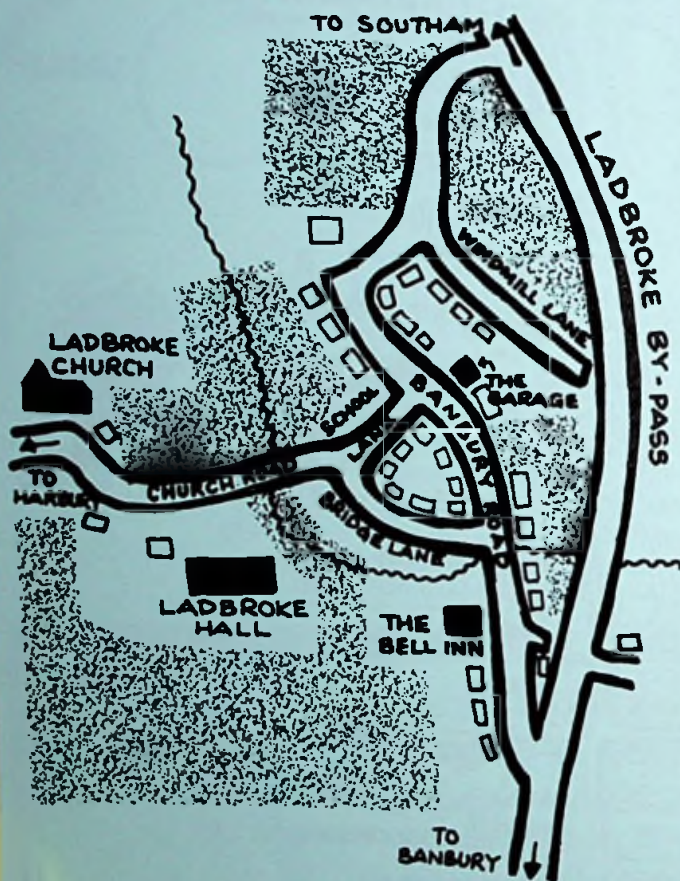


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Our photo shows Easter celebrations at the Wight School Playgroup.

This is the month when we all have an opportunity to elect **our** voice at local government level. Your vote will affect our day to day life, so make sure you use your vote on **May 4th**. For the first time in 17 years, Harbury Parish Council will be *going to the polls*. In this month's issue we have published election statements from candidates standing for election to the Parish Council. We also received an election address from the Liberal

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Democrat candidate for the Harbury ward in the District Council election.

Harbury has hit the national media! The Youth Club has attracted this attention, by breaking with a long standing tradition of having a Carnival Queen. I'm sure many of you will have heard that this year's Carnival Queen, Gillian Kerr, will be joined by the first Carnival King, Dean Merrick. We all look forward to a good day on **June 10th**.

Congratulations to Harbury Albion for winning their first trophy in 35 years!

Melanie Heath and Mark Hayes were presented with the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award by Prince Philip. Well done Melanie & Mark.

We are also delighted to be able to congratulate fellow editor Barbara Andrews and husband Pete on their new found status as grandparents.

Finally, sympathy is extended to the families of Harry Atkins, Dennis Bloxham, Tom Warhurst and Joan Pratt.

Harbury Diary

APRIL

Sun 30 **Easter 2** - Sung Eucharist 9am followed by joint Parish Breakfast
Ufton Fields Anglo-Saxon Wood Walk, meet 2pm at Reserve
(£1 and 50p for children)

MAY

Mon 1 Prayer & Praise in Church 7.30pm

Tues 2 Bible study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am

Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm

Telecottages meeting in School 7.30pm

Horticultural Society in Village Hall 8pm

Wed 3 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon

Mothers' Union in Church 2pm;

meeting in Tom Hauley Room 2.30pm

Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm

Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm

Thur 4 **Local Elections in Village Hall**

Holy Communion at 9.45am

Storytelling in Library 10am

Slimming World in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am

- Thur 4 Beginner's Computer Course in School 7.30pm
Men's Church Society meeting in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn 8.30pm
- Sun 7 **Easter 3** - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 6.30pm
Cricket 1st XI v Willoughby (home); 2nd XI v Alveston (away)
- Mon 8 **Bank Holiday for VE Day**
VE Day Singalong at Club
VE Day Sponsored Walk - Macmillan Mile from Temple House
Two Woods Walk at Burton Dassett Hills, meet at Beacon 2pm,
Adults £1, Children £50p
- Tues 9 Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
Toddlers' Service at 2.15pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
Village Hall Committee in Village Hall
- Wed 10 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
- Thur 11 Holy Communion 9.45am
Slimming World in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Beginner's Computer Course in School 7.30pm
W.I. in Village Hall 7.45pm
- Fri 12 NSPCC Quiz Night in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Sat 13 Tennis Jumble Sale in Village Hall
Discussions in Tom Hauley Room about the future of Sunday
School Work 2-4pm
- Sun 14 **Easter 4** - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;
Evensong 6.30pm
Cricket 1st Home to Long Itchington
Dawn Chorus Day at Ufton Fields 5am! Adults £1, Children 50p
- Tues 16 Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
Senior Citizen's Committee in Village Hall 8.30pm
- Wed 17 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
- Thur 18 Holy Communion 9.45am
Slimming World in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am
Mothers' Union Festival at Bishops Tachbrook 2.15pm
Annual Parish Meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm with speaker
Mr. Gerry Bailey (School Headmaster) to talk on Community
Education Developments and Budget Constraints

- Fri 19 ALL ARTICLES FOR JUNE NEWS TO EDITORS by 5.30pm**
Archdeacon's Visitation 7.45pm
- Sat 20 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am**
CUP FINAL
- Sun 21 Rogation Sunday - Holy Communion 8am**
Family Communion 10.30am
Open Air Service at Deppers Bridge 3.30pm
Cricket 2nd home to Bishops Itchington
- Mon 22 Environment Week Talk for Harbury Society in Tom Hauley Room 8pm (coffee at 7.30pm)**
- Tues 23 Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am**
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm, Julian Group 8.10pm in Church
PCC Meeting in Tom Hauley Room 8.10pm
- Wed 24 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon**
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
- Thur 25 Holy Communion 9.45am**
Slimming World in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Parish Council Annual Meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm
- 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

**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE
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For Village Hall Bookings	Mrs. Hughes 612716
For Wight School Bookings	Mrs. Hayes 613488
For Tom Hauley Room Bookings	Mrs. Smith 613680

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion, 8am

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

Family Service, 10.30am on 3rd Sunday of Month

Evensong, 6.30pm (Except 3rd Sunday)

Please see notice board in Church for weekday services or revised times

on special occasions.

FROM THE CHURCH WARDENS

At the recent Vestry meeting Beryl Checkley stood down as a Church Warden after serving in the position for eight years. It was an eventful and often difficult period of time during which the Tom Hauley Room was planned and built and many major repairs and renovations were carried out. It was a period which saw the retirement of Canon Antony Rowe, an interregnum of a year and the induction of Father Roy Brown.

We are all extremely grateful to Beryl and it was a fitting and happy occasion in Church on Easter Sunday when Beryl was presented with a number of gifts donated by all her many friends.

Beryl's position as Church Warden has been ably filled by Ruth Dodds who in turn has handed her previous position as Secretary to the PCC on to Sheila Carr.

A date to look forward to and note in your diaries is **Sunday 4th June** when at **6.30pm** we shall be holding a special celebration of Pentecost Praise. The visiting speaker will be Canon Leo Morris from the Diocese of St. Albans, who is well known to a number of our congregation. The service has been carefully planned and we are sure you will find it worth while.

