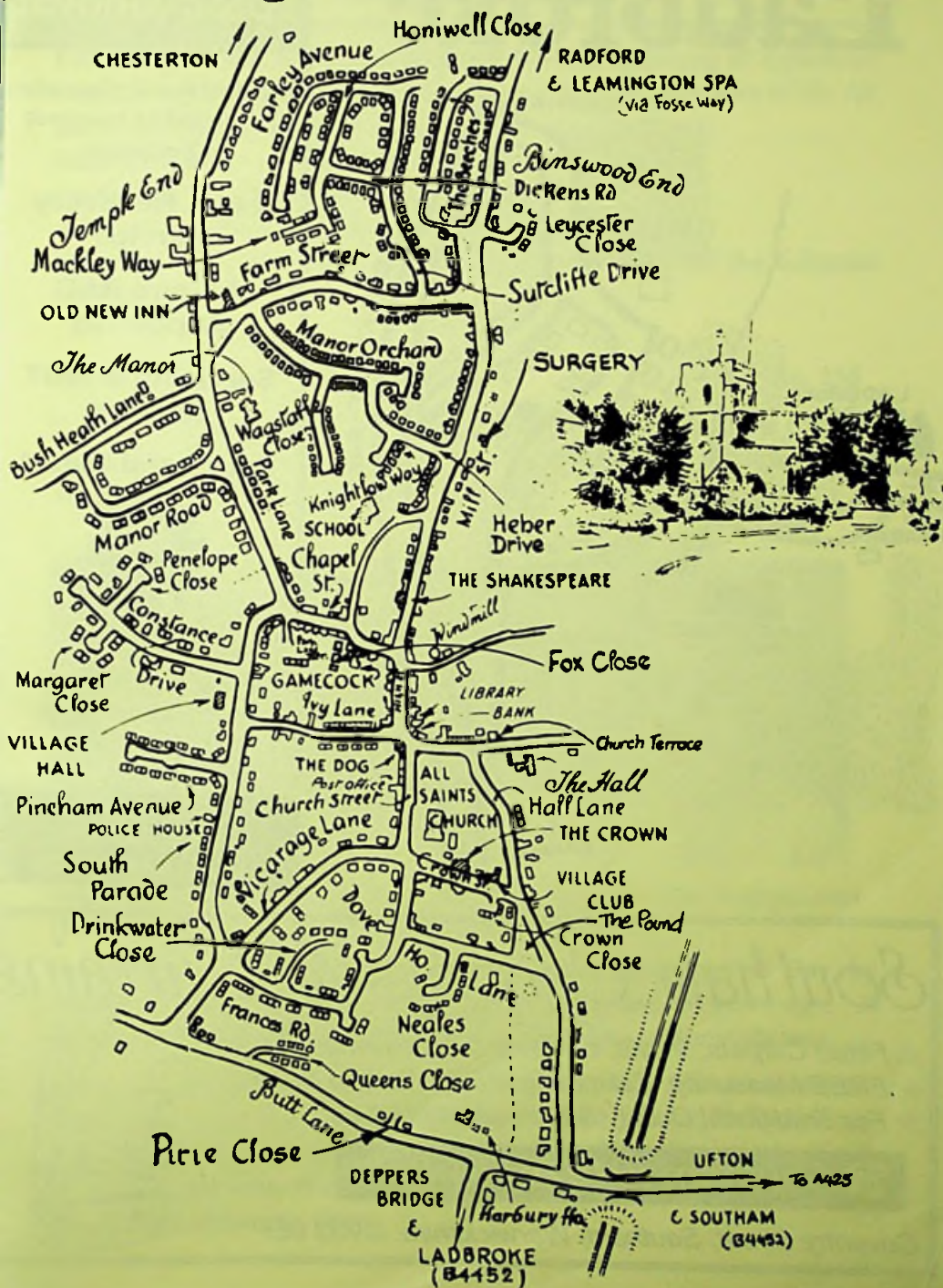
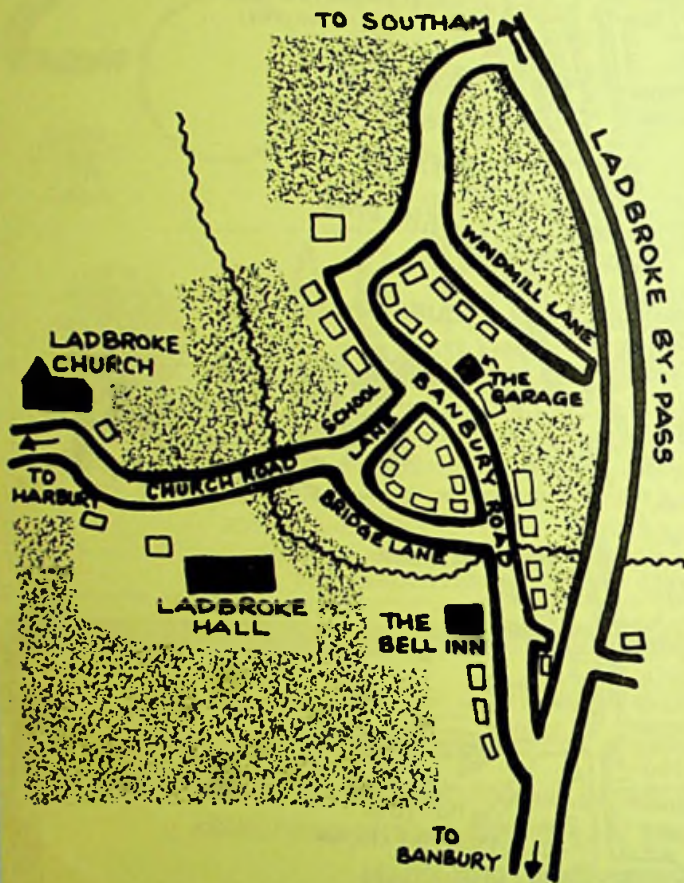


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In response to our survey we have included a photograph of the editorial team. Over the following months we will feature others who participate in producing the magazine.



**From Left to Right:** Anthony Andrews, Janny Freeman, Vikki Holroyd, John Holden, Chris Finch, Barbara Andrews, and Lesley Jones

In this and next months' issues, we are commemorating VE Day, by publishing memories and photographs of today and 50 years ago. A selection of poems written by Y7 take up the theme of Remembrance.

There was a *healthy* turnout of voters on 10th May. The newly elected Parish Councillors are: John Drinkwater, Sharon Hancock, Philip Holtom, John Hunt, Bill Middleton, Mary Shelley, Ken Stepenson, Keith Thompson and John Woodward. We hope to publish photographs of all Councillors in the near future.

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June is nearly upon us and with it comes Carnival Day. This is a date when many Harbury villagers come together to enjoy themselves, whilst making money for their individual organisations. 10th June will hopefully be a sunny day, but as we know from experience, it's always good fun, *come rain or shine*.

Sadly the village is to lose its Butcher's shop and with it the cheery personality of Tim O'Connor. We're sure many people will miss the convenience of buying fresh meat in the village and the friendly chat that went with it. We wish him *All The Best* in his new job.

Finally we extend sympathy to the families of Mr. Dennis Bloxham, Mrs. Lily Hamer, Mrs. Dorothy Reading and Mr. Francis Wint.

