trunks of fruit and ornamental trees, breaking them at the point of origin rather than cutting them.



If you enjoy water cress, why not grow land cress? Seeds can be planted now. It enjoys a moist site and providing the soil is fertile will happily face north and is self seeding.

Remember from now on to close frames and greenhouses at night.

E.D.Z.

### HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Above - Gary Overton  
with his prize  
winning marrow.

Left - Harry Taylor  
with his Fuschia

Torrential showers did not prevent the Flower Show being a success, although those who tried to pick their exhibits at the last moment came near, so we hear, to drowning. While the number of exhibits was slightly down, the quality was as good as ever

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- no mean achievement, given the conditions this year. The village hall looked really good.

Thanks are due to many who put in a lot of work: Harold Wilkins, of course, who masterminds the show - and has done so for many years: Stan Finch and his helpers who got the hall ready and cleared up afterwards; judges who took great pains to reach conclusions which couldn't please everyone; those who ran stalls, tombola and refreshments.

We are grateful, too, to Iory Davies for taking the trouble to come along and present the cups.

The annual programme starts on Tuesday 6th October at 8pm at the Wight School with an intriguing subject - stroking plants to make them grow. No doubt there is more to it than that, as Dr Biddington will certainly make clear. New members will be very welcome.

B.A.R.

### GOLDEN WEDDINGS

Reg & Estelle Bird (pictured right by Mike Bloxham) celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 4th September. They were married in South Wales, and since then, except for a short period, they have lived in a delightful cottage at



South Parade - Ivy Lane known locally as Birds' Corner. They have two daughters and were formerly very active members of the Methodist Chapel which has now been converted to Flecknoe House. Reg was born and bred in Harbury and worked the land near the playing fields as a market gardener and poultryman. He used to take his produce to Warwick market



by car and trailer. He was a goal keeper for Harbury Albion F.C. Mrs Bird once represented Harbury W.I. at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in the 1960's and was a member of the defunct Harbury Singers.



Alf & Doris Smith (pictured left) also celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 4th September. They were married in All Saints' Church Harbury. Mrs Smith recalls that at

their Wedding, the Vicar at that time (Rev. Albert Capps) grumbled because he was missing the Choir Outing. Mrs & Mrs Smith have two sons. Alf's working life was spent at Automotive Products and later he served as a very helpful school lollypop man.

Both couples had their banns called in Harbury Church at the same time, and although they were married many miles apart, they later lived near to each other in Church Street.

The whole village will join in good wishes and congratulations.

MIKE BLOXHAM

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Farewell to the Winniffrith family who after several years at Bull Ring Cottage, have moved to Leamington - we wish them every happiness.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Villagers

As you are aware, my husband John Cowan died on September 2nd in Warwick Hospital after a long illness. Thankfully he was in no distress and was very peaceful, finally passing away whilst the ospital vicar was saying prayers at his bedside. ohn had all his family around him at that time and 'm glad to say he knew we were all there. On behalf of John, myself and our family I would like to say a heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped me during his illness and to all of you who took the time and trouble to attend his church service on September 10th and send flowers and cards. John and I did not wish any undue solemnity as everyone grieves in their own way so when I meet you all in the village please feel free to mention him, it will also help me.

Yours sincerely  
Jan Cowan

Dear Editors,

I would like to give heartfelt thanks to the many friends and neighbours for all their help, letters and cards of sympathy. Also for all the beautiful flowers following Toni's death. Your great kindness is much appreciated.

Audrey Tebaldi and Family

Dear Editors,

Your readers may be interested to know that a local branch of the National Back Pain Association has been formed. This association, formed in 1968, is a registered charity. Among other things, it provides grants for research into the causes and treatment of back pain. The local branches provide information about back problems, hold meetings and specialist speakers, and provide help to sufferers.

Further details may be obtained from the chairman, Mr J G Reilly, MCSP, SRP, 3 Oswald Rd Leamington Spa Tel 311426, or the secretary, Mrs J Pugh, The Bungalow, Church Close, Bishops Itchington, Tel 612840.



About 33 million working days are lost annually by this country from back pain, and a recent survey of office workers found that almost half suffered from this complaint.

Yours faithfully,

M. V. BAYES (Treasurer)

Dear Editors,

I would like to say thank you to all my friends and neighbours who so kindly sent me flowers and cards during my recent stay in Stratford-upon-Avon Hospital.

Also to my Daughter & Son in law Stella and John Small, without whose help I couldn't have managed.

Yours sincerely,

ELEANOR HUNTER

Dear Editors,

On the weekend of 12th/13th September, Harbury and other Youth Club members congregated at Honiley Hall for a weekend which included: quizzes, a night trail, video's, workshops (i.e. Drama, crafts, graffitti spraying, self defence etc) games and plenty of fun.

Thanks to Mrs Summers, Mrs Critchley, Steve Phillips, Jon Walters, and especially Kay Pallot for organising the event.

Members of the Youth Club

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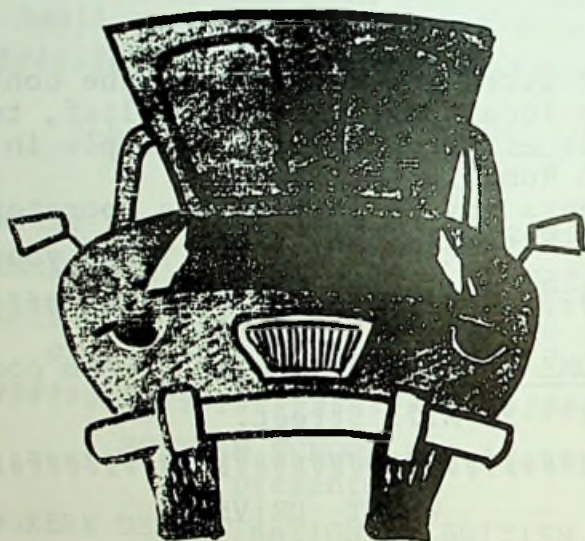
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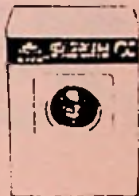
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