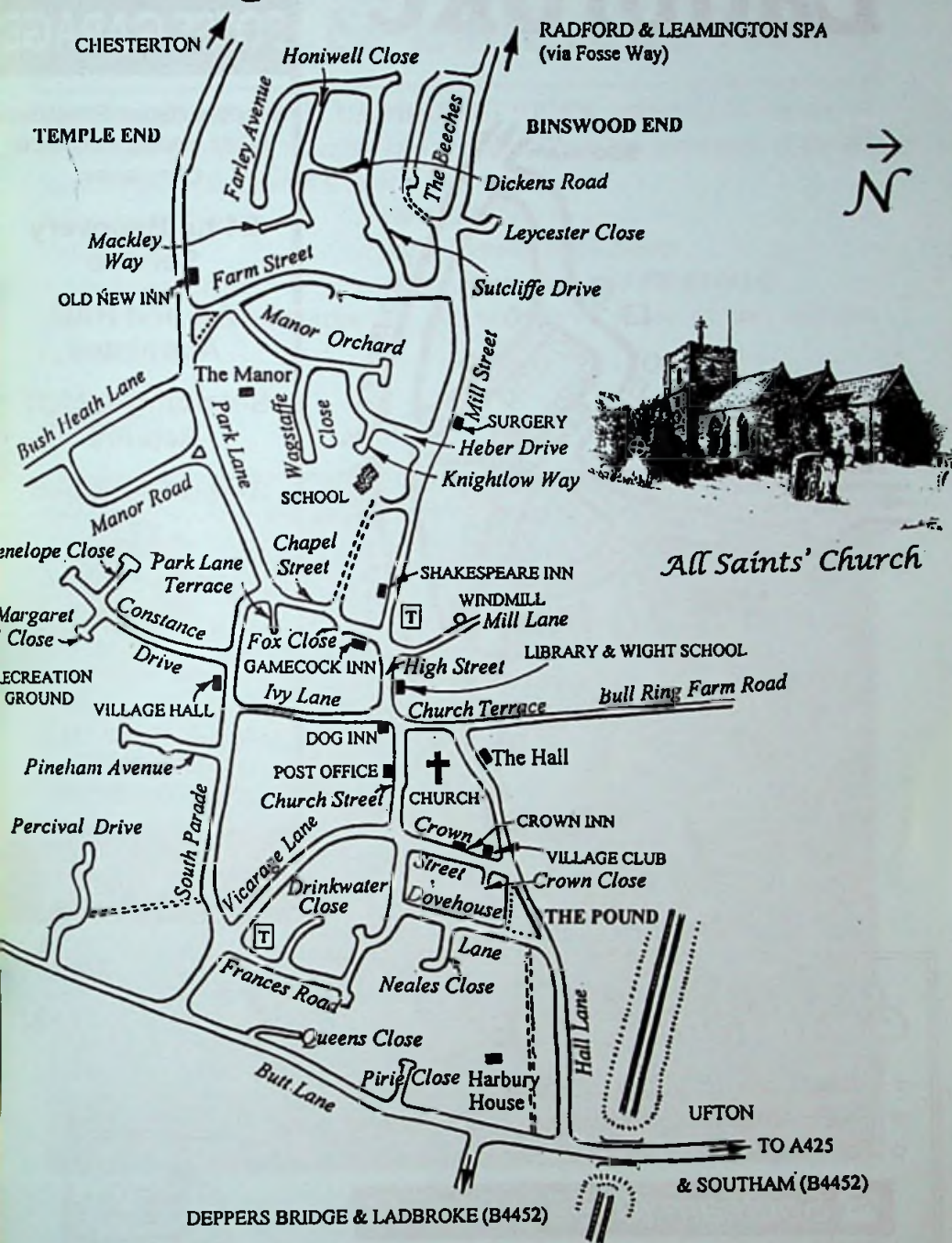


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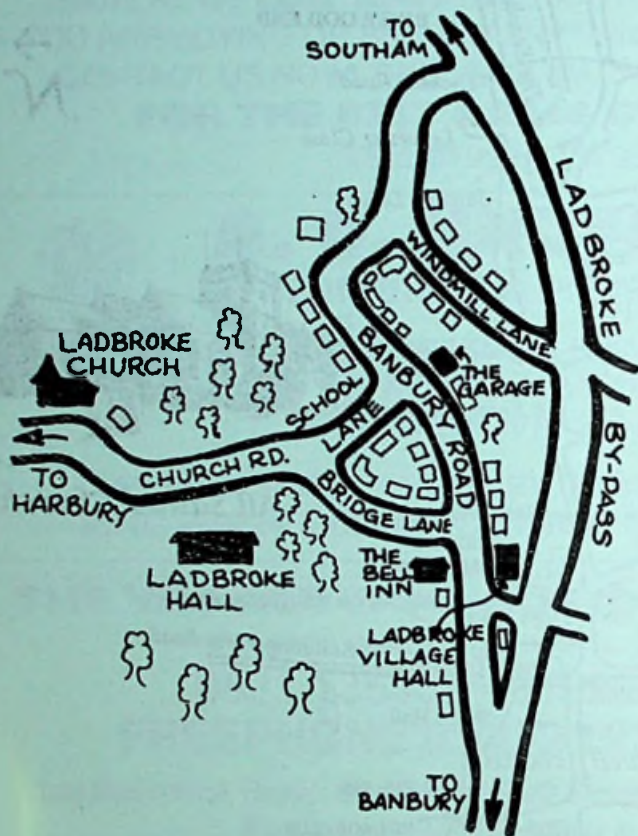
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Submitted by Ruth Guy

Harbury's fame has extended beyond our shores as the Hereburgh Morris dancers were featured on C.B.C. Newsworld television outside the

Polling Station on Election day. Our photograph shows them earlier in the day dancing at Chesterton Windmill as dawn broke. Later on in the year sharp eyed fans of *Dangerfield* may recognise shots of Harbury House in a forthcoming episode.

We always pride our village on its community spirit and we are sure it will be in evidence on Carnival Day. However, in recent weeks there has been a spate of unpleasant thefts involving personal and public property. The most distressing episode involved the theft of the pump from the school's swimming pool. It is reassuring to know that when misfortune strikes there are always those who are ready to rally to the cause. Congratulations to the Old New Inn for collecting money to replace the pump. All profits from their pig roast on Carnival Day will also be given to the school.

Another fund raising event last month organised for **S.H.A.K.** saw Harbury residents 'hoofing' at a Ceilidh.



Harbury residents enjoying a Ceilidh Evening at the Village Hall

The Editors would like to draw your attention to the advertisement for a Treasurer for the H&L News, see page 43.

Finally our sympathy goes to the families of Barbara Bowell, Reg Harris and Paula Wibberley.

Harbury Diary

JUNE

- Sun 8 Pentecost 3** - Holy Communion 8am
Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Sunday School 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
Wheelbarrow Race starting from the Crown at 12.30pm
Cricket at home to Ettington
- Tues 10** Toddlers' Service 2.15pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Samois Twinning meeting in the Wight School 7.30pm
Prayer Group in Church 8.10pm
Village Hall Committee meeting 8pm
- Wed 11** Yoga in Wight School 7.30-9.30pm
- Thurs 12** Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
WI in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
- Fri 13** Harbury Junior Football Presentation in Village Hall 7pm
- Sat 14 HARBURY CARNIVAL DAY**
Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am
Cricket at home to Ansley Reserves
- Sun 15 Pentecost 4** - Holy Communion 8am
Family Service 10.30am; Sunday School in Tom Hauley Room 10.30am
Deppers Bridge Open Air Service 3.30pm
All ADVERTS c/o 31 Binswood End by 5.30pm
Cricket away to Hockley Heath
- Tues 17** Holy Communion 7.30pm
Mothers' Union in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
Senior Citizens Committee in Village Hall 8pm
- Wed 18** Yoga in Wight School 7.30-9.30pm
Bible Study Group 8pm (ring 612585 or 613214 for venue)
Hereburgh Morris dance at the Green Man, Long Itchington 8pm and the
Harvester, Long Itchington 9pm
- Thurs 19** Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 20** Newspaper Collection
- Sat 21** Men's Prayer Breakfast 7.30am with Bishop Simon and visitors
Mothers' Union Diocesan Festival at Coventry Cathedral
Cricket at home to Birmingham Civil Services
- Sun 22 Pentecost 5** - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist and Confirmation
with Bishop Simon 10.30am; Evensong 6.30pm
Cricket home to Ashorne
- Tues 24** Horticultural Society to Bidford-on-Avon, 5.45pm at Village Hall
Holy Communion 7.30pm; Julian Group 8.10pm

