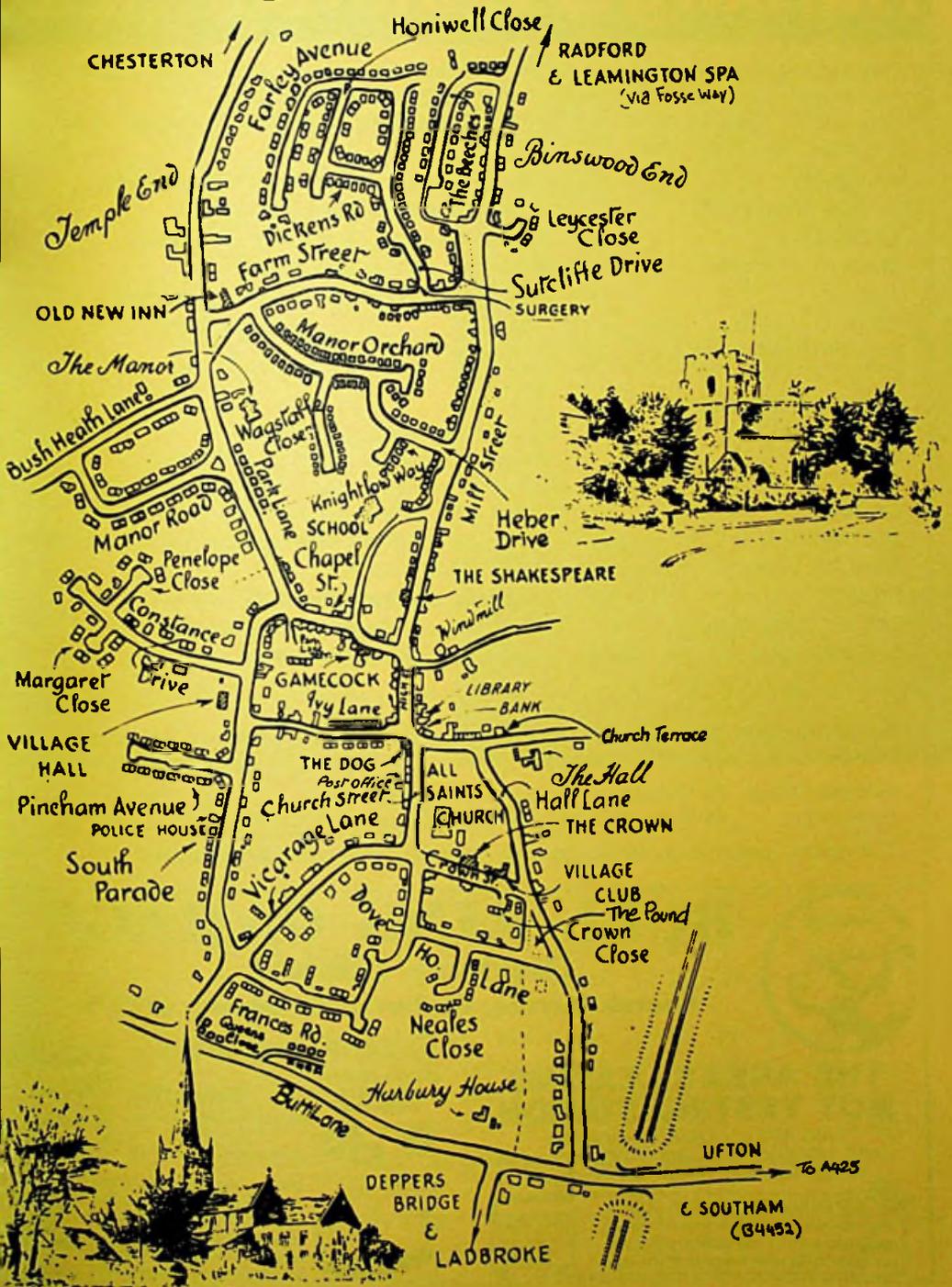


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HAD A BUMP?

Mike Bloxham's photograph sums up the February weather for 1985. As usual when the roads are slippery many drivers and motorcyclists have cause to be grateful to Ralph Gurden who so reliably keeps Treen's Hill gritted and safe. In another sense Harbury sledgers also have reason to thank Ralph for the use of the Cresta Run with its superb finish in the stream.



