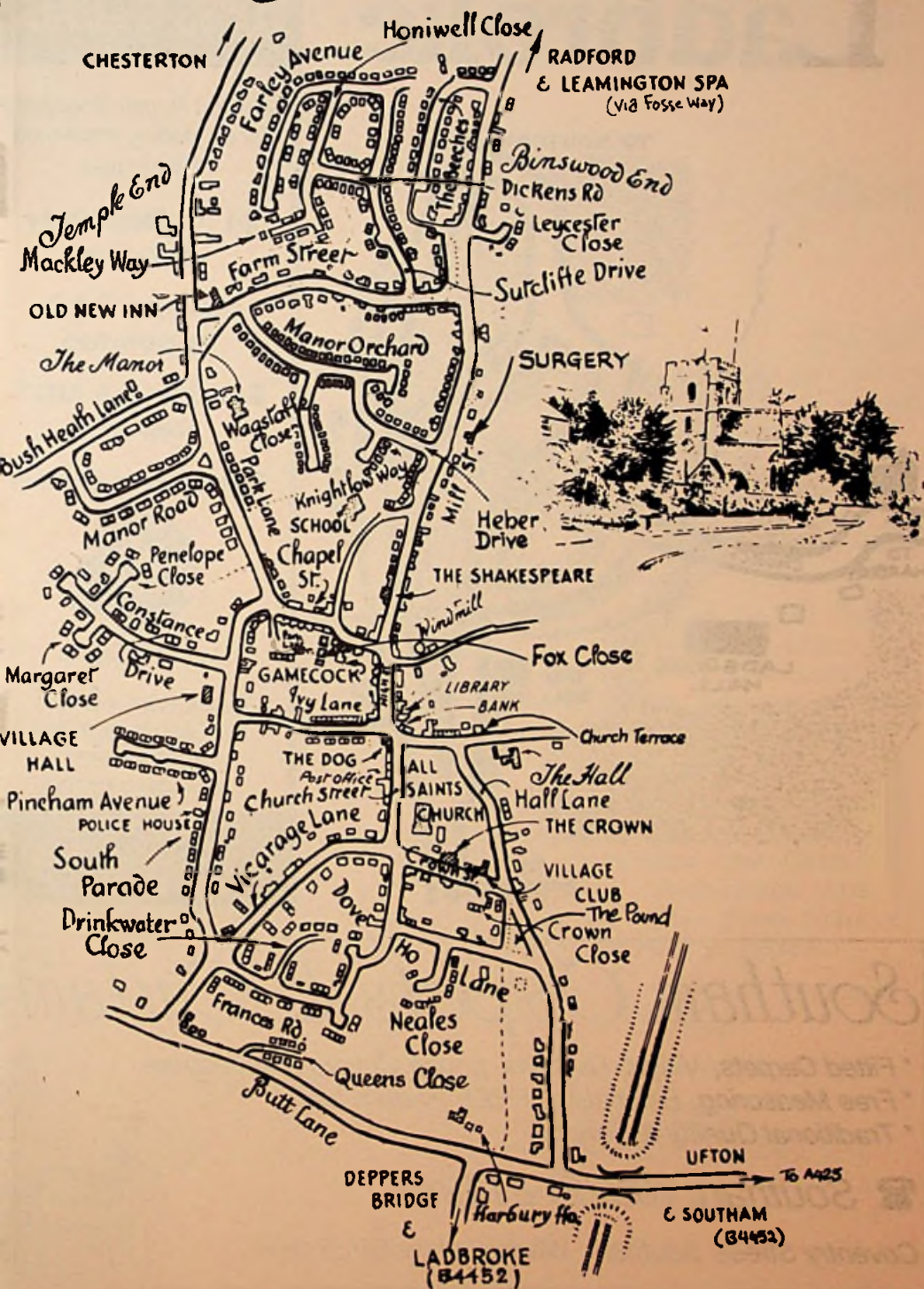
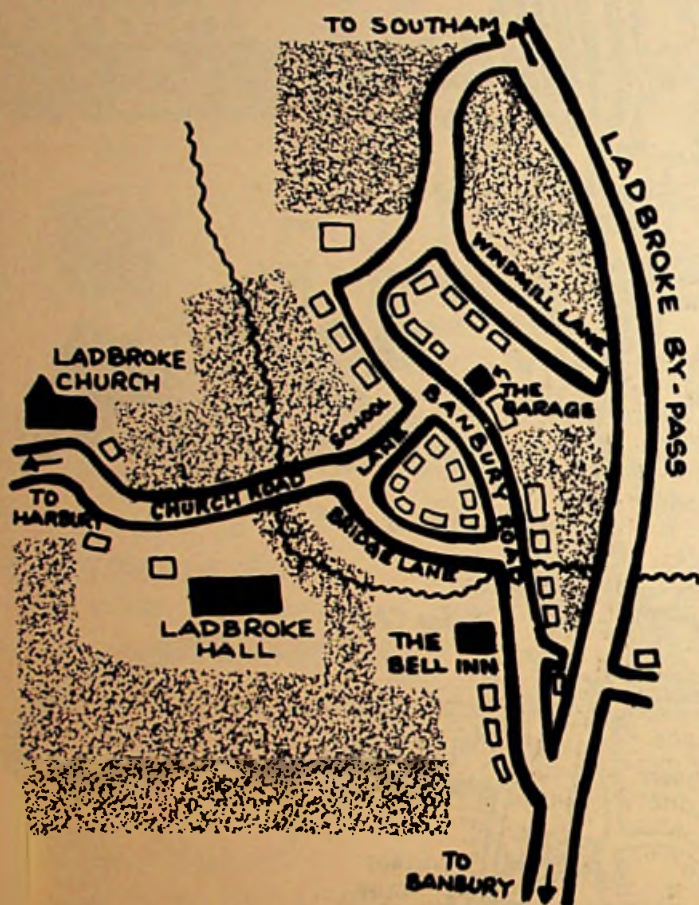


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Harbury & Ladbroke Parish Magazine submitted an entry to the National Parish Magazine Competition. Although we failed to secure an award, we received some positive encouraging comments from the judges; such as "Definitely something for everyone", "Clearly a proud community publication which reflects the neighbourhood", "Excellent collection of comments, information and features".

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our regular contributors for their articles. However, in order to maintain our high standard of content, we would welcome original material from anyone in the village. Remember this is your magazine and we are open to suggestions and ideas.

June is Carnival time, which always holds the promise of a fun day, despite any dampening efforts from the elements. The sports day which precedes the Carnival is under threat of extinction. The organisers are looking for more support, so please note June 5th; an action packed afternoon including novelty races.

We are delighted to congratulate John & Gill Holden on the birth of Francesca, born on 1st May.

We extend sympathies to the families of John Bott, and Dick Whatcott.

Dick, a well known character in the village, courageously fought a long and hard battle against cancer; our thoughts at this sad time are with his children and family.

The editors would like to extend apologies to Mr. and Mrs. D.Dick for the misunderstanding created by the

editorial comment accompanying last month's picture. We reported that the land on which the old Forge stood had been sold, when in fact the land remains the property of Mrs. Dick, and will be developed in the near future.

