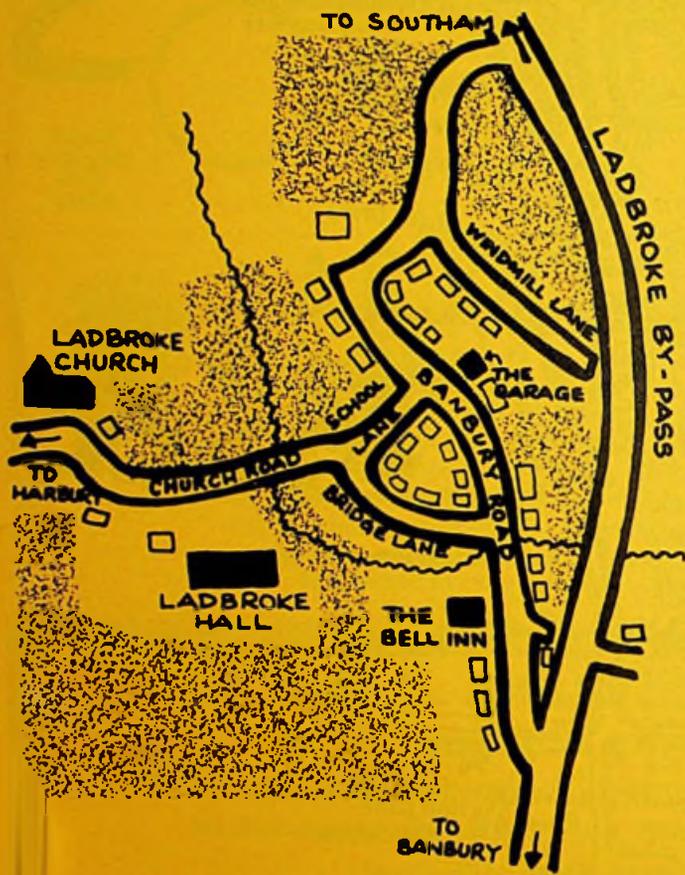


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A fun time was had by many at this year's Carnival. Our photo illustrates the imagination and effort put into entrants' costumes and floats. Not only was it enthusiastically supported by villagers, but also attended by people from far and wide, who witnessed Harbury at its best.

As we go into July, people's thoughts are turning to summer activities. Young villagers are lucky to have the Playscheme again this year, thanks to the hard work of a new Playscheme committee.

There is a real concern in the village at the moment, about children playing on and near the railway lines. As the summer holiday approaches,

awareness of the potential danger, both to themselves and others, will hopefully, be emphasised by parents.

Another concern, both in the school and the village, is that of dogs fouling where children play. This is a real health risk as young children can be left blinded by toxoplasmosis, caught from dog faeces. Dogs should not be allowed to foul areas in which children play.

On a lighter note, check your Harbury & Ladbroke News for summer activities. The Garden Walkabout and Craft Fair is in July, with the day coming to a climax at the Rugby Club Barbecue.

Harbury Diary

JULY

- Sun 2 PENTECOST 4.** Sung Communion 9am, Evensong 6.30pm
Cricket 2nd Home to Barford
Napton Charity Cycle Ride. 11am from Napton Village Green.
(Details ☎ 01926 817100)
- Mon 3** St. Peter Holy Communion 7.30pm
Open meeting on Mission in Tom Hauley Room 8.10pm
Prayer & Praise 8pm
- Tues 4** Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 5** Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
Mothers' Union AGM & Garden Meeting at Rectory 2.30pm
Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
- Thur 6** Holy Communion 9.45am
Fun Français in Village Hall
Storytelling in Library 10am
Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn 8.30pm
- Fri 7** Men's Retreat at Offa House
- Sat 8** **Garden Walkabout and Craft Circle in Village Hall**
Harbury Rugby Club Annual Summer Barbecue 7.30pm onwards
Men's Retreat at Offa House
- Sun 9 PENTECOST 5.** Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist
10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
Cycle Rally uses Village Hall
Orienteering on Burton Dassett Hills 10am, ☎ 0192 511490
Harbury School Y7 & Community Writers' Evening of
Entertainment 7.30pm (see article)

- Tues 11 Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
Toddlers' Service 2.15pm
Village Hall Committee 8pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm; Standing Cttee at Rectory 8.10pm
- Wed 12 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
- Thur 13 Holy Communion 9.45am
Fun Français in Village Hall
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
W.I. in Village Hall 7.45pm
- Sat 15 St. Swithins
Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am
R.S.P.C.A. Ploughman's Lunch at Victoria House, 12.30pm
Table Top Sale in Village Hall for Downs Syndrome
Weddings: 1.30pm Richard Parsons to Kate Humphreys
3pm Richard Res to Carolyn Middleton
- Sun 16 **PENTECOST 6.** Holy Communion 8am
Family Communion 10.30am
Cricket 2nds Home to Dunchurch
Radford Semele Walk meet at White Lion 10am £1 adult,
50p child
- Tues 18 Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
Mothers' Union Evening Walk & Supper at Preston Bagot 7pm
Senior Citizen's Committee in Village Hall 8.30pm
- Wed 19 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
- Thurs 20 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 21 Wight School Playgroup's End of Term Party 10.30am to 12.30pm
ALL articles for August's News to PETE's PLACE by 5.30pm
- Sat 22 Mothers' Union Coffee Morning and Lunch in Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 23 **PENTECOST 7.** Holy Communion 8am;
Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
Cricket 1st Home to Rugby PC
Southam Dog Training Club Show cancelled
- Tues 25 Holy Communion 7.30pm
PCC 8.10pm in Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 26 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
Playscheme in Village Hall 10.00 - 11.55am
- Thur 27 Holy Communion 9.45am
Playscheme in Village Hall 10.00 - 11.55am
Parish Council in Village Hall 7.30pm
Mothers' Union Deanery Social at 11 Constance Drive 7.30pm
- Fri 28 Playscheme in Village Hall 10.00 - 11.55am

Sun 30 PENTECOST 8. Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am
 Cricket 1st Home to Shilton
 Seasons Turn at Ufton Fields 2.30-3pm, £1 adult, 50p child
 Walk along Leamington to Rugby Railway 10am-1pm from
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Please see notice board in Church for weekday services or revised times on special occasions.

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

It is now 5½ years since the Tom Hauley Room was completed and opened by Canon Rowe and we thought it worth a mention rather than having to wait for the more traditional 21 or 25 years.

The room is used extensively by village groups and organisations and particularly for the regular coffee mornings each Saturday. This gives many charitable organisations and fund raising groups the opportunity to provide a social side to their activities. Lunches are served once a month and the room has become very popular for birthday, christening, wedding and anniversary celebrations particularly as the Room has some catering facilities.

We consider the Room to be very much part of the village and complements the larger Village Hall and somewhat smaller Wight School. We shall all be ever grateful to the benefactor Tom Hauley.

We hope you all enjoyed the Pentecost Praise service held in early June. The involvement of the Jubilate Group consisting of the church musicians was very much appreciated.

Looking a little ahead, it will soon be the Harbury Open Gardens day and the bell tower and bell chamber will be open to the public as in previous years. It will be worth a visit, either to view the village panorama from the top of the tower, or to see the refurbishment work to the Church clock mechanism inside the tower.

Ruth & Jeff

FROM THE RECTOR

Philip said: *Lord let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.* Jesus said to him: *To have seen me is to have seen the Father.* Philip's request has often been echoed by the religious longings of people in every age: if only we could see the Lord!

If we want to see, we have first of all to look into the gospels. Yet they do not give a clear picture at first sight. They are unlike many of the biographies we read which try to record every detail about a person and place everything in strict logical order. Nor are the gospels like photographic records which would leave us with immediate impressions of Jesus. They are pen-portraits which have to be read, pondered over

and reflected upon, if we are to get a true picture of Jesus, the person whom we are describing.

