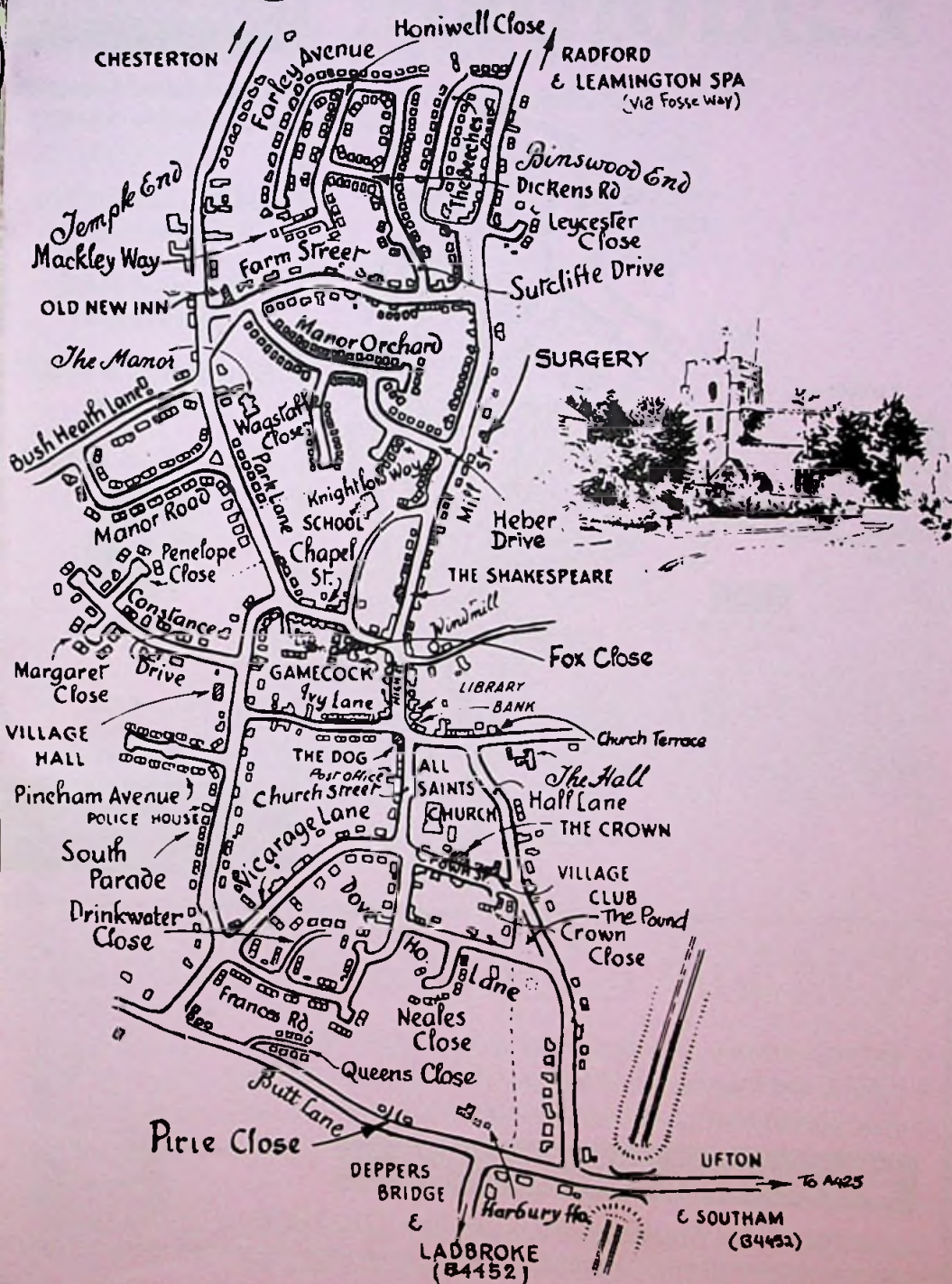
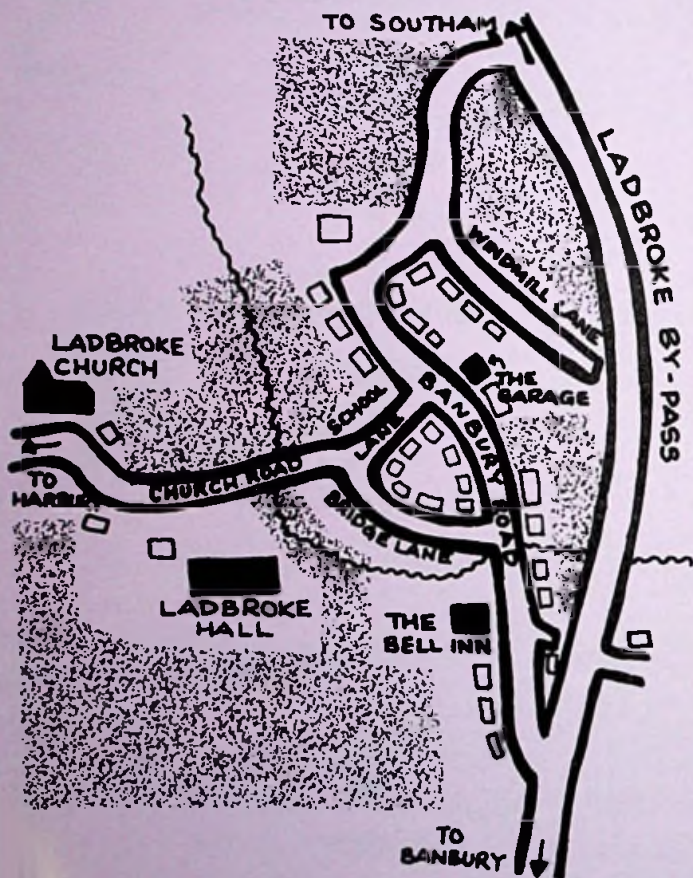


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It is doubtful whether anyone will forget the Summer of 95 for one reason or another. It may be the continued sunshine or the prolonged drought, which will be remembered, or the activities of the Gas Board following **THE** gas leak or Severn Trent refurbishing the pipe work around the village? Recently some of the footpaths have been repaired, so that uneven surfaces have disappeared in some areas, such as Park Lane, shown in the photograph.

Whatever your memories, it has certainly been a **LONG HOT SUMMER** in Harbury and the gardens and lawns have suffered with the continued dry

spell. There are no easy solutions to maintaining plants in these conditions - although washing up water and bath water were recommended in the previous hot spot of 1976. The Horticultural Society will be hoping that some flowers and vegetables survive for the Village Show on 9th September, but if garden produce is difficult to find, villagers can always make jam, bread, handicrafts, do a flower arrangement, or paint a picture to demonstrate their creative skills. There is a wide variety of classes, which can be entered and Society members are hoping to encourage an impressive entry.

The Harbury Playscheme proved to be a successful venture for all concerned and whilst some youngsters were fully entertained for 6 days, other managed to create their own amusement!



member though, Severn Trent has now ordered a Hose Pipe Ban until further notice - so abide by the rules or risk a heavy fine! However, spare a thought for the resident wild life in your garden, as birds, frogs, hedgehogs and moles would all welcome access to small containers of water.

This edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News includes a photograph of the recently elected Harbury Councillors. Ladbroke residents can rest

assured that a photograph of their council will be taken on 5th September, for publication in the next issue.

Harbury Diary

SEPTEMBER

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| Fri | 1 | CAMRA Beer Festival in Village Hall |
| Sat | 2 | CAMRA Beer Festival in Village Hall
Warwickshire Local History Society tour of Harbury Houses |
| Sun | 3 | Cricket 1st Home to Warwickshire CCSC
Pentecost 13. Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 6.30pm |
| Tues | 5 | Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Harbury News Committee meeting in Tom Hauley Room 8pm |
| Wed | 6 | Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
Wight School Playgroup term begins
Mothers' Union in Church only 2pm
Dancing begins in Village Hall
Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm |
| Thur | 7 | Holy Communion 9.45am
Storytelling in Library at 10am
Fun Français in Village Hall 4-6pm
Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn 8.30pm |
| Sat | 9 | VILLAGE SHOW IN VILLAGE HALL
Netball Club Safari Supper |
| Sun | 10 | Pentecost 14. Holy Communion 8am;
Sung Eucharist 10.30am, including Baptism; Evensong 6.30pm
Build a Bird Box at Ufton Fields 12-4pm |
| Tues | 12 | Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
Holy Communion at 7.30pm
Village Hall Committee meeting 8pm |
| Wed | 13 | Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am |
| Thur | 14 | Holy Cross Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Fun Français in Village Hall 4-6pm
W.I. in Village Hall 7.45pm |

- Sat 16** Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am
 'Robert Appeal' Coffee morning in Tom Hauley Room
 NSPCC Jumble Sale in Village Hall
 History Exhibition in Ladbroke Village Hall 10am-5pm £1
 Chesterton Windmill open 11am-4.30pm, car parking £1
 Scouts Race Night in Village Hall
 An evening of music with the Eton Place Ensemble in Church 7.30pm (£5, incl. glass of wine and light refreshments)
- Sun 17** Harvest Thanksgiving. Holy Communion 8am;
 Family Communion 10.30am
 Football starts
 History Exhibition in Ladbroke Village Hall 10am-5pm £1
 Chesterton Windmill open 11am-4.30pm, car parking £1
- Tues 19** Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
 Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Mothers' Union in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
 Senior Citizens Benefit Committee in Village Hall 8pm
 PCC meeting in Tom Hauley Room 8.10pm
- Wed 20** Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
 Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
 Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
- Thur 21** St. Matthew. Holy Communion 9.45am
 Fun Français in Village Hall 4-6pm
- Fri 22** **All Articles for OCTOBER's News to Pete's Place by 5.30pm**
 W.I. Harvest Supper in Village Hall
- Sat 23** NSPCC Beer & Skittles Evening in Village Hall
- Sun 24** Pentecost 16. Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;
 Evensong 6.30pm
 Harbury HASH at Stoneythorpe 3pm
- Tues 26** Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
 Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
 Harbury Soc. Landscape Audit Presentation in T.H.Room 7.30pm
 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Julian Group in Church 8.10pm
- Wed 27** Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
 Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
 Bible Study in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
- Thur 28** Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
 Fun Français in Village Hall 4-6pm
 Parish Council meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 29** St. Michael and all Angels. Holy Communion at Noon
- Sat 30** PCC Harvest Supper in Village Hall

OCTOBER

- Sun 1** Pentecost 17. Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 6.30pm

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For Wight School Bookings	Mrs. Hayes 613488
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REGULAR DIARY DATES

BABY CLINIC: New Surgery, 2-4pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday
BADMINTON: Village Hall Tuesdays
BEAVERS: Scout Hut, 6-7pm Tuesdays
BELLRINGING PRACTICE: Church, 7.30pm Fridays
BINGO: Village Hall, 8pm Mondays
BROWNIES: Village Hall 6-7.30pm Tuesdays
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
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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HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE: Call Tony Brunton 612191.

ODD JOBS ABOUT THE HOUSE: Call Jeff Bedford 612753.

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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

In the two previous issues of the News, we have advised you of the re-commencement of Sunday School towards the end of September. There is a lot of preparatory work going on behind the scenes and we are aiming for Sunday 1st October. We will, however, be circulating confirmation of the actual date during the first week of September.

The Harvest Festival service will be on **Sunday 17th September** and will coincide with the monthly Family Service.

The Harvest Supper takes place on **Saturday 30th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**. The speaker this year will be Peter Rollason from Farm Street and the musical entertainment supplied by the Jubilate Group. We understand the group are already rehearsing a special programme for the evening which, we are sure, will be of a high quality. Tickets will be available from either Father Roy or the Churchwardens.

A further event which is highly recommended, is a concert which will take place in Church on **Saturday 16th September at 7.30pm**. A four-part harmony group, The Eton Place Ensemble, will provide a varied programme of songs and music. Tickets priced at £5.00 each, will include wine and light refreshment during the interval and be available as before from Father Roy or the Churchwardens.

Ruth and Jeff

FROM THE RECTOR

And the third day He rose again. The Resurrection is the most staggering event in human history. A man died - He was buried - He rose again from the dead - historical fact!

Hard to believe? The disciples first refused to believe, then something happened. They may have seen an empty tomb, but more important than that, they met the risen Lord. It was not only their minds that were changed - but their lives.

A retired barrister once set out to write a book disproving the Resurrection, but God caught him at his work. After carefully sifting the evidence, he wrote a book acknowledging the Resurrection. There isn't time or space to go into the evidence, but three main points emerge:

1. The change in the disciples from eleven frightened and bewildered men, to men preaching Christ Risen in the streets;
2. The existence of the Church which has survived all the ups and downs of human endeavour and persecution - a Church not in the hands of men and women, but in the hands of Christ, alive, directing, guiding, sustaining;
3. The Resurrection is not a belief added on to the Christian faith, it is the faith, the Gospel.

What does the Resurrection mean for us? On the Cross, God fought evil and won. The love of God now is stronger than all the powers of evil, even though the opposite could appear to be true. The Resurrection gives us the assurance of God's love.

It also demonstrates the power of God - power which is available to us for our daily living, through prayer and reception of the sacrament of

Holy Communion. Finally, because Christ burst the bonds of death and conquered it, He gives us the promise of eternal life. A life of depth and quality rather than distance.

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTER

Holy Matrimony

Harbury - Saturday 19th August: Alan Drake to Linsey Spencer

Harbury - Saturday 26th August: David Rowe to Helen Keir

Holy Baptism

Harbury - Sunday 20th August: Adam James Bunn

Harbury - Sunday 27th August: Peter John Wilkins

Laugh Line

The rector was old, very devout, but sometimes faraway during the service. One Sunday, during Evensong, as we reached the creed, there was silence so the curate went across to him, touched his arm gently and whispered *I believe in God, sir.*

So do I, replied the rector happily - *so do I.*

PARISH HOLIDAY 1996

A meeting will be held on **Friday 22nd September in the Tom Hauley room at 7.30pm** to discuss the possibility of a Parish holiday in 1996.