Harbury Diary

MAY

- Sun 29 TRINITY SUNDAY - Holy Comm. 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
 Evensong 6.30pm
 Crusaders in THR 10.30am
 Cycle Race from V.Hall 8am to noon
 Cricket 1st away to Stratford Bards; 2nd away to Elmdon
 Airport
- Mon 30 BANK HOLIDAY
 Cricket 1st Away to Warwickshire CCS
- Tue 31 Step Aerobics in V.Hall 1.30-3pm
 Holy Comm. 7.30pm

JUNE

- Wed 1 Mothers' Union Corporate 2pm in Church; AGM 2.30pm THR
 Cricket Home to Bishops Itchington
- Thur 2 CORPUS CHRISTI - Holy Communion 9.45am
 Storytelling in Library 10am
 Men's Society in THR 7.45pm
 Scouts' AGM (Support Committee) 8pm
 Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn at 8.30pm
- Sat 4 Myton Hospice Plant Sales at Wight School 2-4pm
- Sun 5 Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 6.30pm
 Crusaders 10.30am in THR
 Cricket 1st Away to Stockton; 2nd Home to Kenilworth
 Carnival Sports Day from 2pm
- Mon 6 Prayer & Praise in Church 8pm
- Tue 7 Step Aerobics in V.Hall 1.30-3pm
 Holy Comm. 7.30pm
 Meeting Harbury Helpline in Church 8.10pm
 Horticultural Society outing to Hazelby House leave V.H.
 at 9.15
- Wed 8 Cricket away to Bishops Itchington
 Youth Club in V.Hall 8pm

- Thur 9 EUROPEAN ELECTIONS IN VILLAGE HALL
 Holy Comm. 9.45am
 Thursday Club meets in Tom Hauley Room
 Story telling in Library 10am
 W.I. in THR 7.45pm
- Sat 11 G R A N D C A R N I V A L: Judging 12.45pm; Procession
 1.30pm; Carnival Dance 8.30pm
- Sun 12 Cricket 1st home to Weedon, 2nds in Newbold Comyn Tourmmt.
 Crusaders in THR 10.30am
 Holy Comm. 8am; Sung Comm. 10.30am; Ecumenical Service 4pm
 "Orchid Extravaganza at Ufton Fields" 2pm at the
 Reserve Car Park £1 & 50p for Children
- Mon 13 Yoga in V.Hall 1.30-3pm
 Bible Study in THR 8pm
- Tue 14 Step Aerobics in V.Hall 1.30-3pm
 Toddlers' Service 2.15pm
 Holy Comm. 7.30pm
 Village Hall Committee Meeting 8pm
- Wed 15 Cricketers at Home to M & B
 Youth Club in V.Hall 8pm
- Thur 16 Holy Comm. 9.45am
 Storytelling in Library 10am
 Teddy Bears' Picnic 12.15 - 2.30pm in V.Hall for
 Southam & District Childminders' Assoc.
- Fri 17 Cycle Race from V.Hall in evening
- Sat 18 Men's Prayer Breakfast in THR 7.30am
 ROC Lunch in THR 12-2pm
 Hereburgh Morris Barn Dance in Village Hall 8pm-Midnight
- Sun 19 FATHER'S DAY
 Cricket 1st Home to Ashorne & Moreton Morrell
 2nds Away to Quinton
 Holy Comm. 8am; Family Comm. 10.30am; Open Air Service
 at Deppers Bridge at 3.30pm
 Crusaders 10.30am Church Family Service
S C O U T S N E W S P A P E R C O L L E C T I O N
- Mon 20 Yoga in V.Hall 1.30-3pm
 Prayer & Praise at 5 Dickens Road 8pm
- Tue 21 LONGEST DAY
 Step Aerobics in V.Hall 1.30-3pm
 Horticultural Soc. Outing to Bascote. Leave V.Hall 6.30pm
 Southam Area Parish Councils meet at Harbury V.Hall
 Senior Citizens Benefit Committee meet at V.Hall
 Mothers' Union 7.45pm in THR
 Holy Comm. 7.30pm Standing Committee meeting 8pm Rectory
- Wed 22 Senior Citizens' Summer Outing to York. Leave 8.30am V.H.
 Youth Club 8pm in V.Hall

- Thur 23 Holy Comm. 9.45am
 Storytelling in Library 10am
 Thursday Club in V.Hall 2.30pm
 Parish Council in V.Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 24 BIRTH OF St. JOHN THE BAPTIST
 Holy Comm. at noon
 Lunch in THR 12.30pm
 PTA SUMMER FAYRE at School
 ALL ARTICLES FOR J U L Y HARBURY NEWS TO EDITORS TODAY
- Sat 25 Stage up in V.Hall
 Concert in Church 7.30pm Archaeus String Quartet
- Sun 26 Cricket 1st away to Shirley Royal British Legion
 2nds home to Stockton
 Holy Comm. 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
 Crusaders in THR 10.30am
- Mon 27 Bible Study in THR 8pm
 Yoga in V.Hall 1.30-3pm
- Tue 28 Step Aerobics in V.Hall 1.30-3pm
 Holy Comm; 7.30pm; Julian Group 8.10pm;
 PCC meeting in THR 8.15pm
- Wed 29 St. PETER & St. PAUL
 Cricket away to Rugby Cement
 Youth Club in V.Hall 8pm
- Thur 30 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Storytelling in Library 10am
 A.C.T. Festival in V.Hall

JULY

- Fri 1 A.C.T. Festival in V.Hall
- Sat 2 A.C.T. Festival in V.Hall
- Sun 3 Cricket 1st Home to Coventry Willows; 2nds Away to Barford
 2nds Away to Barford
 Crusaders in THR 10.30am
 Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 6.30pm
 Cycle Race from V.Hall morning
- Mon 4 Yoga in V.Hall 1.30-3pm
- Tue 5 Step Aerobics in V.Hall 1.30-3pm
- Wed 6 Mothers' Union 2.15pm at 25 South parade
 Youth Club in V.Hall 8pm
- Thur 7 Storytelling Library 10am
- Sat 9 Craft Circle and Garden Walkabout

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**BEAVERS:** Scout Hut, Tuesday 6 - 7pm**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 Wednesdays**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**LIBRARY:** STORIES, RHYMES for Under 5s, 1st Thur of Month 10am**THURSDAY CLUB:** Village Hall, 2.30pm 2nd & 4th Thurs**CUBS:** Scout hut, every Wednesday**W.I.:** Village Hall, 7.45pm 2nd Thursday of month**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Church, 6.30pm every Friday**BELLRINGING PRACTICE:** Church, 7.30pm every Friday**THEATRE GROUP:** Wight School, 8pm last Fri of month**COFFEE MORNING:** Saturdays Tom Hauley Room 10am-12pm**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU:** Over Southam Magistrates Ct

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CHURCHWARDEN'S LETTER

On Sunday 8th May we were delighted to make a presentation to John Moore in recognition of his years of devoted service as churchwarden. He deserves a well-earned rest from office, but John being John he will continue to serve his Lord in this village to the best of his much appreciated ability.

Now we welcome Jeff Bedford as our new churchwarden. Those of us who know Jeff see in him a hard-working, clear-thinking, practical Christian man - an excellent choice for the job.

