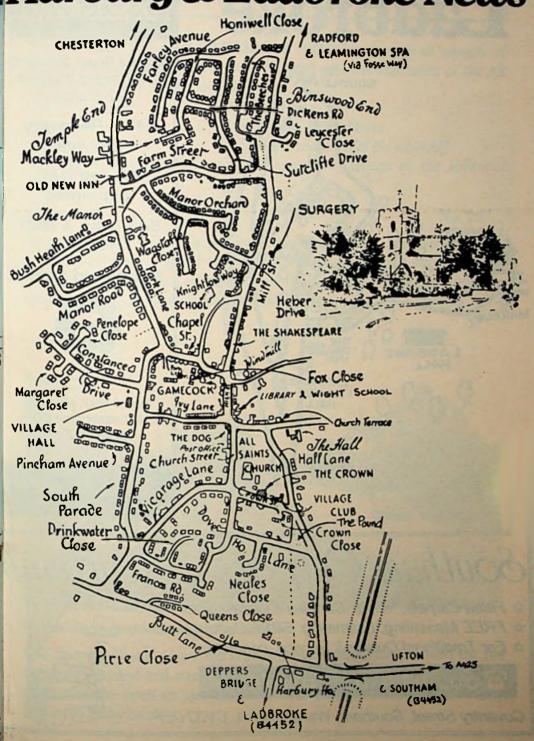
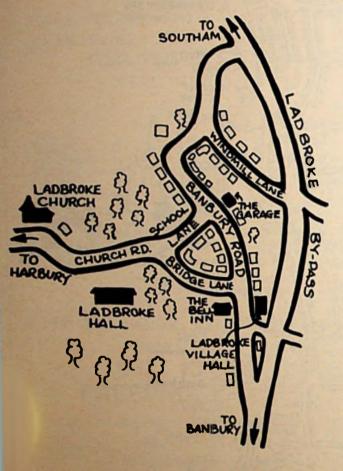
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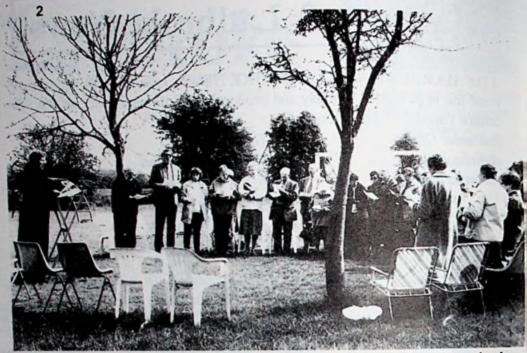
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Deppers Bridge is in the spotlight this month with repeated calls for measures to reduce speed on the B4451. This road has seen increased traffic since the opening of the M40 and the local police have monitored the situation in anticipation of a weight limit on the bridge.



Monitoring the traffic through Deppers Bridge

Our second photo shows the annual Rogationtide service held on the recreation ground and attended by local parishioners. Father Roy Brown conducted the open-air service which was accompanied by the Coventry Salvation Army band.



Harbury's next main event is the Carnival on June 8th and we look forward to a spectacular turnout of exotic costumes and imaginative floats.

We wish Harbury's new venture - Party Paraphernalia every success.

This month Canon Churchill officiated at his last Sung Eucharist. He has completed 56 years in the Ministry and has served Harbury and many other parishes with dedication over the years.

Finally we extend our sympathy to the family of Jan Stott. Jan was a popular landlady at the Gamecock Inn - and many villagers will have cause to remember the friendly welcome which she gave to all her customers.

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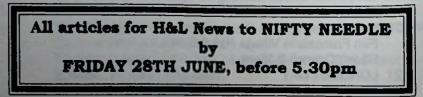
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Sun 2 TRINITY SUNDAY Sung Eucharist 9am, Evensong 6.30pm, Carnival Wheelbarrow Race "Orchid Extravaganza" 2.30 - 4.30pm Meet at Ufton Reserve 2.30pm, £1 Adult, 50p other. Cricket Seconds at home to Kenilworth

Mon		SCHOOL BEGINS
Tues	4	Yoga 1-3pm in Village Hall
		Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	5	Grapevine Coffee Moming 10 - noon in Tom Hauley Room
		Mothers Union Communion 2pm, Meeting 2.30pm in Tom Hauley
		Room
		Youth Club 8pm in Village Hall
Thurs	6	Horticultural Society Outing to three gardens meet 9am
,	_	Story telling in Library at 10am
		Holy Communion 9.45am
		Fun Francais in Village Hall 4-6pm
		Folk Club in Dog Inn 8.30pm
Fri	7	Home Newspaper and Magazine Recycling
Sat		Harbury Camival and Dance
Sun		Pentecost II Holy Communion 8am, Mattins 10.30am,
Juli	3	Confirmation 6.30pm
		Cricket Firsts Home to Weedon
		"Sheep Shearing at Draycote Water Park" 10am - 1pm Free, but
		charge for Car Parking
Tues	44	St. Bamabas Holy Communion 7.30pm
Tues		Yoga 1-3pm in Village hall
		Village Hall Committee 8pm in Village Hall
Wed	12	Grapevine Coffee Morning 10 to noon in Tom Hauley Room
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		Youth Club 8pm in Village Hall Senior Citizens Outing
Thurs	12	Holy Communion 9.45am
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		Fun Francais 4-6pm in Village Hall
Sat	15	WI 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sun		Thursday Club Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room
Juli	10	Pentecost III Holy Communion 8am, Family Communion10.30am
		Cricket Seconds home to TBA
		All day Charity BBQ at the Dog Inn in aid of S.H.A.K.
		"Flowers of Southam" five mile walk across Stoneythorpe Estate
		with County Ecologist, meet at Southarn Church 10am £1 adult,
Tues	40	50p others.
lues	10	Yoga 1-3 pm in Village Hall
		Horticultural Society Evening Outing 6pm
		Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	10	Mothers Union 8pm in Tom Hauley Room
wed	19	Grapevine Coffee Morning 10-12 in Tom Hauley Room
Thum	20	Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
muis	20	Holy Communion 9.45am
		Fun Francais in Village Hall 4-6pm
Fri	24	Parish Council 7.30pm
	21	LONGEST DAY
		Home Newspaper and Magazine Recycling

