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# Harbury & Ladbroke News

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

### HARBURY

Holy Communion 8 a.m.

Sung Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

(except 1st Sunday of month:

Sung Eucharist 9 a.m.

Family Service 11.30 a.m.)

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

### LADBROKE

Holy Communion with Hymns 9 a.m.

(except 1st Sunday of month:

Family Communion 10.30 a.m.)

3rd Sunday of month:

Childrens Church 10.30 a.m.

Evensong 3.30 p.m. (3rd Sunday)

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JULY 1988

Harbury Carnival was a great success this year. The change of date did the trick, and the weather was glorious. Our photograph (by Mike Bloxham) shows the Carnival Queen - Claire Critchley with her two attendants Anna McGowan and Kathy Percival.

The major celebration in Ladbroke has been the Summer Barn Dance.

Coming events in Harbury are dominated by the Garden Walkabout. This has been a particularly pleasant day for some years. The addition of the Craft Fair also helped to make this a notable event, and this year there will be another Festival of Flowers in All Saints' Church. In Ladbroke it is worth noting the Cream Tea afternoon at Bridge Cottage. Apparently the County Council Bridge Surveyor has not yet replied to his invitation for August 2nd!

June has also been a sad month for Harbury. Our sympathy goes to the bereaved families of Dawn Andrews, Estella Bird, Joan Farley, Herbert Cowley and Edwin Dickenson.

## JULY 1988

Sat	2nd	Theatre Group Mediaeval Banquet in Village Hall
Sun	3rd	PENTECOST VI 9am Sung Eucharist, 11.30am Family Service, 6.30pm Royal Show (no Evensong at Harbury)
		Cricket home Warwickshire County Council
Mon	4th	Word of God 8pm 8 The Beeches Praise & Prayer Lullington Lodge
Tues	5th	Mother & Toddler Service 2.15pm GRAND HARBURY SOCIETY MYSTERY TOUR 7.30pm Old New Inn Green.
		Book Group 'Blessings in Disguise' Alec Guinness at 47 St Mary's Cl, Southam 8pm NWR visit to I.B.M.
Wed	6th	M.U. Garden Meeting Old Timbers, Ivy Lane 2.45pm
Thurs	7th	Men's Society Annual Meeting 7.45pm Rectory Folk Club Old New Inn Lounge at 8.30pm
Sat	9th	CELEBRATION OF FLOWERS All Saints' Church (Pop-in Coffee & Biscuits Wight School) CRAFT CIRCLE Village Hall (Coffee, Luncheon & Tea) GARDEN WALKABOUT (Light refreshments) HARBURY RUGBY CLUB GRAND BARBECUE Rugby Club with Love Affair & Disco Tickets £7.50 (612527)
Sun	10th	CELEBRATION OF FLOWERS All Saints' Church PENTECOST VII 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist (Preacher Canon Alan Burn Rector of Allesley) 6.30pm Ecumenical Service (Preacher Canon Austin Masters SSM Canon Residency of Hereford Cathedral) Cricket away Farnborough Southam Celebrates the World 10am-4pm S. School
Mon	11th	Praise & Prayer 17 Farm Street
Tues	12th	Village Hall Cttee 8pm Village Hall Harbury Friends 8pm School Parochial Church Council 8.15pm Wight School
Thurs	14th	Thursday Club 2.30pm Village Hall W.I. 7.45pm Village Hall, The British Latok Expedition 1987 by Dr J Hancock 'Saints Alive' Musical 7.30pm All Saints' Church
Fri	15th	Family Tree Eucharist 9.15pm
Sun	17th	PENTECOST VIII 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 10.30am Sung Eucharist (Preacher the Venerable Peter Bridges, Archdeacon of Warwick) HARBURY PONY SHOW Recreation Grounds Cricket away Barry Hills XI



Mon 18th Word of God 46 Farley Ave 8pm  
 Tues 19th Sierra Leone/Harbury Link Meeting, Speaker  
 Janet Alty, Chairperson of One World Link Cttee  
 Wight School at 8.15pm  
 Harbury News Committee 8.30pm  
 Wed 20th Julian Meeting 8pm  
 Cricket away Southam Teachers  
 Thurs 21st Whist 7.45pm Village Hall  
 Mid-teenagers Group Meeting 7.30pm  
 Fri 22nd ST MARY MAGDALEN 7pm Holy Communion  
 SCHOOL ENDS  
 Concert Ladbroke Church, Oxfam 8pm  
 Sun 24th PENTECOST IX 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung  
 Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong  
 Cricket home Lighthorne  
 Mon 25th Praise & Prayer Hessle Cottage  
 Tues 26th Senior Citizens Benefit Cttee 8.30pm Village Hall  
 Thurs 28th Thursday Club 2.30pm Village Hall  
 Parish Council 7.30pm Village Hall  
 Sun 31st PENTECOST X 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung  
 Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong  
 ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN AUGUST HARBURY  
 NEWS TO EDITORS TODAY  
 Cricket home Mollington  
 Tennis Tournament

### AUGUST 1988

Mon 1st Word of God 26 Manor Orchard 8pm  
 Tues 2nd Mother & Toddler Service 2.15pm  
 Praise & Prayer 12 Park Lane  
 Wed 3rd BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE Village Hall Noon - 9pm  
 Thurs 4th Whist Drive Village Hall 7.30pm  
 Folk Club Old New Inn Lounge 8.30pm  
 Sat 6th H.T.G. Family Picnic, Newbold Comyn 2pm  
 Sun 7th Cricket home Claverdon  
 Mon 8th N.W.R. Meeting 6 Old Road, Southam  
 Tues 9th Harbury Friends 8pm School  
 Village Hall Committee 8pm Village Hall

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### REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LADBROKE

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

# REGULAR DIARY DATES

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sundays.  
 UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm, Mondays.  
 GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7pm (under 7s & beginner)  
 7-8pm (7-10yrs) 8-9pm (over 10yrs) Mondays.  
 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,  
 & 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  
 DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tuesday, 12.30pm  
 Wednesday & Thursday.  
 BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.  
 SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tuesday & Thursday  
 BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.  
 HARBURY FRIENDS, School, 8pm, 2nd Tuesday of month.  
 BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2-4pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.  
 YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 7.30-9.30pm Wednesdays.  
 DANCING CLASSES for Children & Adults, Farley Room,  
 Village Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays.  
 HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS, Wight School, 8pm Wednesday  
 ROSARY & PRAYERS for Persecuted Christians,  
 4 Sutcliffe Drive, 10am, 3rd Thursday of month.  
 THURSDAY CLUB, Village Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Thursdays  
 CUBS, Scout Hut, every Thursday.  
 W.I., Village Hall, 7.45pm, 2nd Thursdays.  
 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 Room Special Fund is now well and truly launched! The Rector's vigil at the Lych gate for the Gift Day raised the sum of £2127 with a steady flow of gifts both large and small - all of which are very important and very much appreciated.



The same evening the Faith Supper was well attended and a pleasant occasion - all the better for the presence of the Church Army Team. The Midsummer Melodies Supper at Pam & David Clarke's home was quite delightful and we were urged by the Rev'd Tony Gardner to dig deep for our Church Room (the Whitnash project has a price of £300,000 on it so ours should be easy to get together.

Planning Permission for the room is due to go before the District Council at their next meeting - so it is all starting to gather momentum.

The short visit of the Church Army Team - Andrew, Neil, Joan and Les was most welcome and provided a focus on the events of Quest '87 and the developments that have got underway since then - we must build on these. I am sure we wish Les every success and fulfilment in his new post.

A strong contingent from Harbury attended Viv Aggett's ordination as deacon in Coventry Cathedral on Sunday June 26th. Most of us then went to St Bartholemew's at Binley where Viv is now curate and enjoyed their hospitality. Harbury folk cleaned up on their raffle - I doubt they will invite us again!