Please note:

Adverts to c/o 31 Binswood End by Sunday 15th June

Articles to Nifty Needle by Friday 27th June

- Wed 25 Yoga in Wight School 7.30-9.30pm
 Thurs 26 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
 Parish Council meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm
 Fri 27 Harbury visits Samois-sur-Seine for Django Rheinhardt Festival (see article)
 Working from Home Club Lunch at The Dog Inn 12noon
 All ARTICLES to NIFTY NEEDLE by 5.30pm
 Sat 28 Cricket away to Standard Reserves
 PTA Retro Disco in School Hall 7.45pm
 Sun 29 **Pentecost 6** - Sung Communion 9am followed by breakfast for both parishes
 Cricket at home to Stockton

JULY

- Tues 1 Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Wed 2 Mothers' Union AGM and Garden meeting at Rectory 2.30pm
 Yoga in Wight School 7.30-9.30pm
 Hereburgh Morris dance at the Saxon Mill, Warwick 8pm
 Thurs 3 St. Thomas - Holy Communion 9.45am
 Storytelling in Library 10am
 Men's Society AGM in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
 Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm
 Fri 4 Newspaper Collection
 Sat 5 Cricket at Offchurch v Atherstone Reserves
 Harbury Rugby Club Barbecue
 Sun 6 **Pentecost 7** - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 6.30pm
 Cricket at home to Ettington

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For Wight School Bookings	Mrs. Hayes	613488

REGULAR DIARY DATES

- BABY CLINIC:** Surgery, 2-4pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday
BADMINTON: Village Hall Tuesdays
BEAVERS: Scout Hut, 6-7pm Tuesdays
BELLRINGING PRACTICE: Church, 7.30pm Fridays
BINGO: Village Hall, 8pm Mondays
BROWNIES: Village Hall 6-7.30pm Tuesdays
CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, 6.30pm Fridays
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU: Over Southam Magistrates Court, 10am-3pm
 Tuesdays (Except Bank Holidays)
COFFEE MORNING: Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon Saturdays
CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesdays
DANCING CLASSES: (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)
LIBRARY: Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 10am 1st Thursday of Month
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: Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday mornings
PLAYGROUP: Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings
SCOUTS: Scout Hut, 7.45pm Tuesdays & Thursdays
TENNIS CLUB: (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: 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.: Tom Hauley Room, 7.45pm 2nd Thursday of Month
YOGA: Wight School, 7.30-9.30pm Wednesdays, Diane Surgey Tel.817904

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

Said the rector at a wedding:

"Don't be nervous, for, you see, everything that's said or done, you say or do it after me."

"Wilt thou take and wed this woman and endeavour to be true?"

But the bridegroom, much embarrassed, only stammered: *"After you!"*

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

As many of you will be aware, Bishop Simon will be retiring from his position as Bishop of the Diocese of Coventry, during the autumn. Over the past seven months Bishop Simon has been undertaking a Missionary Journey round the Diocese visiting all deaneries. He will be in the Southam Deanery between **Friday 20th and Tuesday 24th June** and we are delighted he will be in Harbury on two occasions. Firstly to attend the Men's Prayer Breakfast on the Saturday morning in the Tom Hauley Room at 7.30am and then on Sunday morning to officiate at a confirmation which will be included as part of the regular 10.30am morning service. Bishop Simon has been a regular visitor to this parish over many years and we are sure we shall have a full attendance both mornings to wish him well and to offer our prayers for a long and fulfilling retirement.

A week earlier than the confirmation service we shall be holding our annual open air service at the recreation grounds, Deppers Bridge, at 3.30pm (**Sunday 15th June**). This year the service is a little later in the calendar as it is usually held on Rogation Sunday. The music will be provided by the Leamington Spa branch of the Salvation Army and the preacher will be Canon Ken Philips from Priors Marston. A light tea will be provided after the service.

The Parish Breakfast will be held on **Sunday 29th June** immediately following the 9am service. Please note the time of **9am** although it is not a first Sunday in the month.

Looking ahead to August

Last year the Church ran a holiday club entitled 'Secret Agent' for children aged 5 to 11 years. This year we intend to repeat the activity on **12th-15th August** inclusive. The event will be 'Secret Agent II' and further details will be provided in the July edition. Meantime, please note the dates in your diary.

We have recently received a small booklet entitled *Come Through The Church Door*, which is a diary of open days, concerts flower and festivals in and around the churches of the West Midlands. We shall detail each month during the summer the events listed for South Warwickshire only. Full details for the whole region, including telephone numbers for reference purposes, are in the booklet which will be on display on the notice board immediately inside the Church.

Sat. 28 June St. Peters - Wootton Wawen - Concert and Arts Festival

Sat. 28/29 June Holy Trinity - Ettington - Village Open Gardens

Sat. 28 June St. Peters - Wellesbourne - Open Day

Sat. 5 July Holy Trinity - Norton Lindsey - Great Kneeler Trail

Sat. 5 July St. Peters - Radway - Great Kneeler Trail

Sat. 5 July St. Peters - Wellesbourne - Great Kneeler Trail

Sat. 5 July St. Peters - Wootton Wawen - Church Fete

There is a huge choice within the booklet and well worth perusing.

Ruth and Jeff

FROM THE RECTOR

A sacrament is a sign of life - a sign of God's life within you.

Any sign of life is a sign of hope. It points to the future and to new experience. The miracle of life is all around us at this time of the year. And new life is not only in the physically new born. It is often within ourselves; a new friendship or perhaps a growing love. All around us we see signs of life. And it is within these signs that we experience the presence of God. Creation is a constant source of amazement and wonder, both to the layman and the scientist. The mystery of life is a continuing revelation and the more we understand about it the more we realise how little we know.

Our awareness of life and growth does not develop simply because we are told about it. We feel instinctively the mystery of creation, the mystery of love, in a way words cannot express. The touch of a hand, a fleeting glance, a certain smile between people in love can speak more eloquently than any words. In the same way, a solitary tear can reveal unspeakable pain or sadness.

All these signs of love and commitment help us to sense the touch of the Creator in our world. But God was not content with that. He sent us an even more eloquent sign: His Son Jesus Christ. In His healing, forgiving and preaching, Christ showed us how close God is to each of us. When He died, Christ left His Church to continue His work of revealing God's closeness to the world. The Church, that is the community of Christ's followers, is a living sign of Christ's continuing presence in the world today. As Christians our unity with Christ is maintained and strengthened at special moments during which we draw especially close to Christ by recalling his life and actions. At these times we experience the love of our heavenly Father through ordinary human events in life; being born into a family; sharing a meal; being healed and forgiven or making a special commitment to love or to serve in one form or another. Just as a shared glance between lovers is a sign of a total unity which words cannot describe, so the signs we use at such events in our lives as Christians are also a sign of the reality of our total unity with God which words alone cannot describe. We call these special events, Sacraments. A sacrament is a sign, a sign of life - God's life - eternal life.

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony - All Saints' Harbury

31st May - John Andrew to Rowena Hudson

Welcomed into the Church by Holy Baptism at All Saints' Harbury

11th May - Sarah Elizabeth Turner

18th May - Robert Thomas Broomfield Rollason

25th May - Elizabeth Emily Stack

Funerals

15th May - Reg Harris

20th May - Barbara Bowell

MOTHERS' UNION

At our May afternoon meeting our speaker Mrs. Dorothy Myring brought along a tea towel upon which was depicted 12 plants mentioned in the Bible. Mrs. Myring gave us fascinating facts regarding each of the plants and read some of the relevant verses from the Bible.

John Eld gave the evening group an interesting and inspiring talk, illustrated by slides, on his experiences while delivering aid. He showed us pictures of members of the Christian Church who had welcomed him in the various countries he visited. We also heard how God had delivered him and his friends from many difficulties and dangers, and how they felt supported by our prayers.