Ruth and Jeff

FROM THE RECTOR

Why should we believe in God? What fundamental basis is there to support such a belief? Creation? But according to scientists the universe began with the explosion of a large conglomeration of basic matter known as the *Cosmic Egg*, and life is a combination of amino acid molecules. However, given that the number of combinations is astronomical; and only one combination produces life, and the possibility of a correct combination coming up by chance is zero, it makes you think. And where does man fit into the scheme? Man seems to have appeared late on in the scene. According to the Bible, God created man in His own image. Darwin's theory of evolution pre-supposes that man evolved from an earlier form of life. It doesn't mean he descended from monkeys, though it may be that men and monkeys have evolved from common stock; but no one, as yet, has discovered the missing link.

Another thought - at what period in his evolution did man acquire the divine spark of awareness of a need for God? The awareness that there is somebody or something greater than himself. And how could he acquire such an awareness unless it was implanted in his consciousness from outside? All physical changes have resulted from the need to adapt to changing physical circumstances, but hardly the awareness of a fundamental need for God. Because man has got this fundamental awareness, as far back as we can trace, man has always worshipped something or somebody, whether it be the sun, the moon, his ancestors, idols or the idea of God as a spirit.

No, I cannot prove to you in black and white that there is a God. But at this time of the year, as I walk my dog along Butt Lane and walk the country side around Harbury and Ladbroke, I see everything coming to life again after their Winter sleep. This makes me more and more aware of the beauty and order of life. So to me the whole universe does not make sense without Him.

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTER

Baptism

Alexander James Donald Vincent was welcomed into our Christian family on Sunday 2nd April.

Funerals - At All Saints' Harbury

Harry Atkins of Binswood End on 13th April.

May he rest in peace to rise in glory.

Laugh Line

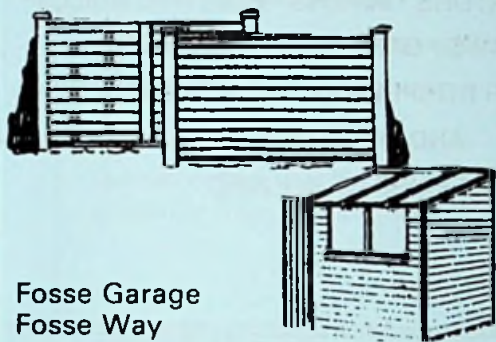
The daughter of the vicar asked her mother: *Why does Daddy pray to God before he preaches?* Her mother replied: *He asks God to help him.* A cloud came over the little girl's face and she said: *Why doesn't he then?*

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MOTHERS' UNION

Our Garden Forum team consisted of three experts, Mrs. Vivien Neill, Mrs. Bertha Kettle, and Mrs. Shirley Keir, who impressed us all with their knowledge of gardening. They gave advice on plants to grow in various situations, pruning shrubs, cleaning ponds, etc, even attempting to answer the question: *How do you get the men to do the gardening?* We were grateful to them for all their help.

As it was Easter week, we decided to make the evening meeting more light-hearted than usual and held a M.U. Picture Gallery, with members bringing a favourite picture to show and talk about. There was a variety of pictures, from a Lowry to a flower painting on silk, and it was a pleasant evening.

In May the afternoon speaker will be the Rev. Stephen Knight, a hospital chaplain, and the evening speaker will be from the charity Solace.

C.Mary Catt

TODDLERS' SERVICE

The April service was all about Spring. Mrs. Keir showed us buds and flowers, and frogspawn with tadpoles growing in it. We said a prayer about Spring and sang *All Things Bright and Beautiful*. Afterwards we all went outside where Mr. Keir was holding a lamb. We stroked the lamb and some of us fed it milk from a bottle.

C.Mary Catt

THE HARBURY AND LADBROKE CHURCH MEN's SOCIETY

The Society met on 6th April to hear a talk given by Rev. Griffith about the time he spent in Kenya during the Mau Mau troubles.

Brought up in London, he had a desire to join the Navy. After leaving the Navy, he decided, following his training at University, to teach. One day in 1952, hearing a sermon about Samson and Delilah, his outlook was changed and he learned that graduate teachers were needed in Kenya.

He married and he and his wife went to Africa in spite of the Mau Mau troubles. They arrived at Mombasa, then travelled to Nairobi to a mission station, comprising a church and some schools. The schools were graded T1 to T4. T1, a graduate school, T2 intermediate and T3 and T4 primary schools.

The job he and his wife had to do was to help supervise the local teachers, train them and learn the local language. He showed a map, described the area and explained the living conditions.

The water had to be collected from roofs and stored in tanks of 800 Gallon capacity, no drainage or sewerage, no electricity, no proper cooking facilities and hurricane lamps for lighting. Quite a bad start for newly weds.

We were shown a knife with a heavy sharp steel blade about 15 inches long used by the Mau Mau to cut wood, dig holes and to cut people up. For their own safety it was necessary to get as much information as possible about the Mau Mau gangs and to light all the hurricane lamps at night as well as organising grown up students to act as guards. Even these guards could not be wholly trusted, so the Rev. Griffith and a colleague spent alternate nights supervising the guards.

Eventually he became ill with typhoid fever and was moved to the coastal area with his wife to become administrators of schools.

To help him buy food to overcome his illness, his parents sent him money which he spent, not on food, but on a Cine Camera and therefore he was able to show us the film taken in the fifties which lasted about 20 minutes, showing churches, schools and students at schools, etc.

We saw Nairobi and views of the country side around, we also saw a wedding where the guests walk from the church to the reception hall.

The slower the guests walk from the church to the reception, the better the wedding is rated.! The talk, the photographs and the film were much appreciated by all present.

P.D. Edwards

RUTH SUCCEEDS BERYL

Which office is the more demanding -- church warden or PCC secretary? Ruth Dodds is about to find out. At the annual Harbury vestry and general meeting on April 2, Ruth was elected warden after five years as secretary. She succeeds Beryl Checkley, recipient of glowing tributes for her eight dedicated years as warden, and praised especially for distinguished service during the interregnum.

Re-elected were Jeff Bedford, warden; Liz McBride, treasurer; and Frank Bunting, auditor. All 19 nominees were elected to the PCC, among them three new members -- Sheila Carr, subsequently appointed secretary, Tricia Harrison and Jo House. Tony Stubbs continues as Deanery representative and is joined by Tony Brunton, replacing Peter Pryke to whom thanks were recorded for the many roles he performed before leaving for Shropshire, including deanery secretary, tower captain and clock winder.

Now for the first time Harbury officially has its own *Master of the Clock*. After its mechanisation last year the need for daily clock winding ended, but not the need for servicing and the occasional tweaking to ensure accurate time-keeping. Tim Millington had volunteered by proxy and the PCC gratefully accepted.

Moya Waterman reported an electoral roll strength of 104, having gained eight and lost three in 1994.

Against the background of the Church of England's rocky finances a special appeal to the congregation became necessary last year as parishes were being urged to move towards self-sufficiency. The response was a splendid additional £5,500 in covenanted giving. Collections rose by 7.7%, and the total income by about 12%.

Despite current and projected financial problems the meeting approved the finance committee's full list of 12 recommended outreach donations totalling £2,116. Recipients include the Harbury Scout Hut Action Committee, the Church Army, Myton Hospice, the Samaritans, Leamington Christian Mission, and Missions to Seamen. Additionally six other organisations shared £1,199 in donations from direct fund raising or retiring collections, including the Red Cross Rwanda appeal and the British Legion.

The Rector referred to the successful introduction of the monthly family service and the delightful accompaniment provided at these services by the church orchestra, now aptly named Jubilate. A weekly average of 121 communicants and the regular activities of a variety of church-based groups showed the parish as a committed Christian family.