## Harbury Diary

### MAY

- Sun 28 Sunday after Ascension - Holy Communion 8am; Confirmation & Eucharist 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm  
Cricket 1st Home to Stratford Bards  
Flowers of Ufton Fields Guided Walk 2-4pm Adults £1. Children 50p
- Mon 29 BANK HOLIDAY  
History of Burton Dassett Hills 2-4pm (History Walk with tea & cakes, extra, in Church) Adults £1, Children 50p
- Tues 30 Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am  
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 31 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon  
Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm

### JUNE

- Thur 1 Holy Communion 9.45am  
Storytelling in Library 10am  
Slimming World in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am  
Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn 8.30pm
- Sun 4 Whitsunday  
Cricket 2nd Home to Kenilworth CC  
Cycle Rally uses Village Hall  
Sung Eucharist 9am; Pentecost Praise at 6.30pm
- Mon 5 Prayer & Praise in Church 8pm

- Tues 6 Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am  
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm  
Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Youth Club Workshop for Carnival at Village Hall 7.30pm  
Harbury Scouts & Guides Support Cttee AGM in Scout Hut 8pm
- Wed 7 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon  
**NO Youth Club**  
MU Communion in Church at 2pm; MU meeting in Tom Hauley Room 2.30pm  
Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
- Thur 8 Holy Communion at 9.45am  
Horticultural trip to Tenbury from Village Hall 9.15am  
Wight School Playgroup Cake Stall, next to Library, from 9.30am  
Slimming World in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am  
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm  
WI in Village Hall 7.45pm
- Fri 9 Youth Club Workshop for Carnival at Wight School 7.30pm
- Sat 10 **Carnival and Fete with Procession of Carnival Queen & King**  
Cricket 1st Home to Shirley RBL
- Sun 11 **Trinity Sunday** - Holy Communion 8am;  
Sung Eucharist 10.30am;  
Benediction 5pm; Evensong 6.30pm  
Ufton Orchid Extravaganza guided by County Ecologist 2-4pm  
Adults £1, Children 50p
- Tues 13 Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am  
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm  
Toddler Service 2.15pm  
Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Village Hall Committee meeting at 8pm
- Wed 14 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon  
Wight School Playgroup Open Morning 9.15am - 12.15pm  
WI Bowls Evening 6-6.30pm  
Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm  
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
- Thur 15 Corpus Christi - Holy Communion 9.45am  
Wight School Playgroup Professional Photographer from 9.30am  
Slimming World in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am
- Sat 17 Men's Prayer Breakfast at 7.30am  
WI to County House
- Sun 18 **Pentecost 12.** Holy Communion 8am;  
Family Communion 10.30am  
Burton Dassett Lunchtime Stroll with Ranger 10am-1pm Adults £1, Children 50p  
Cricket 2nd Home to Quinton CC  
Harbury Soc. Landscape Audit 10.30am from Old New Inn Green
- Mon 19 Harbury & Ladbroke News Committee meeting in T.H. Room 8pm



- Tues 20** Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am  
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm  
Mothers' Union in Tom Hauley Room 8pm  
Senior Citizens' Committee in Village Hall 8.30pm
- Wed 21 Longest Day**  
Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon  
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm  
Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
- Thur 22** Holy Communion 9.45am  
Slimming World in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am  
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm  
Parish Council in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 23** Midsummer Evening Stroll at Newbold Comyn with  
Rangers 6.30-9pm Adult £1, Children 50p  
**ALL Articles for JULY's NEWS to PETE's PLACE by 5.30pm**
- Sat 24 Stage up in Village Hall**  
Midsummer Lunch in aid of Church Funds in T.H. R. 12 00- 2pm  
Concert on the Hills in Burton Dassett Church 7.30pm  
☎ 01295 770 580 for tickets
- Sun 25 Pentecost 3.** Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;  
Evensong 6.30pm  
Cricket 1st Home to Ashorne & Moreton Morrell  
Ufton Fields & Spoil Bank Walk with Rangers 2pm at  
Ufton, Adults £1, Children 50p
- Mon 26** Southam Local History in Library 10am Group meets in  
Stoneythorpe Hotel 7.30pm
- Tues 27** Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am  
Wight School Playgroup outing to Twycross Zoo, meet 9.15am  
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm  
Holy Communion 7.30pm; Julian Group in Tom H. Room 8.10pm
- Wed 28** Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon  
Time-Trial Cycle Race 7.15pm start on Deppers Bridge Road  
Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm  
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
- Thur 29** St. Peter - Holy Communion 9.45am  
Slimming World in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am

## JULY

- Sat 1** Table Top Sale for Robert Appeal in Village Hall 10am-12.30pm
- Sun 2 Pentecost 4.** Sung Communion 9am; Evensong 6.30pm  
Cricket 2nd Home to Barford
- Mon 3** 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  
 MU 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  
 Storytelling in Library 10am  
 Slimming World in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am  
 Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn 8.30pm
- Sat 8 Garden Walkabout and Craft Circle in Village Hall
- Sun 9 Cycle Rally uses Village Hall  
 Orienteering on Burton Dassett Hills 10am, ☎ 0192 511490

**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>

## **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

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Church, 6.30pm Fridays

**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU:** Over Southam Magistrates Court,  
 10am-3pm Tuesdays (Except Bank Holidays)

**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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**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 (Except 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**

We shall once again be extending a warm welcome to Clive, Bishop of Warwick, on Sunday 28th May on the occasion of a confirmation service. These services are always a joyous time when people of all ages make their vows as full members of the church. The candidates to be confirmed are Jemma Phipps, Ruth Waterman, Lauren Woodward, Gillian Guilford, Sally-Ann Barlow, David Barlow and Frank Rose. We wish them a happy day and shall keep them in our prayers.

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The PCC have for a few months been concerned that there has not been a Sunday School functioning within the parish, since the Crusaders ceased at the end of 1994. At a recent special meeting of the PCC and church members, it has been decided to reintroduce a Sunday School after the Summer holidays. The ongoing success and benefit will depend upon the efforts of a group of people willing to give their time, so if you feel you would like to help or participate in any way, please contact either the rector or one of the church wardens.

A final reminder for the Pentecost Praise Service on Sunday 4th June at 6.30pm. The music will be led by the young peoples musical group *Jubilate*, the speaker will be the Reverend Leo Morris from St. Albans.

**Ruth and Jeff**

### **FROM THE RECTOR**

I read the following in a book written by Mother Teresa of Calcutta. It spoke to me and I would like to share it with you. It is a piece under the heading: *Love Begins at Home*.

*I think today the world is upside-down and is suffering so much because there is so very little love in the homes, and in family life. We have no time for our children, we have no time for each other; there is no time to enjoy each other, and I think if we could only bring back into our lives the life that Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth, if we could make our homes another Nazareth, I think that peace and joy would reign in the world. Love begins at home; love lives in homes, and that is why there is so much unhappiness in the world today. If we listen to Jesus He will tell us what He said before: "Love one another, as I have loved you". He has loved us through suffering, dying on the Cross for us, and so if we are to love one another, if we are to bring that love into life again, we have to begin at home.*

*Everybody today seems to be in a terrible rush, anxious for greater developments and greater riches and so on, so that children have little time for their parents. Parents have very little time for each other, and in the home begins the disruption of the peace of the world. People who really love each other fully and truly, are the happiest people in the world, and we see that with*

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### **A Prayer for the Family**

God our Father, be with us in our homes through this and every day. Help us, when we are tired, to control our wills and tempers and to take thought for others.

Make us loving and patient, forgiving others as we hope to be forgiven; that in our homes your royal law of love may reign; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Fr. Roy**

## **FROM THE REGISTER**

### **Funerals**

Harbury, 2nd May - Lily Rose Hamer

Harbury, 4th May - Dennis Bloxham

Harbury, 5th May - Dorothy (Liz) Reading

Harbury, 16th May - Frank Wint

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

### **Baptism**

Harbury, 7th May - Eleanor Jane Clarke

Harbury, 14th May - Jessica Daisy Pearce

Harbury, 21st May - Peter Thompson

### **Those confirmed at All Saints' Harbury on 28th May 1995**

Frank Rose, Gillian Guilford, Sally-Ann Barlow, David Barlow, Jemma Phipps, Lauren Woodward, and Ruth Waterman.

### **Holy Matrimony**

Harbury, 6th May - Christian Brailsford to Tracey Marie Taylor

Harbury 20th May - William Edward Russell to

Gillian Valerie MacKay

Ladbroke, 27th May - Neil Gordon Sturton Davies to

Sheona Margaret Taylor



## Laugh Line

A young boy came home from Sunday School and proudly announced that he'd been asked to read from the Bible that morning. When asked from which book the passage had been taken, he replied: *The gossip according to John.*

## MOTHERS' UNION

The Rev. Stephen Knight, the hospital chaplain, was the speaker at our afternoon meeting. He told us how God had healed him after a long illness and how he decided to go into the ministry. We were very interested to hear about his life in the ministry and his work as a chaplain, and hope to invite him again to tell us more about his work.

