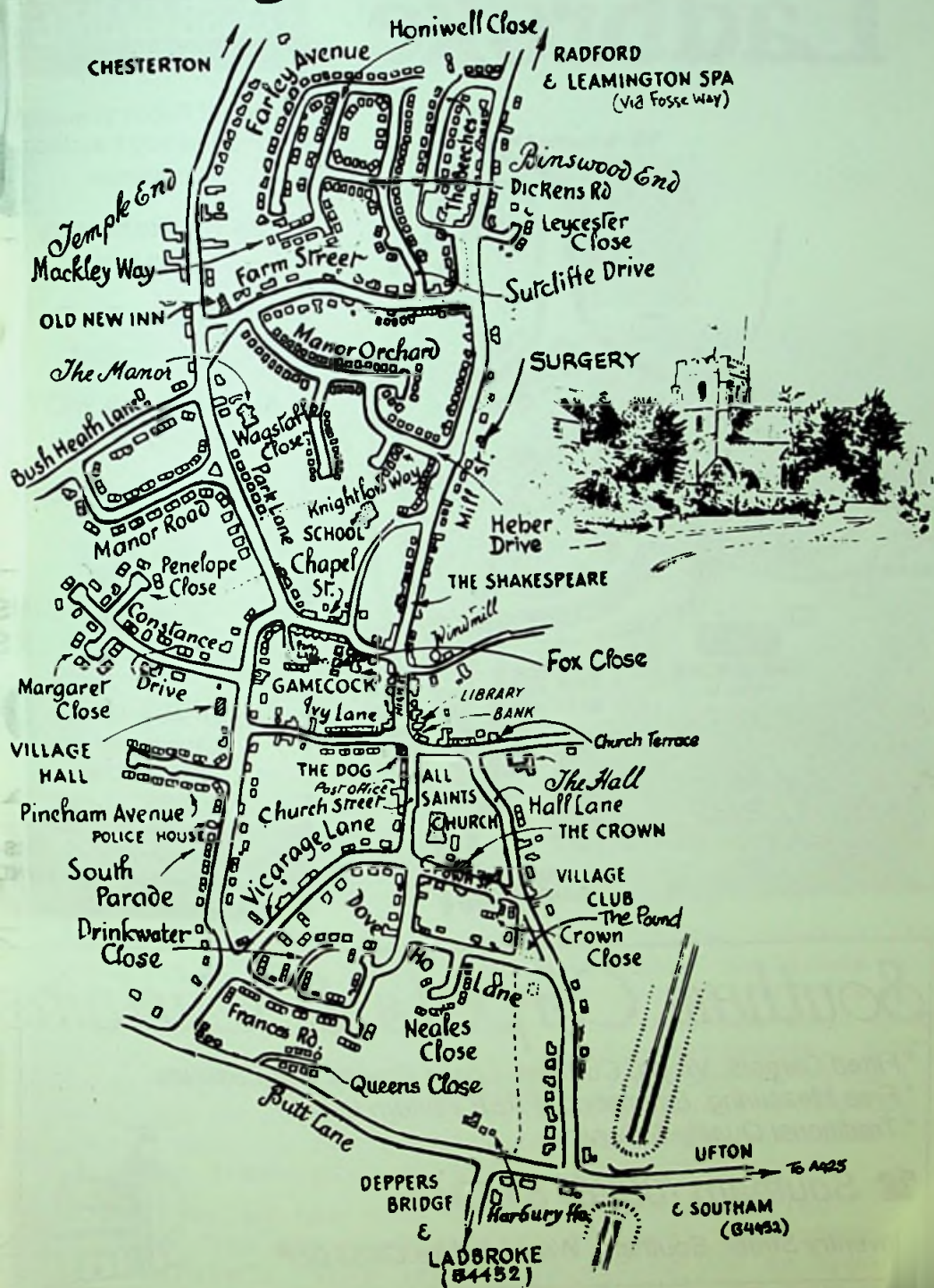
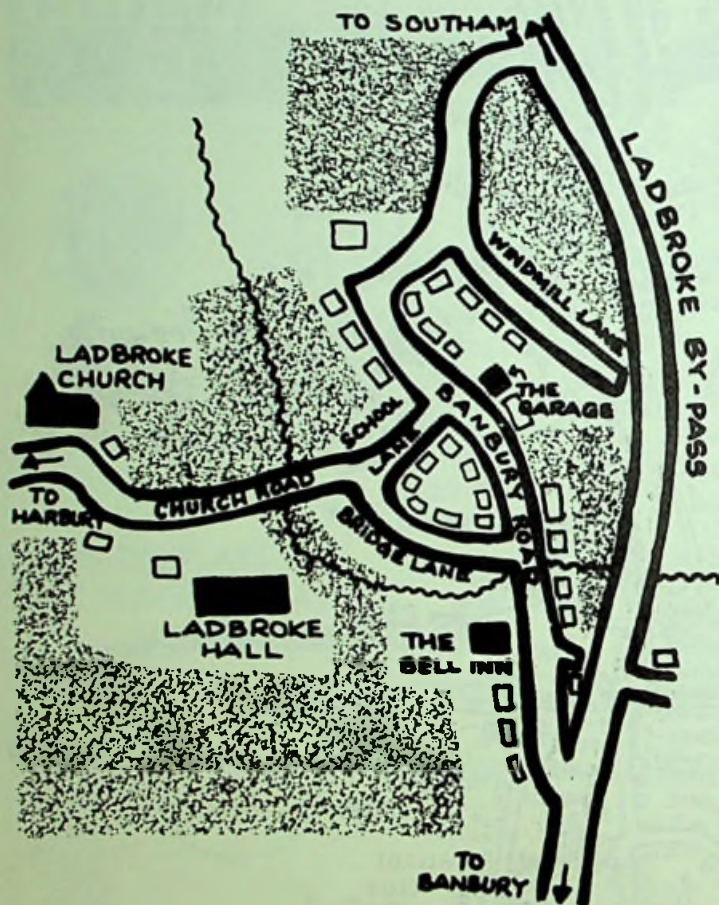


