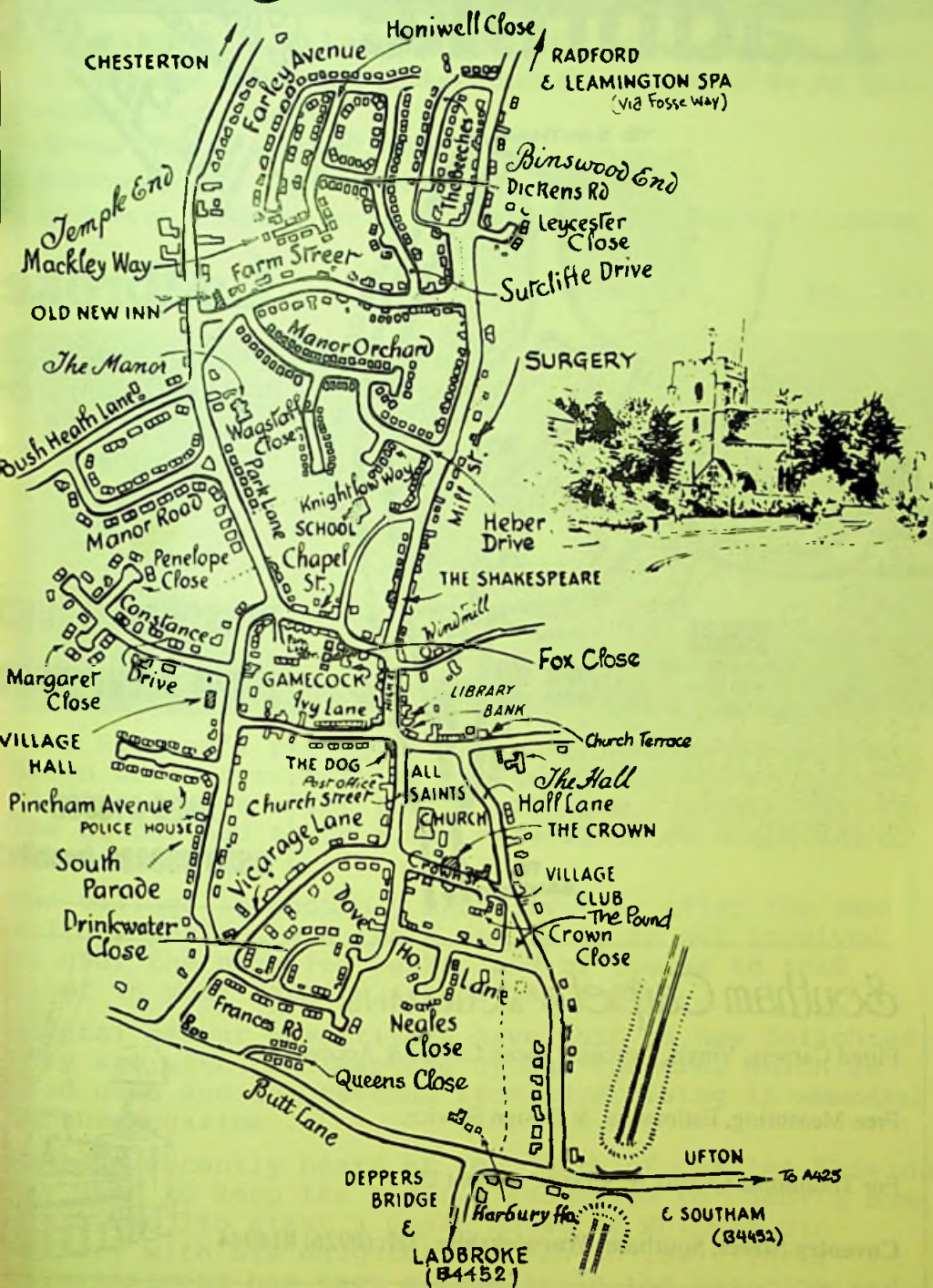
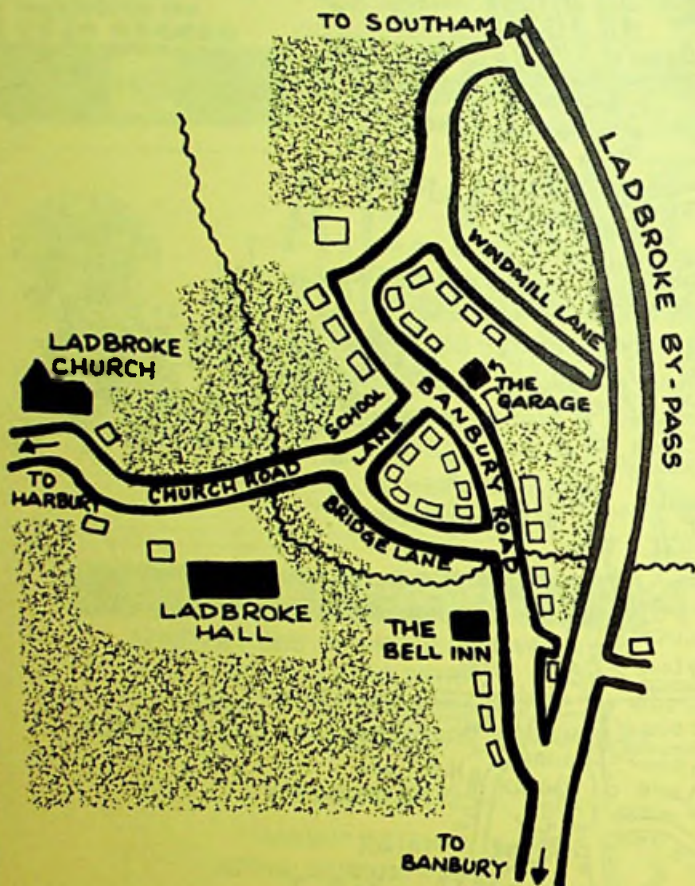


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Mike Bloxham's photograph shows glider pilot Vernon Brown who had to make an emergency landing on the playing fields after taking off from Snitterfield. The glider had to be towed away later on a special trailer.

The village is suddenly much livelier after the summer holiday period, and there is plenty to get involved in over the next few weeks, and of course to read about in your Harbury & Ladbroke News.

Several of our advertisers have told us how delighted they are with the response by our readers, which is good news and the revenue from advertising is essential to the magazine.

We have recently heard of the death of Charles Shields who used to keep the Dog Inn and moved to Cumbria some years ago, to start a guest house at Whicham Old Rectory with his daughter and son-in-law. Their advertisement has been a regular in the magazine and many readers have sampled their warm hospitality.

We were also sad to hear of the deaths of Tom Bastock and Pam Middleton. Tom had been living at the Sycamore in Leamington since the death of his wife Nora. An appreciation of Pam Middleton appears later in the magazine.

Many Harbury youngsters are leaving the village this month for a new life at University. We wish them all success and happiness.

# Harbury Diary

## OCTOBER

- Sat 2 Myton Hospice Autumn Fayre 2-4pm in T.Hauley Toom  
PCC Harvest Supper in V.Hall, 7.30pm
- Sun 3 PENTECOST XVIII - 9am Sung Eucharist, 11am Civic Service=  
3pm Family Service WITH Holy Baptism, 6.30pm Evensong
- Mon 4 Yoga in V.Hall, 1.30-3pm  
Bible Study in T.H.Room, 8pm  
Word of God, 7 Penelope Close, 8pm
- Tue 5 Horticultural Soc. in V.Hall, Mr. J.Hill "Scree & Rockery"  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 6 Mothers Union in T.H.Room, Mrs. A.Lancaster, 2.15pm  
Youth Club in V.Hall, 8pm  
History of the Wight School in T.H.Room (Tickets 50pm  
from Celia Barrett 17 South Parade Tel. 613174)  
AGM Southam School, PTA School Library, 7.30pm
- Thur 7 Holy Communion, 9.45am  
Men's Soc., T.H.Room, 7.45pm  
Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn, 8.30pm  
WI. Anniversary Evening in V.Hall
- at 9 Playgroup Jumble Sale in V.Hall  
PTA Entertainment Evening in V.Hall, with Les Barker  
and the Mrs. Ackroyd Band, Tickets from Dean Masson  
Tel. 613607  
Coffee Morning R.O.C., in T.H.Room
- un 10 PENTECOST XIX - 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung  
Eucharist with Holy Baptism, 6.30pm Evensong.  
Crusaders in T.H.Room, 10.30am
- Mon 11 Yoga in V.Hall, 1.30-3pm  
Prayer and Praise at 17 Farm Street
- Tue 12 Village Hall Committee, 8pm  
Mother & Toddlers Service, 2.15pm  
Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Tennis Club AGM, T.H.Room, 8pm