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Sat	22	Harbury Society Pub Walk 10.30am from Tom o the Wood, Rowington
Sun	23	Pentecost IV Holy Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am. Evensong 6.30pm Cricket First Home to Ashorne and Moreton Morrell "Famborough Circular Walk" 9.30am to 1.30pm meet at Burton Dassett Beacon 9.30am £1 adult (50p others)
Tues		Yoga 1-3pm in Village Hall Holy Communion 7.30pm Julian Group AGM 8.10pm at Rectory
Wed		Grapevine Coffee Morning 10-12 in Tom Hauley Room Youth Club 8pm in Village Hall
Thurs		Holy Communion 9.45am Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall Fun Francais 4-6pm in Village Hall
Sat Sun	30	 Robert Appeal Jumble Sale in Village Hall 2.30pm Pentecost V Sung Eucharist 9am, followed by breakfast in the Tom Hauley Room for Harbury and Ladbroke Cricket Firsts home to Stratford Bards
JUL	Y	
Tues	:	2 Yoga 1-3pm in Village Hall Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed		3 Grapevine Coffee Morning 10-12 in Tom Hauley Room Mothers Union Garden Meeting 3pm at Rectory Youth Club 8pm in Village Hall
Thur	5	4 Holy Communion 9.45am Story telling in Library 10am Folk Club in Dog 8.30pm
Fri		5 Home Newspaper and Magazine Recycling Wedding 3.30pm in Church
Sat		6 The PTA Summer Dance at School Rugby Club Barbecue
Sun		7 Pentecost VI Sung Eucharist 9am, Evensong 6.30pm "Ufton & Beyond" Evening Stroll stopping at White Hart meet 6.30pm Ufton Reserve £1 adults (50p others) S.H.A.K. Canal Walk
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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, Thursdays

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, 1-3pm Tuesday, Diane Surgey Tel.817904 YOUTH CLUB: Village Hall, 7.30-9.30pm Wednesdays

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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

During the school summer holiday the Church will be setting up a Holiday Club for children aged 4-11 in the Tom Hauley Room. It will operate during the morning over the period August 20-22 inclusive and be run and supervised by adult Church members. Further details will be announced next month and particularly look out for the posters around the village.

Two weeks ago Canon Roy Churchill completed 56 years in the ordained ministry and after spending a week at his previous parish of Wilmcote, Stratford-Upon-Avon, celebrated his last intended Eucharist at a main service. During the years Canon Roy has lived in Harbury he has given immeasurable help and assistance to Father Mackley, Canon Anthony Rowe and Father Roy Brown. We wish both Esme and himself many happy years together in Harbury.

A further reminder that the Service of Confirmation takes place at Church on **Sunday 9 June** at 6.30. The number of confirmees has increased from 15 to 22. Please do come along and give them your support.

On Sunday 30th June a Parish Breakfast will be held in the Tom Hauley Room immediately after the 9.00 am service. It may be worth making a note that the service this particular week is brought forward and will be at 10.30 am as usual.

Ruth and Jeff

FROM THE RECTOR

This month I would like to share with you a part of a prayer by Paul Tillich. It epitomises a good philosophy of life.

Almighty God, we raise our hearts to you in praise and thanks. For we are not ourselves and nothing is ours except what you have given us. We are finite; we did not bring anything into our world; we shall not take anything out of our world. You have given us the life which is ours so long as it is your will. We thank you that we have being, that we share in the inexhaustible riches of life, in the smallest and in the largest parts of it. We praise You when we feel strength in body and soul. We give thanks to You when joy fills our hearts. We are gratefully aware of Your presence, be it in silence or in words.

Awaken us to such awareness when our daily life hides Your presence from us, when we forget how near You are to us in every place and in every moment, nearer than any other being is to us, nearer than we are to ourselves. Let us not turn away from Your giving and creating presence to the things you have given to us. Let us not forget the Creator behind the creation. Keep us always ready for the sacrifice of giving thanks to you.

Fr. Roy

Laugh Line

A clergyman - a keen cricketer - was concerned over whether or not cricket was played in heaven. He prayed that he might have a vision in order to find out. His prayer was answered, an angel appeared to him in a dream. The angel said:

"Yes, the good news is cricket is played in heaven - the bad news is you are in the team for next week."

FROM THE REGISTER Holy Matrimony

Harbury - Saturday 4th May Joseph Bruce Haigh to Catherine Mary Jackson Ladbroke - Saturday 18th May Keith Frederick Symonds to Emma Jane Allington

Funerals

Harbury - Thursday 2nd May - May Curry Oakley Wood - Friday 3rd May - Irene Cox Oakley Wood - Thursday 30th May - Jan Stott

MOTHERS' UNION

The "Favourite Summer Recipes" of members ranged from soups to puddings, with an emphasis on delicious summer fruits and on dishes that are simple to prepare. After we had described our favourites, at our afternoon meeting, there was much swapping of recipes.

Another quite light-hearted meeting was our evening one, when the group discussed "What are we doing for the Millennium?" Ideas ranged from a village pageant and street parties, to a special New Year's Eve service in church, especially remembering that the Millennium (whenever it is) is basically a Christian anniversary. We left all the ideas to simmer for a while.

The subjects of our June speakers are "Jewish Family Life" at the afternoon meeting, and, at the evening meeting, "Flower arranging through the Church Seasons". Anyone interested in this subject will be very welcome at 8.00pm on June 18th in the Tom Hauley Room.

C.Mary Catt

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School is flourishing, with three age groups meeting each week. There will be no Sunday School during the month of August - parents and children are warmly invited to Church services during August, especially the Family Service at 10.30 on August 18th.

Sunday School starts again with a 'Welcome Back' event on September 1st, and then the normal timetable begins on September 8th.

New children are always welcome. We enjoy a lively and varied programme. Speak to any Sunday School teacher, or 'phone Sally and John Stringer on 613214.

John Stringer

TODDLERS' SERVICE



Mums and children attending the May service

Mrs Graydon talked to us about "Helping" and the children talked about all the ways they help their Mums and Dads.

We sang "Jesus' hands were kind hands" and then each stuck pictures of toys into a picture of a toy box to show one way we can be helpful.

C.Mary Catt

CHURCH MEN's SOCIETY

TV Rat's Personal Appearance

A personal appearance by a television personality was a highlight of the May meeting of Harbury and Ladbroke Churchmen's Society. One of our members, John Stringer, educational adviser to 'Fourways Farm', a Channel 4 Schools' programme, spoke about his primary contribution to the series - writing the science concept into the script of each episode. His instructive and entertaining talk was illustrated by video clips with Martin Jarvis voice-overs, and by the appearance of Uno himself, the bespectacled leader of the farmyard rat-pack, the trio with a cunning plan for exploiting every emergency. John a former headmaster and currently chairman of Harbury School governors, is also adviser to Central Television's science teaching programmes and a writer of science textbooks.

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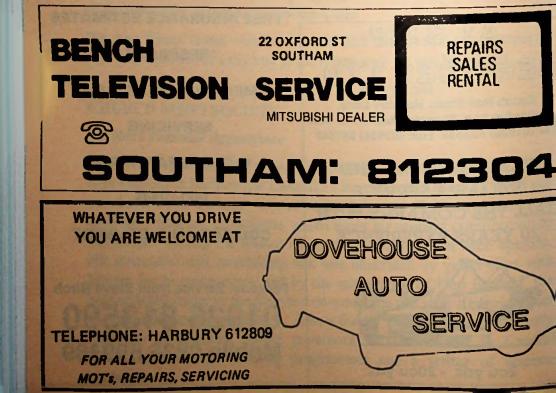
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Lack of a correspondent in recent months has kept news of the Society's activities out of this magazine. To bridge the gap, very briefly, the January speaker was Nick Tawney, of the Old Bakery, Chapel Street, describing how he and his wife Susie left teaching to launch their own business, Greenscheme, providing and maintaining plants in offices, shops and hotels. In February David and Pam Clarke, spoke about their 1995 visit to Bihar, Northern India, where they had earlier assisted in the building of a school and house at Jasidi by an indigenous Christian group with the support of the Learnington-based organisation, Christian Outreach.