In June the afternoon group will have a discussion and the evening group a garden forum. Please give in all gardening questions for the forum as soon as possible. People in Harbury have now knitted over 50 teddies for our 'Teddies for Tragedies' appeal and are still knitting.

Lorna Bedford & C. Mary Catt

TODDLERS' SERVICE

We opened little windows to find pictures while Mrs. Bedford told the story of the pictures. It was about a woman who found her lost coin. We also sang *Seek ye first the Kingdom of God* and coloured some pictures of coins to take home.

C. Mary Catt

SUMMONED BY BELLS

The title of the late John Betjeman's verse autobiography makes a fitting headline to this account of the May meeting of the Harbury and Ladbrooke Church Men's Society. The ~~promise~~ that Harry Windsor, captain of the Harbury tower and consultant to the Diocesan Guild of

Bell Ringers, would bring along a set of handbells resulted in a above-average attendance. It seems that almost everybody had held long-cherished ambition to *have a go* on handbells and were determined not to miss the opportunity.

As the Windsor-pattern introduction to handbells for beginners require a rank of eight ringers changing positions end-to-end, somewhat reminiscent of old-fashioned army drill movements, we may have looked like 'the awkward squad', but it was all tremendous fun.

Earlier we were treated to an informative and interestingly presented A-to-Z of the manufacture, tuning and ringing of bells from their bronze-age origins to the present day. We learnt that originally they were used for communication purposes. The bells belonged to the community and were housed in church towers only because they were the most suitable places for them and not purposely to summon people to church.

By now it is well known that Harbury is keen to expand its ringing team in readiness for the important contribution bells will make to the millennium celebrations. In the event that Harry was also talent-spotting that night he must, after our performance, have gone home disappointed, though too polite to say so. So it still remains up to the rest of you to rally to the tower captains' millennium call.

John Algar

HARBURY BELL RINGERS

Through the coming months Harbury Church bells will ring out for happy couples getting married. On **Saturday 5th July**, as well as a wedding, the Guild of Bell Ringers are holding their quarterly meeting here, so you will be hearing the bells into the evening too.

During the Open Gardens weekend the tower will be open to visitors on **Saturday 12th** from 11am to 5pm and **Sunday 13th July** from 2pm to 4.30pm. Everyone is welcome to climb the steps to look at the bells and meet the ringers. We enjoy ringing for services and weddings and our practice night is Friday from 7.30-9pm.

We would like to recruit and teach more people to ring. We range in age from teenagers to O.A.P.s. We are all friendly and there is a good team

spirit. I did not take up bell ringing until I retired and I have made many new friends when I have visited and rung at other churches in Warwickshire and further afield.

Why don't you come and try your hand at this ancient skill. At present we are considering having an intensive training week during August, aimed principally at teenagers. More about this nearer the time.

Nora B. Ellis
(Tower correspondent)

Ladbroke News

JUNE

- Sun 8 Pentecost 3** - Sung Communion 9am
Wed 11 Women's Fellowship outing to Winchcombe
 NO Communion
Sun 15 Pentecost 4 - Sung Communion 9am; Children's Church 11am
 Deppers Bridge Open Air Service 3.30pm
Mon 16 WI Quiz Team at Myton School 7.30pm
Wed 18 Holy Communion 9.45am
Sun 22 Pentecost 5 - Sung Communion 9am
Wed 25 Holy Communion 9.45am
Thurs 26 Women's Institute meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm
Sat 28 Diatonic Choir concert in Church 7.30pm
Sun 29 Pentecost 6 - Holy Communion 8am; Choral Evensong 6pm

JULY

- Wed 2** Holy Communion 9.45am
Thurs 3 St. Thomas - Holy Communion 7.30pm;
 P.C.C. Meeting in the 'Old Rectory' 7.30pm
Fri 4 Independence Day Party at Attwood Cottage
Sun 6 Pentecost 6 - Family Communion 10.30am

LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Our Whit Sunday Children's Church walk was lovely - I've no doubt some people didn't join us because they felt shy - well take it from me, once you get into the 'swing' of it - singing the hymns, it's great fun. There were 14 of us - adults and children and we really enjoyed ourselves. Jane explained to us that Whit Sunday was the day Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to his disciples and told them to go out into the

world and give everyone the message of Jesus - Christianity. So, we do our little corner of the world in Ladbroke.



Children's Church Walk on Whit Sunday

On **Sunday 15th June** at 3.30pm we are again going to sing out God's message. This time at Deppers Bridge, at our Open Air service on the playing field. Hopefully the Salvation Army band will join us and we will have 'Tea and Buns' afterwards. Everyone from both parishes will be welcome to join us.

Please make a note of the following 2 dates in your diary:

Saturday 28th June - Diatonic Choir, will be performing one of their concerts here in Ladbroke Church. Tickets will be on sale from the Rector, Michael Shorts and myself very soon now - we'll announce it in the pew sheets when the tickets are ready.

Sunday 29th June - Choral Evensong at 6pm. Choir practices for this are on Monday evenings 7-8pm. Please come and hear how well Michael has trained us, if you don't intend to join the choir, that is!

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 15th - Mrs. M. Stubbs 29th - Mrs. K. Birch
 6th July - Mrs. P. Askew

Betty Winkfield

Holy Matrimony - All Saints' Church Ladbroke



3rd May - Claire Handscomb to Timothy Dallow

WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

We enjoyed Carol Tilley's talk at our last meeting - well, we all joined in - more of a discussion really.

This month we are off to Winchcombe for our annual day out on **Wednesday 11th June**. We will meet outside the Church at 10am and make our way to Winchcombe hoping to arrive in time for coffee.

Holy Communion service will be cancelled on that day.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The group meeting for the area was well attended and enjoyed. It is good to meet friends from the neighbouring W.I.'s. We were also able to see the newest school in our area.

The May meeting was held on the 22nd when this year's Resolutions were ably presented by Mrs. G. Gould. Gwladys had put many hours into her research and simplified the resolutions for us. After lengthy discussions the results were given to Mrs. Susan Moore who will be our representative at the Triennial meeting this year. To lighten the evening we were served Cheese and Wine - after the discussions, I should add!

Our Quiz Team will be representing us at Myton School on **Monday 16th June** at 7.30pm. The date for our visit to Waddesdon Manor, **Wednesday 23rd July** was agreed. Time and transport will be arranged at our June meeting.

Mr. Brian Windmill will be the Speaker at our June meeting, on the 26th. His anecdotes of his experiences in the Royal Navy and the Police Force should be interesting. We have invited visitors from other W.I.'s to join us. Local visitors are always welcome.

Two dates for your diaries:

Thursday 10th July - Strawberry Fayre at Ladbroke Village Hall

Sunday 31st August - Car Boot Sale at the home of John and Susan Moore. Proceeds in aid of the Village Hall and W.I. Funds.

Hazel Sharples

COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning on 17th May for the Ladbroke Village Hall Extension fund raised almost £180. Many thanks to the helpers, providers and those who attended.

Hazel Sharples

THE MILLENNIUM IN LADBROKE

A very successful meeting was held in the Village Hall on 2nd May when about 60 people attended and took part in a very enthusiastic discussion about what should happen in Ladbroke to celebrate the millennium. An excellent mixture of old established villagers and relative newcomers came up with many ideas both large and small in a good animated debate.

Some of the ideas fall into a number of natural categories and re-occur in similar, if not identical forms, for example: a central village green/playground/focal point; improvements/renovations to the Village Hall and the desire to have people-orientated events throughout the year, both large and small.

The suggestions were many and various however, and the next few weeks will be spent on analysing the suitability and practicality of the ideas.

It's obvious that the desire to do something is very strong and it was made clear at the meeting that everything we choose to do will need real and substantial support from all villagers.

Nevertheless the 50 or so villagers that have already given their names as 'willing to help' in making things happen, is a very good indicator of the level of support already available from the village.

Now then, where can we find someone who is willing to sell a small plot of land in a central position for a nice village green?

J. Peter West

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

Independence Day Celebrations (English style) at Attwood Cottage on **Friday 4th July** - see page 44. Please come and make a real fun evening of it.