However many footpaths have been extremely treacherous in the past weeks. We have had requests to urge people to clear the snow outside their homes but there are problems. Firstly not everyone is fit and able to do it (and sudden exertion in extreme cold can be very dangerous to anyone with a heart condition), and secondly a partially cleared ungritted path rapidly becomes a dangerous sheet of ice. It is probably better to leave it alone than to do it inadequately. Please remember this advice for the next blizzard may be at Easter.

On a brighter note, as this issue goes to press, a day of welcome sunshine has given hope that Spring-time may not be too far away. We were sorry to hear that Dr. Wilne has been ill, but perhaps the thought of all those blooming begonias will help his recovery.

 CORRECTION: Please note that the District Nurse's daytime telephone number is 9/881451.

MARCH 1985

- Sat 2nd Christian Fellowship meeting 8 pm Corner Cottage High Street.
- Sun 3rd LENT II Holy Communion 8 am. Sung Eucharist 10.30
- Tues 5th National Housewives Register Coffee Meeting 10.30am
Horticultural Society Meeting 8 pm Wight School.
- Wed 6th Mothers Union DISCUSSION 2.15pm Farley Room, Village Hall.
7.45 pm Deanery Lenten Course at St. Michaels Stockton.
- Thurs 7th 9.45 am Mothers Union Corporate Communion. Girls Club at Village Hall.
Mens Group at 7.45 pm "Edgeways" Vicarage Lane. Folk Club, 8.30 pm Lounge of Old New Inn.
- Sat 9th Stewardship Supper at Village Hall 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm Guest Speaker The Bishop of Warwick.
- Sun 10th LENT III Holy Communion 8 am, Sung Eucharist 10.30 am, Free Church Service 2.30 pm. Evensong 6.30 pm.
- Mon 11th National Housewives Register Evening Meeting 8 pm. Christian Fellowship Meetings 8 pm. Corner Cottage, 3 Vicarage Lane, 8 The Beeches, 16 Binswood End.
- Tues 12th Harbury Society AGM & Talk on WATER RESOURCES by John Kemsley 8 pm Wight School.
Harbury Friends 8 pm School.
National Housewives Register Book Group 8 pm.
- Wed 13th 7.45 pm Deanery Lenten Service at All Saints Harbury
PTA Poetry Evening in connection with National Poetry Week 8 pm School.
- Thurs 14th Golden Age 2.30 pm Village Hall.
WI Scottish Country Dancing and WI County Quiz Final. 7.30 pm Village Hall.
- Fri 15th Scout Barn Dance at Village Hall (see advert.)
- Sat 16th STAGE UP IN VILLAGE HALL
- Sun 17th ST. PATRICKS DAY. LENT IV. MOTHERING SUNDAY.
8 am Holy Communion, 10.30 am Sung Eucharist.
3 pm Family Service with Vilma Weaver on Guitar
- Tues 19th SDP Jumble Sale 10.30 am, The Hut, Craven Lane Southam.
ACTION RESEARCH open meeting 8 pm Wight School all welcome.
- 20th 7.45 pm Deanery Lenten Service at St Esprit, Marton
Harbury Junior Indoor Tennis Tournament 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm Coventry Racket Centre.