Beryl Checkley

SOUND PROGRESS

Good news for those members of the congregation at All Saints who are now at the age when hearing sometimes tends to become less acute, came from the Parochial Church Council meeting on 25th July. Promising progress towards improving the sound system in church was reported, together with some estimated prices. Opinion generally inclined towards provision for the first time of a hearing-aid loop with a roving microphone in addition to the essential upgrading of the existing amplification system. More detailed inquiries are to be made and costings obtained for an early recommendation to the PCC from the fabric committee.

There was also encouraging news about the re-introduction of children's ministry. The Rector and his steering committee have held a meeting with the Diocesan Youth Officer, the Revd. Martin Green, and subsequently ordered sample children's teaching packs from the Scripture Union and the Church Pastoral Aid Society. Volunteer helpers now total a healthy 16, which means that each will be required only once every four weeks. The launch date is provisionally set for the first Sunday in October, and the PCC has approved a start-up budget with an upper limit of £200.

A teaching mission for PCC members, hopefully with assistance from Captain Leslie Tennant of the Church Army, was urged by the Rector as a fundamental first-step before embarking on a full-scale parish mission. This led to a discussion about the 10-week Alpha course, which explores Christianity and is endorsed by the Bishop of Coventry. Eventually a team of four, consisting of Vanda Ball, Tony Stubbs, Tony Brunton and John Eld, was appointed to explore Alpha and alternative courses. And there is now the prospect that a Corporate Prayer Group will come into being in September, regularly seeking guidance on the way ahead for the Church in Harbury.

From Southam Deanery it was reported that Synod is looking at the idea of geographical parish groupings for mutual support at a time of great change in the Anglican Church, and in particular at times of interregnum. The current proposal is to group Harbury with Ladbroke, Ufton and Bishops Itchington.

Efforts continue to find successors for Liz and Mike McBride to organise this year's parish bonfire and those in future years. Harbury Football Club is said to be prepared to provide a number of stewards.

Solicitor Peter Rollason is to be the speaker at the harvest supper on **Saturday 30th September**. Peter, with Moyra and the children, are again resident in Harbury, this time at Old Well Cottage, Farm Street. *Welcome home!*

John Algar

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MOTHERS' UNION

In August we were joined by friends and members from Kineton, Bishops Tachbrook and Southam, for our outing to Bonsall in Derbyshire. The lunch break was at Cromford Mill, where Arkwright's first water-powered cotton-spinning mill is being restored. There is a picnic place, cafe and gift shop and it is a pleasant area, worth a visit in itself.

We then drove the short distance to Bonsall to see the well-dressings. Although they had suffered from the heat, it was interesting to see how flowers and other natural objects had been used to make the displays and there were some impressive pictures. We were more than ready for a refreshing tea, provided by some members of the Bonsall M.U.

Arriving home, we congratulated our driver on a swift, comfortable and safe journey.

The next afternoon meeting will be a communion service, with hymns and an address, on **Wednesday 6th September at 2pm**. Please bring overseas boxes to this meeting.

The evening meeting on **19th September** will be a discussion on holidays, so please come prepared. Any photographs, etc. would be helpful.

C.Mary Catt

TODDLERS' SERVICE

Harvest will be our subject at the service on **12th September**. All babies and children under five (with an adult) are very welcome to this short service, which is at **2.15pm** in the children's corner at church.

Ladbroke News

AUGUST

Wed 30 Holy Communion 9.45am

SEPTEMBER

Sun 3 Pentecost 13. Family Communion 10.30am

Wed 6 Holy communion 9.45am

Thur 7 Fashion Show in Village Hall 8pm

Fri 8 Nativity of B.V.M. Holy Communion 7.30pm

Sat 9 Warwicks. and Coventry Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride

Sun 10 Pentecost 14. Sung Communion 9am

Wed 13 Holy Communion 2pm

Thurs 14 Holy Cross Holy Communion 7.30pm

Sat 16 History Display in Village Hall 10am-5pm

Sun 17 Pentecost 15. Sung Communion 9am; Evensong 3.30pm
History Display in Village Hall 10am-5pm

Wed 20 Holy Communion 9.45am

Thur 21 W.I. Cream Tea and Autumn Fair 7pm
St. Matthew. Holy Communion 7.30pm

Sun 24 Pentecost 16. Sung Communion 9am

Wed 27 Holy Communion 9.45am

Thur 28 W.I. meeting (Mrs. Sue Beatty talks about Aromatherapy)

Fri 29 St. Michael and All Angels. Holy Communion 7.30pm

OCTOBER

Sun 1 Harvest Thanksgiving. Family Communion 10.30am

THE RINGING SOUNDS OF LADBROKE

As a fairly recent recruit and now addict of Ladbroke Bell Tower, I now appreciate what skills are needed and the difficulties encountered in controlling a huge bell, such that it rings even roughly in the appropriate place. As with many crafts, the experienced ringers make it look effortlessly easy. Believe me it is not! Bear in mind that the combined weight of the Ladbroke bells is around 2 tons.

I also now have an understanding of the ringing sounds I have been passively hearing for years and wondered if others may be interested?

The first sounds, which the Village will hear as practice starts are gentle rings rapidly becoming faster and faster as the bells are *rung up* from their safe, hanging positions, getting gradually higher and higher until they *stand* upside down ready to execute a full circle at each ring.

Sometimes you will hear three bells being rung up followed by the other two a few moments later. This indicates that some of us were late for practice!

From this position the familiar 12345 123 etc. known as *rounds* start each period of ringing. Sometimes the Tower Captain (either Steve or Jennifer) call for two bells to *change places*, so that you will hear a new harmony repeated e.g. 13245 13245 etc. However, if you hear two bells changing randomly, then inside the tower a ringer, often me, is frantically trying to control the bell and get it back in the right place again. At the end of each period of ringing, at the call *stand*, the bells are balanced in their upright positions. When you hear all of the bells stop except one, which continues to ring alone, you may imagine an embarrassed ringer trying to find just the right point of balance to the murmured reassurances of the waiting ringers.

Occasionally you will hear a musical joke as the fourth bell jumps ahead of the second, causing them to ring 14235 which sound like *Pop Goes the Weasel*, if you use your imagination just a bit.

Apart from these problems at practices for learners like me, the changes that are so professionally rung have wonderful names like Bob Minimus, Single Court and Grandsire, where each bell changes to a different place to a set pattern. Changes on three bells only mean that only three capable ringers are available and they are ringing the Ladbroke Surprise, composed by Harry Reeves for such a purpose.

At the end of the practice session or just before the church service, the bells are rung down to their hanging positions, which also allows the hammers of the clock to strike against them all week. The affect of this is that they speed up as they are swinging in a gradually reduced arc. This is a physical phenomenon and not, as it feels when you are hurrying late for church, that even the bells are chiding you for your tardiness.

This brief article is written with apologies to any campanologist who shudders at my lay explanation of the most wonderful art, science and music and with thanks to my tolerant mentors and fellow bell ringers: Steve, Don, Jennifer, Emma, Rachel, Phillipa and the latest recruit Melanie.

Carol Northorpe

The Fashion Show in aid of Ladbroke Village Hall funds is on Thursday 7th (not 6th) September in the Village Hall at 8pm.

WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

Many thanks to everyone - members and friends, who came, made cakes and refreshments and gave articles for sale on the Bring and Buy stall. With so many people on holiday we did remarkably well at our tea afternoon on Wednesday 9th August. We made £95.50, which will be donated to the Church Fabric Fund.

Our speaker in September will be John Eld, telling us about Romania and his journeys there. The meeting will be at 5, Ladbroke Hall, by kind invitation of Hazel Sharples; following Communion in Church at 2pm. Everyone interested is very welcome to join us.

Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride, 9th September

At the moment our one and only volunteer to ride this year is Christian Land. I am sure he would like some company, but I'm equally sure he needs sponsors. He has a sponsor form, so he may come and see you! But I will leave another form in the church, in case he doesn't catch you at home!

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The July meeting was held on the 27th, at the Village Hall. There was no meeting in August, but we are hoping to arrange a Social Evening for interested members.

The members who visited the Thames Barrier, expressed their enjoyment of the day. The afternoon was spent on the River Thames by some and others visited the Titanic Exhibition and Queens House in Greenwich Park.

Our speaker for the evening was Mrs. Renfrew who showed us a wonderful collection of corn dollies. The history of these fascinating items was very informative. Mrs. Renfrew had even made a jewellery

box of corn stalks. Members were invited to try their skill, but all found it more difficult than it looked when demonstrated by a professional!

The next event will be a **Cream Tea and Autumn Fair on Thursday 21st September at 7pm**. There will be various stalls to interest adults and children, so do come along and join us.

Our **September meeting is on the 28th** when Mrs. Sue Beatty will talk about Aromatherapy and will give a massage demonstration. New members and visitors will be made very welcome. A reminder for members - please bring along that child photograph to the meeting.

Hazel Sharples

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Two items only were discussed at an additional meeting held by Ladbroke Parish Council on Wednesday 2nd August. The meeting was primarily called to discuss the proposal that the Parish Council should act as the Holding Trustees of the Charity known as the Village Hall.

Peter Derrick and Stan Greenway outlined the reasons for the need to regularise the charity status of the Village Hall and explained why it was desirable for the Parish Council to act as the Holding or Custodian Trustee. It was explained that the Holding Trustee's principle function was to keep the legal charity document in a safe place, namely the Bank. In the unlikely event of the winding-up of the Village Hall, the Holding Trustee would be required to ensure that the legal requirements of the Charity Commission were carried out satisfactorily, before the document was released.

This was agreed after a short discussion. I volunteered to represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Management Committee for the current period.

Councillor Marion Grainger brought details of the Concessionary Fares Scheme, 1995/96 to the attention of the Parish Council. The District Council is providing a concessionary fare token scheme, valued at £6, for use as cash on public transport e.g. buses, trains and participating licensed taxis.

Men over 65, women over 60 and some registered disabled persons, who are permanent residents in the area of Stratford District Council are

eligible, subject to proof of residence and disability.

Application forms will be available in October, from Marion for those living at Ladbroke Hall and from Elsa Greenway for the remainder of the village.

Carol Northorpe

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

History Display - 16/17th September - 10am-5pm

In 1945, John Spencer was Lord of Hodnell Manor and his cousin William of Radbourne Manor;

In 1595, Elizabeth I was on the throne, Shakespeare busy writing his sonnets and Robert Catesby so deep in debt that he was considering selling his heavily mortgaged Manor of Ladbroke to his brother-in-law;

In 1695, the Civil War had come and gone, the new manor house had come and the old one gone and William Palmer was quietly buying out the freeholders of Ladbroke to increase his empire;

In 1795, at the Court Leet and Court Baron, the common complaint was unsociable behaviour and the poor state of the roads, footpaths, stiles and ditches.

In 1895, Victorian Ladbroke was solely employed in agriculture and its associated trades;

In 1995, the Manors are in the hands of many and not the few; Elizabeth II is on the throne; the Courts have gone in name only, for in a different form the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch are still trying to contain the same social problems; village maintenance and agriculture are no longer the hub of employment, but are barely spokes in the wheel!

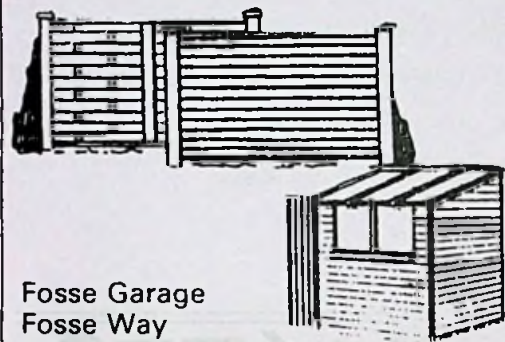
Want to know more!! Then visit the exhibition in the Village Hall over the weekend and look at the maps, census records, photographs and artefacts and visit the church, which will be open over the weekend. There is also a small display from Southam History Group. Entrance £1, children free. Proceeds to go towards the Village Hall maintenance.

Linda Doyle

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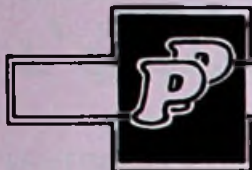
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Back: Philip Holtom; Bill Middleton; John Hunt; John Woodward; Steve Norman (Dep. Chairman) and Keith Thompson.

Front: John Drinkwater; Sharon Hancock; Ken Stephenson (Chairman); Mary Shelley and Alison Hodge (Clerk).

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - JULY

To which the Gasmen cometh - thrice on the night, when the high pressure main blew, but of course, there's no gas in the Village Hall or the Council meeting!

In Ken Stephenson's absence, Vice-Chairman Steve Norman heard: the Youth Club had found a possible leader; SDC would run a Planning workshop for Harbury; the County asked for a nominee for their Area Panel (a position so prestigious, that councillors were falling over one another to volunteer). Voting was postponed until candidate Ken's return.

Cllr. Hunt thanked Mrs. Waddell and her helpers for the success of the bus ticket issue. The updated bus timetables were in the Library and volunteers were needed to act as local Transport Co-ordinators.

The County had planned an Accident Reduction Scheme at the Fosse/Middle Road junction with curved warning arrows on the carriageway and better signing to deter overtaking on the Fosse near the junction.

Severn Trent had almost completed the water mains improvements, but would water quality improve, Cllr. Hunt asked? Pressure would remain the same, but as the pipes were new and clean, the flow should be greater, Steve explained.

Designation of new Village Greens would be considered. Drainage work at the playing fields was complete. Slabs, football posts, basketball equipment would be put in and posts and chains at the end of the car park. Playing golf was dangerous and should be prohibited by the Byelaws.

The newly installed Barbecues might not be covered for Public Liability. John Hunt demanded a written answer from the insurers about the position. If they declined cover, the PC had to remove the items or seek an alternative insurer, lest the liability fall on the council and individual members.

SDC granted an extension at 53 Mill St., but refused permission for two detached houses behind Harbury House. The PC's applications for their Design Awards were acknowledged. They explained they had decided not to enforce planning conditions on the Binswood End resident, who used reconstituted stone on his extension. John Hunt was annoyed that people could ignore planning conditions with impunity. Cllr. Cooley emphasised that the Parish Council could help by reporting infringements quickly before building was finished.