Many people have a favourite painting of Christ. But what appeals to some might put other people off. Probably the dim image of Christ on the Shroud of Turin is one of the most popular portraits in the world. It is indistinct and so it has a universal appeal. Many people can see it for what it is, an image which helps us towards an appreciation of the person behind it. In a similar way the gospels help us to see Christ not by presenting us with a developed photograph, but by painting portraits which give us abundant information to guide us in our appreciation of him. But as St. John reminds us the gospels cannot say all that could be said.

John 20 vs 30-31. *There are many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.*

Fr. Roy

Laugh Line

A Lady was very nervous about her appointment with the dentist. Before leaving home she sought courage by reading the text for the day from her calendar. It was Psalm 81 verse 10: *Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it.*

FROM THE REGISTER

Holy Baptism - Harbury, Sunday 4th June - Lucia Alice Farrington

Holy Matrimony - All Saints' Ladbroke,
June 3rd - Anthony Clarke to Deborah Lowry

MOTHERS' UNION

Our afternoon speaker, Mrs Margery Noise, held us enthralled with tales of her grandparents. She brought an object which reminded her of each grandparent - a book, a ring, a walking stick handle and a lovely gravy boat - and told us about her memories of her childhood and the things her grandparents had taught her. She finished with the thought: *What will our grandchildren learn from us?*

On 1st August we are having an outing to Bonsall near Matlock to see the well-dressings. Anyone is welcome to join us. For details see Mary Catt or Shirley Keir.

Our evening speaker was Jane Handford, Diocesan Vice President and wife of Clive, Bishop of Warwick. Her theme for the evening was *Verses for God* and Jane read to us her own poems which were mainly inspired by her observation of babies and small children. Her talk was very much enjoyed.

Reminder: The next Evening Meeting will take the form of a walk, followed by supper at the Crab Mill, Preston Bagot. For further information contact Shirley Keir.

C. Mary Catt

TODDLERS' SERVICE

We talked about the sun this month. We heard how God created the world and made the sun, moon and stars to give us light. We then talked about the things we do in the sunshine and made and coloured smiling sun faces. We finished with the song *God who made the earth*.

Next month we shall hear about rain. We do not meet in August.

Shirley Keir

THE HARBURY AND LADBROKE CHURCH MEN'S SOCIETY

The Harbury and Ladbrooke Church Men's Society met on 1st June to hear a talk on communications by Mr. R. Robertson who, the previous day, had retired after 36 years with GEC. He served his apprenticeship at a time when there were only 4 million telephones in the UK and, at the age of 16, he made his own first telephone call from a kiosk with buttons A and B. In 1956 he qualified as a radio engineer with the RAF in Aden and subsequent travels took him as far afield as Zimbabwe, Egypt, Pakistan, the Cayman Islands and China, building, extending and modifying radio stations and telecommunications for military and civilian needs. In 1967 he worked in Europe relocating NATO communications from Paris to Maastricht.

During a period of revolt in Turkey he was imprisoned for a few days along with all other foreigners; and in Ethiopia he experienced the perils

not only of flying with animals on board, but also of having his aircraft refuelled in temperatures of 30°C by an Ethiopian officer who was smoking a cigarette!

In Hong Kong, where local telephone calls are free and telephones proliferate, Mr. Robertson rebuilt a radio station for the navy. In Bermuda he was on call 24 hours a day providing communications for the launch of the Apollo spacecraft. He secured GEC's first contract with China after 9 years of negotiations, worth £29 million, as a result of which he became managing director for overseas development for GEC, setting up world-wide communications. In 1991 he became liaison officer with British Telecom, GEC's largest customer. Finally, Mr. Robertson talked about technological changes such as miniaturisation, car phones, car radios and telephone cards, many of which he demonstrated to the meeting. All in all it was a fascinating talk greatly enjoyed by all those present.

P.D. Edwards

SUNDAY SCHOOL BY AUTUMN?

The consensus of opinion at an open forum favoured revival of a traditional Sunday School for Harbury to replace Crusaders. This view was welcomed by the Parochial Church Council meeting on 23rd May. Crusaders closed at the end of last year when its leaders, for perfectly valid reasons, were unable to continue the splendid work they had done over many years from inception. The next step will be the setting up of a steering committee. Interest was shown by Dorothy Travis, Jo House, Sue Dormer and Sally Stringer. But much more help will be required and the Rector and wardens, Ruth Dodds and Jeff Bedford, would be glad to hear from anyone else prepared to assist. The hope is for an autumn launch.

Dorothy Travis announced her intention to give up the leadership of the Church Youth Group, but said she is prepared to carry on until the end of the summer term. Consequently the PCC is appealing for a volunteer to take over in the autumn. Details of the commitment involved can be obtained from Dorothy on Harbury 613264.

The response to the idea of another parish mission, following the meeting addressed by Church Army Captain Leslie Tennant, is to be considered in greater detail at a special meeting on Monday 3rd July.

Ken Hughes, for years supremo of highly successful Church Christmas Fairs, plans to stand down and the PCC is looking for a successor.

PCC members of our sister church at Ladbroke are keen to welcome a large contingent from Harbury to its **Songs of Praise service on 16th July at 6pm.**

This year's Maundy Thursday service in Coventry Cathedral, where Reg Harris, of Lullington Lodge, was one of the recipients of Maundy money from the Queen, was described by the Rector as *full of pageantry* and an occasion everyone thoroughly enjoyed, especially Reg.

VJ Day Sculpture

An offer by airline and recording tycoon Richard Branson to pay for two castings of a work by Josefina de Vasconcellos, one to be sited at Coventry in the Cathedral Ruins, and the other at Hiroshima, is under negotiation. The hope is that the Coventry sculpture will be unveiled on **6th August**, the first day of a ten-day vigil at the Cathedral to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of the war with Japan on 15th August.

John Algar

CHURCH BELL TOWER OPEN DAY 8th July 10.30am to 5pm

On your garden walk-about why not call in at the church to climb the stone steps to the ringing chamber and upwards to see the bells, where Harbury bellringers will be on hand to explain the art of campanology. You can also see the refurbishment of the belfry and the mechanism of the clock, which now winds automatically.

A team of six Harbury bellringers are to be congratulated on their recent success in coming third in a competition run by the Warwick Guild, just behind Warwick and Ilmington teams who came joint first.

Bellringers are dedicated people who ring for Sunday services and weddings and need to practice for an hour or two each week. Come and meet the people who are often heard but not always seen at services. You will be made very welcome.

Harbury Bellringers

Ladbroke News

JULY

- Sun 2 PENTECOST 4.** Family Communion 10.30am
Wed 5 Holy Communion 10.30am
Sun 9 PENTECOST 5. Sung Communion 9am
Wed 12 Holy Communion 2pm; Standing Committee 7.30pm
Sun 16 PENTECOST 6. Sung Communion 9am; Children's Church 11am
 Songs of Praise 6pm followed by refreshments
Wed 19 Holy Communion 10.30am
Sat 22 St. Mary Magdalen Holy Communion 9.30am
Sun 23 PENTECOST 7. Sung Communion 9am
 BBQ Lunch at Walworth Farm 12noon
Wed 26 Holy Communion 10.30am; PCC Meeting 7.30pm at Hall Farm
Sat 29 Wedding 1.30pm of Simon Hallan to Shelley Burden
Sun 30 PENTECOST 8. Holy Communion 9am

CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS

I hope everyone who was interested in going to the Mid-Summer Madness was notified of the cancellation in plenty of time - sorry about the misinformation especially since we got the good weather we had ordered too!

Our Open Air Rogationtide service in Deppers Bridge was great fun. It was for most of us - I don't know what the rabbit, chased under the cars by a whippet dog, thought about it! There was a very varied collection of pets - the Rector blessed them all; tortoises, hamsters, kid-goats, cats, dogs, horses and lambs. The only piece of farm machinery was the tractor belonging to Ian Sheasby.