- Thurs 21st Golden Age 2.30 Village Hall.
"DRY ROT" - Village Hall
- Fri 22nd "DRY ROT" - Village Hall
- Sat 23rd "DRY ROT" - Village Hall
PTA Jumble Sale
Christian Fellowship meeting 2.30 pm Corner Cottage
High Street.
- Sun 24th LENT V PASSION SUNDAY. 8 am Holy Communion.10.30
Sung Eucharist. 6.30 pm Evensong.
- Mon 25th THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7.30 pm Holy Communion with Hymns.
Christian Fellowship meetings 8 pm. Corner Cottage,
The Spiers, 77 Mill St. 11 Constance Drive.
Coffee Morning/Bring & Buy 10.30 am, 65 Mill St.
(for Flower Festival)
- Tues 26th Young Wives 2 pm Village Hall
- Wed 27th 7.45 pm Deanery Lenten Service at St. Leonards,
Priors Marston.
- Thurs 28th Golden Age 2.30 pm Village Hall
Girls Club Village Hall
Senior Citizens Cttee 8 pm. Village Hall
Whist at Village Hall
Parish Council 7.30 pm Village Hall
- Fri 29th School, Playgroup and Toddlers ends.
RACE NIGHT at Village Hall 8 pm.
- Sat 30th 4.30 pm Bellringers Association Service in Church.
Tennis Club. Short Tennis & Cheque Book Evening.
Christian Fellowship meeting 8 pm 77 Mill St.
- Sun 31st PALM SUNDAY. 8 am Holy Communion. 10.15 am
Blessing and Distribution of Palm Crosses at V.
Hall. Procession of Palms. 10.30 am Sung
Eucharist. 6.30 pm Evensong (for further details
of Holy Week, see Rectors Letter)
Harbury Conservatives, Spring Drinks Party, 12 noon
at Wissett Lodge.

APRIL

- Tues 2nd Horticultural Society 8 pm Wight School.
- Wed 3rd M.U. Canon Rowe on Holy Week Meditation,2.15 pm
Village Hall.
- Thurs 4th Folk Club, Old New Inn 8.30 pm.
Men's Group 7.45 pm.
- Fri 5th Venture Scouts Easter Camp begins.

REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LADBROKE

Tuesday: 7.30p.m., Holy Communion in Harbury.
Wednesday: 10.30a.m. Holy Communion in Ladbroke.
Thursday: 9.45a.m. Holy Communion in Harbury.
Friday: 7 a.m., Holy Communion in Harbury.

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REGULAR DIARY DATES

FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30pm
2nd Sunday in the month.

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sundays.

UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm, Mondays.

GYMNASTICS, Harbury School. 6-7pm (under 7s and
beginners). 7-8pm(7-10yrs). 8-9pm(over 10yrs)
every Monday.

SLIMMING & KEEP FIT, Village Club 7-8.30 and 8.30-
10pm, Mondays.

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Mondays

BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.

TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 10 - 11.30 am Mondays,
and 2.00-3.30pm Wednesdays.

PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings

NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday a.m

LUNCHEON CLUB: Village Hall every Tuesday & Friday
12-30 p.m.

DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tuesday,
Wednesday and Thursday.

BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tuesday.

BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.

HARBURY FRIENDS, School, 8pm 2nd Tuesday of month.

BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2-4pm, 2nd & 4th Weds.

DANCING CLASSES for Children & Adults, Farley Room,
Village Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays.

GIRLS' CLUB, Village Hall, Thursday evenings.

W.I., Village Hall, 2nd Thursdays, 7.45 p.m.

POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20 - 3.30 every Friday.

TUFTY CLUB, 2-3pm, Wight School, 3rd Friday in month

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

FROM THE HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

During this month, there is the first meeting of the Vacancy in See Committee which is the group which makes recommendations on the needs of the Diocese as consideration is given to the appointment of a new Bishop when Bishop John Gibbs retires later this year. Do pray that all those concerned in the consultations will be guided by the Holy Spirit and that right decisions will be made.

Encouragingly, the addresses of newly enthroned Bishops, seem to be a fruitful source of practical and helpful thoughts. Last month it was Bishop Bill Westwood of Peterborough, this month Bishop Timothy Bairn of Portsmouth who endearingly described himself as 'a Bishop of small brain and simple faith'. He set his objectives with the words "My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to accomplish His work". As Bishop Bairn starts this new phase of his ministry, he will be sharing in a Portsmouth in which there will be no church meetings at any level during Lent in order to give, as the Bishop put it "a chance to seek to know God and His will in a period of Lenten silence."

We probably do not make enough use of silence in our worship in the Anglican Church and Lent is a good time to learn to be silent. It has often been pointed out that we have two ears but only one mouth so we should listen twice as much as we talk! In these days of noise, bustle and activity we all too often fight shy of silence; we are embarrassed by it and rush to fill it with talk or music. The Church Times is publishing a series of Lenten Reflections and in the first of these, the Rev. Peter Watkins writes "In praise of silence." He says "Silence is the element in which we come to understanding, in which we adore, create, think, paint pray and suffer; it is the element in which great things fashion themselves together. It is the element in which absolute attention becomes possible." May we come to appreciate silence and to learn to use it in our private and public worship.

