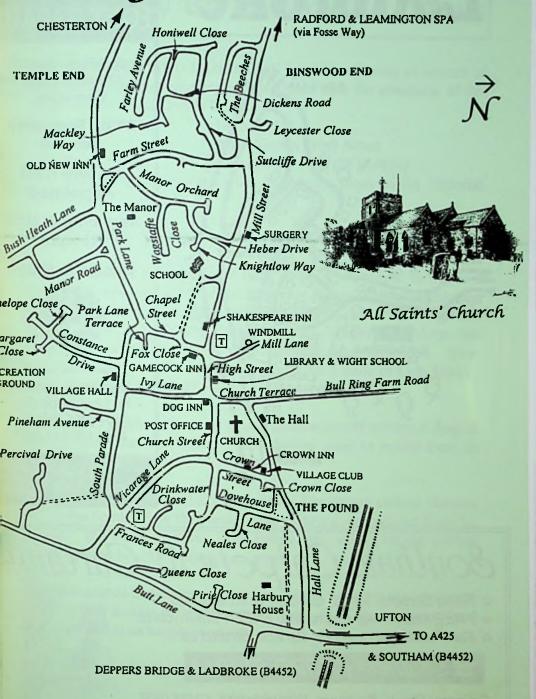
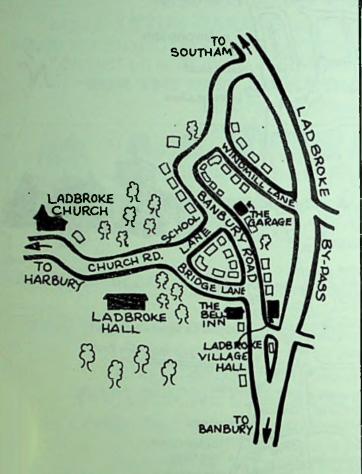
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With the summer holiday season upon us we are fortunate to live in a community where enthusiastic volunteers are willing to provide activities for village children. This year there is the 'Kids Club' Playscheme and 'Secret Agent 2' to fill the long school holiday. We very much hope that youngsters will take advantage of these and support the events. What the children (or more likely their Dads) will have made of Lady Godiva when she visited the village we can only wonder!

For the older children there will be examination results coming in August and we hope that they achieve their desired aims to enable them to progress further.

On the 16th August the Blood Transfusion Service are visiting Harbury and at this holiday time they would appreciate a good turn out from the village. If you have never been before this would be the perfect opportunity to become a donor.

We have noticed that some contributors are still counting the number of words in their articles before submitting them. Now that we use a Word Processor this is no longer necessary.

Finally we extend our sympathy to the families of Frances Gillam and Anthony Arkell.

Harbury Diary

AUGUST

Sun	3	Pentecost 11 - Sung Eucharist 9am, Sunday School 10.30am in Tom Hauley Room, Evensong 6.30pm
_	_	Cricket at home to Aynho
Tues		Holy Communion 7.30pm
Thurs	1	Holy Communion 9.45am,
		Story Telling in Library 10.00am
		Folk Club in Dog 8.30pm
Sat	9	Cricket at home to Greenmore Road
		Junior Football at School 9.30am, Recreation Ground 10.30am telephone: 612340 for details
		Cricket away to Lighthorne
		Coffee Morning Alex Scott for Antony Nolan Bone Marrow Appeal 10.00 -12.00 noon
Sun	10	Pentecost 12 - Holy Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am;
		Evensong 6.30pm
Mon	11	Registration for "Secret Agents 2", Tom Hauley Room 10.00-12 noon
Tues	12	Secret Agents 2 Childrens Holiday Club, T. Hauley Room 10.00-12 noor
		Holy Communion 7.30pm, Prayer Group in Church 8.10pm
		Harbury Society Pub Walk from Lowsonford 7pm details from 613676
Wed	13	Secret Agents 2 Childrens Holiday Club, Tom Hauley Room
		10.00-12.00 noon
		Hereburgh Morris Dance at the Cricketers, L'ton at 8.00pm
Thurs	14	Holy Communion 9.45am
		Secret Agents 2 Childrens Holiday Club, Tom Hauley Room
		10.00-12.00 noon
		WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
Fri	15	Secret Agents 2 Childrens Holiday Club, Tom Hauley Room
		10.00-12.00 noon
		NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
		ADVERTS TO: 6 Knightlow Way by 5.30pm
Sat	16	Mens Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am
		Junior Football 9.30am School, Recreation Ground 10.30am
		612340 for details
		BLOOD DONORS IN VILLAGE HALL
		Cricket away to Ansley Reserves
Sun	17	Pentecost 13 - Holy Communion 8am; Family Communion 10.30am
		Cricket away to Flecknoe
Tues	19	Holy Communion 7.30pm
Thurs		Holy Communion 9.45am
Sat		Junior Football 9.30am School, Recreation Ground 10.30am
		612340 for details
		Harbury Society Coffee Morning with Village Design Display
		in Tom Hauley Room 10.00am - 12.00 noon
		Cricket away to Peugot

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Sun	24	ST. BARTHOLOMEW- Holy Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am,
		Evensong 6.30pm
		Cricket at home to Meriden
Mon	25	BANK HOLIDAY
Tues		Holy Communion 7.30pm
1405		Julian Group in Church 8.10pm
Wed	27	Hereburgh Dance at Dog 8.00pm
Thurs		Holy Communion 9.45am
maro	20	Parish Council meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm
Fri	29	Working from Home Club Lunch in The Dog Inn 12noon
• ••		CAMRA Beer Festival in Village Hall
		NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
		ARTICLES to NIFTY NEEDLE by 5.30pm
Sat	30	Junior Football 9.30am School, Recreation Ground 10.30am
out		612340 for details
		CAMRA Beer Festival in Village Hall
		Hereburgh Morris Dance at Beer Festival 12.30pm
		Cricket away to Learnington
Sun	31	Pentecost 15 - Holy Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am;
• • • •	•.	Evensong 6.30pm
		Cricket at home to Warwickshire County Council
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SEPT		
Mon		Village Design Statement Core Group in Tom Hauley Room 8.00pm

WOIT	1	Village Design Statement Core Gloup in Toin Hadiey Room 5.00pm
Tues	2	SCHOOL BEGINS
		Holy Communion 7.30pm
Wed	3	Mothers' Union Communion Service in Church 2.00pm
		Youth Club in Village Hall 8.00pm
Thurs	4	Holy Communion 9.45am
		Story Telling in Library 10.00am
		Folk Club in Dog Inn at 8.30pm
Sat	6	Junior Football at School 9.30am, Recreation Ground 10.30am
		612340 details
		Cricket away at Welford
Sun	7	Pentecost 16 - Sung Eucharist 9am, Evensong 6.30pm
		Cricket away to Barford

 Please note:
 Adverts to 6 Knightlow Way by Friday 15th August

 Articles to Nifty Needle by Friday 29th August

DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO: LINDA RIDGLEY - TEL. 612792.