The Salvation Army Band played beautifully and in turn they thoroughly enjoyed the tea. A collection taken after the service was given to them for their funds.

Our next joint service with Harbury here in Ladbroke is Songs of Praise on 16th July at 6pm. This will be followed by refreshments.

Last, but not least - a welcome to the Milton family, John, Pat & son Paul, who have moved into *Skiddaw*, School Lane. We all hope they will be very happy in Ladbroke.

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The Women's Fellowship outing to Burford in June was very enjoyable. We found good country pubs for our lunch on the way there and arrived at Church Green 5 minutes early, to be met by our guide for the afternoon.

Next month - **12th July, John Trussler** is going to show us more of his *Walking Holiday* slides. The meeting is at the Rectory House, by invitation from Gwladys at 2.45pm following our Communion Service in church at 2pm.

Gwynne Badman, Secretary

The marriage took place at St. Winefreds Church, Heaton Mersy of
Dr. Trevor Anthony Turner,
 second son of Mr & Mrs. R. Turner, Radbourne Lane Ladbroke
 to
Stephanie Patricia Conway,
 second daughter of Mr & Mrs. T. Conway, Heaton Moor, Stockport

Dear Friends,

May I say a big thank you to all our family, friends and neighbours for all their kindness, help and good wishes after my recent operation.

Gill Moore

Red Cross Week 6th to 13th May

The House to House collection in Ladbroke raised £35.48. Many thanks to all contributors.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

At our May meeting the resolutions were explained in detail and followed by a vote.

The Thames Barrier visit unfortunately coincided with our Strawberry Fair on 26th June, which we had to cancel. We will now be holding a September Fair instead.

Our June meeting was held on the 22nd. Mrs. Booth, of Priors Marston

and Priors Hardwick W.I. was present to give us a very interesting and entertaining report of the AGM meeting in Blackpool. Three thousand visiting WI members must have been an awesome sight for the local townsfolk!

Our speaker was Jane Watts, from Bishops Itchington, who is a member of the Red Cross. Her subject, *Camouflage Make-up*, was fascinating. After two years of training she was able to use her skill in conjunction with the medical profession. Two of our members had blemishes treated very successfully. A very enlightening evening was enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 27th July** when our speaker will be talking about **Corn Dollies**.

Hazel Sharples

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - 21st June

The chairman, Councillor Peter Williamson opened the meeting.

There has, as yet, been no further progress to getting a gate from Windmill Lane across the By-Pass. We hope to have something to report at the next meeting.

The appeal on behalf of Berkeley Homes to build 15 dwellings in Hedges Field will take place on 6th September.

Your Parish Councillors are going to write one final letter to clarify all the important details as so much has been written during recent times - hopefully this may help the inspector. The highway planning officer Mr. Cowan is still of the opinion that Windmill Lane is wide enough to cope with the anticipated increase in traffic. We also have the worry of who is to restore the grass verges almost certain to be damaged by the large lorries.

Detailed plans have now been submitted for the new stables to be built for Mr. McTaggart on his land fronting the By-Pass and Windmill Lane.

A planning application for alterations proposed at *The Croft* Banbury Road by Mr. Copley met with the Council's approval, provided that the conservation architect is satisfied with the plan.

Councillor Jeff Timms reported good progress clearing the footpath along the side of Smiths Farm, thanks to all who do this work.

The Millenium draws near. What do you think the village ought to do to celebrate this once in a lifetime opportunity? How about a Village Party or Dance? All suggestions to Elsa Greenway please.

Your usual scribe Carol will be back reporting the next Parish Council meeting to be held on 19th July at 7.45pm.

Anthony Izon

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MAY

Solid, sensible Ed Wilson (ousted at the Polls) was sorely missed by his colleagues on Harbury Parish Council.

As expected Ken Stephenson took the Chair with Steve Norman his deputy. The Clerk explained Working Parties had no powers of authorisation - that was the responsibility of the full council. The Chairman should reword his proposals. *I hope we're not going to have any more of these fait accompli*, remarked Cllr. Drinkwater.

Cllrs were disappointed so few attended the Annual Parish Meeting where the Headmaster outlined the School's financial difficulties and explained community education initiatives like the Telecottage.

In the face of PC opposition to continuing Pineham Avenue, District Cllr Cooley told the PC to identify other sites for affordable housing. Once SDC properties were transferred to a Housing Association money to build more would be released. A Districtwide Sample Survey on Housing Need was being undertaken.

Steve Norman was frustrated by the *negative* attitude of the County to Traffic Calming, which he categorised as: *Can't have; too costly; won't work; who cares*. He cares and Ken Stephenson promised to get quotes by June for the PC to make its own rumble strips at Deppers. *That's June 1995?* asked Steve Norman to cheers.

SDC granted all last month's applications except the Office at Mansfield Barn, Fosse Way (traffic dangers) and the *granny flat* at Leamington House. DCllr Cooley explained the planning principles that forbade backland development, the access problems and the potential creation of a separate dwelling. The Parish had no comment on the Flecknoe House extension.

Cllr Woodward was furious the Harbury Society had expressed its disapproval of the municipalising effect and dangers of Barbecues at the Recreation Grounds. They were too late! One for Deppers and two for Harbury had arrived. Cllrs Woodward/Stephenson admitted to new girl Mary Shelley they had not yet decided where to put them and did promise to ensure there was adequate insurance cover.

John Woodward's suggestion that the South Parade railings be replaced with mesh fencing was resisted as being unsightly. Keith Thompson asked for the trees obscuring the recently erected *School* sign to be cut, rather than having the sign moved! Cllrs were invited to join the Harbury Society Landscape Audit. Ken Stephenson thought it could decide on planters for outside the Supermarket!

Parking on Village Greens is illegal and before Police act Councillors would warn offenders of this. Ken Stephenson determined to prosecute *dirty dog* owners was pleased with District Councillor Cooley's news of other villages' initiatives.

Responsibility for verge maintenance is complicated (WCC along highways outside settlements, SDC round Council Houses, PC for Greens). Now it's worse for SDC have decided to mow all the grass within the village, so there are two gangs out (SDC and PC)! Confusion reigns. Complaints of cows eating allotment holders' crops will be sent to the County.

Stickler for protocol, John Drinkwater noticed the Chairman not wearing his badge and finding the ribbon unclasped, officially invested him at the end of the meeting.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL - CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL VOUCHERS

Once again Harbury Parish Council are issuing travel vouchers for the pensioners and for the first time registered disabled and handicapped of the parish. For 1995/96 these will be yellow in colour and for the same value of 50p towards fares on Midland Red services 63, 64, 65, 66, and 67 and the Village Taxi Bus Service.

Each applicant will be entitled to £12.00 worth of vouchers. However,

please note they will be valid only up to 31st July 1996. The Council ask that if you have some red vouchers from last year's issue, please use these up first. Please, please only register if you have a real intention to use them, any non usage is a waste of parish funds.

Registration forms are now available from: **Post Office, Co-Op, Library, Pete's Place, Newsagents, Mrs. Hodge (Clerk, 36 Binswood End) and Parish Councillor Norman (39 Deppers Bridge)**. Please fill in and return a registration form to any one of the above by **MONDAY 17th July**.

Distribution will take place on **Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July** between 2 and 4pm at the **Farley Room** in the **Village Hall**.

Please note: No vouchers will be issued to those O.A.P.s or registered disabled and handicapped (or their recognised guardians) who have not registered.

Mrs. A.D. Hodge
Clerk to the Council

HARBURY SOCIETY

Once again our Carnival Stall raised a significant sum for Society funds and the committee wants to use the money to purchase a permanent Fairground Game of Skill that we can run in future years.

Our Landscape Audit was a most successful event, not least because for the first time in weeks the sun shone!

Jerry Birkbeck from the County Council's Countryside Access Department helped us focus our ideas about environmental improvements, including the possibility of traffic calming measures. He explained the constraint on planting (overhead lines, narrow verges, vision splays etc.) and will give a presentation in September showing us what we could do.