Betty Winkfield

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Ladbroke Parish Council AGM preceded the Village AGM on 14th May starting at 7pm. The proceedings started with unanimous re-elections of Peter Williamson as Chairman and Peter West as Vice-Chairman.

Windmill Lane

The Council received the very disappointing news from the Divisional Surveyor of Warwick County Council that all efforts to provide a gate across Windmill Lane have failed. The latest scheme to construct a new footpath in the field alongside the road has foundered, as the owner wishes to move the existing footpath and this would incur further expense which the County Council cannot allocate to this scheme.

Water Pumping Station

The windows have now been permanently bricked up following vandalism, but Severn Trent promised to do their utmost to make it look attractive.

Crime Report

Pc Andy Went gave his annual report to the village meeting. He stressed that rural crime is difficult to detect and as nobody knows the community like the residents, the help of the public is paramount. He again pleaded for more volunteer Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and thanked Francis Badman for his work over the years since helping to set up the scheme.

Annual Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council

Peter Williamson reported that 13 Council and 16 Planning meetings had been held over the year. Plans requiring committee approval are sent to the Dasset Area Planning Committee and meetings are held in Southam School library.

The new housing development is now being built. The plans for the social houses are proceeding satisfactorily, but slowly. Those people

who expressed an interest will be receiving application forms from Stratford District Council when the detailed plans from Gloucester Housing Association have received final approval.

The proposed land fill tip at Fenny Compton appears to have been withdrawn, but Peter cautioned us to be vigilant in case of any new threat.

Councillors had attended meetings for the Local Area Committee of Councils and Agenda 21 and the clerk had been on training seminars.

There has been a review of the conservation area in the village which is available from Parish Clerk, Elsa Greenway, for 24 hour loan. Comments should be forwarded as directed in the review.

Peter finally thanked the Council members and particularly Elsa who keeps us all in order and on our toes throughout the year.

Annual Parish Accounts

In presenting the accounts, Elsa explained that the Council is able to precept for monies for direct benefit to the environment or for the inhabitants of the village. The majority of this funding is given to the village hall committee.

Travel tokens to the value of £18 per person are available for disabled persons and those of pensionable age.

Elsa issued an invitation for anyone to phone her regarding holes in the road, faulty street lights etc. She said: *that's what I'm there for but I'm sure Stan thinks she's there for a lot more than that.*

Alibone Trust - Terence Sullivan

This Trust administers the 16.2 acres in Radbourne Lane and the profits after expenses are divided equally between the church and the village, each receiving £300 in 1996.

The Church and Parochial Church Council

In Fr. Brown's absence, Michael Short confirmed that the numbers of people regularly attending church has risen again this year with, for example, 104 people attending the Easter service. He spoke of Ladbroke Church building as an architectural treasure and the very generous bequest from Mr. & Mrs. Hedge may enable not only restoration work but improvements to render the church more suitable for community events.

Women's Institute - Nancy Stubbs

Not only had the W.I. listened to various talks from millinery to accidents but had gone further afield to the Members Suite at Edgbaston Cricket Club, the Bygones Museum at Marton and had hosted the local W.I.'s Carol Service.

Village Hall - Peter Derrick

Regular subscriptions, particularly by Southam Dog Club for the weekly hire of the hall has kept the finances healthy in 1996.

The next scheme is to build on a storage area which will free up the stage. Future events are to be the Independence Day Barbeque on **Saturday 4th July** and probably another dance in the Autumn.

Millennium - Peter West

From the questionnaire, 50 people had offered help and the 30 participants at the meeting put forward lots of suggestions which are currently being reviewed.

Women's Fellowship - Betty Winkfield

The constant membership had enjoyed 10 meetings as well as an outing to Hidcote. The Lent lunches had raised a total of £260 and the Garden Party at Rectory House a further £116.35. New members are always welcome and the Wednesday afternoon meeting is preceded by a communion service for anyone who wishes to attend.

Bell Ringing - Steve Doyle

Steve mentioned the fact that one of the wooden wheels supporting the second bell collapsed at practice one Thursday, but he glossed over the fact that by a magnificent effort he managed to repair it for a wedding on the Saturday. Two ropes also broke, a bit disconcerting for Emma Surgey who happened to be ringing each time and Steve was grateful to the Friends of Ladbroke Church for supplying the new ropes which are now fitted.

More ringers are always needed, although there are usually at least five to make a team for practices and for the Sunday service.

Friends of Ladbroke Church - Gwynne Badman

Gwynne stressed that this friendly membership of more than 70 people were not a fund raising group but they do help the church with wine and refreshments.

Footpaths - Geoff Timms

There had been eight working parties and most of the paths are now in fairly good condition. The grubbing out of the hedges in the fields on the Southam footpath has also destroyed the marker posts. These will be replaced.

Geoff is hoping to produce a booklet of Ladbroke and surrounding district to try and bring in 'circular walks'. He asked for volunteers with artistic flair.

Toddler Club

6 - 10 children attend on Wednesday afternoons during school terms. The organisers are hoping to hold a fund raising evening in September and a big Christmas party for Ladbroke children.

Children's Church - Betty Winkfield

Betty described a happy band of children between the ages of 3 and 10 who join for a simple act of worship between 11am and 12noon on the third Sunday of the month.

Any Other Business

Mif Warr wished to record her dissatisfaction at the lack of integration between the social housing scheme and the main development - to which there were murmurs of agreement.

The meeting ended with thanks to Kharsti Derrick for providing the coffee and biscuits.

Carol Northorpe

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 15th May 1997

7.30pm and sundry parish, district and county councillors, the local bobby and about a dozen assorted members of the public are called to order by Councillor Ken Stephenson - Harbury's Annual Parish Meeting is about to begin!

Report from Community Beat Officer

A warm welcome from the Chairman to our new Community Beat Officer, Pc Stuart Bosworth, who lives in Cubbington. He reported on manpower available to cover the area (which is the same as last year). Crime in the Southam area in the last 12 months has increased from 580

incidents to 640 (a worrying trend), with the major increase being in burglaries and theft, particularly from building sites.

Pc Bosworth expressed sympathy for Councillor Mary Shelley's wish to see bobbies on the beat, but referred to the constraint of manpower.

County Councillor Doody

Another warm welcome from the Chairman to another newcomer to the Annual Parish meeting: Councillor Doody has replaced Councillor Pat Collett as this area's representative. He is on Education and Social Services Committees and his aim is to see more money directed towards education, particularly with a view to cutting class sizes, much to the delight of Councillor Mary Shelley.

Working Party Reports

Amongst the highlights of the year were:

1. A planning competition run by Stratford District Council and entered by your Parish Council to try and obtain help with a Village Design Statement;
2. Planning approval for housing development at Sonas Mor and Hillside Farm (both of which include some 'low cost' housing);
3. Problematic planning applications for Harbury Hall and Brethren's Farm;
4. The search for a village caretaker;
5. The good working order of the Council's property and equipment;
6. Increased contributions from Stratford District Council towards cemetery, playing fields and grass cutting costs from 1997/98;
7. The traffic census, results of which were used in support of censuses carried out by the District and County Councils (proposals - and the finance to put them into effect - are eagerly awaited!);
8. The high level of balances held by the Parish Council, with Councillor John Hunt wanting to see a strategy for their reduction (watch reports on future Parish Council meetings to see if this means reductions in your council tax bill or additional spending on new schemes!); and
9. Success in securing the removal of the illicit tip at Deppers Bridge.

Report of School Governor

Councillor Keith Thompson is your Parish Council representative as School Governor. In a comprehensive and upbeat report, he referred to



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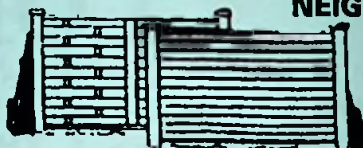
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the departure of Head master Gerry Bailey, the temporary appointment of Peter Algate and the eventual permanent appointment of Paul Milner. Whilst these staff changes were happening, an OFSTED inspection was taking place, following which an action plan and school development plan had to be formulated.

Financial constraints have been as severe as ever and yet despite these difficulties new initiatives have been introduced including a school uniform and the creation of a 7th class. The school now produces a prospectus for the parents of potential pupils and a very professional job it is too. Thanks must go to all those connected with the school.