FROM THE RECTOR

As I write my contribution for March, Lent has barely started, for Ash Wednesday was observed only two days ago, and yet by the time your next issue comes through the letter box we shall be in the middle of Holy Week, so if I am going to refer to Holy Week at all, it must be now and I cannot allow the opportunity to pass without saying something about the most important and significant week in the whole year for Christians.

In February the General Synod was held in London and as you know some very important issues were raised. There will be very mixed feelings about the results of some of the debates and some people will be disappointed, frustrated or thoroughly annoyed. It is not surprising that number of their major issues often seem to conclude inconclusively when you think of the wide range of opinions about a lot of things in the Church. Yet there are some issues concerned with the development of faith and devotion which, because they are not quite as controversial, often are not reported very widely. This was the case in the most recent meetings of General Synod, and one of the matters discussed was the Liturgy of Holy Week. For years now, many in the Church of England have regretted the lack of suitable forms of service during Holy Week. Since I was a boy I have been used to extra Holy Week services but usually they have been services borrowed from other tradition and certainly not officially recognised or encouraged, merely tolerated. Year by year voices have been raised saying that we are losing so many golden opportunities for enriching the devotional life of our Church and for teaching some of the most essential truths of our faith and lately their voices have been more vociferous. The Liturgical Commission have responded and placed before the General Synod a report on "Lent, Holy Week and Easter!" and many there received it very warmly. It is possible that the services contained in this report could be authorised for use fairly soon and as one who has long deplored the paucity of our Holy Week liturgy, I am delighted.

To refer to only two important days in Holy Week, Maundy Thursday and Holy Saturday, it seems a pity that for many, the first is vaguely associated with

the Queen giving elderly persons the Maundy Money and the second is totally ignored. Yet Maundy Thursday reminds us so vividly of the Last Supper of Jesus with His disciples and the institution of the Holy Communion. It was not an occasion of cosiness but one of mounting fear and impending suffering, and not only that, there was the uncomfortable and disturbing act of humility which Our Lord performed on washing the feet of the disciples. In the proposed service, the Washing of Feet is an option and at the end of the ceremony the following prayer is said:

"Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ taught us that what we do for the least of our brethren, we do also for Him; give us the will to be the servant of others as He was the servant of all, who gave up His life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen".

Then on Holy Saturday, late in the evening, we begin the celebration of a joyful Easter Day with the lighting of the Paschal Candle, the singing of the Easter Song of Praise, the Exultet and the renewal of our Baptismal promises. One of the most significant lines of the ceremony as the Paschal Candle is lighted is 'May the Light of Christ rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds' Naturally this is only a brief mention of what is contained in the whole report and undoubtedly we shall be hearing much more of the rest of it. In the meantime, may I refer you to the programme of services during Holy Week this year and urge you to make full use of what is offered.

ANTONY ROWE

HOLY WEEK

Sun 31st March	Palm Sunday (details in Diary Notes)
Mon 1st April	7.30 pm Holy Communion (Harbury)
Tues 2nd April	7.30 pm Holy Communion (Harbury)
Wed 3rd April	7 am Holy Communion (Harbury)
	10.30 am Holy Communion (Ladbroke)
Maundy Thursday	
4th April	9.45 am Holy Communion (Harbury)
	8 pm Sung Eucharist (Ladbroke)
Good Friday	
5th April	9.30 am Childrens Service (Harbury)
	10.30 am " " " (Ladbroke)

Good Friday cont.