The promised open conference on the future of children's ministry in Harbury will be held in the afternoon on **Saturday May 13 in the Tom Hauley Room.**

John Algar

THE MAUNDY SERVICE - 13th April

This was a day never to be forgotten. Reg Harris, in his 93rd year, our very good friend and neighbour, was to receive the Maundy Money from the Queen. He was one of 69 men and 69 women (this being the age of the Queen) receiving this special honour. No one could be more deserving than Reg and no one more honoured to be receiving it.

Reg had been instructed to be there early with his daughter Felicity and they were well looked after by helpers known as Wandsmen. I was lucky to be one of the many in the congregation, along with Tony Stubbs and Beryl Checkley from Harbury and of course the Rector and Pam Brown.

The Service, dating back to the 15th Century, began in the Cathedral Ruins before moving into the Cathedral itself. The Queen, wearing a

blue coat and hat, then moved into the Cathedral led by the Cross Bearer and Candle Bearers and escorted by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Bishop of Coventry and the Provost of the Cathedral. As the procession moved along the choir sang an anthem. After a hymn, prayers and a psalm, the Duke of Edinburgh read the first lesson. The Queen then presented the Maundy Money to those recipients on the south side of the Cathedral, the seats in the main body all having been turned inwards to face each other. The money was carried by the yeomen of the Guard on trays held over their heads and passed from one clergy to another before finally being handed to the Queen for presentation.

The actual money for each person is in two little leather purses, one white and one red, one containing £5.50 as a *clothing allowance* and the other the specially minted Maundy Money in small value silver coins to the value of 69p, again the age of the Queen.

After the second lesson the recipients on the north side received their money. Clergy from all denominations took part in the service and the Cathedral choir sang several anthems. The whole service lasted about one hour.

The pageantry of the ceremony, with the Yeomen of the Guard, all the different clergy in their robes, the candle bearers, the choir and of course the children carrying their nosegays, coupled with the expertise of the Cathedral Staff and the Royal Almonry in their meticulous planning, culminated in all that we do best in this country. The final touch was the glorious Spring day with the sun streaming through the beautiful stained-glass windows; no one could fail to be moved by it all and we were privileged to be there.

The day for the recipients and their companions was rounded off with a hot lunch in a marquee close by. It was a day Reg and Felicity will remember for ever and a day we shall all remember for a very long time.

Liz Bunting

Ladbroke News

MAY

Mon	1	St. Philip & St. James Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Wed	3	Holy Communion 10.30am
Sun	7	EASTER 3. Family Communion 10.30am
Wed	10	Holy Communion 10.30am
Sun	11	EASTER 4. Sung Communion 9am
Wed	17	Holy Communion 10.30am
Thur	18	P.C.C. Meeting, Hall Farm 7.30pm
Sun	21	Rogation Sunday - Sung Communion 9am; Children's Church 11am; Open Air Service, Deppers Bridge 3.30pm
Wed	24	Holy Communion 10.30am
Thur	25	Ascension Day; Sung Communion 7.30pm
Sun	28	Sunday after Ascension - Sung Communion 9am
Wed	31	Holy Communion 10.30am

WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

Firstly a very big Thank You to everyone who put on a Lent Lunch and to everyone who joined us on these occasions. We made £295, which is marvellous.

£100 has been sent to the Church Army and the rest has gone into our Church Fabric Fund.

Our April meeting at Jo Sowerby's was great fun. Jo had us all making flowers around egg shells. Jo had a very able assistant in Jody, who demonstrated decorating eggs. Many thanks to both.

Rev. Sharon Simpson is coming to talk to us in May. She and her husband now run the Retreat House at Offchurch. The meeting is at 7, Ladbroke Hall by the kind invitation of Catherine Spence.

Betty Winkfield

CHURCH NEWS

We have had some beautiful, well attended services before and during Easter. Beginning with the Mothering Sunday Service where the children took it over and really were a delight. After the service they

gave their mothers and grandmothers the lovely posies made, as usual, by Pearl.

There was a good attendance of children at their Good Friday Service - hopefully it wasn't just for the Hot Cross Buns afterwards! Easter, I always find is a time for spiritual enrichment and renewal of faith and so it was this year. Several of the services we shared with Harbury. With our *Augmented Choir* singing anthems and Hymns at the Evening Good Friday service - well trained by choir master Michael Short.

I am very sorry if some of you found the church cold at some of the services - having put the heating on before Easter and finding it too much - I was rather *caught on the hop* when it turned cold again - I'll try and do better in future.

At our Vestry meeting this year, David Rutherford stood down after 23yrs of devoted and dedicated service as our Church Warden. Michael Short agreed to be nominated in his place and was duly elected unanimously.

Both Michael and I will be much re-assured by David's continued support and guidance, I have always been very grateful for all the help and advice he has given me in the past few years.

Looking forward to services in May: **May 21st at 3.30pm in Deppers Bridge, the Open Air Service (Rogation Sunday)**. Please make a note in your diary. The music is usually provided by the Salvation Army.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting was held on Wednesday 19th April with Councillor Peter Williamson in the chair.

Police Constable Andy Went advised the Council of the effects of the shortfall in the budget for Warwickshire. Certain incidents, such as theft from vehicles will not be routinely attended. Councillor Francis Badman, as Neighbourhood Watch Chairman, stressed the importance of informing someone if your house is to be left for a period of time.

Five candidates had been nominated to stand for Council for the coming term of office. As the regulations determine that the number of

councillors for Ladbroke is restricted to five, they were all returned unopposed. Your Council for the next four years therefore, will comprise Marion Grainger, Carol Northorpe, Geoff Timms, Peter West and Peter Williamson.

At the area planning meeting preceding the Parish Council, the application for the demolition and rebuilding of the barn at the front of the Bell Inn had been refused.

This year you will notice that the grass verges will be cut more frequently, (after the cowslips have died!).

The next meeting will consist of two parts: at 7pm on Wednesday 17th May, the Annual Parish Council meeting will be held, the main business being to elect a new Chairman. This will be followed at 8pm by the Annual General Village Meeting where representatives of all village groups will give their reports.

Carol Northorpe

HARBURY SOCIETY

There has been a very positive response to the idea of Sentinel Oaks for the Millennium and the Society has been asked by the Parish Council for its ideas on landscaping in the village.

In June we will survey the village, with the help of a professional Landscape Architect. Then he will make us a presentation showing what could be done by planting trees and shrubs to enhance the views and improve wildlife habitats. With good advice we ought to be able to encourage traffic calming too!

The Society has written to the District Council complaining about the negative attitude the County has to traffic calming and the deleterious effect that their highways demands have on small scale village housing developments.

The Director of Planning has acknowledged that there are conflicts between highways guidelines and conservation and advises us that his deputy and the County's representative will be available at the next **Area Parish Council's Meeting at Ladbroke on 8th June**, when we hope the Councillors will **bang their heads together!**

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There is now an Estate Roads Design Guide, which does incorporate traffic calming elements, so there are hopes that we will see some progress.

For our next meeting we have invited the new Environment Co-ordinator from Stratford District to tell us what the District can do to make the future more *sustainable* and what we can accomplish ourselves.

We already have a Mini Recycling Centre, but there is much much more that needs to be done. Come along on **Monday 22nd May** (Environment Week) to give your ideas, **7.30pm for Coffee and 8pm for the talk in the Tom Hauley Room.**

For the Carnival this year we are recycling Jewellery, China and Records. We already have a good selection, but if you have any items to dispose of, we would welcome them. Ring 612792 for collection or leave them in the garage of 16 Farm Street.

Advance warning: Chesterton Windmill Open Days are 16 & 17th Sept.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY W.I.