For Tom Hauley Room Bookings	Mrs. Stubbs	612782
For Village Hall Bookings	Mrs. Hughes	612716
For Wight School Bookings	Mrs. Hayes	613488

REGULAR DIARY DATES

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BABY CLINIC: Surgery, 2-4pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday

BADMINTON: Village Hall Tuesdays

BEAVERS: Scout Hut, 6-7pm Tuesdays

BELLRINGING PRACTICE: (613605) Church, 7.30pm Fridays

BINGO: Village Hall, 8pm Mondays

BROWNIES: Village Hall 6-7.30pm Tuesdays

CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, 6.30pm Fridays

COFFEE MORNING: Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon Saturdays CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesdays

DANCING CLASSES: (613698) Farley Room Village Hall, Children & Adults 4-9pm 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: Dog Inn 8.30pm 1st Thursday of Month HARBURY FRIENDS: School, 8pm 2nd Tues of Month

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: (613402) School Hall, 8-10pm Wednesdays

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Village Hall, 8pm 1st Tues (Oct. to May) KEEP FIT (Bodywise): (495368) Tuesdays 2-3pm at Village Hall; Fridays

6.30-7.30pm in School

LIBRARY: (613297) Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 10am 1st Thursday of Month; Term Time only

LINE DANCING: (613478) Thursdays, fortnightly at Village Club 7.30pm LINE DANCING: (624454) Wednesdays, at the Village Hall 8pm NETBALL CLUB: (612841) Village Hall Car Park, Training 6.30pm

Thursdays; Matches Saturday Afternoon NURSERY SCHOOL: The School, Monday to Friday 9.00am - 12 noon PLAYGROUP: Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings SCOUTS: Scout Hut, 7.45pm Tuesdays & Thursdays TENNIS CLUB: (614614) (App Sept) Tuesday & Thursdays

TENNIS CLUB: (614614) (Apr-Sept) Tues & Thurs 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: Farley Room of V.Hall 2.30pm 2nd & 4th Thurs. of Month

TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, 10-11.30am Mondays & 2-3.30pm Wed. W.I.: Tom Hauley Room, 7.45pm 2nd Thursday of Month

YOGA: Wight School, 7.30-9.30pm Wednesdays, Diane Surgey Tel.817904

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- For University/Job Applications, interviews, CVs: Call Philip Bushill-Matthews 612476.
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HOME VISITING: Caring for a sick or elderly relative and need a break for a few hours, or you would like someone to call on you. Call Sue Dormer 613254.

HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE: Call Tony Brunton 612191. ODD JOBS ABOUT THE HOUSE: Call Jeff Bedford 612753.

VISITING: Hospital. If you are unable to visit a parent or relative, or parents would like support with a child in Hospital: Call Fr. Roy Brown 612377 or Keith Dormer 613254.

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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.

Laugh Line

The Parish magazine reported:

We are pleased to note that there has been a change of mind by the Housing Department regarding a name for the new housing complex for the elderly. "St. Peter's Close" did seem inappropriate.

FROM THE CHURCH WARDENS

During the August Holiday period the Children's Holiday Club will commence on Tuesday 11th August in the Tom Hauley Room at 10.00am. The Holiday Club is for children aged 5 - 11 years and will be run over a period of four days for two hours each morning. It was held last year in the Wight School and was enjoyed immensely by the children. We look forward to seeing the children again taking up the challenge of "Secret Agent II".

A little more re-arranging of the furniture in Church. We have had supplied a purpose made wardrobe in which to hang the choir and server's robes, although inevitably we doubt if we shall have any spare floor space!

Looking ahead into September the Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 21st September and the Harvest Supper on Saturday 4th October.

Ruth and Jeff

FROM THE RECTOR

In the media they have what is known as the 'silly season'. A time when there is nothing news worthy. Well, my offering this month falls into that category.

Some time ago a priest friend of mine sent me the following article.

IT'S A DOG'S LIFE IN A DOG COLLAR.

'I've been a priest for umpteen years. I have come to the realisation I am the man who can never be right. My sermons are either too long or too short.

If I employ some hard study on preparing them, they are over the heads of people. If I keep them simple and straight to the point there's nothing in them.

If I introduce humour, I'm too frivolous. If I'm serious, I've no sense of humour.

If I speak too low, the congregation falls asleep. If I speak louder, I'm shouting.

If I wave an arm, change my expression, or modulate my voice for effect, I'm acting. If I stand talking like a stookie in the pulpit, I'm boring.

Even my personal life is wrong. When I was a bachelor, I ought to be married. Now I'm married, I spend too much time with my family.

If I stay in my study, I ought to be out visiting. If I do a lot of visiting, I ought to spend more time in my study. If I'm hail-fellow-well-met, then I've no dignity. If I keep my place, I stand on my dignity.

I'm either too young or too old - never the right age.

If I tend the vicarage garden, I'm neglecting my job. If I'm totally immersed in my job, heads shake when they pass the unkept garden.

The first year I was the young Revd So and So. The second year plain Mr So and So. One day I'll be Old So and So.

The first few years I was a promising young man. Soon I'll be not bad for my age. Thereafter I'll be past it. Half the Sunday regulars say I select the old hymns. The other half wonder why we sing so many new hymns.

The young complain I'm all for the old. The old, I'm all for the young.

If my wife is working, she's neglecting her job as a vicar's wife. If she helps (unpaid) in my work, she's interfering.

If she has no friends in the congregation, she's snobbish. If she makes friends, she's showing favouritism.

If I always wear my dog collar at social do's, I never let my hair down. If I don't, I can detect one or two quizzical looks.

Ah, well that's life - for a priest! As they say, you can please some of the good people some of the time'

This is written 'tongue in cheek'. I'm sure it doesn't apply here.

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony - All Saints' Harbury 5th July - Paul Murphy to Rachel Allsopp

Welcomed into the Church by Holy Baptism - All Saints' Ladbroke

27th July - Dalton Harley John Frost and Debbie Frost

Funerals

Oakley Wood - 14th July - Tony Arkell (Ladbroke) All Saints' Harbury - 25th July - Frances Gillam

MOTHERS' UNION

The July afternoon meeting was our Garden Meeting at the Rectory. Rain started just beforehand so we enjoyed views of the garden from indoors. The meeting was also our Triennial and a new leader and committee had to be elected. Presentations were made to retiring members Wendy Stubbs, Joan Jones, Trisha Harrison and Mary Catt. As there were no nominations for a new leader, the members of the committee will run the branch together. Four new committee members were welcomed.

Another presentation was made to Mrs Esmé Churchill, who was given a certificate to mark fifty years of membership.

The meeting ended with tea and delicious cakes, provided by the committee.

A walk for members and husbands took the place of our July evening meeting. Sheila Jackson organised the ramble around Napton, which was much enjoyed on a pleasant summer evening, and we finished with a pub supper.

There are no M.U. meetings in August although many members will be involved with the children's holiday club "Secret Agents 2".

The next meeting will be a service on September 3rd at 2.00pm.



Mary Catt presenting the certificate to Mrs Churchill (left) At the garden meeting in July, the Mothers' Union members expressed their thanks to Mary Catt as she retired as Branch Leader. Mary has been leader for six years, and has been unfailing in her dedication to the task. Her gentle manner and enthusiasm have been an example to us all.

C. Mary Catt

Thankfully she will continue her work with the children, and will be in the background encouraging and advising us. Thank you Mary!

Thanks were also extended to retiring committee members, Joan James and Trisha Harrison, and to Wendy Stubbs who has been leading the evening meeting. We look forward to their joining us again when they have had a well-earned break.

Pam Brown

TODDLERS' SERVICE

First we iced and decorated biscuits. Then we sat outside while Mrs Travis told us the story about Jesus and a Marriage at Cana. We sang "All things bright and beautiful" and "Stand up, clap hands, shout thank you Lord" and we said a prayer. We finished with a picnic and ate our iced biscuits.

Each of the children who will be starting school was given a book.