Village Hall Report

Brian Ingram's report referred to a healthy cash flow and a healthy balance sheet which means that routine maintenance to the building's fabric and fixtures and fittings can be kept up to scratch. A major improvement has been the installation of a public address system.

A feasibility study is underway to see if a case can be made for a Lottery bid for a permanent stage, additional storage facilities and changing accommodation.

It was 9.05pm and a lively and interesting meeting was declared closed. Time for a well-earned pint!

John Lapraik

HARBURY SOCIETY

Landscape Audit - Unfortunately the Oak trees we planted in the Autumn have succumbed to the drought. We will replant with container grown trees in November when we also plant trees on the remaining sites.

The Public meeting at Manor Road Green on possible enhancements was attended by thirteen residents, three councillors, Jerry Birkbeck for the County and Linda Ridgley for the Rural Community Council.

It resulted in a consensus for the planting of two or three clumps of robust, native trees. Jerry Birkbeck the Landscape Architect is to draw up alternative plans for further consideration. Ken Stephenson pledged the Parish Council would help fund the work.

Amazing News! - Harbury has been chosen as 1 of only 3 (out of 118 villages in the Stratford District to be helped to produce a Village Design Statement. This is an honour and a challenge! But it is also an opportunity to influence our future.

A Village Design Statement lets us examine Harbury's character and structure and set guidelines for development. We can say what building materials, styles, layout and maybe locations would be acceptable. We can direct change but we are unlikely to be able to stop it entirely.

The Society can have an important role and volunteers are being sought who have skills to offer the team which will progress the scheme. Artists, designers, architects, planners and those with an interest in buildings and landscape are all needed by Sharon Hancock who is co-ordinating the project.

Work will start this Summer and go on into Autumn/Winter. More news soon!

Carnival - Please donate as much 'Golden' ware (second-hand brass, copper, bronze items) as you can for our Carnival Stall and leave it with Linda at 16 Farm Street. Do come to see us on 14th June and buy!

On **Saturday 13th September** about 2pm we are leading two Guided Walks which our friends from the Coleshill Society will be joining. One potters round the village and the other hikes out to the Chesterton Valley. Remember too that the Windmill will be open that day and on **Sunday 14th September**.

On **Monday 6th October** Alan Griffin gives an illustrated talk on Fire fighting. As usual in the Tom Hauley Room, 7.30pm for 8pm.

On **Tuesday 11th November** Christine Wright talks on Ilmington's Apple Celebrations (Tom Hauley Room, 7.30pm for 8pm).

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY WOMEN's INSTITUTE

Always plenty of interesting things on like the National Patchwork Championship at Ascot racecourse in June, Line Dancing at Claverdon in July, a Centenary Celebration Garden Party at Lighthorne Heath in August and a tour of Granada Studios in October.

A birthday celebration cookbook is being compiled. Recipes to be submitted to County House by **Monday 30th June**. A new project has been launched to coincide with our birthday year - Warwickshire - a Century in Photographs, which will be published in 1998.

Members are asked to find an old photo taken between the turn of the century and 1939 then supply a modern photo showing the exact spot with an explanatory text.

The recent coffee morning was a success and we would like to thank those members who donated and helped on the day and especially all who came along.

As you know Carnival Day is on Saturday 14th June and we are having our usual Cake Stall. Would members please support us by baking cakes and getting them to the stall from 11.30am onwards.

There was no speaker as we discussed and voted on resolutions that will be finalised at the T.G.M. held at the N.E.C. in June.

The W.I. is famous for its campaigning activities such as health, the environment, agriculture and food. A powerful lobby group, the W.I. was instrumental in getting breast cancer screening for all and founded the Keep Britain Tidy movement more than 40 years ago. If you think W.I. dull, think again. Southampton W.I. has campaigned for brothels to be legalised and Winterton called for cannabis smoking to be decriminalised.

We enjoyed wine and cheese after thanking the V.C.O. Mrs. Marie Coleman for her assistance and advice on the evening's voting.

June hostesses: Nora Ellis, Doreen Bloxham and Sheila Smith.

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

May 1st was, of course, Election Night, the date no doubt chosen because it coincided with the 150th session of Harbury Folk Club. Somewhat prophetically, the theme of the evening was "Swing" which was interpreted in a number of different ways by the performers. Some were lucky enough to find a song with Swing in the title, some were just happy to find the word mentioned somewhere, some found material with a jazzy feel to it, some exploited the political connection (none better

than Ron Shuttleworth with his "Election in the Music Hall" compilation) while others ignored it altogether!

May Day was also an underlying theme adopted by the Hereburgh Morris Choir singing "Hal an Tow", just as they had done at dawn at Chesterton Windmill that same morning. They were feeling unbearably smug having been seen on *national* TV (and also around the world on CBC Newsworld) dancing outside Harbury's polling station in the early morning sunshine. Sensing the significance of the occasion, Bob contributed his "Ode to Hereburgh Morris". The rest of the star-studded cast were the Harvesters, Gilly, Rick, Jean, Pete & Liz, Phil & Drill, the Blues Fathers and me. To finish the evening, Keith Donnelly had us in stitches with his unique humour ("... a jazz chord ... jet-skis ..." etc.) and the occasional song such as the "Raggle Taggle New Age Travellers-o".

The raffle raised £33.60 for the Harbury Chronicles (without any pre-conditions about how extensively the Folk Club should feature in the film!). The next session is on **Thursday 3rd July**, at 8:30pm in the Dog Inn, hosted by Peter Bones and the theme for the evening is *Shorts*.

Peter McDonald

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Don't forget to buy your tickets for this year's Carnival Dance, available from Nifty Needle, Party Paraphernalia or Carol Percival, price £6.00 each to include a supper. Dancing this year will be to 'Porridge' commencing at 8.30pm until midnight.

The Carnival Dance is a great way to end what is always a brilliant day of village entertainment and fun. The Theatre Group who are organising this event hope to see as many of you there as possible.

John Holden

HARBURY SCHOOL PTA

Harbury School PTA's Summer event for 1997 is a Retro Disco on **Saturday 28th June** (see page 44) where you can come along and dance the night away to those nostalgic blasts from the past (1965-1980). Fancy dress prizes will be awarded to best male, best female and best group. Local ales and quality wines will be available from the bar and a

light supper is included in the price of your ticket. Tickets will be available from **Monday 2nd June** and can be obtained from the School's office or by telephoning Alan Guy on 614242.

So look out those love beads and join us for a musical happening full of flares and imagination! **Be there, or be square!**

Alan Guy

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

The Saturday League XI captained by Will Russell have had a frustrating start to their season. The pre-League fixtures fell apart and then the first League match (3rd May) was called off when mighty Leamington failed to raise a team. Mike Atherton was apparently in the Harbury area on a fishing trip and news of his possible availability must have reached Leamington. The match on 10th May against Peugeot was affected by the monsoon which marks the beginning of the cricket season every year. Harbury reached a promising 31 for 1 before the weather closed in, with Paul Bennett on 25. In a mid week fixture the Harbury League XI were knocked out in the first round of the League Cup by First Division outfit Offchurch who scored 202 for 7 off 20 overs, though Wylie took 3 for 18 and skipper Will Russell 2 for 64. Harbury's reply started dramatically with Will (37) and brother Ed (23) but the drive fell away in spite of a useful 24 from Paul Bennett and Harbury were all out for 107.

The frustration with the weather continued against Attleborough on 24th May. Harbury amassed 272 for 8 off 50 overs (Will Russell 61, Zak Briggs 60, Wintersgill 37, Paul Pennett 32 and Ed Russell 28). Attleborough struggled to 111 for 5 (Ed Russell 2-51, Ian Brearley 2-13) and then it rained. But the side finally finished a game by defeating Potterton by 6 wickets on 24th May. Splendid bowling by Ed Russell (2-16), Gary Haynes (4-33) and Ian Brearley (4-10) dismissed Potterton for 91, and Harbury coasted to victory with Will Russell scoring 45 of the runs. There is no truth in rumours that the presence of the Rector at this match ensured fine weather and a victory, but we hope he will keep coming.

