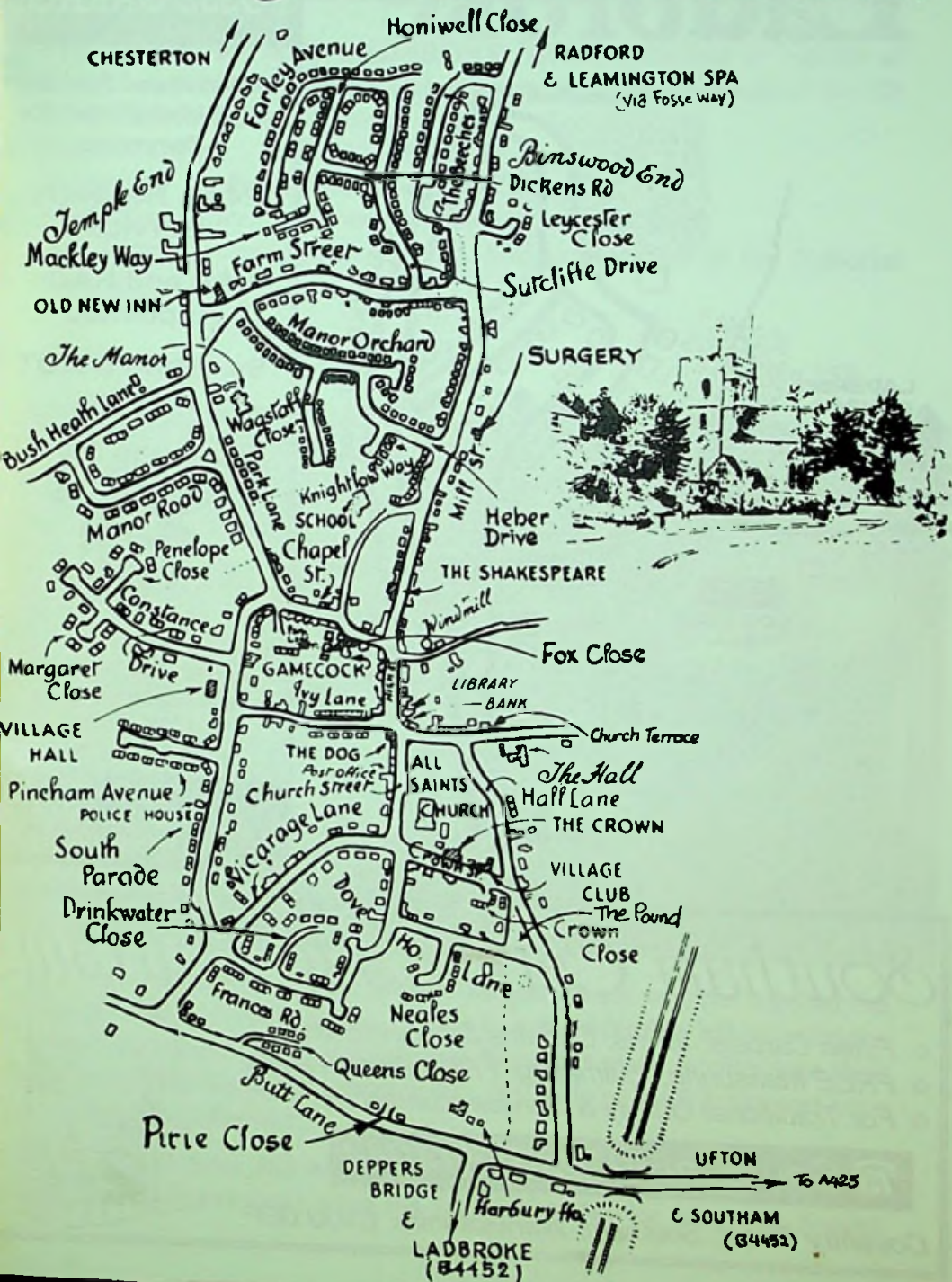
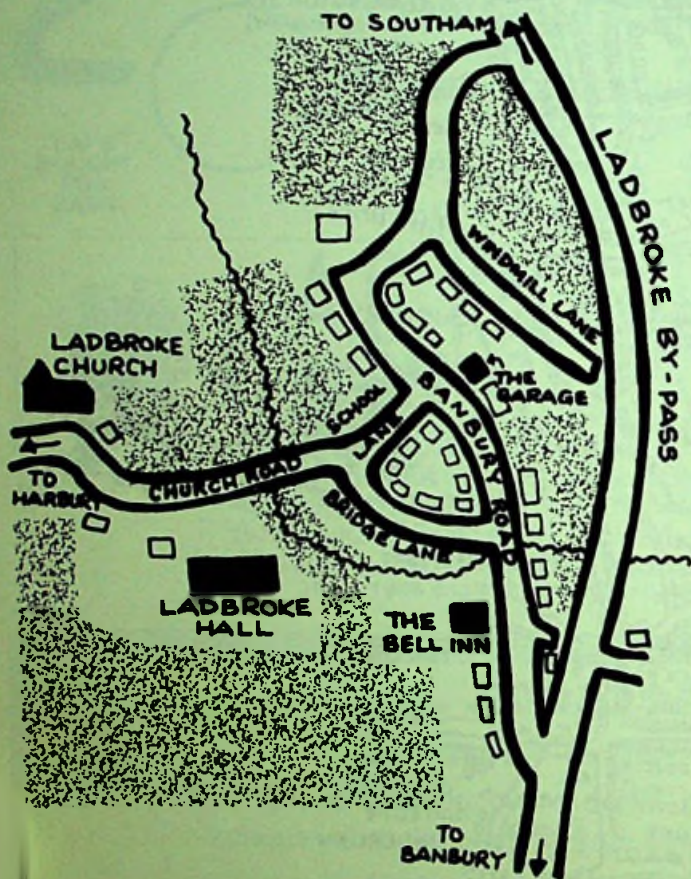


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This month's photo shows the team 'behind the scenes' who put together the Harbury and Ladbroke News. There is a considerable lull in activities around the village during late July and August as many families take their annual holidays during the school break. If you do go away make sure your neighbours are informed.