C. Mary Catt

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Tues	5	W.I.	trip to	St.	Mary's	Church	Hall,	Southam	
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- Wed 6 Transfiguration of Our Lord, Holy Communion 9.45am
- Sun 10 Pentecost 12, Sung Communion 9.00am
- Wed 13 Holy Communion 2.00pm Women's Fellowship Tea Party 3.00pm
- Sun 17 Pentecost 13, Sung Communion 9.00am, Children's Church 11.00am Songs of Praise 6.00pm
- Wed 20 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Thurs 21 W.I. Summer Outing; meet at The Crown, Napton 7.30pm
- Sun 24 ST. BARTHOLOMEW, Sung Communion 9.00am
- Wed 27 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Sun 31 Pentecost 15, Said Communion 9.00am W.I. Car Boot Sale, Walworth Farm, Bishops Itchington 2.00pm

SEPTEMBER

- Wed 3 Holy Communion 9.45am
- Sun 7 Pentecost 16, Family Communion 10.30am

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10th August - Mrs Gill Moore	31st August - Mrs Sue Moore &
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17th August - Mrs Steenstra	7th September - Mrs Gould

LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

In case you are wondering what happened to the Songs of Praise service in July - I was a month too soon! It is on **Sunday August 17th** at 6pm - sorry about that. There has been plenty of time to think about your favourite hymns though - so there should be a good selection.

Please, can I make a personal plea. WILL SOMEONE PLEASE TAKE OVER THE ORGANISING OF THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE. It is not such an arduous task - a tried and tested routine, but it does need a co-ordinator. The present stall holders have been going a few years now and might also be grateful to be relieved. Someone said to me: "Just say you are NOT doing it and someone will always come along!" (I don't think the two "someone's" are the same person). It is a very good money raiser. We always need to find monies for the heating, lighting, PARISH SHARE etc. A fresh person often means fresh ideas, always a good thing.

Betty Winkfield

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

A most successful barbecue was held on July 20th at Windmill Lane raising the sum of $\pounds 150$. Blessed with a beautiful day everyone enjoyed the Skittles, the Golf and of course the wonderful food.

Thanks to all who contributed. Our next event will be a Sunday afternoon Cream Tea at Carol Northorpe's, date to be announced.

Jill Moore

WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

Douglas Winkfield gave us a very interesting talk on the Burren in Ireland. It's about 100 square miles of limestone rock - in places looking like the surface of the moon. It is fed by many underground streams from which many varieties of wild flowers grow.

Like many other places it is under threat by developments and agriculture ("Thanks Doug" - Mum!).

Our tea party in August - Wednesday 13th at 3pm will be here at Hall Farm. The tea is £1 and there is the usual Bring and Buy and Raffle. Everyone is welcome and we will put on some games for the children. The proceeds will go to the Women's Fellowship fund for the moment.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The July meeting, on the 24th was very well attended with only one member unable to come. The speaker drew the name from the Denman College Bursary which was won this year by Tina Gilbert. Our Strawberry Fair was successful and enjoyable, raising a little over £180.00.

A W.I. Coach will be taking members to Edgbaston Cricket Ground on Thursday September 11th - names of people wishing to go to our Secretary, Anne Edwards please, before Monday August 15th.

The Century Photograph Competition. We have been fortunate to locate an old photograph with a lady whose grand-daughter still lives in the village. Modern photographs have now been taken and it will be interesting to compare the two.

Some members are going to Southam, St. Mary's Church Hall on **Tuesday August 5th** for a "Taste of Summer" organised by the Southam W.I.

Our Summer outing is on Thursday August 21st - see you at The Crown, Napton, 7.30pm.!

Long Itchington W.I. have invited us to join them for Line Dancing on Friday October 10th.

The Speaker for the evening was Mr Keith Urch, who gave us an insight into the production and use of Nuclear Power with the aid of slides. He is a Waste and Decommissioning engineer, working for Magnox and fortunately very knowledgeable on his subject. Although such a vast subject, we all felt we had gained information about which we had previously known nothing. His connection with Chernobyl after the disaster, made us realise that the British training is far in advance compared to many other countries. It was certainly "Food for Thought" and judging by the interest of members and their questions afterwards, a Speaker well worth having.

We do not have a meeting in August. The Speaker on **Thursday** September 25th will be Gabriella Leonowicz, so we are in for a very amusing evening. New members and visitors always welcome.

A note for your diaries - there will be a Car Boot Sale on Sunday August 31st at 2.00pm at the home of John and Susan Moore, Walworth Farm, Bishops Itchington. Car £5 or £3 if booked 01926 612207. There will be Farm House Cream Teas available.

Happy Holidays everyone and come back safely and refreshed.

Hazel Sharples

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

The Independence Day Barbecue was a great success. An absolutely beautiful evening when the whole week before had been heavy rain. Everyone enjoyed the music of Jeremiah Stone, the Line dancing and the Morris Dancers. They have already been asked to come again next year. We made £460 towards the improvements to the Village Hall. The extension is well in hand; by the time you read this it could be completed. The next event is already being planned.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - 16th July

The meeting began by hearing from Mr. Thompson from the A & M Group, Harbury, about the bus service which will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays, linking Ladbroke to Learnington and the surrounds, starting on **August 19th**. Every householder will be receiving a timetable and a dial-a-ride instruction sheet. This service is supported by Warwickshire County Council and all vehicles are adapted for wheelchair use. Travel tokens available for the elderly and disabled villagers (forms from Elsa Greenway on 814313) may be used for the £3 return journey. The Fire Station at Fenny Compton is under threat of closure again. The Parish Council will be advised of the dates for the enquiry. As Ladbroke is covered by Southam Fire Service it is not directly affected, but the knock-on effect will be that the number of appliances in the area will be reduced.

Thanks go to Richard Bennett for repairing the bench in School Lane.

Parish Clerk, Elsa Greenway was asked to write to Crosby Homes to complain about the damage to the electricity supply which cut power to houses in the vicinity on 3 occasions. East Midlands Electricity will be asked why there was a 3-hour delay in attending these faults.

A letter will also be sent to Warwickshire County Council Highways department confirming that the feared damage to the surface and structure of Windmill Lane has occurred and asking them to ensure that corrective action will be taken on completion of the scheme.

It is expected that sewerage works will necessitate upheaval in Banbury Road from the development to the bridge.

Carol Northorpe

Welcome to Giles and Beverley Bradley, with Grace and Piers, who moved into Woodcutter's Cottage during July. Giles and Bev are keen to join in village events and they welcome visitors!

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - JULY 1997

It becomes more and more obvious that the Parish Council has to push ahead with its "Village Caretaker" project.

Tasks were piling up. Janet Thornley was moved to write a letter complaining of the state of the Playing Fields - covered in litter. The Aerial Ropeway was out of commission; part of the Village Hall fence needed repair; grasscutting had not been to the usual standard and contractors in Manor Road were using the Green as a dump.

John Woodward, the previous Chair of the super sub-Committee, said he couldn't spend so much time on "Properties" and work would be more manageable if more people could be involved.

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There's no-one to take on the day-to-day operations like repairs. Other Councillors advocated devolving the work to separate Sub-Committees, Allotments, Burial Grounds, Greens, Playing Fields etc. and stressed that a "Village Caretaker" was urgently needed.

Meetings are planned to discuss the future of the Fire Stations at Fenny Compton and Tysoe. The previous (Conservative) administration backed away from closure, but a reorganisation is now more likely. Cllrs were concerned local stations might be shut before a possible alternative at Wellesbourne was approved.

Crime is a continuing concern. This month car theft and theft from cars was reported by Pc Bosworth. The Parish Council is thinking seriously about providing him with accommodation within the Village Hall or Wight School at a Police Post where he could do his paperwork and be contacted by villagers.

Sharon Hancock is putting together a bid for grant aid for the Village Design Statement and the Parish Council donated £25 to allow the group to open a Bank Account. She reported on Training Day and her realisation <u>"This is not a small thing we have taken on"</u>!

Residents of 21 and 23 Manor Orchard complained to the Parish Council that contractors on the Farm Street Site had felled an Elm in the boundary hedge which had died and Stratford would take no action claiming that Dutch Elm Disease would have finished it off within two years anyway.