- Wed 13 Youth Club in V.Hall, 8pm  
Womens Fellowship Cotswold Windmill Lane 2.30pm
- Thur 14 Thursday Club in V.Hall, 2.30pm  
NSPCC Christmas Card Sale in PHOENIX HOUSE, High Street,  
home of Mrs. Chris Ross, 10am - 12 noon  
WI in V.Hall, 7.45pm  
Holy Communion, 9.45am  
R.O.C. Meeting in T.H.Room
- Sat 15 Men's Prayer Breakfast in T.H.Room, 7.30am
- Sun 17 LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - 8am Holy Communion,  
6.30pm Evensong, Crusaders in T.H.Room, 10.30am
- Mon 18 Yoga in V.Hall, 1.30-3pm  
Word of God at 6 Heber Drive, 8pm  
Bible Study in T.H.Room, 8pm
- Tue 19 ST. LUKE THE EVANGALIST - 7.30pm Holy Communion,  
Mothers Union, T.H.Room, 7.45pm  
Senior Citizens in V.Hall, 8.30pm  
PTA AGM in School Hall
- Wed 20 Youth Club in V.Hall, 8pm
- Thur 21 Holy Communion, 9.45am  
Whist in V.Hall, 7.30pm
- Sat 22 Scouts & Guides Coffee Morning, T.H.Room  
Scouts Barn Dance in V.Hall  
Nat. Hedgelaying Championships at Burnt Barn Farm,  
Banbury Road, Gaydon
- Sun 24 CLOCK BACK TODAY  
NINTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS - 8am Holy Communion,  
10.30am Sung Eucharist, 4pm Evensong (Please note  
altered time!!)  
Crusaders in T.H.Room, 10.30am  
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN NOVEMBER'S NEWS  
TO EDITORS TODAY (NOT later then 6pm!!)
- Mon 25 Prayer & Praise in Church, 8pm  
Afrikan Kontrol Kontraktors, Harbury School 10am - 3pm
- Tue 26 Holy Communion, 7.30pm  
Julian Group in Church, 8.10pm  
Afrikan Kontrol Kontraktors, Harbury School 10am - 3pm
- Wed 27 Harbury Soc. talk at T.H.Room, 7.30pm Cyril & Roxanne  
Bennis on the Swans of the Avon  
Afrikan Kontrol Kontraktors, Harbury School 10am - 3pm
- Thur 28 ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE - Holy Communion, 9.45am  
Thursday Club in V.Hall, 2.30pm  
Parish Council in V.Hall, 7.30pm
- Fri 29 Afrikan Kontrol Kontraktors, Harbury School 10am - 3pm
- Sat 30 COFFEE MORNING/LUNCH R.O.C. in T.H.Room



Sun 31 EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS - 8am Holy Communion,  
 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 4pm Evensong,  
 Crusaders in T.H.Room, 10.30am  
 ALL HALLOWS EVE

### REGULAR DIARY DATES

**HARBURY CRUSADERS:** Tom Hauley Room, 10.30am Sundays

**UPHOLSTERY CLASSES:** Wight School, 2-4pm Mondays

**GYMNASTICS:** Harbury Sch, 6-7pm (under 7 & 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

**BROWNIES:** Village Hall every Tues 6pm - 7.30pm

**SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tues & Thurs

**BADMINTON:** Village Hall every Tuesday

**HARBURY FRIENDS:** School, 8pm 2nd Tues of Month

**BABY CLINIC:** New Surgery, 2-4pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesday

**YOUTH CLUB:** Village Hall, 7.30 - 9.30pm Wednesdays

**DANCING CLASSES:** Children & Adults, Farley Room, Village Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays

**HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS:** School Hall, 8pm Wednesday

**NETBALL CLUB:** Village Hall Car Park - Training Thurs 6.30pm -  
 Matches Saturday afternoon

**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** Old New Inn 8.30pm 1st Thur of month

**THURSDAY CLUB:** Village Hall, 2.30pm 2nd & 4th Thurs

**CUBS:** Scout hut, every Wednesday

**W.L.:** 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 Fri of month

**COFFEE MORNING:** Saturdays Tom Hauley Room 10am-12pm

**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU:** Over Southam Magistrates Ct  
 every Tuesday (except Bank Holidays) 10am-3pm

**TENNIS CLUB:** (Apr-Sep) Tue & Thu 6.30pm onwards (6pm for April)  
 Sat 2-5pm, Mon & Wed 1.45-3pm

**YOGA:** Village Hall, 1.30-3pm Monday, Diane Surgey Tel 817904

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**ring Mrs Hughes 612716**

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**ring Mrs Smith 613680**

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion 8am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

(except 1st Sunday of month: Sung Eucharist 9am

Family Service 10.30am)

Evensong 6.30pm (except 3rd Sunday)

Please see notice board in Church for weekday services or revised times on special occasions.

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### FLOWER ROTA

October 17th and 24th - Team C

October 31st - Team D

### FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS.

'You'll enjoy it when you get there' they said! And so we did, the 40 or so of us from Harbury and Ladbroke who attended the Diocesan 75th. Anniversary Celebration at Stoneleigh - along with thousands of others who had gone along to make a witness. We were privileged to be addressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury who made several points which seemed to coincide with those made at our recent P.C.C. meeting.:-

Outreach,

Do fewer tasks but better,

He is reducing Synod costs,

We must prepare for financial self-sufficiency.

A stimulating occasion which I for one am glad not to have missed.

Many people have commented on the new green vestments being worn at the services of Holy

Communion. We are greatly indebted to Canon Churchill for this gift to the church.

The P.C.C. half day conference held on Sat. 18th. Sept. was called to talk about the Bishop's Vision on 'Movement of Faith'. This involved discussion on the church's rôle in the world, in the community and in our own personal spiritual lives. Discussion was lively, varied and constructive. A report on the afternoon will be published soon.

Charles Catt did well on the Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride covering some 50 miles and visiting 20 churches during the day. His effort will have raised £150+, half of which comes to our church funds and the other half to the Trust - well done Charles!

On the topic of sponsored cycle rides, Viv Aggett completed her 60th. birthday ride and raised an amazing £1,000+ which has been split between her church, St. Saviour's, Hednesford and a nearby hospice. Viv. wrote to thank all those in Harbury who supported her effort.

The Harvest Festival services were a delight: the morning service was a simplified Holy Communion, enhanced by the youth music group and in the evening the augmented choir made a great occasion of the choral evensong.

We have had unwelcome visitors again. This time two brass vases have been taken together with the nice copper watering can. We must now seriously consider asking for volunteers to man the church, on a rota basis, during a limited period each day, outside of which the church will have to be locked.

We are now getting excited about the Induction and Collation of our new Rector, the Revd. Roy Brown on Saturday 13th. November at 3.00p.m. This will be a great occasion for us all and we hope that you will come and help to make it joyful and welcoming.

The problems with the organ are nothing new! Celia Barratt, in her investigations into the history of Harbury, unearthed the following report in the County Archives:

NEW ORGAN                      Whitsun 1883

Organ Builder: Mr. T. Atterton, Leighton Buzzard

Opening of the new organ. As already announced, the special service for the opening of the new organ will



be held at 3.30pm on Thursday May 24th 1883, the Queens birthday. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Canon Hole. Proper Psalms 96,145,150. Lessons: I Chron. XV. ver. 7,36. Rev. V. verse 6. Hymns 391, Processional 395,397, and 274 Recessional. A collection after service in aid of the Organ Fund. There will be a public tea in the National School at 5.30pm. Tickets 9d. each, under 10,6d. and for these an early application is requested.

No flowers will be required for decorating the Church on Whit-Sunday but for the Organ Festival we must appeal to all our friends. Especially we shall be glad to receive flowers in pots (to be returned). These have proved very effective in the windows on previous occasions.

