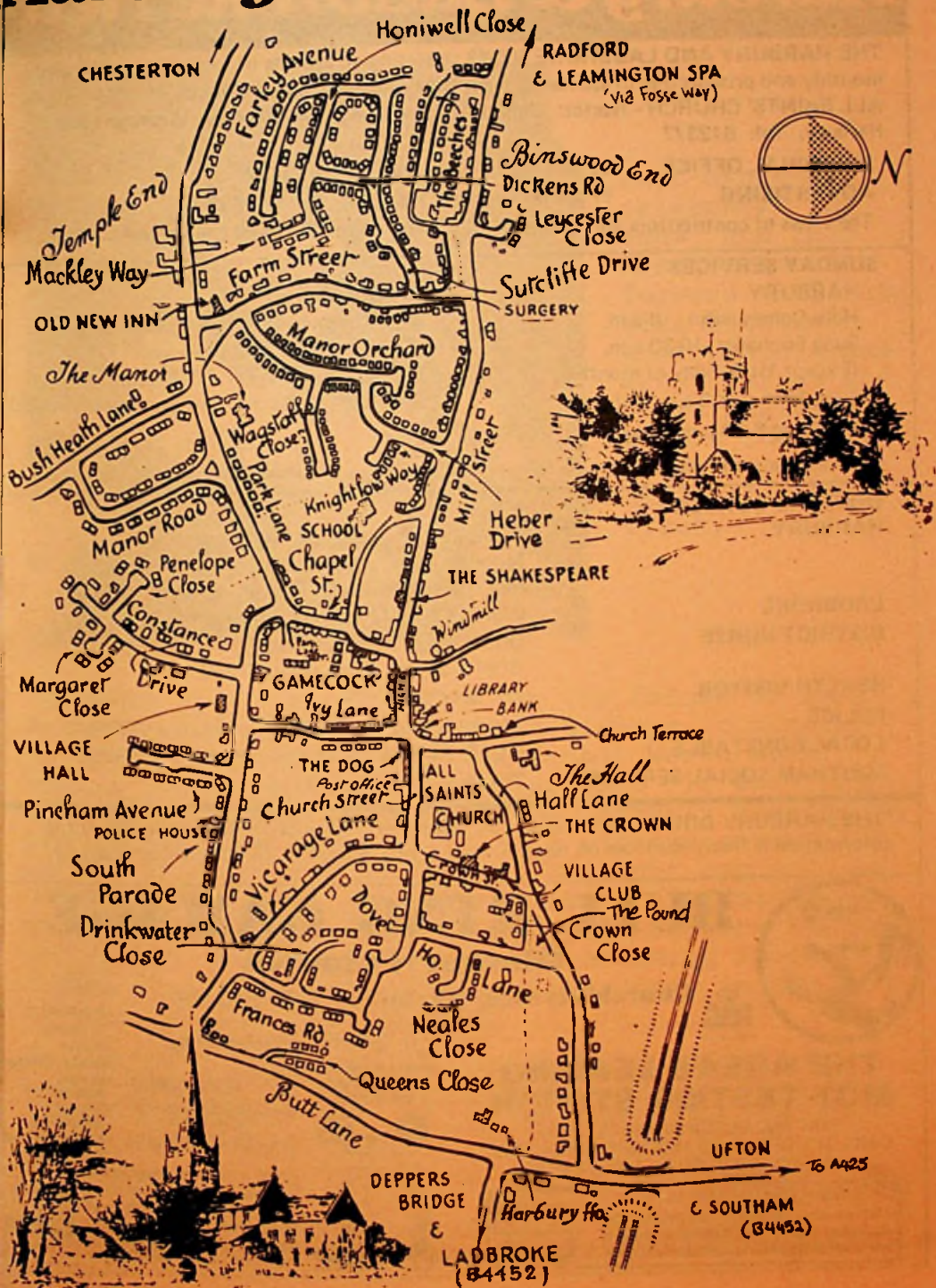


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HARBURY

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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HAD A BUMP?

MARCH 1988

Last month we celebrated the snow, and this month we look forward to Spring. Mike Bloxham's photograph shows Wendy Warner and David Mugleston with a couple of lambs from Mrs Anita White's flock.

The most significant event for the future of the area was the packed meeting at Bishops Itchington to discuss the plans for the Cement Works site (which is partly in Harbury Parish). It was clear that most people in Bishops are strongly opposed to the plans, and there is to be a village referendum. So far Harbury Parish Council have not opposed the plans, since they are anxious about alternative uses of the site. However like the Service Station proposals for Chesterton, it is becoming increasingly difficult for Harbury to remain neutral in the middle of such developments.

As Easter approaches we look forward to a most important part of the Christian year, and that importance is reflected in the number and range of services in both Harbury and Ladbroke.

N.B. DISTRICT NURSES should now be contacted at
SOUTHAM CLINIC, PENDYKE STREET. Tel: 981/4319

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12pm Holy Communion followed by Lent Lunch
- Sat 26th NSPCC Members' Fair 10 -12pm at Wight School
Bayard Academy of Dance Display in Village Hall
'Red Riding Hood Meets the Wolf' 2.30 & 7.30pm
- Sun 27th CLOCKS GO ON ONE HOUR TODAY *****
PALM SUNDAY 8am Holy Communion, N.B. 10.15am
Procession of Palms from Village Hall and Sung
Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN APRIL HARBURY NEWS
TO EDITORS BY TODAY
SEE SEPARATE SECTION FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES etc.
- Mon 28th Word of God at The Spiers, Chesterton Rd
Praise & Prayer at 28 Lullington Lodge
Harbury & District Labour Party A.G.M. 32 Mill St
7.30pm
- Tues 29th Harbury Society A.G.M. at Wight School 8pm
NWR Book Group "Cover her Face" P.D.James at
36 Binswood End
- Wed 30th SCHOOL ENDS
- Thurs 31st Whist Drive in aid of Village Hall Funds in V. Hall
at 7.30pm

APRIL 1988

- Fri 1st GOOD FRIDAY
ALL FOOLS DAY
- Sun 3rd EASTER DAY 8am Holy Communion (Rite 'B') 9am Sung
Eucharist (Rite 'A') 11.30am Easter Day Family
Service, 6.30pm Evensong
- Mon 4th EASTER MONDAY BANK HOLIDAY
Praise & Prayer at Hessle Cottage
- Tues 5th Venture Scout Easter Camp 'Isle of Arran'
- Thurs 7th Men's Society 7.45pm
Folk Club in Lounge Bar, Old New Inn at 8.30pm
- Fri 8th Prayer for Persecuted Christians 8pm 5 Church St
- Sun 10th Conservative Association Drinks Party at Wissett
Lodge at Noon



DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO
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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

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sundays.
UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm, Mondays.
GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7pm (under 7s & beginners)
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.
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 Wednesdays.
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

We are now well into Lent, and our parish Lent Course, "Who on earth are you?" started on Tuesday 1st March. Please see the Diary for future dates. The course sessions will be held at my house, 9 Church Terrace, and are open to Christian people of any denomination, so do please come.