There were times when he was physically highjacked by Parish Council members eager to lobby for more suburban planting, but he bore it all with great fortitude and managed to satisfy all tastes. He even found several places where Ken Stephenson could put his daffodils.

We have not forgotten the Sentinel Oaks and are receiving advice on the

size of trees which are most likely to survive. It seems, following the Audit, that the Oaks could not be planted in the roadside verges and that we would have to seek the co-operation of the various landowners to put them in the hedges.

The committee wrote to the Parish Council expressing grave reservations about the installation of Barbecues on the Playing Fields and is still awaiting a response.

The programme for Autumn is now being planned, with another Theatre Supper pencilled in for February, Jerry's presentation and a talk on Garden History.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY W.I.

It has been an eventful month. As usual many events and activities offered around the county to keep one occupied.

Mr. Tim Simpson from Simpsons of Stratford gave a talk on fish - the industry and the retailing. After listening about the quota system, net sizes, poaching, Spanish fishermen, who buy our boats and sail under the British flag, not to mention the huge freezer boats, one can sympathise with our fishermen, who seem to have had a raw deal.

Mr. Simpson spoke about the selection of fish he had brought. The shop stocks around 90 varieties and also supplies hotels and caterers. The filleting was very skilful especially a plaice which remained whole after being filleted and cleaned to enable it to be stuffed with sauces etc. Members were able to purchase any of the fish on display.

Now the Carnival. What a success the day was due to the Carnival Committee. Weather wasn't too bad, at least it stayed dry. It was a joy to see how people supported the Carnival with the amount of floats entered. The high standard must have been very difficult to judge.

We are pleased to say that the W.I. float came first in its class, designed by Celia Barrett and assisted by her band of helpers. A great honour for Peggie Middleton, who was the first person to be awarded the Sue Andrew's Cup for the best adult costume. We also came first in the group Fancy Dress on the field. We did very well and everything was homemade, even our 80 year old baby, Eva, in the crib.

Thanks to Helen Johnson, whose barn we used and who was our driver, also to Doug Green, whose truck we borrowed. There would have been no float but for him. A special thank you to Marion Abbott for letting us use her loo!

Finally, the Cake Stall was another success. Many thanks to Pat Smith, Dorothy Travis and Diana Buck for setting up the stall, which looked very tempting and to the ladies who sold the cakes. In fact, thanks to you all for supplying cakes and supporting us as usual.

July teas: Mrs. W. Elliot, Mrs. L. Hayes and Mrs. M. King

P.S. Don't forget tins and things for the Tombola stall in September.

Jeanne Beaumont

ARE YOU READY TO COME OUT?

The village of Harbury will be providing an evening of entertainment with that other *Village* on **28th October** in aid of **Breakthrough for Breast Cancer**.

We know there are many out there who know about the *hole in the restaurant floor*, and the *terrible beating up of the young cricketer*. To all of you, we say keep the date free and *watch this space!*

L. Hayes

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

In the absence of Peter Bones, who was camping in darkest Badby, I volunteered to comper the Folk Club. What an awesome task it is! I've decided that singing is the easy bit!

I introduced Des who sang a rousing version of *Nelson's Blood*. Next came a new singer to the club, Kath, who gave us some fine unaccompanied singing. Phil and Drill treated us to such little gems as *I like Chinese* and *Don't sit on my Jimmy Shands*. Ron Shuttleworth was *Supping the Juice of the Barley* and Jean told us to *Beware of the Blue*. Peter McDonald did a splendid version of *Glory of Love*, but he didn't sing my request even though I was running the show!

Celia played three tunes on her alternative melodeon and I managed to persuade Steve Dudley to sing even though he wasn't in the mood.

The Harvesters finished off with *A Cut Above* (that's the easy bit I mentioned earlier).

The raffle raised £23.50 for Oesophageal Cancer Research Appeal.

The next Folk Club is **6th July** when Mike Putnam will comper.

Sue Hartland

THE WIGHT SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Yet again, our **cake sale** proved to be very popular. Thank you to all who bought from us, and thanks to all the playgroup ladies who put in a tremendous effort to bake all those extra cakes - and at a time when a lot of them were busy helping with our carnival float.

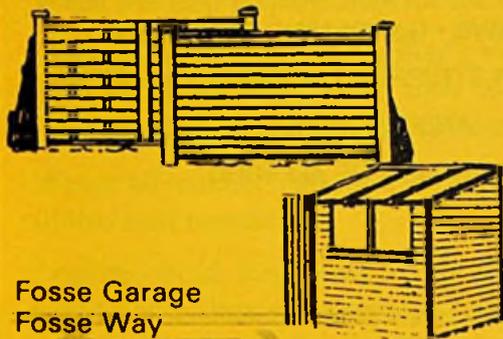
Talking of which, did you see Mr. McGregor's Garden in the **Carnival Procession**? Congratulations to the team of people involved in its production, as well as to the children who made flowers, fruits and birds with which to decorate it. You all looked super in your costumes and behaved so well too.



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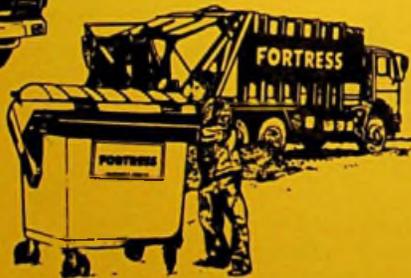
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We won 1st prize for the best children's float. Our thanks go to John and Leslie Wilkins of Southam Agricultural Services for the use of their lorry.

Our **open morning** went well. We are always glad to show people how we help the children to learn through play and develop the social skills which will help prepare them for the step up to *big school*.

The **professional photographer's visit** was well patronised. We were pleased to welcome some new little faces. We should have the photographs back during the first week of July.

We are all looking forward to our **outing to Twycross Zoo**. More news of that next month!

Looking ahead, July seems to be a reasonably quiet month for us - it will give us all a chance to catch breath after the excesses of June.! We are hoping that the weather warms up enough for us to abandon our coats for outdoor playtime.

The last day of term is **Friday 21st July**. We are having an **end of term party**. Thanks to our successful fund raising events, we have been able to invite *Waldo the Clown* to entertain the children. Please note that the Party Morning is from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Nikki Jones

HARBURY NURSERY PLAYGROUP

The Summer term is nearly over at Harbury Nursery Playgroup and we would like to wish the older children luck as they move up to school in September and thank everyone who has supported Nursery fund raising this year.

This term we have held a coffee morning in the Village Hall, accompanied by a sale of children's clothes and continued with cake stalls at the Shakespeare Inn (next one Friday 7th July). At the Carnival we raised money with a busy tombola and the children were delighted to win a 2nd place with their wonderful Aladdin float - many thanks to Amanda Kelly.

Fund raising events begin again in September to raise money to keep the playgroup going. Without these the fees would have to be much higher,

so please do come along and support us. Finally, we would like to thank Kate and her team for all their hard work throughout the year and also Paulene Snowdon, who took over the chair this year at such short notice.

Emma Evans

HARBURY SCHOOL TRIP TO FRANCE - 24th-27th APRIL

Some of Y7 and Y6 got up in the middle of the night and left for Portsmouth at about 1.45! On the way we stopped at a Welcome Break where we had drinks. When we got back on the coach we watched *The Aristocats*, but some of us just felt like going to sleep.

We arrived in Portsmouth at about 6.15am; at 7.15 we boarded Duc de Normandie. We were shown a reclining seat lounge reserved for us and given our instructions: we were allowed to explore the decks; some boys from a different group kept saying *Are you the Swedish chicks*; we just tried to ignore them.

We arrived at Caen at about 2.45 (French time) and then we took a short trip to our French hotel. The hotel was called Bon Séjour - which means "Nice Stay". We unpacked and settled in. Then we had *le dîner*, for starters we had potato rolls. Main course was stew with rice and dessert was chocolate mousse. There was a disco after tea, it took ages to start, but went on quite late.