Ruth Rose of Stratford District Council explained the new Hedgerow "Protection" law which Cllr Cooley said was weak legislation and easily circumvented. Stratford asked the Parish to help update its maps of the village and the Clerk complained that they could do that themselves from past planning permissions!

Stratford granted permission for a replacement garage at Yew Tree Cottage and an extension at 32 Mill Street. They are taking enforcement action against the Londis Supermarket for the unauthorised erection of a Satellite aerial which is detrimental to the Conservation area. A wag quipped "remove the supermarket and leave the aerial"! The Parish had no objection to plans for an extension at Sharmer Fields House, and 1 Highfield Cottages; internal alterations at Hillcrest Cottage, the reduction in height of the Willow at 10 Farm Street and the relocation of barns at Middle Farm. Councillors will consider the County Structure Plan which has been produced on video! A first for Warwickshire from an idea suggested by Ken Stephenson!!!

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY SOCIETY

Pub Walk - Building on the success of previous events "Ed and John" have arranged another ramble of about 4 miles starting at the Fleur de Lys in Lowsonford on **Tuesday 12th August** at 7pm. Please let John know (613676) if you intend to take part. Lowsonford is signposted left off the B4439 (Old Warwick Road) just under a mile beyond Rowington. You go over the Canal, under the Railway, over the other canal, turn left and the Pub is on the left.

Coffee Morning - The Saturday before Bank Holiday Monday (August 23rd) has been allocated for our Fund Raising Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room (10am till noon). We hope to use the occasion to display examples of Village Design elements to be considered in the Design Statement Initiative.

"The end of Southampton will look like the beginning of Carlisle; the parts between will look like the end of Carlisle or the beginning of Southampton" Ian Nairn said in 1955, and sadly this is becoming truer by the minute.

Partly to blame is the volume builders "house-style" of "off-the-peg" designs and the sheet choice available means that no-one is limited to local materials or local styles. New homes are often built not for the local people, but for incomers who may not appreciate the local traditions.

It has been almost impossible to influence the design of new buildings in rural areas, but at last there are signs that the authorities are willing to listen to local views. The Rural White Paper urges communities to produce their own Design guides and here Stratford District together with the Countryside Commission are promoting "Village Design Statements". These give ordinary people the opportunity, through consultation and consensus (with advice from specialists and planners) to identify elements that make their community special and distinctive and to produce their own Statement of Design Guidelines which respect local traditions and show how new can be integrated with old, so that buildings can be planned specifically for that community.

Harbury has been chosen as an example of the Feldon villages and will receive financial and professional help to produce just such a Statement. This will have the status of "Supplementary Planning Guidance" and make it far easier to resist unsuitable and unsympathetic development. It will not allow us to prevent change only influence it.

Sharon Hancock was responsible for our successful bid and is coordinating the scheme. She needs people with design and illustrative skills to help, so volunteer now!

There will be plenty of opportunity for everyone to be involved - indeed this is essential. There will be public meetings to display ideas, good and bad examples and to discuss the elements which YOU want included in OUR VILLAGE'S masterplan.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

There is a Leisure Day at Walton Hall on Monday 8th September that sounds fun and a W.F.W.I. Speaking Competition at Stoneleigh in October. Also a trip to London in November arriving in time for a theatre matinee and to shop.

We do not meet in August but a Coffee Evening has been arranged at the house of Nora Ellis on **Thursday 7th August**, 7.30pm and we hope to see members there. Hopefully we will be able to sit in the garden and some may like to play croquet. A folding chair or two would be helpful.

We look forward to our Harvest Supper on Friday 19th September. Be sure to see your name is on the list. Now we come to the Village Produce Show on Saturday 13th September. As I have said before the Produce Show is a very enjoyable day when everybody in Harbury can take part. You need only submit one item to support the Show and how many times have you heard people say that their flowers at mangle wurzles are just as good as those exhibited.

This is a show for all to enter and view in the afternoon in a very friendly atmosphere and newcomers to Harbury will find the day most interesting.

With the Show in mind the speaker was Mrs Ruth Feather on Preserving for Shows. She covered most aspects of preserving mentioning sterilizing, temperatures, containers and labelling. She also spoke of how to present one's entry and how the judge awards her marks.

We wish everyone good luck and an enjoyable day.

An arrangement of flowers was presented to Mrs Dorothy Turner. Hard to believe this spritely lady is 90. She has been an active member of the W.I. for many years and was one of the first to go to Denman College when it first opened.

We wish all readers a pleasant holiday.

September hostesses: Pat Smith, Sue Lapraik, Bertha Kettle.

Jeanne Beaumont

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For all those who are tempted by the idea, Harbury Theatre Group is holding a play reading, with cheese and wine at the Tom Hauley Room on Friday 12th September at 8pm. It will be a very informal occasion and you won't be expected to be the next Sir Lawrence Olivier, (although if you think you may be, do come along).

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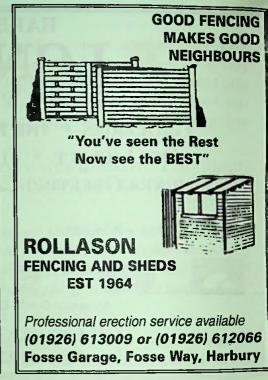
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Please ring me on 613415 or Gordon Robbins on 612009 by Friday 5th September if you'd like to join us.

Ruth Thurogood

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

During the warm spring evening of the May 1st Folk Club, it was announced that I would be hosting the meeting in July. I pictured in my mind's eye the image of previous hot balmy evenings of the July meetings, when the majority of those present were clad in summer attire. I therefore, on the spur of the moment, decided to have "shorts" as the theme for this forthcoming event.

With the combination of the philosophies of Professor Sodde and the unreliability of the British weather, for the July folk club we experienced pouring rain and unseasonably low temperatures. It was more typical of a February's folk club than July's and it resulted in those who dressed according to the theme, displaying a motley array of goose pimples.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather, in typical Harbury Folk Club fashion the audience and performers excelled in bringing a metaphorical warmth and dare I say it, sunshine, to the evening. We were treated to a mixture of sounds from a variety of performers which together resulted in another pleasant and memorable event.

It was good to welcome Lars from Sweden (or was it Norway?), who entertained us with some fine English(?) folk music, and Bob Woodward, a newcomer to the village who performed some very invigorating rock 'n roll music of the 1950's style. It was also good to be entertained by our usual regulars who were even more numerous than usual. These included Mike Housome, Des, Jean and Ron Shuttleworth, Phil and Drill, Ian and Sue, Rick Middleton, the Blues Fathers, Peter McDonald, Mike Putnam, Celia Neill and Liz and me. It was noticeable how much effort had gone into the selection of the material to include either shorts in the alcoholic context, songs comprising short lines, and in Celia's case reciting a very amusing poem, which was written for her and about the trials and tribulations of being short!

The lyrical genius of John Black manifested itself again and this time it was in the form of a song which mercilessly made fun of someone called Pete who is regularly seen cycling from Harbury towards Warwick. I've no idea to whom he was referring!

The August meeting will be held on the 7th and it will be hosted by Steve Dudley. The theme is to be "Controversy" or is that "Controversy"? As usual, it will be in the restaurant of the Dog Inn, starting at 8.30 p.m.

Peter Bones

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL



Sports Day

A very busy and full year for the Nursery ended with a fun morning of sports and 36 children enjoying a Magic Show and Punch and Judy with Jo-Jo the Clown. Bringing their lunch boxes to the Nursery School was a highlight for the children!

We would like to wish all the children going to school a happy time and look forward to welcoming back our younger children to our new home in the School on Wednesday 3rd September.

If anyone would like a brochure and a copy of the inspection report or book a place please contact Kate Smart 612609.

Kate Smart

WIGHT SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

It has been another busy and successful year at the Wight School Playgroup. Thank you to everyone who supported our fund-raising events, our most recent of which was the Carnival, where we were delighted to raise in excess of $\pounds 50$.