The Lent Course at All Saints' Church, Leamington Spa started with a wonderful service on Wednesday 24th February, when the preacher was Cardinal Basil Hume. The church was packed - there was 'standing room only' - so get there early for the following four services!

Sorry to press the point, but we really do need extra help with church cleaning. My previous two impassioned appeals have resulted in one person offering help! Surely there must be somebody out there who could wield a duster and broom for the odd hour?

Evensong is a real joy now that we have a regular, very good organist in Gordon Haynes. Come and experience it for yourselves.

BERYL CHECKLEY

It was good to renew our acquaintance with Frank Hutchins during his annual stay in Harbury with his brother Fred and sister-in-law Gladys. Frank lives in Alberta, Canada and is an active member of the church there. We were pleased that he was able to tell us something of his church activities and to present a short sermon. We look forward to his visit next year.

Our hearts go out to Ladbroke Church who find themselves faced with the massive task of major repair work. Prayers (and cash) are sorely needed.

J.B.M.

FROM THE RECTORHOLY WEEK - HARBURY AND LADBROKE

Monday 28th March

9.30am Holy Week Service for Young People (Harbury)

7.30pm Holy Communion (Ladbroke)

Tuesday 29th March

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| 9.30am | Holy Week Service for Young People | (Harbury) |
| 7.30pm | Holy Communion | (Harbury) |
| 8.15pm | Lent '88 Course - Final Session | |

Wednesday 30th March

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| 9.30am | Holy Week Service for Young People | (Ladbroke) |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion | (Ladbroke) |
| 7.30pm | Holy Communion | (Harbury) |

Thursday 31st March

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| 9.45am | Holy Communion | (Harbury) |
| 7.00pm | Holy Communion with Hymns | (Ladbroke) |
| 8.00pm | Sung Eucharist | (Harbury) |
| 9pm - midnight | The Gethsemane Watch | (Harbury) |

Friday 1st April - GOOD FRIDAY

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| 9.30am | 'With Jesus to Calvary' a service for children and parents | (Harbury) |
| 10.30am | 'With Jesus to Calvary' a service for children and parents | (Ladbroke) |
| 12pm-1pm | An Hour at the Cross | (Ladbroke) |
| 2pm-3pm | An Hour at the Cross | (Harbury) |
| 7.30pm | The Stations of the Cross with Hymns and Holy Week Music | (Ladbroke) |

Saturday 2nd April - HOLY SATURDAY

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| 8.00pm | The Blessing of the Paschal Candle | (Harbury) |
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Last year for the first time we kept the 'Gethsemane Watch' at Harbury. Quite a number of people took one of the half hour periods of the vigil and engaged in silent prayer and meditations. There was a tremendous atmosphere of spirituality and those who came greatly appreciated the experience. The Lady Chapel Altar is specially prepared with flowers and candles representing and vividly conveying to us the Garden of Gethsemane. Anyone is welcome to come and we hope to see people from Ladbroke as well as from Harbury.

On Good Friday the evening service is at Ladbroke Church for both parishes. This year the service takes the form of the Stations of the Cross a devotional consideration of the stages along the v

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to Calvary. Those who are accustomed to this will know its worth already; those who are not will come to value this simple yet dramatic following of Our Lord as he bears the Cross. There is a wealth of Passiontide music and accompanying our devotion will be a little of the finest and best loved.

Similarly the service on Holy Saturday at Harbury is for both parishes. The Blessing of the Paschal Candle is a lovely service (unfortunately little known) which brings to an end the season of Lent and introduces us to the splendour and the joy of Easter.

Do please make good use of these services and all the provision made for Holy Week.

A.S.B.R.

Times of Confession before Easter

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| Monday 28th March | 12pm - 12.45pm | (Harbury) |
| " " " | 6.30pm - 7.15pm | (Ladbroke) |
| Tuesday 29th March | 6.30pm - 7.15pm | (Harbury) |
| Weds 30th March | 11.15am - 11.45pm | (Ladbroke) |
| " " | 6.30pm - 7.15pm | (Harbury) |
| Thursday 31st March | 6.00pm - 6.45pm | (Ladbroke) |

or at other times by arrangement.

EASTER HIKE

This is planned for Easter Monday, 4th April. As usual it is to be in the Cotswolds and we shall travel to the starting point by car. So that we can assess transport requirements, please add your name to the list in either church and if a driver please add in brackets the number of passengers you can take. We assemble at All Saints, Harbury ready to set off at 11.15am. You will need a packed lunch and in case we should encounter a little mud, stout footwear.

MOTHERS' AND TODDLERS' SERVICE

Normally this is held on the first Tuesday of every month, but in April it will be a week later, that is Tuesday 12th April at 2.15pm.

Funeral

Wednesday 17th February

DORIS ELEANOR WILSON

23 Deppers Bridge 84years

Confirmation

Instruction for Confirmation has just commenced for both adults and young people. Any further enquiries please get in touch with the Rector.

VISTIT OF THE OVERSEAS PARTNERS TO OUR DEANERY

Twelve months ago some of our parishioners attended the great service in the Cathedral at Coventry when Bishop Simon launched the Mission in Partnership programme.

Since then we have formed our own parish links. We have visited them and they have visited us; we have begun to get to know them better.

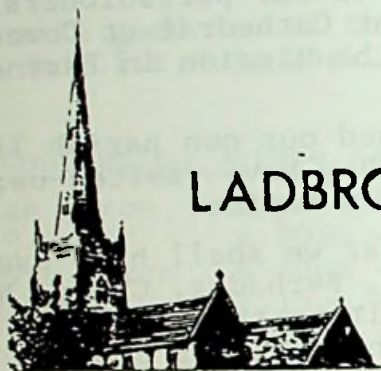
In September of this year we shall have overseas partners from Nicaragua, Barbados, China, North India and other Countries visiting the diocese. They are coming at the invitation of Bishop Simon. We shall have the opportunity of meeting with some of them as they spend time in the deanery. We shall know exactly who will be coming to our parish in the course of the next month or so.

