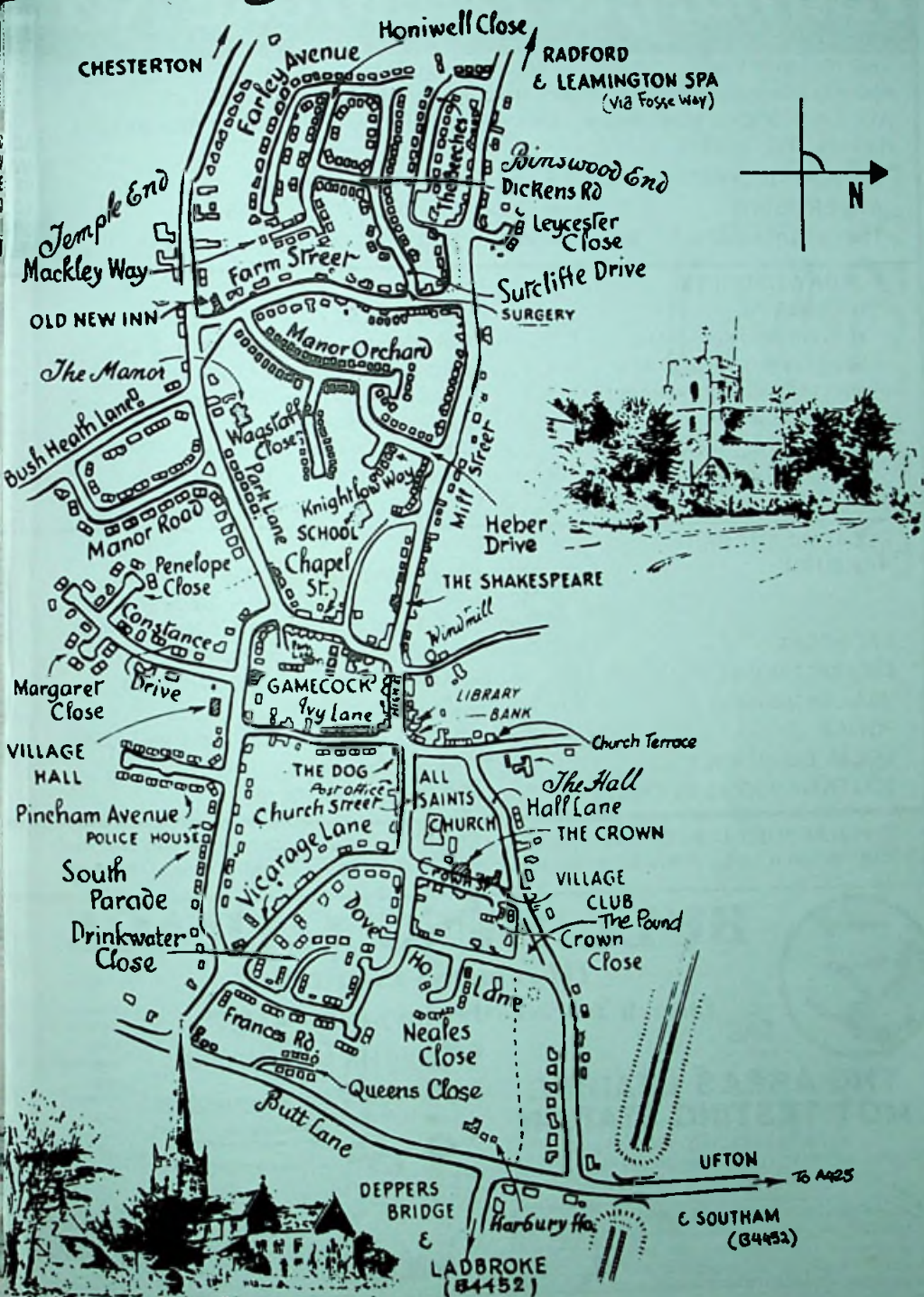


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Holy Communion 8 a.m.

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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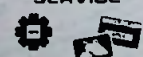
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The summer holiday season is drawing to a close and what a season it has been - hopefully everyone is refreshed and ready for the activities which will be taking place in Harbury over the coming months. Something new this year will be the Harbury Street Fayre to be held on October 13th. This sounds as though it will be a great event and the 'Chapel Street Folk' are to be congratulated on their initiative.

We commented last month on the difficulties posed by the increasing pace of development in rural areas. Already the welcome given by the Ladbroke residents to the golf course proposal may be modified by an associated development. Reports suggest that the plans may include a conference centre, plus sports and leisure facilities. The plans are for Starbold Farm between Ladbroke and Southam on an area already threatened by the expansion of Southam's Industrial Estate.

A similar problem is now developing in Harbury and it is bound to produce widely differing views. A planning proposal for 32 houses at Hillside Farm has been put to Stratford District Council. 24 of these houses could be executive homes and 8 could be starter homes for local young people. The Harbury Society has expressed concern about the environmental impact of Harbury spilling over the escarpment to the North of the village.

Congratulations to two former Harbury News editors: Samantha Neill gained 2 'A's 1 'B' and a distinction in the special paper at 'A' level, and Andrew Hunt is getting married at the end of September.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Bill Clifton. Bill was a familiar figure around Harbury and had worked on the Thwaites Estate for many years. He will be much missed.

HARBURY DIARY

AUGUST

Sun 26 Pentecost 12

Holy Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am,

Evensong 6.30pm

Cricket Seconds V Stockton at Home

- 2
- Mon 27 Bank Holiday
 Word of God, 7 Penelope Close at 8pm
 Ladies Netball Club Fun Day - Rugby Club
- Tues 28 Holy Communion at 7.30pm Julian Meeting at 8.10pm
- Fri 31 Theatre Group 8pm Wight School

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 1 Coffee at Tom Hauley Room 10-12 Mrs. Checkley &
 Mrs. King
- Sun 2 RUGBY 2nd XV V Coventrians 3pm
 2 PENTECOST 13
 Sung Eucharist 9am, Family Service 10.30am,
 Evensong 6.30pm
 Cricket Seconds V Bishops Itchington at Home
 Junior & Mini Rugby Registration 10.30am Rugby Club
- Mon 3 Prayer and Praise in Church at 8pm
- Tues 4 Nursery School starts in Wight School
 Parochial Church Council Meeting at 8pm
- Wed 5 Youth Club in V.Hall
 Mothers Union AGM 2.15pm
- Thurs 6 Folk Club 8.30pm in Lounge of Old New Inn
- Fri 7 Holy Communion 10.30am (Mothers Union)
- Sat 8 Horticultural Society Village Show in V.Hall
 Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust
 Sponsored Cycle Ride or Walk
 Coffee at Tom Hauley Room 10-12 Mrs. Keen &
 Mrs. Andrews
- Sun 9 RUGBY First XV V TJ MOTORLEC (Prague) 3pm
 First XI V Birmingham Civil Service
 9 PENTECOST 14
 Holy Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am,
 Ecumenical Service 4pm (Preacher Mr. John Hawkins)
 Junior & Mini Rugby Registration 10am Rugby Club
- Mon 10 Yoga in Farley Room of V.Hall at 1.45pm
 Bible Study at 8pm (see details elsewhere) T.Hauley
 Word of God 8pm, 7 Penelope Close, "What does the
 Bible say about Death?"
- Tues 11 Parish Maps Group meets at Paul Watkins at 8pm
 2.15pm Mothers & Toddlers Service (Now on 2nd Tues
 of the Month)
 Village Hall Committee at 8pm in V.Hall
 DANCING STARTS AT WIGHT SCHOOL
 N.W.R. Coffee Morning 10am, 20 Mill Street
- Wed 12 Youth Club in V.Hall
- Thurs 13 Thursday Club 2.30pm in V.Hall
 WI 7.45pm in V.Hall 'Costumes in Warwick Museum
 Collection' by Eileen Measey