The Playgroup is of course about the children. We are extremely grateful to Carol, Marie, Sue and Lesley for the caring, supportive and interesting environment that they provide for the children. The Wight School Playgroup provides a very gentle transition from the home, often with the child's first experience of time spent away from a parent, into a very supportive and secure learning environment. There is undoubtedly 'something special' about the Wight School Playgroup.

As from September, we are delighted to be able to welcome children from 2 years and 9 months. Please contact me on 613291 if you are interested in bringing a child along. You and your child(ren!) will be most welcome.

We enjoyed a party with a bouncy castle on the last day of term and certainly finished on a high note!

Our very best wishes go on to all those children who are progressing onto Primary School. We look forward to hearing of their future progress.

Enjoy the remainder of the Summer and we look forward to welcoming back lots of little smiling faces on **Tuesday 2nd September** at 9.15 am in the usual place (behind the Library!).

Alison Atkinson

PLAYSCHEME

The Kids Club Playscheme is running throughout the Summer Holidays for children 4-12 years old. The cost is $\pounds 5.00$ per child per session and children need to be booked in before the day(s) they wish to attend.

Spaces are limited so phone early to avoid disappointment. The activities are as follows:

Monday 4th August Pony rides

Friday 8th August Visit to the park plus picnic

Monday 11th August	Visit from Guide Dogs for the Blind
Friday 15th August	Bouncy Castle
Monday 18th August	Visit to Pineham Farm
Friday 22nd August	Pony rides
Friday 29th August	Punch and Judy

There are also many activities going on throughout the days including bingo, face painting, clay, competitions, cooking, sweet making etc. etc.

To book or find out more phone 613740 or 0402 898171.

Lynn Jackson

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

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Harbury Sunday XI (v Barford in May)

Front: (seated from left) Richard Carr, Neil Humphreys, Mike Daniels (Captain), Ian Jackson, Phil Holtom.

Back: (standing from left) Ian Barratt, Ian Lowe, Dave Perry (Club President), Les Sollis, Giles Atkinson, Richard Lowe, Gary Lowe.

The League XI resumed their Coventry Glynwed Division 4 promotion push on July 5th with a crushing defeat of table topping Atherstone II. Accurate and hostile bowling on a damp track rushed out the visitors for 70 in 31 overs. Ed Russell 2-37 and Will Russell 5-28 plus 2-1 from Ian Brierley caused the havoc. Harbury started sensibly and patiently with openers Seb Briggs (44) and Paul Bennett (19) and the task was completed by Greg Sherrington and Zak Briggs in the 26th over to give Harbury victory by 7 wickets.

On July 12 the League XI crushed Newdigate with a nine wicket win, and in spite of matches missed through bad weather could be in contention for promotion. Ed Russell (5-38) and Gary Haynes (3-25) bowled out Newdigate for 116. Seb Briggs (44*) and Paul Bennett (39) opened and Ed Russell (30*) took Harbury to 120 for 1 in only 23 overs.

On July 19 against Ambleside Reserves the League side won again, though not easily. A fuller report will be given next month.

Harbury Sunday XI played a 30 over game against Stockton on 29 June, after a fixture mix-up led to a late start. The rain held off, but the Stockton permanent Wicket played even lower than usual and at times resembled a bar of wet soap. Harbury opened well (Gary Lowe (23) and Will Russell (67)) but after that struggled to 113 for 6. Harbury's bowlers never came to terms with the surface, in spite of some steady bowling and Stockton coasted to victory for the loss of 3 wickets after 25 overs. Harbury look forward to playing Stockton at Middle Road one of these years.

On July 6th Harbury Sunday XI lost on the last ball of the match against Oxfordshire side, Broughton and North Newington on July 6th. Harbury battled first on docile wicket, scoring slowly against fast ar accurate bowling with overseas player Brian Tegg accumulating 27 runs. Broughton fielded exceptionally well, with two fine run outs. The runs came more quickly when John Clifford (83) and Phil Linnett (26) came together, and Harbury finished their 40 overs on a useful 189 for 5. Broughton also started slowly, reaching 100 for 2 after 29 overs. they were tied down at first by some steady seam bowling from Derek Clack and John Clifford (17-5-51-4), and two fine catches by Brian Tegg. However B & NN took control of the game and with three balls to go in the last over tied the match, and then scored 4 off the last ball to win an exciting game by 3 wickets.

On 13 July in their local Derby against Lighthorne, Harbury Sunday XI started badly with 5 of their first six batsmen out for less than 6. Early on only Ian Lowe (23) coped with the attack. Harbury were on 53 for 6, but New Zealander Brian Tegg again showed great determination with a steady 44*, and was supported by veterans Daniels (17) and Jackson (10*) to take the score to 145 for 8 at tea. Lighthorne started slowly, particularly against Ian Lowe (16-9-3-23), but eventually took a grip of the bowling and coasted to a comfortable 7 wickets victory with 9 overs to spare.

On July 20th the Sunday XI lost to Hockley Heath by 38 runs in a 40 over match. Hockley Heath started slowly with John Clifford (14-4-50-5) not only amongst the early wickets, but with a fine run out as well. However, Hockley reached a comfortable 192 all out in the 39th over. Gary Lowe (7-1-37-3) took the final wickets. Harbury found the challenge too much, and could only reach 154 for 5, though there were steady innings from John Clifford (33), Gary Lowe (41) and a fighting knock from Phil Linnett (52*). Phil was involved in a bizarre incident when on 49, when he collided in mid pitch with Ian Jackson, both crashed to the ground, and Hockley Heath attempted to run out both batsmen. Fortunately Phil survived the crash, to reach his half century. Harbury are now issuing heat seeking detection apparatus to their senior batsmen.

Ian Jackson

FOOTBALL MAD?

If you are 12 or 13 years old on 1st September 1997, and are mad about football, you could be a star in the Harbury Juniors Under 13s football team next season. Under the rules of the league we are in, this means that even if you will be 14 for most of next season, you can still play for us.

The under 13s will be competing in the Three Counties League again next season and we are looking to strengthen our squad. We train every Sunday morning on the pitches behind Harbury Village Hall (10.30am-12.30pm). If you live outside the village, don't worry. We will come and collect you and return you home if necessary.

Would you like to join us? If you are interested, please call either me on 613358, Ian Brierley on 814458 or Dave Hudson on 613958 for further details. Why not come along to the next coaching session to see what it's like? There's no charge and no obligation. You will be made very welcome by us and all of the boys.

Harbury Juniors Football Club has had a tremendous year. It currently runs coaching sessions for 80 boys in 4 age groups, for boys aged from 6 to 14. The club is well organised, is a member of the Warwickshire Association of Boys' Clubs, is financially sound and carries public liability insurance cover.

We look forward to seeing you at the next coaching session.

Clive Whorton

HARBURY ALBION F.C.

For those who are a 'little older' and would like to play football on Sunday mornings for Harbury Albion F.C., we would welcome new players.

If you are interested please contact either:

Trevor Betts	01926 421296
John Shearsby	01789 268646

Trevor Betts

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

Wet weather on a Thursday evening meant that there were few netball practices in June, although Bishops Itchington's netball team dia manage to use the court on a couple of Tuesday evenings.

This is a reminder to past, present and future members, that selection for teams begins on **Thursday 7th August** and continues for eight weeks, until the season begins in October. So here is the usual plea for netballers of all ages to come forward and join us. Just turn up for 7pm in the Village Hall car-park. If further details are required, ring Janet on 612841 or myself.

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

The rain at the end of June caused our Mixed Doubles Shield to be abandoned - not the only Big Tennis Tournament to be having trouble with the weather! Ours will be rescheduled for September. Luckily, the annual Club Barbecue later the same day was unaffected by the wet and was enjoyed by many.