In March, Mike Grimes, for many years a leading light in so many Coventry, Learnington and Stratford operatic societies' productions, took members on a nostalgic trip down a memory lane of evergreen songs. In April Tony Dodds described life as a self-employed product and exhibition designer with its manifest difficulties and frustrations, but final sense of fulfilment.

John Algar

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JUNE

- Wed 5 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Sun 9 Pentecost 2 Sung Communion 9.00am
- Wed 12 Holy Communion 2.00pm
- Sun 16 Pentecost 3 Sung Communion 9.00am. Evensong 6.00pm
- Wed 19 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Sun 23 Pentecost 4 Sung Communion 9.00am
- Wed 26 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Sat 29 St.Peter Holy Communion 9.45am
- Sun 30 Pentecost 5 Holy Communion 8.00am, Evensong 6.00pm

JULY

- Wed 3 St. Thomas Holy Communion 9.45am; PCC 7.30pm at the 'Gould'
- Sat 6 Wedding 2.00pm
- Sun 7 Pentecost 6 Family Communion 10.30am

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WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

We went to Hidcote Gardens for our annual outing in May. We had a lovely relaxing time wandering around the gardens. The weather was sunny though rather cold and blowy. In the afternoon we went down to Mickleton to have tea with Jean and Tony Rowe, and admire their garden. The tea actually turned into a party for Betty Malcolms 80th birthday.

Gwladys Gould will host June's meeting - after Communion in church. Many of us will be on our holidays by then, I hope everyone has a good time - returning home fit and well.

Betty Winkfield

CHURCH NEWS

The weather for our Open Air Service was, as usual fine. There was a good congregation who sang very well with music provided by the young men of Coventry's Salvation Army Band.

Another annual event. An evening of music by the Diatonic Choir on 18th May, about 30 people came to the concert and had a very enjoyable evening.

Our new architect came to do our Church Quinquennial inspection on 20th May. We await his report!

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

At the May meeting, held on the 23rd, the W.I. Resolutions were presented very ably by Gwladys, Diane and Irene. After discussions and voting in favour of them we refreshed ourselves with cheese and biscuits and wine.

The Group meeting, held at Long Itchington, was very interesting hearing the annual reports of W.I.'s in our group. The Hereburgh Morris dancers were there to entertain us - such energy! We were responsible for the raffle. Every year we provide a Bursary to assist a member to attend a Course at Denman College. This year Ann Edwards is the winner of the draw. We have also sent a donation to help with the building of more cottages in the grounds of the College.

Some members and husbands spent a day at Edgbaston watching the play between Warwickshire and Hampshire. Unfortunately the day was cold but we were able to view the match from inside the Members area. Another visit will be arranged in September if enough people would like to attend.

The June meeting is to be on 27th when Mr Court will be talking to us about Hypnotherapy.

Hazel Sharples

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL AND ANNUAL VILLAGE REPORT

The Parish Council meeting preceded the Annual Village meeting on Wednesday 15th May in the Village Hall. The Parish Councillors, who are all serving a four year term of office, voted that Peter Williamson remain as Chairman and voted Peter West to be Vice Chairman. Many of the items discussed were repeated in the open meeting and will be reported there. District Councillor Geraint Morgan informed the Council that with the forthcoming closure of Rugby Portland Cement works in eighteen months time, meetings were going ahead between the District Council, County Council, the Director of Planning and representatives from Rugby Portland about the possibility of developing the site after the closure.

Twenty villagers then joined Parish Councillors to hear the annual report by Parish Council Chairman, Peter Williamson. He began by thanking the District and County Councillors, particularly outgoing District Councillor, Bob Stevens, for all their help and support to Ladbroke during his years of office. New District Councillor Rhona Hazel was not able to be present at the meeting but welcomed in her absence. Peter commented favourably on the new system of planning considerations. Those applications from Ladbroke requiring a committee decision now come before the monthly Dassett area planning meeting where discussions lead to a decision taken on the night. The list of conditions under which the development of fifteen houses in Hedges Field has been approved is to be displayed on the village notice board

The proposed land fill tip at Fenny Compton had been the subject of an unprecedented number of letters of objection to the County Council. A meeting is to be held in the next four to five weeks.

A 7.5 ton weight limit is to be imposed on the bridge at Deppers Bridge.

The appraisal book which was distributed to all householders last year is still being provided to new-comers to the village. The profits from this venture may be used to fund a local map of footpaths in Ladbroke and the surrounding areas. Geoff Timms and his team were thanked for their work clearing the paths during the year.

Peter concluded by thanking the Police, Parish Clerk Elsa Greenway and the Councillors for their work during the year. He encouraged more people to attend the meetings to witness the discussions and decisions made on behalf of the villagers.

The Council accounts were presented and agreed. There followed reports by representatives of nine organisations active in the village. Terence Sullivan explained the background to the Allibone Trust. 16.4 acres of land at the top of Radbourne Lane were left in trust for the church and the village in 1859. The objectives of the committee are to administer the land and to achieve an income, the surplus of which is divided equally between church and parish. Last year £500 was provided to each. The retirement of John Moore has left a vacancy which the committee is actively seeking to fill. A further 23 month contract to lease the land for sheep raising commenced in January this year and the hedge laying programme is to be completed by March 1997.

Considering the size of the village an amazing number of activities had taken place throughout the year. The W.I. ladies learned about millinery and camouflage make-up between playing short bowls and watching cricket at Edgbaston, while the Womens' Fellowship group interspersed their fortnightly Wednesday afternoon meetings and communion services with Lent lunches and a tea party.

Stan Greenway, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee, thanked the Allibone Trust, the Parish Council and the individual donors, notably

Linda Doyle, for the donation of the profits from the highly successful History exhibition in September. The money had been used for the new footpath and door, the platform steps and the fire exit. Plans for this year include fire-proof stage curtains, external emergency lighting and an extension for storage and office accommodation for parish records. The constitution of the Village Hall Committee had changed during the year so that it is no longer under the auspices of the Parish Council. Keep the date **23rd June** free in your diaries for the main fund-raising event of the year - *Midsummer Madness*.