A full programme of visits and meetings is being worked out with the Deanery to make sure that most parishes will have a chance to meet and talk with the Deanery. They will be getting to know the diocese and the deanery and the intention of the Parish Scrap Books is to help them to quickly get the 'feel' of the places they will visit. It also concentrates our minds beautifully on what we perceive ourselves to be. Each deanery will have three visitors each from a different country.

They will help us by giving us a different view from right outside our situations; to become aware of the different gifts we have to share with others. In other words to help us identify areas where our mission to those outside the church can be strengthened as well as built up.

We need sometimes to lift our vision of what God wants us to be and to do as individual churches and to see what God has in mind for us. Bishop Simon is looking to this exercise to do that and in our meetings with them to draw from their experience and view of us in the light of their international experience.

They will be in the Diocese from September 7th to October 2nd. We shall meet them in our parish sometime during this period.



LADBROKE NEWS

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| Sun | 6th | LENT III 10.30am Family Communion |
| Mon | 7th | Annual Parochial Council 7.30pm Village Hall |
| Wed | 9th | Holy Communion 10.30am |
| | | Womens Fellowship 2.30pm, Mrs Hodge's home |
| | | Windmill Lane |
| Thurs | 10th | Lent '88 Course 8.15pm |
| Sun | 13th | 9am Holy Communion with Hymns. 3.30pm Mothering |
| | | Sunday Service, Dedication of Church Kneelers, |
| | | Posies & Tea |
| Wed | 16th | Holy Communion 10.30am |
| Thurs | 17th | Lent '88 Course 8pm |
| Sun | 20th | 9am Holy Communion, 10.30am Children's Church |
| | | 3.30pm Evensong |
| Wed | 23rd | Holy Communion 10.30am |
| | | Parish Council Meeting |
| Thurs | 24th | Lent '88 Course 8pm |
| | | Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I. meeting, |
| | | Playbus 'Websters Wool Fashion Evening' |
| | | <u>HARBURY</u> Village Hall 8pm |

Fri 25th The Annunciation to the B.V.M. 7.30pm Holy
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Sun 27th Palm Sunday 9am Holy Communion with Hymns
(Distribution of Palms)
Mon 28th - Saturday 2nd April (see Special Holy Week Section)

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Sun 3rd Easter Day 10.30am Family Communion, 3.30pm
Evensong

NO CHURCH FLOWERS DURING LENT

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

Dedication of tapestry kneelers at Mothering Sunday service 13th March 1988 at 3.30pm. In addition to the presentation of flower posies by children to their mothers on Mothering Sunday, the Rector will be blessing the tapestry kneelers which have been completed to date. This promises to be a happy and colourful occasion and after the simnel cake and tea will be served in Church. Do come along - everyone will be most welcome.

The Whist Drive held on 23rd February organised by Mrs Pearl Edwards was a very pleasant evening and £85 was raised towards more tapestry kneelers for the Church.

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

We were very pleased to welcome Juliet Bailey to our meeting in February. She is Farm Conservation Advisor to F.W.A.G. - Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group - and works in Warwickshire. She helps farmers with advice on spinneys, meadows, boggy land, ditches etc., but only if invited to do so. We saw slides illustrating her work, which we most interesting.

Our meeting on March 9th will be at the home of Mrs. Hodge, Windmill Lane at 2.30pm when we are looking forward to meeting Mrs Jean Pryke who is going to talk to us about bell ringing.

NANCY STUBBS

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Following the Scrabble Evening at Mrs Jill Norgate's home, Mrs Irene Bennett & Gabby Norgate went on to the next round and came 4th, Fenny Compton being the winners. Congratualtions to our two ladies.

The Skittles Evening at the Bowling Green Pub was a great success with 28 members and husbands enjoying an evening of play and a buffet supper, with Mrs Irene Bennett's team being overall winners.

Mrs Eleanor Zonik's talk "Nowt so Queer as Folk" amused and entertained everyone at the February meeting, Mrs Jill Norgate giving the vote of thanks. A new member from Deppers Bridge, Mrs Pam Collins won the raffle. We would like to welcome all the new members who joined our group this year.

Mrs Heather Tredgold has entered a very attractive quilted waistcoat in the County Competition to be judged at the Spring Council and we wish her every success. Several members helped transport patients from their wards to the Valentine Dance at Hatton on Feb 14th and a letter of thanks was received.

Looking ahead to September 10th. It is planned to hold a village produce show which is open to the village and Deppers Bridge, more information will be given in due course but there will be classes for fruit and veg, flowers, floral art, handicrafts, cakes, wine, jams and childrens' class which includes painting on a stone. As many entries as possible for all classes are required to ensure success for this first show.

March 24th is the next meeting date with a talk by Patrick Kingston, entitled "Royal Trains and Their Passengers".

GLENYS HALLAM

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Following the highly successful and well attended Valentine's Disco the Village Hall Committee have announced their programme of events for the rest of year - please note them in your diaries!

2nd April

Easter Dance

7th May

Car Boot Sale & Craft Fair

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| Fri 26th Aug | Village Bar-B-Que |
| Fri 23rd Sept | Antiques Forum |
| Sat 22nd Oct | Auction Sale |
| Sat 5th Nov | Bonfire Night Celebrations |
| Fri 18th Nov | Steam Night |
| Fri 16th Dec | Christmas Dance |

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

In order to collect evidence for the need for a weight restriction on the lane to Deppers Bridge a count is to be put across the lane, but details of large vehicles using this route are still needed. The excess of chevron signs and the illuminated sign on the bad bend are to be removed and the double white lines in the middle of the road will be removed when the road is next resurfaced.

The Village Seat on Penfold Green is being renovated by Geoff Timms and work on the new footpath to the Church is not yet completed as the verges need to be infilled and re-seeded. Mr Peter Williamson expresses his concern at yet more power cuts in very stable weather conditions on 31st January and the Council were to write and ask for another explanation. It was agreed that it would be preferable to keep the red traditional phonebox in the village rather than the new Telecom standard issue which looks rather out of place in a village setting. It was thought that the English Heritage Society may be able to help, meanwhile if you see anyone trying to remove the old box, chain yourself to the phone and S.O.S. for assistance!

Neighbourhood Watch signs are to be erected at each entrance to the village and the council recorded its thanks to the Alibone trust for providing the finances for the signs. A map had been received showing the proposals for re-planting Mr Thorneycroft's land in Bridge Lane and it was hoped that this scheme would get underway soon. Mrs Liverton expressed her concern over the apparent lack of tree cover to screen the Bypass from the village and Mr Timms volunteered to take a walk and see exactly what was growing there.

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It was once again decided not to enter the Best Kept Village Competition as there were still several untidy spots and it was thought best to make a real effort in 1989, when the Village Hall should hopefully be in better external condition.