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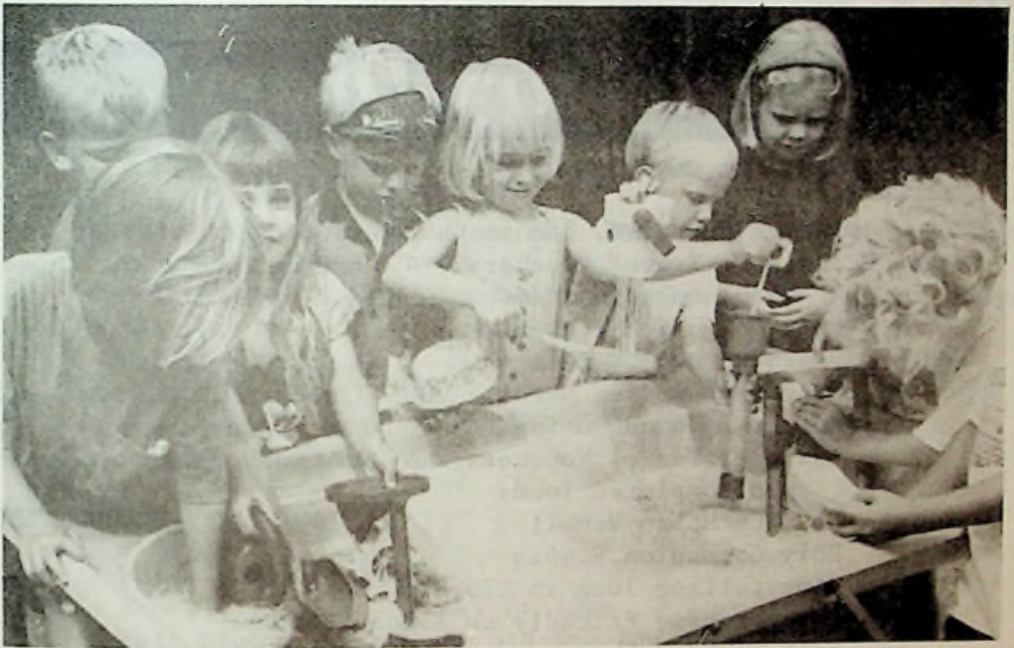
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As can be seen in our picture this month, taken at the Wight School Playgroup, the hot weather continues to give us opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors. The down side, however, means that hosepipe bans undo much of the hard work of our village gardeners. How mystifying that in this technological age we are subjected to such restrictions, because of a few dry weeks. What is our local water authority doing to alleviate these problems?

Most of you by now will have received a leaflet entitled "The Future Structure of Local Government in Warwickshire". This leaflet is giving you an opportunity to vote on this important issue. To give you

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further information, in order to clarify the situation, a meeting will be held on Wed. 31st August at 7.45pm in Southam Community Centre.

To help us with next month's edition, it would be appreciated if as many articles as possible be typed with a maximum line width of 13cm.

The editors of Harbury & Ladbroke News would like to take this opportunity to wish Nigel Chapman Best Wishes for his new temporary post at Westgate School.

Finally we extend our sympathy to the family of Belinda Keeling.

Harbury Diary

AUGUST

- Mon 1 Prayer & Praise, 8pm in Church
- Tues 2 Issue of Travel Vouchers 2-4.30pm in V.Hall for those
who completed forms
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 3 PLAYScheme in V.Hall
GRAPEVINE Coffee Morning 10am-12noon in T.H.Room
Mothers' Union Outing to Gloucester, 1pm
Issue of Travel Vouchers 2-4.30pm in V.Hall for those
who completed forms
- Thur 4 PLAYScheme in V.Hall
Holy Communion 9.45am
Storytelling 10am in Library
Cricket Home Friendly to Elmdon Airport
Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn at 8.30pm
- Fri 5 PLAYScheme in V.Hall
- Sat 6 THE TRANSFIGURATION - Holy Communion 9.30am
- Sun 7 Cricket Firsts away to Flecknoe, 2nds Home to Kenilworth
Wardens
- PENTECOST 11 - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 6.30pm
- Mon 8 Harbury Quilt on Display in Leamington Royal Priors
Bible Study, 8pm in T.H.Room
- Tues 9 Village Hall Committee meeting 8pm
Holy Communion at 7.30pm
- Wed 10 Mobile Activity Scheme for 8-16 yr olds at Recreation
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BLOOD DONORS in VILLAGE HALL
- Thur 11 Holy Communion 9.45am
Cricket Friendly away to Kenilworth

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FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

August, the traditional family holiday month, does tend to quieten and slow down most village activities however, looking ahead we do have one or two events in the pipeline for those at home.

The end of July will have a small task force undertaking a summer clean of the Tom Hauley Room. We are ever grateful to Joyce and Harry Windsor for keeping the room in pristine condition throughout the year, however there are always the high corners, gutters and the like which require from time to time extra pairs of hands.

The Hereburgh Quilt being made under the watchful eye of Mary Shelly in aid of the ROC fund is to be displayed in the Royal Priors Leamington Spa on Monday 8th August for 5 days. Should you happen to be in Leamington during that week do take the opportunity to support a Harbury cause.

A Mealabout (or Safari Supper) has been organised for Saturday 20th August. These events are always popular and a lot of fun. Further booking details are set out elsewhere in the magazine.

Father Roy Brown re-introduced the Family Service during May and it has proved to be very popular. The youth orchestra have excelled themselves and are a major contribution to the service which is held the 3rd Sunday of each month.

The Grapevine Coffee Morning on Wednesdays in the Tom Hauley Room is underway. This additional village facility is open to all and you will be made very welcome.

Margaret and Ken Docherty will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Sunday 7th August and we take this opportunity to offer our congratulations and to wish them many more years of happiness together

Beryl and Jeff

FROM THE RECTOR

I read some time ago that a District Council in the North East of England had appointed an Official Complainer! The person appointed would go into shops and cafes and complain about the service or the goods

being sold. The idea was, it appears, first of all to test the attitude of the staff and secondly to test the quality of the goods being sold. It was hoped that as people got to know of this person's presence, and as he or she went around complaining, people's standards would improve. I wonder!

It is rather unfashionable to say it, but I honestly believe that praise is more likely to lead to improvements than in constant criticism. Constantly to nag at someone can easily lead to them becoming discouraged and convinced that they are failures. And of just as great significance is the effect it has on the person complaining. If the Official Complainer is not a nit-picking person who always looks on the bad side of things when he or she starts the job, then they will soon end up like it!