- Sat 15 Coffee at Tom Hauley Room 10-12
Rugby 2nd XV V GEC St. Leonards 3pm
SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
- Sun 16 PENTECOST 15
Holy Communion 8am (book of Common Prayer),
Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Car Boot Sale at Rugby Club (Inside if wet)
- Mon 17 Yoga in V.Hall 1.45pm
Word of God 8pm at 7 Penelope Close "Who does the
Bible say Jesus is?"
Prayer & Praise, Lullington Lodge
- Tues 18 Senior Citizens Benefit Committee 8.30pm in V.Hall
NWR 8pm Central Cottage Ashorne
Mothers Union 7.45pm
- Wed 19 Youth Club in V.Hall
- Thurs 20 Whist Drive in V.Hall at 7.45pm
- Fri 21 St. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
Holy Communion at 7am
- Sat 22 Jumble Sale in V.Hall 10-12noon in aid of Harbury
Playgroup
C H E S T E R T O N W I N D M I L L O P E N D A Y
Mill open to the public from 11am to 4pm today
PTA Children's Disco 6-8pm
Coffee at Tom Hauley Room 10-12 Mrs. Wilkins &
Mrs. Russell
Rugby 2nd XV V Claverdon 3pm
- Sun 23 PENTECOST 16
Holy Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am
NB 6.30pm Evensong - Visit of Coventry Cathedral
Choir and Congregation
Cricket First V Cricket Willow at Home
Bible Study, Tom Hauley Room
C H E S T E R T O N W I N D M I L L O P E N D A Y
Mill open to the public from 11am to 4pm today
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN OCTOBER
HARBURY NEWS TO EDITORS TODAY
- Mon 24 Yoga in V.Hall at 1.45pm
Word of God, 7 Penelope Close at 8pm "What is the
Christian Life?"
Bible Study 8pm
- Tues 25 Holy Communion at 7.30pm Julian Meeting follows 8.10pm
- Wed 26 Youth Club at V.Hall
- Thurs 27 Thursday Club 2.30pm in V.Hall
Parish Council 7.30pm in V.Hall
- Fri 28 to Sunday Parish Retreat at Offchurch conducted by
Father Aiden Mayoss

- Sat 29 Coffee at Tom Hauley Room 10-12 Crusaders
Rugby 2nd XV V Daventry 3pm
- Sun 30 PENTECOST 17 & COMMEMORATING St. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
Holy Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am
6.30pm Service with Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies and
Beavers

OCTOBER

- Mon 1 Yoga 1.45pm in V.Hall
Prayer and Praise in Church at 8pm
- Tues 2 Horticultural Society in V.Hall
- Wed 3 Youth Club at V.Hall
- Fri 5 Holy Communion 10.30am (Mothers Union Corporate
Communion)
- Sat 6 Coffee at Tom Hauley Room 10-12 Bell Ringers
- Sun 7 HARVEST FESTIVAL (PENTECOST 18)
Sung Eucharist 9am, Family Service 10.30am,
Evensong 6.30pm
- Mon 8 Yoga in V.Hall 1.45pm
Bible Study Meeting at 8pm
- Wed 9 Harbury Playgroup AGM in Wight School, 1.30pm

REGULAR DIARY DATES

- HARBURY CRUSADERS, Tom Hauley Room, 10.30am 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
- GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7pm Mondays
- BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm Mondays
- TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 10-11.30am Mondays &
2-3.30pm Wednesdays
- PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings
- NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tues to Fri mornings
- LUNCHEON CLUB, Village Hall, 12.30pm Tuesdays & Fridays
- DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tues, Wed, Thurs
- BROWNIES, Village hall, every Tuesday evening at 6.15
- 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
- REBURGH MORRIS DANCERS, School Hall, 8pm Wednesdays

ROSARY & PRAYERS for Persecuted Christians,
 4 Sutcliffe Drive, 10am, 3rd Thursday of month
 THURSDAY CLUB, Village Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Thursday
 CUBS, Scout Hut, every Thursday
 W.I., Village Hall, 7.45pm 2nd Thursday of month
 CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday
 BELLRINGING PRACTICE, Church, 7.30pm every Friday
 THEATRE GROUP, Wight School, 8pm last Friday of month
 COFFEE MORNING, every Saturday, in the Tom Hauley Room,
 10am - 12noon
 CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU, over Southam Magistrates Court
 every Tuesday (except Bank Holidays) 10am - 3pm

BABY CLINIC from 11th July will be in New Surgery

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

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For Wight School Bookings:	ring Mrs Hayes	613488
For Tom Hauley Room Bookings:	ring Mrs Smith	613680

FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

The parish holiday to Oberammergau, the Black Forest and the Mosel seems to have been a great success - we are pleased to see them all back - see Beryl's account elsewhere in this issue.

Now that the Tom Hauley Room has been in use for some months - and what a blessing it is - perhaps it is appropriate to review the use to which it is being put, some general principles and our own intentions.

The room is in regular use: for the Saturday Coffee Mornings; the Adventurers, and for various meetings.

As an extension of the Church there are some restrictions to the use which may be made of the room: it may not be used for commercial purposes, e.g. discos, pay bars etc.

The main objectives in building the room were to provide much needed toilet facilities etc. and to have available a facility which could be used to attract more people to the Church complex i.e. 'Outreach'. We were extremely fortunate to be given a sum of money under Tom Hauley's will which went a long way to covering the £145,000 that it cost to

erect the room, but it needed the 'Special Fund' for which many people (Church 'regulars' and not-so-regulars alike) worked extremely hard and gave so generously, for us to fully cover the cost.

The room is not intended to compete with the Village Hall, but is available to individuals or village organisations wishing to use it for suitable purposes - Mrs. Windsor (612504) deals with bookings

You may have noticed that work has commenced on the urgent restoration of the Church windows - again thanks to the Special Fund.

Beryl & John

FROM THE RECTOR

The gossip and speculation about who should succeed Robert Runcie as Archbishop of Canterbury next year, was very neatly and abruptly brought to an end when a surprise announcement was made that the choice had fallen upon George Carey - presently Bishop of Bath and Wells. It was getting quite out of hand and excessively unpleasant. Each possible candidate was assessed from every conceivable angle as to his suitability or his unsuitability and some people were becoming obsessed with declaring what fate would befall the Church of England if such and such a man were to be appointed. All that was stopped when it was wisely decided to make an announcement at once and not wait until later this year. It took everybody by surprise and the name was not only a name few would considered likely, but for many in the Church of England a name hardly mentioned or heard before. There were a few petty and savage howls of protest and cries of woe but for most of us it was a case of "Well, fancy that". "George who?" and an immediate settling down, more generously and hopefully, willing to wait and see. As one well-known religious affairs commentator put it - 'Let us not immediately brand the Archbishop Elect with a few ill-assorted labels, of which we might, or might not approve and which might be quite misleading, for in any case the proof of the pudding is in the eating'. We must wait and see what sort of Archbishop, George Carey will make and that will take some considerable time to decide.