Sunday the 15th May was a memorable day at Church. In the morning the first of the new Family Services with simple Communion was held. It was a super service with a lovely atmosphere - the first of many such services to be held on the third Sunday of each month, so if you missed it this month, make sure you come next time.

On the evening of the same day there was a service of Confirmation - memorable day for all of us, especially the candidates.

The ROC fund is growing nicely, and it is all such fun! During May we have had a concert by the Royal Naval Assoc. Male Voice Choir, a Bridge Drive, a Quiz and a Ramble-and-lunch, all most enjoyable.

Music lovers, make a note of the concert to be held in Church on Sat. 25th June given by the Archaeus String Quartet. This is one of the 'Concerts in Warwickshire Churches' arranged by the Warwick Arts Society, and it promises to be very good indeed.

Beryl Checkley

FROM THE RECTOR

It is sometimes said that a person's religion is entirely his own concern. It involves his relationship with God - something which is very intimate and personal to each one of us. We come to Church to worship God and we feel that it doesn't really matter where we worship - in our own parish, or the next parish, or in a city Church. As long as we worship God, that is the main thing.

This attitude indicates what can be a basic misunderstanding of the whole state of our relationship with God. So it is of great importance that we come to understand fully what the Church is all about.

Basically, to be a Christian means to be a member of Christ's Body - a sharer of His life. Because we share His life, we are able to journey with Him. So far, so good. The mistake we make is to think that that's the full story. Christ is not only our way to the Father. He is the Father's way to the world.

To share His life means to share this two-fold task of His. Christ came for the life of the world. He comes for the life of the world now. We are at His right hand; the way He chooses to be present here and now, in this place, at this time.

In the Church, we depend on one another for our development in Christ. So often we imagine that love of neighbour is merely a consequence, a by-product of our Christianity. It lies at the very heart of it.

Love is what we owe to one another. But this love must be shown in many different ways according to our different talents and opportunities. Just as in one body there are many different organs each contributing to the wellbeing of the rest, so too in the Church. You need the priest, for example, to preach God's word to you, and administer the Sacraments, to comfort the lonely and strengthen the weak. But the priest needs you. He needs your help and encouragement, and especially the witness of your unselfish love in your family lives.

So remember your contribution is unique and unreplaceable. YOU ARE IMPORTANT.

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTER

Funerals: At Oakley Wood Crematorium:

DICK WHATCOTT on Thursday 12th May

At All Saints' Ladbroke:

JOHN RONALD BOTT on Thursday 12th May of 13 Ladbroke Hall

KATE ROSE COOKNELL; Ashes buried on Wed. 18th May

Baptism: All Saints' Ladbroke

SARAH BOLD on Sunday 15th May

Confirmations:

The following were confirmed in All Saints' Harbury on Sunday 15th May by Simon Bishop of Coventry:

Mavis Young; Joyce Burgess; Caroline Dormer;
Helen Clarke; Melanie Teverson; Anna Todman;
Sarah Bold; Richard Bold; Stuart Moore.

LAUGH LINE

The Rector was preaching about the relationship between "Fact and Faith". "That you are sitting in front of me in church is fact", he said. "That I am speaking to you from the pulpit is fact. But it is only faith that makes me believe that any of you are listening".

TARGET IN SIGHT

With a downwardly revised R.O.C.(roof, organ, clock) target of £16,565, leaving just £2,800 to be raised in the five months of the fund-raising campaign still to run, success seems assured. Harbury Parochial Church Council was told on May 3 of significant recent additions, including £1,600 specifically for the clock from Harbury Parish Council, £555 from the PCC's Warwick Market stall, and a remarkable £570 in a single day (April 23) from the coffee morning and lunch together with a collection from the wedding in the afternoon. Early starts are planned for automation of the church clock and restoration of the organ. Cost of work to the organ will be £10,336 instead of the original £20,000 estimate.

Representatives from all Christian bodies are to be invited to a special meeting to set up a Corporate Parish Prayer Group. Alternatives for consideration are either a central group or a network of smaller groups. Discussion of the prayer group plan produced the idea of holding an Open Day in church to give all church groups the opportunity to explain their purpose and activities, and to welcome new members.

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A letter to parishes from the Bishop of Warwick looks at the challenge resulting from the Church Commissioners' loss of assets, which means that their contribution to the diocese will end totally next year. Consequently eight parochial and non-parochial ministry posts are to be cut under a deployment plan "which will recognise the vital role of clergy as enablers and leaders". In future, says the Bishop, Christians must themselves fund today's Church. He believes that an extra £1.00 a week from everyone on electoral rolls throughout the diocese would meet parish, diocesan and wider church needs. The PCC's finance cttee is to meet urgently to analyse the parish situation and prepare for a special full-council meeting on the subject. The monthly R.O.C. lunches may now continue after September to raise money for general church expenses if a new organiser can be found; also consideration is to be given to the idea of a regular monthly coffee morning for the church.

Sally and John Stringer and Duncan House are to be co-opted members of the PCC.

JOHN ALGAR

VIV AGGETT ORDAINED

On Sunday April 24th at Lichfield Cathedral Viv Aggett along with 25 other ladies was ordained priest thus fulfilling a long held dream.

Those who have lived in Harbury for more than 10 years or so cannot have missed contact with Viv.

My early recollection of Viv is of an irrepressibly enthusiastic lady who arrived in Harbury in the proverbial cloud of steam and became involved in a wide variety of activities, but most importantly to her, the Church. It was Viv who coined the phrase 'fun, food and fellowship', it was Viv who enlivened Harbury church and as a result, the congregation on Sunday mornings doubled.

I took over from Viv as a Harbury Churchwarden 9 years ago when she went to theological college and now she has the responsibility for an ex-coal mining parish in Staffordshire which is a hard task but one to which I am sure she is already rising.

Whilst the ordination of women is still with



- in spite of General Synod approval - a contentious issue, Viv's dedication and enthusiasm serve our Lord will overcome all impediments.

John Moore

MOTHERS' UNION

Mrs. Jenks led an afternoon of hymns, readings, prayers and stories on the theme of "Light". We enjoyed the story of the sky monk whose pithy sermon was "Them as knows tell them as don't know", after which he fled the pulpit.

At our evening meeting Charles Catt showed us his slides of wild flowers and we admired the beauty and variety of the "Lilies of the Field". The Southam Deanery Festival service was held in Harbury this year. In the readings and prayers we thought about different members of a family, and those with no family, and our own journey as members of God's family. Shirley Keir sang a beautiful lullaby and the Rector talked about the breadth, length, height and depth of God's love. It was a joyful occasion. Many thanks to all who provided the wonderful array of refreshments.

On June 1st, we have corporate communion in church at 2pm, followed at 2.30pm by the AGM and a Gardening Forum - lots of questions beforehand please.

The evening speaker for June 21st has been changed and Shirley Keir will now talk about her holiday in France.

C. Mary Catt

TODDLERS' SERVICE

With the help of four bears and a toy cart, Mrs. Keir told a story about a teddy who was hurt. The only one who helped was a scruffy teddy, from the other side of town. She linked this to Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan. We also sang "Jesus' love is very wonderful" and said our thank-you prayer. The next service is on June 14th.