On Tuesday morning we got up around 7.00 to get ready for Bayeux. At 8.00 we had breakfast which was hot chocolate - "chocolat chaud" in a bowl and French bread and jam. Then we got on the coach to Bayeux. The journey wasn't too long. It was raining when we got there. We went to see a display to help remind us what the tapestry was about, why and when it was made. Then we saw a video in a small cinema. Then we went to see the actual tapestry. It is very long and in good condition for its age. We recognised many of the famous scenes, such as the bit with Halley's Comet and the boat-building scenes.

In the afternoon we went to an organic goats cheese farm. We were told a bit about the goats, then we saw a video on how to make the cheese. After that we went to see the goats. We were allowed to feed, hold and take photos of the goats. Then we had a go at milking one of the goats.

Some of us tried the milk, it was very nice. Then we got on the coach to go home. After tea we went to a disco which was better than the first one.

On Wednesday we went to Paris. We had a small tour showing some landmarks such as the Louvre, then we went to the Trocadéro where we could take photos of the Eiffel Tower. Some people kept coming up to us and asking us if we wanted to buy their *highly desirable souvenirs!* Then we went up the Eiffel Tower. We split into our groups and we made our way up to the top, while having snacks and buying souvenirs. Some of us asked for crêpes (pancakes) or gaufres (waffles). Next we saw Le Louvre and we walked to Notre Dame Cathedral. We drove up the Champs Elysée and went twice round the Arc de Triomphe, which was very busy. That night we had a disco again.

On Thursday we went to Caen and did some shopping. We bought some French items we'd never tried before such as Sirop and les bon-bons. Then we went to the ferry. On the ferry we met some French and Italian people with whom we stayed for a while. We did our project work and Mr. Bailey announced the winners of the tidiest room competition. Then we thanked Madame Sharp. We got to Harbury at 01.00am.

Alice Bristow and Emma Freeman

MAYDAY CELEBRATIONS AT HARBURY SCHOOL

Once again we were fortunate enough to have the sun shining on us for our Mayday celebrations.

After Peter Smart and Anna Harris had been chosen as our May Lord and May Queen, the singing and dancing began.

The Year 3 children treated us to some lively and intricate Maypole dancing. Our thanks to Mrs. Maureen Darby for her hard work in teaching the dances to the children. Dean, Epping and Arden classes took part in several country dances and the school Morris group entertained us with two of their dances.

Thank you to all the children who made the afternoon such an enjoyable one.

Some thoughts from Year 1 on Mayday

Yesterday it was May Day, we skipped around the Maypole - we held on to ribbons. Richard Bloxham - Arden

Yesterday was May Day, first we all sang our song about May. Then we all watched Maypole dancing. Vincent Jones - Arden

I did lots of dances, I did a dance with some other children and it was good fun. I liked it a lot and we did Wind the Bobbin.

Harriet Guy - Arden

Yesterday it was May Day and we saw Morris Dancing by the older children. Abigail Lines - Epping

HARBURY - THE MAKING OF A COMMUNITY

An adult education group has been meeting in our school with a writer, Sue Cross, from Mid-Warwickshire College. They have chosen to look at the theme of *Harbury*.

The group has worked very hard and has also linked with some of our older children to plan a *dramatic presentation* of part of the history of our village. This will be on **Sunday 9th July**. The group have written this report of their progress so far:

As well as our local-based work at Harbury School, we are planning to put on exhibitions in Leamington and Warwick Town Centre Museum, who have expressed interest in the project.

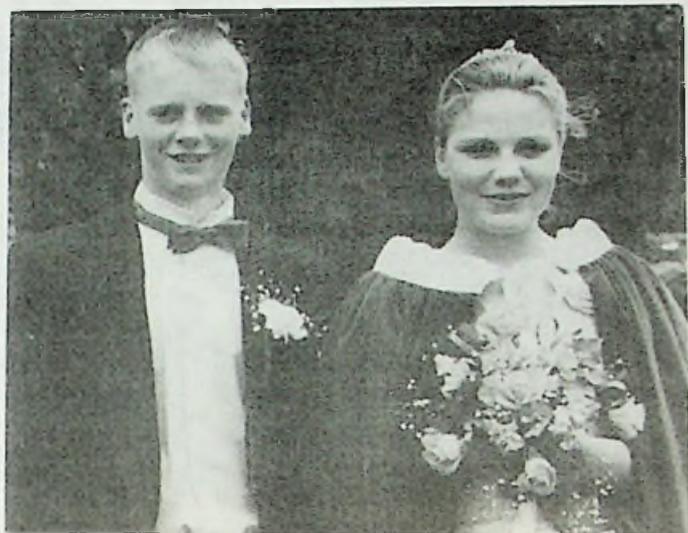
The setting up of these exhibitions of our village life will involve developing various skills including interview techniques, video making, creative writing, research techniques and art work. There is also scope for the performing arts: **Why not join us? It is also free!**

This course is of particular interest to anyone wishing to return to part- or full-time education.

If you are interested, please contact:

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Harbury Carnival 1995







CARNIVAL 1995

Well, that's Carnival day over for another year, but what a day. What an absolutely stunning procession and that was only the start of the festivities.

I personally, think that last year was good, both on quality and quantity, but you excelled yourselves yet again and even surpassed last year's. Is it any wonder the Courier gave us pre-publicity and then a full page the following week.

Despite the cold weather, the field was crowded and lots of people stayed to the bitter end. I'm sure every group did well financially and no doubt a goodly sum will be passed to the Village Hall committee when we get the final figures sorted out.

The Carnival Dance was very well attended and the dance floor was full throughout the evening as everybody had a great time and boogied the night away.

Right, that's enough waffle, here are the winning float, fancy dress, etc results:

CHILDREN'S PAINTING COMPETITION

Reception: Katie Dudley

Y1: Harriet Guy

Y2: Elizabeth Kelly

Y3: William Randall

Y4: Nicola Brunt

Y5/Y6: Gemma Varriale and Jessica Fitzgerald

Y5/Y6 Collage: Gemma Phipps and Jennie Norman.

LUCKY PROGRAMME WINNERS

Rita ??

Joy Padbury

Graydon (Westbury House)

Lawton (Kenilworth) and

Lawson (Frances Road)

FLOATS IN PROCESSION

DECORATED FLOAT

- 1st - W.I.
- 2nd - Pirie Close
- 3rd - Theatre Group

DECORATED FLOAT (TRADE)

- 1st - The Dog
- 2nd - Shakespeare
- 3rd - Gamecock

CHILDREN'S FLOAT

- 1st - Playgroup
- 2nd - Nursery Group
- 3rd - Guides

DECORATED BIKE/PRAM/CAR

- 1st - Charlie Gladdens Plane
- 2nd - JCB

HORSEDRAWN/MOUNTED or LED

- 1st - Bradford/Wilkins (Families)
Old lady who lived in a shoe
- 2nd - Laura Watkin as Knight on horseback

WALKING TABLEAU CHILDREN

- 1st - Cubs
- 2nd - Beavers

WALKING TABLEAU ADULTS

- 1st - Chapel Street Flinstones
- 2nd - Playscheme
- 3rd - Ian Winchester

TIM PERCIVAL SHIELD

- (Best original costume child)
- Amy and Naomi Bradford (Old woman who lived in a shoe)

SUE ANDREWS CUP

- (Best original costume adult)
- Peggy Middleton, (Queen of Hearts)

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

CHILDREN UNDER 5

- 1st - Christine and Michael McVay
(Noddy and Big Ears)
- 2nd - Jacob Hunt (Sunflower Clown)
- 3rd - Lily Clarke (Pebbles)

CHILDREN 5 to 7

- 1st - Rickie McMahon (Viking)
- 2nd - Emily Montague (Princess)
- 3rd - Anna Harris (Gladiator)

CHILDREN 8 to 10

- 1st - Thomas Ward (Monkey King)
- 2nd - Stuart Mugleston (Elephant)
- 3rd - Luke Woodward (Tiger)

CHILDREN 11 to 17

- 1st - Samantha Meredith (Lottery Ticket)
- 2nd - Emma Freeman & Sarah Watkin (Pantomime Cow)
- 3rd - Samantha Marsh (Cat)

ADULT GROUP

- 1st - W.I. (Nursery Rhymes)
- 2nd - Chapel Street (Flinstones)
- 3rd - John and Linda Ridgley (Mr & Mrs. ARP warden)

ADULT INDIVIDUAL

- 1st - Ian Winchester (Fred Flinstone)
- 2nd - Jim Ward (SHAK)
- 3rd - Andy Hunt (Clown)

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Y7, at Harbury School, are writing a play called *The Game's A Foot*. We are basing our play on the discovery of the Plesiosaur, found in Harbury quarry in 1927.