In the meantime The Archbishop of Canterbury is Robert Runcie and I hope, that in the remaining months left to him, it can be conveyed to him that we realize he has tackled an unenviable task at a particularly difficult time with great courage and determination, with sensitivity and a sparkling humour and wit, with an understanding of the need for spiritual discernment and pastoral concern. He has been unmercifully critized on many occasions and not least when he preached a boldly irenical sermon at the end of the Falklands conflict. He has been particularly hardly treated in England and yet, conscientiously pursuing his role as Head of the Anglican Communion world wide, he has won great esteem and affection in every part of the world and helped to bind that Communion closer together. I hope that some of the hurt which has been afflicted upon him may be ameliorated and that, when it comes, he will enjoy a peaceful and happy retirement.

It seems as if George Carey might receive kinder treatment from the way the media have responded to his appointment so far. He has been courteously interviewed and has responded well to press conferences. He has been given sympathetic coverage in articles and in comments of other churchmen. His background and struggle to educate and qualify himself has appealed to many and especially to those who doubted if anyone could ever rise to high office in the Church of England without a very select pedigree. In particular we can all rejoice that he has known what it is to be a Parish Priest and has experienced the true life of the Church at its very roots. It all augurs well, but it should be noted that when Robert Runcie was named as Archbishop, his appointment was acclaimed far and wide. So with six months to go we can stop indulging in speculation and gossip. We know now, it is George Carey, and if we hope for a strong and effective Church of England we have six months to pray for him and I am sure he will be praying for himself. We need to pray for an Archbishop who will unify our Church, for it says quite clearly in the Gospel that 'a Kingdom divided against itself cannot stand' and that applies to the Church just as much. We need to pray for an Archbishop whose holiness and spirituality will be evident and impressive. We need to pray for an

Archbishop who will tell us, plainly, what the Gospel of Jesus says to us, and expects of us, and who will speak out boldly against any who challenge it or twist it round to suit their own opinions. But while we are so busy in our prayers, instructing God what gifts he should shower upon the Archbishop to be, let us remember that God has some say in the matter and knows better than us what is required. A good and faithful, devout and holy man is what we pray for but unless that is coupled with a good and faithful, devout and holy people of God we are not likely to advance very far towards the goal we say we desire. Thus six months, or thereabouts, to pray for the new Archbishop; six months or thereabouts, to pray for a Church of England which will respond to his leadership; six months or thereabouts, to pray that God will give us grace to play our part as well, in a new chapter of the life of the Church.

ANTONY ROWE

RETIREMENT OF BISHOP OF WARWICK

As reported last month, the Bishop of Warwick retires this autumn and his Farewell Service is on Sunday 28th October at 3pm in Coventry Cathedral. The parishes are invited to contribute to a gift to be made to him on that occasion. At Ladbroke, throughout September, donations may be given at any of the Sunday Services. It would be helpful if they could be put in an envelope and marked "Bishop of Warwick Retirement Gift".

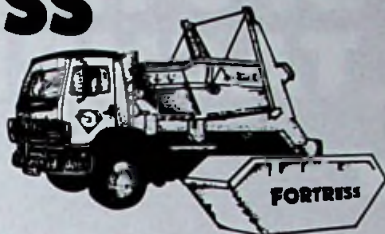
BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS

The four meetings for Bible Study during June and July proved to be very worthwhile and those who attended, warmly supported the proposal to continue during the autumn. The meetings will thus recommence on Monday 10th September at 8 o'clock in the Tom Hauley Room. The meetings will be held fortnightly and for the present we shall continue to study the readings for the Sunday following each meeting. For example at the first meeting we shall be looking the readings for Pentecost 15.

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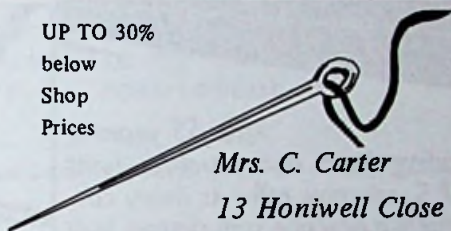
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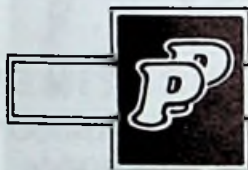
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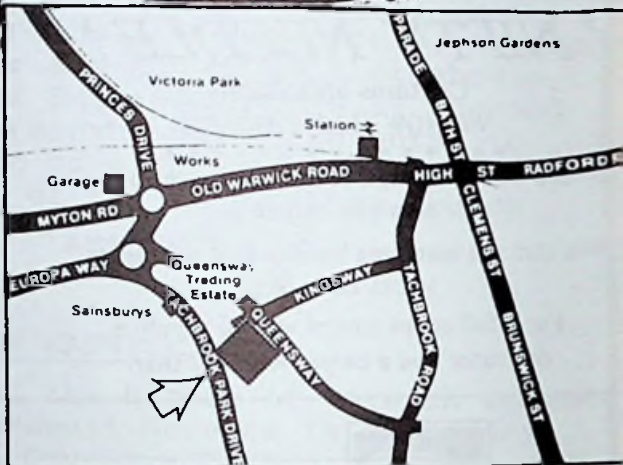
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PARISH RETREAT

As mentioned earlier in the year the Parish Retreat at Offa House, Offchurch takes place from Friday evening 28th September until after lunch on Sunday 30th September. The Conductor of the Retreat is to be Fr. Aidan Mayoss of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield. This is a joint venture with the Parishes of Long Itchington and Priors Marston and those who wish to go are asked to inform the Rector as soon as possible. The cost of full board for the weekend is £32.

To be led by such an experienced Conductor is a wonderful opportunity and possible by sharing with other parishes to obtain a full complement of retreatants.

If you have any queries, please speak to the Rector.

HOLY BAPTISM - Sunday 19th August

William Maxwell and Harriet Louise, children of Martin Geoffrey Maxwell and Amanda Louise Randall, 3 Church Terrace

Timothy Robert, son of Stephen and Carolyn Joyce Dorning, 13 Wagstaffe Close

HOLY MATRIMONY - Saturday 25th August

Trevor Michael Beechey, 25 Anchorway Road, Green Lane Coventry, and Tracey Jane Gulliver, 19 Bush Heath Lane, Harbury

FUNERAL - At St. Giles, Chesterton - Friday 3rd August

William James (Bill) Clifton, Pool Farm, 78 years Temple End, Harbury

OBERAMMERGAU

After all the excited anticipation, our trip to Oberammergau is now over. It lived up to our expectations. The Passion Play itself was a wonderful experience, technically excellent and indescribably moving.