Since the meeting we've been sorry to hear that he is ill in hospital and hope that he will soon be well again.

Our evening speaker was Mrs. Val Murphy from *Solace*, (Service of Listening and Comfort Every night), a voluntary group but funded by the South Warwickshire Mental Health Services. She told us about their telephone service for people with stress, anxiety or depression. The volunteers can be contacted by telephone from 7pm to 7am every night and obviously have real concern and sympathy for people in mental distress.

Seventeen of us attended the Deanery Festival Service at Bishops Tachbrook, led by the Rev. Roy Large. The theme was love and service and it was an enjoyable occasion.

C.Mary Catt

## TODDLERS' SERVICE

Mrs. Keir started our series on the weather by talking about the wind. We went outside and blew dandelion clocks to spread the seeds. Then we all blew bubbles. Mrs. Keir read a poem about the wind and we talked about the things the wind can do although we can't see it, just as God can do great things although we can't see Him.

We finished with the song: *My God is so Big* and a prayer. Next month's subject is the sun.

C.Mary Catt



## THE HARBURY AND LADBROKE CHURCH MEN's SOCIETY

The Society met on 11th May to hear a talk given by John Eld about his visits to Portugal, Romania and Croatia. The talk was reinforced with slides. John first explained how he became involved with this type of work, which was basically because he felt he was called upon to do good. His wife supported him and gave him her blessing.

One day John met Richard Morton, who was looking for an able person capable of driving a very heavy goods vehicle with another driver to go to Portugal. After 24 hours considering all the problems that loomed, John said yes and found that with his faith these problems seemed to solve themselves. On his journey one of several fuel pipes supplying the engine fractured. His faith again held, as a spare pipe was found on board.

We saw slides of the vehicle, showing the repair being carried out. Further on a tyre on the twin wheeled back axle went down. There were two spare tyres on board, so the tyre was changed.

This took a good deal of time which put them behind schedule, therefore they had to sleep in the lorry in a layby and eat whatever they could find. The replaced tyre later gave trouble forcing them to use their only other spare.

John explained that like earlier problems these were overcome by faith and prayers.

On his journey to Romania he described similar problems, but his prayers were always answered. One problem was that of a particular engine part that failed when he was queueing at a border post. This faulty part could only be repaired by a skilled person. A few lorries behind there was a British lorry being driven by an ex R.E.M.E. soldier, qualified in heavy diesel engine maintenance, who ably executed a repair, enabling John's vehicle, loaded with vital humane supplies, to reach its destination. John spoke of many blessings, as well as the many friendships made with Romanians and particularly of Romanian hospitality.

Crossing borders too, caused difficulties, because laws change and need to be complied with, such as the axle weights of loaded vehicles. In some cases the roads which had to be used, were often the very worst ones.

John told us of the current situation in Romania, the cost of living, the average monthly income, etc. We also saw slides showing the damage and suffering on the border or battle line between Croatia and Serbia. This was sad. It was a very enlightening talk, which prompted many questions and was much enjoyed by those present.

P.D. Edwards

## THE MAKING OF A COMMUNITY

Delve into your memory. Tell us your stories and sort out your old photographs. We are engaged in a project of investigation into what made Harbury the super place it is and where we are going.

Can you help? We want to cover all aspects of community life and the interests of our people and our environment.

Please jot down your ideas and drop them in to Gerry Bailey, the headmaster at the school (or send them to him via a passing pupil), marking your envelope *The making of a Community*. We will keep you informed.

Beryl Checkley - 612519

# Ladbroke News

## JUNE

- Sun 4 Whit Sunday, Family Communion 10.30am
- Wed 7 Holy Communion 10.30am
- Sun 11 Trinity Sunday, Sung Communion 9am
- Wed 14 Holy Communion 2pm; Women's Fellowship 2.45pm
- Thur 15 Corpus Christi - Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Sun 18 Pentecost 2. Sung Communion 9am; Children's Church 11am;  
Evensong 3.30pm
- Wed 21 Holy Communion 10.30am
- Sat 24 The Birth of St. John Baptist - Holy Communion 9.30am
- Sun 25 Pentecost 13. Sung Communion 9am
- Wed 28 Holy Communion 10.30am
- Thur 29 St. Peter - Holy Communion 7.30pm

## JULY

- Sun 2 Pentecost 4. Family Communion 10.30am
- Wed 5 Holy Communion 10.30am

## CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS

At last, I am able to report that the Diatonic Choir concert on 11th March made a profit of £105. We are indeed very grateful to the choir. I know they enjoy coming to Ladbroke and we most certainly enjoy hearing them.

The highlight for the village will be **Friday 23rd June, Midsummer Madness**. This year it will be held in the grounds of Ladbroke Hall - by kind permission of the Residents Association. It is always great fun with all the usual entertainment and of course the Barbecue. So far the weather has always been kind to us and we have ordered the same again this year! Do come and join us. Any profits to the Village Hall.

**Betty Winkfield**

We were both very touched by the kindness expressed by the congregation at Ladbroke on 7th May. David thinks that Jane certainly deserved those lovely flowers for putting up with him as Church warden all those years, but is not at all sure that he merits any tangible reward. However, he has lost no time in starting to appreciate the contents of your most excellent bottle and is looking forward to many happy hours in Blackwell's book shop empowered by that **very** generous book token.

Thank you one and all, especially as you are not really getting rid of us!

**David and Jane Rutherford**

## WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

At our meeting in May, Rev. Sharon Simpson from Affa House talked to us about mediation and how to meditate. She has a very relaxing voice and thinking about the topic we all felt very relaxed at the end.

In **June** we are having our **Outing**, an escorted tour of Burford - the town, church and priory.

**Betty Winkfield**

Jill Norgate wishes to thank everyone in the village, who gave to the Kidney Research Appeal, which raised £50.



## **LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.**

We had an enjoyable meeting in April with a demonstration by **Leonie Roberts** of pot pourri pictures. We then had to make our own and they were most successful.

The group meeting at Long Itchington on 3rd May, was interesting and instructive on the *underneath*s worn by women over several centuries.

Our Short Mat Bowls team had short stay in the competition and the Darts team lost in the second round in a close match. We are going to do better next year as we have now started training every fortnight (in both sports)!

Our next meeting on **25th May** is on **Resolutions for the NFWI General Meeting in June.**

On **22nd June** the speaker will be **Mrs. Watts** talking about and demonstrating **Make-up**. All visitors will be very welcome.

The **Strawberry Fair** is being held on **Monday 26th June** at the **Village Hall** and again everyone is welcome.

**Catherine Spence**

## **LADBROKE VILLAGE BOOK**

A second edition of this book is now available. It has been largely re-written and enlarged and has been funded by the Parish Council and the Warwickshire Rural Community Council, enabling every household in the village to receive a free copy. Further copies are for sale, available at £2 from Marion Grainger, Tel. 813751.

Three of the original editors, Kip Warr, Kate and John Liverton, were joined by Marion Grainger, representing the Parish Council, and Linda Doyle, who has produced the Ladbroke Directory (an up-dated copy of which was distributed with the book).

The Editors take this opportunity to thank the many contributors for their help and to Terence Sullivan for his valuable assistance with the photography.

**Marion Grainger**

## **REPORT OF THE LADBROKE AGM OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, held on Wednesday 17th May 1995**

At the Parish Council meeting, Councillor Peter Williamson was re-elected as Chairman and Councillor Timms as Vice-Chairman. The Committee met new District Councillor, Mr. Jim Taylor, who accompanied District Councillor Geraint Morgan.

Planning applications which had been granted, included the erection of 4 loose boxes and associated buildings in the field on the edge of the By-pass and an extension to Woodlands Farm, Windmill Lane. The development of two dwellings from the barns next to Village Farm is to go ahead.

The application by Barclay Homes to build 15 dwellings in Hedges Field is now the subject of a local enquiry. No date has yet been set, but any observation for or against the proposal, may be made to the Department of the Environment, Room 10-04, Tollgate House, Houlton Street, Bristol, BS2 9DJ, quoting reference S92/1274.