However, for those still in the village there is an urgent call for **BLOOD DONORS** (old and new) when the Transfusion Service arrives on Sunday



6th August . There have been widely publicised problems with faulty blood packets in the press - so all contributions will be more than welcome this year.

Don't forget the **PLAYSCHEME** organised in the Village Hall starting on July 26th.

Congratulations to Tim Wurr who helped England win the boys trophy in the recent T.S.B. schools home international athletic event. He threw the hammer 58.88 metres to win by over two metres.

## Harbury Diary

### JULY

**Sun 30 PENTECOST 8.** Holy Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am  
 Cricket Firsts Home to Shilton  
 Seasons Turn at Ufton Fields 2.30-3pm £1 adult and 50p child  
 also walk along Leamington to Rugby Railway 10-1pm from Stags Head, Offchurch

### AUGUST

**Tues 1** Mothers Union Outing 10am from Village Hall  
**Wed 2** **PLAYSCHEME** in Village Hall  
**Thur 3** **PLAYSCHEME** in Village Hall  
 Wight School Playgroup's CAKE SALE next to the library 9.30-11.30am  
 Slimming World 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room  
 Story Telling in Library 10am  
 Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn at 8.30pm  
 Holy Communion 9.45am  
**Fri 4** **PLAYSCHEME** in Village Hall  
 Fly your Kite at Burton Dassett Hills 2-4pm £2 per Kite  
 Warwick Folk Festival  
**Sat 5** Warwick Folk Festival  
**Sun 6** **PENTECOST 9.** Sung Eucharist 9am, Evensong 6.30pm  
 Cricket Seconds at Home to Kenilworth Wardens  
**BLOOD DONORS IN VILLAGE HALL 10-12:15am - 2-3.30pm**  
**Tues 8** Holy Communion 7.30pm  
 Village Hall Committee in Village Hall 8pm  
**Thur 10** Holy Communion 9.45am  
 Slimming World 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room  
 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall

- Sun 13 PENTECOST 10.** Holy Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist  
10.30am, Evensong 6.30pm  
Cricket Firsts Home to Lighthorne  
Cricket Vice-Presidents Buffet 7.30pm at Rugby Club
- Tues 15** Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 16** Cycle Rally uses Village Hall
- Thurs 17** Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 18** **ALL articles for September's News to Pete's Place by 5.30pm**
- Sat 19** Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am in Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 20 PENTECOST 11.** Holy Communion 8am, Family Communion  
10.30am  
Cricket Firsts Home to Flecknoe
- Tues 22** Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Thurs 24 ST. BARTHOLOMEW** Holy Communion 9.45am  
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall  
Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 27 PENTECOST 12.** Holy Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist  
10.30am, Evensong 6.30pm  
Cricket Seconds Home to Boddington  
Walk Burton Dassett Hills with Rangers 2pm at Beacon  
Ufton & Beyond evening walk 5-7.30pm from Ufton Fields Both £1  
and 50p for children
- Mon 28 BANK HOLIDAY**  
Walk Burton Dassett Hills 2pm at Beacon £1 and 50p children

## SEPTEMBER

- Fri 1** **CAMRA** Beer Festival in Village Hall
- Sat 2** **CAMRA** Beer Festival in Village Hall  
Warwickshire Local History Society tour of Harbury Houses
- Sun 3** Cricket Firsts Home to Warwickshire CCSCC

**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE  
TO: LINDA RIDGLEY - TEL. 612792.**

<b>For Village Hall Bookings</b>	<b>Mrs. Hughes 612716</b>
<b>For Wight School Bookings</b>	<b>Mrs. Hayes 613488</b>
<b>For Tom Hauley Room Bookings</b>	<b>Mrs. Smith 613680</b>

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## REGULAR DIARY DATES

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

**BADMINTON:** Village Hall Tuesdays

**BEAVERS:** Scout Hut, 6-7pm Tuesdays

**BELLRINGING PRACTICE:** Church, 7.30pm Fridays

**BINGO:** Village Hall, 8pm Mondays

**BROWNIES:** Village Hall 6-7.30pm Tuesdays

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

**CUBS:** Scout Hut, Wednesdays

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

**GRAPEVINE:** Tom Hauley Room, Coffee Morning 10-12noon Wednesdays

**GUIDES:** Scout Hut, 7-8.30pm Monday

**GYMNASTICS:** Harbury School, 6-7pm (U7-10yrs & Beginners 7-8pm;  
Over 10yrs 8-9pm Mondays

**HARBURY FOLK CLUB:** Old New Inn 8.30pm 1st Thursday of Month

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

**HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS:** School Hall, 8-10pm Wednesdays



**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:** Village Hall, 8pm 1st Tues (Oct. to May)

**LIBRARY:** Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 10am 1st Thursday of Month

**NETBALL CLUB:** Village Hall Car Park, Training 6.30pm Thursdays;  
Matches Saturday Afternoon

**NURSERY SCHOOL:** Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday mornings

**PLAYGROUP:** Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings

**SLIMMING WORLD:** Tom Hauley Room 10.30 Thursdays

**SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, 7.45pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

**STEP AEROBICS:** Village Hall, 1.30-2.30pm Tuesdays

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

**THEATRE GROUP:** Wight School, 8pm last Friday of Month

**THURSDAY CLUB:** Village Hall 2.30pm 2nd & 4th Thursday of Month

**TODDLER GROUP:** Wight School, 10-11.30am Mondays & 2-3.30pm Wed.

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

**W.I.:** Village Hall, 7.45pm 2nd Thursday of Month

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

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

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For Personal Tax Claims, Rebates on Tax Paid to Building Societies or on Shares: Call Jim Chapple 612044.