The Parish Council objected to Mr. Sammons plans for a single storey extension at 26 Ivy Lane (in the conservation area which), with permission already granted, would mean development of most of the original plot.

Keith Thompson and Phil Holtom thought Lighthorne's sodium lighting too urban. Bill Tranter suggested that the PC celebrate the Millennium by installing new decorative cast iron lamp standards with energy efficient lights. Harbury had 117 columns. The present steel ones are £600-700 each, so it would be a very *ambitious* project.

Eighteen existing lights needed attention and eleven of them would have

to be replaced. The total cost was £6,600. A blackspot in Farm Street needed a light and Pineham Avenue residents asked for another. The Clerk would get up-to-date costings. John Woodward asked for a *light spillage-free village* with downlights incorporated in the repairs and improvements.

We didn't win the Best Kept Village. John Woodward thought daffodils would have helped. Sharon said they'd have been dead by the time the judges visited! The Harbury Society invited Councillors to the Landscape Audit Presentation on **26th September in the Tom Hauley Room at 7.30pm.**

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY SOCIETY

A reminder that Chesterton Windmill is open to the public on the weekend of **16th & 17th September**. Car parking is £1. Anyone who would like to help at the event should contact Linda Ridgley, 16 Farm Street, Harbury 612792.

On Tuesday 26th September, 7.30 for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room, we will hear the Landscape Architect's ideas on how we can enhance the village with planting of native trees, shrubs and flowers.

In October (Monday 9th, 7.30pm in Tom Hauley Room), Mr. Arthur Measures will tell us about life in the Warwick Workhouse at the turn of the century. Mr. Measures opens his wonderful Mill Garden in Mill Street, Warwick, every day to the public. It is a beautiful and tranquil garden and all the donations he receives from the visitors are given to charity.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

The club ended their summer activities with a BBQ, held on the village playing fields. Hamburgers and sausages were cooked on one of the new grills, installed by the Parish Council. What a marvellous facility for the village during this long hot Summer.

Management meetings have been held during the holidays and after much hard work we are delighted to announce the name of our new senior

leader: Vince Farrugia. He will be joining Marie in September, ready for the start of a new session.

Vince has worked with youth members at Campion Youth Club and is very enthusiastic about working in Harbury. Both he and Marie are meeting together before the start of the Club's new year, to put together a programme of activities. They will be including new activities as well as the old favourites, which have been popular in the past.

The Club will be opening on **Wednesday 13th September 7.30pm**. Make sure you're there for enrolment.

Vikki Holroyd

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Whilst Summer is still on everybody's mind, the Theatre Group will begin to think about its winter production! In January we will be staging *Dick Whittington*, rewritten by our own local playwright Anne Megeney.

With many local adaptations, it is sure to be a hit.

John Holden

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

The heat, the humidity, and the fact that many of our regulars were either still in, or en route back from, Brittany gave little cause for optimism that the club would be well-attended. Happily, events proved otherwise and a memorable evening was had by all on this, the 129th Folk Club. (Don't ask me why we faithfully maintain the numbering sequence - I assume it's another *tradition*.)

What's more, people appeared to have travelled miles to attend the evening. The Harvesters kicked off proceedings and were followed by Steve and his son Aaron, proving that the Folk tradition is alive and being carried on by the next generation. John Black brought along his Electronic Fiddle and amazed us with digital dexterity as well as digital processing! Mike, newly returned from Brittany, gave us a taste of his return journey with the *Eddystone Light*. Jeff Dennison is always a welcome visitor to the club and he brought Benny Graham along. Benny is almost in danger of becoming a regular, despite the fact he lives in

Tyneside! Pete and Liz, also fresh off the ferry, gave us the *Orange Balloon* and a song about *Bundling*, which sounded like fun.

A new visitor to the club, Keith, played two popular tunes on his harmonica and the Jug Band were as tasteful as only they can be. Where would the club be without them? Answers on a postcard, please to

Another Keith, from Suffolk, made his debut at Harbury with two songs, followed by Simon and the night was brought to a wonderful climax by Rose and Ellie, two young singer/songwriters, who proved beyond doubt, that the Folk scene is in safe hands with the next generation.

The raffle collected £23.00 for Feed the Children, and the next Folk Club will be on **Thursday 7th September** at the Old New Inn, with Peter McDonald hosting the evening. The theme will be *Water*. Whatever the weather may bring, at least there won't be a drought in the talent department!

Ian Hartland

HEREBURGH MORRIS IN BRITTANY

Tuesday 25th July, Plymouth to Roscoff

At 8.30am 15 adults and 14 children set sail to start Hereburgh Morris's first tour of Brittany. The idea for this tour was conceived last September in the Dog Inn when we met Jean-Yves and Annick Mer from Brest. Lots of planning by Alan Guy, Mike Putnam and Pete Bones in the intervening months and letters and phone calls in French by Alan, would finally be put to the test. Jean-Yves and Annick not only greeted us at Roscoff, but turned up every day to watch us dance.

Wednesday, Camping Panoramic

The various families had booked themselves into camp sites, gîtes and hotels for holidays, varying from 10 days to 3 weeks. We decided we needed a final practice, so late afternoon, much to the amazement of French campers, we took over the games room and ran through our selected programme, whilst dodging ping pong balls. The Celtic gods were obviously angered by this Franglais display as the most tremendous thunderstorm cleared the air that night.

Thursday, Brest

Early afternoon we met the Mers in Brest and they took the side to their house, whilst Alan Guy, Peter McDonald and myself, attended a press

conference along with the various other acts that had been booked for the 'Jeudis du Port 95'. Every Thursday evening in the summer the streets and piers of the port of Brest are closed and given over to entertainment, food and drink. When the press corps finally got to the Mers' house we found the side replete from Breton cider and cakes, and were treated to a beautiful performance on the Celtic harp by the Mers' daughter Rowena. We arrived well in time for our 7-9pm booking at the port somewhat relaxed by the cider. Two weeks earlier, Joan Baez had attracted a crowd of 40,000, but Hereburgh did not quite have that following or was it the slightly overcast weather? Anyway, we danced in three different places and attracted large and very appreciative crowds. We finally got to eat and drink in the performer's restaurant at 10pm and decided that it would be difficult to top this event.

Friday, Douarnenez

A very hot day and we decided to burn the children on the beach. We arrived in Douarnenez at 5.30pm at a beautiful harbour and looked in vain for some shade. Our first dancing spot was for half an hour to a small but very appreciative audience, and then we were whisked away to a hotel and treated to an excellent meal and far too much free wine. At 8.15pm we were dragged off to do our 'half hour' dance spot down by a small beach. One hour later after encores from a magnificent local audience, we were finally allowed to take on fluid to prevent dehydration. There followed communal Breton dancing to a band, which went on until late into the night. It was one of the best events Hereburgh has ever been to.