How different life would seem if we all started to look out for what was good - what was worth praising or giving thanks for! Suddenly everything and everybody would be transformed. The half empty glass suddenly becomes half full! We start seeing all the countless things we have to be thankful for, instead of the rather few things that could be cause for complaint. How do we get to be like that? There is an old Chinese proverb that says - 'I was complaining that my shoes were too small, till I saw a man with no legs'. We do not have to look far in our world to see just how well off we are. Just look at the people starving in Africa - at the people deprived of the basic human dignities in South America - of the men and women living under constant fear of death in Northern Ireland - of the people around us who are long-term unemployed or have recently been bereaved, or who are sick. Yet an even more positive approach is to look for what is good in our own lives and in the lives and love of those around us. And to realize how blessed we are.

There is the clue! I wonder what percentage of our time of prayer we spend asking for things? Perhaps we ONLY pray if we have got something we want. If we spent more of our time looking for things to be thankful to God for, then we would find our eyes and ears becoming tuned in to what is good and lovely and praiseworthy. Then not only would the world

start to seem a better place and people seem better people. But also we ourselves would become more likeable, and that would start having a knock on effect. So how about starting now! Pray each evening, searching around for six things or people or events to give thanks for from all that has happened to us during the day. Once you start, you will be surprised how easy it is. Why not join the ranks of the Unofficial Praisers, and leave the Official Complainers to get on with their thankless task! Sow a little love in the world.

Fr. Roy

LAUGH LINE

It was a 102 year old lady who was asked if she had any worries and replied, "Not since I got my eldest son into an old people's home".

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms - At All Saints' Ladbroke

Paige Tamora Frost, on Sunday 3rd July
Shannon Coral Frost, on Sunday 3rd July
Francesca Elizabeth Smith, on Sunday 10th July
Benedict David Wadlaw, on Sunday 31st July

Holy Matrimony - At All Saints' Harbury

Edward Russell and Paula Ross on July 9th
Jason Hooper and Louisa Newbold on July 16th

Funerals - At All Saints' Harbury

'Kitty' Bowell of Chapel Street on 20th July

BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE

The first steps in drawing up a blueprint for the future financing of Harbury Church, which has to be virtually self-sufficient from January 1995, were taken at an extraordinary meeting of the finance committee on July 19. The changed economic climate challenging the Church of England stems largely from the Church Commissioners' heavy losses in commercial property development. Recommendations from the finance committee will be considered by the PCC in September.

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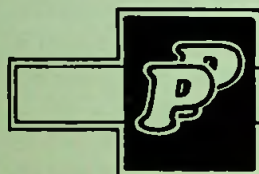
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AGENTS FOR CALOR GAS AND BLACK & DECKER PARTS

Lesley Jones, Tony Stubbs, and Tony Brunton was set up by the PCC at its meeting on June 28 to decide the next stage in the development of a corporate parish prayer group.

The urgency of finding two new leaders for the Crusaders was stressed by Sue Dormer who also appealed for a volunteer 'adjutant' to be responsible for the administrative work involved in running the group.

The PCC hope that the popular monthly lunches in the Tom Hauley Room will continue to raise money for general church funds when the ROC Appeal closes in September. Soundings are being taken in the hope of finding enough teams of five to continue preparing the lunches throughout the year, excluding August.

The date of the annual open-air service at Deppers Bridge will revert next year to Rogation Sunday.

Lesley Jones has joined the Harbury and Ladbroke News editorial committee to represent the PCC.

Confirmation candidates from Harbury and Ladbroke this year totalled ten.

The fabric committee is to consider what needs to be done to improve the effectiveness of the sound amplification system in church.

The Warwickshire Youth Chorale is to give Christmas Concert in the church in December.

JOHN ALGAR

MOTHERS' UNION

"Cats and Dogs" best describes the weather we were presented with for our garden meeting. However, we enjoyed a pleasant afternoon together, with tea provided by the committee, and were able to make a quick tour of Shirley Keir's lovely garden during a lull in the rain.

The evening meeting was replaced by a visit to the Severn Trent water-treatment works at Campion Hills. Mr. Mottram, who showed us round, was severely quizzed about the hosepipe ban which had just been imposed (apparently there is plenty of water, but they cannot deliver it quickly enough). It was an interesting evening and we learned a lot about the treatment of our water to give us a clean supply.

Harbury also hosted the Deanery Social in July when we passed a very pleasant evening in Jennifer Ingram's

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garden. There are no meetings in August, but we have an outing to Gloucester on August 3rd. There are still places available on the coach, at £5 each. Please let me know if you would like to go, (non-members are very welcome).

The next meeting is on September 7th. Please bring your overseas boxes.

C. Mary Catt

TODDLERS' SERVICE

We made a seaside model with sand, shells, pebbles, and a toy boat and Mrs. Keir told how Jesus would talk to people and tell them stories from a boat on the Sea of Galilee. The song we sang was "With Jesus in the Boat". There is no Toddlers' Service in August. The next one will be on September 13th.

C. Mary Catt

CRUSADERS NEEDS YOU

Crusaders are a non- (or inter-) denominational group whose main purpose is to bring the news of Jesus to youngsters and help them learn about the Christian way of life. The main activity in this village, with the support of "All Saints" church, is the Sunday morning meeting from 10.30 to 11.30 each week - apart from the third Sunday in each month when the family service takes place. This is primarily for those aged 4 - 13.

This term Rosemary Eld retired from regular teaching and we are therefore seeking someone (of any denomination) who feels led by the Lord to become involved with the young people of the village and may see Crusaders as the way in which to do so.

If this is you, please contact Keith Dormer (613254) or John Eld (613340). The next term starts in September.

**PLEASE NOTE: CAROUSEL telephone number has changed to
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Wed 3 Holy Communion 10.30am
Sun 7 PENTECOST 11 - Family Communion 10.30am
Wed 10 Holy Communion 10.30am
Sun 14 PENTECOST 12 - Sung Communion 9am
Wed 17 Holy Communion 10.30am
Sun 21 PENTECOST 13 - Sung Communion 9am; Children's Church
10.30am; Evensong 3.30pm
Wed 24 Holy Communion 10.30am
Sun 28 PENTECOST 14 - Sung Communion 9am
Wed 31 Holy Communion 10.30am

CHURCH NEWS

The churchyard has been mown, and is looking lovely and tidy. However, we do have some people about who are worried about our destroying the wild flowers. I think most of them (the flowers) are by now gone to seed, and that if the grass were left to go rank and fall it would choke any other plants. The grass has always been mown before and the wild flowers have survived other years.