**HOME VISITING:** Caring for a sick or elderly relative and need a break for a few hours, or you would like someone to call on you: Call Betty Knappe 612679 or Sue Dormer 613254.

**HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE:** Call Tony Brunton 612191.

**ODD JOBS ABOUT THE HOUSE:** Call Jeff Bedford 612753.

**VISITING:** Hospital. If you are unable to visit a parent or relative, or parents would like support with a child in Hospital: Call Fr. Roy Brown 612377 or Keith Dormer 613254.

## **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES**

Holy Communion, 8am

Sung Eucharist, 10.30am (Exc. 1st Sunday of Month: Sung Eucharist 9am)

Family Service, 10.30am on 3rd Sunday of Month

Evensong, 6.30pm (Except 3rd Sunday)

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

## **FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS**

In the June issue of the News we announced that consideration was being given to recommence a Sunday School for the children after the Summer holidays. A working party has been set up by the Parochial Church Council and advice is also being given by the Diocesan Youth Officer. It is anticipated that the new arrangement will commence on either **Sunday 24th September** or one week later. Further details and information will be given in next months edition.

As the Summer holiday period is now upon us it has been decided that cream teas will be served in the Tom Hauley Room each Saturday afternoon throughout August. It is hoped that those who remain in the village will take the opportunity to enjoy the above facilities. Details are set out elsewhere in the magazine.

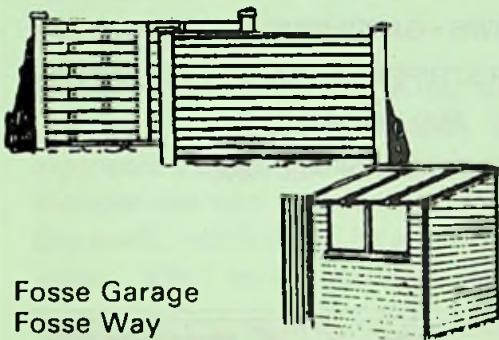
On **Sunday 20th August** a team of young bellringers will be visiting the Church during the afternoon between the hours of 3.00 and 4.30pm. Apart from the welcome to our visitors we would just like all the congregation to be aware that the Rector will not be slipping in an additional service on that afternoon!



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It was delightful to meet up again with Viv Aggett at a recent village social occasion. She is well and enjoying her appointment as Team Minister at St Saviours, Hednesford and sends all her best wishes to her many friends in Harbury and Ladbroke.

**Ruth and Jeff**

## **FROM THE RECTOR**

How often have most of us, at one time or another, wondered why there is so much suffering in the world? Perhaps we ourselves have, or are, experiencing deep suffering of body, mind or spirit. Or perhaps we know someone else who is undergoing deep suffering of one sort or another. Our world, which should be so beautiful, is full of tragedy, suffering and agony. *Why?* we ask ourselves.

It is strange that when we are distressed we turn to the friend who knows what distress is like. We don't quite know why, but there doesn't seem much point in going for deep-down sympathy to those other friends whose paths have always been smooth. When it's our turn to be broken on the wheel we are aware only of the pain of the breaking, which can seem too great to survive.

It is like the moment Jesus faced in the Garden of Gethsemane. With fear He begged to be let off the agony that lay ahead of Him. But He added the words, "*Your will be done*". He may have used those words with difficulty, but they meant that He accepted and would be ready to use whatever was in store for Him.

That is a moment we all face at some time. In standing still, in the acceptance of the moment in all its loneliness, we can say to our God "*for what it's worth - here it is. Take it and use it. Use it for the hungry, the homeless, the lonely. Use it to help me understand, to be less self-centred and more loving*". We may do so through clenched teeth, but one day we will find that all will be well, and we shall know what it is to be whole.

**Fr. Roy**

## Laugh Line

### It's Not Cricket:

The young curate was bowling to a Bishop playing for the visiting team. He thought he would be kind and get him off the mark with a slow full-toss. The Bishop promptly hit it out of the ground. *"Sorry, young man"*, said the Bishop. *"I've hit you right out of your parish"*. This annoyed the curate. He went back to his mark, raced up and sent a vicious bouncer, which hit the Bishop in the midriff. He collapsed on the ground in agony. *"Sorry M'Lord"*, said the curate, *"I seem to have hit you in the middle of your diocese"*.

## FROM THE REGISTER

### Holy Matrimony

Harbury - Saturday 1st July - Stuart Simcock to Alison Bates

Harbury - Saturday 15th July - Richard Parsons to Kate Humphreys  
Richard Rees to Carolyn Middleton

Ladbroke - Saturday 29th July - Simon Hallam to Shelley Burden

### Holy Baptism

Harbury - Sunday 2nd July - Michael Gennaro Varriale

Harbury - Sunday 23rd July - Alasdair Cameron Mitchell  
Fiona Caitlin Mitchell

Ladbroke - Sunday 23rd July - Declan Jon Reeves



Kate Humphreys with her father Colin travelling to the church.