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We are indebted to Ken Nordon and the Windmill Singers for presenting Rossini's Petite Messe Solenne on Saturday June 18th. A most enjoyable evening in absolutely the right setting.

Several donors to the Gift Day were far sighted enough to Covenant their donation which means that the giving is on-going and also the Church will benefit from the reclaimed tax. Can we remind those who give to Church and pay tax that covenanting enables the Church to benefit - without any hurt to yourself. Please speak to Sally Stringer, Beryl or me if you would like more information.

The plan to hold Ecumenical Services once a month is taking shape and more will be made known as it comes available. In the meantime, the Celebration of Flowers service on July 10th at 6.30pm will be an Ecumenical Service to which everyone is welcome.

J.B.M.

#### HARBURY ADVENTURERS

On 22nd May Harbury Adventurers were 8 years old. We celebrated on the Saturday by an outing to Ufton Fields. We cycled to the nature reserve where Mr Catt met us and guided us around. On Sunday we had a service at the Village Hall. Mrs Jeanne Clarke told us how the Adventurers were formed. Afterwards Mr Clarke asked us questions and gave toffees for correct answers. Mrs Keir had baked a birthday cake in the shape of a figure 8 and we finished the afternoon with tea and cake.

HELEN BRUNTON

#### FROM THE RECTOR

At one time, many children, as a matter of course received a certain amount of grounding in the Christian faith. They heard and knew about the stories of the Old and New Testaments, and were acquainted with the story of Jesus, familiar with much of his teaching and his ministry. Quite a lot of children supplemented what they heard at home and at school, with attendance at Sunday School and the influence of the Church's teaching was significant. Not only did they hear for example the Parables of Jesus, but they learnt to interpret them too. Most children are not in that fortunate position nowadays and the lack of even a knowledge of basic Christian stories, let alone basic



Christian truth, is quite appalling. There are, of course, some parents who are content for their children to hear nothing about religion, indeed some even prefer it this way. I find it hard to understand such an attitude for it seems to me to be depriving a child of a way of trying to grapple with the mysteries and complexities of Life. Strange to say however, despite the prevailing ignorance about Christianity nowadays, most parents still would like their children to receive some Christian instruction and they are not happy for their children to hear and learn nothing about Jesus and the Church he established. This is borne out by the enormous amount of attention which is being given and debate which is going on at the present in considering the religious aspects of the new Education Act. How that is ultimately to be resolved we must wait and see, but whatever is written into the Act to provide children with a modicum of Christian instruction, if we really want our children to learn about the Gospel and to give them an opportunity to find faith, then we cannot just sit back and hope for the best, expecting that they will pick it up somewhere or somehow one of these days.

In Harbury the school has a Christian Foundation and the Link with the Church has always been firm. Over the last year particularly, it has been good for the School and the Church to be involved in exploring together a number of areas of Christian practice and it is hoped to take this further in the future. Similarly, the Adventurers has admirably provided another means of Christian awareness and since September there has been a Family Service on the first Sunday of each month. At Ladbroke, it was very sad when the Village School was closed, but at least there was still the possibility for parents there to send their children to St James First School at Southam, also with a Christian foundation. Recently a start has been made to provide something more for children with the Children's Church and we would like to expand this if possible in the near future. However no matter how hard we try and whatever new approaches we make, unless we are enthusiastically supported by parents and all who have care of children, it becomes a very difficult task, if not impossible. In July, as the Adventurers break for the summer holidays, Shirley

Keir retires as leader after fourteen years. Shirle has put a tremendous amount of time and effort and above all love into those years and we are much indebted to her. The Adventurers will start up again in September. If anyone would like to assist in this very vital and important work, please let me know. The same applies naturally to Ladbroke, where the work is limited at present solely because we need help. In this work, music is of immense importance and again I shall be delighted to receive offers from anyone with these particular skills.

We have recognised that the Church's work among young people should be of the highest priority and I think both at Harbury and at Ladbroke we are beginning to scratch the surface. The work can and should be increased but it will only happen at the cost of selfless dedication and a willingness to offer precious time in the way it has always been done. Then it is up to the parents to give every encouragement to their children to come to what is available with consistency.

ANTONY ROWE

#### HARBURY GIFT DAY

One would have expected a reasonably warm day for me to sit outside the Church at Harbury to receive gifts on Saturday 11th June, but it was not so. The day was bitterly cold and from 9am to 6pm I needed my cloak firmly wrapped round me. The sun did appear fleetingly in the late afternoon and there was no rain. Having said that it was a very pleasant day and I had lots of interesting conversations as I received a very satisfactory amount including a bowl of absolutely delicious strawberries and cream. Eventually the sum reached was £2127, a quarter of which was covenanted for 4 years, which means we shall receive a further £1650 plus returned tax. As a matter of interest, it was a very appropriate day for a Gift Day, for on that day the Church throughout the world remembers St Barnabus the Apostle. He was a man noted for his generosity and we read in the Acts of the Apostles how he benefited the early church. I am very grateful for all the gifts and I should like to thank everyone who came. I think everyone realises that the money raised goes into the Special Fund.

A.S.B.R.



## SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Jean Rowe intends to attempt another sponsored cycle ride this year to benefit both Harbury and Ladbroke in their appeals. This time her destination is Crediton in Devon, where a former curate of St Mary Magdalen, Coventry, the Rev Anthony Geering is now the Rector. Crediton is regarded as the birthplace of St Boniface, who became Archbishop of Cologne and is greatly revered in Germany. The parish church is a magnificent building of cathedral proportions and is of Norman foundation, although Crediton itself was a centre of Christianity from Saxon times.

The ride is estimated to be about 180 miles and will commence on Monday 18th July. Naturally Jean would be glad for anyone to have a sponsor form, which are readily available now. Call or ring for one (or more) at the Rectory (Tel: 612377).

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The coach which conveyed the members of the City of Coventry Youth Orchestra to and from Ladbroke for the concert on Wed 25th May was provided by Mr Michael Priest of Presstoon Travel Ltd of Rugby free of charge. The cost of hire was donated by Mr Priest to the Ladbroke Restoration Fund and we are very grateful for this generous gesture.

## "SAINTS ALIVE"

The Warwick/Leamington United Churches Choir is making a mini tour to several churches in this part of Warwickshire to perform a musical by Roger Jones 'Saints Alive' which tells the story of the birth of the Church at Pentecost. They are coming to Harbury Church on Thursday 14th July at 7.30pm and there is no charge for admission.

The choir has also previously performed musicals by Roger Jones including from 'Pharaoh to Freedom' and 'While Shepherds Watched' which have both been received with enthusiastic acclaim.

Make a note of the date in your diary and be there in good time for a good seat.

## HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday 19th June:

JOHN MICHAEL THOMAS, son of  
Michael and Gwendoline Amy Austi-  
2 Hall Lane.

## HOLY MATRIMONY

Thursday 30th June:

MICHAEL ANTHONY STEELE, 6  
Mathercroft, Leamington Spa and  
DEBORAH JANE CLARKE, 2 Knightlow  
Way, Harbury.