Saturday, Landerneau and St. Renan

It was hard work getting up at 7am to get ready for our morning booking at the market in Landerneau. We danced to shoppers in this beautiful town and were accompanied by 'Glaston Blutt Clown Musical', a one man band, who joined in with our musicians. It turned out to be Maureen and Steve Darby's wedding anniversary and so we honoured them with a dance and flowers from a local trader. Mad Morris dancers and English people dance in the mid day sun, so we were given free drinks at a local bar. That afternoon we visited a small market at St Renan and found the only shaded spot to perform a few more dances. We had an emotional encounter with a local man whose mother had died during the war, whilst working with the Americans in England, and he asked us to dedicate a

dance in her memory. We obliged with Hereburgh's own Windmill dance.

Sunday, Plougastel Daoulas

Another 7am start. Would anybody watch us at 9.30am in the morning? We were met in the square at the centre of this small town along with a representative from the local Breton dance side. We watched old French ladies in the traditional costume leave the first church service of the day and were asked to do a half hour spot before the next service. We danced to inquisitive passing locals, as well as trying a Breton dance with our new found friend. Not to be outdone, it was Liz and Pete Bones's wedding anniversary, so in time honoured tradition, we made them dance and presented Liz with flowers and then retired to coffee at the local cafe. By 11.15am, a large crowd had assembled and we started our last dance spot of the tour. The crowd included a number of school children, who took part in a massed Breton and a massed Morris dance. A memorable way to finish and we were taken to the local Mairie for speeches, gifts and drinks with representative of the town council. Our wonderful hosts Jean-Yves and Annick finally took us to an excellent Crepe restaurant near the coast where we planned future morris tours of Brittany, and Mike Putnam went off to climb a local crag.

We cannot thank Jean-Yves and Annick enough for all the contacts and support they gave us. We met many local people and visited beautiful towns and villages. We hope to return to Brittany in the future.

Doug Freeman

HARBURY SCOUTS & GUIDES SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The AGM was held on 6th June; unfortunately, the hoped-for throng of parents of group members did not materialise to offer themselves as committee members, so the committee remains much as before, except that John Travis resigned from the chair and the committee. He has worked hard for the committee for a number of years, with great good-humour, and will be sorely missed. We thank him for all that he did. I am now the **acting** chairman, but hope fervently that there is somebody prepared to take over before too long.

The absent parents missed the very interesting and entertaining accounts by the leaders of the many and varied activities undertaken by the groups over the past year. As always, it showed the dedication of the leaders in

providing such stimulating activities for the young people of Harbury.

The support committee is holding a **Coffee Morning on Saturday 23rd September in the Tom Hauley Room**, and we would be grateful for donation of cakes and raffle prizes and of course, your presence to make this a successful event.

Jo Tancock

AINTREE LOSES GRAND NATIONAL TO HARBURY

A fierce bidding war involving the BBC, BSkyB and *S.H.A.K.*, was resolved yesterday with the decision to move this famous race from Aintree to **Harbury Village Hall on Saturday 16th September**.

Raymond Flanagan, Chief negotiator for *S.H.A.K.*, was believed to have punched the air and bellowed: *At last, Harbury gets its just desserts!* In fact, there is a whole supper included in the entrance ticket (giving a new meaning to the phrase *under starters orders.....*)

It is odds on that the Licensed Bar and Tote will open at 7pm and the first race (in full technicolour) will jump off at 7.45pm.

We don't want to nag (get it?), but tickets are limited, so book now. Entrance and Supper £7.50 or Entrance, Supper and your own named horse: £9.50. Available (thanks, Pete, Mary and Paul) from Pete's Place and Muggleston's. Television coverage is not guaranteed.

Peter Walshe, *S.H.A.K.*

THE WIGHT SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Many thanks to everyone who either made or bought cakes at the August Cake Sale.

We are all looking forward to welcoming the children back, and meeting our new little ones, on **Wednesday 6th September, usual hours - 9.15am to 12.15pm**.

We are now collecting jumble for our **Jumble Sale**, which is on **Saturday 7th October in the Village Hall**. Please bring any donations to the Wight School any Tuesday to Friday morning. Alternatively, if you need help with transport, telephone me, Nikki Jones on 613982, to arrange collection.

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The Playgroup's Annual General Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 17th October from 8pm onwards at the Wight School**. Refreshments will be served.

Nikki Jones

HARBURY VILLAGE's SILVER LINING SCHEME

Calling all space travellers

For readers who have recently returned from Planet Zogg, it may come as startling news, that recent cuts in Warwickshire's education budget are putting a huge strain on Harbury School. For those of us who haven't been star-trekking this year, it will, unfortunately, come as no shock at all.

A cloud of gloom and despondency descended over the financial future of the school - and its much-feared consequences in terms of staff losses, class sizes, etc. They say that *every cloud has a silver lining*, but it seemed impossible to find one in this scenario. So, instead of wasting time looking for one, a group of parents of children at the school came up with their own. Hence the launch of Harbury Village's:

SILVER LINING SCHEME

The scheme is designed to encourage people to use the village shops more, and as a result of the increase in business, retailers participating in the scheme will make donations to the school funds.

A Silver Lining Scheme card has been designed, on which people can keep a tally of their purchases, validated by a shop stamp. A monthly target spending figure will be set for each shop. At the end of the month all cards will be collected in a postbox at the school and a lucky card will be drawn to win a prize.

Paul and Mary Mugleston of *Mugleston's Country Fayre*, who have children at the school, have agreed to be "guinea-pigs" for a trial month in October 1995.

If the Silver Lining Scheme proves to be a success - and with your help we know that it can be - there are other retailers in the village who have expressed an interest in *joining up*. The more people we can get involved in this project, the more funds we can raise for the school and

the local businesses will benefit too.

The Silver Lining Scheme cards are being printed this month and will be ready for distribution the week commencing **Monday 25th September**. All of the school children will be given one to take home with them. Anyone wishing to join in is more than welcome to collect a card from the school office, or from *Mugleston's Country Fayre*.

Remember that the scheme's success relies on increasing the business in the village. **The Silver Lining Scheme starts on 2nd October.** Helping us to help ourselves.

Nikki Jones (on behalf of the Parents' Action Group)

PLAYSCHEME 1995



Outdoor activities - Photo Mike Bloxham

We would like to thank children and parents who attended this year's Playscheme, for making it such a resounding success.

Thanks must also go to the many people who responded to our requests for plastic bottles, wool, toilet roll holders, margarine containers, etc.

176 children registered, with an average of 129 attending each of the six

days, and more than 50 parents and young people came along and helped in many ways.

We had visits from the fire service, a professional toy maker, and a microlight enthusiast. A gentleman brought along a variety of insects, reptiles, birds and animals. Pony rides were also available.



Indoor activities - Photo Mike Bloxham

There were craft activities, sports, games and cookery. We even had a medieval battle using water catapults, which provided to be very popular on a hot and sticky morning.

The children were all extremely well behaved over the six days and were a pleasure to entertain. Many thanks once again.