Members were informed of trips to Luton Hoo, Shuckburgh Hall, a Food & Wine Tasting, Drama Evening, a walk, Golf Croquet and two Bowls' mornings. The bulb catalogue is now available.

Tins and things for our Tombola stall will continue to be collected up to September.

Sorry for the wrong date given for our **Coffee Morning**, which is of course on **Saturday 29th April** and I hope it will be supported with goodies and your good selves.

A few members attended the Spring Council meeting at the Spa Centre recently and Nora Ellis gave an excellent report of the day.

Four of us entered the PTA Quiz which was fun, but we won't dwell on our result.

We all enjoyed Mrs. Jeanne Newell's talk on Palmistry, an entirely different subject to what she usually talks about. She explained that Palmistry is steeped in history and she always had an interest and found that she could read palms quite easily, but insisted, it should be taken

light heartedly. There seems to be a time on our hands for almost every facet of life. Anyway, she offered to read palms if any members were interested. Well the queue seemed never ending and all came away with smiles, so there was nothing too intense to worry anyone. Mrs. Newell would do well at Harbury Carnival.

May hostesses: Celia Barrett, Jeanne Beaumont & Lynne Edwards.

Jeanne Beaumont

THE POLITICALLY CORRECT YOUTH CLUB

Little did we know how much media attention we would attract when we suggested to the Carnival Committee that there should be a King, as well as a Queen! Members felt that the concept of a Carnival Queen was *sexist*, so this year we have redressed the balance! As well as coverage in the local press, we hit the nationals. (Daily Telegraph). I also had a two minute interview on *Radio Five Live*, and Gillian Kerr and I did an interview for CWR. Radio Essex has also taped an interview to use on its programme about village carnivals. Dean had fled the village to avoid the publicity (he was on holiday with his parents!).



The actual Carnival Queen/King evening was a great success. Twelve girls and nine boys stood for election. The winning couple, Gillian Kerr

and Dean Merrick were voted for by the young people of Harbury. Midge Keen and Chris Carter from the Carnival Committee presented Gillian and Dean with the £20 prize money. The evening ended with a disco. Many thanks to all who entered the competition and made the event such a success.

Sadly we had to say goodbye to Matthew Barbour, who has been with us since November. Matthew had only been able to give us a commitment until April. We very much appreciated the excellent work he did during his brief time at Harbury. We are now back in the difficult position of finding a replacement. This is a paid post and if anyone knows of a suitably qualified person, we would be very pleased to hear from you. We aim to maintain the level of expertise experienced by the club during the last few months.

Maria will still be with us and her enthusiasm and hard work are always much appreciated.

Vicki Holroyd

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

This particular edition of Harbury Folk Club came under the inauspicious stewardship of Steve Dudley. Moi! And, consequently, was run with the kind of organisational expertise that make The Brit Awards seem to have been presented by professionals. Appropriately I kicked the night off with The Rambling Rover, and let the night ramble on thereafter. Masquerading as method, I avoided any semblance of planning by picking on the hapless contributors on the spur of the moment and requiring them to perform songs or tunes.

The somewhat ineffectual mortar between those bricks was the excuse of having a competition for the best introduction, judged by a quorum of local dignitaries who proceeded to cheat extravagantly and award the coveted first prize of a bottle of Italian wine to Peter McDonald.

Contributions for the entertainment were of the usual Harbury high standard, and eclectic if not Catholic in their scope and came from: Phil and Drill, Jean Shuttleworth, Jeff Dennison (good to see/hear you again Jeff), The Harvesters (with Sue now largely recovered), Rick Middleton, The Jug Band, Des, Peter McDonald, Parker and Watts, Ron Shuttleworth and Bill Bates. The songs were too numerous and/or rude

to mention and besides I forgot to write them down.

The more astute, or sober, amongst you will have noticed two new names on the roster: Parker & Watts and Bill Bates. Parker & Watts were not refugees from Z Cars, though they were certainly around at the time, and brought humour and pathos to the proceedings. At least I think it was pathos. Whilst Bill Bates arrived very late and talked his way into the 3rd half, he then proceeded to regale us with a song entitled The Mars Bar Party. I will not go into detail.

And finally the grand total of £42 was raised by raffle for the Children's Ward of Warwick Hospital.

Next month's version of Harbury Folk Club will take place at the Old New Inn on Thursday May 4th and will probably be just as much fun as this one was, even though it will be better organised?

Steve Dudley

SCOUT HUT IMPROVEMENTS

A well attended and thoroughly entertaining meeting was held on 5th April in the dilapidated Scout Hut to launch the fund raising effort to make substantial improvements. Plans and fund raising ideas adorned its scruffy walls.

Pete Woodward introduced the driving force behind the effort, *S.H.A.K. (the Scout Hut Action Kommittee)*, revealing that a bank account had been opened, which will receive donations made out to S.H.A.K. for the benefit of the Scout Hut Improvements, and that charitable status is being obtained.

Cheques, cash, ideas, offers of help etc. should be given to any of the following:

Pete Woodward - 613536

Deborah Ellis 612326

Raymond Flanagan 613612

Jim Ward 612401

Charles McKenzie 613970

Peter Walshe 612477

The Challenge was explained by Peter Walshe. A target of £20,000 has been set to be raised by Christmas 1996. This gives us **500 days** at £40 a day, £5 an hour or put another way: we need to collect 8p a minute! (This means that every coffee morning should get us nearly a day nearer the target, every £1 buys another 12.5 minutes).

The excellent news is that on Day 5 (as we write) we already have 38,400 minutes, or 640 hours, or 80 days (£3,200) which is a tremendous start. **But much more is still needed.** *The Challenge* has only just begun.

The evening also saw the launch of the **Buy a Brick** campaign. It is hoped that this will be a major contributor. The idea is that anyone can buy a brick for £5 (one hour towards the target) and their name will then go on the *I bought a Brick Board* in the new Scout Hut. For only £10 you can have an individual brick **with your name inscribed on it** placed in the Wall of Honour. Please get your brick **NOW** (or buy a £5 one right away and upgrade it to a named one later). Simply contact one of the people mentioned above.

A programme of events with various and wide appeal was outlined (including Abseiling, a Racing Night, an Auction of Promises and a Computer Games Marathon) specifically designed to entertain and involve the scouts, guides, cubs, brownies, beavers etc., as well as many others in Harbury).

Refurbishment of the Scout Hut will not only make it a nicer and safer place, but will also improve the facilities for the young people of Harbury and surrounds. Community development is in the interest of us all.

Please contribute in any way you can. We need your help to meet *The Challenge*.

Peter Walshe & Pete Woodward

CRICKET

The club has again got a full fixture list up to the end of September. Again the club will field 2 teams every Sunday plus a Mid-week team playing in the Leamington League.

For the more experienced players the 1st XI have now a strong fixture list and the standard continues to improve; the 2nd XI will again combine youth and experience for a Sunday afternoon of enjoyment - no doubt feeding the 1st team with the more successful players! As ever the Cricket Club welcome players of any age and experience - please contact John Wilkinson (612209) or Mike Daniels (612600) if you would like a game or come down to the Cricket Club (based at the Rugby Club) any Sunday afternoon.

The Cricket Club (2nd XI) require one or two ladies to help with providing teas for the 2nd team home fixture (7 Sundays during the season). Anybody interested in helping to retain this traditional part of village cricket, please contact Mike Daniels. Your help would be much appreciated.

Ian Holroyd

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

The Winter indoor practices at Kineton School have now stopped and for the rest of the Summer, Harbury teams will be practising outside on our own court - **THURSDAY evenings, behind the Village Hall, 6.45pm start.** Newcomers welcomed!