1884. The new floor in the tower over the Baptistry is now completed and the workmanship and appearance give great satisfaction. It reflects credit on the Contractor Mr. W.H. Marriot. The old floor was very rotten and it is fortunate there has never been any accident. When this magazine reaches our readers we trust the church clock will have resumed its duties, and the new organ be improved by the extension of the Cornopean stop throughout.

JUNE 1921. Organ badly in need of repair. Garden Social to be arranged for Organ Funds.

AUGUST 1921. Organ Fund now stands at £103.3.11½ in total. Mr. L. Huggins, organist donated £75.0.0 and collections raised £28.3.11½.

OCTOBER 1921. A beautiful linen cloth has been worked and given by Miss Blick for use in the service of Holy Communion.

JANUARY 1922. A sad catastrophe was caused by the gale in Christmas week. The stone cross on the top of the church was blown down, causing damage to great many tiles above the Vestry. Most fortunately these tiles were not above the part where the organ is, so that has escaped harm.

The heartening thing is that throughout the history of the church, its needs have always been met.

BERYL and JOHN.

HOLY BAPTISM - Sunday 26th September

Thomas Mark, son of Ian Philip and Ann Elizabeth Haughton,  
Luton, Bedfordshire

FUNERALS at Oakley Wood - Friday 10th September

Pamela Miriam Middleton, 7 Farley Avenue Harbury, 63 years

Friday 24th September

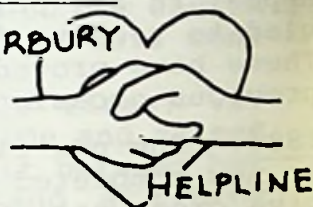
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## R.O.C. (Roof, Organ, Clock)

What is R.O.C.? It's the title for the Church Fund raising Programme which was inaugurated at a well attended meeting on Thursday 9th Sept. What does R.O.C. represent? It was reported that there was a small amount of work still to do on the roof (less than £1,000), a major overhaul of the Church Organ (approx. £20,000) and necessary attention to the Church Clock (approx. £5,000). Did you know that the clock will go for only about 26 hours before it needs winding? So someone (at present Peter Pryke) has to do this chore every day. Money is needed to convert to automatic winding and to refurbish the clock face.

Many different ideas were suggested for raising money ranging from monthly lunches, through concerts, market stalls, motor rally, etc., all of which will be advertised in the Harbury News.

There will be two Saturday Coffee Mornings in Oct. - namely Oct. 9th and 30th. There will also be a lunch on Oct. 30th from 12 to 2pm in the T.H.Room, details of which can be found on the table in church and at Coffee Mornings from early October. There will be another meeting on Oct. 14th at 8pm in the T.H.Room. More news next month.

Joyce and Harry Windsor

## BATS POSE SECURITY QUESTION

Members of Harbury Parochial Church Council are worried in case the sophisticated echo-location system of bats inhabiting the church might interfere with the security equipment planned for the church, causing false-alarms. But at the Sept. meeting it was resolved; a Birmingham security company - named BAT, believe it or not - will be awarded a £1,906 contract to install a combined alarm and security lights system for the church and T.H.Room.

Presentation of the draft 1994 Diocesan budget brought a renewed demand for an independent examination of the overall work of the diocese. Lord Bridge of Harwich is chairman of a group appointed to review the effectiveness of the Church of England's system of Government. Public comments and suggestions should be sent to Nigel Barnett, at Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3NZ.

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There has been a cut in allocation to the diocese of £121,000 with no hope of more in subsequent years. After years of honouring the national pay-scale in full, the diocese has decided to save "a paltry £15,000 by paying its clergy £100 a year less. It also propose to extend by six months the average length of inter-regnums, and to delay for a similar period the appointment of diocesan officers and assistant staff to save £39,600. Conversely a failed bid to prune the expenses of diocesan officers and various boards and committees was much lamented, especially as the combined total of £210,852 is an increase of £11,000. The diocesan officers' expenses bill of almost £100,000 a year was singled out for very strong criticism.

The PCC's reactions to the draft budget will be communicated to diocese via Southam Deanery Synod.

Members unanimously supported Mrs. Isobel Russell's application to undergo a two-year course of training for admission to the Diocesan Order of Readers.

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Dedication of the memorial offertory box, presented by Harbury Senior Citizens' Assoc. in memory of their former popular chairman, Tim Percival, who was our highly esteemed village policeman for 20 years, took place during morning service on Sunday Sept. 26th.

JOHN ALGAR

### RINGING NEWS

On the 4th Sept. a full peal was rung on Harbury Bells to mark the 25th Anniversary of the First Peal of Ray Sheasby who was taught to ring by Tom Hauley, all those years ago.

On the 17th Sept. a quarter peal was run by the local ringers (including a first attempt by Peter Clarke, a new ringer) to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Coventry Diocese.

We now need to recruit some more ringers both young (over 12) and mature people. Age is rarely a limitation to learning to ring, and you do not have to be an athlete! Ringing is very much a team responsibility, with the prime purpose to ring for Sunday Service, and of course to attend Friday practice. People with a commitment to Church, willing to learn something a bit different will enjoy the achievement and being part of the local ringers. INTERESTED?? Please contact me on 612040 to arrange a meeting to discuss your opportunity.

PETER PRYKE - Tower Captain



## MOTHERS' UNION

In August we entertained a group of children from Coventry, visiting Pineham Farm where Mrs. Orfeur kindly showed us round, then playing games. After tea there was time for the children to enjoy the new play equipment.

Our first meeting after the summer break was a service in Church led by Father Snow when he talked to us about Mary, Jesus' mother, her example in serving God and her influence on the status of women and the dignity of motherhood.

The evening meeting consisted of a discussion on "The Future of the Family". We started with a quiz which revealed our ignorance of the statistics relating to marriage and families today (for example that 15% of adults are "carers" of an elderly or disabled person). We then read Bible extracts illustrating Jesus' attitude to the family and went on to discuss some difficult family situations, finishing with a questionnaire, which asked for opinions on the changes in family life and how the church can help.

Also in Sept. we were pleased to see Viv Aggett again, when we provided tea for the M.U. branch from her parish who were visiting Warwick.

On Oct. 6th our speaker is Mrs. A. Lancaster on Mother Teresa. The speaker on Oct. 19th is Mrs. M. Jones on Mary Sumner, founder of the M.U.

The overseas boxes this year yielded £93.29. Eileen thanks everyone who gave so generously.

C.MARY CATT

# *Ladbroke News*

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LADBROKE SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion with Hymns 9am

(except 1st Sunday of month: Family Communion 10.30am)

3rd Sunday of month: Children's Church 10.30am

Evensong 3.30pm (3rd Sunday)

Please see notice board in Church for weekday services or revised times on special occasions.

## LADBROKE DIARY FOR OCTOBER

Sun 3 Harvest Thanksgiving with Holy Communion, 10.30am  
 Wed 6 Holy Communion, 10.30am  
 Fri 8 Harvest Supper, V.Hall, 7.30pm  
 Sun 10 Holy Communion, Hymns & Sermon, 9am  
 Wed 13 Holy Communion, 10.30am  
       Women's Fellowship, 2.30pm  
 Sun 17 Holy Communion with Hymns & Prayers, 9am  
 Wed 20 Holy Communion, 10.30am  
 Sun 24 Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon, 9am  
 Wed 27 Holy Communion, 10.30am  
 Sun 31 Holy Communion B.C.P., 9am

FLOWER ROTA

October 10 - Mrs. Darkes      October 17 - Mrs. Sherriff  
 October 24 - Mrs. Wright      October 31 - Mrs. Kelsall

CHURCH NEWS - LADBROKE

Members of our congregation joined Harbury on their coach to the Show Ground at Stoneleigh on 19th Sept. for the 75th Anniversary of Diocese of Coventry's Celebration Eucharist.

It was a marvellous occasion with the congregations from all over the diocese turning out in force; young and old. The weather was glorious and I'm sure everyone must have been inspired.

I do hope the Harbury passengers didn't mind the singing of the "Ladbroke Choir" at the back of the coach: "She'll be coming round the mountain" wasn't exactly appropriate!

There are several dates to remember in October. Mainly Harvest Thanksgiving on Oct. 3rd and Harvest Supper on Friday Oct. 8th. Tickets are on sale from all PCC members. Please, also remember the 1st of November Our Patronal Festival. There will be a service in church at 7.30pm.