After our two nights in the Oberammergau area we moved on to Schluchsee in the Black Forest to a

picturesque chalet-type hotel, and from there we had excursions to the Rhine Falls, Zurich, Freiburg, Basle and other interesting local places. On the Sunday we were able, with the permission of the parish priest, to hold a service of Holy Communion in the pretty little chapel opposite to our hotel.

Our final three days were spent at Bremm, a delightful little village in the Moselle Valley. From there we experienced the delights of a Wine Tasting, and also a visit to Trier, the oldest town in Germany.

For my acquaintances went away on holiday together, and came back friends. We hope to arrange another Parish holiday in two or three years time.



"Ready for Departure at 6am"

BERYL CHECKLEY



LADBROKE NEWS

LADBROKE DIARY

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 1 Ladbroke Village Festival begins
2.30pm Ladbroke WI Produce Market
BELLRINGING DEMONSTRATION
- Sun 2 PENTECOST 13. Family Service & Communion with
Baptism 10.30am
Treasure Hunt from V.Hall 2.30pm
Village Review in V.Hall 8pm
- Tues 4 Pearl Edwards' Whist Drive in V.Hall 7.30pm, proceeds
to Church Restoration
- Wed 5 Holy Communion 10.30am
Quiz in V.Hall 7.30pm
- Thurs 6 Service of Blessing of Ladbroke Village Festival 7pm
- Fri 7 to Sunday 9 from 10am - 6pm "More Flowers in a
Country Church"
- Fri 7 Race Night in the V.Hall 8pm
- Sat 8 A.M. Vintage Motorcycle Show
Arts & Crafts, The Barn at Old Mill Cottage 2pm
Photographic Competition in V.Hall 2pm
Sports Event & Sideshows - Ladbroke Hall 2.30pm
Concert in Church "Songs for a September Evening" -
Cavendish Singers 7.30pm
- Sun 9 PENTECOST 14. Holy Communion with Hymns 9am,
Hereburgh Morris Dancers - The Bell Car Park 11am
Vintage Cars
Open Gardens & Teas
Rare Breeds Displays & Goat Shows - Hall Farm 2pm
Festival Evensong - Preacher the
Revd Michael Griffith, former Rector of Barford 4pm
Jazz Concert - V.Hall 7.30pm

- Wed 12 Holy Communion 10.30am
 Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- Sun 16 TRINITY 14. Holy Communion with Hymns (Book of
 Common Prayer) 9am, Children & Church 10.30am,
 Evensong 3.30pm
- Tues 18 Parochial Church Council Meeting 7.30-m
- Wed 19 Holy Communion 10.30am
- Sun 23 PENTECOST 16. Holy Communion with Hymns, Canon
 Fishley's Diamond Jubilee to the Priesthood
 Celebration 10.30am
- Wed 26 Holy Communion 10.30am
- Fri 28 to Sunday 30 - Parish Retreat at Offchurch
- Sun 30 PENTECOST 17. Holy Communion (said) 9am

OCTOBER

- Wed 3 Holy Communion 10.30am
- Sun 7 The Harvest Festival.
 Family Service & Communion 10.30am, Evensong 3.30pm

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

- Sept. 2nd: Mrs. Gould
- Sept. 9th & 16th: Ladbroke Flower Festival
- Sept. 23rd: Mrs. P. Barnett
- Sept. 30th: Mrs. Todman

As I am going to be busy for the next few months, I was wondering if anyone in Ladbroke would be willing to take over the job of Ladbroke Correspondent for a while?

I will still be writing the Parish Council Report, but would appreciate help with getting all the other contributions together.

KATE LIVERTON

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

LOCAL NEED AFFORDABLE STARTER HOMES - LAND APPEAL

Results of the recent surveys show a need in the Village for FOUR Affordable Starter Homes. To guarantee these homes remain available to fulfil local needs for all time and are not sold off at the

first opportunity, we will be enlisting the services of a Housing Association to build and administer the properties. However, as land is the key to providing low-cost homes, we first have to find a source of cheap land, within the Parish, i.e. at a price well below the current values for development land. We are therefore appealing for the assistance of local landowners who would be prepared to make a site or sites available for this purpose. Land which would not normally receive planning permission has, on occasions, been granted permission for the exceptional circumstances of Affordable Housing. Anyone who feels able to assist in this project is asked to contact The Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. F.L. Badman, Tel.: 812187.

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MOTHERS UNION

After the summer break we start our new and varied programme in September. The afternoon meeting will be on Wednesday, September 5th, at 2.15pm, when Miss Violaine Junod will talk to us about South Africa. This will also be our A.G.M.

We shall have a speaker from the Warwickshire Nature Conservation Trust at the evening meeting, on Tuesday September 18th. The meeting starts at 7.45pm. We should be very pleased to welcome non-members to the talk, which will begin at 8pm. Will members please bring Overseas boxes to the afternoon meeting or give them to Eileen Wilkins.

C.M. CATT

HARBURY PLAYGROUP

Harbury Playgroup will be holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 22nd September from 10am until 12 noon in the Village Hall. We will also be providing a Cake Stall.

If you have any jumble which needs to be collected please contact either of the following numbers:

Harbury 612477 or 613320

We would like to take this opportunity to let readers know of our A.G.M. which is to be held in the Wight School on Tuesday 9th October at 1.30pm.

Playgroup supervisors will be on hand to help look after your children, so do try to come along. Everyone is welcome.

HARBURY PLAYScheme

Another Playscheme has ended and now the organizers can relax and look back. As usual we must thank our helpers, (too numerous to mention by name, thank goodness) for without you nothing is possible.

A few facts may be of interest. Over 180 children registered at the



Playscheme and on no day were there less than 100. This excludes under-age children there with their mothers of whom there were quite a few. 29 Adults gave their help in some way or another and other firms or concerns supplied us with goods or materials - I mention for example those ladies in DIY stores who hunted for wallpaper books; the nameless lady in 'Miles of Tiles' and the girls in Woodward's Cafe who collected for us over 300 small jam jars. Nor can we forget our local greengrocer, Paul - were all those veges truly rejects? - and Nursery School organizer Moya, who kept lending us so many things I hope she got them all back.

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The children used about 30 tubes of 'instant' glue and about 4 litres of 'school' glue. Yards of paper and card all given to us. They painted over 500 plaster models and had over 70 different craft activities to choose from during the two weeks. 400 cakes were iced, 20 different competitions organized and one or more organized sports activity was held each day. Trips and visits went well and if your child was unlucky this year, many of them will be repeated.

Can we improve on this? If your children came and enjoyed themselves, perhaps next year you could spare a little of your time. Does anyone have any ideas we could use - PLEASE!!

Until next year then - thank you all and (although I say this each year it is none the less sincere) especially thank you to the children who came, enjoyed themselves and are so good that it really does make it all worthwhile.

JEAN CHAMP

GUIDE UNIFORM

We urgently need ANY old guide uniforms. The new guide uniform is being gradually introduced over the next three years. New guides would not want to buy the old uniform and the new one is not yet available.

Unfortunately, there are also some camp dresses which have been borrowed from stores for last years camp that have not yet been returned and I would appreciate some urgent bottom draw searching in the hope that they could be returned as soon as possible.