The Safari Evening has been postponed because we had it provisionally booked on Carnival Day, and we've too much on to fit it in again before September!

A joint venture with the Football Club has been organised for Saturday night 13th May at the Village Club - **A RACE NIGHT.** £3 per ticket including food. Do come along as it will be a good night. This is also the weekend of the Handicap Tournaments for ail teams and so it will be a busy time - **ALL** work and **ALL** play means that we have some very lively netballers!

The **MacMillion walk** is on **Monday 8th May**, and **Saturday 20th May** is our **Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room.** This means we will probably set a date for the A.G.M. during the first week of June, and there will be no time for a Quiz Night before Mid-June.

THANKYOU to everyone who supports our various events. We need the Netball Club to thrive, as teenagers in the village need to be involved in sport of some kind as they grow older. Ladies Netball is a great way to relieve the pressures of home, school, or work as well as keeping fit - in fact it's a leisure activity for life.

Pat Summers 612059

CALLING ALL UNDER 11 FOOTBALLERS

The successful establishment of the Harbury Under 9 football team this season has shown that there is real a demand for locally organised

football teams from boys and girls living in and around Harbury (not to mention some of their fathers). To satisfy the demand amongst slightly older children, we intend to establish a team for Under 11s. To ensure a team's viability throughout the season a squad of at least 16 will be needed. More would be preferable. Unfortunately, the number of boys at Harbury School falling within the next age band, above those boys in the current Under 9 squad, is small. This means that we may have to look further afield to make up a viable squad. Therefore, would all budding Giggs, Shearers, Le Tissiers, de Wolfs, *Flowers* and (dare I mention him) *Cantonas* **who will be under 11 on 1 August 1995 and are not already in the Under 9 squad**, or their parents, please contact either Clive Whorton (613358), Jim Ward (612401) or Paul Crowton (613128) for further details as soon as possible. If any readers know of any eligible boys or girls interested in playing in an Under 11 team, who might not see this edition of *The Harbury and Ladbroke News*, would they please either bring our plan to their notice or contact us directly.

Our initial plan is to coach the boys and girls and, whenever possible, organise friendlies with neighbouring teams. Coaching sessions and matches are likely to take place on Saturday mornings. We will advise precise times and dates later. In closing, I would emphasise that the footballing ability of the children is not important. All of them will get a game. It is much more important that they simply enjoy playing the game with their friends.

Clive Whorton

FOOTBALL FINAL - Mid Warwickshire Cleaning Supplies Trophy

BEARLEY RES 0

HARBURY ALBION 1

Inspired on by a 150+ strong support from Harbury, the team put in the effort and brought the trophy home. Although not the classic of finals, Harbury deserved to win as they were more determined and created more chances on the day.

As a team, the Harbury lads all played their part, but notable performances came from Martin Perry, who came on as reserve keeper and produced two excellent saves and from Paul Askew with his endless running up front, which was rewarded with a far post header.

Thanks go out for the support on the day; and to Kay and Rob from the Club for laying on an excellent spread afterwards. Thanks also to the Club for filling the trophy; to Malc & Karen (Crown) and Sandra & Brian (Old New Inn) for topping up the trophy and making it a great day all round.

P.S. Did Rob Davis's plants appreciate the cup being filled up so many times?

Photo shows the *last time* Harbury Albion won a cup - the 1959-60 President's Cup.



Back left to right: Fred Field, Ray Padbury, Rol Padbury, Pat Nalty, Gordon Smith, Colin Austin, Derek Padbury, Bryan Wallington
Front left to right: Len Wallington, Mick Bishop, Brian Field

Paul Gladden

DEVASTATING DADS DEEDS OF DARING

Gerry Bailey's scratch team of Harbury footballing heroes made their first showing, appropriately enough on the 1st April, against Southam St.

Mary's as part of a mini festival. The Under 9s had held the opposition to a draw and the Year 5/6 team had lost gallantly, so it was up to the Dads to retrieve honour.

The crowd were hardly impressed by the Harbury cries 30 seconds before kick-off of *who wants to play in the back four?* as the men wandered about the field in search of a position. In contrast, Southam St. Mary's looked so neat and colour co-ordinated.

Our fears appeared well founded ten minutes in as the Southam system produced a smooth shot that smashed past those who had found their way to the back four.

Tactics

But Southam were soon confused by the unorthodox tactics of the Dads. Steve Fitzgerald explained to me after the game *We just tried to kick it anywhere away from ourselves as soon as we got the ball, so as not to be caught. I passed it out of desperation, but it seemed to work.* Steve certainly appeared more skillful than his own description.

As Southam stood about looking good, John Larder made a streaking run down the right wing and produced a glorious goal. Harbury looked even more surprised than Southam. One all at Half Time.

The Final Battle

Too tired to talk, the Harbury Dads only nodded in vague belief that they could win, as Gerry Bailey urged his troops back into the fray, and fray it was.

Southam soon went a goal up as we conveniently fouled in front of our goalmouth (*But it was him who tripped me up first!* claimed Bob Jenkins.) But Bob, Sid Gray, Steve Kelly and Graham Lodge (who had found themselves in the back four) soon made amends with some excellent saving and passing. With ten minutes to go Paul Scouse Gladden equalised for Harbury.

Southam seemed to suffer in disbelief, and whilst they were self-doubting, John Larder struck twice more. A virtual hush had descended across the broad acres of Southam except for the three voices of Jim Ward, Joe Greenwell and your correspondent chanting a victory hymn. (The Southam supporters were sulking, whilst the other Harbury faithful

were too embarrassed to be associated with the cacophony.....)

After the final whistle the Dads seemed to wander about like ghosts. Their minds realised they had won, but their bodies were left exhausted somewhere in the middle of the pitch. But the Dads had delivered. And it was not too long before Gerry Bailey was trying to organise a regular weekly game

Scoreline

Harbury School Dads 4 Southam St. Mary's 2

Larder 14,45,55

Gladden 43

Peter Walshe

FEEDING TIME AT FINHAM

A feast of football from the Harbury Under 9's

Back in January, the Harbury Under 9's were definitively and decisively decimated by Finham Rangers (so much so that your usually chattering correspondent was reduced to writing a brief by-line on that particular skirmish). There was therefore an air of apprehension evident on the morning of the return fixture, and we were playing away, but Harbury was hungry for revenge. Finham suggested a 9-a-side game (which suited us as we only had 10 players in our contingent) to be played in three parts.

Part One - The Starter

Finham tucked in straight away and within a few minutes were one goal up. This was not the menu that Harbury had ordered. From the frying pan into the net? Harbury had a word with chef Alex Biddle in goal and he refused to take any more orders from Finham and closed the kitchen.

Part Two - Main Course

A starving Harbury came out in search of succour and launched some fine forays for fodder. Richard Montague's mouth watered as he came tantalising close with a chop at goal. Peter Gray kept carving and eventually Christopher Harris got a fine sliver on the hoof to serve one up for Harbury.

Our (Oliver) Cook came up front and with Thomas Walshe and Daniel Lloyd created some dishy shots, which enabled Christopher Harris to

gorge himself with a second helping to put Harbury ahead. Finham were like animals deprived at feeding time and flung themselves at the bars of Jack Fitzgerald and Christopher Jenkins, who held firm.

Part Three - The Sweet

They say revenge is sweet - and hard won. Daniel Lloyd got a hit on the head (which was a lot harder than a custard pie) and Oliver Cook also had to leave the table for a while.

Oliver Ward entered the fray and scurried back and forth like an overworked waiter, but never dropped a single plate. The sweet trolley provided a rich creamy profiterole of a hat trick for Christopher Harris (his hat trick of hat tricks for the season!). This proved temporarily to be too much for Finham. They complained to the head waiter and were almost immediately served with a tasty bombe surprise that found its way into the guts of the Harbury net before anyone could even swallow.