C. Mary Catt

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JUNE

Wed	1	Holy Communion 10.30am
Sun	5	Family Communion 10.30am
Wed	8	Women's Fellowship Corporate Comm. 2pm
Sat	11	St. BARNABAS - Holy Communion 9am
Sun	12	Sung Communion 9am
Tue	14	Standing Committee 8.30pm at The Rectory
Wed	15	Holy Communion 10.30am

Sun 19 Sung Comm. 9am; Children's Church 10.30am;
 Open Air Service at Deppers Bridge 3.30pm
 Wed 22 Holy Communion 10.30am
 Fri 24 The Birth of St. John the Baptist - Holy Comm. 7.30pm
 Sun 26 Sung Communion 9am
 Wed 29 St. Peter - Holy Communion 10.30am

JULY

Sun 3 Family Communion 10.30am

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Jun 5 Mrs. B. Moore	Jun 26 Mrs. Greenway
Jun 12 Mrs. Steenstra	Jul 3 Mrs. Greenway
Jun 19 Mrs. Stubbs	Jul 10 Mrs. Sullivan

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)

CHURCH NEWS - LADBROKE

On May 15th the Bishop confirmed five of our young people into full membership of our church. Anna, Sarah, Melanie, Stuart and Richard. I believe it was a very happy occasion. I am very sorry that I missed it all. However, I look forward to being with them as they make their first communions.

Jean Rowe's sponsored cycle ride raised £255 for our church. Many thanks to Jean and all who sponsored her.

I have reached my annual anxiety state - about the grass mowing in the church yard. The Community Service people are, hopefully, coming again this year. When, is always the big question. If in the meantime anyone would like a free crop of hay, it's there for the mowing. Which reminds me to ask all the people who do mow around their family graves: please take all the grass cuttings away with you.

Lastly, June 19th, 3.30pm - Our Open Air Service in

Deppers Bridge; please come and join us and the Salvation Army Band.

Betty Winkfield

Women's Fellowship

We were pleased to welcome Mr. Alfred Mendoza to talk to us about the Red Cross Society.

Jean-Henri Dunant, a Swiss philanthropist, horrified by his experience of tending wounded, promoted the establishment of International Red Cross in 1863. He shared the 1st Nobel Peace Prize in 1901. Delegates from 14 countries adopted the Genova Convention in 1864, providing neutrality of personnel treating the wounded, etc.

Now 161 nations belong and more conventions are held. Unfortunately the 'ideal' is not always carried out. Instead of a meeting on June 8th we are going to Baddesley Clinton, leaving at 11am. For further details please contact Betty Winkfield.

Nancy Stubbs

80 YEARS YOUNG ON 26th MAY

From your many friends in Ladbroke:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOM SHEASBY

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Our Jumble Sale raised £130 of which £50 is to go towards the new room at County House. Many thanks to all who helped or contributed. This year's bursary to Denman College was won by Diane Surgey and we look forward to her account of the course.

Di Bown held a Cheese and Wine evening in aid of next year's bursary on 4th May. This month, Leonie Roberts gave a demonstration on decorative soaps. Members had a go themselves and the results were extremely pretty. Everyone enjoyed the evening and a lot of bathrooms will obviously enjoy it too!

Next month's meeting is on Resolutions, Cheese & Wine will be served, so please come and join in the discussions. Jill Norgate won the raffle.

Irene Bennett

LADBROKE YOUTH GROUP

At present, due to lack of support for one reason or another, the Youth Group is "on Hold".

We will arrange a cricket and/or a rounders match during the summer holidays, but we need the support and feed back; ideas and enthusiasm for members.

Tricia Teverson

OPEN GARDENS

Ladbroke Village Hall Committee will be holding an Open Gardens Afternoon on Sunday July 10th, 2pm until 6pm.

In the Village Hall there will be Flower Arranging and Photography competitions. Entry forms for these will be available in June, but to help prepare your photographs in good time, the photography competition subjects are "In My Garden", if you are 18 yrs or under; "Green & Pleasant Land", for anyone over 18. So get your cameras out!

We have rosettes and cards to 6th place. Plus prizes for the winners which include family tickets for Ryton Organic Gardens and Garden Centre vouchers.

Cream teas and ice-cream will be available at The Old Well House, plants for sale at the V.Hall and we hope to have the Church Tower open.

If anyone has not yet put their garden forward, there is still time. Let one of the Village Hall Committee members know or ring Linda Doyle on 814214. It will be very much aimed at the village inhabitants and neighbouring villages as a pleasant afternoon stroll.

Linda Doyle

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF LADBROKE

The AGM was held on the 18th may in the V.Hall. The meeting was attended by villagers (it would have been nice to see a few more there!) and the District Cllrs.

The usual annual repairs of the V.Hall were presented the only matter arising being the provision of a gate

British Red Cross Week - We raised £49.44 in Ladbroke.

from Lower Windmill Lane on to the bypass. Needless to say - the matter is no nearer to being resolved!

The monies from the Alibone Trust is being used to lay all the hedges of the trust-fields and the land has been let for grazing.

As to further development in the village, no new plans have yet been submitted for Hedges Fields since the last plans for 17 houses. There has also been no development on the Best Kep Village Competition, mainly as we were not sent an application form - so it gives us a head start ready to work towards '95!

The Church & PCC - Father Brown informed us that restoration work had now stopped and would start again once the outstanding bills had been cleared, with repairs to the roof which is still leaking, and re-wiring taking priority. Attendance at church remains good, with 5 confirmations held recently. The format of services will remain unchanged.

Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I. - Gwladys Gould reported they had had a happy and busy year undeterred by the darts team loss in the first round.

Ladbroke Village Hall Committee - The hall has seen an increase in bookings since its redevelopment, changes are underway to make it an unincorporated charity and the committee was re-elected with representatives from W.I., Toddlers, Youth Group & P.C.C. joining it. The next event is Midsummer Madness on June 10th and they hope it will be well supported.

Women's Fellowship - Betty Winkfield reported that she had now taken over the running of Fellowship from Nancy Stubbs, who has done a fine job for the last 10 years. Membership stands at 17, and members meet in the church on the second Wednesday of the month in the afternoon; new members are always welcome.

Bell Ringers - Steve Doyle appealed (sorry!) for more ringers, although 2 local youngsters had recently been enlisted. Practice is Thursday evenings at 7.30pm. Thanks were also given to Steve for his work in maintaining the bells of Ladbroke.

Friends of Ladbroke Church - Membership has now risen to 78, and although they are not a fund raising group, they have raised funds to repair the church

organ and buy new salters and also made a donation of £200 to church funds. Membership is open to anyone.

Footpath Scheme - Geoff Timms has had a busy year organising most of the heavy work, which is now completed, but extra hands to maintain the paths would be welcomed - how about a few younger fitter(?) volunteers. Thanks to all those who have helped, and Geoff hopes to organise a walk later in the year along the path in Windmill Lane - across to Southam and back to Ladbroke.

Village Appraisal Book - It was hoped the book would be out by now with a free copy going to everyone in the village. Extra copies would be available for sale.