BETTY WINKFIELD

We wish Mr. & Mrs. David Grey a long and happy married life, following their wedding on August 30th.

BAPTISMS: 5th Sept. Christine Jordan Reeves  
 19th Sept. Thomas Jess Weller

The funeral of Mr. R.O. Dickson took place on Sept. 10.



## LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Mr. D. Timms took us, with his beautiful slides, on holiday to Italy, Capri, Sorrento and Venice; a very restful way to travel. The raffle was won by Mrs. Beryl Ross. A change for her - she is usual the one selling the tickets.

The next meeting on Oct. 28th will be the A.G.M.

BETTY WINKFIELD

## CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

£190 was raised at a coffee morning held at the home of Beryl and Dan Darkes on Sept. 1st. Many thanks to Beryl and Dan, it was a lovely friendly gathering. We do need more of these "do's", we are still some £3,000 short on the spire restoration work.

BETTY WINKFIELD

## LADBROKE NEWS

The latest Parish Council Meeting took place on Wed. 15th Sept. The broken fence at the end of Windmill lane was regarded as a low priority as it was not dangerous and had not been deliberately vandalised. The overgrown hedge at Langford Cottage had received a hefty trim. Nelly the goat has disappeared and although she will undoubtedly be missed, at least it is now safe to walk or drive cars in Lower Radbourne Lane.

A site meeting had been held at the Old School House and the Parish Council approved Mr. and Mrs. Marshall's plans for an extension. Alterations to No 21, Ladbroke Hall had also been approved. Mr. & Mrs. Moore's planning application for holiday homes had been withdrawn.

The Footpath Volunteers have continued their good work by clearing the footpath over Windmill Hill to the Southam Road. If you would like to join in one of their expeditions, watch the notice board for details. Mrs. Rhian Kelsall had made a truly excellent job of renovating the village seat in Church Lane. Geoff Timms kindly volunteered to finish renovating a similar seat outside the churchyard.

Council members had inspected the current state of the historic fish ponds in Farmyard Field, but it was

not thought that they were being infilled.  
The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wed. 20th  
October at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

KATE LIVERTON

I am still anxious to find someone else in the village  
to assist with gathering the Ladbroke News; it really  
would not be an arduous monthly task. If you enjoy  
reading the Harbury & Ladbroke News, find it enjoyable  
as well as useful, perhaps you could ring me to find  
out what would be involved??

KATE LIVERTON

### HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR AUGUST 1993

People are concerned over the level of policing in the  
village and the empty police house.

The Area Parish Council meeting at Ufton addressed by  
the Assistant Chief Constable, will be well attended,  
and the Home Secretary's request for ideas on "Parish  
Constables" provoked much comment.

The Summer Playscheme was very successful with an  
average daily attendance of 93 children. John Hunt  
said the Parish Council donation, represented 1/10p  
per child per day!

Ed Wilson explained to Mrs. Waddell that the Council  
had gone over budget by £140 to ensure that all the  
147 OAPs who applied for Travel Tokens got the full  
£12. £400 was donated to the Village Taxibus Service.

Stratford granted permission for extensions at 8 South  
Parade, 14 Park Lane, 2 Constance Drive and 22 Farley  
Avenue. The Parish made no comment on plans for a  
garage at 3 Pineham Avenue, an extension at 1 The  
Beeches, the change of use to offices for the first  
floor of the Co-Op and the renewal of temporary  
permission for a temporary building at the Quarries.  
They did suggest that adequate fire prevention measures  
should be incorporated in the planned 38 Frances Road  
extensions.

The Inspector dismissed the Appeal by Mr. Gill of  
Tresco against refusal for a barn conversion in  
Vicarage Lane and Mr. Trice had appealed against  
enforcement action on his Slurry Store.



Developers wanted the following sites included in the Local Plan: West of Bull Ring Farm Lane; Hall Lane Spinney; the rear of the Spinney; between Temple End and Beggars Lane and Bush Heath Lane by Henrys, and SDC asked the Parish to explain why each one was not suitable for housing.

The Chairman discussed with Mrs. Price purchase of the Paddock for a Bowling Green. Bill Middleton thought the Allotments by the Club more suitable.

The Parish Council was waiting for initiatives from others on Affordable Housing and would do nothing until Recreation Grounds problems had been resolved.

Steve Norman wanted to screen the new Play Area with *Cypressus Leylandii* but Ken Stephenson argued they grew too big and were out of place. The Clerk thought vandalism would increase if the area was not visible.

The Parish received the strangest of letters from a Mr. G.Y. Marshall who purporting to speak on behalf of the Village Hall Committee, sent them a bill for £35 and complained they had damaged and trespassed on Hall grounds with the entrance they created in the boundary fence! Hall Committee members present were nonplussed. However, Brian Ingram suggested a joint meeting of the Hall and PC to resolve the difficulties with the fence. He explained the crisis that prompted the request for grant aid from the PC. If the Hall failed to improve the Electrical Switchgear it would not be granted an Entertainments Licence and without that it could not be used by the public. It would have to shut. John Hunt recommended the PC donate £1,000 towards the work. Ken Stephenson said the whole village would suffer if the Hall could not be used and everyone agreed.

The Council wanted to know the public's views on plans to move the Butt Lane seat to the Vicarage Lane Frances Road junction.

The District Valuer advised the Council they could extend the same concession to Harbury House they were offering to Queens Close residents for connection to the foul sewer, but they should specifically exclude the Andrews' two building plots.

Severn Trent's Sewerage Refurbishment Scheme seemed interminable, when would it end Ed Wilson wondered?

Two weeks ago was the reply, but unfortunately they were still there. There were complaints about the desperate state of Hall Lane and High Street. Due to the delay the village was still waiting for the Waiting Restrictions to be imposed in Chapel Street!

The Frances Road lamp was being replaced and new ones installed at: Butt Lane and Mill Street by the School. John Hunt insisted new lamps should cut down on Sky-glow, the light wastefully thrown upwards which annoyed the astronomers and obscured the stars. Ed Wilson would investigate.

It was becoming difficult to mow underneath the Pound trees because the branches were drooping down to the ground again, but then as Keith Thompson pointed out once they did that the grass did not grow anyway!

LINDA RIDGLEY

#### EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

It was an extraordinary meeting! Very few people knew it was taking place and half of these thought the Farley Room was the venue and had to be led through the pouring rain to the Church by Mr. Lambert of Temple House. And the reason for this surge of public interest in the proceedings of Harbury Parish Council? Developers have put up plans for large tracts of land round the village and want these included in the Local Plan.

The first site to be discussed was Mrs. Price's land to the west of Bull Ring Lane. Cllr John Hunt pointed out that no amount of road improvement could make access to this site safe and there were environmental objections concerning the use of the area for recreation (the Centenary Way runs through it).

William Randall (aged 6) sent a charming letter begging the Council to preserve the lane which led to the trains where he could watch the animals and deer. Mrs. Price's other submission concerned part of the Spinney and the adjacent Paddock (which had been the subject of an unsuccessful Appeal in 1982). Everyone was adamant that this area of informal recreation should not be sacrificed.

The third site encompassed all the land east of Bull Ring Lane between the Hall and the Railway as far as Worthley and including all the Spinney.



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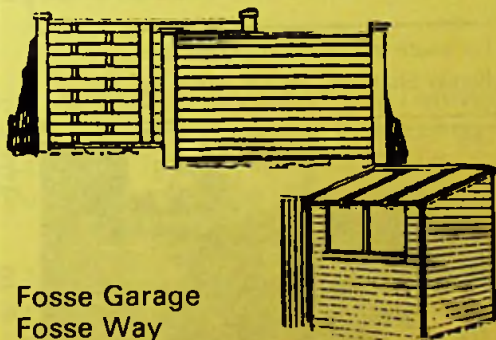


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People were appalled by the sheer size of the potential development and the destruction of important habitats. They felt that the land should remain as natural as possible to act as a buffer between the built up village and the Railway.

The last submission was even bigger taking in the land east of Bush Heath Lane as far as the Playing Field and west of the Lane, across the stream, beyond the old Turkey Farm and out of the village along Chesterton Road. Stratford District Council had considered this site as part of the Local Plan process and rejected it. The Parish Council reiterated its objections to such a large intrusive development that breached the natural boundaries of the village, compromised several well-used field footpaths and took in the Spinney and Stream (important wildlife corridors).