A series of tremendous saves from Alex Biddle followed. When asked afterwards about these moments he modestly replied: *I just can't help meself these days.....* In fact the entire team had helped themselves to a fine result and left a tip for Finham - *Never underestimate the determination and power of unselfish teamwork.*

TEAM DETAILS:

25st March at Finham

HARBURY 3

FINHAM 2

Harris 22, 30, 58

Harbury Squad:	
Peter Gray Christopher Harris Alex Biddle Oliver Cook Jack Fitzgerald	Daniel Lloyd Oliver Ward Christopher Jenkins Richard Montague Thomas Walshe
Season Statistics Played 11; Won 4; Drawn 4; Lost 3; Goals for 126, against 35.	

Peter Walshe

STORY TELLING FOR THE UNDER 5's

Each month, the children of both Harbury Playgroups go along to the Library for a regular story telling session, which is really enjoyed by all. The added bonus for the children is a chance to learn the basics of road safety on their way to the library as Mike Bloxham's photograph shows.



The Harbury Nursery Playgroup learning their Green Cross Code.

N.S.P.C.C.

We're holding a **Quiz Night on Friday May 12th at the Village Hall**, nothing too mind bending, but good fun, so if you can get 4 people together, ring Pauline Hayes on 612179 with your team's name.

It will cost £12 per team to include refreshments and there will be a bar.

Our Murder Mystery evening was a great success and we raised £520, so help us yet again by supporting this Quiz Night - you know it makes sense!

C. Ross

CANCER RELIEF MACMILLAN FUND

Bank Holiday Monday 8th May is VE Day, celebrating 50 years since the end of the war in Europe.

The week of the **6th to 14th May** is also the week chosen for the **Macmillan Mile Challenge**, one of the major fund raising events in the Macmillan annual calendar.

The British Legion, as the main sponsors of events for VE Day, is happy for our memories of times past, to be reflected in fund raising for the present, and both nationally and locally the Legion has endorsed the Macmillan Mile as being a suitable event to be associated with the VE Day celebrations.

The **Temple End walk** will start from the Temple House barn at whatever time you wish, between **10am and 6pm on the 8th May**, and we are offering a cup of tea or coffee (or squash for children) in the barn, on your return. Walking parties can be composed of individuals or groups, as you consider best, and any sponsorship that you can arrange (over and above the £1 a mile) will be much appreciated.

Our aim, this year, is to get the whole of Harbury walking a Macmillan Mile, and hopefully a really worthwhile turnout can be achieved.

M.E.R. Lambert

ROBERT APPEAL

We would just like to say a big Thank You to everyone who helped in any way with our Easter Disco. We hope everyone who supported us on the evening had a good time and we look forward to seeing you at our next disco. The knitted twins were won by Carol Phipps (Birthday January 4th).

Thanks to Harbury Village Club committee, especially Bob, Kay and bar staff for putting up with us again! A total of £335 was raised for Robert. Many, many thanks to you all.

Mary Revitt

CARNIVAL 1995

It's monthly reminder time again as it's now only one month away, so here goes and I'll try and be brief for a change.

It's on **Saturday 10th June**.

If you intend to have a float in the procession and/or want a stall or pitch on the field, then please contact Danny Killian on 612265. Can the

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appropriate individuals and groups please return their cups and shields to either Chris Carter at Nifty Needle or Gill Thorpe in Butt Lane.

The Tennis club will be running the refreshment bar in the Village Hall as usual and have asked if some of you good people could do a bit of baking and provide some cakes, buns or whatever. (I'm partial to a Bakewell tart myself, but will eat anything basically.)

The committee will be round the houses by the middle of May selling programmes and raffle tickets. As usual the programmes are very cheap and the raffle prizes are numerous and worth having, thanks to the kind donors. Please support us as much as you can and if you're out when we call then most of the local shops will be able to supply you with a programme.

Don't forget the dance on Carnival Night. It's £5/person including supper and a great band called *Optimum*.

Right, I think that's enough for this month, except to say thanks to the Youth Club for coming up trumps with a Carnival Queen and King (See Vicki Holroyd's article in this issue) and to Mike Bloxham for taking their photograph for the Carnival programme. If you have any queries, please give any committee member a call.

Paul Watkin

MEMORY LANE

My daughter Debbie is on the far right of the photograph of school children with Mr. Smith the Lollipop man. We think it was taken in 1979/80, but cannot think why they are all giving the thumbs up sign. Some of the names we remember are: Lynn Jackson, Adrian Thomas, Richard Peake, Edward Wood and Julie Langley.

After Harbury School, Debbie went on to Southam and then to Binswood Hall 6th Form College, followed by 4 years at the Walsall campus of Wolverhampton Polytechnic studying for a B.Ed. with her main subject being music. She graduated in 1991 and for the past four years has taught infant classes at Watling Street School, Brownhills with overall responsibility for music. She is currently in charge of the early-learning unit with a nursery class and a reception class of 35!!

Debbie married two years ago, lives in Nottingham where she is an

ardent supporter of Nottingham Forest, and is expecting her first baby in October.

Shirley Keir

NATURE WATCH

We have had hawks nesting under the Water Tower for the last 5 years. The bird population has not suffered, ring doves have increased and so have other bird species, which would take too long to list. We also have three farm cats. We are very lucky as the owls have now returned.

There is a certain amount of wariness in the wild life when the young hawks are shouting for food.

Something of interest for Nature Watch: Over the road from us some years ago, there was a hen house/cow shed, underneath which a vixen had her cubs. There were rabbits and hens - food in abundance - this is where nature plays a part, the dog fox would bring rabbits and other catches from further away for the vixen and cubs. I have seen the cubs playing with the hens and rabbits close by. They never took anything near the den. There is a very old country saying: *Never disturb a quiet life.*

Has anyone seen: *A Crows Court*, *The Dance of Death* or *A Chain of Life*?

Cecil Bloxham

THERE'S GOLD IN HARBURY!

In March, two members of the Harbury Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group received their Gold awards from Prince Philip at a prestigious ceremony in St. James' Palace, London.

Melanie Heath, from Deppers Bridge, and Mark Hayes have persevered for three years to complete their gold awards. This has involved undertaking an arduous expedition in the Lake District, undertaking voluntary and community work - Melanie spent five days working on a National Trust *Acorn Project* in the South West, and assisted with the village Guide Group, while Mark furthered his life saving skills in order to become an instructor. Both were also required to achieve high standards in sporting activities and follow a chosen skill, demonstrating

improvement and advancement in the skill.



The ceremony at St. James' Palace was a very proud moment for Mark and Melanie, for their parents and for all of us involved in the Group, particularly as they are the first *Golds* from the village group. The photograph shows Mark and Melanie proudly showing their certificates after they had been presented by Prince Philip, in the presence of other Award Scheme supporters such as Bill Oddie, Jeff Banks, Robin Knox-Johnston, Andy Crane and Jean Boht.

If you would like to learn more about D of E, please contact the undersigned.

Caroline Hill, 613780

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SOUTHAM DOG TRAINING CLUB

On behalf of Dogs for the Disabled, Southam Dog Training Club are holding their **Third Annual Exemption Dog Show at 12 noon on Sunday, 23rd July 1995 at Southam School.**

Classes are to include Pedigree, Novelty, Obedience and also a heat of the *EUKANUBA* Dog Foods RESCUE DOG OF THE YEAR 1995.

For further details or schedules, please send a S.A.E. to Southam DTC, Tuchwood Cottage, 39 Pendycke Street, Southam, CV33 0PE.

With many thanks for your help.