Playscheme Committee

HARBURY UNDER 11 FOOTBALL TEAM UPDATE

With the new football season upon us (groan!) we thought you might like to know how much progress we have made since we formed an Under 11 football team, just before the end of last season. We have obtained a team strip through sponsorship by Rover. We have acquired a dozen balls for coaching sessions. Every fortnight throughout the Summer (every week during August) we have run coaching sessions on the

Harbury School football pitch. By 1st August we had already played a couple of friendlies and had taken part in a local six-a-side competition. The boys appear to have enjoyed themselves and I know their parents have. We will keep busy during the coming season by continuing to play friendlies against other local sides and will, whenever we get the opportunity, take part in local competitions. We will join a league next season.

At present we have 15 boys in our squad of players, which is a very encouraging start. However, to be successful we know that we need to increase the size of the squad. You may have moved into the area since we initially advertised the formation of the team last Spring, or you may have missed that advertisement. If so, and you are an aspiring Ryan Giggs or Dion Dublin, **were aged 10 on 1st August** and are interested in joining our football team, please call either me on 613358, Jim Ward on 612401 or Paul Crowton on 613128 for further details. You will be made very welcome.

Clive Whorton

HARBURY UNDER 15 FOOTBALLERS (RE)UNITED!

The persistent enthusiasm of a group of Under 15 footballers has resulted in a second game, organised by Bob Jenkins. The recent match against a Bishops Itchington team resulted in a 10-2 win for Harbury, with goals coming from Peter Evans (6), Robert Andrews (2), Keith Phipps (1) and 1 own goal.

There has been so much interest shown in the village by the Under 15 footballers, that following a third request, Bob Jenkins has bowed to pressure and agreed to act as their manager! He hopes that he will be able to arrange additional friendly matches throughout the season.

The Under 10 Harbury football team has been accepted into a league and it is hoped that something similar will be on offer to the older group in the future. Bob has also been persuaded by the exceptionally keen Under 15 footballers, to run training sessions and these will take place on the **Village Playing Fields at 7.30pm each Thursday night**. There are currently about 15 footballers interested in playing for the new team, but if anyone else is interested in joining the squad, they are invited to join

the training sessions. Obviously with the number of footballers expressing an interest, Bob would welcome support from any parents, so please call 613857 if you would be willing to help.

The victorious squad in the recent *local derby* included: Matthew Allcock, Robert Andrews, Nathaniel Cleaver, Jonathan Cleaver, Peter Evans, Adrian Ferranti, Calvin Field, Christopher Harris (sub), Dean Merrick, Keith Phipps, Ben Rowell, and Tom Waterman.

Harbury News Editors

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

It is still a little too hot for netball, but **Thursday practices** are going ahead with a very promising turn-out and some new faces. Remember that if you are interested it is 6.45ish at the back of the Village Hall. We play until 8-8.30pm and have recently been going to the Club afterwards to *cool down!*.

Remember that trials for teams are taking place during the first 2 weeks of September on Thursday evenings and Saturdays from 2pm.

We have just received the news that the 'B' team has been promoted to Division 4 and both the 'C' and 'D' teams will be in Division 7. As the 'A' team maintained its position in Division 1, we are very proud of last season's netballers for competing so successfully. The standard of netball in Warwickshire is very high and thriving throughout the country as the No. 1 participation sport for women. Roll on next season - Harbury is ready!

The tickets for the **Safari Evening** are going well and I do hope that you've ordered yours by now, as obviously we are limited by numbers for this event. It is on **Saturday 9th September**. £8.

A forth-coming event is the fun **Quiz Night**, which has been arranged for **Sunday evening, 22nd October at the Village Club. Prompt 8pm start**. Inexpensive drinking due to the venue. Teams of 4 people. Only £1 per person. half-time refreshments provided. A grand raffle, which is compulsory as it pays for the food!!

Pat Summers (612059)

5th HARBURY HASH

Just a reminder after last month's article - as if you needed one. This elaborately staged annual event, which masquerades as a chance meeting in the park, but is really a convivial get together, takes place on **Sunday 24th September**. We will start at **3pm** so arrive a little earlier to allow for parking and a short walk followed by one of Mike Putnam's inimitable pep talks. Venue: **Stoneythorpe Hall**, signposted on the day off the A425 towards Southam.

Enter on the day. Adults £2.50, children/unwaged £1.50. Proceeds to Harbury Scout Group and Harbury Youth Club. Bring something to barbeque as bread and salads are supplied. Tee Shirts in green available.

Come and explore Stoneythorpe Park and its environs. We have warned adjacent landowners that a lot of exuberant people will be charging about shouting: ONON.

John Hancock

THE MACMILLAN APPEAL

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning, at Temple House, Harbury on Friday 29th September, 10.00 to 12.00noon.

We are hosting a Coffee Morning in aid of the MacMillan Appeal. To this, we plan to add a *Bring and Buy* stall, so please come and bring a pot of something from your store-cupboard or your greenhouse. There will also be a raffle. Gifts for the stall are welcome in advance if you are unable to attend on the 29th.

Anne and Michael Lambert

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Now you must recognise the tune, but are **you** ready to come out of the closet?

Ambridge will move into the Village Hall on the **28th October**, for your entertainment and to raise money for Breakthrough for Breast Cancer. Your choice for supper will come from the Cat and Fiddle, The Bull, or Nelson's Bar and the beer will be real Shires. We are currently speaking to members of the cast, so expect some surprises.

Michael Jerome



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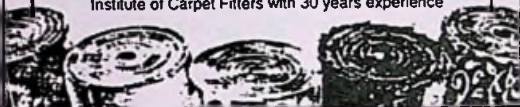
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ROBERT APPEAL

We are hosting the coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room on **Saturday 16th September** with cake stall and raffle. Do call in for coffee and maybe buy a cake, we look forward to seeing you there.

Any donations gratefully received. Please help Robert by supporting this event. Many thanks.

Mary Revitt

NSPCC HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION

Many people worked very hard and collected an excellent total of £886.70 (several hundred pounds more than last year), so well done collectors and thank you to all who gave so generously.

N.S.P.C.C. Committee

GRADUATION NEWS

August is traditionally the month when many families suffer nervous exhaustion, awaiting news of exam success. The **good news** is that 8 former students of Harbury School are celebrating their achievements at the end of the long haul up the educational ladder. Six of the eight students were at Southam School throughout their secondary school careers, whilst Kirsty Allan transferred to Binswood School for the VIth year course and Nicola Cadogan enrolled at Kings High School, Warwick.

Kirsty Allan, achieved a First Class Honours in History and Comparative Literature at the University of Kent at Canterbury. Whilst

she was at University, she played in the University Orchestra and she is now considering research in subjects allied to her degree.

Nicola Cadogan, achieved a B.Sc. Honours II(I) in Architecture at Cardiff University. She is now taking a year out from her studies and then hoping to return to University to enrol on a B. Arch course.

Sarah Gee, received a B.Sc. Honours II(I) in Geography at Swansea University. She is also intending to take a year out before eventually applying to Cardiff University to do a Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning.

Cathy Ingram, succeeded in receiving a II(II) degree as a Batchelor of Education (Hons) from La-Saint-Union College, Southampton. She is now entering the teaching profession and has a post at Marchwood School, near Hythe, Southampton (covering ages 7-9 years).