Next meeting Wednesday 23rd March 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

KATE LIVERTON

A warm welcome to Ladbroke to the Elgar family who have recently moved into "Cornerstones" and also the Derrick family newly arrived to take up residence in "Altwood Cottage".

- letter from Ron & Anne Smith

To those of you we meant to say goodbye to, but in the rush of moving didn't have the time - thanks for making our stay in Ladbroke a happy one. See you on the Hills.

Anne & Ron Smith
Bowland Bridge
Cumbria

THE ROSARY

An ecumenical group meets to pray the rosary, followed by brief prayers, both offered for persecuted Christians.

We meet at 10am, 4 Sutcliffe Drive on the third Thursday of every month. All are welcome to join us. Please come along.

E. SUTTIE

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(and anyone else) who wonder what small children do here all morning - this is your chance to pop in and see!

M. WATERMAN Supervisor

HARBURY SCHOOL

According to the terms of the new Education Act, all teachers are required to take part in five in-service training days during a school year. Some of these occur the day before the start of a term, and others on days when pupils have to be excluded. They are in addition to the evening and weekend courses which many teachers take part in.

These training days have become known as "Baker Days" - possibly as a term of endearment for Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education!

The sort of in-service training which can be followed is extremely varied. Harbury School have had two very interesting ones - one on the Multi-faith approach to R.E. where the staff talked to, listened to and worked with an Advisory Teacher on the subject, Mrs G Price - and one on approaches, guidelines etc on the teaching of P.E. where we were fortunate to have the services of Miss B Gibson, the County P.E. Adviser.

These training days are proving to be most useful and meaningful - they provide the only real time when the whole staff of a school can concentrate for a whole day (or more) on one particular set of objectives.

I think there is no doubt that as a result of "Baker Days" the staff will gain in confidence and expertise, and this is bound to benefit the children.

N.C.O.

Our Visit to the Buddhist Monastery

On Thursday February 11th, Class 6 from Harbury Combined School went to the Forest Hermitage monastery near Sherbourne.

A Buddhist monk who lives there showed us his ornaments and told us about them. He showed us his large umbrella. It is hung on some string between

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two trees with a mosquito net round it. He called it a bell.

He showed us how to meditate. He told us to sit quietly and close our eyes. We just relaxed and counted our breaths. We counted to ten and then started again to count from 1. He told us to push all our thoughts away. We sat like this for about seven or eight minutes. Then we drew some pictures. We took some food for the monk, like fruit and rice. We wouldn't like to live there but it was very peaceful and quiet.

LOUISE RAWLINGS & STUART SHEPHERD
Class 6

On Thursday February 11th, Class 6 went to a Buddhist Monastery near Sherbourne. It was not a big monastery, it was quite a small house but oh inside - ah now you're talking. It was the most peaceful place I've ever seen and it was really nice there. There was a lovely smell of incense and lots of statues of the Buddha and I enjoyed it!

TEDDY DUNBAR Class 6

MIC RELIEF

February 5th, as I'm sure you all know it was Mic Relief Day (Red Nose Day) and Harbury School contributed to it. They started off by all the children coming to school in Fancy Dress, as long as they brought 20p or more. The Fancy Dress costumes were great and even the teachers dressed up. Mr Chapman dressed up as a very weird person which I think makes no difference and Mr Crawshaw dressed as a cleaning lady which I think suited him.

The top class (class 9) did a sponsored Football Match Boys V Girls and it was great fun. The boys had to wear wellies and the Ref (the cleaning lady) was a bit biased, he gave a goal when Mrs Wallington had a great hand ball. At the end the score was 7-5 to the boys. Class 9 raised about £120 and the whole school total raised was over £200.

Thank Harbury School did brilliantly and good luck to Mic Relief.

RICHARD APPLETON

SCOUTS & GUIDES SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Cameroon Project - In the January edition of the News I reported that the Group had presented Colonel Leslie Valentine and his orphan boys with a cheque for £1100 for provision of a water supply. I have now received a letter from Leslie which I reproduce below:-

"I arrived safely home on the 19th December in time to prepare for Christmas with the boys" (Leslie had a hip operation in England in early December). "The whole family of 20 was present and although I was still very weak from the long journey, we all had a wonderful day. I still hobble around with the aid of a stick but get stronger each day and the boys are excellent at helping me. They were so excited when they saw the helicopter land just close to our house. Kind friends paid the cost and so I arrived in style. All next day villagers were arriving to welcome me back home from 'white man' country."

"The best Christmas present was to see a borehole company actually sinking in our own compound. After three attempts they found water and we have paid a deposit. The company has agreed to let us pay by instalments as and when money is available, but of course, the sooner we can pay, the sooner they will complete the task".

"I explained all that you (the Scout Group and the people of Harbury) were doing to help us to the boys and they all want to thank you by signing their names."

"Again many thanks from all of us for all your help."
from Leslie Thomas Valentine and 17 of his orphan boys.

Skittles

The skittles event comprised of some 40 players all eager to win the coveted Scouts & Guides Skittles Championships for 1988. The worthy winning team were Jenny Evans and Brian Wade.

Congratulations to them.

BRIAN INGRAM

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NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

The Newspaper Collection will take place on Sunday 20th March. Mike Bloxham's photo shows the loading party working hard during the last despatch.



HARBURY VENTURE SCOUT UNIT

On Saturday 6th February at the unsocial hour of 12.00am a group of budding mountaineers left Harbury for Snowdonia. By 9.30am we were donning winter clothing and checking equipment such as ice axes and crampons under Tryfan's north ridge. The powder snow over iced rock made for treacherous climbing but the weather was reasonable and by noon we were at 'Adam and Eve' (two rocky monoliths) on the summit. After descending to Bwlch Tryfan we ambled onto the rocky plateau of the Glyders and completed the day by descending close to the Llyn Kitchen into Cwm Idwal and on to Ogwen Valley.

The night was spent in a bunkhouse at Buarth Farm Llanberis. Before lights out we felt a need to stop on the Douglas Arms at Bethesda. Yes the

landlord was still pricing his beer in f.s.d. How much longer can he hold out against the tide of decimalisation. See next years instalment! While away certain items 'drying' round the wood burning stove got rather singed but the team were game for another winter ascent on Sunday. We had ideas of doing the Snowdon Horseshoe but a poor weather forecast made us wary.