Villagers were delighted to learn that we are a stage closer to getting a gate from Windmill Lane across the By-pass. Thanks go to Mrs. Shaw, who has allowed the use of a strip of her land for this purpose. Legal aspects have yet to be instigated.

All households in Ladbroke will by now have received the Village Appraisal Book and Directory update. Funded by the Rural Community Council and the Parish Council, the inspiration has been from Marion Grainger and the editorial committee, headed by Kip Warr

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 21st June at 7.45pm.**

**Carol Northorpe**

## **REPORT OF LADBROKE ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING**

The meeting, chaired by Parish Council Chairman, Peter Williamson, followed the Parish Council AGM.

P.C. Andy Went reviewed the level of crime in Ladbroke. We can all sleep reasonably soundly, as there were only three burglaries from dwellings last year. It was explained that the village is divided, for the

purpose of the Neighbourhood Watch, so that responsibility for Windmill Lane and the associated area of Banbury Road falls to Nigel Elkins; Bridge Lane to Kip Warr; Ladbroke Hall to Cyril Spence and the remainder to Francis Badman. Let your N.W. Co-ordinator know if you are going away.

Having demonstrated a healthy balance in the accounts, Parish Clerk Elsa Greenway invited written applications for ideas to enhance the village (she gave the examples of a duck pond or a large flag-pole).

For the Alibone Trust, Terence Sullivan explained how the ecclesiastical and non-ecclesiastical accounts were made up. Income is derived from rent for fields in Radbourne Lane. Monies have been used to fund new steps for the Village Hall and as a gift to the Church.

Geoff Timms and a few stalwarts have been making steady progress opening up the footpaths which are now nearly all equipped with gates and stiles. Bill Veale, a great helper, who has now left the village, will be sadly missed. All that is needed to complete the job is a few more volunteers. Watch the board or ring Geoff for dates.

Perhaps this has improved the access to the church as Father Roy noted the increase in communicants last year, especially at the monthly family service, which is followed by coffee and biscuits. The reports from the W.I., Village Hall committee, Women's Fellowship, Bell-ringers and Friends of Ladbroke Church, echoed similar themes: wonderful fund raising efforts, lots of fun and some work. New members are always welcome and appreciated, especially people new to the village. See your village directory for contact names. As scribe, I am particularly impressed in the number and variety of activities available in our small village.

Under any other business, Alan Gould questioned the reasons for the proposed removal of the Dangerous Bend sign. This prompted a general discussion on road safety in the village.

Peter was thanked for his Chairmanship, Elsa for her Clerkship and the Council was wished all the best for next year. Appreciation was expressed to Kate Liverton for her hard work and thought provoking accounts over the last eight years as Parish Councillor and Harbury and Ladbroke News scribe.

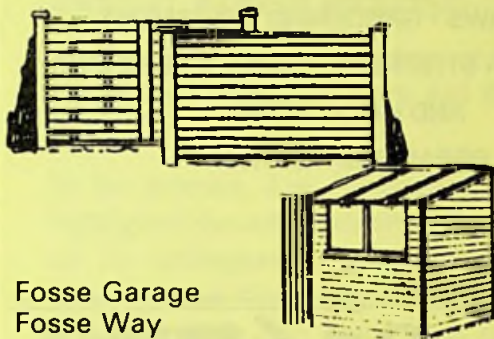
However, the high point of the evening was probably the presentation to



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Francis Badman, who has served on the Council from 1975 to 1995. He was *lost for words* - but not for long! Thanks again, Francis.

Carol Northorpe

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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

A select audience was present at the Annual Parish Meeting to hear Councillors praise the work and dedication of the past Chairman Ed Wilson.

In his absence, Ken Stephenson read the Chairman's report, which highlighted the achievements of the various sub-Committees and thanked all his colleagues, in particular John Drinkwater, the ex Planning Chairman and Midge Keen of Lighting, who was retiring. Ed stressed that there were two major areas outside the Council's control, which caused concern and frustration - the cuts in funding for schools and the police.

The guest speaker at the APM was Gerry Bailey, Headmaster of Harbury School, who explained the enormous difficulties he, his staff and the Governors laboured under due to the underfunding and uncertainty about their budget. He thanked the Parish Council for their continued support. It boosted morale to know that someone cared.

Local financial management of Schools was excellent in principle, but Government Capping of the County meant there was not enough money. The School now paid for services it once received free, so although initially its allocation had increased, so had its costs.

Warwickshire had a thousand more children to educate this year (costing £1 million) and coupled with inflation and the teachers pay award of 2.7%, this meant more money was needed. Harbury would suffer further financial hardship, because the re-organisation would take away the top class and the more generous funding that went with this age group. This would also increase the number of *surplus* places at the school.

Harbury was judged to have a capacity of 283. 217 were on the roll at present; pupil teacher ratio was 28:1 and by September eight classes would have eight teachers with no extra help to cover.

It was *spiritually good to know people care*. Rather than fund raise for



the school, people could use their influence, writing to the Minister and their MP and supporting FACE, (Fight Against Cuts in Education), Mr. Bailey suggested.

He went on to explain how the School was working towards opening up its premises and facilities to the community. Maggie Robinson's survey had been a start and provided them with an Action Plan. Young people expressed a desire to play football and now had two thriving and winning youth teams, very well supported by parents. The Swimming Pool was open for lessons to the public, the Youth Club had held arts and music workshops and a range of Adult Education Courses are being developed. Budget difficulties were important, but the children were central to the school. It was an active school becoming better used by the community.

Following a sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Bailey from Keith Thompson, the meeting received reports from the sub-Committee.

The Planning Committee praised the innovation of Area Planning Committees with open meetings, which was bringing decision making closer to the people. Two large developments had been granted at Sonas Mor and Hillside Farm, which whilst they promised some affordable homes would still increase the number of expensive four bedroomed houses in Harbury.

The Properties Committee thanked Hopscotch for the donation of £4,997 towards a replacement for the cabin slide and the £2,600 for equipment for older children. An aerial runway had been installed and the hard-play area repaired. Other improvements were planned including: basket ball stand; junior goalposts; drainage; footpaths and two barbecues. The problem of access to the new children's play area had been solved by a land swap with the Village Hall.

The Highways Working Party continued to be concerned about traffic speed; dangerous accesses, particularly at the Scrapyard on Harbury Lane and parked vehicles. Mr. Ray Carter wanted a lay-by on Binswood End Green, but Councillors were loath to reduce the size of this amenity area.

Councillor John Hunt reported the Parish Council supported several village voluntary organisations: £1,315 to the Harbury News for DTP; £1,600 for the Church Clock; £4,085 towards Village Hall improvements; £120 for the Summer Playscheme; £150 each to the

Rugby and Cricket Clubs and £50 for Hereburgh Morris, as well as the funding of subsidised travel for the elderly.

For the Village Hall, Brian Ingram presented a report detailing what had been achieved and was congratulated by the Council for the sound financial footing which had been created and the continuing improvements being made.

**Linda Ridgley**

## **HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

John Woodward, as the new boy, is still keen to slay dragons. He wanted more time to consider Planning Applications (but SDC has to determine them in 8 weeks); he spotted reconstituted stone being used in Binswood End, and he had been surveying the street signs for refurbishment.

He is still enthusiastic despite some set-backs and he has a cutting turn of phrase - a complex, killjoy, information sheet on the bureaucratic process for licensing VE Day Celebrations, provoked the declaration *that's what the WAR was all about!*.

Cllr. Keen, who is retiring from the PC, was thanked for her dedicated work, particularly on the Lighting sub-committee and her last act was to help colleagues decide to reject sodium lamps as too suburban for Harbury.

Severn Trent's 8 week upgrade of our cast iron water mains is costing £250,000 and may entail closing Chapel St, Ivy Lane and Church Terrace. The County will repair the footways when they finish.

Flushed with success after extracting £10,000 for sewer easements on the Pound, Cllr. Middleton tackled East Midlands Electricity for a Wayleave there, but got slightly less financial reward (42p per 50 metres)! However, they did promise to underground some of the cables.

The Council was excited by Harbury Society's proposals to conduct a Landscape Audit and will join forces with them.