July is probably the most active tennis month for us - helped by the long summer evenings. This month was no exception, with numerous matches being played in the local Banbury League, as well as the ongoing mixed doubles and singles ladders being well supported by club members.

Success in the League has been disappointing, with many of our matches being lost on tie-breaks. We seem to lack the 'killer instinct' necessary to win these! However, we recorded a good victory against Brackley and are all very positive about our final summer matches.

Forthcoming events include Medal Tournaments on Saturdays 2nd August and 6th September. We play during the week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6.30pm and at weekends on Saturday afternoons from 3.00 to 5.00pm. The courts are Council-owned so anyone can play on them, but please check availability by booking at Kane's News beforehand to avoid disappointment.

David Snell

SAMOIS-SUR-SEINE VISITED

So far, we had only heard and seen pictures of our twin, but now we had arrived into our "twins" village square. It was just as expected.

We were met by their President of the twinning committee and told to expect a welcoming toast as we motored to the village. The welcome was to be in the Cultural Hall, a tastefully converted barn leading off the village square; much smaller than our Village Hall but also having a children's play area outside. The reception was well attended, explanations of twinning to the assembled crowd which included five Harbury residents, was given. We expressed our enthusiasm and continued with a toast to "The Twinning".

Afterwards we met as many people as possible. All were very friendly and most had some knowledge of English, others were quite fluent.



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Why go elsewhere when we're on your doorstep?

More appear to speak English it seems, than might speak French in Harbury; everyone wants to speak to us, and we mutually struggle with each other's language.

We adjourned to the restaurant in the village square and took a refreshing cool drink on the patio with its convenient position as both a focal point for the village and observation platform for those wishing to watch over the busy square. Unusually, there is a square of interesting shops, the baker's being the most used as he continually produces fresh bread for everyone who seem to buy twice daily; there is a Post Office, Mairie (Town Hall) and another restaurant.

Most villages in France do not have a "square", as this is generally an arrangement for towns and as such gives the unsuspecting visitor an impression of this village size being of town-proportions; in fact the population is around 300-persons smaller than Harbury.

The village does not appear to be overcrowded; houses are of many various types and sizes; old and new; with good conservation and pride. Overall, space is a premium as they are bounded by the river Seine and the Fontainbleau Forest - which is much like The New Forest. This means not much development land is available, and that which is in evidence is expensive.

A walk towards the river was down a cobbled street and past the school, smaller than ours, then past the house where, according to the plaque, jazz guitarist Django Rheinhart lived and ended his days here. Perhaps timely, this coincided with an awareness of musical strains of modern jazz chords, which greeted our party as we came to the waterside as it opened up in front. The river could be described as being like Stratford, but with many more large trees. An idyllic setting for the festival where the main arena is reached over a pedestrian bridge to the island. French Television, French Radio and Local Radio sponsored the four-day event, which is truly international and a treat for jazz fans. Fringe music is also a feature; bands not performing on stage played off the island and in the cafes and restaurants along the river bankside. Intriguing too were the jamming sessions where small groups got together and played in the "Django Style," their guitars seemingly "talking together" as they played in accord; these were the Gypsies accompanied by fanatical musicians who added depth to the festival in that unique way which appeared to have fascinated all of the many appreciative onlookers.

Samoir-Sur-Seine has a twinning committee and we see many possibilities and opportunities for our villages to meet and develop the prospective twinning at all levels.

The families we also met were extremely pleasant people, polite and interested in ourselves and Harbury. Some people stayed with a family which was very enjoyable, whilst others were self-catering in houses, or even a barge, which was well stocked with extended hospitality.

The schools are now corresponding and next we will try to introduce older groups; it is really an experience not to be missed; first impressions were good and we can now look forward to another visit when we can once again meet our new friends and even find others.



Twinning Meeting in Samoir-Sur-Seine Cultural Hall

Ken Stephenson

MEALS ON WHEELS

Sixteen dedicated cooks/drivers urgently need an organiser to enable them to continue the service in Harbury.

Mary Snow (612410) will be glad to explain just what is involved. Mary Snow

HARBURY CHRONICLES

Despite the rain, our Carnival stall did really well selling clothes, cakes and books. We made over £200. Many thanks to everyone who helped or supported us. Our next fund-raiser is something really special. The <u>Caldicot Male Voice Choir</u> will be in concert in the Church on **Saturday 20th September**. This is a choir of over 50 voices, who have had the honour of accompanying "The Three Tenors" at their Wembley Concert. Demand for tickets is expected to be heavy so make sure you reserve yours soon. During the second half of August we intend to advertise outside the village to ensure a full house, but we felt it only fair to give Harbury first choice. See advert for details.

As for the film, scripts are being prepared and we hope to begin filming on 20th September showing a typical Saturday in Harbury.

Anne Megeney

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

You may have read in the magazine that Harbury has been selected by the Countryside Commission as an exemplar village to produce a Design Statement with the aid of a grant. So what is a Village Design Statement? The Countryside Commission wants to help residents of English Villages play an active part in plans for building developments in their locality. A certain amount of new development is necessary for a living countryside, and a Design Statement can offer a way for local communities to help set the context so that new development can be designed to fit its location. The statement can be approved by the local Authority as supplementary planning guidance.

With the support of the Parish Council, a core group has formed to undertake the task of researching and writing the VDS. It will describe the visual character of the village, and demonstrate how local character and distinctiveness can be protected and enhanced by new development.

The core group consisting of David Holmes, Celia Barrett, Simon Sykes, John and Linda Ridgley and myself has met and begun some preliminary work. We are going to need lots of help. Our next meeting will be in the Tom Hauley Room on Monday September 1st at 7.30pm. Please come along if you would like to be involved in any way however small. We are working towards a whole day event in the Village Hall on Saturday November 22nd when there will be displays and opportunities for the whole village to be involved.

Sharon Hancock

THE THURSDAY CLUB

There has been no response to my appeal for a Secretary for our club - can anyone help?

Please note that there will be NO MEETINGS during August. We start again on September 11th with a talk by John Stringer on "Fourways Farm". New members are always welcome.

Beryl Checkley (612519)

SNAP!

A photographic competition for the young.

The Harbury and Ladbroke News and the Harbury Chronicles are offering prizes for your photographs of Harbury. The overall winner will receive a video of "The Harbury Chronicles" which is, as you know, a film about our village.

So, get out your cameras and take pictures of the "things" that will always remind you of Harbury.

You may choose, for instance, a view of a building, or a glimpse of one of the many events that go on here - but we must not give you our ideas, the choice of subject is up to you.

Put your entries, no more than two, in an envelope with your entry fee of 25p for each photograph. Make sure your NAME is on the back of each photograph. (Use a small sticky label for this).

On the front of the envelope write your name and address again and say if you are in Category A or B and your age in years and months.

Category AChildren aged between 7 years and 11 yearsCategory BChildren aged between 11 years and 14 years

Some of the photographs will be published in the Harbury and Ladbroke News.

Closing Date:	30th September 1997
Entries to:	31 Binswood End, Harbury

Mary Shelley/John Holden

FENNY COMPTON AND TYSOE FIRE STATIONS Once more under threat of proposed closure

Harbury Parish Council are anxious to make residents of Harbury and Deppers Bridge aware of the detrimental effect to their safety if the proposal to close these fire stations down is carried out.

There have been times when there have been so many calls on so many appliances that Fenny Compton and Tysoe have been left holding the fort for a very large area of South Warwickshire.

Fenny Compton Firemen are called out regularly to the M40 and as they live within three minutes of the fire station they are able to react quickly.

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In 1997 to date they have been called out 108 times, in 1996 113 and in 1995 156 times.