## **MOTHERS' UNION**

A lovely summer afternoon shone on our garden meeting in July. We held the A.G.M. on the Rectory lawn and then had tea and cakes provided by the Committee. We were very grateful to Pam Brown for being our hostess.

Instead of an evening meeting, a group of members, husbands and a daughter, plus one dog, enjoyed an evening walk at Preston Bagot followed by a pub supper.

There are no meetings in August. The next afternoon meeting will be a service in Church at 2.00pm on **September 6th**. Please bring Overseas Boxes to this meeting.

**C.Mary Catt**

## **TODDLERS' SERVICE**

We talked about rain this month. Mrs. Catt told the story of Elijah who went to the top of a mountain and prayed for rain and from one very small cloud the sky was soon covered with lots of dark clouds. She explained how plants need rain to grow well and she showed a saucer of cress seeds that had not sprouted because it had not been watered and a saucer that had been carefully watered and was growing well. We sang a song thanking God for the wind, sun and rain.

The next Toddlers' service is on **September 12th** at 2.15pm.

**Shirley Keir**

## **THE HARBURY AND LADBROKE CHURCH MEN'S SOCIETY**

The Society met on 6th July for the Annual General Meeting. Officers were elected for the posts of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary for the 1995/6 period.

The first meeting of the 1995/6 period will be held on **5th October 1995**. Anyone who may be considering joining the Society but would like to know more about it beforehand, feel free to contact Peter Edwards on 612573.

**P.D. Edwards**

# Ladbroke News

## AUGUST

Wed 2 Holy Communion 10.30am  
 Sun 6 PENTECOST 9. Family Communion 10.30am  
 Sun 13 PENTECOST 10. Sung Communion 9.00am  
 Wed 16 Holy Communion 10.30am  
 Sun 20 PENTECOST 11. Sung Communion 9.00am, Childrens Church  
 11.00 am, Evensong 3.30pm  
 Wed 23 Holy Communion 10.30am  
 Sun 27 PENTECOST 12. Sung Communion 9.00am

## LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

We had a really good congregation for our "*Songs of Praise*" service on July 16th, I hope our friends from Harbury enjoyed it, as well as the refreshments and fellowship in the Village Hall afterwards.

There is nothing special happening in August - well it is the month of holidays. I hope everyone having a holiday has a lovely relaxing time - and safe journeys there and back.

We are thinking of having a picnic-cum-treasure hunt for the children during the school holidays; we will let everyone know the date and time when its all arranged. Please get in touch with me if you are interested in coming.



Some "*food for thought*" from July's Readers Digest.

An article discussing forgiveness. Think about the stress and the "*emotional handcuffing*" of bearing a grudge, and carrying continual resentment. To forgive gives you freedom from this emotional handcuff. When you forgive, you reclaim your power to choose. It doesn't matter whether someone deserves forgiveness; you deserve to be free. Also you may be carrying resentment against someone who doesn't even know that they have offended you. Turn to your spirituality of faith. The act of forgiveness may be more than any of us can manage alone.

**Betty Winkfield**



## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

John Trussler came to our July meeting and took us, via his slides, on a walking holiday in Austria in the Spring. We always enjoy his superb photography and his interesting comments as he goes along.

In August we have our *"Tea"* with the usual raffle and *"Bring and Buy"*. It will be at Hall Farm on **Wednesday August 9th** at 3pm. Please come and join us.

**Betty Winkfield**

## **LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL**

The Village Hall Committee have arranged the following events for the pleasure and entertainment of all.

### **A Fashion Show**

Thursday 6th September 8pm

### **A Local History Exhibition**

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th September each day 10am to 5pm.

### **Magic Lantern Show and Sausage & Mash Supper**

Friday 20th October

### **Village Bonfire**

Saturday 4th November

### **Toddlers Party**

Friday 15th December

Please make a note of these dates in your diary; and watch this space for events in the New Year.

**Jill Norgate (Secretary)**

## **LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

A Parish Council meeting was held in the Village Hall on 19th July with Councillor Geoff Timms in the Chair in the absence of Peter Williamson.

There is as yet no more progress to report about the gate at the lower end of Windmill Lane.

P.C. Andy Went reported no criminal activity in the month of June, but there have been some attempted burglaries in July.

The Council approved payments to the Village Hall, East Midlands Electricity and the painting of the village lamp-posts. This will all be paid out of money from the annual precept i.e. finance provided by Stratford District Council against requests from Ladbroke for specific funding.

Following official confirmation that the local inquiry into the appeal by Barclay Homes Plc is to be held on 23rd January 1996 the Council drafted a letter. This reiterated the Council's agreement in principle for the erection of ten homes including four integrated low cost houses, but noted the Council's deep concerns about the effects of increased traffic in Windmill Lane and the need for reinstatement of any grass verges damaged by construction vehicles. Geoff Timms informed us all that he and Alan Gould had managed to erect the fourth of six bridle gates required for people to access bridle path SM 92 from the by-pass at Chapel Ascot to Lower Radbourne.

The Council had officially complained to Severn Trent Water and Offwat about the lack of water and the lack of information at the beginning of the hot spell. No reply has yet been received from Severn Trent.

Finally we began looking forward four and a half years in case there needs to be forward planning for the Millenium Celebrations. Does anyone have any good ideas about this yet?

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on September 20th at 7.45pm.

**Carol Northorpe**

**Welcome** to Anne and Mike Connon and family. Until their house is built they are living in a mobile home hidden behind buildings in Hedges Field. We hope they will be happy in Ladbroke, and it won't be too long before they will be in their new home.