Daniel Kemsley, received a B. Tech. with 8 distinctions in Drama from the Stratford-on-Avon College. He is currently involved in a student production of *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Kathryn McDonald, was successful in achieving an L.L.B. Hons II(I) degree in Law at Nottingham Trent University. She was active in a Christian Union group, a Music Group and the Sailing Club and she now intends to return to the Law School to take the Legal Practice Course (L.P.C.).

Fiona Szolnoki, received an Honours degree II(I) in Economics and Econometrics at Nottingham University. She has now been employed by Coopers and Hybrand - an accountancy firm at their Nottingham base.

Chris Wright, received a B.Sc. II(I) in Maths at Leeds and is now looking for opportunities in the job market.

Many congratulations to all these students who have obviously worked hard to achieve their success. If any more families would like to communicate news of well-deserved achievements - the Harbury News will be pleased to hear from you.

Harbury News Editors

HARBURY: FROM ONE WHO'S HUNGRY FOR IT!

*Oh Harbury what a comfort you are.
When we have travelled from afar,
in great abundance nature reveals
The willowing trees and yellow corn,
surveyors of a coming dawn.*

*Your country lanes amass with roses,
the whispering wind as each day closes.
The freckled frog by waters edge,
the long tailed squirrel, spinney bred.
A church so proud and cool within,
Its bells when pealing draws one in,*

*The windmill standing in the sun,
its sails enhancing one by one.
Dwellings old, some thatch in sight,
the stone encasements are pure delight.
landmarks with memories when a child,
hold the secrets of those beguiled.*

*Oh Harbury, such a charming place,
to all within this lovely space,
when we depart to far flung shore.
Let us return to savour once more.*

HARBURY TELECOTTAGE AND THE INTERNET

Wherever you turn these days, someone seems to mention the *Internet*, but what is the Internet and what does it do? Well - here is your chance to find out.

The Telecottage committee are organising an evening to demonstrate and explain the Internet at Harbury School on **Tuesday 3rd October at 8pm**. The demonstration will use IBM's new WARP Operating System, and for those who are interested in this, there will be a chance to ask questions about it.

This should be a very interesting and informative evening, everyone is welcome and no prior knowledge will be assumed.

To cover costs there will be a charge of £1.00 at the door (50p unwaged) and simple refreshments will be available. If you would like to come make a note on your calendar and watch out for posters around the village nearer the time.

Jacky Fleming
Telecottage Committee

FREE-PHONE UPDATE

The free phone service launched by A&M Cars, is now in operation. All potential customers can now call for a taxi **free of charge**, by ringing the number below:

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The existing numbers for other enquiries are also in operation when ordering a taxi or bus: 0831 135 334 and 01926 612487.

M. Thompson

HARBURY PRACTICE

We are now nearly six months into fundholding. If the practice staff seem slightly harassed at times, it's not just due to the heatwave;

everyone has worked very hard to ensure the smooth running of this new system and I and my partners, Colin Snowdon and Jonathan Wilkinson, want to put our thanks on record.

I am sure we are fortunate in this area to have such thoughtful patients. I won't say we have gone against the national trend in terms of out of hours calls, but we have certainly not been subjected to the tidal wave which has hit some areas, if the popular press are to be believed. We appreciate your restraint in this department.

This article was prompted by the necessity to tell you about a new clinic starting in the Autumn. Practice Nurse Mrs. Nesta Commander, will be running a Family Planning Clinic between 4 and 6pm on Tuesdays. Please ring 613554 for an appointment.

Another clinic reminder - Practice Nurse Mrs. June Luke runs an open access Health Screening clinic between 3 and 5.15pm on Wednesdays. If you would like your blood pressure, cholesterol level and urine tested, weight monitored and so on, or just a general discussion on life style and healthier options, do come along.

All appointments should be made on 613554. Using 612232 clogs up possible emergency calls.

The surgery is open between 8.30am and 7pm, during the week, except Wednesdays when it closes at 5.30pm.

John Hancock

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Village Show is imminent on **Saturday 9th September**, and we have another cup to add to the collection. Mrs. Buck has kindly donated it for a flower arranging category for children.

There seems no end in sight to our drought, so a really special effort is needed please to find an entry, we must give our judges something to do! Also we would appreciate donations for the Produce Stall at the show.

Everybody must have heard of sun dried tomatoes, when I was picking the last of our blackcurrants, I did wonder if I would be the first with sun dried blackcurrants! One thing, the onions should ripen well this year!

Our new season starts on **Tuesday 3rd October**, when Mr. Roberts from Moreton Morrell will talk on Rockery and Patio planting, when I hope we will have a good attendance, I am sure it will be both entertaining and informative. Subs will be due, but it is such good value, especially the 10% off at Hurrans and Beaties, as well as the reductions on Dobies, Sutton, Marshalls seeds, etc.

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

As I write this the gardens are looking dried and brown, and many plants are suffering from the drought. Remember the pictures of the desert springing to life again once there is rain and we can be certain our gardens will also recover. There are jobs we can do even without rain though and one is to continue deadheading flowers to prolong the season as long as possible.

Lift gladioli when the leaves begin to wither, although for the last few years I have left them in and they have come through the winter. Plant Spring bulbs, especially daffodils this month. Once summer displays in containers fade they can be replanted with small evergreens, winter heathers and miniature bulbs.

Autumn tints on shrubs will soon be putting on a brilliant show. Make a note of the ones which do well here, but before buying, make sure they have another season of interest too. *Berberis thunbergii* and *Cotinus* are two to look out for. When we get some rain this is a good time to plant new trees and shrubs whilst the soil is still warm. Research has shown that the addition of fertilisers and organic matter is not necessary. It is important to keep an area of 2' around the plant clear of other vegetation. Mulching with black polythene or old carpet has also been shown to be beneficial.

Ripened onions can be stored in old tights with a knot between each onion. Hang them somewhere cool.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

I would like to thank the organisers of the Summer Playscheme: Sue Buck, Amanda Kelly, Sue Ward, Julie Lindforth and Tina Collins, for the weeks of hard work and preparation that went in to making this year's activities so successful and so much fun for all the children, who participated. The children and parents of Harbury are very lucky that such a scheme continues to operate each year and the organisers should know how much their efforts are appreciated.

Yours sincerely
Janice Montague

Dear Editors

Through the Harbury News we would like to thank all the ladies of the Playscheme committee, for all their efforts to make the annual Playscheme so enjoyable for our children.

Year after year we are amazed at the variety of games, pictures and models, which return home with the children, all made from cardboard and odds and ends.

We are very lucky to have such creative and enthusiastic people, who care for the children and are willing to give so much time and effort for them. Thank you.

Mary Mugleston and Anne Woodward

Dear Editors

May I say through the Harbury News, many thanks to all of our friends, who sent Vera and myself lovely cards and presents, when we recently celebrated our Golden Wedding on the 28th July.

Our many thanks, also to Father Rowe, for giving us "Gods Blessing", on our anniversary.

Yours sincerely
Nowell & Vera Card

SCHOOLFRIENDS' RE-UNION: Apology

In the August edition of Harbury and Ladbroke News, I mistakenly named Mrs. Warwick, Hilda. Of course, her name is Betty. Sincere apologies.

Gillian Falconer

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
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