Please bring any items to Pam Shepherd, 23 Farm St., or Telephone 613559 and I will collect them.

Can I take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has supported me whilst taking my campers licence this year no least of all the guides who were at camp for the weekend test and had to endure three inspectors! I will know the result in September. An advance notice - if successful I intend to take the guides camping the first week of the school summer holidays next year.

PAMELA SHEPHERD

HISTORY OF MR. LINDOP'S SHOP

The recent hot and sunny weather brought into use the sun blind fitted on Philip Lindop's shop. Printed on the blind is the name J. Fisher; the late Mr. Jack Fisher J.P. had a draper's shop in Kington and his shop at Harbury was managed for many years by Tony Ceney's mother Elsie.

Over forty years ago, Harbury 1st scouts' den was above the shop, run by scout master Mr. Cuthbert from the post office, which is now the newsagents shop.



CRICKET CLUB

The club has again managed to turn out 2 elevens on the majority of Sundays this season. The odd Sunday when either Harbury or the opposition wilted the 'remainder' of the 2nd's had to witness the serious folk turning it on for the 1st.

Results and form have been mixed with one or two spectacular performances and one or two performances of mixed origin.

The 1st XI ably led from the front have been led by the senior member (sorry Derek!) of the multi-talented Lowe family "our Gary". Again showing his allround talent he has made useful contributions with bat and ball sometimes leading the side to victory and other times to honourable defeat. "Brother Ian" bowled superbly earlier on in the season but injury has prevented him bowling this past 6 weeks and this has certainly affected overall team performance. Batting has lent on the shoulder of mainly John Wilkinson, who has batted well all season, Richard Carr and John Clifford all making valuable contributions. The bowling has been ably shared by Brian Wallington, Gary and Ian Lowe, Richard and Simon Clifford, when home from university.

Results have been about 50/50 with notable wins over Welford on Avon and Earlswood. Notable defeats against local Lighthorne and Flecknoe with scores not printable.

The 2nd XI with that ever so useful blend of youth and experience haven't quite won as many as they've lost! Unable to keep to a fixed XI. Good to see younger players making their mark - Edward and Bill Russell, Andrew Clifford to name but a few.

The Mid-week team have performed well but failed to reach last season's height in reaching the cup final.

Final results and personal details will appear in the autumnal issue of the Harbury News once the season ends.

IAN HOLROYD

P.S. Thanks to Bunny again for carefully preparing our wickets despite lots of other Bunnies not making life easy!

HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

As I write this article it's pouring with rain - perhaps that will help soften the pitches!!

The 1990/91 season starts on Saturday September 1st with an away match for the 1st Team at Coventrians whilst the seconds entertain their counterparts at Harbury.

Training has commenced steadily every Wednesday under the direction of Graham Lewis, this years Club Captain. The sessions begin at 7.00, they are well structured and good use has been made of the experience of a couple of players who have just completed an RFL Coaching Course. Any player who has hung up his boots or potential newcomers from the age of 16-50 should come along to these sessions! Further details can be obtained by either ringing up Graham on 613343 or by calling at his home at 9 Chapel Street.

On September 8th Harbury entertain TJ MOTORLEK a Club side from Prague who have been the Club's Hosts for the past two years in Czechoslovakia. This is new ground for the Club and a rare experience in the Country to see how the game is developing in Eastern Europe.

Harbury are entering a new Junior Club Knockout Cup involving 500 Clubs in England, the culmination of which is a place in the Final at Twickenham in April 1991. Harbury travel to Stafford to play GEC St. Leonards in the First Round of this Competition - sponsored by the Insurance Group - Provincial. League Rugby commences at the end of September and the Club face a hard seven weeks of decisive games in Warwickshire.. Division 2 - the final batch of matches will be in the New Year. In the Senior Sides - 4th Team Captain makes a plea for recruits to his 4th Team, who play their first match at home to Birmingham Civil Service on September 8th - you can contact John Knowles through Ian Holroyd on 612527.

JUNIORS AND MINIS

Registration for Junior and Minis will be on Sunday September 2nd and 9th from 10.30am onwards. The Club will be running Junior sides at Under 13, 14, 15, and 17. The Minis will be playing at Under 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. Any Boys or Girls wishing to play should come down to the Club on those dates or telephone me on Leamington 424053. The Harbury Mini Rugby Festival will be on Sunday September 30th.

JERRY 'BIRKBECK

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

A.G.M. Details: The new social committee consists of Jean Johns (Chairperson), Beccy Burnham (Treasurer), Shirley Wright (Secretary), Sally Barratt, Janet Rawlings, Joan Smith, Vanessa Smith, and Julie Brittain.

The new selection committee consist of: Mal Eaton, Jenny Evans, Jean Johns, Pat Summers, and Paula Wallington.

THANK YOU ALL last season's Committee Members.

Four teams have been accepted for next season, and we are pleased to welcome so many new, young and enthusiastic players from the village. Everyone is made welcome, so do come along if you fancy a game.

Practices continue at the playing field on Thursday evenings from 7pm, and starting on the 1st September on Saturday afternoons, from 2pm. The new teams will have to be selected in early September, and given time to practise together before the new season begins in October.

The 'A' team will play in Div.2, the 'B' team in Div.7, and the 'C' & 'D' teams in Div.8.

Many tournaments and matches have been played this summer, and enjoyed by all those who took part. The 'C' team were awarded their medals for coming runners-up in the Handicap Tournament at the end of the 1989/1990 season.

Thanks must go to Shirley Wright for her hard work and perseverance in acquiring new track-suits in the Harbury colours. With 4 teams we will require new shirts, skirts, balls and bibs in October, so fund-raising will be a priority. Also all members of the club will have to join the All England Netball Assoc. and this considerable financial burden was not anticipated. The jumble sale in the V.Hall was a great success and the next major event is the BANK HOLIDAY FUN DAY on August 27th, (which by now you've probably supported!!).

PAT SUMMERS

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

I've been cornered, trapped, pinned down! Those of you who read Carol's piece in Harbury News last month will know that I have finally given in and I have committed myself to producing our next play.

Choosing it has been a hard decision. Over the last few meetings we had all decided that we needed something that would appeal to a wider audience, something really special that would drag our old supporters away from their TV sets, their committee meetings or from the pubs, and put them back in the V.Hall where they belong. So to this end I have decided to revive "See How They Run". It is a play that we did very successfully a few years ago. It has everything going for it. It's well written, witty and hilariously funny.

From an acting point of view it's crammed full of character parts that will keep my cast amused for weeks, but it will stretch their acting abilities to the limit.

To sum up, it should be tremendous fun to do, and tremendous fun to watch, what more could we all ask?

KEITH HAYES

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP 'MARKET SURVEY'

The results of our market survey conducted at the Carnival have been collated. We now know that you, our audience like plenty of advance notice of dates of performances. - So PLEASE NOTE DOWN NOW THE DATES OF OUR NEXT PLAY WHICH ARE THE 29th, 30th NOVEMBER & 1st DECEMBER - no excuse now! The other main finding from our survey was that you prefer comedies and thrillers. Well the next play "SEE HOW THEY RUN" by Philip King has both laughs and thrills. Despite pairs of trousers being lost (and found) it is an hilarious family comedy. Don't miss it!