Mrs. Jill Bickley

INSTALLATION OF WATER SUPPLY PIPES, HARBURY VILLAGE

You may be aware that Severn Trent Water, as part of their programme to improve water supplies in the village, have started a programme of renewal of water mains. It is to be an 8 week scheme, commencing from 10th April 1995 and will incorporate the installation of approx. 4km of new piping, at a cost of approx. £250,000.

Work has begun in Pineham Avenue/Constance Drive area and will progress to Manor Road, Bush Heath Lane, Sutcliffe Drive, Farley Avenue, The Beeches, Manor Orchard, Chapel Street, Ivy Lane, Church Terrace and Frances Road. Adjacent roads will be dealt with as the work progresses.

It is anticipated that 3 road closures may be necessary, notably Chapel Street, Church Terrace and Ivy Lane. Everyone concerned will be notified in advance and diversions will be clearly signposted by the A.A. The work comprises replacement of the existing heavily corroded Cast Iron mains with the latest *state of the art* M.D.P.E. or H.P.P.E. polythene piping.

The work will be undertaken by AMEC Ltd. as specialist contractors for Severn Trent Water. The site supervisor for AMEC Ltd. will be John Brown and the site engineer for Severn Trent Water will be Les Green. If you have any difficulties during the work please contact either of these supervisors who will assist in any way they can. Alternatively please

contact either the Parish Council Clerk, Alison Hodge on 612029, or me on 612050.

Every effort will be made by Severn Trent Water and the Contractors to minimise inconvenience and disruption, though inevitably some will occur, but it should result in the long awaited improvement to our water supplies. This work will be followed later in the year by a substantial footpath and road resurfacing scheme within the village, to be carried out by Warwickshire County Council. The Deppers Bridge scheme is almost complete.

Keith Thompson

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

4th May 1995 in the Village Hall

I have resided in Harbury since 1959 and served on the Parish Council continually since 1962. My main interests have been in dealing with Highway and Planning matters and I have been Chairman of both Sub-Committees; the Planning Chairmanship I relinquished only recently.

I am also a member of the Lighting Sub-Committee. During my period of office I have had the privilege of being Chairman of the Council from 1972-76 and I also served on the Stratford-Upon-Avon District Council from 1976-1986.

I trust that I can still be of some service to the residents of this Parish.

John Drinkwater

I was brought up in Byfield, Northants and moved to Harbury in 1977 and married my wife Yvonne in 1980. We lived in Binswood End, the Beeches and are now at Brethrens Farm, Mill Street.

I would like to see a Village Policeman installed back in the village as I think the Police House stands empty. I would also like to see the brakes put on the various Housing Estates that are planned, because if we keep building estates, the village will no longer be a village, just a sprawl of houses.

Philip Holtom

I have served on Harbury Parish Council for the past 17 years, taking a particular interest in Planning and Education. Currently, I am Chairman of the Planning Working Party, Chairman of the Youth Club Management Committee (which I joined as a Parish Council representative) and a co-opted Governor of Southam School.

There are many problems facing rural communities, particularly the lack of affordable housing, declining public transport and the centralisation of services. I believe it is vital that we have a Parish Council that continues to work to strengthen our community and to represent its interests at District, County and National level.

Sharon Hancock

Since making Harbury my home, over 26 years ago, I have tried to contribute to a community, which has provided a uniquely supportive and agreeable environment for me and my family. That contribution has at various times included membership of the original Playing-Fields committee, Treasurer and general dogsbody for the Carnival and organiser of the annual fireworks display. For almost 20 years I have been Hon. Treasurer of the Scouts/Guides etc. Support Committee.

On retirement as County Treasurer 3 years ago, I was pleased to have the opportunity to make more time available for the benefit of the community generally rather than for particular groups. Membership of the Parish Council seemed the most appropriate vehicle through which to fulfil that objective.

During the 3 years I have so far served on the Parish Council (with a particular responsibility for the Council's finances), I have not seen it as my role to block spending at all costs, rather I have endeavoured to secure value for money and to get the right balance between expressed needs and the willingness and ability of Harbury's council tax-payers to meet the cost of those needs. Within any active community there will always be a great diversity of views about what those needs are and what is an acceptable cost. If elected, I will continue to try to ensure that the Parish Council takes into account those views, without being unduly influenced by particular pressure groups, before forming a judgement on acceptability and priority.

John Hunt

I originally lived in the village with my young family from 1970 to 1974 and was actively involved with the Harbury News, being a member of the editorial team. Three years ago we relocated to the village following a stay in America. The attraction of the caring Harbury community made this an easy decision to make.

My business background has been in sales and marketing for 25 years and I am currently consulting, from a home base, for several companies on an international basis. I am chairman of Harbury Rugby Football Club (Junior and Mini section) and have recently joined the village Youth Club committee.

In addition to our three older sons we also have an eleven year old son who is involved in numerous village activities. Through my own family experiences, I am particularly conversant with the needs of young children and teenagers and the areas of negative distraction where they fall vulnerable.

If elected, I would enjoy representing the interests of the village in general, but especially issues of planning, conservation and the requirements of our younger generation.

Alan Lord

I was elected to serve on the Parish Council in June 1983 and so have completed almost twelve years as one of your Representatives. During this period I have experienced three years as Chairman of the Finance Sub Committee followed by four years as Parish Council Chairman which I relinquished two years ago. I was instrumental in introducing Concessionary Travel Facilities for Senior Residents in April 1989 and also more recently negotiated a financial settlement from the developers of Pirie Close for sewer connections - the £10,000 windfall as some like to call it. If re-elected, I shall continue my efforts to ensure the Village and Parish obtains its fair share of services from both the District and County as well as acting in the best interests of the Village as a whole. Naturally I hope you will vote for me, but even if you do not I hope you will find the time to exercise your democratic right to vote.

W.H. Middleton

The Shelley Family moved into Harbury 30 years ago, since when my husband has died and my children flown, yet The Old Mill House is still *Home Base*.

The village has been good to us and I hope we have made our contribution. Ron and I were of the small group that founded the popular Harbury Craft Circle and I started the flourishing Village Hall Nursery in the cottage, until the healthy need for pre-school education took us to the Hall.

Since then I've been around; producing plays and organising quilt making. I think a Parish Councillor should consider herself responsible for the smooth running, the comfort and the security of her village. She has influence as a voice speaking for the people and should be ready to liaise on their behalf with both District and Parliamentary representatives.

I, like you, care deeply about Education at all levels; standards **MUST** be upheld. I care that Building Plan designs be in keeping with our village ambience and that new dwellings are made affordable to all, thus encouraging young, enthusiastic, talented people to join our community. I care about the comfort, security and fabric of our village.

I should like the opportunity to serve on the Parish Council in order to do what I can to secure, even improve, the quality of life in Harbury.

Mary Shelley

I have been a resident with broad interest in the village and its people for 12 years; being known by many, as well as a Parish Councillor for 8 years, with some reputation of being able to get results.

I have wide experience of general management and get on well with most people and age groups. This enables a quick understanding of issues and balanced assessments in the best interests of the village. Ideally, this would equip any candidate for election in the running of the affairs of the village, both within the council and with the many outside bodies where village interests must be ensured with strong representation.

The village character and culture has existed for a long time and because of this successful and enviable situation, must be retained, if not improved upon.

I am interested in all villagers, village groups and clubs; having had direct involvement with Scouts/Guides, PTA, Harbury Society, and a keen supporter of other groups, from the Allotments Association to the Village Hall/Recreation Ground.

Presently, my concerns are Environmental: the condition of some of our streets and pavements, the tidying up of parts of the village, some carefully thought out planting around the village; Security: we need policing as it used to be, speeding traffic must be controlled, as must be the younger nuisance elements; Planning matters must be supervised to ensure developments are contained so a balance of interests between both those of the developer and of the village for the whole good is assured.