The ascent of Erib Goch from Pen-y-Pass was quite adventurous enough with driving snow and a north westerly gale. The party gathered at the summit and decided retreat down the north ridge and into cwm Glas was wisest. After lunch in the cwm we struggled over Bwlch Goch and down to the Miard Path. By 3.30pm we were drinking cups of tea in the Pen-y-Pass cafe and the rigours of the day were behind us. Another successful Unit activity. Now we look forward to Easter Camp on the Isle of Arran.

Capitation fees of £6.50 should be paid to Karen Hill by 1st April.

J.L.H.

HARBURY FOOTBALL CLUB

The first team have at last began to obtain results commensurate with the quality of their players. Prior to Christmas, too many points were squandered and the team were languishing at the bottom of the League. Since Christmas, however, the team has won two games, drawn one and lost one. Unfortunately, the lost game was against the team just above us in the League. Today's, February 26th, games were again encouraging as both teams won, a relatively rare double for recent weeks.

Unlike the football, the financial status of the Club has never been better. Winners of the "200 Club" for February were C. Pratt on Andy Hopkins' card, Peter, landlord of the Crown and Anthony Fenelly, a member of the Working Mens Club. The recent Quiz Night organised by Mick & Sue Pratt and Martin Perry was an outstanding success. The winners were the Rugby Club represented by Linda Ridgley, Alan Ross, Brian Wilson and Ian Holroyd (considered by many to be the sleeping partner). The Club 'A' team of Mary Shuttleworth, Pete Hagan, Dave Mann and Jim Smith

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came a close second, just in front of the "Tryers" the team of Jan Thornley, Leslie Caswell, Marilyn Caswell and John Tunnicliffe. I am sure the evening will be repeated, if only to give Les Sollis a chance of ousting Ian Holroyd from pole position. On the strength of his success, Holroyd is considering investing in a display cabinet for his trophy. Thanks to all who took part for entering into the spirit of the occasion and for helping to make the evening so enjoyable. STAN FINCH

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

February 4th was Comic Relief evening at Harbury Folk Club - a truly memorable evening and which raised £65 for a worthy cause. A special mention must go to Mike Putnam who did the final spot for us and took us past midnight to make the red noses "legitimate". Mike performed some of his greatest hits but had also prepared some new ones such as Jake Thackeray's "Leopold Locock" and an unmentionable monologue which purported to tell the real story of Robin Hood.

Like Mike, all the other performers took the trouble to do something comical although, for some, this was no effort. There was a special performance of the "Earwig O" song by the Marjorie King Big Band. For the record the MKBB consisted of all three members of the Jug Band (Alan, John and Brian), Hugh, Molly, yours truly and, of course, a very sporting Marjorie who displayed considerable skill on the lagerphone. The audience displayed their habitual good taste by insisting that we performed our well-rehearsed impromptu encore, "Marj don't allow".

Unfortunately, there isn't space here to mention Harbury's traditional setting of "Pinball Wizard", the Jug Band's nearly topical "Valentine Jamboree" and "Wild Mounting Time", the Harvesters updated "Even Drunken Nights", and my joint effort with the Jug Band on the Australian barbecue song. So I'll just say a big thank you to them and also to Phil & Bill, Tony, Roger, Lou and Dave for really getting into the spirit of the occasion.

The next meeting of the Folk Club on April 7th, the theme will be "Poachers". This doesn't mean that the

songs will have anything to do with poaching or eggs; it's just an opportunity for the singers to steal others songs for one evening. PETER McDONALD

N.S.P.C.C. YOUNG LEAGUE FAIR 26th MARCH

Young League members don't forget the 26th March for your own fund-raising Fair in the Wight School. If you are having a stall please be there by 9.30am to get your stall set up. If you are coming to spend your pocket money, then bring Mums, Dads, sisters, brothers, in fact everyone you can think of. Doors open at 10am.

DONT FORGET BLUE EGG BOXES TO BE TAKEN TO AN N.S.P.C. COMMITTEE MEMBER BY MONDAY 28th MARCH.

S.M.I.

THE PASSION OF DRACULA

Harbury Village Hall was transformed into a spine-chilling place by Lin Hayes production of this play The Coupe family - father Ted and daughter Michelle and Steve Donson gave excellent debut performances ably supported by regulars Keith Dormer, Robert Waterman, Janet Thornley, John Stringer, Keith Hayes and Andrew Cook (who looked marvellous as Count Dracula). Sound and lighting were of a high standard and the audience waited with bated breath for the bat to fly!

As usual Harbury Theatre Group presented us with a thoroughly entertaining evening - and how good it was to see former 'stars' Peter and Diana Holt in the audience on the last night.

M.S.H.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

By the time you read this we shall have had our Lent Service, but I don't think it's too late to comment on our super lunch party in February, followed by an excellent meeting, when we all discovered how easy it is to exercise whilst sitting on a chair! All ages enjoyed it.

Sadly last month we said farewell to Nan Thomas as she and Derrick moved back to Wales. We hope they will return to Harbury to visit us and our good wishes go with them.

Please note our April meeting has been postponed from Easter week to Wednesday April 13th when we shall meet in Church. ESME CHURCHILL

THE MOTHERS' UNION - A PROFILE

The Harbury Branch of the Mothers' Union was founded over 50 years ago. We still have two of the original members in our branch today.

Currently we have some 36 members and meet on the first Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall.

The Mothers' Union often has an image of the more mature ladies providing cups of tea at Church functions. Yes, we do do some helping with catering. Yes, we do have some elderly members but we would like to dispel some illusions.

The M.U. was founded by Mary Sumner in 1876 and its aims are still broadly similar today. We stand for the idea of marriage as a lasting sacrament and for the importance of the family, particularly the Christian family. We do not try to judge and acknowledging our own limitations try to offer help to any whose marriages or family life have been disrupted.

We support the local church and are involved in Deanery and Diocesan events. However we are a worldwide organisation of about 463,000 members. We regularly pray with and for those in many parts of the world. The M.U. give financial support to 127 workers worldwide and provide Community workers in Manchester, Birmingham & Bradford. Our branch gives each year to help these initiatives.

We have a local diocesan prayer circle of 1500 members who using a Diocesan Prayer remember those in difficulties who have requested our support. There is also the opportunity for those unable to get to meetings to join our Invalid Prayer Circle.

Through its Social Concern Department the M.U. in the Diocese is involved in many problem areas. We, as a branch, have welcomed deprived children from Coventry on a day out in the country and have provided breaks for those in crisis in the 'Away from home'.

Locally we help with the Mother & Toddler services on the first Tuesday of each month in the church. There is also a Media Department that undertakes surveys. Some of our representatives will be attending a Diocesan Media Day in May to be addressed by speakers from the B.B.C. and the I.B.A.