Our next monthly meeting will be on Friday 31st Aug. at 8pm in the Wight School. If you would like to be involved in the fun of preparing for our next play you would be very welcome at this meeting.

ALISON HODGE

HEALTH MATTERS

Nationally this is FOOD FOR THE HEART MONTH. Let us all participate.

Items for local interest are as follows:

OUR CARAVAN - 5 September at Southam Pool
 OUR FOOD STALL - 11 September at Southam Market
 COOKERY HINTS - 13 September on BBC CWR

Do pop in and see us to discuss your HEALTH at the above venues, and do listen to BBC CWR for valuable COOKERY HINTS and recipes.

With this article I am enclosing a quiz. If you want to know the right answers we will have them for you at Southam Pool and The Market on the above dates. I am enclosing a delightful recipe for Tikka Turkey, which is FOOD FOR THE HEART.

We also have several more scrumptious healthy dishes for main meals as well as starters, e.g. Yoghurt and Cucumber Dip, Celery Dip, Smoked Mackerel Pate.

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TIKKA TURKEY - Serves 10-12

2lb 8oz/1kg turkey meat, diced
 1pt/600ml low fat natural yoghurt
 1 tablespoon ground turmeric
 1 tablespoon ground cumin
 2 tablespoon/30ml tomato puree
 2 tablespoon/30ml lemon juice
 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Mix the yoghurt with the spices. Pour the yoghurt sauce over the turkey pieces. Allow to marinate for approx. 2 hrs in the refrigerator. Transfer the turkey to a roasting tin. Remove the yoghurt mix and keep in the refrigerator. Bake the turkey at 200°C, 400°F, Mark 6 for 45 minutes. Remove the meat from the pan. Add the yoghurt to the pan and heat through with the remaining juices in the pan. Pour the sauce over the meat. Serve with rice and salad.

Quiz Questions for 'Food for the Heart'

1. For heart health it is most important to:

- a) cut down on foods which contain cholesterol ☐
- b) cut down on foods which contains saturated fat ☐
- c) cut down on foods which contain unsaturated fat ☐

2. Which one of these foods contain the most fibre?:

- a) butter ☐
- b) boiled potatoes ☐
- c) roast beef ☐

3. About half of the sugar Britain uses goes into manufactured foods.

True ☐ False ☐

4. In general, we should try to eat less bread and potatoes.

True ☐ False ☐

5. Which one of these dairy foods contains the least fat?:

- a) whole milk ☐
- b) semi-skimmed milk ☐
- c) Greek yoghurt ☐

6. Soft margarine and butter have the same amount of calories.

True ☐ False ☐

7. Which one of these oils contains the most saturated fat?:

- a) olive oil ☐
- b) sunflower oil ☐
- c) palm oil ☐

8. Eating too many foods containing additives may increase your risk of developing heart disease.

True ☐ False ☐

9. Skimmed milk has less calcium than silver-top milk.

True ☐ False ☐

10. Which of the following dishes contain pulses?:

- a) baked beans on toast ☐
- b) lentil soup ☐
- c) spinach and egg flan ☐

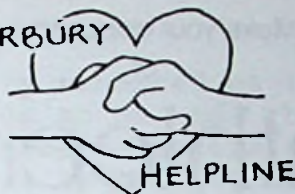
11. It is better to use honey rather than sugar.

True ☐ False ☐

12. Which one of these meats contains the least fat?:

- a) chicken baked without the skin ☐
- b) grilled lean pork chop ☐
- c) lean roast lamb ☐

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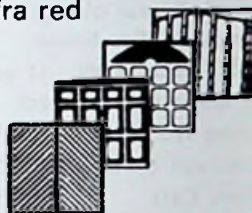
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September is normally regarded as the time when dancing outside comes to an end, then through the autumn and winter, Morris Dancers tend to concentrate on new dances as well as getting newcomers started.

1990 has been the third year of Hereburgh Morris and as the season draws to a close, I think we can look back with a certain justifiable satisfaction. We have danced at many local carnivals, fetes etc., and also at a few more distant places such as Scarborough and Teesdale.

As a pleasant culmination to the season we will be receiving an award from the Warwickshire Rural Community Council, Best Kept Village Competition. We have won joint prize of £100 in the "CALOR/Council for the Preservation of Rural England" section. This money will be used to help new and old members to develop and improve their skills.

In the long term future it is hoped that we will be having a tour abroad, perhaps France or even USA. At the earliest this will be 1992.

In order to survive as a Morris side it is important to keep attracting new members, so if you fancy finding out more, please come to one of our practices. We meet every Wednesday at 8 o'clock in the school hall, and you would be welcome, either as a prospective dancer or a musician, to just come and watch, or if you feel bold enough, have a go.

For further information please contact either Susan Hartland on 612734 or me.

PETER BONES 612832

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

August is traditionally a quiet month at the Folk Club with fewer performers and a smaller audience than usual. This year was true to form except that "fewer" just meant that we had time for four songs each and "smaller" meant that lounge bar of the Old New Inn was comfortably full.

It was good to see Pete and Liz again and I particularly enjoyed Liz's singing of "Daughters of the Revolution". After a spirited performance in the guest spot last month, Raven were back with Ted doing his best to make up for Steve's absence! The Harvesters were on good form and included my favourite track from their new album, "Ned of the Hill". The singers' list also included Bren (with the award-winning "One more cup of coffee"), Ann (who was dashing away with a smoothing iron) and me. We all got together for a finale and attempted, with varying degrees of success, to sing "Let it be", "Leaving of Liverpool", "Whisky in the Jar" and "The Wild Rover". Well, at least it was live and spontaneous!

The raffle raised £12.50 for the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham, and their Bone Scanner appeal. To celebrate the Folk Club's sixth birthday on September 6th, our special guests will be Tom and Clare Lindem from Rockford, Illinois. The music starts at 8.30pm.

PETER MCDONALD

HARBURY STREET FAYRE

Planning is now at an advanced stage for the Harbury Street Fayre. The event will be held in Chapel St. on Saturday 13th October from 17.00 to 22.00 hrs.

Invitations to provide a stall or entertainment for the event have been sent to local associations and groups and response has been very encouraging. The HSF committee have a number of ideas for stalls, so if this is all that is holding you back please contact one of the members.

It is anticipated that there will be 30-40 stalls including: pig roast, Victorian soup kitchen, home made cakes, crafts, games of skill, raffles, etc. as well as entertainments from Punch and Judy to the Harvesters and the Jug Band. There will also be prizes for the best stall and Victorian fancy dress.

It is intended that this event becomes a regular feature in the village calendar and that the venue will change each year. The committee are still looking for: more groups to run stalls, donations for

raffle prizes and entertainments. So don't be shy. If you would like to participate in the Fayre please contact Mike McBride 612421, Brian Ingram 612418, or Jim & Jan at the Gamecock.

HARBURY SOCIETY

The Autumn season starts with the opening of Chesterton Windmill on 22nd and 23rd September. Members who volunteer to help at the Mill get the chance to examine it in detail and help visitors appreciate its unique charm.