## FUNERALS

Thursday 2nd June:

HERBERT THOMAS COWLEY, 34 France  
Road. 81 years

Monday 13th June:

EDWIN LEIGH DICKENSON, 30 Farley  
Avenue. 74 years

Tuesday 21st June:

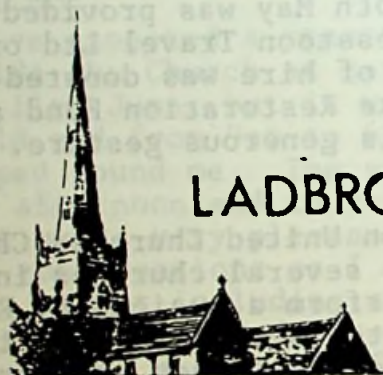
ESTELLA MURIEL BIRD, 19 South  
Parade. 73 years

Tuesday 21st June

WINIFRED JOAN FARLEY, 39 Farm  
Street. 92 years

Monday 27th June:

DAWN ANDREWS, 3 Farley Avenue.  
33 years



## LADBROKE NEWS

### JULY DIARY

Sun	3rd	Pentecost VI 10.30am Family Communion
Wed	6th	Holy Communion 10.30am
Thurs	7th	Men's Society Annual Meeting 7.45pm The Rectory Harbury
Sat	9th	"Home-Made Market" 10.30am-12 noon V Hall
Sun	10th	Pentecost VII 9am Holy Communion with Hymns
Mon	11th	Parochial Church Council Meeting 7.30pm
Wed	13th	Holy Communion 10.30am
		Women's Fellowship Service in Church 2.30pm
		Strawberry Fair, Village Hall 7.30pm



Fri	15th	Quiz/Coffee Evening 8.15pm 20 Ladbroke Hall (Friends of Ladbroke Church)
Sun	17th	9am Holy Communion with Hymns, 10.30am Childrens Church, 3.30pm Evensong
Wed	20th	Holy Communion 10.30am Julian Meeting 8pm Harbury
Fri	22nd	St Mary Magdalen 7pm Holy Communion Oxfam Concert 8pm in Church
Sun	24th	Holy Communion with Hymns 9am
Mon	25th	Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	27th	Holy Communion 10.30am
Sun	31st	Trinity IX 9am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

### AUGUST

Tues	2nd	3pm onwards - Cream Teas at Bridge Cottage
Sat	6th	Cream Teas Ladbroke Village Hall 3 - 5pm

### CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

July 3rd:	Mrs Chaplin	July 10th:	Miss Junod
July 17th:	Mrs Teverson	July 24th:	Mrs Veel
July 31st:	Mrs Winkfield	Aug 7th:	Mrs Gould

### LADBROKE NEWS

At the time of going to press the Parish Council has yet to meet, so watch this space next month for the continuing saga of gates, footpaths, road signs and other all important village matters.

The pace of life in Ladbroke has slowed to such an extent with the opening of the Bypass, now a matter of history; that the current procession of large lorries packed with bales of hay is causing quite a stir. It is so long since really high sided vehicles have used the Banbury Road that these enormous lorries are bringing down branches, leaves etc in their wake, shedding vast quantities of hay, some of which our pet rabbit is currently munching her way through!

It has often been commented on, how many young children there seem to be in the village these days and certainly many of these turned up for the first Children's Church picnic which was held on Sunday June 5th. Thanks are due to Mrs Betty Winkfield who organised the event and gave all the children such a lovely time on her farm. (see photo next page)



On a sadder note the Playbus will probably be unable to include Ladbroke in its schedule next School year as so few families are using the bus at the moment. The bus has been visiting the village come rain or shine for 5 years and such a familiar sight would certainly be missed by the young children who do use it.

Congratulations to Heather and Michael Munday whose first baby Philip Henry now has the honour of being the youngest Ladbroke resident.

Finally "Bridge Cottage" will be open for Cream Teas on the afternoon of Tuesday 2nd August. There will be a cake stall and raffle (contributions would be welcome). All proceeds will be towards the Ladbroke Church Restoration Fund.

KATE LIVERTON

#### LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The May trip to Bodnant Gardens was a feast for the eyes with the Azaleas and Rhododendrons in full bloom and an enjoyable day despite rain was had by all, with some excellent photos taken by Mrs Irene Bennett.

The Hatton patients visited the village on 26th May



tea in the village hall, a few new members and a few old ones missing. Mrs Russell was speaker at the evening meeting and gave tips on presenting cakes, wine and preserves for our Sept Show. Afterwards a farewell party was given for Mrs Jo Richardson who will be sadly missed, but we wish her a very happy life with her husband Bill in Yorkshire. The writer and Mrs Gill Moore has kindly agreed to take over as Treasurer until October.

Our two members who have both had operations, Mrs Beryl Ross and Mrs Elsa Greenway are convalescing and our love and best wishes go to them.

The trip to Birmingham to see the Ladies Tennis was rained off so 7 ladies were very disappointed. The Musical Evening at Upton House on June 19th was voted a success by those who attended.

A Food Processor Demonstration for our June meeting was entertaining and several members were impressed enough to buy one. A report was given by our delegate to the A.G.M. Mrs Gwyn Badman at which all four resolutions were passed and thanks were given to her for representing both us and Harbury.

A reminder that the Strawberry Fair is on Wednesday 13.7.88 7.30pm Village Hall. Usual Stalls with Strawberries and Cream. All donations of cakes and produce, plants and bric-a-brac and help on the day much appreciated.

Welcome to a new member Mrs Gill Hill

GLENYS HALLAM

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Although our numbers were smaller than usual, those who were at the June meeting thoroughly enjoyed listening to Mrs Pam Clarke, who told us about her visit to Oberammergau in 1980. She started by giving us the history of the Play, then showed her own slides followed by the official ones. We also saw two beautiful wood carvings which she had brought home with her. As some members are hoping to go in 1990, this certainly helped to whet our appetites.

Five members and two husbands joined Harbury Mothers

Union for their outing to Chester, which they all very much enjoyed.

Our next meeting is on July 13th when we shall meet at 2.30pm in church for a service taken by the Rector. Afterwards we shall go to the home of Helen Sullivan at 8 Ladbroke Hall.

NANCY STUBBS

### FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

A very happy and successful Barn Dance was held on Friday 24th June at Walworth Farm, by kind permission of Bob and Jill Moore. Our thanks to Bob and Jill for all their hard work and to all who helped provide the food and wine. I am delighted to tell you that near £300 was raised for the Church Restoration Fund.

#### Future Events:

Sat 9th July 10.30 - 12 noon: We are holding a "Home Made Market" at Ladbroke Village Hall, selling cakes, pies, scones, jams and chutney. The proceeds will go to the Church Restoration Fund, so do come and support our new venture.

Fri 22nd July 8pm: The very talented Perry Family from Napton, who have helped us considerably with our Christmas musical evenings, are giving a concert in Ladbroke Church in aid of OXFAM. Coffee & Biscuits will be provided after the music and readings and there will be a Retiring Collection.

Sat 6th August, 3pm - 5pm: There will be Cream Teas in Ladbroke Village Hall, so do come and bring your friends. Proceeds in aid of the Church Restoration Fund.

GWYNNE BADMAN

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### HARBURY SCHOOL

On 12th May 1988 Class 9 of Harbury C.E. Combined School went to Birmingham University for a Craft, Design and Technology Competition. Two adults gave their time to come with us, Mr Ball and Mr Weller, and we are very grateful to them for coming.

There were five categories which we entered. They were Technology Toy, Timing Device, Robot Man, an Aid for the Disabled and the Lighting Effect. There were



15 children that went all with excellent machines. When we arrived it took us some time to find the Physics Department. When we got there we were surprised at the amount of entries. The only real competition was the people in our own class. The judges were very impressed by our entries and were very interested.

We had our lunch at the canteen which was very good. At the end we found out who won, in the Lecture room, the type with seats on a slope. We were very pleased with our winners and all those who entered, they all worked very hard.

Ben Halford was the Hero who became a joint overall winner with another school. It was a very enjoyable day.

ALISTAIR BALL & JAMIE HALSTEAD  
Class 9

Music Workshop. we went to Telford School and we sang some songs and some of the children played some instruments. Class 1 and Class 2 and half of Class 3 went to Telford School.

SAM HALFORD Class 2

Music Workshop. Class 1 and half of Class 3 went to the Telford School to make music. We sang songs. We sang "The Sun Has Got His Hat On" and we played instruments and had a lot of fun. At lunch time we came back to school and had lunch.

REBECCA TAYLOR Class 2

### First School Visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Wednesday 25th May.

We got to school in the morning and we had to wait until 9.45 to get on the coaches so when they got here we all got on and we got there about 10.30.