Over the last few Sundays the congregations have been handed a "questionnaire". A suggestion has been made that we should have an Open Meeting (not just PCC members) to discuss Christian Development in the Parish. One idea is that we have "a look" at our Children's Church and see how we can develop that. Any ideas on that and any other subject, please write down on your form.

Betty Winkfield

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our speakers in July were Ian and Jenny from the Samaritans in Stratford. They told us about how they are there to listen to all sorts of problems with the utmost confidentiality. That all Samaritan centres are manned 24hrs a day, and that their door is open from 8am to 8pm to receive visitors.

In August we are having an "Afternoon Tea" with the usual Raffle and Bring and Buy at Hall Farm, that is August 10th at 3pm.

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We shall be continuing our Corporate Communion service at 2pm on the Wednesday before the meeting; but the meeting will now commence at 2.45pm, as from September.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I. NEWS

Our June meeting started early to allow business to be conducted before we opened our Annual Strawberry Fair. Delegates from other W.I. joined us and a jolly time was had by all. £230 was made on the day which swells W.I. funds and brings joy to our Treasurer. On the 28th June ten members toured the Post Office Sorting Office in Coventry.

For over two hours and not a minute was wasted. The sheer volume of mail and the speed with which it is processed was amazing. In July we have trips planned to Wellesbourne Watermill and a Severn Trent water plant. New members are very welcome - come and try us out for 3 meetings before you join. Next meeting is on Thursday September 22nd. A talk and demonstration on Flower Arranging.

Irene Bennett

LADBROKE NEWS

Ladbroke Parish Council met on Wed. 20th July. Sgt. Keith Brushette and P.C. Andy Went attended to report on Police matters. A car had been broken into in the grounds of Ladbroke Hall. This incident had not been reported either to the Police or to the Neighbourhood Watch. The Police emphasised that it is essential to report even minor incidents, so that an overall pattern can be established. Francis Badman is our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, tel. 812187.

The decision on the latest plans for Hedges Field has been deferred, while Council Officers are in discussion with the developers, to try and produce a more suitable development. Planning applications for a new kitchen roof at "Hill View", and a garage extension for Mr. Clews, had been approved. New plans had been received for the new farm house in Foley Lane, and the council saw no objections.

Efforts were being made to try and get a grant from

Shell to enable the village to purchase some grass cutting equipment, suitable for both the Churchyard and the footpath group.

A host of documents had been received on the subject of the Local Government Review. The Council had seen no reason to change its mind and is currently still in favour of retaining the status quo - which is our current system of Local Government. There will be a meeting on WEDNESDAY 31st AUGUST at 7.45pm in SOUTHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE for the General public to find out as much as possible about this important issue. The meeting will be attended by the Chief Executive of WCC and also by Mr. Prosser of Stratford DC. They intend to explain the implications of the new proposals and will be answering questions. Do try and attend the meeting and don't forget to send back the Local Review Pamphlet, which arrived recently on all our doorsteps.

The Council will break for a holiday until Wed. 21st Sept

Kate Liverton

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

Our last social function, the lunchtime BBQ at Walworth Farm, was a great success with a goodly number of people and whereas, as you know, we are not a fundraising group, we still managed to put a fair amount in the bank.

We give our thanks to our hosts, Bob and Gill Moore for their help and hospitality and for the pleasure of being in their lovely garden. Walworth Farm is still one of our favourite venues and any event there is looked forward to with great anticipation and is always well supported.

Thank you Bob and Gill.

Gwynne Badman

All Saints' Church, Ladbroke Sunday Services

9am Holy Communion with Hymns

(Except 1st Sunday of Month: 10.30am Family Communion)

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

3.30pm Evensong (3rd Sunday)

VILLAGE HALL NEWS OPEN GARDENS

The sun shone all afternoon and the last cream tea was served well into the early evening!

A successful afternoon; we played host to over 100 visitors and nearly £250 was raised towards the Village Hall refurbishments. Indeed, we had several congratulations on our new toilet and kitchen facilities, so the achievements to date are being acknowledged.

A very special thankyou must go to the following, who without their gardens there would not have been an open afternoon:

First I must thank Mr & Mrs Laidler and their family, who provided not only their garden for the cream teas, but themselves as waitresses; Mr & Mrs J Liverton; Mr & Mrs A Jenkin; Mrs P Edwards; Mr & Mrs B Bicknell; Mr & Mrs R Bennett; Mr & Mrs S Greenway (who also put their veteran cars/bikes on view - and were later seen giving rides around the village); Mr & Mrs A Timms (whose plant nursery was also open) and Mr & Mrs T Sheasby (who also provided Goblin for the pony rides).

Thanks must also go to the Ladbroke Bellringers who unlocked the Tower and were busy all afternoon escorting visitors up to see the bells and a few up beyond to see the view over Ladbroke's roofs!

Mrs J Wilcox provided Dried Flowers and Mrs L Doyle Shrubs and Herbs for sale at the Village Hall.

Also in the Village Hall were over 40 entries in the photography and flower arranging competitions. All prizes were supplied by Tollgate Nursery, Chapel Nursery and Ryton Organic Gardens.

RESULTS:

Flower arrangements - Judge; Mrs B Darkes.

Under 18 years.

1st - Lucy Todman

2nd - Charlotte Todman

3rd - Anna Todman

Adult.

1st - Joan Sheasby

2nd - Joan Sheasby

3rd - Elsa Greenway

4th - Jill Norgate

Photography - Judge; Mr T Sullivan

Under 18 years.

1st - Charlotte Todman

2nd - Simon Knott

3rd - Anna Todman

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3rd - Linda Doyle

4th - Kip Warr

Linda Doyle

THE HARBURY AND LADBROKE CHURCH MEN'S SOCIETY

The Society met on 7th July for their Annual General Meeting, the final meeting of this term. The Chairman reported that it had been a successful year having found excellent speakers on a wide diversity of subjects each month i.e. Working with wood; The work of a magistrate; Civil Engineering and Mission in Bangladesh; Christian Mission to the down and outs here in the Leamington Area; Yachting at Keil, and Pathway to the Priesthood, to name just some. The Annual Dinner held in March 94 had also been a pleasant and successful occasion.