A series of talks is planned up to the New Year, most notably the Second Chapter of Cecil Bloxham's highly idiosyncratic "History of Harbury", on Tuesday 6th December in the V.Hall starting at 8pm. As before this will be a 'Booze with Bonzo' event.

We intend to have a Stall at the Street Fayre on Saturday 13th October and a Fund Raising Coffee Morning at the Wight School on Saturday 3rd November (help and cakes welcome).

Two important Planning Applications came in during the holiday season. The first would have put one hundred stall indoor market open on three days a week in the hangers of the old airfield on Harbury Lane. Along with other villages we worried about the traffic it would generate.

There was much heartsearching about the second application which is for an estate of 32 homes at Hillside Farm Binswood End where Mr. Ralph Gurden is offering 8 low-cost homes for local people. The site straddles the crest of the hill and we feared the access would present a danger to cars as they swung round the last curve into the village, so we asked the developers to think again.

Severn Trent is replacing our 'ageing unlined cast-iron water mains' and work is being carried out on a 'priority basis' so that all such mains will eventually be replaced.

The Society asked what they were up to and sent them details of the complaints about water quality and pressure that were voiced in the village survey.

They say that poor pressure is 'invariably' due to 'deficiencies in the private service pipework'. It is either the wrong size or furred up, or the pipe serves several homes. As to the water quality - STW says they are blending Leam with Severn water and have carbon filters and an Ozone treatment plant at the Champion Hills which should take some of the chlorine taste out of our water.

We also asked what they had planned for the Sewerage system and we await their reply on that.

LINDA RIDGLEY

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

During the last few weeks the media have been drawing our attention to an increase in crime of over 15% in the first three months of this year compared with a fairly steady increase of some 5% per annum over a period of several years. The increase is mainly in theft from houses and cars and the stealing of cars themselves.

In an article over two years ago WHICH magazine drew attention to the very poor standard of vehicle security. Out of 55 different models 50 could be entered without damage in under 10 seconds, using simple cheap but special tools and the remaining 5 took 30 seconds. On the other hand 42 out of 55 boots could not be opened without considerable damage. Car makers are being urged to improve security but to date the only serious effort to deal with this problem is in the new Vauxhall Carlton. The moral of this is - always hide anything valuable in the boot and lock it.

Thefts from cars have averaged 1800 per day over the last 12 months, many of them unlocked and some even with keys left in. Some 1100 vehicles per day are stolen and 60% of these are from streets or drives outside homes. However, only 1% are from locked private garages. Most modern houses have garages

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but in many cases these are used as storehouses for surplus domestic hardware rather than for safeguarding the car.

There are also increasing thefts from public car parks and the best protection against this is an alarm system costing about £50. Etching the car registration number on windscreen and windows (£5-£10) is also a useful deterrent.

During the last 9 months thefts from houses in Harbury when occupants were out or away have averaged one per month, certainly well below the national average, but will it stay that way?

WHICH in this months issue has shown how any type of medium sized house can be made more secure for no more than £100. This sum would be spent in better door locks (£25-£50) door chains (£5) together with window locks (£3-£5) and patio door locks (£5-£10).

The catches on patio doors are often quite flimsy and it is easy to lever the sliding door up and remove it complete giving entry to and exit from the house. Spades make excellent levers so keep your tool shed and garage firmly locked whenever you are not using them.

A cheap and very simple way of improving the security of patio doors is to fit a suitable length of wood into the lower track into which the moving door slides and also to slide an appropriate section of wood into the track above the sliding door. These together make it difficult to move the door sideways or upwards from the outside and cost only a few pence.

Happily in Harbury we have only had breakins in houses that are unoccupied, so how can we make this less obvious?

Time switches that can be set at 15 mins. intervals (£15-£20) can be used to switch on lights and/or radio and/or television are probably the best answer particularly if you use more than one in different parts of the house. More sophisticated devices such as external lights switched on by a sensor, artificial barking dogs attracted by any unusual noise (not so

good with low flying in Harbury) or repeating cassettes of domestic noises cost £40 upwards.

Sooner or later I think, insurance companies are going to raise their rates or refuse claims for those who do not take sensible security precautions.

DON PARKER

PIANOFORTE SUCCESS

Kathryn Tye, aged 8 years, a pupil of Adrian Moore, was successful in achieving Grade 2 of the Associate Board of the Royal School of Music July 1990 examinations. She passed with Merit, gaining 127 marks out of a possible 150.



NEIL POWELL'S SUCCESS

Neil Powell of 8 Manor Orchard graduated from the Army Apprentices College in Harrogate on 3rd August 1990. Neil has been at the college as a Junior Leader in the Royal Signals for a year and will now be posted, as a Signaller, for his trade training with the 8th Signal Regiment at Catterick.

The Graduation Parade was in the presence of H.R.H. The Princess Royal who is the Colonel in Chief of the Regiment.

This is the first time that Princess Anne has officiated at such a parade and there were 199 young men graduating and over 1000 of their family and friends to watch. The parade was quite a spectacle as it was led by the Band and Pipes of the College.



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"For death is the destiny of every man; the living should take this to heart."

Ecclesiastes 7 V2

When we go on holiday we all make the appropriate presentations: making the bookings; making travel arrangements; obtaining the required currency; packing our bags. The most important preparations that most people neglect to make are for the inevitable, something that we've all got to face - death.

We all regularly hear and read of tragedies around us: an air disaster; road accidents; murders, and many many more. Why do these things happen? Why do we all have to die? What happens after death? These are honest questions that deserve honest answers. We believe that true answers can be found to these vital questions in one place alone - The Bible.

The Word of God Group will be holding three discussion meetings during September to search the Scriptures for answers to important questions.

Mon Sept. 10th, 8pm: What does the Bible say about death?

Mon Sept. 17th, 8pm: Who does the Bible say Jesus is?

Mon Sept. 24th, 8pm: What is the Christian life?

All at 7 Penelope Close

All are welcome, young or old, whether you've looked at the Bible before or not. Please join us.

PHILIP and ALISON COX

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR JULY 1990

There was a belated start to the July meeting as Cllrs had to wait anxiously for a quorum to form and when it did they were still outnumbered two to one by the parishoners!!! There was no-one to take the minutes either as the Clerk was "on holiday". He is retiring in the New Year and there hasn't been a rush of volunteers to replace him. The PC will also lose Mike Coy in September.

It seems that both the County and the Trustees think they own the disputed land at the Wight School, but whatever the legal rights and wrongs everyone was angry that WCC tried to sell without telling them or the Trustees.

Plans for Hillside Farm, Binswood End included eight low-cost homes and twenty-four market sale ones of two, three and four bedrooms. Cllr Hancock demanded a site visit for the scheme was both large and important and in an area of great landscape sensitivity being part in and part out of the "confines of the village".

She incited her colleagues to return the incomprehensible plans submitted for Harbury Hall. There was no site plan to locate the drawing in its proper context. District Councillors were asked to investigate the status of the whole site and report back to the Parish Council for the whole thing was so confused that no-one knew what was happening.

Detailed drawings were submitted of the 21 Fishing Lodges to be built at Bishops Bowl Lakes, but as there had been no objections from the Parish Council to the outline plans the detailed drawings were a delegated matter, for the Planners consideration alone.