It is argued that the minimum standards laid down in 1947 of reaching an incident in a rural area within 20 minutes can be achieved without these two fire stations. Nobody needs reminding that action within the first 5 minutes of any emergency is critical to the prevention of loss of a life which otherwise might have been saved, and that this standard is unacceptable.

The County Council will be holding public consultation meetings on the proposed closures at the following venues.

Fenny Compton, Village Hall	Wednesday 10 September	8.00pm
Bishops Itchington, Memorial Hall	Thursday 11 September	8.00pm
Kineton, High School	Wednesday 17 September	8.00pm

MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN

Attend one of the above meetings or write to the Chief Executive, Warwickshire County Council, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4RR.

> Mrs A D Hodge (Clerk to the Council)

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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION SUCCESS

The Editors have recently been informed of two graduations by local students.

Fiona Hancock has just completed her third and final year on her degree course at Southampton University where she obtained a 2:1 BSc (Hons) in Occupational Therapy. She will take up a post at the end of August as an Occupational Therapist at Forston Clinic, a Psychiatric Hospital, near Dorchester in Dorset.

James Tancock who went to Harbury and Southam Schools and Stratford College, has now graduated from Leeds University (Brelton Hall) with a B.A. Hons 2:1 degree in Popular Music Studies.

Congratulations to both, we would be pleased to receive other news from students.

The Editors

SUMMERTIME "BROWNS"

High summer - but you could be forgiven for thinking autumn is on its way - the leaves are turning gold and brown.

It's twenty-odd years since Dutch Elm Disease marched up the Fosse to devastate our trees. In that time old stumps have rotted or been removed and new growth has suckered up from the roots.

But these are not <u>new trees</u>. They are clones of those cut down by disease in the seventies. There is no genetic variation in them capable of resisting the fungus.

In places we have twenty year old Elm trees - high as a house - in others whole hedges. They are all vulnerable and many of them are dying already.

It starts on the edges and in the crown. A slight browning of the leaves as if scorched by the sun. Next year the tree may struggle into life only to lose its leaves completely.

Look in the hedgerows, especially south along the Fosse. There you will see the gaps and dead trees of last year's casualties.

It's coming and there is nothing we can do about it.

Linda Ridgley

EXHIBITING AT THE SHOW

If you intend to exhibit at this year's show (go on, be a devil), a few hints on what the judges look for may help.

Always read the schedule carefully, including the rules, and follow exactly the stated requirements for your chosen class(es). Failure to do so will, at least, cost you points and may even leave the reluctant judge no option but to disqualify the exhibit as "Not according to schedule". I have seen four beautiful apples, or four delicious looking rock-cakes passed over by the judge, because the schedule called for five in each case and the best embroidery picture on show disqualified because it was on another material, when the schedule called for canvas.

What do the judges look for?

<u>Arrangement:-</u> Apart from Section "C", no marks are awarded for arrangement, but other things being equal, the judge will prefer an attractively and neatly staged exhibit. The show secretary always will, for part of his job is to make the whole show as attractive to the eye as possible.

Flowers, fruit and vegetables:- are judged on condition and uniformity plus size and colour. Condition - exhibits should be at their peak of condition, fresh and unblemished, not overblown, overripe or overgrown and coarse. Uniformity - where more than one item is called for in the class, the whole set should be as near identical as possible. A well-matched exhibit can win over one with larger but ill-assorted items. Size - unless limits are set by the schedule, the bigger the better, so long as coarseness is avoided. Long, whip-like root vegetables, too long in proportion to their shoulder-width are inferior. Colour - attractive natural colour is desirable, but while the best coloured of two exhibits of Spartan apples might well win on colour, it would not win on colour alone over an exhibit of Granny Smith (say). Fruit for show should never, ever be polished but shown with natural bloom intact (Best of luck with plums and grapes. Picking on to a wad of cotton wool or soft tissue helps).

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Individual merits and demerits for different classes vary, more information available (see below),

Preserves are marked as follows,	
External standard (container, cover and label)	1
Internal standard (colour)	5
Quality (consistency, texture, quantity)	6
(flavour and aroma)	8
	<u>8</u> 20

Jars and bottles should be of clear glass, free from all commercial/trade marks on body or cover, or they are eliminated. The cover should be correct and suitable for the contents (e.g. no tinplate tops on vinegar pickles).

As exhibits are to be shown as <u>preserves</u>, they must have a seal of preservation or be ruled out. (Do not be tempted to test the seal yourself and thus destroy it before the judge sees the exhibit).

N.B. Fruit curds are usually included amongst the preserves in the schedule but are not sealed. Once again, further advice if required, see below.

Section F:- Do make sure that wine-style of your exhibit agrees with the class entered. Put it in a clear glass bottle with a flanged stopper and fill to about an inch below the bottom of the stopper. The judge will look at the unopened bottle for colour, clarity and absence of lees, etc. On opening and pouring, he will look again at colour and clarity in the glass, body, aroma and finally flavour in evaluating the wine. Colour (or lack of browny tones) is more important in whites that in reds, although a good full colour for a red is best. Avoid over colouring in rosé.

Section H:- Each item is marked out of twenty on its own merit and not compared with other entries.

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Design and use of colour
Suitability of materials
Techniques and workmanship
Finish and presentation

Merits and demerits for individual crafts vary widely, further information is available. However, where the schedule calls for "A piece", this will be examined and judged both back and front.



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If you require more specific advice on any exhibit, Mrs. Pat Smith holds a copy of the W.I. book "On with the Show" and Ron Grey (612515) holds both this and the R.H.S. handbook and will be happy to help.

Ron Grey

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PROTÉGÉ OF LOCAL ATHLETICS' COACH BECOMES BRITISH 800m CHAMPION

In December 1991 the 'Harbury and Ladbroke News' ran a profile of myself detailing my career as an athletics coach. At the time one of my training group, was Andy Hart, then aged 21 (family live at Radford Semele) who was Midland Youth champion at 800m and 1500m. He was also mentioned last year when he married ex-local girl (of Mill Street) Analie Hoare. Villagers may have seen him on T.V. weekend of July 12th/13th when he won the B.A.F. World Championship Trials in the 800m final at the Alexander stadium, Birmingham (in a time of 1 minute, 46.36 seconds) and was interviewed by Fatima Whitbread (ex Olympic Javelin gold medalist) and Steve Cram (ex gold medalist and world record holder at 800m and 1500m) who said: it was "the best race he had seen Andy run." The time was inside the World Championships standard and therefore Andy will represent Great Britain at these Championships in Athens this summer. Andy and Analie are now both qualified teachers who live and work in Cheltenham. I still live, in retirement with my wife Enid in Manor Orchard and still coach middle-distance athletics at Rugby Athletics Club.

John Wright

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Garden Walkabout is over for another year; the gardeners did indeed delight the visitors! The forecasts from the Met Office were not encouraging but Saturday was reasonable, then Sunday after an early heavy shower, ended with beautiful sunshine. Many thanks to everybody who opened their gardens, there is such a variety and range in Harbury, from the large to the small, all reflecting much effort and hard work. Our thanks also to all those people who baked cakes and helped in any way, we could not have managed without you. We didn't break any records financially, but the Treasurer seems satisfied.

Would you believe it is time for the people who won silver cups at the Village Show last year, to give them a final polish so they can be engraved. Either Ron or I will collect them, or if you are going on holiday please give them to Julie Clarke, 32 South Parade. The schedules are already in the Post Office, Co-op, Mugglestone's, Kane's Newsagent, Party Paraphernalia, Nifty Needle, 32 South Parade and 23 Deppers Bridge. Do pick one up and plan your entries. There is something for everyone we hope! If you cannot see the schedules displayed, please ask. The W.I. book "On with the Show" contains much information, is available for reference from Ron Grey or Mrs Pat Smith and could save many disappointments. Elsewhere in this issue Ron (Show Secretary) has written an article giving tips on showing to help newcomers to this field.