We are performing the play on **9th July at 7.30pm in Harbury School**. The Harbury Senior Writing Club will be joining us on the night with their contribution. We will be serving a *quarry men's supper*. The cost will be £3 per ticket. You can get tickets from Helen Clarke at Harbury School.

Helen Clarke

YEAR 5 BADBY TRIP - 31st May until 3rd June

We started off from Harbury with all the Mums and Dads waving goodbye as we got on the coach. We drove for a little while until we got to Braunston where we got off the coach and walked for a long time. It was very hot, but we eventually arrived at the Youth Hostel. We were introduced to our host, who was called John. We went to the playing field and played with the parachute before returning to the Youth Hostel for a ghost story and then we went to bed. We were very tired.

On Thursday we went on a canal boat trip and then to the canal museum at Stoke Bruerne. We dressed up in old clothes, looked round the museum, saw some canal boat paintings and bought some things at the shop.

On Friday we went for a long walk through some very pretty countryside and we were allowed to navigate. We saw some sheep being sheared as well. We had a picnic in a field with very long grass and Mrs. Ward got lost. Luckily a farmer's wife found her and drove her to meet us by Fawsley Church.

At Fawsley, unfortunately I fell off a wall and hurt my arm, so I had to be driven back to the Youth Hostel.

On Saturday we went to Daventry reservoir, where we did some pond dipping. It drizzled in the morning and in the afternoon, when we were

in Badby Woods it poured with rain and we got soaked!

Altogether it was GREAT and I would like to say thank you to all the grown ups for taking us.

Susannah Bones

THE MACMILLAN WALK

150 people from all the main village organisations gave up an hour of their VE Day Bank Holiday to walk the Temple End Right of Way. They and their sponsors raised a magnificent £335, making it a day that will long be remembered with gratitude.

My heartfelt thanks to all who contributed, both physically and financially.

Michael Lambert

CRICKET

The 2nd team made (for them) a spectacular start to the new season winning the first 2 games - Darlingscott by 5 wickets and Boddington (despite Ian Holroyd batting for the opposition) by 1 wicket. Since then the team have played some *extra strong* opposition and have lost 3 and drawn three of the 6 games. However, despite the record, all is not lost on the season and some notable performances have been recorded.

The team have been strengthened by importing an overseas player - namely Brian Tegg from New Zealand, who is here for 3 months alongside Ian Jackson in an exchange scheme at Henley College. Ian spent 3 months in New Zealand at the start of the year showing them how to play cricket (and telling them how to play Rugby?!)

Brian has batted exceptionally well and been an excellent understudy to Ian Holroyd behind the wicket. Three Harbury youngsters have shown considerable promise this year - Greg Sherrington - batsman, Andrew Daniels - all rounder, ably helped by the *old man* catching off his bowling and Kieran Youngman, an agile fielder (obviously coached by Les Sallis). Gary Haynes - now promoted to the 1st XI was initially the main striker bowler, so we're looking for some more bowlers!

RESULTS:

Darlingscott 64 (Haynes 5-16) Harbury 65-5 (Sollis 27) Won by 5 wickets

Boddington 89 Harbury 90-9 (Tancock 24, Jackson 18) Won by 1 wicket

Alveston 112 for 0 Harbury 110 (Sollis 26, Tegg 19, Sherrington 24) Lost by 10 wickets

Shilton 188-8 Harbury 79-4 (Jackson 27, Tegg 26) Drawn

B' Itchington 96-8 Harbury 95 (Holroyd 26, Youngman 18) Lost by 2 wickets

Kenilworth 175-5 Harbury 88-5 (Tegg 43 not out) Drawn

Alveston 292-1 Harbury 115-4 (Tancock 41, Tegg 30*) Drawn

Roll on some sunshine!



P.S. All Harbury Cricket Club Vice Presidents, as appreciation of their support, are invited to a buffet evening on **Sunday 13th August at 7pm** (all are, of course, welcome during the afternoon) following the 1st XI fixture against Lighthorne.

Ian Holroyd

HARBURY LADIES' NETBALL CLUB

We held our AGM at the Village Club on Thursday 25th May. All the teams stay in the same divisions next year. Both the 'A' team and the 'D' team came runners-up in the League's Handicap Tournaments in

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Coventry earlier in the month and we congratulate them.

Next season we will be welcoming back players, who have been *indisposed* (pregnant or injured!) this season and saying a fond farewell to girls who are leaving us to further their education.

Thanks were conveyed to the General Committee, the Selection Committee and the Fund raising Committee for their work during the season. The Fund raising Committee in particular had worked hard and raised over £1,000 - which is still less than a quarter of the amount needed to resurface the court! Harbury Parish Council has offered to lay a path and complete drainage work, which should improve things for next year and Theresa organised the fitting of the new water heater, which we have given to the Village Hall.

Cups were presented to the Team Player of the year in each team:

'A' - Ellie Playdon

'C' - Vicky Hayes

'B' - Hilary Wilson

'D' - Donna Smith

The Jenny Evans Shield for the most improved player was presented to
Donna Smith

The Pat Summers Cup for the Club Member of the year was presented to:

Janet Rawlings

The General Committee remains the same as Pat, Sue and Becky, who were in their first term of office and Julie will continue as Fixtures Secretary. The Selection Committee for the new season consists of Mal Eaton, Jean Johns, Leasal Chapel-Hyams, Beccy McDaid and Paula Wallington. The Fund raising Committee for the new season consists of the General committee, plus Helen Wilson, Paula Wallington, Beccy McDaid and Julie Knowles.

TRAINING: Jenny and Marie are running a youth side which practise at the playing field on **Thursday at 6pm**. At 7pm there should be a club practice, depending on how many people turn up to play or partake in other training activities! Remember that in August there is serious training for anyone who wants to be in a team next season and the final selection and whole team training sessions are running throughout September on Thursdays and Saturday afternoons.

SOCIALISING: The annual **Barbecue** is to be held at **Mal's house in Farm Street on Saturday evening 15th July**. All the food and music is provided - just bring your own drink. £5 per ticket. 8pm till late.

Hopefully we will be running a Treasure Hunt earlier in the evening and the participants will end up at the BBQ. Details from Paula on 613082.

Pat Summers

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - JUNE

Councillors cancelled their photo session because new boy Phil Holtom was on holiday. Then they found every alternative date clashed with someone else's vacation! Will we ever see their faces?

Cllr Drinkwater thought Colin Bibby (SDC's deputy Planner) had been underexposed at the Area meeting, but was impressed by what he did say and Cllrs looked forward to the promised Planning Workshops.

Stratford had granted permission for extensions at Flecknoe House, 14 & 19 Farm Street; a new house at 9 Vicarage Lane and the conversion of Brethrens Farm in Mill Street.

Parish Cllrs would attend the Dasset Area Planning Meeting where their objections to plans for two more detached houses to the rear of Harbury House would be discussed. Cllrs agreed to nominate examples of good building design for Stratford's new award scheme.