Ken Stephenson's delegation tactics backfired on him. He told Cllr. Hunt to ask the Scouts to help tidy Harbury for the Best Kept Village Competition and John suggested to them they liaise with - guess who - Ken Stephenson!

Plans for the Recreation Grounds have not found favour with all residents. Mrs. Sollis was particularly incensed by suggestions that the Tennis Club might erect a *Hut* on the Fields.

**Other plans:** SDC gave permission for: a *weeping wall* at Trice's Farm; a garage for the bungalow in Chapel Street; an extension at 30 Manor Orchard and a tennis court fence at Greenhill Farm.

Pressure from the parish caused District Councillors to ignore the advice of the Planners and refuse permission for flats on Dovehouse Autos' site.

Harbury made no representations on the following: extensions at Paddocks, Fosse way; Harbury Heath & Phoenix Houses; 1 & 9 Vicarage Lane; 14 & 19 Farm Street. They cited highways and environmental reservations to the renewal of Blue Circles plans for the Quarries.

**Note:** *All these items are well documented in the unapproved minutes of the council lodged at the library.*

The County continues to encourage the Parish to reserve a portion of Pineham Farm for possible extensions to the Allotments, but the Councillors reiterated their opposition to building affordable homes in Pineham Avenue.

The financial difficulties of the past months have been partly overcome. The Youth Club with *serious* fund raising and more money from the County, is managing at present with volunteers and a paid part timer and hopes to find a qualified leader in September.

Southam School has received £28,000 from WCC contingency fund and a £20,000 loan, which has *averted disaster*, Cllr Hunt said, but *would still make life difficult*. Cllr Hancock took issue with Ken Stephenson's optimistic view of the school's future. Budgets had been cut to the bone and maintenance cut so that great problems were being stored up for the future.

John Hunt made a point of stressing that the 41 OAPs with unredeemed travel vouchers could still use them up to the end of July. He thought the savings (tokens cost £1,200 compared to only £657 spent so far on vouchers) vindicated the changes the Parish had made.

District Cllr Cooley announced that SDC would be introducing an OAPs' travel subsidy soon and might ask the PC to administer it.

**Linda Ridgley**



## HARBURY SOCIETY

We have some lovely things for our Second-hand Stall at the Carnival this year and intend to concentrate on Quality not Quantity. So make sure you come along or you will miss the bargains!

No-one will be knocking on your door, but if you do have anything musical, or if you have china or jewellery to donate, you can leave it in my garage at 16 Farm Street, or call me (612792) and I will collect it.

Having received such a good response to our idea of Sentinel Oaks for the Millennium, we are undertaking a Landscape Audit of the village on **Sunday 18th June**, starting from the **Old New Inn Green at 10.30am**.

Anyone who is interested in Landscape Enhancement and Environmental Improvement is very welcome to join us and add their views. The Landscape Architect, who is helping us will give a presentation later in the year of how he thinks improvements could be realised.

The Best Kept Village Competition is upon us. It is a good excuse to look again at Harbury and try to clear up a few blackspots. Neville Ellis suggests that if everyone took the trouble to remove the weeds from the edge of their frontage (and **NOT** spray them off with weed-killer), a vast improvement would result.

We need volunteers to help man Chesterton Windmill for the Open Days on 16 & 17 September again. Anyone who is interested should tell Linda Ridgley, 16 Farm Street, Harbury 612792 and she will find them a task for one of the sessions.

**Linda Ridgley**

## THE FRIENDSHIP PROJECT

Information has been received about a small voluntary organisation, which operates in this area in close liaison with Social Services and the Education Department. The scheme aims to find volunteers willing to give care and friendship to a younger person.

For details about preliminary discussions and training sessions, please contact: Stratford District Project Co-Ordinator, c/o Family Support Team, Social Services Dept. Tel. 01789 - 414774. Tues. or Thurs. 10am-12noon. Further details next month.

**Editors of H & L News**

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**VE Day by Alice Bristow**

*Another plane goes down,  
another man is dead.  
Despair in yet another heart,  
it's all spinning round your head.*

*Swords, guns and uniforms,  
is all you ever see,  
but the only thing you feel you want,  
is the longing to be free.*

*More bombs come down  
making the red glow in the sky.  
It represents more blood shed  
causing more people to cry.*

*Searchlights pierce the blackness,  
gas masks galore.  
Why can't there be an end  
to this long, gory war.*

*When it's all over,  
the celebrations begin.  
Food, wine, beer and pop,  
not to forget the gin.*

*Now 50 years later,  
we still remember the day.  
The day the war ended,  
in the month of May.*

## THE END OF WAR by Helen Clarke

*The death has stopped  
the last bomb has been dropped.*

*The radios are got out  
everyone listening  
with the last of the blood glistening  
in the hot sun.*

*Winston Churchill announces the peace  
and we get the things out for the feast.*

*An old lady gives all she's  
got and says its the least  
she can do.*

*Its VE day and we all  
go out to play with our  
friends and sing and dance.*

*Our mums ask us  
to put the gas masks away  
in the boxes.*

*At the end of the war  
we are really poor from  
buying tokens for things.*

*The dads come back  
and all the mums are really glad.*

*And now 50 years later  
we remember  
what happened so long ago  
the war that went so slow*



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## Pirie Close



## WAR by Emma Freeman

*Devastating war,  
What's it for?  
Please tell me why,  
Do we have to die?*

*Sirens calling,  
Warning warning!*

*Doodle bugs fly,  
High in the sky,  
Then they fall,  
Killing all.*

*It's not a game,  
Can't you feel the pain?*

*Someone's friend  
Comes to an end,  
They were slain,  
And can't live again.*

*Can't you see ,  
We want to be free.*

*No more war,  
Open a new door,  
To a place,  
Full of peace and grace.*

*Soon the news is out,  
And people shout,*

*"Peace hooray,  
We must pray,  
To say to God,  
How happy we're today!"*



# VE DAY POEM by Ian MacVarish

*I always thought that war was great,  
the guns, the tanks, bombs and planes.*

*Today I've realised the truth about war,  
the screams, the cries, the sadness and the death.*

*The death of loved ones, the cry of the helpless  
that is what war is about.*

*People celebrating in the streets,  
the parties, the laughing, all celebrating the end of war.*

*Today we celebrate 50 years later,  
the crying and the shame.*

## VE Day by Nicola Smith

*AAAHH! People dying,  
With hurting memories,  
Its disgusting, poor and pain,  
Its not about fun with a gun,  
War is a bore.*

*War just makes me cry,  
I just want to die,  
Graves being dug,  
My relative has been killed by a thug,  
War is a bore.*

*Death is just up ahead,  
People wish they were home in bed,  
People being thrown around,  
Just like something on the ground,  
War is a bore.*

*When it ends we're all glad,  
Parties, parties all are mad,  
War is a bore.*

## HARBURY W.I.

We would like to thank all who helped and supported our recent **Coffee Morning**. The lovely blanket that Ruth Merrick made was won by Sylvia Green.

An enjoyable Group Meeting at Long Itchington. Audrey Atkins entered the Nosegay competition on our behalf. There was an interesting and light-hearted talk on underwear worn by ladies in the Elizabethan and Victorian era. Thank goodness for the freedom of this century.

We are holding a **Cake & Preserve stall on Carnival Day**, so please try to support us ladies, your efforts will be much appreciated.

The **Bowls evening** will be on **14th June, 6-6.30pm** starting promptly.

We are invited to the **Saturday opening of County House on 17th June**.

Don't forget, tins and things for the September Produce Show.

Mrs. Rosemary Galilee from County House came to explain and advise on the resolutions that we voted for and Mrs. Allington from Ufton will be our delegate at Blackpool in June. Over the years many achievements, beneficial to the country, have been made through these resolutions.

The evening rounded off with Cheese and Wine.

**June hostesses:** Muriel Coupe, Sue Lapraik, and Pat Smith.

As we are not entered on the recent village list would you please note that our W.I. representative is Mrs. Wendy Knowles, 612331.