The Parish Council had no objections to extension plans at 6 Heber Drive and at Chellow Dene. The District Council had rejected Mrs. Turner's plans for 11 Church Terrace and Tom Frost's application for a bungalow at Bull Ring Farm. They granted permission for work at 15 and 39 Deppers Bridge, and at Lower Westfields Farm.

Cllr Davies could not understand why the Planners had turned down Mr. Frost's application once again. The reasons stated were that the plans represented an undesirable sporadic development in a rural area, that the site was not in the village and a sufficient case had not been made out to suggest an exception be made to this policy.

Cllr Hancock pressed the Council to complain to both the Police and the local authorities (Warwick District and Whitnash PC) about the dangers caused by the vehicles parked outside the Scrap yard on Harbury Lane. Cllr Turner said it was caused by people visiting the site, but County Cllr Mrs. Bidwell said that Magees ought to provide sufficient parking on site.

Harbury was beaten into third place in the Best Kept Village Competition by Napton and Fenny Compton. BT had replied that the tatty phone box at Frances Road

was scheduled for "modernisation". When asked to paint it for Environment Week and the judging of the Best Kept Village Competition, the Parish Council wished it had kept its mouth shut.

A great deal of time was wasted agonising over the layout of the Car Park, worrying if the previous Planning Application covered the work to be done and deciding whether the Professionals would be paid by the job or on a time basis. The only real consensus was that the Council did not like Cllrs Stephenson's suggestions for lighting the Car Park.

Cllr Midge Keen was pleased that the Mill Street column had been moved from its hiding place in the trees. Modern metal columns would replace the broken ones in Manor Road and Constance Drive.

There had been problems with children getting into the Burial Grounds, possibly through gaps in the hedges and scattering flowers about. Temporary repairs would be made to the hedge and replanting in the autumn. The School would explain to the children the hurt that such behaviour caused. Two gravestones had been completely blown over in the recent gales and there was a complaint that one headstone had been broken. The Councillors considered that the damage was due to weathering and rejected the suggestion that it could have been caused by the mower. As Cllr Davies reported if the stone had been hit hard enough to break it, the mower would inevitably have been severely damaged too!

Spraying-off of weeds on the neglected allotments was deferred until after soft fruit and salad crops had been harvested.

The misunderstanding between the Council and Mr. Clarke over the presence of a drain for his property had been resolved when Cllr Davies had exposed it for him.

The Parish Council readily agreed to the closure of the Playing Field on Saturday 3rd November for the village Bonfire and was pleased to endorse the plans to close Chapel Street for a Victorian Street Fayre on the evening of Saturday 13th October.

District Councillor James Turner was very proud of Stratford District's new scheme to help the elderly stay longer in their own homes. By giving up to

£1,000 in grant aid for up to three years to people in receipt of benefit to enable them to improve and adapt their homes.

Cllr Hancock announced the successful opening of the new Surgery. There was an appointment system in place now and "No" she said "there are no cushions on the seats - because you are not going to have to wait very long!!!"

LINDA RIDGLEY

BARN HILL



The inquiry into the Barn Hill Service Station resumes in November. Mike Bloxham took this photograph looking towards the proposed site.

STEAM SAFARI TO SOUTH AFRICA

Photographing steam trains often takes me no further than Harbury cutting. However on 14th July my son Richard and I boarded a South African Airlines jumbo jet at Heathrow for a steam safari which was to take us over 5000km on a railway journey across South Africa.

July in the Southern Hemisphere is of course mid-winter and the Highveld is invariable cold, clear and dry at that time of year - ideal conditions for railway photography producing highly atmospheric steam effects. 80 British railway fans had got together to hire a train from SPORWEE (South African Railways) for 14 days and covering as many scenic routes as possible utilising 19 different classes of steam locomotives across South Africa.

The daily range of temperature took some getting used to. On the 20th July for example the temperature at dawn was -8°C (18°F) with icicles on the carriages, burned out water pumps in the Kitchen Car (through trying to pump water which had turned to solid ice) yet just after mid-day the temperature had risen to 24°C (75°F) a fantastic range of 32°C in just 6 hours!

The journey took us into the Drakensberg Mountains where the scenery was absolutely stunning in the remarkably clear light. Winter is the dry season in South Africa and the landscape consists only of various shades of brown grass and rocks. Further south we entered the Transkei (one of South Africa's black homelands). Again a land of stunning valleys, chasms, gorges and huge waterfalls. It was interesting to contrast the living standards here for black Africans which appeared to be much higher than in white South Africa.

The train then made its way to the Cape Coast, the journey to the Indian Ocean taking us over the Oteniquas Mountains by way of the Montague Pass which was probably the highlight of the trip.

Here the climate was much milder and the landscape green and lush very reminiscent of England. Fortunately whilst we were there the sun shone even though the coast normally experiences a lot of rain in winter.

The highlight here was travelling on the huge bridge at the mouth of the Kaimaans River with the waves of the Indian Ocean breaking beneath the train.

Living on the train was quite an experience. The coaches date back 50 years and are rarely used, hence plumbing problems were to be expected. Occasionally we had hot water for showers, more often than not just cold water and sometimes no water at all. Some nights we had heating, on other nights a sleeping bag, blankets and overcoat were essential to keep warm. Breakfast was sometimes served at 5am, never after 6am and we had to be up at dawn every day to get the best photographs. Dawn was around 7.15am with sunset at 5.15pm. We went to bed at 8 or 9pm. The food and service on the train however was excellent and more than made up for other discomforts.

There was much hill climbing to be done to get the best photos with a large barbed wire fence to climb each time we left the train to take a photograph.

Now that we are home looking at the photographs all the effort was well worthwhile. Anyone interested in a holiday with a difference should note that next year's trip will take in Zimbabwe, with a railway journey on the bridge over the Victoria Falls, also taking in game parks and the North Transvaal in South Africa.

ANDREW BELL

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

May I take this opportunity of thanking all the kind people for their messages, cards and flowers which they sent to me during my stay in hospital. I would like to thank the Rector for his visiting me in various places and special thanks to Betty Cox for all her kindness and help.

Thank you all once again.

God Bless
ALICE WILKINS

"Bill" Clifton, Pool Farm

We wish to thank friends in Harbury who helped to keep Dad with us for as long as possible. Isobel Clark, June Luke, Pearl and Pete Sheasby, Bill and Joan Pratt also those who visited regularly. Our special thanks must go to Bill Pratt who gave up most afternoons to drive Dad around and was so helpful to him and to us, we did appreciate all you did.

Thank you all,

DOREEN HARWOOD

SUE HAMMOND

P.S. Donations toward Crossroads amounted to £225, on their behalf - thank you.

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank all my relations and friends for their flowers, cards and good wishes for my recent birthday.

Also for making the whole day such a happy occasion.

Yours sincerely

JANIE GWEN WATTS

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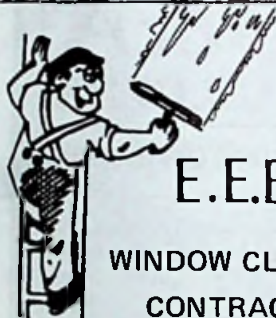
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