The toddlers group is still going strong - well, perhaps it's the mums who are going strong. The childrens' church which meets at 11.00 am on the 3rd Sunday of the month welcomes children from the age of four years, who usually have something to take home for Mum and Dad. From the church tower Steve Doyle's band of bellringers awaken the village on Sunday mornings and probably keep them awake on Thursday practice night - new ringers always welcome - while down below, Father Roy gave communion to an average of 34 communicants each week - a rising number again this year. Under any other business, it was suggested that the notice board is moved, maybe adjacent to the post box. It will be discussed at Parish Council, but opinions to help our decision making are welcomed. The disrepair of the road signs was also noted and will be brought to the notice of the County Council again in the hope that we can move up their 'list' more quickly.

The highlight of the meeting was a presentation by Severn Trent Water Authority, well illustrated with graphs etc. The sudden, unprecedented doubling in demand for water on 28th June last year was demonstrated, which led to the reduction or cessation of supply. Mr Geoff Robinson showed how demand had altered over the years which he felt could be attributed largely to the 'garden culture'. He spoke of Severn Trent's joint objectives of increasing supply and lowering demand. For the former he explained the programme to improve the supply by increasing the water in the reservoirs and bringing in more mains inlets - hence the five sets of traffic lights on the Southam to Leamington road. The latter he felt could be effected by reducing leakage, improving water conservation awareness and fitting meters free, particularly to those using garden sprinklers. He also informed the meeting of the £99 plus V.A.T. flat rate for the private leak repair service. Mr Bishop, the Local Distribution Manager, showed the course of water from Newbold Comyn to Ladbroke and beyond and talked about the local issues. A representative of Offwat was present. It was explained that Offwat will not get involved in a complaint which is still being handled by the Water Authority and will only act if the complaint fails. It was 10.00 o'clock before this lively and informative meeting came to a close.

Carol Northorpe

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parking outside the School, a number of thefts of garden furniture, bicycles and a generator, as well as three burglaries where only jewellery was taken; damage to a street sign and disruption caused by kids on Saturday night concerned the Council. Chairman Ken Stephenson volunteered to *have a word* with those responsible for tempting in town children, who scandalised residents with bad language, minor vandalism and uncontrolled behaviour.

John Drinkwater had been appalled that less than 50% of Police time was spent out of the Station. He wants a return to the beat bobby, complaining that they have a large female staff to assist them!

Councillors who want to see more use made of Railways for travel and commuting, supported the County's objection to the Service Draft for Thames Train, which rules out the extension of the London service beyond Banbury to Learnington and Stratford. The County Planning Chief John Deegan will be invited to discuss Traffic matters with the Parish Council in the Summer.

There has been no let up in the speeding through Deppers Bridge and Steve Norman wanted traffic calming as soon as possible. Meanwhile, the proposed weight limit on the Bridge at Deppers will bring some benefits.

Both of the proposed Tip applications, at Fenny and Ufton to extract clay and then landfill; coupled with the weight limit on Deppers' Bridge could result in many more HGVs passing through Harbury. Diversions from the M40 must direct lorries along the B4100 to the Fosse and Radford Road and south bound vehicles should access the motorway via the A423 and the Banbury interchange.

Stratford passed plans to re-roof part of Summerfield Lodge; extend 10 the Beeches; build garages at Sharmer Fields House; fell one Lime in the Churchyard and sent details of conditions on the 36 Bryant Homes at Sonas Mor, which did not include lighting or low cost homes.

The Parish had no objection to the conservatory for Studio Cottage; an extension at 10 Heber Drive or the pollarding of the Pool Yard willow. The contentious application for 26 Ivy Lane was withdrawn.

The *pair* to the Basketball net will be installed, but Southam youths were taking over the facility and the question was: Where would our children play?. Could they or the Basketball go on the Netball Court?

Just when the Parish Council thought Chapel Street's drainage problems were over, Brian Ingram suggested the connections were made to the foul sewer.

The Parish Council is slowly moving towards the view expressed at their Public Consultation meeting that they will have to employ someone to tidy up the litter and sweep the streets. No-one has taken up their offer of employment clearing the Playing Fields and Mary Shelley wondered whether a more prestigious job title, more remuneration and an expansion of the task might not generate more interest; no-one wanted to be *a dogsbody*. It's not the dogs' bodies that are the problem, said Sharon Hancock.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL - MAY 1996 MEETING

"I feel like a pawn!" Mary Shelley complained as Councillors debated which sub-committees to assign her to as they juggled to make the faces fit the places. Then John Drinkwater pointed out that last year's innovation, the General Purposes Committee, was not working properly; John Hunt suggested amalgamating it with Finance and the problem was solved! Mary, by the way, ended up on Environment and Properties. Stratford District has declined to insure the Playing Field Barbecues which the Parish Council feels is unfair since they provide them in Stratford themselves. People are playing golf on the Recreation Grounds despite there being a notice prohibiting it. Mobile Gardening is to take on the "Caretaker" at the Playing Fields and for only £55 plus VAT per annum. Stratford District Council will litter pick Darkie Lane once a week.

John Woodward complained that people think he has a vendetta against trees because the Burial Grounds holly is to be felled. He insisted it was diseased and must go. John wants volunteers to help with a traffic survey for the village to justify weight restrictions and did not understand the reference to Linda Snell's difficulties!!!

The Chief Officer and Chair of County Planning have agreed to meet the Council in July to discuss traffic problems, unfortunately few Councillors can now attend. They are also seeking a meeting with Bryant Homes to discuss the details of development at Sonas Mor. "Who will maintain the public open space?" asked Sharon Hancock and "Will the cycleway be lit?" No-one liked the designs of their houses - branded "Solihull vernacular."

The Parish had no comments on plans for Conservatories at 19-21 Binswood End and 71 Mill Street or changes to an agricultural building at Square Close (behind the Rugby Club) or extensions at 10 Heber Drive and 32 Vicarage Lane. They were sympathetic to the Winchester's plans for disabled accommodation at 21 South Parade. They commented adversely on conversion of the barn at 16 Vicarage Lane.

PC Boulstridge will add the weight of the law to efforts to resolve parking problems at the Burial Grounds and in Wagstaffe Close where anarchy is in the offing. The Council is still straining to find a solution to dog fouling.

The June Parish Council Meeting has been changed from 28th to 20th June.

Linda Ridgley



Room available for private parties



HARBURY'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Being Chairman means you get to read out your Report to the assembled multitude at the Annual Parish Meeting. Other Councillors don't!

Ken Stephenson had made administrative changes for efficiency's sake and he thanked his colleagues and the parish servants for their help.

Chairs of the reorganised sub-committees reported low-cost housing could not proceed until Severn Trent upgraded the sewage works and registration of the Paddock as a Green awaited a ruling on a test case.

Small scale planning applications had been resisted by the Council and enforcement action was taken against tipping at Deppers Bridge.

Improvements to the Playing Fields had provided paths, drainage, barbecues, basket ball and football goals and the planting of ornamental trees and shrubs.

Deppers Bridge would have a 7.5 tonne weight restriction and was urging the County Council to provide traffic calming measures.