We have a variety of speakers at our meetings and are trying to start a pattern of evening meetings also to give an opportunity for younger, working members to join us. Incidentally you do not have to be a mum, or even a wife - you need to support our objects.

We are not without humour! We enjoy causing a mild stir by running the M.U. Tarts Stall at the bazaar! We now have an established pattern of a social lunch cooked by members of the committee to encourage us through the dismal winter days - and this year it was followed by physical jerks.

We would really appreciate more younger members. Next time there is an evening meeting publicised why not come along - especially if it is a discussion. We would like to hear your views - even if they are on why joining the M.U. today seems inappropriate to you!

ESMÉ CHURCHILL (Enrolling Member) &
MARGARET RIGDEN

HARBURY W.I. REPORT

Our February meeting opened with the sad news of Mrs Robbins (Robbie) death. She was one of our older ex-members and a much loved character. During the evening a collection was taken for flowers.

Our annual dance took place this year on February 27th, the theme being 'Leap Year'. A group of members had visited the Belgrade Theatre, Coventry during January to see Catherine Cookson's '15 Streets'. It was enjoyed by all.

After the business we were given an interesting 'Sailors Yarn' with slides, by Lt. Bill Davies. He was a member of the Navy for 28 years and travelled widely spending quite a time in West Africa teaching the locals to become sailors.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Eva Keeling. The

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raffle was won by Mrs Lyn Watkins. At our March meeting we'll be taking a look back in time and learning about 'Baking the Old Fashioned Way' by Mr Adrian Flint.

S.G.

CELEBRATION OF FLOWERS - Saturday 9th July 1988

Please don't forget the meeting at Pam Clarke's 11 Constance Drive, on Tuesday 15th March at 8pm. We've some lovely ideas for decorating the church, and hope to have lots of beautiful flowers and foliage to carry them out. What we will need are as many people as possible to help in every way possible. If you can't attend but would like to take part, please phone 613497 or 613878.

Considerable cash is going to be necessary to finance a successful venture. We have started with one coffee morning and hope to hold a succession of similar events. The next is a coffee morning/Bring & Buy at Mrs Eileen Barnes' on Wed 9th March at Church House Cottage, Crown Street from 10.30 to 12 o'clock.

Please come and bring a friend. We hope to hold a cake sale sometime in April and would welcome any more money making ideas. M.W.R. 612200

GARDEN WALKABOUT - JULY 9th

We hope to have many visitors to our village on this day who will be walking along our streets, so I am pleading with all dog owners to please - please help to keep the pavements clean.

I reside in the upper part of Mill Street and am bothered by the condition of the pavements. B.K.

CARNIVAL '88

It is reassuring to know that as we emerge from the winter hibernation, plans are well advanced for this year's Carnival on the 18th June (N.B. later than usual this time).

The Carnival Queen Competition will be held at the Youth Club Dance on 16th March. This year's arena will centre around the re-enactment of the American Civil War all in thirty minutes.

The money raised from this year's carnival will go towards new chairs for the village hall. Thank you to those people and organisations who have volunteered to run stalls. If you have an overwhelming or even slight desire to run a stall please contact
 PEGGY MIDDLETON 612877
 or BRIAN WADE 612831

HELPLINE THANKSGIVING

All are welcome, please come to a Praise & Thanksgiving Service for Harbury Helpline, in Church on Sunday March 20th at 6.30 p.m. A group of musicians from St. Paul's, Leamington, together with Clive Watts as organist, will be providing the music. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

HARBURY HELP LINE

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And if you would like someone to call and visit you or you are caring for an elderly or sick person and would like a little time off, contact:-

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 or Sue Dormer, 12 Park Lane - 613254

HARBURY HELPLINE??

We are looking to make available a clothing service for Harbury with small children. We would like to be able to offer a range of young children's clothes in good condition to any local family finding their wardrobes overstretched and able to put such items to good use.

We have any children's clothes in good condition for ages approx 0 - 6 years which you would be willing to contribute to such a service, Harbury Helpline would be more than grateful to receive them. Please phone one of the following numbers to arrange either delivery or collection of any contributions.

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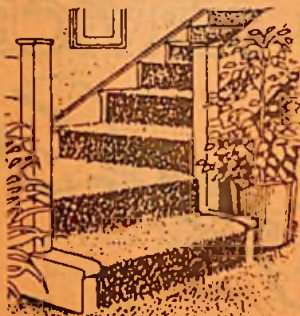
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voices and their bodies crashing into it as they ran out of school.

Following the fashion in those days, many boys wore hob nailed boots and sparks would fly as they slid from the wash room door entrance, along blue brick path into the barrier or over the top. It was even better on roller skates with a look out posted by the road. That is until Reg Farrow popped his head out!

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Regular users of the Hall will know that work has started on the new heating system. Hopefully any disruptions will not be too severe while the work is being carried out. On behalf of the Village Hall Committee I would like to thank everyone involved with fund raising for this project, in particular the Carnival Committee. The bulk of the money raised has been due to their efforts. Also thanks to the Parish Council for supporting the Village Hall by way of a grant. The Committee is very grateful to Brian Ingram for all his hard work in masterminding the project and for enabling the work to be completed.

Unfortunately, running and maintaining the Hall is very expensive and the need for fund raising still continues. Please support the fund raising activities as all the money raised goes directly to helping the Village Hall.

It has been brought to my attention that on a number of occasions the Hall has been left unattended with doors and windows open. Please, when you leave the Hall, make sure that all doors and windows, especially at the rear of the building, are closed and locked and that all lights are turned off.

ALAN BARR

NEW ROUNDABOUT AT HARWOOLS HOUSE

Work has just started on the construction of a new roundabout where the Fosseyway crosses the A41 Warwick to Banbury Road. This has been designed by Warwickshire County Council Highway Engineers for the Department of Transport who are funding the £370,000 scheme. The County Council has contributed a further £65,000 so that a narrow piece of the Fosseyway,

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Immediately south of the A41 can be improved at the same time. Works are also being extended south along the A41 towards Chesterton Hill to strengthen the existing road at an additional cost of £220,000. Contractors are Wrekin Construction of Shifnal, Shropshire.

The aim is to complete all of the earthmoving and drainage works by Easter and have the roundabout fully open to traffic by the end of June, in time for the Royal Show in July and the start of works on the Warwick to Gaydon section of the M40. Motorway construction traffic will use the roundabout to turn from the A41 to gain access to the motorway site where it crosses the Fosseway.

Positioning of the roundabout has been carefully selected to avoid the Harwoods House buildings, allow for the adjusted alignment of the Fosseway, after the M40 is built, and to avoid the need to reposition British Telecom fibre-optic cables which follow the A41 and which are extremely expensive to move. It is expected to dramatically reduce accidents.