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## **HARBURY SOCIETY**

The idea of sentinel Oaks for the Millennium has caught the public imagination. Jerry Birkbeck will give a presentation on the Landscape



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Audit in the Tom Hauley Room on **Tuesday 26th September** (7.30pm for 8pm) and help us decide where to plant the Oaks and what to do to enhance the village.

He suggested the County Ecologist investigates the flora of Bush Heath Lane and advises us how we can encourage flowers to re-colonise the area. A summer survey will be followed by another in the spring.

The autumn will be a busy time with the Windmill Opening on **Saturday and Sunday 16th & 17th September** from 11am until 4.30pm. Volunteers are still needed, contact Linda if you would like to help.

In October there is a treat for those interested in social history. Arthur Measures who lived in Warwick Workhouse (his parents ran it) will give us a talk about what life in such institutions was really like.

After that we have a talk on the work of the Warwickshire Gardens Trust planned and another Theatre Supper for February.

**Linda Ridgley (612792)**

## **HARBURY W.I.**

The annual Bowls evening at Leamington was well attended by members and guests. Dorothy, Wendy, Celia, Mary, Alan and John were winners and, as usual, a good time was had by all. Wednesday evening practice night still continues at the Club. In fact, a recent "friendly" match between "our gals" and males of the Club made a pleasant change. We play darts as well as bowls!

We have had two outings recently: to the Priory Theatre to see the very funny production of "Noises Off", and another to visit Luton Hoo, a classical house, containing a varied collection of works of art, furniture and porcelain.

July's speaker was Adua Bianchini from British Gas talking about perfectly-planned kitchens. With slides and diagrams she talked about the general layout of units, appliances and floor coverings. Although quite entertaining one felt that it was common sense thinking that members would already be aware of.

This is the final reminder for tins and things for September's Tombola Stall at the Produce Show. We will not be meeting in August and the show will have taken place by September's meeting, so please remember



that any items can be taken to Eva Keeling and Anne Clifton or any Committee member before **9th September** - thank you.

**September teas:** Kath Mancell, Pam Merchant and Nita Waddell.

**Jeanne Beaumont**

## **HARBURY THEATRE GROUP**

### **Amateur Theatre Group Festival**

When Harbury Theatre Group chose to enter the play, "Come Now and Be Joined" by Robert Earnest, in the annual ACT festival, little did it know the surprise that lay in store on the night of the performance.

This year the festival, at which local ACT groups each perform a one act play, was held on Thursday and Friday evenings at Shipston. Four plays were performed each evening and whilst the plays were not awarded marks, professional adjudicators spoke about each production at the end of each night.

A little while before the festival, the Group received a letter from someone in London asking for the date of its performance and for directions to Shipston.

"Come Now and Be Joined", a comedy about a wedding called off at the last minute with hilarious consequences, was very well received by the audience and by one member in particular. Robert Earnest, the playwright, had come from London to see his play performed for only the second time, the first being at The Fringe. At the end of the festival, he came to talk to the cast and producer (Keith Hayes) to tell them how much he had enjoyed their interpretation of his play.

The appreciation of the audience on the night of the play was obviously a great pleasure for the Theatre Group, but perhaps the greatest applause that could be given was when Robert Earnest said he could not have asked for a better production.

**Ruth Thurogood**

## SCOUT HUT ACTION KOMMITTEE (S.H.A.K.)

### End of First Term Report

Since the launch of the **S.H.A.K. Appeal** in early April, all our fundraising efforts mean that we have now broken the £5,000 barrier thanks to kind donations from, among others:

- Harbury Church (with proceeds from the Christmas Fair)
- Harbury Horticultural Society and
- Harbury Craft Circle

and from an assortment of events including:

- 3 Coffee Mornings
  - A sponsored Bike Ride from Birmingham to Oxford
  - Carnival activities
- (including Ron and Muriel Grey's highly popular "Do-nut" stall)

and our **"Buy-a-Brick" Appeal** which has now sold over 120 "bricks".

Many, many thanks to all of you who have supported us to date.

That means that we're already 25% of the way towards our target of £20,000 by Christmas of 1996 - we've had a great start, but we've still got a long way to go.

### Future Events

The first date for your diaries is **Saturday 16th September** when we will be having a **"Race Night"** at the Village Hall which promises to be an enjoyable, fun (and, hopefully, lucrative!) evening - details will be circulated later.

In addition, the following events are in the "planning stage".

-Quiz Night

-Sponsored Car Wash Day

-Sponsored Bike Ride

-Abseiling

..... and many others .....

And remember, if you haven't "brought-a-brick" yet, or have any "bricks" to sell, keep those donations rolling in.

If anybody has any ideas for future fund-raising or wants to get involved in any of our activities, please don't hesitate to contact one of the Kommittee below:

Pete Woodward 613536  
Charles McKenzie 613970  
Debs Ellis 612326

Peter Walshe 612477  
Jim Ward 612401  
Raymond Flanagan 613612

**Pete Woodward**

## **THE WIGHT SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

Our outing to Twycross Zoo was a great success. We all had a super time, and thoroughly enjoyed showing the children all the wonderful wildlife which they had previously only encountered in books. Their faces were an absolute joy to behold. When you're only 3ft tall, to be standing nose to nose with a gorilla with only a sheet of glass between you must be an experience! So despite earlier feelings of apprehension, nobody felt the urge to leave the odd child behind (or even the odd parent!) and we all made it back feeling relaxed and amazingly unfrazzled.