Parish Council pressure had persuaded WCC to improve the signing and marking at the Fosseway/Middle Road junction; roads and paths within the village had been resurfaced and five damaged street lights had been replaced.

Three thousand pounds to the Village Hall and £360 to SHAK for improvements had been provided from the last of the windfall receipts for the Pound sewer easement.

Keith Thompson reported the School had had a difficult year with continued cuts in expenditure and the resignation of the Headmaster combined with the impending Ofsted inspection.

PC Boulstridge who covers the Harbury "C" beat reported 518 crimes in the past year with a 25% clear up rate. Farmwatch had now been added to Neighbourhood Watch for extra peace of mind. He was willing to use the District's speed gun to calm traffic and offered a "Cyclists' MOT day" to check the roadworthiness of bikes and to persuade children to navigate the right way round the One Way System.

Brian Ingram reported the continuing maintenance and upgrading of the Village Hall which included extra emergency lighting and a telephone.

A Public Address System was planned and the committee was to arrange a feasibility study into extending the Hall to provide a stage. Replying to Councillors' queries about the boundaries, he explained that the chainlink fencing would remain at the rear of the Hall until the hedge had matured and the railings at the front would be painted black as agreed in the Landscape Audit.

Ken Stephenson reported that the Parish was talking to Sustrans about providing cycleways. Stratford District would litter pick Darkie Lane weekly for one pound a time and the County had provided hundreds of trees which were heeled in on the Allotments.

Linda Ridgley reported on the Harbury Society's progress finding sites for the Sentinel Oaks; improving Manor Road Green and enhancing the flora along Bush Heath Lane.

Guest speaker David Barber, Stratford's Local Agenda 21 Co-ordinator explained how the District Council was working with Parish Councils to publicise the initiative, to build a sustainable future. He complained that it was difficult for him to tell Harbury anything new, as they had done most things including running a Village Appraisal and the Landscape Audit.

So far, Stratford had published its Strategy "Our Lives, our Future". It had trained up a dozen community facilitators to help villagers decide on actions, prioritise them and make a start. It had formed a Forum of twenty organisations working to put the Strategy into practice and this was now working on two dozen key ideas such as Transport, Waste, Homes and Youth. The Eco Echo newsletter publicised the ideas and the achievements of local groups and a resource pack was planned for the summer to give more advice and support.

Local Agenda 21 was very ambitious and people needed to work together making small individual adjustments to their lifestyles to make big changes globally. Businesses, schools, hospitals, police and youth groups all had a part to play.

By the end of 1996 every local authority was supposed to have produced its LA21 Strategy and Stratford planned a high profile launch to publicise its efforts so far.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Concessionary Travel Vouchers for OAPs, Registered Disabled and Handicapped Persons

Once again Harbury Parish Council are issuing travel vouchers for the pensioners and for the registered disabled and handicapped of the parish. For 1996/7 these will be blue in colour and for the same value of 50p towards fares on Stage Coach Midland Red services 63, 64, 65, 66 and 67 and the Village Taxi Bus Service. Each applicant will be entitled to $\pounds 12.00$ worth of vouchers and this year there will be no time limit on the use of the vouchers, please use them until your stock is exhausted. The Council ask that if you have some yellow vouchers from last year's issue please use these up first. Please, please only register if you have a real intention to use them, any non usage is a waste of parish funds.

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> Mrs A D Hodge Clerk to the Council

HARBURY SOCIETY

Biodiversity proved to be a much more interesting subject than its title suggested and Graham Harrison had some superb slides.

He explained how the pendulum had swung from protecting individual plants and animals, through a period when their habitats were turned into nature reserves to today's belief that it is the whole ecosystem that needs our attention. He had some telling statistics. We have lost 60% of our Song Thrushes and Skylarks in the last 20 years. Forty-two percent of our hedgerows 90% of the Tree Sparrows and 97% of the unimproved grasslands are gone.

We have the best remaining areas of limestone pavement in Europe but 97% have been damaged by quarrying for rockeries! Surprisingly we have 20% of the world's Bluebells and 66% of the nesting gannets. Graham believes that we have a duty to maintain these colonies for the rest of the world.

There are things we can do and the Government itself is pledged to take action. Biodiversity is fragile, but if we take care, it will survive and we will benefit.

Next event is a **Pub Walk** at **Rowington** on **Saturday 22nd June** starting from the Car Park of the Tom o the Wood Pub at 10.30am (rain or shine)! A gentle ramble led by John Lapraik and Ed Wilson followed by a basket meal at the pub for those who want one.

On Thursday 11th July (7pm) Susan Rhodes will guide us round the Lord Leycester Hospital and Garden. It will cost £1 and numbers are limited so please contact Linda Ridgley (612792) if you want to be part of the party!

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

As part of a re-launch of the W.I. Cookbook series, W.I.'s are invited to submit recipes, hints and tips.

There will be a Promotional and Demonstration stand at the Cake Decorations, Sugarcraft and Baking Show at the N.E.C. from the 4th - 6th October.

The Bowls evening on Thursday 20th June will be leaving the Village Hall at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start.

There will be a Coffee Evening with bring and buy at the home of Nora Ellis on Thursday 27th June.

Golf Croquet will take place at Meer Hill Farm, Loxley on 11th and 25th June, which is always enjoyable.

In July there will be a Witches Walk round Meon Hill; well behaved dogs are invited to keep the witches at bay!

A Leisure Day at Walton Hall on 8th July with many activities sounds tempting.

Our recent Coffee Morning was a great success. Many thanks to the helpers and those members who baked cakes and donated to the raffle etc. Thanks especially to all visitors who supported us.

The Carnival will soon be here and we are running a cake stall again. Would all members please bring their priced cakes along at 12 noon.

Anne Allan was our V.C.O. for the evening with whom we discussed and voted on resolutions.

We enjoyed cheese and wine refreshments.

June Hostesses: Dorothy Travis, Terry Wade and May Watson.

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

We were delighted to be able to assist S.H.A.K. in their fundraising by performing "Come now to be Joined" at the school recently. This was the comedy we entered last summer in the ACT Festival in Shipston upon Stour. Although it will be six months before our next play, we shall again be organising the Carnival Dance. This is always a super evening and is a wonderful way to finish off Carnival day. So do please support the event. Tickets are available from Nifty Needle or Carol Percival.

At our recent AGM, Brian Thurogood stepped down from being Chairman after a very pro-active term of office. Gordon Robbins volunteered or was he persuaded? to take over the Chairmanship.

John Holden

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

By way of a change, I decided that for the May meeting of the Harbury Folk Club, the recently established routine of having a specific theme would be broken. Instead, we would revert to the earlier format of having a special guest artist who would be invited to be the only performer in one of the evening's three halves. Being in the "driving seat", I was able to invite one of my favourite performers, Tony Bayliss, to be the guest for the evening. He entertained us for the duration of the second half with a varied and pleasing programme of songs ranging from fairly traditional folk music to material written by the Kinks! All this was done in his pleasant and inimitable style.