Officers to fill the posts of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary were elected.

Forthcoming events will be the Men's Society Coffee Morning to be held on 17th September. This will include a cake sale and raffle and the money raised will be donated to "The Ladbroke Church Restoration Fund". The next meeting of the Men's Society will be on 6th October at 19.45hrs in the Tom Hauley Room. This meeting will be the first of the 1994/95 meetings and if anyone is thinking of joining the Men's Society and wish first to know more about it, feel free to contact the Secretary on 612573.

P.D. Edwards

R.O.C.

This month's total for ROC is £16,070.18, so we have only just over £500 left to find. This is wonderful news and we are filled with gratitude for the efforts of everyone who has helped in any way to raise this money in such a short time. However, we are not finished yet and there are still some events planned.

Charles Catt's cycle ride put £200 into the fund - more than was expected. We have also received one or two of the fill a can, which have boosted it some more. If you have a can we shall be pleased to

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receive it any time between now and the end of Sept. It doesn't matter what is in it (they don't need to be full) as every little helps.

The next event is the "Meal About" on Saturday August 20th, starting and finishing in the T. Hauley Room. You will need a ticket for this and these can be obtained from Joyce Windsor, 5 Park Lane (612504). Please buy your ticket in good time so that we know how many to cater for. Come and enjoy some super food in a pleasant environment.

Sunday 11th Sept. - Lunch time drinks party in the garden of the Lambert's home at Temple House;

Saturday 17th Sept. - Motor Rally. This is a fun event and should not be taken too seriously. More details next month;

Friday 30th Sept. - Antiques Road Show in Church with a talk by Mr. Barby of Locke and England's Fine Arts Dept.

Of more immediate concern is the Hereburgh Quilt which is now complete and is a beautiful piece of work that anyone would be thrilled to own. We shall be selling Raffle Tickets in the Royal Priors for 5 days from Aug. 8th and we need plenty of help. If you are able to spare an hour or two please put your name on the chart on the table in Church or notify Ken Hughes 612273. Please don't worry if you do not have transport as this can be provided.

Joyce and Harry Windsor

PLANNING

People ask why "they" allowed; the Forge to be demolished, the wall at Pool Farm to be pulled down; big new houses to be built yet nothing that young couples can afford. The answer is that planning is mostly "reactive" it makes decisions on the **change in the use of land** suggested by others.

Most applications are decided by District Cllrs (WCC deals with Minerals and some Highways matters). Planning officers give advice on law and policy but Councillors have the ultimate choice to approve or not. However they do not have a completely free hand. If their decision is perverse or without proper cause not only is an Appeal likely to succeed but they (and that really means **YOU**) may have to pay costs!

Your Parish Council has **no planning powers**. Like any

individual it can make representations to the District Council about applications and in our District the Parishes are sent copies of all plans to encourage them to give the local view.

So what would be valid reasons for opposing a Planning Application? A neighbour who felt development would overlook his property or in some other way affect him would have a case. The Parish Council explaining that the access was dangerous or the Harbury Society pointing out that the design was inappropriate would certainly be heeded. **BUT** Councillors have to weigh these objections against the principle that there is a presumption in favour of development unless there are strong reasons for refusal.

There are also certain policies that make planning permission easier or harder to obtain. Development in the open countryside is banned except to replace existing buildings, convert historic barns or to house farm workers. "Backland" development (that is of open spaces behind existing houses) is frowned upon, but a "change of use" from industrial to residential, for example is seen as a benefit to the community.

In general what Planning cannot do is demand that any particular thing be built. It can only say yeah or nay to proposals put to it by others. But now with the Local Plan we have a chance to work with the Planners to say broadly what we want to happen to our community and where, yet we will still have to wait for developers to take up the opportunities.

So back to the contentious issues of the moment. The Forge was not an Historic Building in the legal sense and so had no formal protection. The change to residential use was seen as a benefit and the County Council did not object to the access, which already existed.

At Pool Farm a new access was created and the County demand that the wall was "pulled back" to create vision splay: It will be rebuilt.

Expensive new homes like Pirie Close were on land "within the village envelope" which was always likely to be granted development rights, and unfortunately it is land use not selling price that planning controls. What is on the cards though through the new Local Plan is a small number of affordable homes on the site to the rear of South Parade, and Severn Trent willing, these could be built within the next few years.

So, remember whilst it is not always possible to stop development and saying "No I don't like it" or "I don't want change" does not work; reasoned and reasonable objections often lead to compromises and solutions which are, in time, seen to be beneficial.



! W A N T E D !

The Harbury Theatre Group are looking for people interested in acting or working with the back stage crew for our next production 'The Railway Children' to be staged in November 1994. We need support in the following areas, no previous experience necessary.

Lighting and Sound Technicians

To help our resident lighting and sound technicians as they design sets and operate the lighting for the next play.

Stage Designers/Builders

Help with the design, build and assembly of the stage sets.

Props Person

To work as part of a team responsible for sourcing and coordinating the stage props (from furniture to fans)

Assistant Stage Manager

Help take charge behind the curtain to make sure everything is all right on the night!

Front of House

To work as part of a team coordinating ticket sales and refreshments and welcoming people on arrival.

Wardrobe

Good with a needle and an eye for design? Our wardrobe mistress would welcome some extra help.

Doesn't appeal but interested in getting involved anyway? Why not come along to our open day on Sunday September 18 to meet members and find out more. For further information see this month's Theatre Group entry or contact Michele Grant on 614259 or Brian Thurogood on 613415 .

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

We always welcome new members but appreciate it can be a bit daunting coming along to a meeting where you don't know many people or have a clue what anyone's talking about. So we're holding a Cheese and Wine party on Sunday September 18 from 1.00pm onwards at The Corner Cottage, High Street (next door to Nifty Needles) to give you an opportunity to meet us all. Partners and kids in tow are welcome. If you are interested in joining why not come along and find out more. For catering arrangements we need to know numbers in advance so it would be helpful if you could call Michele Grant on 614259 before Monday 12 September. We look forward to seeing you there.