- 12 pm - 1 pm Devotional Hour
Before The Cross (Ladbroke)
- 2 pm - 3 pm Devotional Hour
Before The Cross (Harbury)
- 7.30 pm The Crucifixion - Stainer
The Windmill Singers (Harbury)
- Holy Saturday 8.30 pm The Blessing of the Paschal
6th April Candles (Ladbroke)

(It is hoped that during Holy Week the Programme of Services will enable most people from both Parishes to attend at either one Church or the other. Particularly is this applicable on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Transport can always be arranged, so that no one is deprived of attending any service)

MOTHERING SUNDAY

The date this year is 17th March. At All Saints' Harbury there will be a special Family Service at 3 o'clock. We are very pleased to have a very talented guitarist with us for this service, Mrs. Vilma Weaver. It is traditional to have posies presented on Mothering Sunday and this we shall do at this service, but it was also the tradition at one time to eat simnel cake. Some of the ladies have undertaken to make it for us, so at the end of the service we shall have a cup of tea and a piece of this special cake. Please do your best to come.

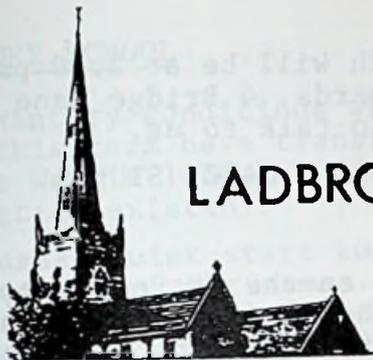
HOLY BAPTISM

17th February - Amy Elizabeth, daughter of Graham and Susan Elizabeth Roberts, 38 Temple End.

FUNERAL

Fri 8th February - Augustus Dainter, Harbury House 69
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We express our deep sympathy to Mrs. Esmé Churchill on the death of her father in Bristol recently. The funeral took place there on Friday 15th February.



LADBROKE NEWS

MARCH DIARY

Sun 3rd	LENT II 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns 3.30 pm Evensong
Wed 6th	10.30 am Holy Communion 7.45 pm Deanery Lenten Course, St. Michael's Stockton
Sun 10th	LENT III 9 am Holy Communion
Wed 13th	10.30 am Holy Communion 2.30 pm Womens Fellowship, 2.30 pm at 4 Bridge Lane. 7.45 pm Deanery Lenten Course, All Saints Harbury.
Sun 17th	LENT IV MOTHERING SUNDAY. 9am Holy Communion 11 am Family Service- Posies will be presented.
Mon 18th	7.30 pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting Village Hall.
Tues 19th	Parish Council
Wed 20th	10.30 am Holy Communion 7.45pm Deanery Lenten Course St. Esprit Marton.
Sun 24th	9 am Holy Communion with Hymns.
Wed 27th	10.30 am Holy Communion 7.45 pm Deanery Lenten Course St. Leo- nards, Priors Hardwick.
Thurs 28th	W.I.
Sun 31st	PALM SUNDAY Blessing and Procession of Palms. 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns.

LADBROKE WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

For the second month running the meeting was cancelled the weather in February being even worse than in January. Mrs. Gould is now coming to talk to us in October.

The next meeting on March 13th will be at 2.30 pm at the home of Mrs. Pearl Edwards, 4 Bridge Lane when Nurse Kohler is coming to talk to us.

NANCY STUBBS

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

The February meeting was held on the extremely cold night of Tuesday 12th - and the heating system in the Hall proved remarkably adequate - though only one member of the public was brave enough to try it out! The Parish Council were pleased to announce that Mrs. Greenway of "Bell View Cottages" is to take over the job of Parish Clerk in the near future. A new electoral roll had been received which shows the adult population of Ladbroke to be 204, which surprisingly is nearly fifty short of what it was in the Domesday Book in 1085! Mr. Sheasby reported that the footpath to the church had not been cleared at all this year, and concern was expressed at the state of the potholes at the end of Bridge Lane and the problems caused by traffic parking in Bridge Lane, too close to the main Banbury Road - which makes access into and out of the A423 difficult at times.

It was reluctantly agreed not to enter the Best Kept Village Competition this year - but don't slacken off, it is hoped that the village will make a really big effort in 1986, by which time we should be a sleepy backwater and not a racetrack for convoys of coal lorries!

On this subject, apparantly we made the ITV News this week, when the starting date for the Bypass was officially announced as March 1st. Mrs. B. Williamson remarked that it is ten years since a meeting was held to finalise details about the route; things are definitely on the move as men have been spotted traip-sing the soggy fields all week, and that's an encouraging note to finish on!