On 6th July we had a Coffee Morning with a presentation of Dorling Kindersley books. Many thanks to Ruth Coleman for her hospitality, and many thanks to Lesley Jones for bringing her lovely books for us to drool over! A good sum of money was raised, and we "earned" ourselves some new books for the Playgroup by way of commission.

Our thanks go to Gerry Bailey for allowing us the use of the school playing field on 18th July for our Sports Day. The children did really well - they soon realised that there was a tub of sweets on the other side of the finishing line! Well done to the staff for organising such an interesting variety of races including the carrots-in-the-bucket race, the through-the-hoops race, the dressing-up race, the backwards race and the quoits-on-the-head race. Thanks also (and in my case extreme amounts of gratitude) for not having a Mothers' Race! Winners' medals were awarded to all the children by our Vice Chairman.

The End of Term Party went extremely well. The children thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment from "Waldo the Clown". Many thanks to all the grown-ups who made food for us. It really was a mouth-watering spread! The children all went home with presents, balloon animals and



smiles on their faces. All-in-all a very fitting end to what has been a busy and successful term for us.

Please don't forget us during the long school holiday. We will be holding our Cake Sale, as usual, on **Thursday 3rd August** next to the library. 9.30 to 11.30am. Donations of cakes/buns/biscuits gratefully received, and we look forward to meeting some of you there.

Playgroup starts again on **Wednesday 6th September** - normal hours, 9.15am to 12.15pm.

May we take this opportunity to wish all the children who are leaving us to go to school, all the very best for the future. And, however you have decided to spend it, we hope that you all have an enjoyable summer holiday.

**Nikki Jones**



The cast from "The Games A Foot"

### "THE GAMES A FOOT"

On Sunday 9th July Harbury's Y7 performed a play which they had written, based on the discovery of the Plesiosaurus found at the Blue Circle Cement Works in 1927.

The class had worked hard on scenery, costumes, props and on learning lines and the result was appreciated by friends and families, who enjoyed a quarry man's supper to finish the evening.

The audience also enjoyed the singing of Celia Barratt and Janet Thornley. Celia wrote a song about the quarry men which was incorporated into the play. Mary Shelley told a ghost story which she had written for the evening.

The script writers were grateful to Cecil Bloxham who furnished them with first-hand researched information for the play.

**Vikki Holroyd**

### **HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB**

Firstly *Congratulations* to Mandy and Adrian on the birth of their daughter, Sophie. We look forward to having Mandy back with us next season, and Sophie in 15 years time!

THANKYOU to Jenny and Marie who have been training many of the youngsters from the village on Thursday evenings between 6 - 7pm. Apparently there is a lot of talent out there and we hope that many of these players will join the club when they are 14 years old. As it is a 'ladies' league we are limited to the number of under-16 players that we are allowed to register, but the club always welcomes new and enthusiastic players.

THANKYOU to Mal and Roger Eaton for allowing the annual barbecue to take place at their home, and to Les and Shelagh, as we also used part of their garden. 45 people enjoyed the facilities and excellent food on a lovely warm Summer's night. It was a pity that only 9 netballers were there to appreciate it, but many did contribute food and we thank them for that. A raffle was held and the total profit for the night was £171.50.

Please remember that we are practising for next season on Thursday evenings throughout August - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. Please inform someone if you are on holiday so that your absence can be recorded.

### **NEW PLAYERS ARE MOST WELCOME.**

Do come and try out for a team. The Selection Committee will be there to watch the FINAL TRIALS for selection into the teams which take



place on 5 dates in September - Thursdays 7th and 14th, along with Saturday afternoons (from 2pm) on 2nd, 9th, and 16th. Teams will be picked on 16th September and then players have 3 Thursday practices to work together until the beginning of the season - which starts on 7th October.

There will be a **Safari Evening on Saturday 9th September**. This is a great social occasion where many of us stroll around the village and call at one house to eat a starter, have the main course at another house, and then finish up at the Village Club for the dessert. All food and wine included for the unbelievably low price of £8.

Another **Quiz Night** is being arranged for a Sunday in **October** - once again at the Village Club. More details next month.

If you require details about the Netball Club, training, or the social activities outlined above, please ring Jenny on 612700 or Mal on 612627 or me, Pat Summers, on 612059.

**Pat Summers**

## **THE HARBURY BEAVERS BARMY BREAKFAST!**





Hungry Beavers recently sat in a paddling pool and tucked into a hearty breakfast of toast and cereals, in a bid to win the Beavers Barmy Breakfast Challenge. The competition which is being run by Scouting magazine, challenges beavers from packs around the country to eat their breakfast in the most bizarre place possible.

**Jill Guilford**

### **R.S.P.C.A.**

The Ploughman's Lunch at Victoria House on Saturday July 15th resulted in a handsome profit of £350. I would like to thank all those who so generously supported us.

**Ros Wilson**

### **ROBERT APPEAL**

Many thanks for everyone who supported our last two fund raising events. At the Carnival Fete we raised a total of £172 followed by our July Tabletop Sale which raised a further £128 for Roberts Fund. We are very grateful to everyone who helped in any way.

Again, many, many thanks.

**Mary Revitt**

### **BREAKTHROUGH QUIZ**

Would you want to be locked into this relationship - and what about that stubborn cow?! - does this make sense to you? For those of you still wondering - the hole was made by the canon ball - but how did it happen - you may need the answer to help you with the table quiz on **28th October** at the Breakthrough for Breast Cancer Evening at the Village Hall. Curious for more information - if you really can't wait till next month ring Lin Hayes 613488.