Finally, would users of the Ashorne road please note that it will be closed to traffic for about four weeks from March 14th, to enable some essential works to proceed.

R.E.W.

HARBURY SOCIETY

Archives were set up to house the accumulated records of the County Council 50 years ago, Mr Mark Smith one of the Deputy Archivists explained to an appreciative audience at the Harbury Society's recent meeting. The County Council has been in existence for a century now and inherited the documents of the Quarter Sessions (from 1620 onwards). These relate to legal and administrative matters, the Poor Law and maintenance of the Highways. With the re-organisation of Local Government in 1973 there were deposited all former Urban and Rural District Councils' records. In particular the Twentieth Century Rate Books which it is possible to trace back the ownership of property. 90% of the ecclesiastical parishes in the county are represented in the Records Office. Some private records deposited there.

Because Harbury was never part of a big estate there are relatively few records surviving. The earliest reference to Harbury is in the deeds of the Charity Lands of Jorge's Charity of 1406 when Ralph Boys Chaplain and William Bacon gave 24 acres of arable land to Ralph Ive on his marriage to Marjorie Soper of Newham. Fuller records for Harbury begin in 1564 with the Ecclesiastical Records showing Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the inhabitants in accordance with the Laws of the Commonwealth (Civil Registers began in 1837). The first Harbury records show the baptism of Edward Wagstaffe, George Whitehead and others. The 1831 register reveals some famous Harbury names; Blackwell, Fletcher, Bustin and Reading.

The Manorial Court Roll of 1666 details minor offences within the parish and the transfer of property in the village and in the Common Fields.

Parishes were liable to support their own poor and in 1669 Robert Robertson and his wife wanted to look elsewhere for work and Harbury had to draw up a Settlement Bond which has been preserved. It promises that should his search be in vain Harbury will support him and his family. From the Solicitors Blenkinsop came the records of the Overseers of the Poor of Harbury of 1676 which mention: an allowance of 18pence a week paid to Widow Wincott for looking after 'Elizabeth Mann's boy' for 6 weeks the purchase of 'rafters for the Town House' and the payment for 'watching E Barnes for one day and night'.

There are details of the ownership of strips in the Common Fields to be found in the land Terriers of 1736, but there are no Tithe Awards for Harbury on Record and nor is there an Enclosure Award preserved. The First Churchwardens Accounts for Harbury are of December 1746 and show that the Vicar was responsible for the Chancel and the Churchwardens for the Nave.

There is a Settlement Explanation of 1784 when David Mitchell swore he had been born in Rugby, married Mary Norton of Combroke and had lived there with his brother-in-law. A Lucy Stowe of Harbury was adjudged to be the village's responsibility and was returned here having 'intruded herself into Harbury'. The 1820 Overseers Accounts show a vote

that more money be spent on the relief of the poor, and it was not until 1830 that the new Poor Laws were brought in and parishes were no longer responsible for their own paupers.

In 1833 the Harbury Poor Rate Book lists the inhabitants, their social status (whether they were poor or not) where they lived and includes some description of property. The Kelly's Directories from 1880 onwards give potted details of the parish its Church and School; lists of inhabitants with some addresses and indicate the gentry, innkeepers, farmers and retailers. Further insight into the life of the people can be gleaned from the 1890 Vestry Book.

Chairman Tim Millington announced that Environment Week falls the week up to the 2nd May when the Society intends to lay on guided walks based on the forthcoming Footpaths Book. He urged members to come forward to join the Committee at the A.G.M. on 29th March, 8pm at the Wight School when there will be a talk on footpaths.

Once again the Society has been asked to help at the opening of Chesterton Windmill on Saturday & Sunday 24th & 25th September. The help needed will be for parking cars and helping visitors into and out of the Windmill and possibly showing them round inside. Anyone who would like to help should let me know (16 Farm St Tel: 612792)

LINDA RIDGLEY

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FEBRUARY 1988

A little encouragement for Mrs Waddell and her friend Mrs Pope, the Parish Council's resolution on free bus passes for the elderly has gone on to the National Association of Parish Councils.

The PC is moving heaven and earth to find a site suitable for the Main Surgery, and was all set to go into the legal niceties of leasing the land on the right of the Village Hall to the Doctors for this purpose. They had met John Hancock and Stratford District's Mr Bibby who agreed the site was suitable but when Dr Wilne arrived at the PC Meeting he was luke-warm about the Village Hall site, having been offered David Clarke's field up Constance Drive. He

wasn't sure the V. Hall site was big enough, he thought there might be problems with vandalism, he worried about the noise so John Drinkwater told him the PC would not incur the expense of legal advice until he had made up his mind and that it was up to him to apply for outline planning permission wherever he liked.

Severn Trent says Mr Trice has to clean out the ditch into which the sewage overflows from the Mill Street Pumping Station - its not their responsibility and that the silt in the ditch is not sewage silt. The PC doesn't believe them. Tim Percival got the heaps they left along Mill Street moved, and John Drinkwater has reported the pot holes but now we've got sleeping policemen in Binswood End where STWA have been connecting up the main to the houses. Tim tried it at 30 to see how a police car's suspension stood up to it and he's still driving round, but he was worried that light motorcycles and mopeds could be turned over by the bumps. The PC will complain to STWA yet again.

Mrs Bidwell the County Councillor will be asked to try to get extra funds to curb the far side of the B4452 past Peter Mann's Tip. The County did one side but says they can't afford to do the other. Tim Percival insists the white lines should be re-drawn because after the widening of one side, they are not longer central - when they are to be seen at all. The Highways Department admitted there had been 'some failures of the surface dressing' applied to the village roads in the summer. There has - all the chippings have come loose and collect in the gutters. Bill Middleton has spotted two men sweeping them up along South Parade.

Planning Applications are coming in thick and fast. The PC has no objections to extension plans at the Laurels, Hall Lane; 53 Mill St; 3 Heber Drive; and Hoylake Cottage, Binswood End. They decided to oppose plans for a house in the garden of the Barns, Station Rd if it went beyond the confines of the village.

[Harbury has some protection from development outside the village - because the County Structure Plan decrees that there should only be limited infilling, but this in turn

puts pressure on the remaining open spaces within the village.

The proposed development at Bishops and Harbury by Avebury Projects is outside anything envisaged by the Structure Plan (300 houses, an hotel, industrial estate, nature walks and recreational areas.) Under the plan Harbury gets the interesting bits - the industry, hotel, recreation and maybe a Golf Course all the way up Station Rd to Butt Lane and Bishops gets 300 houses.