**Jeanne Beaumont**

## HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Wondering what to do after the Carnival when the floats and stalls have been put away for another year? Then why not come to the Carnival Dance. The Theatre Group are again organising this event and as before it will be an enjoyable evening. Tickets £5 each, which includes supper, are available from: Nifty Needle, Pete's Place and Carol Percival, telephone 612175.

Our next production will be *Come Now and be Joined* a comedy by

Robert Earnest. This will be performed at the A.C.T. festival which this year is being held at Shipston-on-Stour on 29th, 30th June and 1st July. It is hoped that we will put the play on in the village shortly after the festival has taken place. Watch out for further details next month.

**John Holden**

## **HARBURY SCOUTS & GUIDES SUPPORT COMMITTEE**

Things have been quiet on the fund raising front recently, but a very important (non-fund raising) event takes place on **Tuesday 6th June at 8pm in the Scout Hut**. It is the Annual General Meeting of the Support Committee.

For many years the Support Committee has done just that - supported the Groups by purchasing much-needed equipment for canoeing, camping etc., as well as making an effort to maintain the (apparently much-despised) Scout Hut. While we applaud the efforts of the group raising funds for a new hut, perhaps we should bear in mind that in the mean time the Groups still need the on-going support of this committee. It is rather a sad fact that in the recent past very few of the parents of current members of the various groups either support the fund raising events of the committee, or stand for election (or co-option) to the committee. The majority of members of this committee no longer have sons or daughters who are young enough to be members of the various groups. I think that now is the time for some of the people who are concerned enough about Scouts and Guides to want to replace the Scout Hut to offer themselves in two ways:

- as **uniformed leaders** (what point a new hut if the groups cannot operate?);
- and as **members of the Support Committee**.

I therefore urge parents of Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies and Beavers (and any other interested people) to attend the **AGM on 6th June**.

**J. Tancock**

## **THE WIGHT SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

Firstly, I would like to say a big **Thank you** to everyone who attended our Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room. It was a great success.



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The big highlight for us all in May was our outing to Leamington Fire Station. The children thoroughly enjoyed what turned out to be a surprisingly *hands on* visit. Not only were they allowed to explore the fire engine, try on helmets, and turn on the sirens; but they were all given a turn on the hose! Much to the amusement of everyone, our *Chairman* was used to demonstrate the fireman's lift - all the way around their yard!

The new venue for our cake stall turned out to be very popular, so we will be there again (next to the Library) on **Thursday 8th June from 9.30am until we sell out!** Why not stop and buy one to take home with your library books?

We are looking forward to showing off our children to everybody at the **Carnival**, so look out for us on **10th June**.

On **Wednesday 14th June**, we are having an **Open Morning**, and invite anyone who would like to come and see our Playgroup at play. Playgroup hours are 9.15am to 12.15pm.

We have arranged for a **Professional photographer** to visit the Wight School on **Thursday 15th June**, from 9.30am. We had some super work from her last year - she is very good with the children. Anyone who would like a photograph of their child/children is welcome to call in. There is no charge for the session, you only pay her if you want to keep the photos she has taken.

On **Tuesday 27th June** we are taking the children (and their Mums) on an outing to **Twycross Zoo**. What is it they say about never working with children and animals .....?

**Nikki Jones**

## **YOUTH CLUB**

Please note that the Youth Club on **Wednesday 7th June** has been cancelled.

Skylight Circus has organised two workshop evenings for Carnival Day: on **Tuesday 6th June at the Village Hall 7.30pm** and on **Friday 9th June at the Wight School 7.30pm**

**Vicki Holroyd**

# DEAR PATRICIA.....

**Peter:** *Saturday 6th May, 1995. Harbury School playing fields. I'll give you 10.38am as the kick-off time.*

**Pat:** *That's fine by me. Harbury versus Harbury.*

**Peter:** *Under 9's vs Under 10's. Nil/Nil. 10.39am and 10 seconds. Sunny. We've got more supporters than you.*

**Pat:** *But mine are prettier, wittier and altogether, absolutely, amazing at alliteration.*

**Peter:** *One "goal" to you.*

(A ferocious first half is dominated by fine furious play from both sides, raising the temperature of the supporters somewhere akin to the Gobi Desert at midday.)



**Pat:** *Phew, it's pretty hot here. Feels just like the Gobi Desert.*

**Peter:** *And Luke Egging neatly sidesteps Michael Armitage, passes to Joe Crowton, who gathers, feints and loops around Daniel Lloyd, misses a crashing tackle from Christopher Jenkins, snicks it to Ben Hughes, on to Jack Whorton and .....*

**Pat:** *YES!*

**Peter:** *What?*

**Pat:** *YES! It's one up to us. Under 10's lead One/Nil after 20 minutes.*

**Peter:** *Oh NO!*

**Pat:** *Oh YES!*

**Peter:** *It's getting rather hot around here.*



(Four and a half minutes later Ryan Morgan curls a long shot from over half way over the head of Alex Biddle plumb into goal.)

**Pat:** *Bullsey! I hear Real Zaragossa are looking for someone who can do that.*

**Peter** (gloomily): *Two/Nil.*

**Pat:** *Cheer up. It's half time. Have a coffee.*

(Thomas Ward approaches.)

**Thomas:** *Are you going to mention me in the Harbury News?*

**Peter:** *Of Course! And David Wilby, Alex Hawkins and Dean Hodgkins.*

**Thomas:** *Thanks!*

(Second Half)



**Pat:** *I'm enjoying this. I like writing football reports.*

**Peter:** *A fine stop by Jack Fitzgerald, on to Oliver Ward and George Clarke. No he's been robbed! John Burt gets it and biffs it to Phillip Brierley, through the legs of Michael Linforth, chips over little Ben Lodge, and Jonathan Cleaver takes it on and, yes, he cuts it into goal!*

**Pat** (happily): *Three/Nil. 43 minutes.*

**Peter** (muttering): *It is just as barren as the Gobi Desert.*

(Three minutes and fifty seconds later.)



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**Pat:** *Look at Richard Linforth. He's kicked the ball beautifully. Oh! Peter Gray has stolen it and given it to Thomas Walshe. Why has Jamie Norman got it now? (Pause) Oh!*

**Peter:** *He's scored! We've scored!! One/Three. 47 minutes gone.*

*(49 minutes. Free Kick.)*

**Peter:** *Why are your team all lining up to pray?*

**Pat:** *It's the Wall of Death to defy your lot. Phew! Thank goodness for Adam Hudson in goal.*

*(The pace hots up. 51 minutes gone.)*

**Pat:** *Thomas Aherne has potted it! Four/One.*

*(Seconds later.)*

**Peter:** *But look at Samuel Jones, he's got it to Oliver Cook - what a run - and Yes!, he's got one back! Two/Four.*

*(Final whistle.)*

**Pat:** *So, you'll write the article then?*

**Peter:** *Why don't we both write it.? Look there's Mike Bloxham taking photos. I wonder whether one will get into the Harbury News.....*

**[Editors:** Harbury F.C.(thought) 1?  
Editors (decided) 2!!]

**Peter Walshe and Pat Whorton**

## **RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

The season just finished was one of the most difficult in the 33 year history of Harbury Rugby Club. Whilst the 2nd team won over half of their games, the 1st team won only 4 matches all season. All 12 league fixtures were lost, resulting in relegation from Division 2 to 3 of the Warwickshire/Staffordshire leagues.

Five years ago, the club ran 4 senior teams and for a village side, were remarkably successful against opposition often drawn from larger clubs and town sides. Unfortunately, that success was built on an experienced, but ageing 1st team, almost all of whom no longer play for Harbury, leaving a core of young and/or inexperienced players to compete in the



increasingly tough leagues - the 1st team regularly included as many as 7 players still in their teens this season.

Whilst the spirit has remained excellent through a hard season, these younger players will benefit from competing in a lower league, where experience can be gained under less pressure. Coach Neville Lee will ensure their potential is developed and we are confident the club will hold its own in Division 3 and rebuild for the future.

The junior section of the club continues to go from strength to strength, with both juniors (under 13, 14 and 16) and minis (under 8 - 12) enjoying excellent seasons. The minis concluded their season by winning the 6 club Leamington festival, a result not appreciated by the host club!