When we all got off the first thing that our group looked at was some vultures. The whole first school went, and the adult that was in my group was Mrs Eld. Next we went to the reptile house and then we went to the aquarium and we saw fish. Then we went to another thing like an aquarium but we saw snakes and crocodiles and one tortoise and when we got out we went to see the fruit bats, then we went to have a talk on insects and the man showed us two stick

insects and one orange and black spider and after we finished our talk on insects we went back to the coach to get lunch and after lunch we went to the adventure playground and when I went down the slide the first time I bent my little finger back. When we finished on the swings and slides we went to get an ice-cream. Then we went into the gift shop. When we had been there we got on the coaches back to school.

I liked it and I think that the whole first school day

GREGORY SHERRINGTON

### Our Trip on the Canal

On Thursday May 26th Class 6 went on a canal trip. We got on the boat at Braunston. We started moving 3 minutes after we got on. We went in a very long tunnel. There was algae on the walls but I thought it was brilliant. I loved going through the locks but not when the boat bumped against the lock walls.

We went almost to Stoke Bruerne. When we had finished our boat journey we had to wait a little while before we could get off the boat because it was pouring with rain. We got on the coach and ate our lunch while the coach was moving. The coach was taking us to 2 museums at Stoke Bruerne. The first museum was about waterways. We had a worksheet to do. It wasn't very hard to find all the things on the worksheet but that was because the museum was quite small, even though it had 3 floors. At the second museum we only had time for a quick look round. It was about rural life. Then we got on the coach and came back to school.

HELEN WINTER

### SOUTHAM CELEBRATES THE WORLD

Southam School will be involved in a day to highlight the multi-cultural society in which we live. There will be exhibitions, dancing - Indian, African Morris, and a steelpan band from Cashmore Middle School Leamington. At Southam School Sunday 10th July 10am - 4pm

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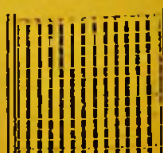
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YOUTH CLUB

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking the Youth Leaders for their support in the last few weeks and particularly to KAY PALLOT who until handing over to me had done a wonderful job in running the club. I would also like to thank the Youth Forum members for all their hard work on the different projects throughout the year. Also to all the members who've come to the youth club regularly and enjoyed the many activities. In the past few weeks these have been 10 Pin Bowling, Ice Skating, Dry Slope Skiing, Jumble Sales, Float Building and an Inter Club Quiz. I hope to run a trip to LONDON on July 16th by train. It will cost around £5 so if anyone is interested please let me know as soon as possible. We are also considering a trip to Rugby Rapids and the American Adventure during the summer holidays, if enough people are interested.

Discos have been cancelled until the autumn due to recent troubles, and a new ticket system will be in operation once they resume, which will be rigidly stuck to.

We would like more people to help at this function because at this moment we are very thin on the ground Leader wise. If anyone is interested in becoming a youth leader, please come along to club on Wednesday evening or ring me on Harbury 613262.

This year the Youth Club will be closed from August 3rd to September 7th when the new year starts and we'll be welcoming the new members to the club. There is a Canal Boat weekend planned for September 2nd - September 4th, so if you want to go, AND PLACES ARE LIMITED, please get your name down before club closes for the holidays.

We would like to take this opportunity in giving our deepest sympathy to Mr Dick Picken at the sudden loss of his wife, Estelle. It was a great shock to the club because she had worked so hard at our recent Jumble Sale and helped make it very successful.

Many thanks to everyone. PAT TAYLOR

## TIGERS' SCOUT CAMP

Once again Spring Bank Holiday week saw us at Monks Barn Farm, Clifford Chambers. Unfortunately we had a wet start to the week but although vests may have been damp, spirits weren't. The weather soon improved and the boys were kept busy hiking, canoeing, pioneering, backwoods cooking, building camp ovens and generally venting their high spirits on the surrounding countryside and the River Stour. A visit to Stratford should perhaps have been followed by an apology to the users of the swimming pool after us, as in hindsight a show would have been in order before we went in. We finished the week with a rousing camp-fire and sing-song.

Many thanks to Bill Halford, Jon Walters, Chris Dudley and Ian Crichley for their help on camp, all parents Ron Grey who helped with transport etc; & Colin Ingrams & Tony Bastin for their assistance with provisions.

SKIP

## TENNIS CLUB

We have held 3 very successful American tournaments over the last few weeks. The first AND second were won by the formidable pairing of Rosemary Ottewill & Jonathan Frost (2 pairs of socks each!) & the third by Pam Scholtz & Sid Newman. In the Banbury League our team has won 3 matches and lost 1. In the "friendly" matches we lost 10-8 to Leamington but won against Rowington. In the Blencowe Cup so far we have lost 2 and won 1. New members are very welcome. Do come and join us or ring me on 612637 for more information.

S.S.

## INTERMEDIATE TENNIS

The winner of a recent tournament was Paul Turner, Wendy Ottewill second and Emma Ross third. (If you didn't know there was a tournament may I suggest you read the Harbury News and note dates on a calendar!) The next tournament hopefully will be on the afternoon of Sunday 31st July 3pm onwards.

The Leamington Tournaments are as follows:-

Monday 25th July	U14 & U16	Singles
Tuesday 26th July	U14 & U16	Doubles
	U10	Singles
Wednesday 27th July	U14 & U16	Mixed Doubles
	U12	Singles



All 9.30am start (take a picnic lunch)

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Cost £1.50 per event. Names to Angela Eadon,  
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### CRICKET CLUB

Our normal cricket club correspondent - Ian Holroyd - has not filed any copy this month. Now that he has a regular column in the Courier he seems to have little time for the quality press. It could be that the selection committee's failure to pick one of the Harbury News' Editors could also have an effect on future willingness to publish Ian's column! The club has had some exciting games, with some impressive bowling and opening batting. However the middle order has proved fragile. Fixtures for July appear elsewhere in the Diary column.

NEVILLE CARDUS

### HARBURY FOLK CLUB

At 8.30pm on June 2nd, it looked as though the Folk Club audience would be entertained by just 2 singers all evening - Gerda, our featured guest and yours truly. Much to my relief, however, by 8.45pm the situation had improved and the supporting cast now included the Harvesters, Phil & Drill and Mike. There may have been fewer singers than usual but the audience was there in their usual numbers to hear some great music. The Harvesters were on especially good form with songs like "Rose of Allendale" and their own "Dance of the Harvest Moon"

Gerda's spot in the third half was most enjoyable, as usual. Her material was a well-balanced blend of different styles and moods and featured the concertina in addition to her tasteful guitar accompaniments. Her songs included the dramatic "Motherless Child" the "Racehorse" song (one of Gerda's greatest hits) and, for a well-deserved encore, "Jock Stuart".

The charity raffle raised an excellent £17.40 which has been donated to T.O.F.S. The next Folk Club meeting is on July 7th at 8.30pm in the Old New Inn.

Are you hiding a musical talent that you'd like to share with us?

PETER McDONALD

20.  
THE MOTHERS' UNION

Our Garden Meeting is on Wed 6th July at 2.45pm - please note the different time - at Old Timbers, Ivy Lane by kind invitation of Mrs Gladys Hogben.

At our A.G.M. in June Shirley Keir, Pam Clarke & Jennifer Ingram retired from the committee after much service to the members for which we are all most grateful. We welcome 4 new committee members, Wendy Stubbs Betty Tyler, Sheila Bugg & Anne Moore.

Our new Branch leader will be Mrs Margaret Rigden who has all our good wishes.

June 14th was a glorious summers day & our outing to Chester was a huge success and much enjoyed by member & friends who joined them.

ESME CHURCHILL

HARBURY W.I.