Brian Thurogood 613415

HARBURY SOCIETY

It was reassuring for the Harbury Society members to see how well run the Biffa site at Ufton Hill was and to have the precautions explained in detail.

A cut-off ditch filled with clay forms a waterproof seal to prevent both liquid and gas migrating; boreholes enable the water to be sampled; and pipes vent methane into the air.

Ponds for Great Crested Newts have been dug out and Biffa will transfer wildlife before tipping affects their habitat. The group was impressed by the engineering which went on prior to tipping and was able to inspect a newly prepared cell.

It was most impressive to see such care and order amongst what could be a very messy business. There was even a colourful garden by the Weighbridge with Biffa picked out in African Marigolds!

Because we have a good working relation with our Planning Authority and believe that the current set up gives the rural areas the best protection the Society has opted for the Status Quo in the Great Re-organisation Debate.

We want to keep The Fosse as a barrier to the urbanisation and industrialisation that is spreading out from Leamington. But as well as being content with Stratford District we feel that a strong County Council is needed to protect us from being overwhelmed. The County also undertakes functions that would not be transferable to Unitary Authorities (Police, Fire, Emergency Plans, Archives, Museums & Libraries).

We have persuaded Libraries and Heritage to open the Windmill at Chesterton on the Weekend of September 10 & 11th and volunteers are needed to help out.

The Village Hall plans to hedge its eastern and southern boundaries to match the laid hedge on the west. The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers will supervise the work some time in October and would like to involve local people and train them in the skills needed to plant and maintain it. Would you like to help? Let me know. Linda Ridgley 612792

HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

We have had an exciting year. It began with the Afrikan Kultural Kontractors' Workshops, and ended with Skylight Circus teaching club members circus skills; resulting in a fine display on Carnival Day.

The programme this year has also addressed various health issues. This has taken the form of a quiz, and the visit from a touring theatre group. Some musical tuition has been available for members wishing to learn guitar and keyboard. Club members have participated in community events. During Environmental Week members were out involved in, what has now become an Annual Litter Pick. Once again we supported the McMillan nurses appeal; this year with a sponsored Reebok evening.

The Club is now affiliated to the Area Community Education Council, which entitles us to apply for grant aid funding. The success of our application this year means we have funding for parttime Youth Leaders.

Gerry Bailey from Harbury School and Mike Thompson from Southam School have joined the Management Cttee this year and their expertise is much appreciated. Our two leaders, Becky McDaid and Steve Mazurek have, due to other commitments, had to resign this month. The Management Committee are grateful to them for all their hard work during the year. We will be advertising for new leaders ready to start after the Summer holidays. If there is anyone in Harbury who may be interested in a parttime Youth Leader job, or anyone who could help us on a voluntary basis, we would be delighted to hear from them. We are also looking for guitarists, who could help with tuition. Anyone interested please contact Vikki Holroyd on 512527.

Vikki Holroyd

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Thanks to everyone who filled in the survey sheet that went out in Harbury News a few months ago. The response, together with conversations with lots of villagers, has resulted in a list of interesting proposals outlined in a report.

This has given us all some new ideas to work from, as well as confirming several ideas that have been buzzing round for some time. In particular Harbury School is to start a series of adult education classes which have been commissioned from the Southam Adult Centre.

To start with, in September there will be classes on:
 Conversational French (starting 12.9.94);
 Water Colour Painting (starting 13.9.94);
 Yoga (starting 14.9.94).

Each class runs for 11 weeks from 7.30 to 9.30pm in our Spooner room.

In addition we'll be continuing to run Women's Keep Fit to Music, starting on 15.9.94, and Aerobics on Friday.

Also the school swimming pool will be open for tuition throughout the holiday. We have a fully qualified ASA Swimming Instructor who will teach children (no younger than 3 years please) and adults. Each lesson is for half an hour each day (Monday to Friday), and the charge for each week is £12 for children, £14 for adults. You can book in for more than one week's lessons if you wish. Each lesson will have a maximum of 12 people, so individual attention is ensured. Please contact 0203 595541 (P.P. Leisure) for further information.

The Parish Council and the Youth Club are also actively looking at provision for 16-19 year olds, which is one of the major recommendations of the report.

The report is available for perusal at school. Please phone 612656 for details.

Gerry Bailey, Headteacher

SCHOOL - UNWELCOME VISITORS

Our school tries to be a welcoming and caring place for all who use it - however over the past few months we have had a series of incidents of people abusing the site. We've had two or three break-ins to our swimming pool, as well as young people gathering in dark corners and hurling abusive language at our neighbours. We even had a case of a Hide and Seek game that was played on our roof and in our large bins. Our worries are that those doing this run a high risk of damage both to themselves and to our site. Whenever we have been told of an incident action has followed quickly, and on some occasions has involved the police. Please if you see anything along these

lines happening at our school over the holiday could you telephone the Police on 411000 and ask for Southam Control. Many Thanks.

Gerry Bailey, Headteacher

HARBURY SCHOOL P.T.A.

Summer is with us and our children are enjoying their "well-earned" break from school. In the last year the parents, guardians, friends, staff and last but not least the children of the school have managed to raise over £3,000. This is sufficient to purchase a new computer and associated C.D. ROM System. (super quick, enormous data retrieval system e.g. pages of encyclopedia instantly available at the touch of a button). Thus ensuring that the gap between our children's grasp of high technology and that of ours is ever widening.

This magnificent fund raising achievement has only been possible through the sheer hard work and dedicated commitment from a very large group of people and I thank you all.

Many thanks also go out to the hundreds who pay and participate in our events, especially those of you who continue to contribute to the 100 Club but don't ever win. Hopefully your turn will be next!!

I must also take this opportunity to thank Dean Masson and Nigel Chapman for their enormous commitment to PTA activities over countless years. Hopefully Nigel will re-join us on his return from Westgate. In the meantime we wish them and their families all the very best as they embark on their "new journey".

We are already planning next year's events including the third and probably final Entertainment's Evening with Les Barker and friends on Saturday 8th October. Tickets will again be £6 per person available from PTA committee members nearer the time.

Next year's school fayre will include one or two new "slants" to hopefully maintain the magnificent total of £577 recently raised. Let's hope for good weather and your generosity next June.