All in all, once they got their teeth into it the Council became quite animated in their opposition to all the sites.

Other planning matters discussed included: amendments to plans for 16 Binswood End, 11 South Parade and Dovehouse Autos where a lot of time was wasted in attempts to discover the ownership of the site.

Cllr Drinkwater brought up the strange case of Mr. Pyke's hedge which he reported residents of Pirie Close wanted removed to improve sight lines out of their development.

LINDA RIDGLEY

### HARBURY SOCIETY

The Society continues to monitor developments planned for the village and to press for affordable housing, but unfortunately there is little progress on this front as Severn Trent has yet to upgrade the Southam Sewage Works.

For those interested in effluent we have a treat in April when on the 26th we are organising a coach trip to Minworth. Numbers will be strictly limited to 40 so get your application for a place in soon.

There should be no problem with tickets for our New Year event which as a departure this year will be a

family drama production in the Village Hall with supper and a bar.

And everyone is welcome to come along to the Tom Hauley Room on Wed. 27th Oct. at 7.30pm when Cyril and Roxanne Bennis tell us about their work with the Swans of the Avon.

LINDA RIDLEY

### HARBURY W.I.

Plenty of items for discussion at September's meeting. Our speakers were Mrs. M. Fieldon and Mrs. Liz Button on "Starting a Small Business and Kits for Embroiderers". They spoke of how each was interested in embroidery and as friends decided to start their own business with a husband doing their accounts. The leisure industry is growing and crafts are extremely popular. They learnt by experience about running the finances and visited trade fairs for ideas. They stock many kits - copies of old samplers, animals, birds, thatched cottages, key rings, lids on containers and bookmarks to cards for all occasions. They also displayed a selection of cushions, again for all tastes - for animal lovers, christening and ring cushions for weddings to even a tooth fairy cushion.

The ladies talked of canvas, frames, mounts and hand and machine quilting. Helpful hints - start with an easy kit, read instructions, have a good light, 15" thread to avoid tangling, sharp scissors and keep work clean in a pillow case.

An enjoyable Produce Show and well supported with super entries. Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to all the helpers.

Look forward to seeing you all at our 75th Anniversary evening on Thurs. 7th Oct., 7.30 for 8pm meal. October's refreshment rota: Mrs. L.Hayes, Mrs. J.House, and Mrs. E.Picken.

JEANNE BEAUMONT

### TRIBUTE TO PAM MIDDLETON

It was with great sadness we learned of the death of Pam Middleton. She was of course best known in the village in her post of nurse at the surgery. Her



quiet competent and sympathetic manner enjoyed by many of us. Something which spilled over into her private life in the way she was always willing to help if she could.

Pam came to Harbury with her husband Les and their three daughters 24 years ago, from Kilbarchan near Glasgow. Sadly Les died 4 years ago. Involving herself in many of the village activities Pam kept busy, making costumes for 'Bits and Pieces' being just one of her many hobbies.

The memory of Pam cycling through the village with her little dog Roly running along behind her will remain with us for a long time.

Our sympathy goes out to Anne, Jane, and Sue, their husbands and the grandchildren, particularly Tamsin, who knew her more than the younger ones.

#### HARBURY OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB



Yes, we are now up & running and open every day during school term: Mornings from 8-8.50am and Afternoons from 3.15-5.30pm.

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The club is run in a safe but homely atmosphere where the children can watch TV, play games, paint and more! A sandwich and drink are also provided. In the near future we plan to have sports and other specialised activities. If you have young children in reception or Y2 that causes no problem as they will be collected from school by a member of staff so you can pursue your career in the knowledge that your children are being well cared for.

If you would like to know more please pop in and see us, have a coffee and see what we can offer you and your children. We are in the spooner unit adjacent to the school.

The Harbury School children have been working very hard the last few weeks thinking up a name and logo for the club, the ones I have seen have been great and I wouldn't like to choose a winner. The children are going to vote on the final few this week. So look out for our new name and good luck to the children.

If you would like to know more please contact:

MANDI WOOD (Supervisor)  
on 612374

#### HARBURY SCOUTS & GUIDES SUPPORT COMMITTEE

This seems to be the busiest time of the year for fund-raising by the Support Committee. By the time this is read, the "Hash" will have happened. The weather was good, and our thanks for the organisation of the event go to Mike and Molly Putnam and John Hancock

Saturday, Oct. 23rd will be a busy day; in the morning there is a Coffee Morning in the T.H.Room and parents of scouts, guides, cubs, brownies, and beavers are urged not only to attend, but also to donate cakes for sale. These can be left at John Travis's in Farm Street or brought to the T.H.Room. In the evening there is to be a Barn Dance in the Village Hall. It will start at 8pm, and there will be a bar and food. The tickets are £5, available from John Travis (or any committee member).

The Village Bonfire is on Sat. Nov. 6th - and it wouldn't be complete without the committee serving tomato soup, hot dogs and Waggon Wheels, would it??

JO TANCOCK



## HARBURY FOLK CLUB

It was appropriate that the Folk Club's ninth birthday should be celebrated by featuring a special guest, none other than "our very own" Gerda, a former Harbury star. It was great to see Gerda again with her sensitive singing and tasteful guitar accompaniments. She judged her set very well by mixing several of her "greatest hits" - like "The Angels Took my Racehorse Away", "Northwest Passage", and "Dixie" - with some interesting new material - my favourites were "Reconciliation" and "Wild Women don't get the Blues". A real treat.

As usual, the supporting singers were out in strength, unlike the audience who weren't exactly packed in like sardines. Although the overall mood of the evening was quiet and gentle rather than the raising-the-roof variety, we had all sorts of styles of music with an interesting selection of tunes, songs, instruments and arrangements. Those responsible were newcomer Jeff Dennison and regulars Steve, Rick, Pete & Liz, The Jug Band, Mike, Phil & Drill and me. The raffle raised a tremendous £50 for the Karen Darke Trust Fund

The next Folk Club session is at 8.30pm on Oct. 7th and, at the time of writing, it looks as though we'll still be at the Old New Inn. And don't forget an excellent folk evening coming up on Nov. 13th at Southam School, starring Huw and Tony Williams.

PETER McDONALD

## HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Only eight weeks to go!! Will good overcome evil?? Will El Scorpio (the baddie) get his come-uppance?? Will Ali Baba (the goodie) find the lost treasure?? Will Fatima Kebab (the Dame) really do the Dance of the Seven Veils?? Will it all end happily ever after? There's only one way to find out. Come and see Harbury Theatre Group's production of "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves", a pantomime by David Swan.

As people can't wait to see the play we've had to bring the opening night forward 24 hours. No Thursday production but the following dates are to be noted:

Wednesday	1st December,	7.30pm
Fridy	3rd December,	7.30pm
Saturday	4th December,	Matinee 2.30pm, Eve. 7.30pm

Tickets are available from all usual box office locations (i.e. Theatre Group Members or Lindop's Store in Chapel street). In addition you are able to pay at the door.

Admission prices: Adults £2.50, Children and OAP's £1.50, except on Wednesday when children's admission will be 50p.

Footnote: If anyone has a "pith helmet" that they would be willing to loan to us for this production, please could they ring our Secretary Gill Holden on Harbury 612155. Thank you.

B. THUROGOOD

### SOUTHAM SCHOOL - AWARDS EVENING

Southam School's Annual Awards Evening was held on Thursday 23rd Sept., when the Guest of Honour was Mr. David Roberts, Senior Software Designer at IBM Ltd., Warwick.

In his address to award winners and guests the Head-teacher, Mr. Mike Thompson, drew particular attention to the academic success of students during the previous year which had proved to be an outstanding year. He stressed that he was not referring to improvements in line with the 1% or 2% gains seen at national level, this was merely record breaking. What had been experienced at Southam School at all levels was record smashing!

- At A' level, taken by more than 25% of that year group's original intake, 87% of entries had resulted in an A' level pass. This compared with a national average of 81%, itself a record, and the previous school record of 81%.
- 90% of A' level students had gained at least two A' level passes against a previous school record of 75%.
- A new record average pass rate at GCSE for the 33 students on the one-year sixth form (STEP) course of 39%.
- All 150 students in Year 11 were entered for at least 5 GCSE examination subjects, and the percentage of students with 5 or more A, B, or C grades rose from a previous record of 30% to 41%.