Toddler Group - are going to change their meeting day to Monday mornings - so the next meeting will be 6th June to celebrate the children going back to school. We hope this will encourage a few more young and old to come along and help boost numbers, we need support from locals to make it worth doing. We also would like volunteers to help with tea and coffee on a rota basis, and also do crafts with the children (some painting, sticking) on a regular basis. If you think you may be able to help us come along on Monday 6th June between 10.30am and 12noon and have an informal chat.

K. Birch

THE HARBURY AND LADBROKE CHURCH MEN'S SOCIETY

The Soc. met on 5th May to hear a talk given by Fr. Roy Brown entitled "Pathway to the Priesthood". The title, he said, originated following a question asked by a young boy which was, "How were you made a vicar?" He answered that at the age of 13 to 14 he had an awareness of his christian feelings and a little over 20 years later he decided to give up his good job in industry and follow a nagging intuition to try to go into the priesthood. His first problem was to talk over his feeling with his family, but they were expecting this to happen anyhow, and they knew it was only a matter of time; therefore he had their complete support.

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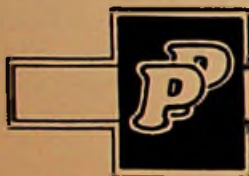
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sent him to the diocesan director of ordinance where questions needed to be answered about the candidate's qualifications including his ability to work with people etc. and his ability to maintain his family financially.

He was then seen by the Bishops Chaplains before being recommended for the next stage of selection and this was before the ACCM (Advisory Council for Church Ministry). After satisfying this council by answering their searching questions, he was then recommended for a two year training course where he was assessed throughout this period. Successful at this stage he was accepted into Saint Stephens Theological College Oxford to complete his course of training in a strict disciplined time table and covering the Old Testament, the New Testament, Sermon classes, Prayers, Eucharist, Lectures and Essays, etc.

It was a lot of learning and he said he was still learning and enjoying it. After all this studying he became a Deacon, then a Vicar and he is now the Rector of Harbury and Ladbroke Churches. It was an enjoyable talk with answers to the many questions posed. The Men's Society will meet again on 2nd June to hear a talk by David Mann.

P.D. Edwards

R.O.C.

The fund has made another big leap forward since last month. It now stands at £14,459.76. This is due to several successful and enjoyable events.

On 23rd April the PCC Coffee Morning made £76.90 and the lunch which followed raised £183.75. The raffle during both events added another £43.86. Many thanks to all.

On 5th May Beryl Checkley organised a Bridge Drive which raised £248.33 and was much enjoyed by all who took part. Our grateful thanks to Beryl and all her helpers.

On May 13th Jeff Bedford organised a quiz with 10 teams taking part - the winners being Charles Catt's team, and the takings being £80 for the fund.

On May 14th the Royal Naval Male Voice Choir and children from Harbury School produced a magnificent

evening's entertainment much enjoyed by all who attended. It was a joy to see the children taking part and to hear and see the talent that is obviously present in the school. Particular thanks go to Colin Oliver for organising this event in spite of his illness. £365 went into the fund as a result.

Future events:

On May 24th Charles Catt will be doing a sponsored cycle ride visiting the churches in the Fosse Deanery. This will obviously have taken place before this issue is published but if you would like to sponsor Charles or make a donation he would be more than happy to receive it.

Look out for our stall at the Carnival on June 11th.

On June 18th there will be a lunch in the T. Hauley room from 12-2pm. Order forms on the table in Church, at Coffee Mornings and from N. Ellis, Sheen Farmhouse, Temple End, 613605.

Joyce and Harry Windsor

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR APRIL

The Council is in the unusual position of having an embarrassment of riches. No sooner has it decided upon the disposal of its £10,000 windfall for the Pound Sewer Easement (and there are now only four individual householders who have not agreed to regularise their connections from the previous development) then another £4875 windfall lands on its lap.

Beverley Walsh (for Hopscotch) handed over the money, a grant from the Foundation for Sports and the Arts which was specifically donated to pay for the Multiplay Unit (the Adventure Climbing Frame). A plaque to this effect has been erected on the equipment.

Beverley was quick to ask for a meeting with the Parish Council to decide what new equipment the money should be spent on but there will no doubt be other organisations with a shopping list to show the Parish Council!

Herebergh Morris for instance have a good case. They once again approached the Council for help in entertaining their continental visitors and once again a decision was deferred.

The organisers of the Playscheme need financial assistance and are awaiting the Parish Council's pleasure.

The OAPs stoically sit out each meeting to hear how their concessionary travel is to be organised. Midland Red has at last responded to the Parish Councils Voucher Scheme idea.

The Village Hall, recipients of largess from the first tranche have agreed a land swap of a 12 ft strip on their eastern boundary for a similar amount of Parish Council land on their southern boundary to enable the Council to regularise the entrance to the Play Area.

Steve Norman is proceeding with the construction of the Bus Shelter in Deppers Bridge and brought to the Council's attention the installation of hard-standing at one of the properties in the hamlet. This would be reported to the Enforcement Officer.

Stratford District had granted permission for pruning of the Yew Tree at Fairview Vicarage Lane, the construction of a retaining wall round the garden of Byways Mill Street and an extension to 3 Binswood End (with conditions).

The Parish Council registered no objection to an extension to the Gasgoynes house in Vicarage Lane, a Conservatory redevelopment at Byways Mill Street, the renewal of permission for a Fisherman's Club at the Quarries and the replacement of the house at 10 South Parade with a bungalow.

They objected to Mr Carters plans for yet another development at Harbury Hall on the grounds of access, sewage capacity, backland and over development.

They had second thoughts about their lack of criticism of plans for a two storey extension at 36 South Parade in view of neighbour's objections.

District Councillor James Turner reported that Stratford District had 5,000 properties with no proper heating system. He supported elderly residents of the Vicarage Lane maisonettes in their campaign for gas central heating, and although it would take some time action was "in the pipeline".

Cllr Beverley Walsh reported that there were several pales missing from the Cemetery Fence and asked the Parish Council to arrange for repairs as she was no carpenter.

Linda Ridgley

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Parish Council was held in the Tom Hauley Room on the 12th May. It was, as usual attended by the faithful few. Also present were County Cllr Mrs. Bidwell, Liberal Democrat Andrew Cooley and the guest speaker, Mr. Andrew Cook from Warwickshire County Council.

With the aid of slides, Mr. Cook showed various traffic calming schemes used within the County. Visual methods such as zig-zag lines are a help but physical methods are more effective. These consist of road narrowing at vulnerable areas, pedestrian bollards in the middle of the road and the now infamous "humps". Not only do these methods have to be effective but also aesthetically pleasing. The speed table outside the Jephson Gardens is a good example of this. Another factor is the height and width of the "hump". Vehicles need to be slowed down without causing damage and also emergency vehicles cannot be impeded. Pedestrians also have to be considered when stepping off the pavement.

These measures cost money and Mr. Cook explained the County policy of targeting funds towards high accident spots and villages are not on the whole a high priority. Harbury has had only 3 reported accidents in the last 3 years of which speeding was not a factor.

The Chairman's Annual Report was presented by Cllr Wilson and various working party reports were also presented and open to questions.

One issue that was raised was the County review. Cllr Collett reported that since the elections all has gone very quiet.

Education and the shrinking budget were mentioned by Cllr Thompson. Cllr Collett replied that the closure and amalgamation of schools is still going on with firm proposals being heard on 27th May at the Shire Hall.