Our Annual Wine and Cheeze Event, better known as the AGM on Tuesday 19th Oct., will enable those of you who

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would like to be more involved to do so. Next year's calender is not yet finalised so you can still really influence how our efforts are to be directed.

Our meetings happen to be good fun (contrary to popular belief) with much merriment enjoyed by all, often at the expense of the chairman who deserves it anyway.

See you at the AGM, have a happy summer, and thanks once again to everyone who helped or contributed in any way.

Stephen Kelly (613175)

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

Pleasant, but not particularly memorable would perhaps be the most accurate summary of the July's meeting of the Harbury Folk Club.

I describe it as that because I remember coming away from it feeling that it had been a pleasant evening, but since then I have lost the notes which I scrawled for the purpose of this item, and I can't remember much of the detail.

I do remember that Tom Paxton, Ralph McTell and Martin Carthy didn't turn up. Also I remember a distinct lack of talk about the Archers, so I assume the Jugband also didn't turn up.

The people I do remember coming, and giving wonderful performances include: Peter McDonald, Gilly Darby, Mike Putnam, Des (from Plum Jerkum), Roupe's Group, Ron and Jean Shuttleworth, Bobby (from Banbury), Ian and Sue Hartland, and Steve Dudley. I am quite sure that it is not exhaustive, so my apologies for those I have omitted.

The particular items I remember about the evening was the way I forgot to include several singers who were to have taken part in the second half. This led to a very long third half! Also, I particularly remember the beautiful singing of "What have they done to my song", by Gilly Darby and "Annie's Song" written by Tom Paxton and sung by Peter McDonald. They were my two favourite contributions to the evening, though all contributors were of superb quality. Many thanks to those who took part.

The raffle raised the sum of £21.50 which will go

towards the entertaining of the German visitors to Harbury in October.

The next meeting of the folk club will be on August 4th, and, as usual, be in the lounge bar of the Old New Inn. I was told who would be comper for the evening, but I've forgotten. I think it's Mike Putnam.

Peter Bones

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

On the 16th july, John Hunt did a sponsored swim for the Heart Foundation. He swam a magnificent 76 lengths of the Newbold Comyn baths. As result of which he hopes to send a cheque of approx. £150 to the B.H.F. A truly splendid effort; thank you John, and thank you to all the people who sponsored him.

Gladys Hutchins

HARBURY VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE - 24 SEPTEMBER 1994

Further to the article in the March issue of the magazine, details are now available for stall hire. The stalls will be similar to those used in previous years, i.e. covered, table-top size 10'x5'. The charge (at cost price) for a full stall will be £17.00 and a half stall (5'x5') £8.50. There are also 'pitches' available for anyone who doesn't need a stall for their fund raising, and these will be £5.00 each. Please contact Dan Killian to book any of the above - there is always a great demand for stalls and the number has to be limited. Don't miss this unique opportunity to raise funds for your organisation or charity. Electricity will be available, if required, to light the stalls (lights to be provided by stallholders) and a prize for the 'Most Attractive' stall will be presented during the evening.

There will be entertainment for all ages, including Bouncy Castle, Punch & Judy, Magic Show and Roundabouts for the children, but if anyone would like to provide additional entertainment we would be very pleased to hear from them. Contact Brian Ingram or Dan Killian on the numbers below.

It is hoped that by bringing the event forward to September this year the weather will be warmer (can this heatwave last!). So, please hurry and book your stall or add to the entertainment or just come along and enjoy yourselves - period costume would add to the atmosphere, now is the time to look out all your Victorian bits and pieces! Remember, ALL MONEY RAISED at the Fayre is for the

benefit of local organisations or charities, some of which would be unable to carry out vital work for the community without fund raising events such as this, therefore, please help us to help others.

CORRECTION: The Fayre will commence at 4.00 p.m. (not 2.00 p.m. as earlier article). This is an hour earlier than in previous years with the hope that stallholders will have more time to 'sell out', thus giving them the chance to join in the evening's entertainment. The children's entertainment will take place mostly in the early part of the evening.

More details will appear in the next issue of the 'News'.

Brian 612418; Dan 612265

1994 GRADUATE SUCCESSES IN HARBURY

In recent weeks, there has been news of the success of the class of '85 at Harbury School.

Ex. Binswood and Southam School student,
ANDREW CLIFFORD - has graduated from Nottingham University with a B.Sc Honours II(I) in Maths.

Three former students from Southam Sixth form have also celebrated their graduate success:-

EMMA FINCH - gained a B.Sc Honours II(I) in Geology and Geophysics and is now hoping to follow a Ph.D course in Earthquake prediction at Coleraine University, N. Ireland. Since there was a minor tremor at Stratford-upon-Avon recently, there might be some implications for Harbury!? During her time at Durham University, Emma played 1st team Netball for 3 years and was the 1st team Captain during her 2nd year. She owes her netballing prowess to the training received with the Harbury Ladies Netball team during her school days. She was awarded her full netball colours for the University and full basketball colours for her college.

JAMES PLAYDON - received his B. Eng Honours degree at Portsmouth University, two days before his 21st birthday. He may take up an

Engineering occupation or continue with his studies as a Post Graduate student. After enjoying cricket with the Harbury team, James went on to represent Portsmouth University in the sport.

Whilst at University he formed with two others a Rock Group called "Pedro Range", writing the music and lyrics themselves, performing in the Portsmouth area, and are returning in the autumn to play there again. James learnt the flute at Harbury and continued his interest in music at Southam with Mr. Herbert.

STEVEN THOMPSON - gained a B.A. Honours II(I) from Birmingham in Sport and Recreational Management. He also excelled in sport at the University and gained his full Blue playing football for the University team. He was selected to play for the English Universities Soccer team and has now been offered a 1 year Sports scholarship at the University of South Carolina, USA. He will be leaving Harbury in August to take up residence with another Birmingham student at Myrtle Beach (S.C.).

Congratulations are extended to all these students and any others not mentioned here and thanks to the local schools which provided the educational 'Stepping Stones'.

C.F.

HARBURY CARNIVAL NEWS No. 7

I know I promised in June that I wouldn't bother you again, but I lied and you were given all the Carnival results in the July edition. Well here I am again. I'm sure you would like to know that due to your wonderful support on the day, we will be handing over £1000 to the Village Hall committee.