I am pleased to have been associated with the recreation ground in my present council capacity. Particularly important are the facilities for sports and leisure for all ages, which will be continued on the successes of our latest developments but this time for teams/youth/older children.

We deserve and expect proper representation, consequently, this election is welcomed and I look forward to your support to share and endorse my values. I have sincere interest in Harbury, being easily the best place in which to live and to bring up a family, a place where old and young alike can be part of a safe and caring community, to be able to enjoy freedom and open space in security, and where we quickly resolve problem issues, build upon the better features or introduce new ideas, and where we will always preserve existing values.

Ken Stephenson

I have had the pleasure and privilege to be a member of Harbury Parish Council for approximately 14 years, during which I was Chairman for 3 years. During these 14 years I have become involved in most aspects of the Council's activities, and am currently Chairman of the Highways Working Party.

An added dimension of my Parish Council work has been that of Minor Authority representative on the Governing Body of Harbury School. The role of School Governor seems to have become more challenging and demanding as we have absorbed the Local Management of Schools

and we now face School management with seemingly ever decreasing resources. We have the best interests of the Staff and Pupils at heart and we try to govern objectively, sensitively and positively.

My wife Mary and I bought a house in the Village in 1968 at the time of our marriage. Our two children were born, educated and brought up here. The community spirit within Harbury is very special to us all and the Parish Council has provided me with a means of putting something back into the community which we as a family value so much. I therefore hope that you will enable me to continue to serve the Parishioners of Harbury by voting for me on Thursday May 4th.

Keith Thompson

On the 4th of May 1995 - and for the first time for many years - an election will take place to form a new Parish Council. I will be offering myself for election and would ask for your support.

Having lived on South Parade for the past 34 years, our family has enjoyed all the benefits of our enlightened community. Now, being fortunate enough to be able to step out of the rigours of commercial life and enjoy part time local employment, I now have some time to devote to other interests. Some of this time I would like to use for the good of the village.

If elected, I would endeavour to ensure that all local taxes are spent wisely and for the benefit of the **whole** community. I will also try to ensure that the Parish receives from both the County Council and Stratford District Council a level of service at least equal to the contribution made.

In addition, now that the District Council has a more open planning policy, I will vigorously promote the interests of this rural area in all relevant planning matters.

I trust I can depend on your support. Thank you.

John Woodward



District Council candidate: **David Booth**

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DAVID BOOTH is the Liberal Democrat candidate for the Harbury ward in the District Council election on Thursday, 4th May.

Harbury has three ward members, says David Booth, and Andrew Cooley was elected convincingly last year as one of them, so it was your votes that enabled the Liberal Democrats to take over leadership of the District Council. I hope to join Andrew in representing the people of the ward and increasing the quality of service and value for money that we get from Stratford District Council.

David Booth is 44, married with two sons. His elder son, Matthew is 18 just two days before the election, so he will be able to cast his very first vote for his father.

Although David Booth and his family moved to Lighthorne Heath some 10 years ago, his service in the army took him overseas for extended periods. He served as a Warrant Officer in the Royal Logistical Corps in many countries, including Germany, Hong Kong, Australia and the Falklands.

David Booth has had an interest in politics and local government for some years, and he was a founder member of the Social Democratic Party, which merged with the Liberal Party to form today's most innovative political force, the Liberal Democrats.

A man who is used to putting ideas into action, David Booth is fully committed to the Liberal Democrat principle of enabling local communities to achieve their own aims - working with people for people. He is a strong supporter of youth activities and he is keen to find ways of ensuring the future of Harbury Youth Club.

David Booth also welcomes the moves that have been made to involve Parish Councils more closely in what the District Council does, and there will be an election for a new Parish Council on May 4th as well as the District Council one.

Full details of what the Liberal Democrats have achieved in their first

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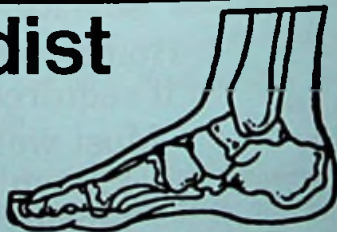
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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

It was nice to see visitors from Offchurch at our last meeting, the talk we knew could be interesting and it was. This was followed with refreshments, thank you all those who provided them.

May I ask members who have their names on the list for the coach outing to Tewksbury on Thursday 8th June, please bring £2 - their share of the fare, of course all final details will be dealt with at the May meeting. We will have to keep our fingers crossed for a fine day.

This brings me nicely to the subject of our next and last meeting *Gardeners' Questions* and answers we trust! There will also be a plant sale, see you there.

Now the evenings are longer, I expect you look forward to the break in the meetings to really get stuck into those gardens - the weather might also just perk up. We could certainly do without the night frosts, I suppose it is better to have them now rather than May or June - it has been known!

Finally our main fund raising event, the **Walkabout**, will be on **Saturday 8th July**, at least two new gardens will be opening, possibly more?? We need a nice day for that also, not too hot, just dry warm and pleasant, we can but hope!

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

Hanging baskets can be planted up during May, but need at least 2 weeks inside for the plants to establish. We get frost in this area up to the end of the month, so it is still too early to plant out any bedding plants, but they can be hardened off. It is often cheaper to buy strips of plants now, as long as you can give them warmth and good light, but not direct sun. asters, candytuft and nasturtiums, if sown now, will all flower in 8 to 10 weeks. Surplus seed will keep until next year if kept in an airtight jar in

the bottom of the fridge.

Many perennials and shrubs can be propagated from the new shoots springing from the plant base. Try some sand in the compost you use, and cover the pot with a polythene bag.

It's time to give a weekly cut to the lawn. Trim Aubrietia and other Spring flowering vigorous growing rockery plants, and winter flowering Heather.

Parsley, basil and chervil will all grow fairly easily from seed sown now. Make fortnightly sowings of Salad crops, between the long-term veg.; erect pea and bean sticks. Watch out for small caterpillar-like sawfly larvae on gooseberries. Squash them!

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

On behalf of our mother and families, we would like to express our thanks for the kind messages of sympathy and the floral tributes, following the death of our father, Harry Atkins.

We would also like to thank the staff at the surgery (past and present) particularly Drs. Hancock and Wilne, who have treated Dad over many years of illness.

Special thanks must go to Father Brown for the beautiful service, especially with his own sad loss and all those who attended Church.

Chris Atkins & Marilyn Wilby

Dear Editors,

May we thank everyone who contributed or helped in any way at our recent Coffee Morning for *Dogs for the Disabled*. As a result we were able to send them a cheque for £103. A magnificent effort. Thank you all.

Monica Davies & Joan Lodge

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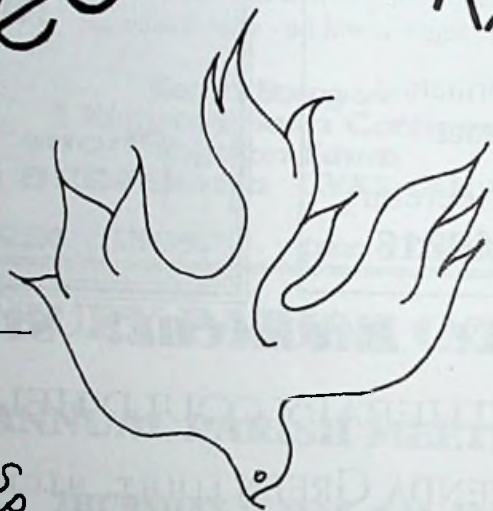
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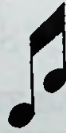
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