Susan Raffill Lovel

HARBURY SOCIETY

Intrepid Harburians thoroughly investigated the Minworth Sewage Plant and quizzed staff about the processes of treatment and digestion before tucking into an excellent buffet supper themselves!

For over one hundred years Minworth has been used for sewage disposal and today is one of the largest inland works in Europe. Nevertheless on only 350 acres it processes 2,700 mega litres of effluent a day - the waste generated by a conurbation of almost two million people.

For the Carnival this year we are recycling Crockery. Please let us have any redundant cups, saucers, plates etc. Items for the Stall can be left in the garage at 16 Farm Street or ring Linda on 612792 if you need to arrange for collection.

In mid July we will be organising a Tour of the Waste Disposal Site at Ufton Hill Farm. More details about that will be sent later.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY W.I.

An evening of meat cookery by the Meat Livestock Commission will be held at Benn Hall, Rugby on July 15th; a County Coffee Evening at the home of Mrs. Jenny Firth of Southam will be held on July

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28th at 7.30pm, and an afternoon trip to Bourton on the Water is being arranged in July.

We are holding a Cake Stall at the Carnival and request cakes from members please.

Many thanks to those who supported our Coffee morning and lunch. A special thank you to Dorothy Groves for her effort, her team of helpers and those who baked pies. The venture was a great success.

Mrs. Lynne Stubbings, Vice Chairwoman of Warwicks. Federation was our V.C.O. for the evening, who came to discuss and assist in our voting for the resolutions that will be submitted at Birmingham in June. Pat Smith will be our representative.

PLEASE NOTE: The next meeting will be held in the Tom Hauley Room.

Refreshments for June: L.Edwards, N.Ellis, M.Entwistle.
July: J.Hamlin, L.Hayes, J.House.

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

At our Annual General Meeting held recently, Brian Thurogood was elected as our new Chairman, Sally Stringer as Treasurer and Gill Holden will continue as our Secretary.

We have a busy few months ahead of us. First of all we are running a "Bowling for a Pig" stand at the Carnival, AND running the Carnival Dance in the evening with the ever popular New Connexion providing a variety of music for all sorts of dances (and dancers!)

There will also be one of our superb suppers. See the advert elsewhere in the magazine. PLEASE try and get your tickets early - it makes the catering so much easier.

For those of you who missed our successful one-act play evening in April there is a chance to see the plays again in two separate venues.

One 25th June we are entering "Audition for a Writer" into the Leamington Festival and we should be performing at the Loft Theatre at about 4.30pm. (But there will be other plays also on in the afternoon.)

On June 30th & July 1st and 2nd we are hosting the

A.C.T. (Amateur Community Theatre) Festival. 9 local drama groups are performing one-act plays. (We have entered "Alarm Call".) There will be 3 plays each evening (There will be a reduction in ticket price if you want to come on all three evenings. The standard of plays over the last few years has been extremely high and the variety of plays enormous. Last year's winner was Lighthorne Drama Group.

If you want more information about any of the above events, please see any Theatre Group member or phone me,

Carol Percival 612175

Harbury Folk Club

From an organiser's point of view, Harbury Folk Club is either a doddle or a nightmare, depending on your point of view, as it never turns out to be what you had anticipated, rendering all efforts at preparation meaningless and dumping you on your rear end if you try to impose it. That is, of course, the beauty of it too and why it is never the same from one month to the next.

The one thing I had not anticipated for the May club was an absolute inundation of artists and that is precisely what I got. 15 different 'acts', the quality and variety of which was tremendous.

I started a little early as the room was already packed before 8:30pm, the Harvesters opening the evening in their usual harmonious fashion. They were followed by a slightly damaged Peter McDonald confined by injury to melodeon and voice, after which we had the unaccompanied subtle humour of Jean Shuttleworth followed by the power of Jeff Dennison's voice and guitar. Pete Grassby was just passing through but stayed long enough to squeeze his box while the first half was closed by Ron Shuttleworth, direct from the previous evening's 'Folk on 2'.

Phil & Drill opened the second half in their unique fashion followed by Frank and Holly, Holly being a young lady with a great voice and loads of confidence. Next up were 'Give us an E', who take up a lot of room and are a lot of fun, who preceded an unaccompanied Des with some humorous songs, then an unrepentant Jug Band.

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After the biggest raffle we've ever had, raising £75 for a hospital in Rwanda, the third half was opened by the always excellent Tony Bayliss, then we had one more each from the Harvesters, Ron, Jeff and Brendan, before yours truly closed the proceedings with 'Goodnight Sweetheart'. Another uniquely superb Harbury Folk Club, and next month there'll be another, presented by John Kemsley.

Steve Dudley

HARBURY SCOUTS & GUIDES SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Things have been quiet on the fund-raising front recently, but a very important (non-fund-raising) event takes place on Tuesday June 7th at 8pm in the Scout Hut. It is the Annual General Meeting of the Support Committee. Parents of the young people in all the groups (and any other interested people) are invited to attend; it gives them an opportunity to hear about the interesting variety of activities undertaken by the groups over the last year. We always hope that there will be volunteers offering to serve on the committee. It is a way of supporting the Leaders, who so freely give of their time for the benefit of the village's youth.

The Committee will be running a stall at the Carnival; also a Coffee Morning in the T.Hauley Room on August 20th, and - very early warning! - a Barn Dance at the Village Hall on September 17th.

Jo Tancock

MACMILLAN NURSE WALK - MAY 1994

Friday the 13th! - could be a day of suspicion for some, but not so for the Scouting and Guiding Groups of Harbury. Despite a wet start, the day improved to present us with a glorious evening for a walk to raise funds for the MacMillan Nurse Appeal. This organisation provides expert care and support for cancer patients and their families both in hospital and at home.

Members from Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts, plus their leaders and families assembled at the Scout Hut at 6.30pm, armed with neckers (scarves to the uninitiated!) and £1. This year's walk was

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slightly different from last year in that it was divided into sections.

1. THREE LEGGED; 2. IN PAIRS, one blindfolded;
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LINE holding on to a rope - the order being "Don't
let go until you arrive back at the Scout Hut".
The longest rope had 16 hangers-on!

We do hope everyone enjoyed the walk, and, judging
by one or two overheard comments, may appreciate
having good sight a little more.

Many thanks to everyone who took part and to all
the adults who helped in any way. A total of 98
walkers plus donations enable us to hand over £115
for the fund.

Moya Waterman, Brownie Leader

HARBURY SCHOOL PTA

With the sponsored walk behind us, we are all looking
forward to the SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE ON FRIDAY 24th JUNE.

We are hoping for a similar set of circumstances as
last year - people thoroughly enjoying themselves,
(spending a little of their hard earned cash) lots
of sunshine, nicely rounded off with a game of rounders
and a tug of war.

Everyone in the village and their friends are invited!!

For those parents and children who kindly offered a
little help with the stalls and games last year -
Look Out! your services will be called upon again,
but don't panic we will contact you.

We would be extremely grateful to receive any surplus
cans, bottles, toys and games for the tombola (via
Mrs. Percival at School).