Once again the whole committee would like to thank everyone who took part and helped in any way to make the day such a resounding success. Finally may I remind you that if you are interested in joining the committee, please contact me. We'll be starting all over again in November - ish.

Oh by the way, next years Carnival will be on the 10th June.

Paul Watkin (Carnival Committee).

CHURCH FLOWER FUND

A coffee morning is to be held in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 6th August from 10-12noon to help raise funds for the above. Your support would be must appreciated.

Bertha Kettle



HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

July was an active month. Hazelby House proved to be a delightful place and the three gardeners in attendance were most helpful. There were many secluded spots in which to eat our picnic lunches, which we achieved without the threatened rain. The weather also held good for our evening visit to 2 most interesting and dissimilar gardens near Banbury. Our hosts were most welcoming, and in return for our visit, all four of them came to our garden walkabout where they were interesting and knowledgeable visitors. We were very pleased to see them.

The flow of people through the gardens was steady although not so great as in other years when the weather was equally splendend. However, those who came obviously enjoyed themselves. It was good too to meet several newcomers to the village, all dealing with their newly acquired gardens. We hope they will join us.

We are very grateful to all those who opened their gardens, this involves a great deal of work! and we hope they found it worth while. Our thanks too to the many people who beavered away selling programmes and providing refreshments, or helped in any way to make it a pleasant and successful day.

E.D. Zonik

AUGUST IN THE GARDEN

Continue watering and deadheading particularly container grown plants. Feed Dahlias and Chrysanthemums lightly and remove side buds to encourage larger flowers. In dry conditions watch for mildew on Chrysants and spray.

Prune climbing and rambler roses after flowers have faded. If you have a greenhouse take cuttings of Busy Lizzie, Fuchsias, grey leaved plants, Penstemon, Zonal and Ivy leaved Geraniums for next year. Sow winter flowering Pansies to bloom early next Spring. Cut back established Pansies and Violas and top dress to encourage growth. If you have a sheltered dry spot hardy annuals can be sown towards the end of the month to flower early next year. Begin to plant Daffodils.

Pick Beans, Peas, Courgettes and Peppers as soon as they are ready to keep plants cropping. Earth up stems of Brassicas and stake any that are tall and subject to wind rock. Watch for grey aphids and caterpillars and spray.

Sow May Queen Lettuce early in the month for Autumn use, also Spring Cabbage and Winter or perpetual Spinach. Cut down canes of Raspberries and Loganberries, when they have finished fruiting, to within six inches of the ground and remove any weakly new shoots. Prune black currants, when fruit has been picked, cutting out old fruited wood and leaving new growth well spaced. Watch for mildew on Apples and Gooseberries in dry spells, and spray.

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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

Jane, Toby and Gemma Faulconbridge would like to thank everyone, including all staff and pupils at Harbury School for their sympathy, kind thoughts and support in the recent sad loss of Chris.

A memorial service is being held to celebrate Chris's life on Saturday 20th August 2pm at Burton Dassett Church and everyone will be very welcome.

Kind donations in memory of Chris for I.T.U. Trust Fund c/o Ruth (Jane) Faulconbridge

Dear Editors,

May I through you as a comparatively newcomer to Harbury, say "Thank you" to the kind folk who sent me cards and flowers after my accident, especially to Mrs. Austin - her little girl who stayed with me till the ambulance came. Thank you all.

Amy H. Stockwell

Dear Editors,

It is with extremely mixed feelings that I work through the final week of term at Harbury School. Those with connections at the school will know that, after fifteen years, I have taken a secondment to Westgate School in Warwick. This means that I shall be away for a year, albeit in a similar role to the one at Harbury. I am aware that a book is being run on whether I return at all - but punters ought to know that the School Governors have only agreed to a one year contract!

Visitors have always commented on the atmosphere in the school, which is a great compliment to the children of this village, as well as the staff and Head, and obviously a major reason for me staying for so long. My own two children have grown up feeling a part of it too, having spent weeks away in Wales and the Forest of Dean with various classes, since they were in nappies. As a family, we have come to

feel a real part of the village, and have a deep affection for so many.

There has always been incredible parental support for this village school, even though in the past few years, cuts and changes have wrought havoc with organisation and stability. It is a credit to all that it remains so happy and well regarded. We have greatly enjoyed all the village events which we have been a part of. The Victorian Street Fair, Craft Fairs, Walkabout, Quizzes, as well as the PTA events. And what other community has such wonderful pubs?!

I have been privileged to be a part of so many children's lives, and hope that (for the most part!) it has been as happy a relationship for them as it has been for me. There are obviously many regrets, though I look forward to the undoubted challenge of a very different school. All of us will be enriched by the change.

(What a po-faced piece of writing, just like a school report). But you know my sentiments are deeply felt. If you want the normal Nigel chat and a laugh, buy me a pint when you see me!

Nigel Chapman

Dear Editors,

I wish to advise you that my mother Mrs. Beatrice Miller of Vicarage Lane, Harbury died suddenly at Heathcote Hospital Warwick, on the 12th June, aged 79 years.

The funeral was held at Oakley Wood Crematorium on Monday 20th June with the Rev. Roy Brown in attendance.

Although I have written personally to everyone whose address I know, I would like to thank anyone who I have not been able to contact for their kind thoughts. As a possible matter of interest, my mother and my grandfather were the only members of the family who were born and remained in Harbury all of their lives.

My mother loved her garden and never wanted to move away from the village, even as she became older.

Yours sincerely

Alan Rogerson

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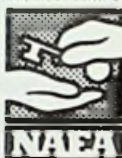
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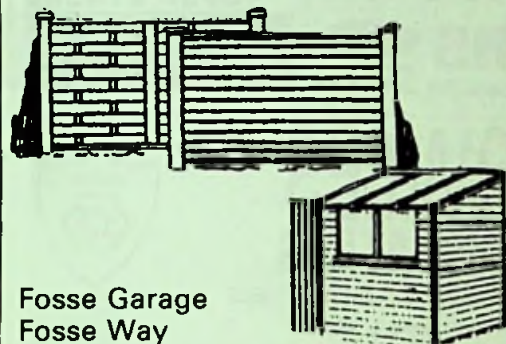
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