- The average number of A to C grades per student increased from 3.05 to 3.75; again a new school record.

These overall figures for the school were reflected in a story of success across all departments and Mr. Thompson paid tribute to the unremitting efforts of all staff which had brought this about. There were no short cuts to this kind of achievement; like genius it was a case of 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration!

What was even more encouraging than this year's outstanding achievements was that time and again the staff he had talked to expressed a determination to aim even higher the following year.

The determination of established staff was matched by that of the recent influx of new and talented teachers; including new Heads of Department in Mathematics, Science and Technology; and all around the school you could see evidence of the desire to make improvements, however small, wherever possible. It was the accumulation of these small improvements - what the Japanese call 'Kaizen' - which would he felt, lead to even greater success in the future.

The school was challenging its students to set even higher standards for themselves and they were rising to that challenge.

It had been a record smashing year and these were very exciting times for the school, but if everyone associated with it - parents, staff, governors and students - continued to pull together he assured them that there would be more smashing years to come!

DAVID KNAPP, Deputy Head

Several Harbury youngsters were amongst those receiving awards. Joanna Hancock won the Lower School English award, and Leon Byles won the Expressive Arts award. In the Upper School, Lucy Thompson won both the British Industrial Society and the Home Economics awards. Katy Brown and Leah Wallington shared the P.E. award. At last weekend's trials Katy and Leah were both selected for the U19 County Netball Team. Katy also won the award for outstanding GCSE results, and Leah won the Graham Knight Memorial Craft award.

Hannah Burnham won the General Studies award - she is now going to study Geography at Leicester University. Adrian Exton is going to Portsmouth University to study Information Technology.

Roanne Finch who won the German award will study French at Bristol University. Claire Ingram and Emma Groves are going to Nene Collage Northampton, Claire to study History and American Studies and Emma to study Combined Business and Administration. Clare Waddell is going to Aberystwyth University to study History. Good luck to all of them.

M.S.H.

### SOUTHAM SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Parents of youngsters at Southam School may not be aware of the fact that they are automatically members of the PTA. The PTA has a necessary role to play in raising funds for various items.

Recently many purchases were made: sports kits for the football and netball teams, several pieces of equipment needed to enhance the Technology Department (since from this September Technology has become a Core Subject for the National Curriculum), plus several CD Rom disks and sound equipment for the Library, and a Camcorder for the Expressive Arts Department.

As you may imagine the funds are now sorely depleted and your support for future fundraising events much needed. The first event for your attention is the Annual General Meeting, to be held on Wed. 6th Oct. at 7.30pm in the School Library, which will include FREE Cheese and Wine. Do try and attend.

Date for your Diary: 13th Nov. - FOLK NIGHT - see posters nearer the time.

TERRY WADE

### VISIT OF HEREBURGH MORRIS TO VERDEN, GERMANY

Only three weeks earlier, no one in Hereburgh Morris even knew Verden existed, never mind where it was. Now nine of us, complete with luggage which included musical instruments and sticks, found ourselves in the departure lounge of Heathrow on our way there, and wondering what the metal detectors would make of the



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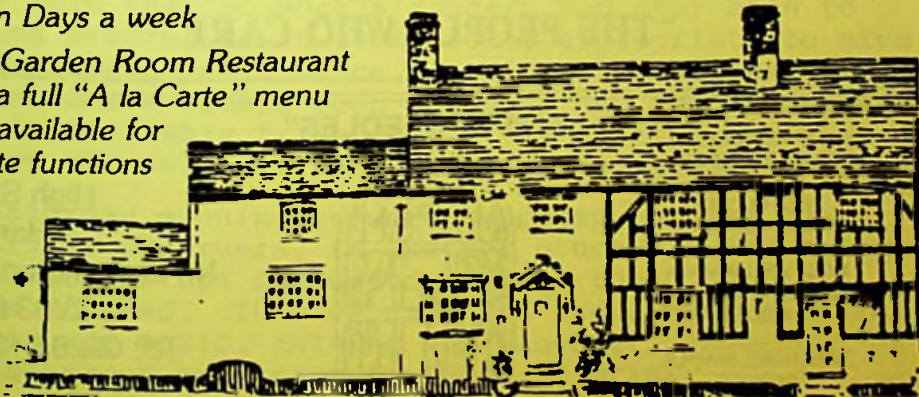
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bellpads concealed in our baggage. The reason for such a trip being arranged in such haste was that we were standing in for a neighbouring side who had had to withdraw at the last minute.

We flew to Hamburg where we were met and given a very warm welcome by our host and hostess, and shown to the minibus to take us on to Verden, where we were to take part in "Kulturlandschaft 1993".

Hereburgh had been programmed to appear in two concerts, one on Saturday afternoon in Verden, and one on Sunday morning in nearby Achim. The other performers comprised troupes from Russia, Poland, Romania and France, most of whom were professional dancers and had won all sorts of competitions. To say we felt humble following them was an understatement! However, we did our best and found it easy to build up a rapport with the very responsive audiences, and we felt we had been appreciated.

When we were not dancing we were able to do some sight seeing in and around Verden. This was done in beautiful autumn sunshine which remained with us all weekend. We found the town to be very picturesque and included a Dom (Cathedral), the oldest brick built church in Germany, a horse museum and a miscellany of other attractive buildings neatly clustered on the banks of the River Aller. The architecture was predominantly that typical of Saxony, and while style varied from building to building, they were in pleasing harmony with each other.

When we walked down the main shopping precinct, we were told that no Morris dancers had ever been to Verden before, so it seemed only appropriate to give an impromptu performance. A sizeable audience of appreciative locals soon gathered and the atmosphere was unbelievably friendly. It is amazing how the medium of music and dance transcends language barriers.

On Saturday evening we were supposed to have gone, purely as observers, to another concert. However our host and hostess suggested we went round to their house instead. This we did, and had a most pleasant evening of music, talking and laughter, augmented by the generous provision of food and drink.

When we left Verden on Sunday evening, to start our homeward journey, it was quite emotional as we parted

company with our host and hostess. Although we had only known them for two days, it was like parting with lifelong friends. We exchanged addresses and promised each other to keep in touch and arrange an exchange visit as soon as possible. We were invited to return for a longer stay next Spring Bank Holiday, and take part in another festival. Somehow I think we'll be going!

We are grateful to many people who helped make this venture so successful. Particularly we would wish to thank Enno and Carolla Schwabedissen who were our hosts for the majority of the time, and as well as Frau Holzwarth-Kühn who joined us for part of Sunday. Also we would like to thank the Twinning Associations of Verden and Warwick for doing so much organisation with great efficiency as well as assisting with the financing, and Millward Brown International Market Research Ltd., and Stratford District Council for their generous sponsorship.

Peter Bones

#### COMING SOON

Harbury Youth Club are hoping to offer an exciting week of music, dance, singing and art during half term Oct. 25-29. When the "African Kultural Kontraktors" will be visiting the village again. They recently spent a very successful day at Harbury School, and I'm sure many young people would welcome their return.

For further details watch the notice boards in the village or contact Vikki Holroyd on 612527.

Vikki Holroyd

#### CRICKET - HARBURY 1st XI

The 1st XI have just completed a successful season with a playing record:

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN
20	9	2	9

Recent results include victories against Lighthorne (Ed Russell 7-14), Ashorne (Will Russell 61, John Clifford 45), and Hockley Heath (John Wilkinson 63, John Clifford 57).

There will be a player's meeting on Tuesday Oct. 5th, 8pm at the Rugby Club. All players are welcome.

J. CLIFFORD



## HARBURY CRICKET 2nd XI

Historians say the 2nd XI have just completed the most successful season they have had since 2nd XI Cricket started in the village. The record reads:

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN
16	5	6	5

The pleasing points to note are the all round performances by several players and the good contributions made by willing 'youngsters' at critical points in the matches.

Details of averages will follow in the Nov. issue, but Ian Jackson heads the batting with an average of 25.16 and Garry Haynes bowled 205 over to take 45 wickets at an average of 12.97.

MIKE DANIELS, 2nd Captain

## HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

The Summer season has once again drawn to a close with the completion of most of the club competitions.