Stephen Kelly (613175)

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

Another season has come to a close and although not
an outstandingly successful season league wise for
our teams, an enjoyable one nevertheless. We must
however, congratulate our 'C' team for their success
in reaching the semi-finals of the league Handicap

Tournament, only to be beaten by the eventual winner —
Well played all of you! We must also say a big
Thank You to all our umpires who have given up so
much of their time enabling the rest of us to enjoy
our Saturday afternoon exercise!!

Our committee has now changed with Pat Summers taking
over the "Chair", Beccy Wesley becoming Treasurer,
July Farrington taking over as Fixtures Secr., and
Sue White replacing myself as Secretary.

Many thanks to all our previous committee members for
all their hard work in making this season possible
and good luck to those newcomers for the forthcoming
season.

The club keeps going by the generous support from
all our members and of course from the people of
Harbury at all our fund raising events, so thank you
all for your support, without which we wouldn't be
able to continue. Any forthcoming events will be
published in our local News, so watch this space and
help to keep this longstanding village club going!!

We are, of course, always looking for new players,
whether experienced or not, so if you would like to
keep fit while having fun at the same time please
come along and join in. We will be continuing to
train throughout the summer, with next season's
training starting in earnest the first week of
August, on Thursday nights at the playing fields at
7pm, continuing during the winter evenings at
Kineton High School. Matches are played on Saturday
afternoons, so come along, young or old, fit or
otherwise and join in the fun. If anybody needs
any further information please don't hesitate to
contact either Pat Summers or Sue White.

It only leaves me to say a personal Thank You to all
the members for all their help during my stint at
Secretary, and wish you best of luck for the 1994/95
season.

Kay West-Latham

HARBURY CARNIVAL NEWS No. 5

You will be pleased to know that this will be my
last article when I remind, boss, cajole, encourage

and bore you into joining in the fun on Carnival Day; it's on Saturday 11th June as if you didn't know. So here come your final reminders;

There's still time to get your float and fancy dress sorted out, the more the merrier. Floats should be in position in Sutcliffe Drive by 12:30 ready for judging at 12:45. Please DONT FORGET that there is the "walking tableau" categories this year, one for children up to 16 and one for people 16 and over (minimum of four people). This category is ideal for all you people that want to join in the procession but can't get a lorry or trailer.

The committee will be knocking on your door's in the near future selling programmes and raffle tickets. We hope that we can count on your support even if you cannot make it to Carnival Day. Programmes are only 30 pence and you could win £5 in the "lucky programme draw". There are lots of great prizes in the raffle and tickets are still pegged at an ultra- cheap 10 pence each.

Whilst you are in a generous mood, any offers of help with the following would be appreciated; Cakes and buns for the refreshments in the village hall (please deliver to the hall anytime from 9 am onwards on the day. Help in collecting items for the Steptoe Stall on Thursday 9th June between 7 pm and 9pm (meet at the village hall). Help setting up the field on Friday 10th June from 7pm and finally help in tidying up from 5pm on Carnival Day itself.

That brings me nicely on to the Carnival Dance in the village hall. What better way to round off a great day with a good "bop", food and drink and some good company. You can always have a lie in on Sunday morning (can't you?).

If you still haven't booked your stall, pitch, or entered your wheelbarrow or tug-of-war team then please contact Danny Killian on 612265.

The final reminder is for the children's Carnival Sports day on SUNDAY 5th JUNE from 2:30 for a couple of hours. This tends to be for the younger

children but there are races for kids up to 15 years of age. Will all you children come along and make it a really good, fun afternoon and make sure you bring your mums and das along too. I'm sure you would like to see you parents taking part in the parents race's.

Finally, on behalf of the whole committee may I wish you a happy Carnival Day. It's your village, your procession and fete so lets make it a really great day. Thanks in advance to everyone taking part in whatever capacity. Your help and enthusiasm is geatly appreciated .

Paul Watkin (Carnival Committee).

HARBURY SENIOR CITIZENS BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

The invitations for the Summer Outing to York on Wed. June 22nd have gone out to all the Senior Citizens in the village. The coaches will depart from the Village Hall at 8.30am and Deppers Bridge at 8.45am. All replies accepting the invitation should be handed in to the Post Office by June 1st.

T.C.

PLAYSCHEME '94

School holidays draw near and the playscheme organisers are busy organising. Finances look tight but we are pretty confident that all will go ahead as planned. We have had offers of help but we still need more. If you can spare a few hours of your time please let us know.

If you could help us collect the following items, we would be most grateful:

Comics (toddlers & teens); flesh coloured tights; wallpaper; plastic squash bottles; ribbon; fabric; washing up bottles; cereal boxes; old greetings cards margarine tubs & lids.

Above items can be given to Sue Ward, 20 Mill Street (612576). Thank you.

Amanda Kelly



CRICKET - HARBURY 2nd XI 1994 SEASON

Harbury Second string have made a promising start to the new season, showing in the first 3 games a draw, a loss and an excellent win against Lighthorne - victory by 6 wickets helped by a seasonal return to form of John Lapraik who took 4-6.

As ever, a mixture of old experience (see photograph front row) and youthful talent (back row) adds to the enjoyable Sunday afternoon. The side is expertly led by Mike Daniels helped by vice captain Ian Jackson. The 2nd's are certainly looking to this season (weather permitting) to be the most successful since the 2nd team was formed several years ago.

The team photograph shows the team on its first outing of the season - a draw against Boddington - modesty does not permit the scribe giving the score?!

Ian Holroyd

DOG TRAINING CLUB

On behalf of Dogs for the Disabled, the National Canine Defence League and Rugby Animal Trust, Southam Dog Training Club are holding their Second Annual Exemption Dog Show at 12 noon on Sunday July 17th, at Southam United Football Club ground, Banbury Road, Southam.

Classes to include Pedigree, Novelty, Obedience and also a Heat of the "EUKANUBA" dog foods' RESCUE DOG OF THE YEAR 1994.

Many other attractions, stalls, Obstacle Course (for dogs), and a visit from the local Fire Brigade. For further details or schedules please send S.A.E. to Southam DTC, Tuchwood Cottage, 39 Pendycke St. Southam CV33 0PE.

Judith Ford

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

At the moment, the Tennis Club does not have a session for Juniors. If anyone aged 12 - 16 would be interested in playing, please telephone me on 612522, and we will see if there is sufficient interest to run such a session.

Nicky Knight

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

To close our season of talks, Ron Hill told us how to create a wild flower garden. Mr. Hill, in his work as a landscape gardener, and in his capacity as Chairman of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust for many years has gained a wide knowledge of British wild flowers and their habitats. A successful wild flower area in a garden must re-create these natural conditions, and with beautiful slides Mr. Hill gave us many ideas.

Since many of our native plants are dying out, gardens can help to preserve them. However, we were firmly told never to take any plants grown from seed back to the wild, as many seed companies use imported seed.

Plants are most easily raised from seed sown into seed trays in November, as majority need a cold dormant period. In Spring the seed trays can be given a little more warmth for germination.

To attract bees and butterflies, choose flat, open flowers, and grow plants which produce berries for the birds.

On Tuesday, 7th June we shall visit Hazelby House, near Newbury to see the 5 acre garden. The coach will leave Village Hall at 9.15am, and we have about 10 spare seats. Anyone interested, ring Pat Smith 612650.