The major challenge currently facing the senior club is to build on the junior section success - if a high proportion of these younger players work through to the senior club, the future will be rosy.

Anyone interested in joining the club in any capacity should contact either Graham Lewis (815196) for the seniors or Rick Evans (612700) for juniors/minis.

Over the summer the club will be open on all Saturdays during the World Cub and the **Annual Barbecue will be held on 8th July.**

**Graham Lewis**

## **RECORD RED CROSS COLLECTION**

I would like to say a big thank you on behalf of the Red Cross to everybody in Harbury, Deppers Bridge and Chesterton for their wonderful generosity in making this a record collection of £585. A wonderful job done by the hard working team of collectors.

**Anne Lambert**

## **ROBERT APPEAL**

We are holding a Tabletop Sale with Jumble, also Raffle, Cakes and Refreshments on Saturday 1st July, 10-12.30pm at Harbury Village Hall.

Please phone Mary 613140 or Sally 614290 to book a £5 table, or need jumble collecting. Donations of cakes or raffle prizes would be most welcome. Your support would be much appreciated, many thanks.

**Mary Revitt**

## NSPCC QUIZ EVENING

Many thanks to all who took part in our Quiz Evening. A grand total of £440 was raised. Congratulations to Kane's Team, who were the winners.

## NSPCC Committee

## MEMORIES OF V.E. DAY

There were a number of street parties to celebrate Victory in Europe Day 1945 of Harbury.

The village was much smaller then. The Mill Street party scene was photographed by the late Mr. Sid Knight, using a box brownie camera. Sid worked in the Co-Op Office alongside Mr. & Mrs. John Honiwell. Mr. Knight was an artistic man, who would make posters for village events, etc.



In the picture sporting a fine beard, is Mr. Toby Burton with his brother Nathan. They lived at Kingston House. The Stonehouse is on the left,

then the Co-Op, Bakery & Shop and at the end of the street, the Dog Inn.

Among the people in the photo is school teacher Miss May Bird. Toby Burton owned an old Armstrong Siddeley car with a trailer. He attended local cattle markets and traded in live stock.

Mrs. Knight, now 80 years young, who kindly supplied the negatives, still has her husband's box camera. She recalls that afterwards there was dancing in the street and Mr. Roy Turner provided the music.

Mr. & Mrs. Knight and their children lived in a cottage at the Mill Street - Chapel Street junction, where there used to be a row of cottages, which were demolished around 1961/62.

**Mike Bloxham**

## **WARTIME MEMORIES**

My wife and I were bombed out of Coventry and went to live in Bishops Tachbrook when we were expecting our first child. I was told by the Merchant Service Pool that I might have to go back to sea where I had been for years as there was a terrible shortage of trained seamen, owing to the thousands of ships that had been lost.

I found myself on the *Pool* in London and was sent up to Liverpool to the *Cressington Court* owned by Halden & Philips of London. I was signed on as a Quartermaster and assigned to the wheelhouse with 3 others. We did all the steering and soon discovered that many of the crew had never been to sea before, as they had joined to avoid the services!

We crossed the Atlantic and loaded a huge cargo in Philadelphia and then set off South. We were really meant to put into port at Durban with a stop for fuel at Capetown, but it wasn't to be. At 4am two weeks later, we got hit by two torpedoes and had to abandon ship. One lifeboat got away from what had been a crew of 75. We found that some of the supplies had been pilfered and we only had 8 gallons of water aboard and so for the next 25 days we struggled on by taking turns to row using the Lugsail to catch any breeze there might be. We even caught and filleted a young shark, which kept banging the boat with its tail. We cut the liver



out of it and shared it round, although it was not very palatable, but then we were ready to eat anything.

On the morning of the 25th day at approx. 8am, George Delamare, a man from Guernsey, suddenly cried out: *There's a ship over there!* Sure enough, a big tanker was slowing down and getting ready to pick up up.

We were overjoyed thinking our troubles were over, But NO! - 12 hours later we were torpedoed again! The Submarine surfaced and opened fire on us, killing more of those who had suffered all this hardship for nothing. We reached dry land shortly at *Port of Spain*.

In Trinidad we were very well looked after. A few weeks later we were sent to New York to await transport home. After some leave I had to leave my wife and little boy, who by this time was growing fast as it was nearly 12 months since I had seen him.

When I got back to the *Pool*, much to my surprise, I was discharged on medical grounds. Needless to add, I was able to watch my family, now 3 boys, grow up into fine young men. When I got home after my wartime experiences, I found that my wife's allowance had been stopped from the date of being shipwrecked till the time I was discovered to be alive.

Mr. Waddell, Ivy Lane

## CARNIVAL 1995

Well, this is it, your very final reminder. It's on **Saturday 10th June**.

There's still time to build or finish building your float or get your fancy dress costume finalised. Please let Danny Killian (612265) know if you are entering a float in the procession or still want to book a pitch/stall on the field.

If you still haven't returned your cup or shield from last year, then please do so now. Please pass to either Chris Carter at Nifty Needle or Gill Thorpe in Butt Lane.

The Tennis Club are helping us by running the refreshment bar in the Village Hall as usual. Could you please help by providing the odd cake or buns and delivering them to the Village Hall on the day.

If you weren't in when the programme and raffle ticket sellers came round, you can still get some from either Pete's Place or the Co-Op ~~on~~ failing that at the gate on the day.

Don't forget the dance on carnival night. It's £5 each to include supper and a great band called OPTIMUM. Tickets from Nifty Needle, Pete's Place or Carol Percival on 612175.

The missing cup (for the best decorated float, non-trade) has now been replaced and will be known from now on as the Sue Andrews Cup. This is in recognition of Sue's 20 years of sterling and unstinting service to the Carnival Committee.

As usual there will be a Steptoe Stall, but items will be limited to approximately *chair size*, as we cannot manage large items such as wardrobes. If you have any items, please ring Danny Killian 612265, Roy Coup 612507 or Jean Hayden 612245. Collection will take place on Thursday 8th June, between 7pm and 9pm. See you on Carnival Day, have a great time.

**Paul Watkin 613553**

## **SENIOR CITIZENS' SUMMER OUTING**

This year's trip arranged by the Senior Citizens Benefit Association, will be to **Minehead on 14th June**.

The coaches will pick up at **Deppers Bridge and the Village Hall, Harbury at approx. 8.30am**. Invitations for the trip have already been delivered and replies should be returned to the Post Office by 31st May.

The Committee hope that any resident entitled to join the trip has been contacted, but if any newcomer to the village has been overlooked, would he/she please get in touch with Mrs. Margaret Taylor, 16 Pineham Avenue, Tel. 612093. Invitations are extended to any single woman/widow aged 60 years and over or to a married couple if the husband has reached the age of 65 years.

The **Coffee Morning at the Tom Hauley Room on 3rd June** is in aid of *Senior Citizens'* funds and the Committee look forward to seeing many familiar faces on that occasion!

**Editors of H & L News**

## CYCLING

As Harbury residents have probably noticed, there have been numerous bicycle racing events in the village over the last four years. In the past the race courses were mainly on the Warwick/Kenilworth By-pass, but this proved to be too dangerous, because of the increasing volume of traffic.

I moved into the village five years ago and as Chairman of the Leamington Cycling and Athletic Club, I soon realised that the area would be ideal for the new race courses. The British Cycling Federation and the Warwickshire Constabulary agreed with me.

This year alone we have two national cycle races in this area - headquarters Harbury Village Hall. I hope that the local people will find this an interesting addition to the many activities in Harbury. **Should these events inconvenience local people or if there is cause for complaint, please do not hesitate to contact me - address below.**

**Open Event.** Leamington Cycling and Athletic Club are running an invitation time-trial race for anybody from 12 years old and upwards on **28th June at 7.15pm** - distance approx. 4 miles. This will be a race against the clock, individually, with contestants starting at one minute intervals. The start is on Deppers Bridge Road, going into Butt Lane, Bush Heath Road, Bishops Itchington Road, Bishops Itchington, Deppers Bridge and back to the start.