After an early start to our June meeting we were joined at 7.45pm by Mr Robert Inman & Miss Joanna Hurrell, from Locke & England plus some visitors, for Harbury's own "Antiques Road Show". Members and friends were able to display treasured possessions which were discussed individually and valued by our experts sometimes giving owners quite a nice surprise! A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Dorothy Noden.

On Thursday June 23rd a group of members and husbands spent an enjoyable evening playing bowls in Victoria Park followed by supper at the Gamecock. Once again we had a sunny and dry evening!

At our July meeting our sales table will be yellow so please could members bring something "yellow" to sell. Also at this meeting Dr Hancock will be giving us a talk on his British Latok II Expedition 1987. If anyone missed this talk earlier in the year and would like to join us, they are welcome to do so about 8.15pm.

S.G.

PLAYSCHEME '88

The Summer Playscheme will be going ahead as usual this year for the 2 weeks beginning 1st & 8th August. Times will be the same as last year:- Monday - Friday 10am to 12noon. The cost is 50p per child per day. This will include mid morning refreshment and any entertainment provided. Children between the ages of 5-12 inclusive will be welcome.



As usual we need volunteer helpers. If anyone is able to help could they please let us know NOW. Please call even if you can spare only one or two mornings. Trips are not finalised yet but help with transport and supervision will be appreciated.

This is the 7th year that a Playscheme is being run in the village and, for some of the organisers, the 7th year that a good half of their summer holiday has been spent preparing for, running and clearing up. Last year we had fewer offers of help than ever before, relying, at the last moment, on a few generous folk who dropped everything and rushed to our assistance. Our definition of a helper is someone whom we know is coming, who comes before we open and stays on a little while afterwards.

Last year, too, we sent a request through school for various items for our craft activities. We had a response from 2 families, one whose children were actually on holiday during the Playscheme. Other donations, on the day before we opened, numbered less than a dozen. If we have the same enthusiastic response from parents this year, this will be the last year that the current organizers will run a Playscheme. Adapting a common slogan, therefore, it is very much a case of "Help it - Or Lose it!"

Adult volunteers please contact Jill Cadogan (613503) Jean Champ (613698) or Pauline Hayes (612179)  
J.C.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT - OR THOUGHT FOR FOOD

It is hoped to bring out a Harbury Recipe Book in the Autumn in aid of the Church Special Fund so we are on the look-out for favourite, interesting, impressive-but-easy or any other recipes other people might like. If you can help please drop your recipes (accompanying samples if you wish!) round to either of the following:

Sally Stringer	13 Mill Street	(613214)
Carol Percival	20 South Parade	(612175)

### CHRISTIAN AID

The village collection for Christian Aid raised £393.10 this year. Grateful thanks to all who gave and to the team of collectors.

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## CLASS 1A. DECORATED FLOAT.

1st. WI

2nd. Youth Club

3rd. Harbury Playgroup

## CLASS 1B. DECORATED FLOAT - TRADE.

1st. The Old New Inn

2nd. The Gamecock

3rd. The Fosse Garage

4th. The Jug Band

## CLASS 2. CHILDREN'S SECTION.

1st. Brownies

2nd. Teeny Tots

3rd. The Weller Family

## CLASS 3. DECORATED BICYCLE/PRAM/CAR.

1st. Morris Minor

2nd. Rupert & Riki Neill

3rd. Harbury Scouts

## CLASS 4. HORSE DRAWN/MOUNTED.

1st. "Lester Piggott"

Special thanks to all competitors who put in tremendous work to make the procession so colourful and attractive. The judges made a special award to Kath Ellis for her imaginative costume plus squirrel in the Sherwood Forest section on The Gamecock float. Also special mention to The Fosse Garage "Eddie the Eagle" float which was exceptional but joined the procession after the judges had completed the formal judging. As always, special thanks to PC Tim Percival for organising the procession.

## HARBURY THEATRE GROUP AND THE CARNIVAL

For many years we have had a lot of hard work and a great deal of fun collecting "antiques" and running the Steptoe Stall. This year we decided on a change and the Carnival Committee suggested we ran the Carnival Dance. This we did, and I think a good evening was had by all.

We would like to thank all the other organisations in the village who very kindly donated the raffle prizes for the dance. The group is already provisionally booked for next year!

By the time you read this we will have held our first Mediaeval Evening and hopefully some of you will be



awaiting the date of ticket selling for the French Restaurant.

BUT, we are primarily a Theatre Group, so as well as "catering services" we do like to produce plays occasionally! Shortly we shall be having a play reading for "The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe" by C S Lewis, a play for and with children which Sally Stringer will produce in November (Musical accompaniment by Keith Burford)

During the Summer holidays we will be holding a couple of play readings as social events to give us some ideas for 1989. We are also to have a Family picnic at Newbold Comyn on Saturday 6th August at 2pm. If you are interested in any of these events (you don't have to be able to cook!) please phone our secretary Alison Hodge (612029) during the day or me in the evenings.

CAROL A PERCIVAL

#### SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING

This year's outing saw 2 coaches off on the television trail. First stop was at Harry Ramsden's near Bradford, for its world famous fish & chips - as featured on tele! Thence to Emmerdale - not the farm - it lies some distance out of the village, but the church and the pub were authentic and some lucky ones got a sight of Seth, in mufti, in the pub.

At Holmfirth, base of Last of the Summer Wine, despite thick cloud & some rain Sid's Cafe was discovered - only the counter was different - and some intrepid searchers found Norah Batty's house which did teas. However it was a bit elusive up & down the steep streets!

Altogether an interesting & different day out with something for everyone. A road bridge count on the way there of 150 and of 165 on the return was reported by Mr Over.

Many thanks to all concerned!

Combined account from various Senior Citizens.



On June 12th Bob & Ruby Thornicroft of Chapel St celebrated their Golden Wedding. They were married 50 years ago at Bishops Itchington and have lived in Harbury throughout their married life. Mr Thornicroft was the last baker in Harbury, and his family owned the business from the middle of the nineteenth century. Mr & Mrs Thornicroft have a son and daughter who live locally and 7 grandchildren. The couple celebrated their anniversary at a party in the Village Hall. Mr Thornicroft is well known in the village as an amateur historian with an exceptional knowledge of local events and people.

The whole village would wish to extend best wishes to Mr & Mrs Thornicroft. (photo by Mike Bloxham)

#### VILLAGE HALL NEWS

It was pleasing that so many youngsters went along to the Under 12's Disco organised by the Fundraising Committee. After all the bad publicity discos have received of late it is particularly nice to be able to report that the organisers were most impressed with the excellent behaviour of everyone who went. There will definitely be more discos for the youngsters in the future.

Hopefully you will have noticed that some decoration



is in progress at the Hall. Obviously the more help we can get the better and we would be very pleased to hear from anyone who is willing to help in any way. If you would like to give a few hours of your time, please contact Brian Ingram or anyone on the Committee.

ALAN BARR

### CELEBRATION OF FLOWERS 9th JULY

The great day is fast approaching! If you can spare even half an hour during the week starting Monday 4th July, please ring 613497 or 613878, as there will be a lot of preparing to do. Also, if you would like to be steward in church on Saturday 9th, please ring Liz Bunting 612450.

Will all ladies responsible for flower arrangements please leave buckets, marked with their name at the church before 6.30pm on Thursday evening 7th July (with water in if possible). The flowers are arriving that evening and can then be sorted into the buckets ready for a 9am start on Friday morning.

If you can spare any foliage - evergreens are best - box, conifers, mahonia, euonymus, variegated ivy etc - we would be very grateful. Please bring to the church on Thursday and place in the buckets inside the door.

One last request - we especially need about 12 long pieces of broom foliage and some yellow, white and cream garden roses, again on Thursday evening.

Everyone has been most helpful - we would like to thank you all for your generosity.

SYLVIA BURDETT & BERTHA KETTLE

Another successful fund raising event thanks this time to Miss J Humphries. A sufficient amount has been raised to cover the cost of flowers and other materials.