The PC asked for enforcement of the condition attached to the Meadow Farm permission that the original building on the site (Model Farm) should be demolished.

The Clerk will be allowed to dispose of past planning documents over 10 years old and the council is to draw up a contract of employment for her.

Ken Stephenson's new broom resulted in a regig of the Committee System. There is now a General Purposes and an Environment committee to add to the Finance, Properties, Planning and Deppers ones. The Council agreed to allow work under £100 for *safety purposes* to be authorised by the sub committees.

Cllrs praised the Harbury Society's recent Landscape Audit which would

help them improving signing and lighting as well as trees. Residents of Ivy Lane had offered to fell the diseased Cherry Trees and replant them. Monitoring of the litter at the new Barbecues would continue. Two sets of goal posts for Harbury and one for Deppers were ordered and in an attempt to stop damage to the Tennis Fence from footballs, the surrounding grass would be allowed to grow longer. Allotment Holders would be warned of a future rent rise.

Stratford went to considerable length to explain their street maintenance policy. Changes in the law mean that only Glyphosphate weed-killers are permitted and weeds must be allowed to grow before they can be treated!

There was praise for community effort put into the Carnival and especially the Youth Club contribution. Sharon Hancock pointed out it illustrated the assistance professionals (Starlight Circus) gave and she regretted the lack of funding for the Youth Club, which was still without a paid leader.

Severn Trent was due to complete its pipe busting programme by the end of the month and then the County was to upgrade the worst footways. Keith Thompson and Phil Holtom were to survey the lighting, but not for a few months, because *it gets dark too late at this time of year!*

Pc Boulstridge warned that children had been playing on the Railway Line. It was illegal to trespass on Railway Land and VERY DANGEROUS TOO!

Linda Ridgley

R.S.P.C.A.

Animal lovers, come and enjoy a **Ploughman's lunch** and support the R.S.P.C.A. on

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I'm The Only Rabbit

I'm a little rabbit
I'm the only one

sitting on a hill
BANG! goes the gun

They're going to get me soon
They're going to get me soon

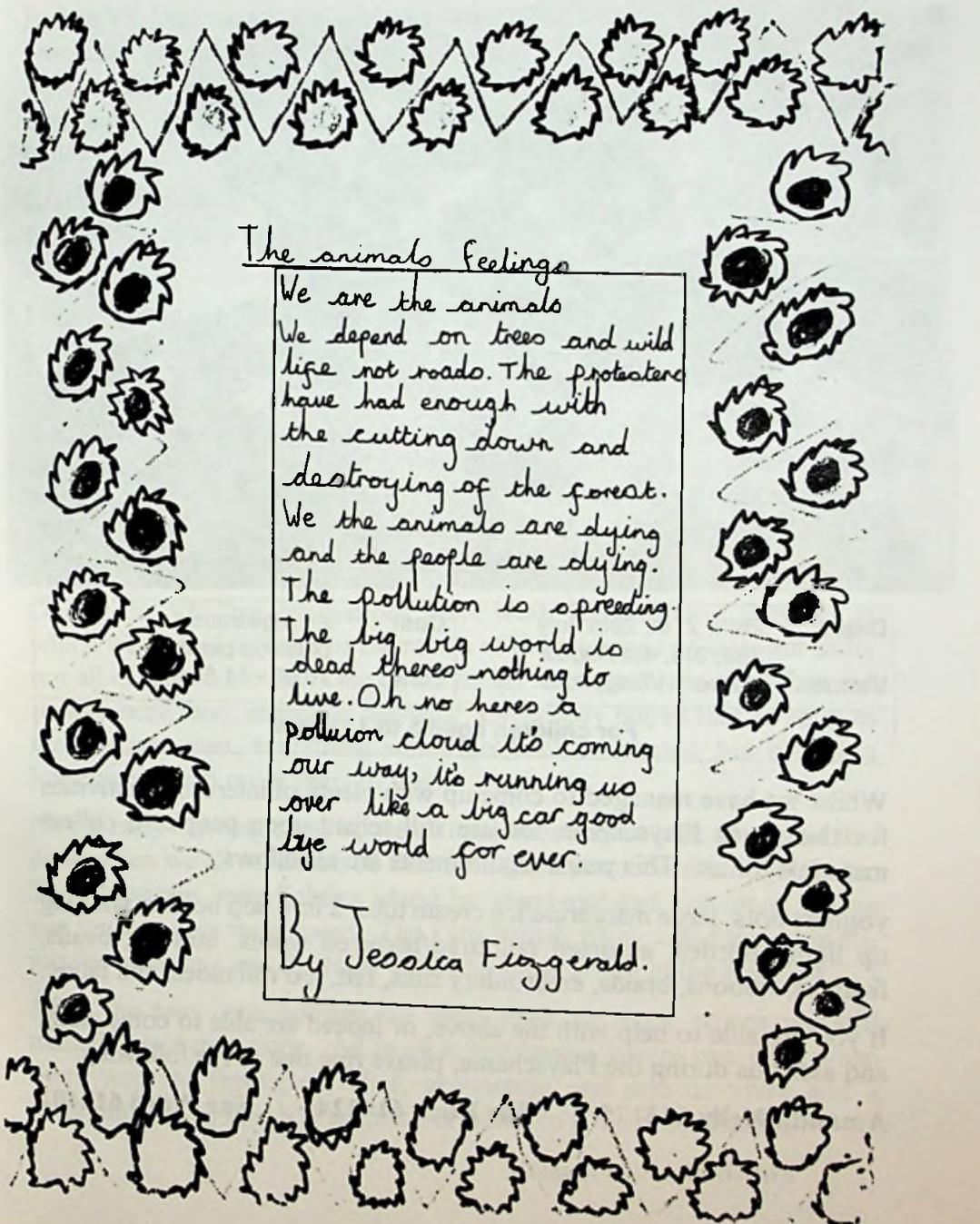
BANG! I'm dead
I've come to my doom

Now there's no rabbits left
No rabbits left at all

And that is the end of
my story

There isn't any more

by Lizzie
Darby 75



The animals feelings

We are the animals
We depend on trees and wild
life not roads. The protectors
have had enough with
the cutting down and
destroying of the forest.
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and the people are dying.
The pollution is spreading.
The big big world is
dead theres nothing to
live. Oh no heres a
pollution cloud its coming
our way, its running us
over like a big car good
bye world for ever.

By Jessica Fitzgerald.

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For children aged 5 to 12 years

Whilst we have managed to come up with plenty of interesting activities for this year's Playscheme, we are still reliant upon people to collect materials for us. This year's requirements are as follows:

yoghurt pots, large margarine/ice cream tubs, 2 litre pop bottles, washing up liquid bottles, assorted coloured/textured wools, buttons, beads, feathers, ribbons, braids, embroidery silks, felt, loo roll tubes, and fabric.

If you are able to help with the above, or indeed are able to come along and assist us during the Playscheme, please ring one of the following:

Amanda Kelly 613175

Sue Buck 614224

Sue Ward 612401

V.E. DAY REMEMBERED

Before VE Day we all knew that the European war was finishing. Hitler was dead at the end of April and the Russians were in Berlin. One minute after midnight on 8th May was the official cease-fire and everybody started to celebrate. We were all given two days national holiday.

I remember waking up on the morning of 8th May and listening to the BBC news on the radio. The whole nation thought *Thank God that's over.*

I remember in the evening, having a big bonfire in the street. The street lamps, which were mostly gas, had not been lit for 6 years, due to the blackout - that night, I think, everybody left all their house lights on!

There was a street party where there were sandwiches, jelly etc., but even though the war in Europe had finished, we were still on rations. At the street party everybody was singing and we even had a piano in the street. We all *let our hair down* and had a really good time. Even the children were allowed to stay up and join in the celebrations.