The Harbury Sunday XI have continued with success under skipper Mike Daniels. On 27th April Will Russell took an exceptional 9 for 45

off 13 overs against Kynoch Great Barr. KGB started well but lost their way finishing on 179 all out after 37 overs. Will Russell bowled 8 batsman and had his ninth caught behind by Richard 'Major' Carr. Harbury started reasonably with Phil Linnett (22) and Will Russell (29) but fell behind and in spite of a late flourish by Zak Briggs (25) proved unable to score against some hostile bowling. Harbury were all out for 161 and lost a competitive limited overs match by 18 runs.

On 4th May the Sunday XI enjoyed an entertaining drawn match against Willoughby, who batted first and reached 193 for 8 at tea. Solid batting gave little opportunity to the Harbury bowlers, with Richard Lowe (2 for 23). Will Russell took three catches and skipper Mike Daniels had an excellent run out. Harbury struggled against accurate bowling but Les Sollis achieved a fine 54 runs (two 6s & five 4s). Only Will Russell (28) and Greg Sherrington (25) provided real support and Harbury finished on 167 for 6.

The Brothers Lowe dominated the Harbury Sunday XI victory over Barford. Ian Lowe scored 69 (six 6s & three 4s) out of Harbury's 161 for 9. Harbury batting on a sticky wicket took 46 overs to accumulate the runs against bowling which moved in the air and off the pitch. Apart from Ian Lowe, only veterans Les Sollis (21) and Ian Jackson (19) and new youngster Ian Barratt (28) scored runs. Barford never got started against excellent bowling and struggled to 51 all out. Ian Lowe completed his afternoon with the startling figures of 6 for 8 in 13 overs. Brother Gary bowling steadily at the other end took 4 for 40 including his first ever hat-trick - 'a long time coming' someone said. To complete the Lowe triumph, brother Richard took a superb running catch on the boundary off Gary's bowling. Celebrations all round for father Derek - a former Harbury stalwart.

On 25th May the Sunday XI defeated Stratford Bards by 13 runs in an exciting finish. Harbury were put in and scored 165 all out with major contributions from Phil Linnett 69 (ten 4s & two 6s) and Ian Lowe 37 (five 4s & one 6). Bards started well but crumpled to 65 for 7, finishing on 152. Once again the Lowe brothers were in form. Another fine spell from Ian Lowe took 5 for 22 and this time he was joined by brother Richard with 3 for 40 while older brother Gary took a back seat after last week's hat-trick. Who was it that said *one swallow doesn't make a Summer?*

And while on the subject of unusual occurrences, it has to be reported that Club Secretary Ian Holroyd has still not donned his flannels this season and Les Sollis is reported as saying that someone has hidden them, but he is refusing to name the guilty party. If your flannels have not been hidden and you are interested in playing, then please contact Will Russell (Saturday XI Captain) on 612078, Ian Holroyd (Club Secretary) on 612527 or Ian Jackson (Sunday XI Vice-Captain) on 612615. Fixtures for the next few weeks are:

JUNE		JULY	
8 Ettington	H	5 Atherstone Reserves	H
14 Ansley Reserves	H	6 TBA	
15 Hockley Heath	A	12 Newdigate Reserves	A
21 Birmingham Civil Services	H	13 Lighthorne	H
22 Ashorne	H		
28 Standard Reserves	A		
29 Stockton	H		

Ian Jackson

HARBURY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

As the football season draws to a close, with all its associated excitements both local and national, the time has come to reflect on past glories and ponder the future. So, with this in mind and as a mark of the enthusiastic commitment and support of the 75 boys who've played for the club this season, we have decided to hold a **Presentation Evening**.

The Village Hall has been booked as the venue, and the date has been fixed for **Friday 13th June**. The evening is due to kick off at 7pm with the presentations, followed by light refreshments and a disco: "Sacha's Sound", finishing at about 10pm.

For tickets contact:	Under 12's	Clive Whorton	613358
	Under 11's	Trevor Montague	612340
	Under 10's	Jim Ward	612401
	Under 8's	Steve Darby	613330

Jim Ward

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

The season has finished and the 'A' team are to be congratulated on coming 3rd in the First Division of the Coventry and District Netball League.

In the end-of-season Handicap Tournaments the 'B' team did well to come runners-up in their division. We now have the AGM at the beginning of June and presentation of our own awards to look forward to.

As we want the court in continual use we will carry on with the Thursday evening practices during the Summer months. We have been pleased with the number of new recruits (of all ages and all abilities) who have joined us recently. We will once again be running a tournament at the Carnival on Saturday 14th June, with teams from local villages competing, so do call and see what we are about!

The dance at the Village Club was not as well attended as we would have liked, but that meant more dance floor and refreshments for the rest of us! Thank you to everyone who supported it and we raised around £100. This amount is about a quarter of a bench at the side of the court.

The Coffee Morning in the Tom Hauley Room last Saturday made £104 profit - and so now we can afford half-a-bench!

We intend to put two benches at the side of the court and the Wallington family are going to donate another one in memory of Marie's Dad, Bunny Rabey, who used to be a regular supporter. These benches need to be in place this Summer, so come on girls, we still need to support the fund raising!

Congratulations go to Beccy and Paul McDaid on the birth of their daughter Polly.

The Safari Night which we had planned for June has had to be postponed because of a clash of dates and so it will now be arranged for early in September.

Pat Summers

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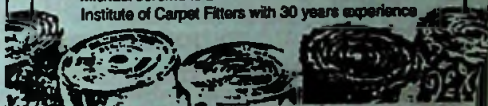
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HARBURY RUGBY CLUB

The Rugby Club had a very much improved season just missing out on promotion from the Warwickshire League. After the two poor previous seasons it was good to report some success - indeed if it hadn't been for some disappointing league result over the last few weeks of the season the club would have got promoted. This improvement was due to an increase in players joining the club - we fielded 3 sides every Saturday; the commitment of many of the younger players who enjoyed some excellent games (winning does encourage players!) and the effort of the player-coach Clive Hunt. Eyebrows were raised when the club took on a paid coach but his commitment and the support of the players have enabled the club to go forward this season.

We mustn't forget the supporting team, the Seconds have had considerable success and the Thirds - full credit to Pete Rollason - have blended young and old to produce some very good results.

Several of the younger players now playing in the Senior teams have come through the Mini and Junior sections of the club. As ever, the club is extremely grateful to the organisers and coaches who run the Sunday section of the club. They have shown in the past, and must do for the future, that a thriving Junior and Mini section is vital for the future. The prime example is Dave Andrews who, completing 25 years and a playing member of the club this year continues to run a Junior team - the Under 16's - on a Sunday. He has been involved with the section for 20 years having been one of the founder members. Bringing players through from Under 8's to Colt is no mean task and the club is proud that 9 of the First team squad have come through these ranks.

Dave celebrated his quarter century Harbury playing career when the celebrated 'Fat Boys' came out once more to enjoy a splendid win against Alcester. Dave and younger son Rob both scored.

Many thanks to all the support the club has received from players, supporters, helpers and sponsors - special mention to Cowie of Leamington who supplied a new set of shirts and to Father Roy who again supported the club most Saturday afternoons; I'm sure he enjoyed our improvement as much as anybody! We look forward to further success next year.

Reminder As you can see from the insert in the Harbury & Ladbroke News, the Annual Barbecue takes place on **Saturday 5th July**. This year the band is the top 60's group 'Amen Corner'.

This band had many hit parade successes so it should be a good evening of nostalgia! Tickets can be obtained from Ian Holroyd 612527 and Carl Wallington 613205.

Ian Holroyd

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

After a fairly successful winter campaign, when we fielded two sides, the Summer season began, as always, with the 'Cheque Book Tournament' aptly named to catch those who haven't yet paid their annual subscriptions of £23! We had the best attendance for some time and enjoyed some excellent tennis. Gill Thorpe and Keith Thompson were the winners in a keenly contested competition.

Our free professional coaching sessions for paid-up members is oversubscribed and already into its fourth week. Gallant Club Chairman Colin Mercer gave up his place to another member and judging by his present form it looks as if he's been having some secret lessons during the Spring anyway! (Who knows what the 'key' is to his success).