Thank you to everyone especially the stalwarts who have not missed a single function - the M.U. have very high marks!

M.W.R.



## APNOEA ALARM FUND

Kate Smith and Tina Yardley (holding baby Dominic) are shown cooling their heels after completing a sponsored walk from Harbury to Reddich on Carnival Day. They walked 34 miles between 7am and 5pm to raise money to buy special alarms which monitor baby breathing. The alarms are intended to help prevent cot deaths.

Congratulations to Kate and Tina.

(Phot. by Mike Bloxham)

## OXFAM CONCERT

A concert of music will be given in Ladbroke Church on Friday 22nd July at 8pm in aid of Oxfam. This is an enterprise in which singers and performers from Ladbroke & Napton will combine, and our special guest soloist will be the contralto, Brenda Beck. This will be an evening of song, from madrigals and glees to vocal music of more recent times - but there will be further variety in the form of instrumental music and spoken items.

There will be no charge for admission, for programme or for refreshments - but it is hoped that members of the audience will give, as generously as they feel able, to a retiring collection for what is plainly an excellent cause.



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(This is one of a series of articles written jointly by the Area Secretaries of CMS, USPG and Christian Aid.)

In our first article we defined Mission and Development as part of a two-way process in sharing the gospel. Here is your chance to test your knowledge.

Answer the following questions as "TRUE" or "FALSE".

1. More than 80% of all the people alive today live in the "Developing" or "Two-Thirds" World.
2. More than 80% of all the world's "riches" belong to the "Developed" World.
3. In the diocese of Anguila in the West Indies there are 3430 Anglican churchgoers. They are ministered to by three priests.
4. The average UK family uses approximately 125 gallons of water per day - one flush of the toilet being approximately 3 or 4 gallons.
5. A "Two-thirds" World woman may spend as much as 4 hours collecting and carrying water for her family.
6. The area of a typical rural African parish is roughly the same size as the Diocese of Coventry.
7. By improving primary health care, premature deaths in developing country could be reduced by 50%.
8. In countries where there is not enough food to feed the present population we should stop trying to reduce premature deaths.

ANSWERS". 1. True, 2. True, 3. False - 1 priest, 4. True, 5. True, 6. False - more like the area of Wales, 7. False - more like 80%, 8. False - there is more than enough food in the world. There would be enough for all, with Gospel justice and sharing.

What do you think? Write to us and let us know!

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## HARBURY VILLAGE ROADSIGN FLOWER-TROUGHS

Last season we received many compliments from villagers and visitors alike which convinced the Parish Council to continue the programme of planting this year. Flower troughs present a wonderful welcome when arriving at Harbury and typifies the spirit of our unique village community with its many other features to be found by residents and to the delight of our guests.

Ann Millers class at Harbury School have adopted the box facing Deppers Bridge and even donate their own plants. Well done school! Treens Hill box is looked after by Binswood End residents who are to be congratulated in providing the most praised display of all, whilst other groups of residents are equally appreciated for their careful attention and watering - thank you.

Planting out of course is most important as care in selection and setting-up of the boxes for summer and winter displays have to be carefully planned. The school takes care of its own box and in addition we are appreciative of the assistance of the Ingram's for the other 3 boxes as well as Guest Nurseries and Derek Lowe for supplying discounted plants.

We hope this year, that we can match last years display and to this end the troughs have now been planted. However in the event of what we hope will be a glorious summer, regular watering will be essential. Residents around the boxes have in the past watered as necessary and with success. If you are close to or often pass by a trough, it would be appreciated if you could assist by watering (those screw-top soft drinks bottles are ideal). Don't wait to be asked and we thank you in advance for this service in providing a 'Harbury welcome' for those arriving at the village.

Cllr KEN STEPHENSON

## VISIT LITTLE GIDDING!

Connoisseurs of 20th century poetry know Little Gidding as the village near Huntingdon which inspired T S Eliot's poem of the same name; specialist 17th century historians may remember it as the home of the community founded by Nicholas Ferrar, consisting of his own extended family, to which the defeated Charles I paid a last visit before his surrender. Recently,



however, its fame has been quietly spreading as the base of another community, that of Christ the Sower, founded in 1981 by Robert Van de Weyer, parish priest and lecturer at Cambridge.

On September 21st the Harbury Julian Group, which meets once a month for half an hours silent prayer, will be visiting Little Gidding and its companion village, Leighton Bromswold (where another famous son of the 17th century, poet-cum-priest George Herbert, was the incumbent). Members of the community live in both villages and we hope to learn something of their way of life. If anyone outside the Julian Group would like to join us, or is interested, please contact Edyth Algar (612354)

E.A.

### PLACES TO GO

Music - There are regular concerts of classical music at All Saints' Church, Leamington Hastings. The performances feature international musicians and some superb music. Leamington Hastings is the other side of Southam on the Rugby Road. The remaining concerts for the 1988 season are - Sat 9th July at 7.30pm. Allan Schiller (piano) and Stefan Popov (cello). The music includes Beethoven Schubert and Schumann.

Sat 24th September at 7.30pm Tasmin Little (violin) and Barbara Murrey playing music by Bach, Faure and Szymanowski.

Sunday 6th November at 3.15pm the Delme Quartet with Anthea Gifford (Classical guitar) playing music by Vivaldi, Dvorak, Paganini and Boccherini. Details are available from Ray Law.

Festivals - Stratford Festival is from July 12th - 31st 1988, with a remarkable range of events including folk and classical music, exhibitions, lectures and poetry readings and a special festival of childrens theatre and puppetry. Details from the Festival Office, The Civic Hall, Rother Street, Stratford (Tel: 993 67969).

Warwick Arts Festival is 30th June to 10th July 1988, and concentrates on music. This year there is a particular concentration on Italian baroque and Czech music, and the final 3 days contain a good deal of Mozart. Details from Booking Office,

Northgate, Warwick (410129) or from John Gould's Bookshop, Warwick.

### WOLFHAMCOTE

Getting there is the biggest problem. It's only about a mile to the South West of Braunston, but there's no road from there. You have to park off the A45 by the Canal and take the footpath signed to Wolfhamcote Church. You can get there by road but it involves a winding route from the north east corner of Flecknoe, along a gated road that finally gives out just beyond the junction of the two disused Railways and in sight of the Church.

Having managed to get there what is there to see? Not much unless you have a good imagination! It's a deserted village!!! There is the Hall, a farm cottage and the bricked up redundant Church (key at the cottage). But in the field opposite the Church is the well preserved ditch and mound of the Moated Manor House, and in the fields to the east of that the humps and bumps of the abandoned village.

The disused Railways, grazed by sheep, intersect to the west of the Hall, the Leamington to Daventry branch runs SW/NE but to the north of the settlement is the Grand Union Canal and everywhere are odd ponds, ditches, lakes and other strips of water which drain nowhere, incomprehensible until you discover they are the remains of the old Oxford Contour Canal that meandered up the valley to the south of the Church (there is a footpath you can use to explore it) and back again for a couple of miles. That was in the days before the Grand Union took over and put in the locks at Braunston.

The Railway tracks have been taken up, the Canal is used only by holiday-makers and although the traffic batters along the A45 it is an amazingly tranquil place with an extensive network of footpaths for the more adventurous to discover. Go there. Take a picture. Explore. It is only about 10 miles but it's worlds away.

LINDA

### HEALTH NEWS

Hello again. Jeanne Newell here Primary Health Care Manager, Southam.

Over the last few months, as you know, I have been introducing our members of Staff in the varying Communities.



disciplines. This month it is the turn of the SCHOOL NURSING SERVICE.