Even though there was no theme, after Liz and I started with a song with the totally unoriginal words of "Twas in the merry month of May", many other artists continued with the theme of "May", either in the context of the month, or as part of a request.

Many thanks to those who took part and once again contributed to a very successful evening of good music and entertainment. These included some first time visitors to the club namely Bryan Sutton from Canada - once again evidence of the international fame of Harbury Folk Club, and Bill Bates from Warwick Folk Club. Our faithful group of regulars were all on form again, and these included, Ian and Sue, Peter McDonald, Rick Middleton, Steve Dudley and Aaron, Ron and Jean Shuttleworth, and yet another new group, this one comprising John Black and John Kemsley who went under the stage name "Phill the Jug". The evening concluded with Tony Bayliss returning to the stage to lead the assembled masses in the singing of "Bobbing up and Down Like This" - complete with actions!

The raffle raised £35 for SHAK - many thanks to those who bought tickets.

The next meeting is to be held on June 6th at 8.30 pm, in the back room of The Dog Inn, when it is to be hosted by Steve Dudley and the theme will be "Protesting" - make what you like of that!

Peter Bones

THE F.A.H.E.T.G.D.S.M.M.

If you're not sure what the above stands for you missed a really entertaining evening. Over the last nineteen years I've attended the majority of the Harbury Theatre Group's productions and I feel that this last one was one of their highlights. I was really impressed by the set, back-stage crew, props, sound and light effects - all of which assisted the excellent timing of the cast. Making things deliberately go

wrong/breaking props, deliberately fluffing lines, deliberately laughing on stage etc. - none of these are easy to do without the audience feeling embarrassed - but they managed to make us relax, laugh and enjoy the humour of the play. The whole cast were excellent, but I should like to make a special mention of a star in the making - Rachel O'Connor. Congratulations to Chris Barber and all who were involved with the production.

Rosemary Harley

1ST HARBURY BEAVERS



Left: Gill Guildford. Right: Ruth Coleman with the Harbury Beavers.

Following my recent appeal in the Harbury and Ladbroke News, I am pleased that two people have volunteered their services as certificated helpers. However, if anyone is interested in becoming a Uniformed Leader, please do let me know.

We will continue to meet in the Scout Hut on Tuesday evenings 6.15 - 7.15pm.

Gill Guildford attended her last meeting on Tuesday 21st May, and was presented with a Dried Flower arrangement. We would all like to thank her for her enthusiastic leadership over the last four years.

Ruth Coleman (612146)

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The Family Barn Dance was fun. It raised £105 and everyone left exhausted and smiling. We all tripped the light fantastic- well we did have a few bruises on the old toes the next day!

On May 11th we held our sponsored walk for playground equipment for the Lower School. Over ninety children walked the one mile circuitover and over again! The money is in the process of being collected. If you have sponsored someone-pay up now - please!



Mrs Buck marshals a group of walkers into Park Lane.

The "100" Club is a steady earner. We have'nt had a draw yet, but when we do, some lucky individual will be £100 the richer. Watch this space - it could be you!

You may be forgiven for thinking that, with all this under our belt, we would rest on our laurels. NO SUCH THING!!

We have the most splendid event planned and under way.

What is it?

Why - it's the THE place to be, THE event of the year - THE SUMMER DANCE on the 6th July, held in the School Hall (decorated and completely unrecognisable).

Music, Magic, Excellent Food and Fine Wines all on your doorstep. Unfortunately numbers are limited so hurry to be sure of your tickets (calling Amanda McKenzie on 613922 or Sue Buck on 614224 will secure your chance to be there). All profits go to the school.

As you can see the PTA Committee are a hardworking bunch of individuals committed to raising extra funds for our village school. Would you like to be involved? 'phone 614224 or 613175 today and you could be helping to organise the stall for the Victorian Street Fair or the Auction of Promises (what dizzy heights!)

See us next on Saturday 8th June at the Carnival where we'll be running the Bouncy Castle.

It's fun, we work well together. We positively welcome new blood, new talents, new perspectives (Er - we actually <u>need</u> them!).

We also need, and wish to thank, all those who support our events. Raising funds is a prime objective but it is not the only one. The children all like to see happy, smiling faces - so do we. Come along to a PTA event and have fun!!

Sue Buck

MACMILLION MILES OF HELP FOR PEOPLE WITH CANCER

More than 100 people stepped out on Monday 6th May 1996 at Temple House and at other venues in the village in the 1996 Nationwide Macmillion Mile Challenge, sponsored by Nationwide Building Society, in aid of Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

Together they took steps to help in the fight against cancer and each covered a mile by various means. Participants simply got their family, friends and colleagues to each sponsor them for £1 for their mile as a donation to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. Thanks to the generous support of local people the team of milers in Harbury raised a grand total of £292.11 for the charity.



The event was organised by Michael Lambert who lives in Temple End. He said "I'm delighted that so many people helped to make the 1996 Nationwide Macmillion Mile Challenge such a huge success and I very much hope we can organise another event next year to give further support for people with cancer".

Heartfelt thanks to all who participated and contributed so generously.

M.E.R. Lambert

BREAKTHROUGH BREAST CANCER

The Victorian Tea-set - The draw for this will take place at the carnival. We shall be selling more tickets during the afternoon, if you would like a ticket please look out for our stall where the tea-set will be on display. This is a Wedgewood Fine China, blue and white floral design, very pretty, donated to Breakthrough by a breast cancer victim.

Also on our stall will be tickets for the Breakthrough Breast Cancer National raffle. The prizes are holidays to Africa, USA, Greece, with John Lewis and Richards vouchers and many other prizes.

We look forward to seeing you.

Thankyou for supporting our coffee morning in March, we made a nice profit of £140.00, and thanks to all the kitchen helpers, well done.

Chris Carter

ROBERT APPEAL.

We are holding a Jumble sale with Cake stall, Tombola and Raffle on Saturday 29th June, Village Hall at 2.30pm.

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We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes or prizes for this fundraiser.

Also, if you have any Jumble to offer, please telephone 613140 or 614290 to arrange collection.

Please do come along to this event. We look forward to seeing you there. Many thanks.

Mary Revitt

RED CROSS - COLLECTION WEEK

FANTASTIC! Well done Harbury, Deppers Bridge and Chesterton. Thank you so much for giving so generously once again. The total was £530.31 which was up on all the last years totals except for 1995 which was our 125th Anniversary.

A marvellous job was done by the hard working team of collectors under difficult circumstances.

Many thanks to you all.

Anne Lambert

S.H.A.K. : A MID TERM REPORT

It may have missed a few people (hopefully not many!) but over the last few weeks, the S.H.A.K. bandwagon has been rolling in earnest.