**Lin Hayes**

### **GRAPEVINE**

The 'Grapevine' coffee shop will close for the month of August. We hope all our customers enjoy the summer break, and we will re-open on **Wednesday 6th September** in the Tom Hauley Room, as usual.

**Lesley Jones**

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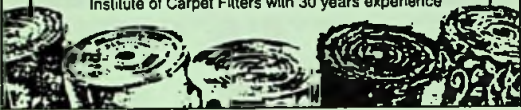
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**Ruth Dodds**

## 5TH HARBURY HASH

Those familiar with this annual event will quickly note the date - **Sunday 24th September**. Now here's the catch. We are holding this 'milestone mètée' at a different venue. Perhaps a little further away but we think the new terrain will be to your liking. Whatever the weather everyone is welcome. Start 3.00pm from Stoneythorpe Hall off A425 towards Southam. By kind permission of Mr and Mrs Reid.

Usual format. Bring food to barbecue; bread and salads provided. The Hash Course of about 4-5 miles will be suitable for all ages and conditions. Walk or run (if you must). Children under 12 years should be accompanied by a responsible adult. There will be at least two minor road crossings. Entries on the day.

Proceeds to be divided between Harbury Scout Group and Harbury Youth Club. Further details from myself or Mike Putnam (613853). Tee Shirts will be on sale.

**John Hancock**

## "KECK, COWPATS AND CONKERS"



Is the title of a book being published in September by *Frances Mann* on her childhood memories of Harbury in the 1930's and 40's. The idea of writing a book came to Frances after she moved from the area to Sussex in 1972. She realised then how fast things were changing in the village and set about recording memories of her childhood and family, in order that her own children would have a record of where their 'heritage' lay.

Frances was born in Church Street and her family was one of the first to move into Pineham Avenue when the Council built the houses in 1936. After 13 years living in Sussex, Frances followed her two daughters out to Australia, where she still lives. Last year she returned with all her recorded family memories to Harbury for eight months to write her book. She has received much help and support from villagers and has been able to obtain old photographs of Harbury to include in her book.

Although Frances' married name is Poupard the book has been written in her maiden name and will be published by Brewins at Studley, - price £8.95. There will be a launch of the book in the village in September, details of which should be given in next month's Harbury News and be posted around the village. For those incomers to Harbury if you do not know what *Keck* is, buy the book!

**John Holden**

## **SPECIALLY FOR WOMEN**

Are you aged between 16 and 60?

Are you free on a Friday morning?

(If you have children at school or playgroup then I know you are!)

Do you feel like a change, but don't really know what you want to do?

Then let me bring your attention to the '**New Directions for Women**' course, which is going to be run by the mid-Warwickshire College at Harbury School. The course will run on Friday mornings in the Spooner Classroom from 9.30 am to 12 noon, starting on **Friday 22nd September 1995**. It is designed to help you realise your achievements to date, then decide on, and draw up an action plan for what you want to do next - be it further academic study, learn a new skill or craft, return to work, work from home, or whatever.

It is expected that this course will lead on to a "Tasters" course where you can try your hand at a variety of subjects of your own choosing, and be offered work experience placements - just like the teenagers do!

The '**New Directions**' course is being fully subsidised, and so is completely **FREE OF CHARGE**.

So if you, too, are finding it hard to decide on your next move in life, why not enrol on **22nd September?**

I look forward to meeting you there.

**Nikki Jones**

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## SCHOOLFRIENDS RE-UNITE IN HARBURY



**Left to Right: Gillian Falconer, Diane Nochalls and Rose St. Pierre**

Almost forty years have passed since three friends went their separate ways in life. Rose St. Pierre (nee Perry) went to Canada, Gillian Falconer (Mann) to Australia, and Diane Nochalls (Wilkins) remained faithful to Harbury.

A reunion was held in Harbury Club on Saturday 15th July 1995, when these friends, and others gathered together to talk about 'old times'. They reminisced and compared notes on husbands, wives, children and grandchildren!! Many other old friends and their spouses attended. These included:

Mick White, Ray Carter, Tony Ceney, Brian Taylor, Mike Bishop, Roll Padbury, Jan Wilkins, Barry Ferguson, Brian Wallington, Len Wallington, Anita Stynes (Washbrooke), Dorothy Elliman (Fletcher), Marilyn Eaton (Sollis), Pip Wallington (Morgan), Kay Bugg (Sheasby), Josie Winbush (Hamer), Brenda Turner (Fields), Mary Earnshaw (Fields), Leone Kyte (Sollis), Sid Fields, Ray & Keith Padbury, David Mann and David Perry, older brothers of Rose and Gillian also attended.

### ***Guests of Honour***

One highlight of the evening was the attendance of Mr John Warwick (Harbury Policeman during the 1950's) and his lovely wife Hilda, both of

whom thoroughly enjoyed meeting up with the 'children' of the village from that era.

Many laughs were had, and sadness felt for those unable to attend.

Many thanks to the Committee of Harbury Club and all those who helped to make the evening a most memorable occasion. Excellent music was supplied by Mr Maurice Sheasby of Southam.

**Gillian Falconer (nee Mann)**

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**Linda Ridgley**

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## **MY BROTHER'S GARDEN**

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Fat bumble bees, burying their heads in the hearts of flowers.

Pollen covered, they retreat to a newer place. Yellow beaked blackbird, bathing in golden droplets of water, spreading wings to dry in the sun baked grass.

Faint noise of a breeze stirring the leaves, petals and buds dancing to a greater height.

Moss covered walls and fences, holding secrets that are locked away.