On Staff we have 3 School Sisters: all are trained Nurses with their School Nursing certificate. Mrs Norma Leech is based at Southam School and is responsible for positively promoting health within that environment. She is involved with Health Care Programme Planning and Health Education Screening Programmes e.g. vision, height, weight. Checks can be done through individual Health Interviews and when necessary Medical Examination take place. Vaccination and Immunisation sessions too are arranged. These programmes are vital to enable the school child to obtain optimum benefit from our excellent educational system.

Mrs Susan Colvin is responsible for the Health Care Programme Planning in the 1st & 2nd schools within Southam and Southam Rural Area. She does endeavour to cover the area, again positively promoting "good" health, arranging Health Education sessions as well as screening programmes, medical examinations and vaccinations and immunisation programmes. She undertakes her duties and works closely with Mrs Leech to form a good communication network of health for each child.

Regretfully Mrs Diane Buckler, School Sister based at Kinton High School is leaving us soon for ? greener pastures. We are looking for a replacement and I will introduce our new member of Staff to you once the appointment is made. The work in Kinton School is similar to that in Southam. The Sisters work closely with the School Medical Officers and plan their programmes accordingly. If we are to have healthy generations of the future, enabling them to avoid the dangers of smoking, excessive drinking and drug abuse, positively promoting good health and stimulating a child's interest in their own health, is an essential exercise.

School Sisters are strategically placed as facilitators and are in the unique position of counsellors not only to children but also to teachers, ancillary staff and most importantly parents. HOT HEALTH TIP FOR THE MONTH.

MAKE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - SAFE HOLIDAYS



Competition was tough at the Annual Carnival Sports!

#### PARISH COUNCIL REPORT MAY 1988

Mrs Waddell represents those who are pressing for concessionary fares for the elderly. Stratford District is one of the few Councils that provides NO HELP and this is seen as unfair when neighbouring Districts give cheap or even free travel to OAPs.

Far away the Government washes its hands of the problem. On the ground Harbury PC agonises but decides even though all the money Harbury raises is spent exclusively on the parish it does not have enough funds (it would cost £370 to give each OAP one free ride to Leamington). Stratford Cllrs, so Mr Turner reports, argue that it would be inequitable for them to fund cheap transport because some villagers do not have a bus service and so would be paying for a facility they can not use. True, but at higher levels of local government the cost is spread; pensioners get little out of Education but a lot from Health and we all contribute to the Fire Service and hope never to use it!

Together Mrs Waddell and Cllr Turner are determined that Harbury should fund a concessionary scheme. A Parish Council can only raise a Rate for such expenditure that it is empowered by statute to spend



except that the last Local Government Act allowed the 'Free Two Pence'. This is the product of up to a 2p Rate which may be spent as the Council sees fit. In Harbury this could raise £5,400 per annum, but the Parish Council has already earmarked part of this for a Contingency Fund to allow it to help community projects. To fund a scheme to benefit 10% of the population (the elderly) it would have to sacrifice this flexibility, and of course the other 80% would be contributing to a scheme that did not directly benefit them. Harbury PC lobbied for support for the view that Concessionary Transport ought to be funded from Central Government, Central Government has said it is the responsibility of the Districts and it seems SDC want Harbury to pay for it. London will not and Harbury says it can not; and Stratford choses not to, and so the buck passes.

It all depends upon your point of view.

Harbury Parish Cllrs peered short-sightedly at their plans for the village and with limited horizens did not see the potential benefit of the Harbury House development. Now John Drinkwater has taken a broader look he sees it all in a different light. He told his colleagues that the site could have been developed at twice the density and expressed the hope that Mr Andrews might be persuaded to provide more Starter Homes. Worldly-wise Sharon Hancock remained to be convinced houses could be built in Harbury cheap enough for first time buyers, reminding Cllrs of the £100,000 Manor House 'retirement cottages'. District Cllr Sharpe who knows the anguish of youngsters forced out of south Warwickshire saw 3 Starter Homes as a bonus and was glad of them.

Parochialism is no sin. You have to fight for your patch and no-one knows local circumstances better than those who live there. That is why the PC objected to plans to build 2 houses on Tom Hauley's garden in Mill Street. They know the Farm St junction is dangerous. That is why they were prepared to support plans to put the Surgery on the old Pumping Station site in Mill St (even if it means sacrificing the open country views), because they are determined to keep the facility in Harbury. It also explains their incomprehension of the Stratford DC decision to allow Mr Franklin to build a house on his garden in Ivy Lane. They think it is wrong and

CCCC is not enough room and they can not understand why SDC should go against their wishes.

Cllrs deal with the small, but irritating everyday complaints like the lack of directories in the phone boxes. They are persistent and will get Mill St repaired. It will take time but look at Deppers; it to get a Speed Limit after years of campaigning.

The Council does not have much power or revenue but what it has it uses for Harbury. The Recreation Grounds Car Park improvements are in the pipeline and the Council is seriously considering taking over the mowing of all the verges in the village to ensure they are kept in trim.

The PC wants to do what is best for Harbury and would hate to offend anyone. Perhaps that is why Keith Thompson refers to the dog muck on the streets as 'Footpath Pollution' but call it what you will, the Cllrs know it is there and wish it was not! It's an embarrassment. Fortunately SDC is prepared to bring in By-laws to outlaw 'Canine Faeces' and clean up the place!

LINDA RIGLEY

### HARBURY SOCIETY

First, news of the treat of the year, the Mystery Tour. It begins at the Old New Inn Green (rain or shine) at 7.30pm on Tues 5th July. Entrance is 75p each adult and 40p per child which buys you the clues food at the end and if you're lucky a prize for the most correct answers. It's quite a long one this year, but not too difficult so be there 7.30pm Tues.

Second, Congratulations - to everyone who helped with donated to or bought from our stall at the Carnival. We made the staggering profit of £200 for the Carnival Funds which go to help keep our Village Hall solvent. The stall looked good, it was for a good cause and the goods went to good homes and a good time was had by all. Well done.

Third, we are waiting for the Countryside Commission to give us a grant to help print the (whisper it) Footpaths Book. With luck it should be on sale (at about £1.50) in time for the summer holidays.

Fourth, we are looking for volunteers to help at the Windmill Open Day on Chesterton Hill on Sept 24&25. Let me know if and when you can help. Also in Sept



have a talk on the effects of the M40 by Colin Shaw. This will be in the Wight School, 8pm on MONDAY 12 Sept. Do come. We also hope to hold our Picnic on Meon Hill at the beginning of September, but members will be notified of this.

Fifthly, with the steep rise in house prices and the coming of the M40 there is a flood of planning applications for new housing in the village. Do let us know of plans that concern you. We may be able to help and can certainly give you the benefit of our experience and advice.

Finally if you fancy getting away from the hustle and bustle try a trip to the deserted village of Wolfhamcote just south of Rugby. It's like stepping back several centuries.

LINDA 612792

### LINK

The above newsletter for the disabled in Southam & District has been distributed since 1968. Thank you very much to all those who have helped deliver the ones for Harbury: Bertha Kettle, Moira Lamont, Lettie Hancock, John Stringer, Margaret Rigden, Anne Moore, Canon Rowe, Moya Waterman's parents Mr & Mrs Pratt (apologies to any original distributors who I've missed)

Future issues of Link will be delivered only to those who order it. The 6 bi-monthly issues (commencing Sept) will cost £1 per year. If you would like to receive future issues, please inform any A.D.S.A. committee member, including Rosemary Ottewill 43 Mill St, Harbury 613402.

### JULY IN THE GARDEN

Hedges such as hawthorn and *Ionicha Nitida* should be clipped back. After the delphiniums have finished flowering cut them down to below 12" to encourage a second flush. All perennials can be cut back by half. This is the month to take cuttings of all kinds, especially semi-hard wood from shrubs. Rooting hormone powder not only encourages roots but is also a protection against mould and other nasties.

Lingering daffodil leaves can at last be disposed of - mildew from michaelmas daisies can spread to the roses so keep them both sprayed.