Winners of the Mixed Doubles were Margaret Wilson and Vince Crosson whilst the winners of the Ladies Doubles competition were surprisingly Angela Woodruff and Tory Hayes. The Dave Brown Trophy held on Sept. 18th was very well attended and keenly contested with Gill Thorpe and Steve Chaplin eventually victorious.

During the school holidays, the club organised and subsidised coaching sessions for a number of 11 and 12 year old boys who have shown an interest in the game. It is hoped to run a number of sessions for girls of a similar age if there is a demand. Interested parents should telephone 612179 and enter their daughter's name.

The Tennis Club AGM will be held at 8pm on Tuesday Oct. 12th in the T.H.Room. All past, current and prospective members are invited, even urged, to attend.

Although the Summer is over, the AGM marks the start of a new season as tennis in Harbury is very much an all year round sport. Club sessions continue on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the Winter and the Club will again, be entering 2 teams in the Banbury league.

A. HAYES

WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

Our September meeting was not entirely as planned. We had hoped to hear a talk from someone from the Samaritans at Banbury. She was unable to come, so at short notice Hazel suggested that we watched a video on Christian Healing. Unfortunately we could not get it to work on Gwladys and Alan's TV so we had to give up this idea. However, nothing daunted, we talked about a variety of subjects from members' experiences of friends and relatives being healed, to events likely to take place in the village and how we could support them.

The time went very quickly and we hope that next month we will be able to welcome to our meeting a MacMillan nurse. This meeting will be at 2.30pm on Oct. 13th at the home of Jenny Elkins, Cotswold, Windmill Lane. Visitors are most welcome.

NANCY STUBBS

HARBURY SENIOR CITIZENS BENEFIT COMMITTEE

During August and September there was a flurry of fundraising and Marie Wallington held a bring and buy coffee/tea day and managed to raise £83.40, so thank you to everyone who attended and brought and bought.

Eve Lowe very kindly offered to hold a Ploughmans Lunch in her garden and this very popular event raised a total of £214.

Many thanks to Eve and her many helpers and also to all the people who supported this event.

This now means that we can plan our Christmas Party as usual. Many thanks to all concerned.

HARBURY PLAYGROUP WIGHT SCHOOL - AUTUMN TERM

The new term is now well under way, the children have settled in well and are getting on well with our new Supervisor Carol Phipps. We seem to have a very busy calender for October starting with the Children's photographs on 5th October.

Our AGM is at the Wight School on Tuesday 12th Oct. at 8pm and I do hope to see as many parents as possible.



We have 12 Committee members at the moment but I would like to see a few new faces on the Committee as eventually children leave Playgroup and so parents leave the Committee. We will not ask new Committee members to do major jobs but just to help by supporting our fundraising efforts, then we can strive to maintain and improve our equipment. Please come and join us in saying thank you and farewell to our leaving Committee and enjoy some cheese and wine.

On Sat. 9th Oct. we are holding our annual jumble sale at the Village Hall, if you would like to have any jumble collected, please phone either myself Jo McKenzie on 613970 or Lesley Wilkins on 612115 and we will be pleased to come round to collect it from you.

Our next major social event is on Sat. 16th Oct. 8 till late - a fun evening of music and dancing, meet up with your friends, so book your babysitter now and join us with the Antiques Rock Show at Harbury Social Club. Tickets are £2 each available from myself or any other Committee member.

In November we are having a children's clothes party by Offspring Clothes. We will also be having some books for sale from Books for Students.

JO MCKENZIE

#### HARBURY HELPLINE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At this meeting, reports from leaders in the various areas of help were taken. In the emergency transport group approx. 38 runs were done in the previous year to and from hospital.

Vivian reported that they are not over burdened but more drivers are always welcome, if you can help please contact Vivian on 613461.

The children's clothes section was alive and well. The most recent request was from Steph and Geoff from Christian Outreach in Leamington where several needy families expecting babies were supplied with clothes and baby items including a nearly new pushchair. This seems as continuing to be our most useful outlet, it is good to know that our excess can be used to fulfill a local need.

In the past few months no requests have been made for 'odd jobs about the house' but there has been a

steady request for help with form filling particularly local authority benefits. During the past year two home visits have been made. Hospital visiting or help with 'cooking, shopping, reading, etc.' have received no requests for help.

During the year Harbury Helpline was asked to help with the collection for Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen and a total of £95 was collected.

It was decided to enter the competition for 'Community Care in Rural Areas' sponsored by the Arthur Rank Centre, the result of which will not be known until November.

VANDA BALL

#### N.S.P.C.C.

Many thanks to all those people who supported the Jumble Sale. Aprox. £250 was made.

Please note a change of venue for the Christmas Card Sale. It will not now be held in the T.H.Room, but at PHOENIX HOUSE, High Street, home of Mrs. Chris Ross on Thursday Oct. 14th from 10 until 12 noon. All welcome.

C.A.BARRETT

#### HISTORY OF THE WIGHT SCHOOL HARBURY

Celia Barrett organised a facinating evening at the Wight School, Harbury, as part of Warwickshire Library's celebration of Rural Life.

Celia has been researching the life of the Reverend William Wight founder of Harbury's National School and he is revealed as an eccentric character with some revolutionary views who appears to have grown stranger with the years.

Celia persuaded ex-pupils to record their reminiscences, from 1908 to 1971 and members of the Library staff and villagers regaled the audience with tales of pranks, treats and village characters.

The event was so successful that Celia has been persuaded to put on a repeat performance in the T.H.Room on the evening of Wed. 6th Oct. Tickets (50p) are available from 17 South Parade, 613174.

LINDA RIDGLEY



# THE BOTTOM HOUSE IS DARK!

The lights finally went out on the Old New Inn on Wednesday 8th September 1993 - literally!

First the generator was shut down, then the camping gaz gave out, until finally all that remained to light the faithfully regulars, valiently drinking the pub dry were a few guttering Candles.

R.I.P. O.N.I. and hello to the Shake where the displaced persons congregated on Sunday lunchtime. Surely you heard the shout as John McLaughlin stepped up to the bar - as a customer!

"Mine's a half".

LINDA RIDGLEY

## BREAKTHROUGH

We made £302 profit at the Jazz night which, with £250 presented to Breakthrough - proceeds from the beer festival food, brings the total to date to £5,500.

We hope those who attended the Jazz night enjoyed it, though many have said it was not quite what they expected but still had a good time.

T H A N K Y O U to BRAZZ and friends plus the JUG BAND for the entertainment.

The beer festival committee, whom I should have thanked on the night: Danny and Julie Killian, Sue and Brian Ingram, Ken and Joan Stephenson, Tony Allcock, Roger Ellis and Liz and Mike McBride. Thankyou for choosing Breakthrough.

To Isobel Clarke for her Avon commission from the sale of gold crocus pins (still available if you would like one).

For raffle prizes from: Take two Cooks, Jo House, Sue Andrews and Peggy Middleton.

To Gordon Robbins and the theatre group for allowing us to use their lighting - looked great.

Finally to Tony and Kath Mancell for bringing it all together whilst I was sunning myself in St. Tropez up until 2 days before the event.

There is nothing else planned at present but maybe in the new year we will have another German ompah night, we'll be in touch. Thank you.

CHRIS CARTER

### THIRD HARBURY HASH - 19th September

The weather forecasters were wrong! It didn't rain. The flour trail, which had been laid that morning, was still visible when the Hash began, at 3.30pm.

The 'Hares' set off, pursued by some sixty enthusiasts, whose footwear ranged from wellies and dubbed walking boots to flashy trainers. Cries of 'On, On!' rang across the stubble fields and through the woods.

At Checkpoints, the lycra-clad professionals bounded off to find the correct route, while the less fit caught their breath. The troops re-assembled at the water stop, before the final 'On-In', back to base.

By 4.30 most Hashers had returned to the Manor House, ready to barbeque their food. Traditional 'Down-Downs' were meted out by the Hash Master. In the convivial atmosphere, plans were already being made for the fourth Harbury Hash. Thank you to all the organisers and participants in this year's event. All profits will go to the Scouts and Guides Support Fund. If you would like to buy an exclusive Harbury Hash T-shirt, there are still a few available, price £6, from John Hancock.

MOLLY PUTNAM

### CELEBRATION '93

On Sunday September 19 parties from Harbury and Ladbroke combined to take a coach to the NAC at Stoneleigh. There they joined 8000 fellow Christians packing the grand ring to take part in a mass open air service addressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The service was held to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the re-founding of the Coventry Diocese in 1918.