KATE LIVERTON

HARBURY SCHOOL

The wintery conditions which we have experienced so far this term have transformed the school to a veritable Wellie-land. I didn't know that so many varieties existed!

The usual quiet start to a Spring term after the excitement of Christmas. A total of fourteen children started school for the first time in January, so by now they are almost 'Old Stagers'.

We would like to thank all parents and friends who contributed to our efforts for the Blue Peter Appeals - 26,000 postage stamps for the Ethiopia fund - also 300 postcards and 500 buttons for the Lifeboat appeal.

Just before Christmas a number of children supported a sponsored event for Help the Aged. We were amazed to find that the total receipts for this fund amounted to just over £228.

A VISIT TO CHATTERLY WHITFIELDMINING MUSEUM

February 7th 1985 9.00 am. We all clambered onto the coach and set off for Chatterly Whitfield Mining Museum. We had our dinner, in a cafe at the mine, when we got there. After that we went to the 'Drift Gallery' where we wore a helmet and there was lots of realistic models of people. They all had sound effects. The models took you right through from long ago to the present day. The most realistic model of all was a man sitting at a control board and everyone was tapping at the window to try and get his attention! We then went to a building where we were given a helmet, a light, a battery and a self rescuer. The self rescuer and the battery pack were attached to a belt which we strapped to our waist. (The self-rescuer contained a gas mask.)

Then we were given some 'riding checks'. One of the riding checks was silver and the other was bronze. You gave the man at the lift the silver check to go down and the bronze check to come up. If you lose

your silver check once you are down there then you can't get back up! We all clambered and crammed into the tiny lift and the lift shot downwards. The miner that we went down with said that the lift could not or must not go any faster than 14 ft. per second. When we got down there we walked around the pit and the guide showed us how the coal was got and what all the machinery did.

We then went to the Hespeth Steam Winding Engine which was restored and painted by hand. After that we went to a shop and then to the coach. Altogether it was a very enjoyable day.

CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT
Class 8

P.T.A.

Shown on Saturday morning of 26th January was an ever popular video show in the School Hall for the children, followed by a Valentine Disco on 15th February when even more children attended. It seemed as if every child in the school was there under the supervision of the PTA and John 'Play it again' Kemsley as disc-jockey.

For the adults, and between the junior functions, on Friday 1st February the 'Home Made Evening' event was held in the School Hall. This was a super occasion enjoyed by some 70 people. The idea was to bring along and swap all manner of home-made drink and foods. An excellent spread was freely available for sampling, re-sampling and exchanging favourite recipes or techniques. For those unable to attend- look forward to next year for a repeat top-class event and another very cordial evening, pity you will have to wait so long.

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We would like to hear from anyone, especially parents with children who benefit from the Scout Movement, who could help us with collections. The commitment is just an hour or so once a month.

Will volunteers please contact Ken Hughes (612273) or Sue Jones (613261) or if you would like to start saving your papers for us please inform us on the same phone numbers and we will arrange collections.

The next fund raising event is the Barn Dance on Friday 15th March, see advertisement for details.

S.J.

HARBURY VENTURE UNITNIGHT ESCAPADES

On Tuesday the 19th February 16 Venture Scouts and 2 Leaders left Harbury at 9.00 pm for the Burton Dasset Hills. Unlike previous nights it was not severely cold but it was still necessary to wrap up warm. We took a route through Mr. Thwait's land and then along public footpaths until we hit the Gaydon-Northend lane. Fun was had by all in the drifts. We arrived at the Dasset Hills at around midnight and the tents were pitched (helped by a friendly car's headlights) A fire was lit and we gathered around supping hot drinks. Someone mentioned tobogganing and a plastic sheet was soon found. However this turned out to be near suicidal on the very steep, very icy slopes as John Hancock found to his peril with a bleeding nose.

At about 3.00 am we retired to bed only to wake again at seven or earlier. Chris Millington advenurously slept in a snow hole and Richard Hill did not sleep at all but seemed to run around the tents all night!

After a various amount of fryups for breakfast we packed up and left in small groups arriving home about midday.