This is the last month for sowing beetroots, carrots turnips spinach and parsley. Earth up trench celery Keep all plants in trim by constant deadheading. Harvest herbs before they come into flower. Cut lavender for drying and storing.

Now is the time to do such jobs as paving, concretin and wall building. Repair and repaint frames and greenhouses the latter should also have its annual clean - but leave yourself time to sit in your summer garden and enjoy it.

E.D.Z.

### HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Massive roadworks did their best to interfere with t enjoyment of the visit to the Waterperry Centre on 15th June. Lovely weather and the richness and variety of the garden soon overcame travel weariness.

The evening visit to Moreton Morrell was less well supported. This was rather a pity because the visit was guided by a most interesting lecturer.

The Walkabout is the next venture on July 9th. It looks as though a good many villages are now promoti the open garden idea and it seems that other places are opening on the same day. Your support and publicity are therefore even more important. Don't forget to emphasise what a bargain it is - I have just returned from the open garden day at Offchurch which gave opportunity to visit about half the numbe of gardens for 50% more money for adults. A fine da would be appreciated.

B.A.R.

### CULTURE SHOCK! by Joan Smith

This time last week (24th May 1988) I was in Van - C of the most eastern of Turkey's cities, in the middl of the kurdish area (where men hide guns in piles of kilims!), close to the Iranian and Iraqi borders. T contrast of being in Harbury on a beautiful English spring morning I can only describe as shattering. While the experience is fresh in my mind I thought I would jot some things down that might be of interest Last week was the "Bayram" (holiday) to celebrate th end of Ramazan. So Tom & I, glad we would no longer



be drummed awake in the middle of the night to eat, decided to take the opportunity to explore eastern Turkey. After an overnight train and 17 hours of driving from Ankara we arrived in the city of Diyarbakir, one of the oldest cities in the world, with evidences of many civilisations. The most obvious from its road lay-out was Roman. The city is also known as "Amid the Black" because of its sombre black basalt city walls from which you can look down at the Tigns meandering across the plain. The characteristic architectural feature is the stripes of black basalt and white sandstone used in the mosques and hans. But it was the streets of Diyarbakir that fascinated me. There was an under-current of unrest in the place. The people were different, a motley crowd, men in baggy trousers carrying scythes rubbing shoulders with westernised businessmen. The streets throbbed with life, sherbet sellers, market stalls, beggars, the horse and cart narrowly avoiding the racing police car. In one of the labyrinth of back streets I chatted to a young man, exchanging pleasantries, I asked him if he was a Turk "No", he flashed back, "I am a Kurd". A moment of tense silence, a sudden smile, he presented me with a rose and disappeared. But that reaction I think explained the unease of the whole holiday. In the evening as we walked through the town we were startled to see (and hear) young boys tying paper to calor gas filled balloons, lighting it and delighting in the 'explosive' nature of the dangerous pastime.

On to Van across the plain and into the wild and beautiful Bitlis mountains. On the way we saw many Kurdish nomads, living in their black homespun tents and herding their sheep according to season. We stopped at one camp to talk to the women but they didn't even speak Turkish. The children, like small brown animals, grabbed the box of sweets I was holding, hands tugging everywhere. The women, colourfully dressed, walked round handspinning the black wool they use for weaving their tents. Their life to us seemed impossibly hard and is becoming even more difficult as their traditional pasture lands are squeezed by modern farming and they are touched more and more by the outside world.

Their babies looked sickly and illnourished and infant mortality must be high but they are a proud people and I admired their freedom and felt sad that a different way of life would soon swamp them.

Van itself again a strange place built by the side of its odd vast green lake. The lake is biologically dead and almost gelatinous, it wrinkled but never broke into waves. We visited Akdamar Island with its beautiful ancient Armenian church, decorated with carvings of biblical scenes intertwined with local legend. We saw a Van cat - pure white but always with one blue eye and one green.

From Van we went to Mardin - in contrast to Diyarbakir known as "the white". Built of white sandstone its narrow streets presented a blank face as the houses all faced into courtyards. Here some 13,000 Christians live in harmony with their Muslim neighbours. We went into a home of a Muslim woman married to a Christian and were quite startled to see photographs of the Pope and a picture of the Last Supper adorning this traditional Turkish home, not to mention the well stocked bar! Mardin was definitely 'jumpy', close to the eastern borders, teeming with military as there has been recent terrorist activity here. The small boys were firing plastic guns with the biggest and noisiest 'caps' one could imagine - quite unnerving. From there we visited the monastery which used to be the home of the Syrian Patriarchate (now based in Damascus). There are only two monks there now but it is still the centre for Syriac and Armenian Christians and people will travel all the way from Istanbul to be baptised there. In the church itself we looked at the old silver bound Bible written in Aramaic. I was happy to see also in an alcove of the church the Koran. Here there was a beautiful sense of tranquillity set in the harshest of landscapes.

From there we travelled along the road to Urfa which I can only describe as Turkey's mobile oil pipe as tanker after tanker hurtled along in each direction. Urfa is an old religious centre, a place of pilgrimage deeply revered in the Islamic world. Reputedly the birthplace of Abraham (Ibrahim) and Job (Eyyub). Again a mixture - two Corinthian



columns surviving in the citadel surrounded by the remains of a Crusaders' castle. This overlooking the complex of mosques and medreses (theological schools) built around Abraham's pool with its huge sacred carp gliding through the cool water.

The highlight of the whole trip to me came with a visit to Harran. This was south of Uqla on the edge of the blistering Syrian desert, where Summer temperatures soar to 110°C. This ancient place is where Abraham received his call from God to set out to Canaan according to the Old Testament. It is a city dying. The remaining people live in strange beehive shaped houses made of brick and covered in mud. The women must be the most colourfully dressed in Turkey wearing all their jewellery all the time. Again we were welcomed into their strange homes and were shown around the remains of a Byzantine Castle and the old Islamic University. Evidence of changes in religion and culture rubbing shoulders so closely. Now the women and children tend their flocks of sheep in the shadow of this famous university where the works of the Greek philosophers were translated into Arabic and thus probably saved for the Western World. ....to be continued

### CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

We would like to thank all our friends in the village for their warm support and the kindness shown to us in our time of loss.

We are very grateful to you all.

Dick Picken & Family

Dear Editors,

We would like to express our thanks to all who showed concern and sympathy to Dawn during the course of her illness, which she endured so bravely.

Thanks also for the many cards and floral tributes and to the people who attended Dawn's funeral.

It is cheering to see how highly she was thought of.

Nick Anthony and Tim

Dear Editors,

My sister Gillian and I have just received the February copy of the magazine and were delighted to see our picture and the write up concerning our visit home. We would both like to say a heartfelt thanks to all who made our stay such a memorable one - not least, my brother David and his family. It was good to recall the 'old times' and talk to school mates who were nurtured under the gentle care of Miss Rainbow (later to become Mrs Harris) at the 'little school' and the 'eagle eyes' of Mr Dickens (how I remember those singing lessons) and 'Reg Farrow' when we graduated to the 'big school'. We were wartime children so missed out on lots of material things but those of us who had hardly ever travelled further than an occasional visit to Leamington in Jimmy Edwards bus will never forget the arrival of those evacuees from Dagenham and the impact they had on our life. It would be wonderful if a reunion could be arranged wouldn't it? I wonder how many of them we 'middle aged' Grandparents and parents would recognise?

In conclusion if anyone is contemplating a visit to W.A. we would be thrilled to return your hospitality. Likewise, if anyone would care to drop a line I promise to answer.

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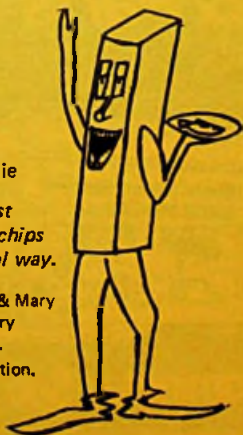
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