Our extra evening trip will be on Wednesday 6th August to the Severn Trent plant, and those people intending to go please meet at the Village Hall at 6pm.

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES for AUGUST

There is a saying that there is a plant for every place and a place for every plant, but not necessarily in every garden. Whilst sitting in the garden this month, decide which plants are not enjoying your garden and plan changes which you can carry out next month. Pot up the discarded plants and bring them along to the Village Show for the produce stall. Someone else may have just the right spot for that poor plant.

Lawn clippings from grass treated with weedkiller must be composted for a minimum of 6 months. This allows the hormone content of the chemical to degrade, so plants mulched with the compost are not damaged.

Clematis, Azalea and Camellia are all thirsty plants needing about 4 gallons of water a week if kept in containers, so remember them in dry spells. Do not forget the house plants which have been put outside, and keep an eye out for slugs. Roses do not need any more feed but do require spraying against pests and will go on flowering longer if they are continually deadheaded. Dahlias and chrysanths do need a feed and may need staking. Cuttings can be taken from alpines now that most have finished flowering.

Sow winter lettuce and spring cabbage. Japanese onions can be sown in mid month. Sow or pot up a few herbs for the winter.

Many plants are setting seed so if you want to save some keep a daily check on them and pick the seed pods or the whole stem just before the plant sheds them. Most hardy perennials germinate best if the seed is sown immediately after collection.

Plant of the Month - Fuchsia

Native to tropical America, with a few from New Zealand, the first plants arrived from Chile in the 16th Century. Reputedly a sailor brought a specimen home for his wife because the flowers resembled lady's earrings. Cuttings from this plant were bought by James Lee a well known plant grower of the time. His Vineyard Nurseries are mentioned in Thackeray's 'Vanity Fair'. The German botanist Leonhart Fuchs, in whose honour the plant was named would be delighted to see the many lovely colour combinations we can now buy.

These colourful flowers have become part of almost every summer basket or container. However, the long flowering season makes them useful in the borders as well, where they give a certain elegance. In the language of flowers, fuchsia stands for good taste. They need good, well drained soil, in sun or part shade. Many of the species will survive the winter outside, but need to be given some protection over the roots. Cuttings taken in late summer will root easily and will ensure the survival of your plants should we have a particularly hard winter.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Friends

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you for all your thoughts, cards and presents during my stay in Hospital. I know I've only been living here a short time, but everyone has been thoughtful and kind - it makes me glad to be a part of Harbury.

Thanks again.

Doris Tudor

Dear Friends

Thank you very much for all the flowers, cards and support given to Tony and I during my recent illness. I am now home and improving each day. It's comforting to know that we live in such a caring community.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Stubbs



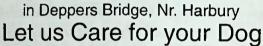


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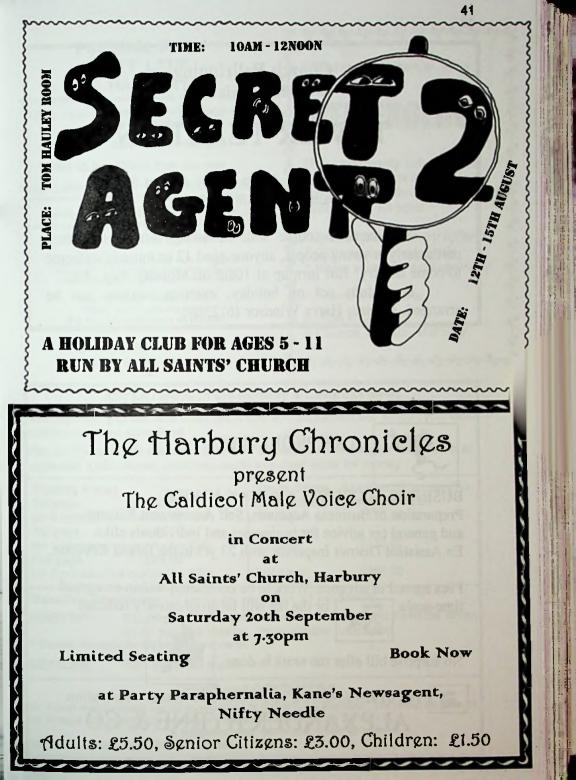
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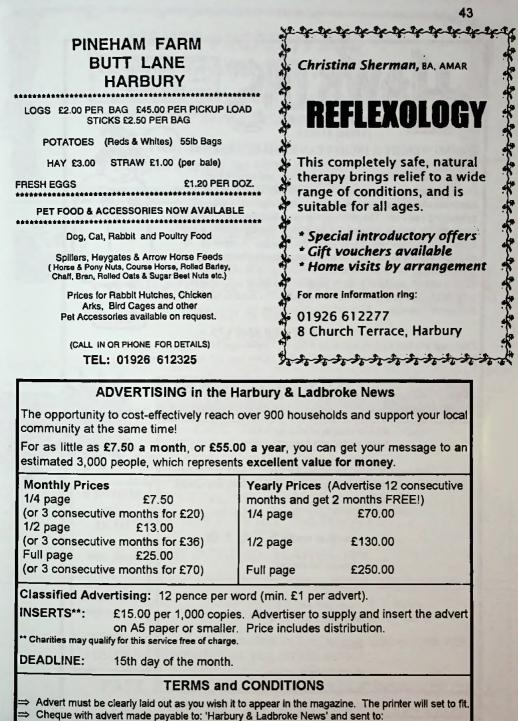




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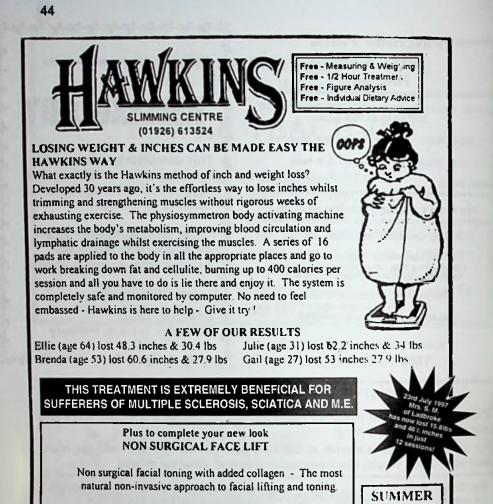


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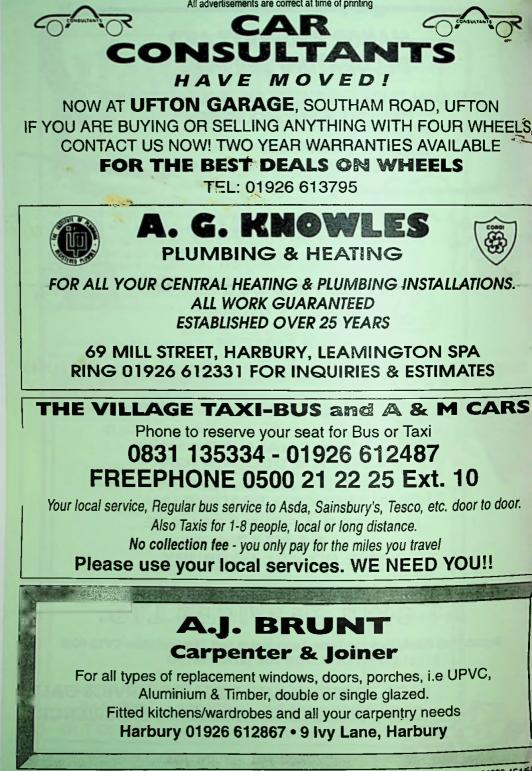
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