Membership is up on last year, with over 40 members so far signed up. People from far and wide and from all walks of life join our little club - we even have a player (Kinji Ito) from Japan this year!

We are fielding what we consider to be a strong side for the Banbury Summer League this year and we have already bagged 6 points from two matches so far, one against Kings Sutton and the other against Tysoe.

There is still room for new members of all standards who enjoy the game to join. We play during the week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6.30pm and at weekends on Saturday afternoons from 3 to 5pm. The courts are Council-owned so anyone can play on them, but please check availability by booking at Kane's Newsagent beforehand to avoid disappointment. We also play friendlies against other Clubs, have singles and doubles competitions running throughout the Summer and organise regular closed tournaments and social events.

David Snell (614614)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

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	Ladbroke	<u>£ 16.28</u>
	Total	<u>£518.06</u>

Thank you to all those who donated and to those who gave their time to distribute and collect envelopes and count the money.

If anyone has an envelope which was not collected, please contact me and I will forward it to Christian Aid.

We can do with more volunteer collectors to replace those who 'retire' and because there are always more streets than we can cover in both Harbury and Ladbroke. There is only one collector now in Ladbroke. If interested for 1998 Christian Aid Week in May, please contact me for more information without obligation. Do it now before you forget.

Brian Jones 613207

HARBURY & LIFEBOATS

Harbury village collection for the R.N.L.I. raised the magnificent sum of £280.39. Thank you all for your time and generous giving.

Ann Ainscow

HARBURY CARNIVAL - Saturday 14th June

Carnival Day is almost upon us, so time for a few last minute reminders.

1. We need cakes (plenty of them!) for the afternoon teas. Any kind donations will be gratefully received either in advance to Anne Winchester (612128) or on Carnival morning to the Village Hall. Please help if you can.
2. There will be a Tug o' War competition in the afternoon. Entry fees will be £4 per team (8 people) for adults, children free. Please register with the public address caravan on the day. There will be a trophy and prizes for the winners.
3. There is still time to book a stall, but please contact Danny Killian on 612265 as soon as possible.
4. The Wheelbarrow Race on **Sunday 8th June** will commence from the Crown. Please have your team in place by 12-30pm so that 'Honest Cecil' can study form and set the odds.

5. For the other events taking place during Carnival week, please assemble at the appropriate pub at 7-30pm.
6. Programmes and raffle tickets are available from various shops in the village and from committee members.
7. Tickets for the carnival dance are available from Nifty Needle, Party Paraphernalia or Carol Percival. This year's band is 'Porridge'.

To ensure the success of the event we hope that you will support us with your usual enthusiasm, floats, groups and fancy dress. The absence of water from last year's procession was welcomed by all - so please let's continue this practice.

John Broomfield
Carnival Committee

HARBURY LIBRARY

Harbury Library has been selected to take part in a pilot project on extended opening times. From now until the end of July you will be able to make use of all of the Library's services until 9pm on Mondays and Thursdays.

Harbury Library opening times are:

Mondays 2-5pm; 5.30-9pm

Thursdays 10am-1pm; 2-5pm and 5.30-9pm

Sue Bell

HARBURY CHRONICLES

You may have read in the local press of our £5,000 lottery award. This extra money will enable us to use more advanced technology, such as digital film, giving us better quality and more flexibility for editing. Ultimately this will mean a more durable film capable of producing good quality videos. We are about to sign a contract with Warwick Partington, our professional director/cameraman, who will guide us through this amazing project. Once we have agreed complete costing, including insurance, any additional monies will be used to ensure some sort of continuity of the interest engendered by the film; perhaps in the form of a film club.

To assist us with the script we need to hear from anyone with a specialist interest, e.g. birds, trains, local flora and fauna, etc. A few poems on local themes would be nice - so put your thinking caps on and don't be shy!

Anne Megeney (612745)

HARBURY DUKE OF EDINBURGH's AWARD SCHEME

At a presentation evening at Leamington Spa Town Hall recently, Sam Butler was awarded his Basic Expedition Training Award (BETA), which he undertook as part of his Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. To achieve this award, Sam attended several residential weekends learning the finer points of expedition training and leadership, navigation skills and camp-craft and he was also required to undertake community service, working with local young people training for expeditions.

The photograph shows Sam at the presentation evening with Olympic Gold medalist Phil Brown (note the gold medal around Sam's neck!), Parish Council chairman Ken Stephenson, and Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group leaders Richard Wells, Caroline and Chris Hill, Ruth Standbridge and Matt Dodd.



Having been awarded with his BETA, Sam has now completed his Gold Award, making him the fifth member of Harbury D. of E. Group to do so and will receive his award from HRH the Duke of Edinburgh at St. James' Palace in London in the near future.

For further information about Harbury Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group, please contact Richard Wells on 01926 815637.

Richard Wells

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

May I take this opportunity of thanking all those who voted at the parliamentary and county election on 1st May, and especially those who voted for John Maples and myself.

I now will represent you all at Shire Hall and I have already had representations for assistance which I will follow up.

My promise during the election was that if elected I would work hard to represent you at Shire Hall, ensuring the best for the people of the Harbury Division, I therefore assure you of my commitment to this promise.

To those who canvassed or posted literature for me, thank you for your hard work.

I can be contacted on (01926 425802) for County matters, James Turner or Brian Hampson for District items.

Thank you for electing me.

**Michael Doody
Warwickshire County Council
(Harbury Division)**

HARBURY - SAMOIS TWINNING

Considerable progress has been made in communications between Harbury and Samois-sur-Seine in France. Visits have been made on both sides on a private basis and initial impressions are favourable. On 20th May M. Sylvain Daudet, Vice Chairman of the Samois committee, attended a meeting of the Harbury committee to answer questions and show photos of Samois. During the day he had visited the school where

some of the classes are already exchanging letters with their French counterparts.

Samois-sur-Seine, birthplace of the jazz musician Django Reinhardt, is a small town of about 2,000 inhabitants some 35 minutes from Paris and has a history dating back to Roman times. It is situated on the Seine with the forest of Fontainebleau behind and appears very attractive, as can be seen in the accompanying photo.



It is hoped that twinning arrangements will lead to strong links between schools, clubs, societies and families. In fact a group from Harbury is visiting Samois in June for the Django Reinhardt Festival. If anyone is interested in or curious about Samois, there will be a display at the Carnival on 14th June. In addition there will be an open meeting at the Wight School on **Tuesday 10th June** at 7.30pm when Andrew and Jenny Patrick will tell us about their visit to Samois. All are welcome.

Sally Stringer

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Registration forms are now available from Post Office, Co-Op, Library, Newsagents and Mrs. Hodge, Clerk, 36 Binswood End

Please fill in and return a registration form to any one of the above by **Monday 7th July**.

Distribution will take place from the Farley Room in the Village Hall on **Monday 21st July** from 2pm to 4pm and on **Tuesday 22nd July** 2-4pm.

Please note no vouchers will be issued to those senior citizens or registered disabled and handicapped (or their recognised guardians) who have not registered.

Stratford District Council also issue bus tokens to senior citizens and registered disabled. These are in addition to Harbury Parish Council's bus vouchers. If you have previously applied to the District Council for these tokens there is no need to re-apply; £18 worth will be posted to you during July. If you have not applied, forms are available in the Library or by telephoning (0-1789) 260 402 or 260 423.

Mrs. A.D. Hodge
Clerk to the Council



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REG HARRIS

A journey via G.W.R. to G.W.L.

As you go through life there are times when just by chance you meet someone who proves to have quite an influence on your life. This is something that often only becomes apparent in hindsight. Reg was just such a man and perhaps there are others who might agree.

How can you sum up friendship? Does it compute? Where does it begin? For me it began with a knock on the door and an elderly man selling Cancer Research Pools. That was where my journey into friendship with Reg began.

Many others have painted better word pictures of his life than ever I can. I feel sure he would have been quite amused and not a little embarrassed to hear all that was said on 15th May in Father Roy's address, the comments and memories of family and friends.

Among my many memories are the quiet times, the gentle teaching and learning, his wisdom and counsel. And high on the list are the railway gatherings at the White Swan in Smethwick, and the chance to meet and talk with his old colleagues, Harold, Bram, Wilf and Eric.