A gentle quiet for a second passes, to the single sound of a foraging wasp.

Seeds released to grow again another time, burying themselves in a fertile ground.

Dragon flies hovering about water lilies hiding frogs, silently chasing their prey.

Perceptions I will hold dear until the end of my life on earth.

**Gillian Falconer (July 1995)**

## **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

The weather was perfect for our evening trip to Rowington, a delightful house in a beautiful setting, where a very knowledgeable guide took us round the extensive garden.

The Garden Walkabout proved very successful, and again the weather was good, even rather too warm at times. May I take this opportunity to thank all who opened their gardens and all those who helped with the catering, the cooking, washing up and running around etc!

Although our weather seems to think it is Mediterranean, and it has been a difficult season, I am sure we will have a bumper crop of entries for the **Village Show on the 9th September**, schedules are NOW available from the usual outlets, Pete's Place the Library and Mugglestones. Come on, bake that sponge you may win a prize! Remember, any queries, phone Ron Grey 612515.

**Muriel Grey**



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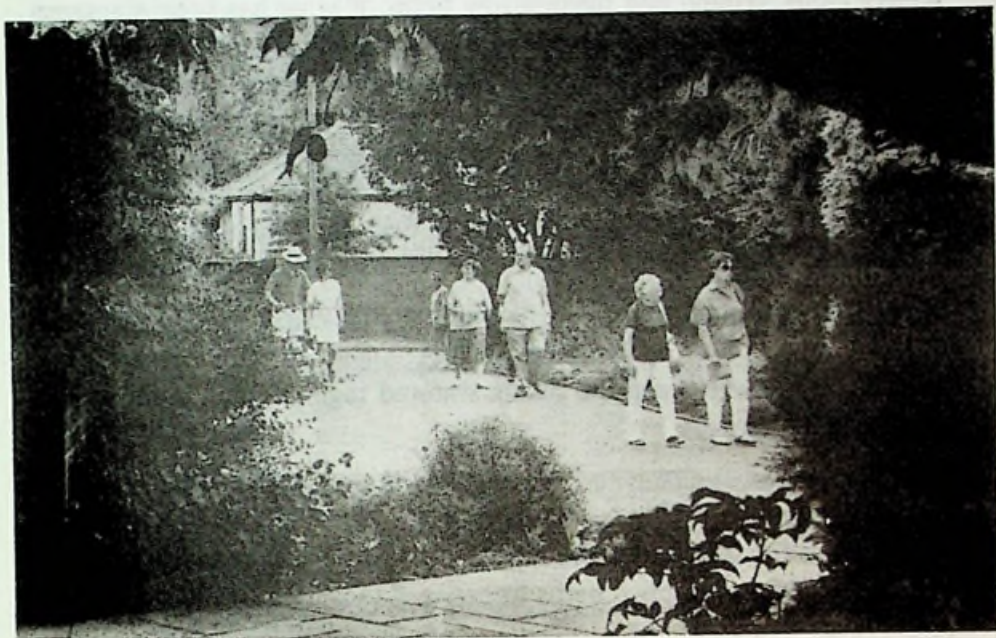
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## **GARDEN WALKABOUT 1995**



**Visitors take a stroll up the garden path  
and  
Harry Taylor chats to a couple looking around his garden.**





## GARDENING NOTES

August is the month to sit in the garden and admire the results of your work. Look around and make a few notes of what has been a success and what needs altering. This is also the time when many maturing plants set seed. Cut the seed heads when they begin to turn brown and hang them to dry inside paper bags. In a few days separate the seeds from the debris and store them in labelled envelopes in a sealed container. Whilst the seeds from F1 hybrids may not come true most seeds collected from the garden will give good results. One well known Harbury gardener tells me he has not bought seeds for years and his results are stunning.

Many plants are showing the stress of the dry weather. Powdery mildew and rust are common problems in drought conditions. Remove and burn any affected leaves, keep the plants watered regularly and spray if you must with a fungicide.

Cut mint, chives, oregano and marjoram back to 6" high and there should be enough new growth to last well into the colder weather. Pot up a few of the herbs for the kitchen window sill to give fresh leaves throughout the winter. Many chopped herbs freeze well too.

Cut out fruited canes of raspberries and loganberries and tie in new strong canes.

Take cuttings from tender container plants, and from tender shrubs as insurance against winter losses.

Pat Smith

## Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

We would like to thank the ladies of Harbury whose great kindness and help, was much appreciated on Saturday 24th June, at the plant sale in the Village Hall, on the tragic death of our friend Mr Dennis Grasby of Ashorne. Also Dr. Snowdon for his prompt attendance.

Stevie Gray and Mary Freeman

Dear Editors

I would like to thank everyone who helped organise and took part in the successful Table Top sale in aid of the Tom Hill Speech Therapy on Saturday 15th July. A grand total of £100 was raised on the day. I would particularly like to thank Martin Barr for helping Lynn, Carol and myself make everything run so smoothly.

Many thanks again to everyone concerned.

Yours sincerely

**Andrea Stowe**

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Dear Editors

We would like to say a big thankyou to everyone who supported the National Asthma Campaign coffee morning on Saturday 1st July, and also to those who gave such generous donations.

A total of £105 was raised and a cheque has been sent to the local branch in Warwick.

**Pat, Sylvia, Helen & Muriel**

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Dear Editors

May we through the Harbury News say a big thankyou to the staff of the Wight School Playgroup for the care they have shown towards Tom over the past three years, Harbury is so lucky to have such a wonderful playgroup.

Yours sincerely

**Lynn Jackson & Jason Hill**

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