In late March, the Guides and Scouts held a Sponsored Car Wash over at Gaydon Service Station and raised an excellent £134.29, and then, in late April, a group of seventeen "heroes" of assorted shape, size and fitness put themselves through the "pleasure" (and pain!) of a Sponsored Climb over three days in the Lake District. What was really impressive was that one member of the group was so committed that he actually planned and executed a solo expedition on the Saturday - thanks Mark. The sponsorship money is still rolling in, but I'd like to extend the thanks of the Kommittee to everybody who took part and everybody who supported them.

Recovery time was short. The following Friday saw S.H.A.K's "hightech" Quiz Nite in the Village Hall. Organised by the dynamic duo of Peter Walshe and Raymond Flanagan, the evening raised the superb total of £395.30 with the major prize in a tight contest being carried off by a Liverton-Cook combo. Pausing only for a surprise appearance by the Kommittee at the very enjoyable NSPCC Quiz Night, the 17th and 18th of May saw a unique Evening of Entertainment at Harbury School which was conceived and co-ordinated by Anne Woodward. Audiences were treated to, firstly, an excellent and extremely varied piano programme from Kevin Bowyer. Kevin still insists that he isn't a pianist - there's a lot of people in the village that would beg to differ, Kevin! Then, after an excellent threecourse meal, Harbury Theatre Group performed a very funny one-act comedy "Come Now to Be Joined", the quality of which can best be summed up by the comment from one of the Saturday night audience who complained that he had to go home at the end "because I'm aching too much from laughing".

Many thanks to both Kevin and Keith Hayes and the Theatre Group for your time and efforts which helped us raise another £400+.

But can we relax now, I hear you ask? NO ! The Kommittee look forward to seeing you all at Carnival and then on Father's Day, Sunday 16th June when there will be an all-day Charity Barbeque at the Dog Inn in aid of S.H.A.K. From 12.00 noon until 8.00pm, there will be food, stalls, a Bouncy Castle, Test of Strength together with other surprises in what should be a fun day for all the family and all for only £2.00 per person including food - which reminds me, I must check that pricing it sounds much too cheap! Tickets available from Jay Daniels at the Dog Inn, Tel 612599.

Where is all this leading? In simple terms, S.H.A.K. has now raised just under £13,000 of the £20,000 we need to provide the level of facilities the children of our village have a right to expect. The Kommittee would like to thank all those in the village who have given us such superb support to date. We now need the final push and we look forward to (hopefully!) entertaining you in the future, not only at the **BBQ** on **June** 16th but also on the Canal Walk on Sunday July 7th; the Auction of Promises (which is being held jointly with the PTA) in October and at Race Night II in November.

Many thanks to all our supporters.

Pete Woodward Kommandant

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Mrs Elsie Harrison celebrating her 100th Birthday was welcomed back to the village by Father Roy Brown

Mrs Elsie Harrison aged 100 was born in Harbury to Charles and Elizabeth Field. Charles was the Blacksmith whose forge was on the corner of Chapel Street and Park Lane. They lived at Binswood End.

Elsie was married in Harbury Church by Rev. Beardsworth. She now lives in the Henley Nursing Home in Emscote Road, Warwick.

A great character still very "with it".

Celia Barratt

'SENIOR CITIZENS BENEFIT ASSOCIATION'

This year Senior Citizens will be heading off to the Welsh coast for the annual outing on June 12th. Two coaches will leave Harbury and Deppers Bridge at 8.30am and will depart from Llandudno at approx 6.00pm for the return trip. As there are several activities arranged for local people in that week, there may be spaces on the coaches for village people who might enjoy a full days trip for the modest cost of £5. If you are interested in accompanying the village outing, please ring Harbury 612903 from Sunday June 9th to enquire about seat availability.

The S.C.B.A. Committee will be running the Coffee Morning on Carnival Day (June 8th) and would welcome any donations of home made cakes, pies, jams etc. or raffle prizes. The funds all go to a very good cause.

M Taylor

THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club will be running their 'All sorts of everything' stall at the Carnival and would welcome articles to sell. We have a 'good as new clothes rail', baby clothes and equipment, young children's clothing and toys. Bric a Brac would also be welcomed. Items can be brought to the Village Hall field on 8th June. This, and our Coffee Morning, on Saturday 15th June in the Tom Hauley Room, are our only fund raising events. The money which is raised allows us to subsidise our summer outing and Christmas dinner, so we shall be most grateful for your support.

Pat Smith (612650)

PAGE THREE

On looking through the May issue of the magazine for the second time, I realised that the photograph of The Pound showing the daffodils, also included a cyclist.

At last I'd made it; I was a celebrity - a page three celebrity no less!!

Although my family were not too impressed, I feel they were envious of my new found 'fame'.

So far I've only been asked for my autograph once, but it's early days yet.

Arthur Turner

WIPE-OUT

The rare species-rich hay meadow at the old Cement Works Sports ground was a haven for wildlife.

Clouds of Meadow Brown and Small Butterflies flew up at your feet. There were Barn Owls. Larks and Grasshoppers sang. 34

It had Primroses, Cowslips, Bluebells, Common and Bee Orchids, Oxeye Daisies, Star of Bethlehem, Yellow Rattle and Small Quaking Grass - until last week.

No more!

This land has been ploughed out, and the wildlife destroyed.

Linda Ridgley

SOUTHAM & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Southam Lions would be pleased to hear from gentlemen living in Harbury and Ladbroke who may be interested in an invitation to join their local club.

We are an active Lions Club, with a varied programme of fund-raising, community and social events throughout the year. Some of our activities with which you may be familiar are:

- The John Turner Festival of Arts and Crafts;
- The Hog Roast at Mop Fair;
- Senior Citizens Spring Party;
- Father Christmas Charity Float;
- Giant Jumble Sales.

We gather for a Business Meeting on the first and third Wednesday evenings each month at the Stoneythorpe Hotel - orderly, but not staid! The success of many events, however, is not assured without the involvement and welcome participation of our wives and families.

The Lions motto is "We Serve", and our primary concern is the welfare of our local communities, and many other people beyond. But membership of a Lions Club does not only improve the quality of life for others - we enjoy a rewarding social calendar too.

Please consider this opportunity to become part of the worlds' largest service organisation; to help others, and realise the satisfaction, fun and fellowship of belonging to your local Lions Club.

Jeff Biddle (Tel.812767), Bill Denis (Tel.812719) or Malcom Jakeway (Tel.814294) are always available to talk to individuals or groups who would like to know more - please give us a call.

Jeff Biddle



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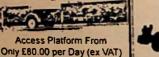
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COUNTDOWN TO "T" DAY

"Thin end of the wedge" warns SWATT

With two weeks left to go until Warwickshire County Council considers the controversial plan for a landfill site on the edge of Fenny Compton, local protest is growing stronger every day. The proposed tip would be used to dump unspecified incinerated waste from Birmingham, initially, although there is growing fear that other waste, including hazardous materials, could be tipped in the future.

Already the Council has received a "phenomenal" response of over 300 letters objecting to the plan. Not only is this a record number, but demonstrates the strength of local feeling when people are sufficiently outraged to put pen to paper when letter writing is on the decline.