All parishes in the diocese were represented, many carrying the banner of their particular church, these were later paraded round the ring as part of a pageant procession.

Many prayers were answered as the sun shone throughout the day. It was a joy to see and be part of so many happily joining in worship and fellowship. There were many highlights including a mass communion administered by clergy from all over Coventry and Warwickshire but overall one was left with an immense



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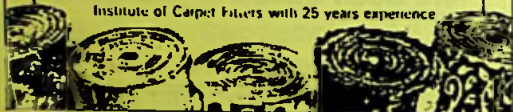
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feeling of optimism and hope for the future. As the Archbishop said in his address the Church of England may be going through difficult times but predictions of its demise are extremely premature.

The Church is alive, Jesus has a message for us all. Come and join us!

TONY BRUNTON

#### AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL - Children's Group

Amnesty International has a special "Working Group for Children". This group campaigns for children and young people who are the targets of cruel and inhuman treatment. This includes political imprisonment, detention, unfair trials, the death penalty, disappearances and torture.

I receive a quarterly newsletter which highlights various cases and suggests ways of helping - usually writing letters. If anyone is interested and would like to offer their help, then I would be very happy to share the information.

Please contact Jill Winter, 19 Farm Street, 612585.

#### FAX FROM ROMANIA

During the summer, the Health Educators had begun to work as a team during our visits to summer camps to teach the children about HIV/AIDS. So, I was disappointed to hear on my return to Brasov after a short break that our course for teachers on HIV/AIDS and sex education, planned to begin the following day, had been cancelled "due to intra-departmental politics"! On investigation, this meant that the Director of Health Education had cancelled the course to avoid his taking any responsibility of doing any work. Officially, he has "postponed" the course until mid-October (when the teachers will be too busy teaching to attend) and asked the schools to telephone us with the names of interested teachers. The telephone has not been working for 10 days. Is this Murphy's Law or work-phobic colleagues engineering things (possibly literally)?!

Against this background, the department plans to establish a Child-to-Child project in the general schools (children aged 10-14) this autumn. After

some training, the School Nurses will identify a group of interested children in each school to become Messengers of Health. These children will be educated about specific aspects of health through videos, activity groups, special projects, drama, etc. Then, using similar activities, they will spread the messages about healthy lifestyles to their peers, families and others in the community. The first topic for the programme will be smoking and health. Later, we shall expand the programme to include other topics and age groups.

We are also preparing various health education activities for World AIDS Day. The theme this year is "AIDS: Time to Act". In Romania, as in many other countries, we need to fight denial and complacency at all levels from individual to government.

Achieving anything here requires overcoming GREAT attitudinal, bureaucratic and spiritual problems. An additional restriction is my need to curtail my working hours and rest sufficiently since a viral infection in June left me extremely fatigued.

Many thanks to everyone in Harbury who continues to support my work in Brasov in various ways. Health and funds permitting, I hope to work here until next April

JOANNA WATSON

### HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

For once the weather was kind to us and the sun shone all day for the Village Show. 103 exhibitors entered 537 items so our judges had quite a task in selecting the winners. There has been a steady increase in interest in all the classes since the W.I. and the Society joined forces five years ago.

Ably organised by Ron Grey, the Show this year was very successful in drawing in quite a number of new competitors. It was good to see some of them amongst the winners. We hope this will encourage them to enter again next year. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make it a friendly, happy day for the village

Cup winners were:

Farley Cup for Vegetables - Patrick Clarke  
 Courier Cup for Flowers - Patrick Clarke  
 Brunton Cup for Flower Arranging - Shirley Keir



All Saints Cup for Fruit - Harry Taylor  
 Daniel Cup for Cookery - Bertha Kettle  
 Zonik Cup for Wine - Jean Beaumont  
 Horticultural Soc. Cup for Handicrafts  
 - Audrey Atkins  
 Jean Dunn Cup for Children under 7  
 - Nicola Brunt  
 Fred Lines Cup for Children - Sally van Hoorebeek  
 and Jennifer Hodge  
 Harold Wilkins Cup for most points - Patrick Clarke  
 Barnes Cup for Best Performance by Hort. Soc. Member  
 - Ralph Lawson  
 W.I. Trophy for Most Points by W.I. Member - Pat Smith

Congratulations to them all.

Now it is on with the winter programme. Our AGM is on 2nd November. Any nominations for the committee or resolutions to Eleanor Zonik please. The speaker at the October 5th meeting will be Mr. J.Hill on Scree and Rockery gardens. Nov. 2nd - Mr. Collier on Sweet Peas.

P. SMITH

### OCTOBER IN THE GARDEN

Replace bedding plants with biennials while there is still some warmth in the soil. This applies also to containers being refurbished for spring, for which a mixture of large bulbs (tulips only late in the month) overplanted with spring bedding plants is ideal. Try less obvious types such as ajuga, lamium, small euonymus, ivy and thyme.

Lift dry off, and store gladioli. Collect 'cormlets' to grow on to flowering size next summer. Cut back frost blackened dahlias clean tubers, avoiding bruising, dry, dust with green sulphur and store between sand or perlite in a frost proof shed. Tuberous begonias, after cutting down, can be stored in their pots, on their sides, similarly. Evergreens can be planted this month, hardwood cuttings taken and sweet peas sown in frames. Reduce windrock damage to roses by shortening shoots of established bushes by about a third. Collect and burn diseased stems and leaves. Give the pond a final clean up removing dead leaves and cutting back foliage, when dry give a final cut

to the lawn. Pot up some parsley & mint and put on the kitchen window sill for winter use.

Remove 'blown' sprouts from plants, they form snug homes for pests.

Cut out old fruited canes of blackberry and loganberry and train new shoots. Start digging towards the end of the month, a few rows of a winter variety of broad bean can be put in - it's a gamble but satisfying when it comes off.

V. NEILL

Late Diary entries: Sun 3 HAFC v IBM Warwick (cup) 10.30am  
 Sun 10 Bearley Utd. v HAFC (cup) 10.30am  
 Sun 17 HAFC v ??? (cup) 10.30am  
 Sat 23 HAFC Race Night at Harbury Soc. Club  
 Sun 24 Warwick Printing v HAFC (League) 10.30  
 Sun 31 HAFC v Hampton Magna (League) 10.30am

## Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

A Big Thank You to all the friends and followers of The Old New Inn. We have many happy memories to take with us of our stay there. Much enjoyment was shared and some sadder moments. Also a Very Special Thanks to our most Loyal Staff for all the help over the years and for the fun and companionship shared and to both Adrian and Carol for their immense support.

We look forward to joining the friendly hub that is special to 'The Old New Inn'. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Moffat all success there.

John, Mary, and Margaret

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank the people of Harbury & District for their kindness, help and support during my late wife Mary's illness and for taking me to visit her at Warwick Hospital. Also for the floral tributes, donations (total £356) which will be sent to Myton Hospice.

Thank you to Frank Cowley who sang solo at the service. Thank you once again.

Bernard Billings



Dear Editors,

Although I now live in Herefordshire I am always interested in the Harbury News, as I lived there for 30 years. I well remember Mrs. Overton. I was on the bus coming from Leamington and as we turned off the Fosse she stood up and said: "There was a coffin on board and there would be a death quite soon". When we got to Treens Hill, there had been an accident and the victim had just been taken to hospital very badly injured. I never knew if it was fatal or not. On another occasion, we were going to Stratford-on-Avon with the Mother's Union and although she hadn't booked a seat she got on and demanded one. No one dared to stop her. She got a free ride. Yes she certainly was one of Harbury's characters.

Edna Lines

Dear Editors,

Having missed the deadline for the September Edition of the News, I hope you will not think it too late to express my thanks and admiration for all the hard work and time given by the organisers of the Playscheme. I think it should be remembered that they do it voluntarily.

This was the first year my children were able to make full use of it and I couldn't keep them away, not one morning was missed.

I and my children would be very sad if the Playscheme was not continued in future years and I will give my full support to any future organisers as I hope will other parents whose children have enjoyed it in this and in past years.

Yours sincerely  
Alison Hodge

Dear Editors,

We would like to thank all the ladies who worked so hard arranging the flowers to make Ladbroke Church look such a picture for our wedding. It was very much appreciated by all.

David and Rachel Grey

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