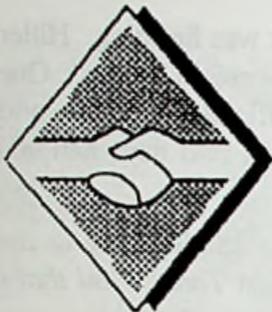
During the VE Day celebrations there were Thanksgiving Services at which we looked forward to the return of the prisoners of war, but sadly not all of them survived. One of the things most people looked forward to was extra food, especially bananas! Everybody hoped that as soon as the war was over, everything would get back to normal, but it took a long time to sort out 6 years of war.

As the early morning crept in, we all made our way to bed. It was at this point when we all remembered that the Japanese war was still going on. The Americans were fighting island by island and had lost many troops and the Japanese many more. The 14th British Army was fighting in the jungles of Burma and the Navy and RAF were active in the Far East.

After the two days holiday we went back to work where we still manufactured munitions. All in all it had been a happy two days when there was the feeling of relief, excitement and joie de vivre and a determination to see the Far East war come to a rapid conclusion.

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THE FRIENDSHIP PROJECT



There are many children today suffering from the pressures of modern society. They are at risk of drifting into behaviour which is neither good for them nor for society, and some of those children are right here in our village community. What they need is a caring friend. A little caring friendship at the right time could well give them the confidence they need.

Meeting the need.

The Stratford District Friendship Project is a small voluntary organisation that aims to tackle the problem and which operates in close liaison with Social Services and Education departments.

The essence of the Friendship Project scheme is to match a child needing help with someone older who will give care and friendship for about 2 hours a week. Great care is taken to make suitable matches freely accepted by the 'older friend', the 'younger friend' and his or her parents. The 'younger friends' are between 6 and 16, and 'older friends' are over 18 years.

What is its aim?

The aim of the Friendship Project is to develop interests and confidence in the 'younger friend' through outings and activities. Often simple things like swimming, football, drawing, shopping, taking the friend to a youth club, film etc. The possibilities are endless. It is the caring that matters.

Training.

People who volunteer to become 'older friends' attend a meeting to discuss the scheme with staff and other volunteers who can give first hand information. After this, those who wish to continue attend proper training sessions. There is continuing support and back-up whilst friendships develop, and the expenses of volunteers are met.

How are children referred?

Children needing friends are mostly referred by Social Services who recognise that their need falls outside the scope of their department. The Project offers friendship and help to children who really need it - and there are some in this area who are *urgently* waiting for a friend

If you could offer that friendship and help, please contact - Stratford District Friendship Project Co-ordinator, c/o Family Support Team, Social Services Department, Drayton Avenue Centre, 185A, Drayton Avenue, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 9PS or telephone (01789) 414774 Tuesday or Thursday between 10 a.m. and noon.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Although there are no monthly meetings during the summer there is still quite a lot of activity, including a coach outing to treasures near Tenbury Wells and the Ganesbill Nursery at Stock Green. The weather was amenable - only one short shower, whilst the plants and flowers were well worth the visit. Thank you to all those who organised the trip and collected the monies etc.

I am sure our evening outing to Rowington on the 27th June will be a success - providing the weather plays its all important part.

There will be nine fresh gardens open for the Walkabout on the 8th July, bringing the total to 23. If anyone who is not already involved, would like to help in some way for the occasion, please get in touch with Pat Smith 612650 or me on 612515.

The **Village Show on the 9th September** seems a long way ahead, but the show committee have been busy. Julie has been typing like mad and there are a few schedules ready. Any one who would like one, please contact Julie on 612066.

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

Watering is one of the chores this month. Concentrate on any plants put in this year. Water those in containers every evening and feed regularly. Before you go away on holiday move them to a cool shady spot where they won't dry out so quickly and ask a neighbour to water them occasionally.

For good crops of tomatoes, peas, beans, marrows and leafy vegetables, give them a really good soak twice a week, rather than a sprinkle each day. Harvest crops regularly, and particularly before going away to ensure a long summer vegetable season.

Cut back flower stems of May and June flowering perennials to 3" from the ground, to encourage a second flush. Prolong the flowering of annuals by deadheading them regularly.

Tie in new shoots on climbers before the wind damages them. Sow wallflowers, polyanthus and pansies for colour next Spring. Plant some

Autumn flowering bulbs. Leave them to multiply and in future years they will give late interest in the garden.

When picking blackcurrants 1 in 3 stems can be cut right out and the fruit picked off more easily. Clip *Leylandii* Cypress hedges, but be sure to leave 2-3" of live foliage on the shoots or there will be bare patches. Of the conifers only junipers, thuyas and yews will regenerate from old wood. Other hedges can be trimmed.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone in the village for their messages of sympathy and support upon the death of my father, Frank Wint. It is no exaggeration to say that the last nine years of his life spent at Harbury were amongst the most content of his life.

Both my Aunt Alice and I extend our particular thanks to the Doctors and nursing staff of the local practice, the Reverend R. Brown, and to friends and neighbours for actions which have spoken far louder than any words.

Pat Green

Dear Editors

May I through the *News* thank all of my helpers and every one who supported the coffee morning in aid of *The British Heart Foundation*. We were able to send £72 to the fund.

On that day someone left a red and white striped shopping bag with an umbrella inside. If the owner would like to contact me on 612965, I would be pleased to return the items.

Gladys Hutchins

Dear Editors

I would like to say a big thank-you to everyone who supported the S.H.A.K. Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 17th June. A total of £101.54 was raised. A special thanks also to Liz and Sheila for all their help.

Wendy Stubbs

Dear Editors

With all the reporting in the media during the past few weeks on education and its funding, it seems right that the governors of the school in Harbury take this opportunity to inform your readers how our school is being affected.

At the beginning of this year we were informed that Harbury School would be facing a cut in finances in real terms of £30,000. This figure has been revised several times since, thankfully in a downward direction. We had little in reserve with which to cushion this effect as any contingency funds we have had in the past have been whittled away just trying to maintain the status quo in the school, as costs have risen.

We have had to fund in full the teachers' salary increases.

Inflation may be running generally at a figure of 2%, but the funds we receive for educating the children do not take into account such factors as, for example, certain insurance costs which have risen by 50%.

The EEC has introduced new regulations relating to glazing in public places, such as schools and we are having to carry out this work over a period of time and need to find some of the finance.

In past years we have had to reduce spending on materials, books and furniture so much that this year we have only been able to find small savings and our stocks are low.

On the positive side, we have received £10,000 from the School Support Grant, which has reduced our budget deficit and thus we have been able to maintain our 8 classes, but have lost valuable support teaching which will cut down on specialist needs and vital work in small groups.

The school is fortunate to have a very hardworking and dedicated head

and staff, supported by the PTA, parents and friends of the school. Over the past years we have been in receipt of grants and gifts for specific purposes, so there are areas of school life which are well resourced, for which we are most thankful. However, what we must not forget is that what our children need most in school are teachers and at least enough to go round!

Much has been done in the past weeks and months to explain to those making vital decisions exactly how serious the situation is in our schools today and this work must continue.

Yours sincerely

Rosemary L. Eld
Chair of Governors, Harbury School

Dear Harbury News

The school has recently had a series of quite unpleasant incidents happening in our school grounds during the evening time.

Young adults have been playing football on our field and disturbing neighbours to our school. One neighbour was verbally abused and very nearly physically assaulted and this incident led to the police being called out.

Adult education classes have been disrupted by children shouting in at the windows.

There should be no children in the school grounds in the evenings or at the weekends - except at functions organised by the school and attended by staff.

In addition, a few people have used the playing field for exercising their dogs - with the inevitable consequence that the dogs leave their mess in places where our children play. Some parents have very kindly cleared this away for us - but it should not have happened in the first place.

I would be grateful if you would help by informing me of anyone you see on the school site who should not be there.

Yours sincerely

Gerry Bailey, Headteacher

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