It will be safely organized and efficiently marshalled under RTTC and BCF regulations (as are all our races) and will be covered by third party insurance. All contestants will need an entry form (available at Pete's Place), which must be completed and signed and handed in at the beginning of the race. Contestants can ride any bike (even Penny Farthings!), as long as it is road worthy. Bikes will be checked at the start.

**There will be free tea and cakes at the finish.** Certificates will be presented for completing the course. We hope there will be a good turnout of Harbury youngsters and their parents.

Additional information on cycling in the area can be obtained by contacting Roger Gardner, Threeways, Butt Road, Harbury. Looking forward to seeing you all on the 28th.

**Roger Gardner**



## HEALTH MATTERS

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## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The last meeting of the year, Gardeners' Questions was informative, entertaining and at times during the evening quite hilarious!

The plant stall was popular, as envisaged, perhaps we will repeat it another time!

In the May issue, I had a brain-storm, the venue for the all day coach outing is to Tenbury not Tewksbury. However, those going, please be at the **Village Hall on Thursday 8th June at 9.15am for departure at 9.30am prompt.** We should be back about 5.30pm.

Please would those people who are opening their gardens for the first

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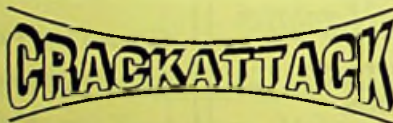


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Once again we shall need **volunteers to help in the Village Hall kitchen** please, on the **Walkabout on Saturday 8th July**. Those who helped last time found it quite enjoyable, the two hour stint being about right. Please contact Pat Smith 612650 or me on 612515. Although we do not publish the details, we donate monies to local organisations. This is our main fund raising event, so please help us to make it a success.

**Muriel Grey**

## **GARDENING NOTES**

Now that the threat of frost has passed, summer bedding and young vegetable plants can be put in. Water well in the trays and fill the planting hole with water too to allow the roots to spread and settle. Hoe regularly to destroy weed seedlings. Deadhead any early flowering perennials to get a second flush and prevent self seeding.

Sow candytuft, clarkia and cornflowers to fill border gaps. Sow next Spring's biennials, e.g. wallflowers and sweet williams.

Give winter flowering house plants a rest in a cool part of the garden. Some shrubs can be propagated from 4-6 inch cuttings of the new growth. For quick results try putting them in a plant pot containing a mixture of compost and sand. Water well, then cover the pot with a plastic bag to keep in the moisture. The roots should grow in about a month. A 50% success rate is good.

Finish cutting asparagus and rhubarb by the end of the month. Cut off runners on strawberry plants unless you want them to replace old plants. Water and feed plants regularly, especially those in containers or newly planted ones. Plants producing crops of fruit or seeds, e.g. peas, need plenty of water after flowering.

Wire coat-hangers can be cut to length with a hook at the top to fit round a stem to make a plant stake.

**Pat Smith**

# Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

On behalf of Glennis, Josie, Rosemary, Steve and myself and our respective families, may we express our thanks to all friends, neighbours and relatives of our Mother, Lily Hamer, for their kind messages of sympathy, donations and for the beautiful floral tributes received following the sad loss of our dear Mum on 26th April.

We would also wish to express our thanks to Father Roy Brown for the beautiful service he conducted for Mum and for his kindness and compassion towards us. As we all live in different areas, Father Brown made a difficult and bewildering time a pleasant first meeting for which we are truly grateful. Our thanks also go to Messrs. W. Goodwin and Sons for their expert services.

Mum lived in Harbury for over 50 years, firstly at Binswood End and then Manor Road for 43 years. Unfortunately, Mum suffered a stroke and was unable to look after herself, so for the last four years she has been a resident at Greenways Care Home at Long Itchington, where Mrs. Pat Howard and her devoted staff made a comfortable and happy home for Mum.

Mum was always proud to say that she lived in Harbury and kept in touch with village life through your magazine, and I must congratulate you for your very useful and informative production.

Once again, thank you all.

**Sue Gulliver**

Dear Editors

I wish to thank every one who sent cards and letters after the sad loss of Dennis, and also those who attended the Church service. It is a great comfort to know, so many people thought so much of him. His sense of humour will always be remembered, along with his craftsmanship.

The flower tributes were beautiful and I thank you again, I can imagine Den's cynical expression, on 'no vegetable produce there'.

Grateful thanks to Drs. Wilne & Hancock, the District Nurses, especially Francis.

Dennis would have been very proud of his young grandson, David, who read his tribute, with pride and love. Special thanks to Messes. Goodwin, who carried out the funeral arrangements with care and sensitivity.

### Nesta Bloxham and Family

Dear Editors

May I thank all my friends for the cards, kind messages, flowers and presents, which helped me through my recent two weeks in hospital. May I also thank the local doctors for their swift attention. I am well on the way to recovery, but it is a slow job.

Eileen Picken

Dear Editors

I lived in Harbury for many years and my friend and one time neighbour keeps your magazines for me. I still read them all through. I read a letter by Mrs. Enefer and I do sympathise with her. On my recent visit, I was so saddened that the *Smithy* had gone. I can still hear the sound of Sid's hammer. We lived right opposite, you see, and my youngest son could often be found there.

So many differences since we were there, Mrs. Treens' little shop just below, and further down Chapel Street, we spent our sweet coupons at Bayliss's, and Mr. Bayliss used to walk round with a tray suspended in front of him selling oranges. Up the Terrace lived Mr. French, *Topper* as he was known, and he delivered newspapers. He had a large tin sign on his house with News of the World on it. I have a snapshot of that. Then Thornicrofts bakery was always ready to cook for us. Bob's grandfather came over for his 1/2 pint of beer on the dot of 10am and at 6pm on the dot, to my uncle's pub, The New Inn, as I shall always remember it, not the silly name it now wears.

A row of cottages stood just down Mill Street, and Frank Fletcher lived in one and cut men's hair. On the corner was *Alcocks*, the butcher's, Stan Smith next, the shoe mender, and next again *Birds* another butcher. Opposite them the Co-Op and down the lane the mill. That is a real



landmark of Harbury.

I have snaps taken from the top. I visited Harbury every year as a child then went there to live in 1940.

The *big* school was then opposite the Co-Op coalyard. *Messers' shop* next, where we spent our pennies on sweets, and I can remember *markets* in the Bullring. I was often sent up to the Top Shop by my aunt (who now has the Post Office). Auntie said the cheese from there was the best.

Of course Mrs. Cooper then kept the P/O across the road from *Alcocks*. Down Binswood End, Mrs. Boynton also had a lovely little shop and in Farm Street there was another Thornicrofts. On towards the Old New Inn, there was a large pond where we could slide when it froze over in winter.

Sadly, so many of these things have gone for ever, but if you print this it may jog a few memories.

A really good magazine, thank you.

Mrs. G. Colwell, Newquay, Cornwall

Dear Editors,

Whilst thanking all the electors of Harbury, who supported my successful candidature for the Parish Council, I should like to take this opportunity to pay my tribute to the work of the unsuccessful candidate for the District Council, namely John Sharp of Lighthorne.

Over the period of 16 years that John has represented not only Harbury, but also the parishes of Bishops Itchington, Chesterton, Lighthorne and Ufton on the District Council, I had many dealings with him on matters appertaining to Harbury.

Whether we required an answer on any subjects, particularly Planning, that concerned the District Council, a prompt answer was forthcoming as a result of a consultation with the appropriate officer at Stratford.

John, not only myself, but I am sure other members of our Parish Council, will miss your presence at our monthly meetings, when you were a regular attendant.

Thank you for being a friend and an adviser at all times.

John Drinkwater

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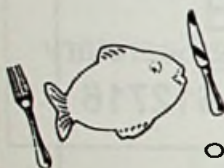
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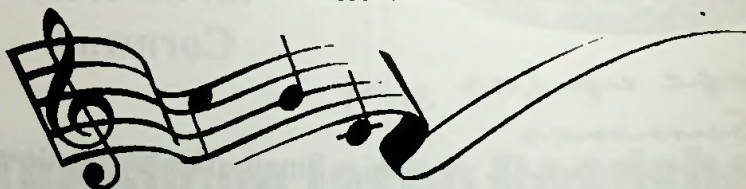
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