Now Bishops doesn't like it. Their gut reaction is that they don't want ANY more housing, but they are identified in the Structure Plan as a growth village, so they get no help there resisting the plan. The developers are canny, offering a very attractive package; reclamation of derelict land; 10% starter homes; 10% OAP's dwellings, low cost housing for rent plus an area dedicated (given away) for community use. It will look very reasonable to the higher authorities when and if they have to go to Appeal because SDC has rejected the plans. And in the meanwhile - in the wings - there are local landowners waiting to jump on the bandwagon and build on their own land. Acceptance of Avebury's plan would at least put a spoke in their wheel. For Harbury it would bring the benefits of local employment and relatively cheap housing nearby, but it would be bound to increase pressure on land within Harbury, the village would almost coalesce with Bishops (which is situated on the edge of its own parish) and traffic would increase (although it will anyway when the M40 is built!)]

Your Parish Council agonised over the plans. Cllrs attended the joint meeting at Bishops School which was so crowded that the Headmaster could not get into his own school and Mrs Bidwell our County Councillor had to scramble in undignifiedly through the window!

Bishops didn't want the Plan and is holding a referendum, but Keith Thompson said this should not influence Harbury Parish Council which should consider the consequences for its own village. Marj King thought that Bishops would get development on that land irrespective of whether these particular plans were approved and Keith Thompson thought the reclamation work would improve an eyesore. Ken Stephenson was more cautious; he wanted to know what guarantees there were that the development illustrated in the plans would be the one that was built (the application is only for outline permission,) but Keith said Avebury had assured him that companies were already queuing up to tender for the hotel site. John Drinkwater reminded everyone that there is 'Established Use' on the Cement Works, which would mean that it could be developed for industry right now. On the whole the Cllrs were in favour of the scheme and voted accordingly, fearing alternatives to the comprehensive redevelopment would be worse.

Waking up to the changes that the M40 is going to bring to the village and surrounding areas they are determined to find a speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting, who could talk on the Motorway construction and its implications.

Mr Parker, the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, cited the proximity of the M40 as one reason for tightening up on householders' security in the village. He asked the PC whether they wanted to erect signs advertising Harbury's NW scheme at the entrances to the village. (Poor Ken Stephenson, first they plan to give away his car park, for the Surgery and then his flower tubs are to be sacrificed to burglary prevention!) Cllrs were impressed with Whitnash's new sign and wanted to know more about that. Mr Parker said he had no way of quantifying the effect of such signs although they did have the Chief Constable's approval and the Police were organising a meeting in Southam in April where local communities could pool their experiences.

The Clarkes of Manor Orchard came to complain of unneighbourly parking which leaves them marooned on their drive. Keith Thompson urged all the

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residents to get together and organise the parking themselves, using driveways and garages whenever possible. Pc Percival said he would keep an eye on the problem and take action if necessary. He said legally obstruction was only caused if a car was parked directly across a driveway, although he quoted Lord Chief Justice Goddard who had argued that a car parked anywhere on the carriageway constituted an obstruction!!!

Tim was triumphant that at long last light No 82 in Deppers was illuminated and he took the credit for ensuring the lamp at the bad corner of Francis Rd and Vicarage Lane was repaired. Keith was pleased the village could be all lit up at night, although what he actually said was, Harbury was 'in a fully lit situation'. Well he would wouldn't he?

LINDA RIDGLEY

DOMINOES PLAYERS OF IVY LANE

Mrs Edie Coleman and Mrs Elizabeth Boyles both in their eighties, get down to another session of dominoes. They have been playing nightly together for many years.



MARCH IN THE GARDEN

Because of the wet weather it would still pay to lay a length of black polythene over a patch of ground to dry and warm the earth before early planting, this will also depress early weeds. Elsewhere look out for groundsel and bitter cress which are flowering early; and remember that when you are dealing with nettles you must remove the plant intact. Even a small section of broken root left behind will start a new colony!

Sow a box of leeks and keep under glass. Late cabbage and early potatoes enjoy each others company. Both should be sown this month. The cabbage when the potatoes are just ridged up.

Prune back winter jasmine by at least a third. Prune roses, choosing a point above an outward facing bud, cutting out dead and diseased wood. Divide clumps of snowdrops while the leaves are still green. Hand prune established hedges. Remove dahlia tubers from store. Spray with tepid water and start into growth in boxes of moist peat.

Ornamental cabbage, which is also edible, can be grown in boxes and planted as stop gaps in the border, where they provide interesting colour, pink and green and white and green. E.D.Z.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Mrs Zonik gave us an entertaining, instructive and wide-ranging talk on herbs at the last meeting. Wearing a good deal of erudition very lightly, she seemed equally at home talking of aspects medical, historical, culinary and , of course, horticultural. It would be an enrichment to remember a fraction of all we heard.

The April meeting, on the 5th, will be a talk by Dr Nunn on vegetables many of which will, no doubt, be ready by the following meeting on May 2nd to start needing Stan Finch's talk on pest control.

The visit planned for the Walter Perry centre will take place on 15th June. This will be an all-day excursion and arrangements will be made to share transport. Entry cost is about 75p and there is

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provision for refreshments. An evening visit will be arranged to Moreton Morrell. This will be on either 7th or 21st June depending on numbers and preferences. If you are interested in either of these visits, please contact Mrs Zonik as soon as possible. It is important to know people's preferences for 7th or 21st June so that a final choice can be made.

Finally plans are in hand for this year's Garden Walkabout which is on July 9th. Please contact Mr Bristow or any committee member if you are willing to open your garden. Remember, people like to look at ordinary gardens which are interesting but are neither vast nor Kew. Help with teas, refreshments and sale of produce, both raw and cooked, is also needed and we should like to hear from you.

B.A.R.

HARBURY NEWS GONE WEST



A former editor of the Harbury & Ladbroke News - Diana Holt - has sent us this picture of a shop in Ladbroke. Diana herself is shown walking out of the News shop!

HELP

Please can anybody help me, I do not want to move from Harbury, I work in Warwick (Emscote Road) and I need a lift in the morning. Buses are too late, I have to be there before 8am. Pay by arrangement.

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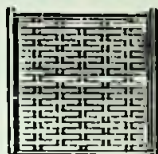


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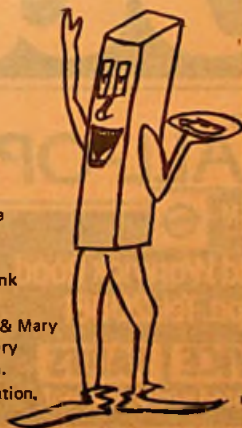
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