SWATT, the group of concerned residents who banded together to fight the tip, is greatly encouraged by the groundswell of feeling from people in Fenny Compton, neighbouring villages and the surrounding countryside.

Protests have come from 14 villages, and two petitions have also been sent to Warwickshire County Council's Planning Department. One has come from Playgroup leaders and Mums in neighbouring Bishops Itchington who are worried about their young children crossing the road in greatly increased traffic once the lorries start using the village as a short cut from the M40.

We want to encourage people to show their solidarity by coming to Shire Hall on June 6th, the day of the planning committee's meeting. Let's make sure that our feelings are clearly understood by the planning committee.

Local volunteers supporting SWATT will provide lifts for anyone without transport - details available from telephone number 01295 770263.

Gay Turner

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Yet again there was a good audience for the talk "In an Apothecarys Garden". Unfortunately there were a few problems with the projector in one form or other, nevertheless it was very interesting. I was surprised the garden was so old; it used to have access to the River Thames before the Strand was constructed, and they have a microclimate enabling many tender plants to grow including an old olive tree.

It seems we have the opposite to a microclimate in this neck of the woods, firstly the weather was too cold for the blackthorn to open, and now it is mostly over there isn't much improvement!

I am sure the weather will have improved by the 6th June for our all-day coach trip; those who are going please be at the Village Hall promptly at 9.00am. We should be back just after 5.00pm, no doubt with a few plants, so the coach will have a nice large boot! The evening trip will be on Tuesday 18th June, meeting once again at the Village Hall, this time at 6.00pm.

The next event will be the Walkabout on Saturday 13th July, and as most gardens will also open Sunday 14th in the afternoon, we shall need more people to sell programmes and help with teas etc., in fact probably twice the number than previous years. If you would like to help, please contact Pat Smith on 612650 or me on 612515.

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES

The long hours of daylight should give us the opportunity to enjoy our gardens at the end of the day, for relaxation as well as exercise. Tidy faded flowers from alpines to prevent self seeding. Root some cuttings in a tray of sand. Divide crowded iris after flowering, discarding the older centre pieces. Because they are planted very shallowly, cut off the top half of the leaves to prevent the wind uprooting them. Primulas and polyanthus also need dividing. Into the gaps, plant the summer annuals. There is still time to sow quick types such as candytuft and cornflowers. Watch out for the perennial weeds which can get themselves well established in amongst the lush growth. Dig them out or spot weed them with Tumbleweed Gel.

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Remove suckers from the base of roses and deadhead regularly. Prune Spring shrubs as soon as flowers fade, by removing the flowered stems. Daffodil foliage can be cut off by mid month for this should have given the bulbs six weeks of growth after the end of flowering. Sow biennials and trim hedges. Apply shading to the greenhouse and dampen the floor every day to lower the temperature. An automatic vent opener is well worth installing. Put winter flowering pot plants outside in a sheltered spot out of direct sun, but don't forget them.

Thin out vegetable crops from seed but only to about half their final spacing as insurance against any losses. Removing soft tips from broadbeans is said to help prevent blackfly attacks. Try sweetcorn this year. Sow in pots now. Train new shoots of blackberries and the hybrid berries away from this year's fruiting canes. Plant up a trough of herbs to have near the kitchen.

Now get out the deckchair and a long cool drink and sit back and admire all that work.

Plant of the month: Rose

In a British garden this is the symbol of the arrival of Summer, both growing wild as it does in many parts of the Northern Hemisphere, or as one of the 2000 cultivated varieties. It has been cultivated from very early times, but through the Middle Ages was chiefly grown in monasteries for medicinal use and for religious ceremonies. Natural crosses in the wild species extended the range and produced the Red rose of Lancaster from the French Rosa gallica. The House of York adopted the Rosa alba, brought here by the Romans, as its emblem, but the Tudor rose was only an heraldic one. It was not until the early 19th century when plant growers cross pollinated by hand the China rose with our European native ones that the continuity of bloom with scent was achieved. Today we can choose from many colours and scents.

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

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May we through the Harbury and Ladbroke News, thank everyone in the village for the presents, flowers, cards and best wishes celebrating the birth of Lydia.

The kindness expressed by everyone was overwhelming.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth, Oliver, Amanda & Stephen Kelly

Dear Editors

I recently took over responsibility for the Christian Aid collection from Jeff Bedford. On behalf of the district organisers I would like to than all those who gave, those who distributed and collected the envelope. and those who counted and sorted the money.

The total amount collected from Harbury and Ladbroke was £479.68, modest increase from last year.

If anyone has an envelope which was not collected could they pleas contact me (15 Pineham Avenue, tel: 613207) and I will forward it the Christian Aid.

> Yours sincerely Brian Jones

Dear Editors

Thank you very much to everyone who sponsored me in the London Marathon. It looks like we shall have raised around £400 for Murgwanza Hospital. I spoke to one of the doctors who is back from Tanzania on holiday and he was delighted with the forthcoming donation. They plan to spend the money on some equipment for a small 'receiving room' that they are setting up.

The first tarmac road in the area has recently been routed past them and they are consequently seeing an increase in trauma patients. Having a specific area to treat these and other emergencies will be very valuable.

Thanks again for your sponsorship.

Steve Hancock

Dear Editors

I am very pleased to have been returned as a District Councillor for the Harbury area to serve another four years. I would also like to thank those voters in Harbury who supported me in the election.

As in the past, I will continue to be available to advise and assist everyone in the Parish on any council-related problems.

Yours sincerely

District Councillor James Turner Tel: 612915



District Council candidate: Angela Heath (01926) 612312 or (01789) 294121

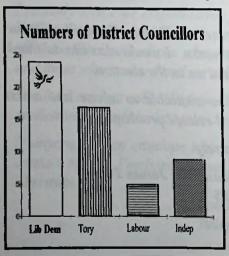
Dear Voters,

I would like to say a sincere 'Thank You' to everyone who helped in my election campaign and who voted for me in the District Council election on May 2nd.

The result was a Conservative win and Cllr. Turner now has four years to try to live up to the many promises he made to you all! You can contact him on (01926) 612915.

I polled a total of 725 votes, just 51 votes behind, and the Labour candidate got 449 votes. In the area as a whole 6 out of every 10 Labour votes went to candidates who finished in third place. It is now obvious that voting Labour elects Conservatives and Labour cannot win this seat in a District, County or General election. If I were a Labour voter, I would be very angry that my vote had helped to elect a Conservative.

I am disappointed not to have the opportunity to represent Harbury and my own 'home village' of Bishops Itchington on the District Council, but



you will have the chance to elect a Liberal Democrat County Councillon on 1st May next year.

In the meantime, the excellent, valu for money Liberal Democrat service continues. I know that Cllrs. Davi Booth and Andrew Cooley wi speak up for Harbury on the Distri Council, on which the Liber Democrats are the largest group.

Thank you once again. ngela Heatth

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