On Tuesday 21 June we shall visit Home Farm garden, Balscote near Banbury. Cars leave Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Saturday 9th July - Garden Walkabout.

Pat Smith

JUNE IN THE GARDEN

In the first week clear out early flowering non-perennials (wallflowers etc.) clean and feed beds and plant out hardened bedding plants. The best time to divide and plant bearded Iris is at the end of the month.

Prune early flowering shrubs, as they cease blooming. Divide Spring flowering perennials and cut back early flowering ones hard, to give a second flush. Train and tie in climbing wall plants regularly from now on and regularly secure fast growing Sweet Peas.

Take cuttings from Pinks, placing non-flowering shoots in pots of sandy compost covered with a plastic bag.

Give indoor plants an outdoor holiday in a sheltered, shady spot. Late in the month sow biennials, Wallflowers, Sweet William, etc., for next year.

Plant out Tomatoes, Marrows, ridge Cucumbers and Sweetcorn and transplant Brassicas and Leeks as ready. Sow maincrop Carrot and Beetroot for storing. Make a final sowing of French Beans and dwarf early Peas for September, successional sowings of Lettuce, also summer Spinach in partial shade.

Keep the hoe going to control weeds and a sharp watch

for pests and fungal disease and arrest at an early stage. Watch carefully the ventilation and watering in the greenhouse.

Above all make time to sit in the garden and enjoy it and the birds and butterflies and other creatures who hopefully are enjoying it too!

V.A. Neill

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

The family and other relatives of Dick Whatcott extend their thanks to everyone who attended the crematorium service on the 12th May. We are grateful also to Canon Snow, who conducted the service. He paid tribute to the kindness and generosity which Dick had always shown to people in the village. He also spoke of Dick's building skills, displayed in various projects around the village. The most notable of these are probably the Butcher's Barn conversion and adjacent houses in the centre of the village; these will always remain a monument to this friend of the village.

Particular thanks are extended to everyone who donated to the Cancer Research campaign; the collection plate resulted in £300 and the Old New Inn and Harbury W.I. each collected approximately £40; the funeral directors hold other cheques donated to this charity.

Lastly Julie and Stefan's family extend their gratitude to Julie and Stefan's friends who are giving them so much support at this sad time.

Yours sincerely
Stefan, Julie Whatcott and
Family

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Dear Editors,

We would like to express our sympathy to the family of Dick Whatcott.

We will miss him around, but his excellent workmanship will be remembered in the village especially the three properties in High Street, giving a lift to that area.

And what would we have done without the dear old truck lent to us on Carnival day! Good on yer Dick!

Jeanne Beaumont, W.I.

Dear Editors,

I am sure that my great sadness at the demolition of the Old Forge will be widely understood. It was, after all, my late husband's place of work for the 40 years he was Harbury's Village Blacksmith; and since his death in 1969, it has remained for me a powerful sentimental link with the past.

In my mind's eye each time I walked past the building, I could see Sid busy at the anvil. With the orange flames of the forge in the background, or enveloped in pungent white smoke from the hoof as he fitted a new set of horse shoes.

As I write, I remember how he used to sing as he worked and I remember the intricate wrought-iron gates and firescreens his skilful craftsman's hands produced.

In view of its history, I consider it a great pity that the old Forge has been razed. Surely it could have been retained as part of the proposed redevelopment of the site?

However, now that it has gone it is my sincere hope that it will be possible to commemorate the important role the old Forge played in the life of Harbury for so many years - possibly by an appropriate name for the property to be built on the site.

Yours sincerely
S. Enefer



District Councillor: **Andrew Cooley**

24 Townsend Rd., Tiddington, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 7DE (0789) 204056

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank everyone in Harbury who voted for me on May 5th and helped to change the political complexion of Stratford-on-Avon District Council. In doing so, you have also established the first ever husband and wife team on the Council, and I am delighted to be able to draw on my wife Pippa's experience of Council work to benefit people in the ward.

With Liberal Democrats taking 10 out of the 18 seats up for election and gaining more than half of the total number of votes cast, it is clear that we have a duty to try to change the way the Council is run. We made a number of pledges in our Manifesto, but the one to which I attach the greatest importance is to pass as much power and responsibility from the District Council to the individual communities, primarily through parish councils. We are committed to building communities in South Warwickshire in which we can all take part and take pride.

Please feel free to pick up the phone to me on any matter - it's (0789) 204056. Working in Stratford as I do, I have the advantage that the Council offices are just a few minutes walk away, so I can easily get in to help solve problems or get information for you.

Finally, if you thought the elections were over, you were mistaken. The European Parliamentary election is on Thursday 9th June. The Liberal Democrat candidate for the new constituency of Worcestershire and South Warwickshire is Peter Larnier. With your help, he could be the first ever Liberal Democrat MEP. Let's get someone in there who will make Europe work!

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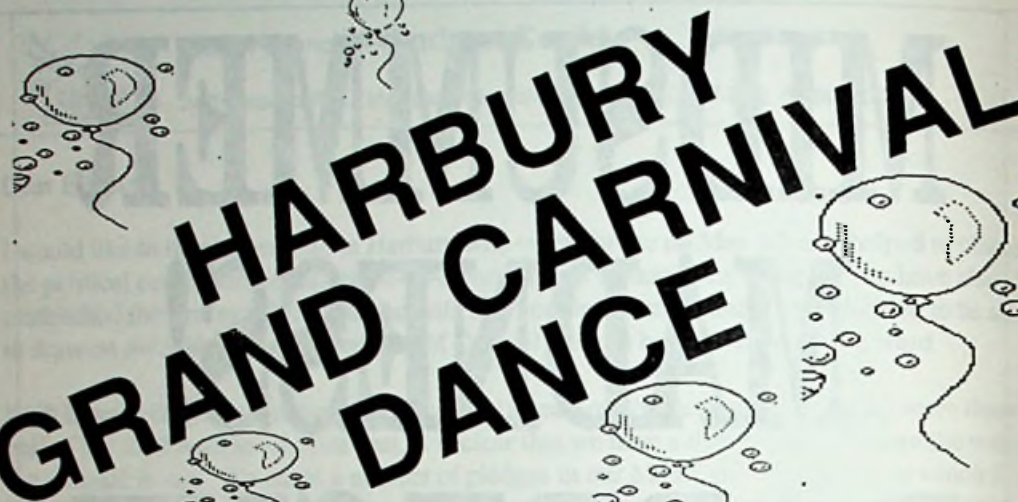
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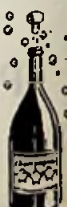
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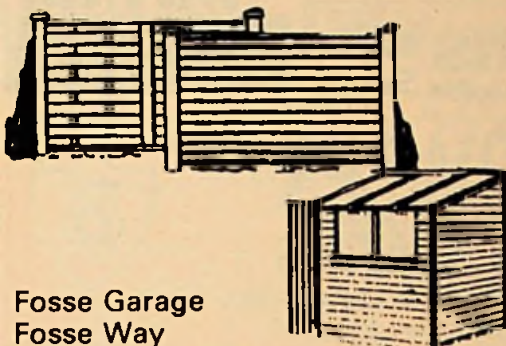
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