He loved his railway - "God's Wonderful Railway" - and like so many others, I was privileged to share his life as he lived a while in Harbury. As one of his 'younger' railway friends said a few days before he died: *Reg is quietly waiting for the green flag and the right of way.* And so it was. He entered God's Wonderful Land as quietly and peacefully as he lived.

It's right, I think, to finish with a verse from his favourite book, Ecclesiasticus, Chapter 6, Verse 14:

*"A faithful friend is a sure shelter,
Whoever finds one has found a rare treasure."*

Say one for me, our kid.

Tony Stubbs

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Yet again, there was a good audience for the illustrated talk *Plants for Small Gardens*, even more faces. Mr. Trinder was worried he could not

always remember the names of the plants. He certainly imparted many ideas, primarily that gardening should be enjoyed. This was the last meeting until the new season of talks restarts in October, so it is a good opportunity to take Mr. Trinder's advice and enjoy gardening!

Following the very dry April we have had some really useful rain and by the time this article is published we shall know what the weather was like for the all day outing to Broughton Castle and Barnsley House on the 3rd June.

We are keeping our fingers crossed for a fine evening for the visit to 'Woodpeckers' at Bidford-on-Avon, the home of Dr and Mrs. A.J.Cox on **Tuesday 24th June**. I understand the garden covers two acres, just about right for a nice early summer evening; the cost will be £2 payable at the gate, so to speak. Please be at the Village Hall at 5.45pm maps are available from Mrs. Pat Smith on 612650. The second evening outing to Severn Trent, will be in August, more information later or ring Mrs. Pat Smith.

The Walkabout is getting nearer, so we shall be needing your help please and also your support as this is our main fund raising activity. If any one would like to help in any way - sell programmes, bake, etc., please ring me on 612515. Programmes will be available from Julie Clarke, 32, South Parade, from the beginning of July.

The show in September is also approaching quickly, again we will need your support and help. There will be the usual produce stall - all contributions gratefully accepted and if you have never before entered our exhibition make this year a 'first time'. It is all a bit of fun and there are many silver cups to be won.

Muriel Grey

GARDENING NOTES for JUNE

Mist in May, heat in June, brings all things into tune.

So goes the old saying, but as I have failed this year to link the weather to the garden I shall just stay with traditional advice this month.

Early flowering plants can be cut back to within 3 or 4 inches of the ground. This will allow new foliage to grow and sometimes another

flush of flowers, especially if you give them some feed now. At last, bulbs can be tidied up and lifted to store if necessary. Allow them to dry well before storing in brown paper bags in a cool place. The majority of the bulbs will stay where they are and will have put themselves down deep but where you are likely to dig, mark their position.

Prune early flowering shrubs and trim hedges. Remember to deadhead roses and watch for pests so that they can be dealt with before their numbers increase. If you planted any shrubs in the Spring do not allow other plants to grow close to them for a couple of years. Experiments have shown that this is the most effective way of ensuring healthy, vigorous plants.

Plant half hardy annuals and fill gaps by sowing quick developing annuals such as clarkia, candytuft or nigella. All should flower in 8 weeks. Finish planting baskets and containers. Dahlias and greenfly go together, so spray them regularly, but choose a brand which does not kill beneficial insects as well. Check for perennial weeds which can grow undetected in thickly planted borders.

If you do not have a fruit cage, put up small posts for supporting netting to protect soft fruit as it ripens. Small plant pots or film containers nailed to the top of a post makes draping the netting a little easier.

Winter cabbages, sprouts and broccoli can be planted. Put out marrows and outdoor tomatoes. If watering becomes a problem, concentrate on salad crops, leafy greens and plants producing pods, fruits and tubers. It is better to give a really good soaking once a week i.e. 4 gallons per sq. yd. than a little each day as this encourages roots to form near the surface.

Plant of the month - Iris

Iris was the Greek Goddess of the Rainbow and the flowers come in every colour except red. The sword-shaped leaves and soft petalled flowers make these instantly recognised over the whole of the Northern Hemisphere from the Arctic Circle to the Tropic of Cancer. In Britain we can grow many of the 300 species which all like sun but have different soil needs. The main flowering season is this month for the tall bearded iris and the ones which grow in or beside water. Iris were often included in the early flower pictures of Dutch artists of the 15th Century and just as frequently in Japanese art. Royalty took it as their flower but

it also was the symbol of the sky and the heavens. The Pharaohs prized the root as a medicine and orris (iris) root was well known in the Middle Ages. New iris roots should be planted, or replanted, as soon as flowering finishes so July is a good time to get some pieces from a friend. Sit the rhizome on the soil with only the old roots anchoring it in. A sunny site is needed and a feed of garden compost once the plant is established.

Pat Smith

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

I would like to thank all my many friends in Harbury for the many cards and letters of sympathy I received after losing my dear husband Bryan so suddenly.

I am still devastated but I know that with the support of you all, I will be able to rebuild my life in the village.

Special thanks to Father Roy for a beautiful service and his compassion in helping me through my sorrow.

Sincerely

Betty Heaven

Dear Friends

We would like to thank the Harbury doctors and the community nurses for the care given to Mrs. Joan Kelly until her death on 1st April.

Jess Smith, who died at the beginning of the year, was brought up in Joan's family as a 'sister', although they were not in fact related. They had lived in Harbury all their lives and both died unexpectedly and within three months of each other.

Joan and Jess were Derek's cousins. We would like to thank the kind neighbours of both ladies, the meals-on-wheels service and Father Roy Brown.

Your sincerely

Eve and Derek Lowe

Dear Editors

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my friends and neighbours for their support, sympathy wished and generosity shown, on the recent death of my only sister.

It is a great comfort to know how much people care.

My grateful thanks

M. Jill Coope

Dear Friends

I would like to thank everyone for the sympathy and support shown to me on the death of my father, Reg Harris.

Dad's life was one to be celebrated - a life of fulfilment which came to a peaceful close in the home that he loved. For these blessings there are many to be thanked: friends, neighbours, Father Roy, District Nurses, Home Helpers, in fact, the whole community of Harbury where he was so wonderfully happy.

I grew up in this community. I've known many of its members for the whole of my life and have come to know many more through my father. I am so very grateful to you all for your loving kindness to us both.

Yours sincerely,

Felicity

Dear Editors

I would like to thank, through the Harbury & Ladbroke News, my friends and neighbours for their kindness and letters of encouragement, their beautiful flowers and cards and for all their prayers. It is nice to know I have so many friends at this particular time.

"Such Love"

My shoulder is coming along nicely and I am on the right road. Once again thank you very much and God Bless.

Sincerely

Alice Wilkins

Dear Friends

*Many thanks for your prayers, precious time, and thoughtfulness.
With love*

Jenni

Dear Editors

*With regard to a road traffic accident on the junction of Farm Street/
Mill Street at 09.00hrs on Monday 19th May 1997.*

*A very special thank you to all concerned for their help and assistance
given.*

Mrs. Jean Teeney

Dear Editors

*On the evening of 9th May, I was a very surprised guest at a party in the
Tom Hauley Room to mark my retirement after 20 years service, as
Honorary Treasurer to the Scouts and Guides Support Committee. I
was presented with a very handsome sculpted goose which has already
made itself at home in the garden and Alison received a lovely bouquet.*

*I should like to record my most sincere thanks to all those who
contributed to the presentations and to my Support Committee
colleagues who organised what was for me a memorable and really
enjoyable evening. I would also like to take the opportunity to wish a
successful and fulfilled future to all sections of the Scout and Guide
Groups.*

Yours sincerely

John Hunt

Dear Editors

*Sandra and Michelle from The Old New Inn would like to thank the
people who donated money to the Harbury School Pool Fund. They
visited all public houses in Harbury and The Working Men's Club, and
managed to raise a total of £14.6*

Thank you for all your support, it was appreciated.

Clare Finch

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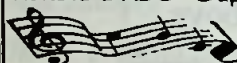
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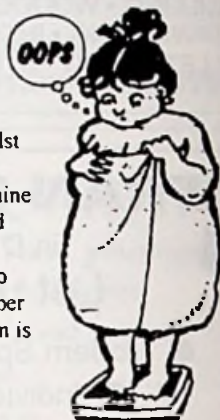
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