S.W.H.

Mr. Macaroni and the Exploding Pizza Pie"

In spite of bitterly cold, snowy weather, the 1st Harbury Guide Company had a sizeable and appreciative audience for their play. Produced by Anne Megeney, the play rollicked along at a cracking pace, and the jokes came fast and furious. Performed as the first part of the Entertainer's Badge, the play was a good choice in that the parts were fairly evenly spread. There was plenty of audience participation too. Full marks to Tracy Hawkins, as Wordsworth the Cheeky Waiter, for insisting that the audience responded with proper vigour!

Other leading parts were ably taken by Liza Tebaldi, Michelle Waggott and Michelle Coupe. Sonia Taylor and Gillian Dodds were responsible for the colourful set, and Peter Holt and Alan Barr of the Theatre Group supplied the very effective lighting and sound effects.

Others taking part were Vanessa Smith, Tracy Powell, Jayne Archer, Catherine Ingram, Trudy Waggott, Sarah Gee, Ceri Edwards, Joanne Phillips, Emma Stephenson, Lynsey Spencer, Fiona Szolnoki, Clare Hillass, Sarah Gee, Sarah Bennett and Trudy Waggott.

Well done, the 1st Harbury Guide Company!

BERYL CHECKLEY.

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GIRLS CLUB

At Girls Club we make things, go places, have people to talk to us, take part in fetes and carnivals (dressed as witches & Rubic Cubes!) We have made presents for Mothers Day-trinket boxes from lollipop sticks and so on. We have been to the centre for Guide Dogs, the Fire Station, the Police Station. We went to the Priory Theatre to see Alice in Wonderland and afterwards went backstage.

Our speakers have included a lady on First-Aid and a beauty demonstration with us as victims and models. A Vet told us about his work and answered questions about our pets. Recently Mr. Stringer came from The Harbury Theatre Group bringing along some of their costumes and equipment.

As you can see we do a lot of interesting things and we never know what to expect. I do know however, that Mrs. Rainbow is planning something as she would like to borrow some rug-making hooks! Telephone Harbury 612415 or 612710

SUSAN BARR

INDOOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Beginning of Season Junior Indoor Tennis Tournament to be held at the Coventry Ace Rackets Centre on Saturday 20th April 6.30 - 9.30 pm. Cost £1.50. Anyone interested please contact Rosemary Ottewill 43 Mill Street, Harbury 613402 giving your age. Numbers will be limited to 24, and the actual format of the tournament will be decided when we know who wishes to play.

R.O.

HARBURY RUGBY CLUB

Spring seems to have arrived and the rugby club has restarted its season after the wretched weather over the first six weeks of the year. Little seems to have been reported in the Harbury News - not because the clubs results were bad but because the club scribe has been too busy putting words into practice on the rugby field.

To date, the club 1st team has played 22 games won 12 and lost 10. The 12 wins are more than the whole of last season, so the club is hopeful that if things continue as they are they will have one of their successful seasons. After an indifferent start including a first round defeat in the Warwickshire Cup by Claverdon the 1st team won 7 successive games including a demolition job on Claverdon. After a poor run over the Christmas period the team have had good wins over Brackley, Earlsdon and this weekend a 24-0 win over Old Warwickians. Credit for this season so far must go to Pete Abraham the member in charge of training and Steve Angle, "the loveable Scouser," who is doing a valiant job in his first season as skipper.

The club has managed to turn out 3 sides each week and a 4th team when the skipper Jerry Birkbeck can muster these diehards from in front of the fire or out of the pub.

The 2nd team skippered this year by one of Harbury's Crimebusters John Rawlings (Kojak with hair) are having a good season. The side includes several of the younger club members of whom hopes are high for the club's future.

The club 3rd team skippered by the slumbering giant Tony North have had a lot of good high scoring wins; this is the side full of weight, experience and mostly unfit experts of the game. Saturday afternoons are always enjoyable so the club would welcome any villager who would like a run out in any of the sides. The club chairman has even been trying to persuade Harbury's answer to Compo, Foggy and Clegg (George Purdy, John Hunt and Colin Ingram) to appear before the season is over!

One shock to the rugby playing world was the playing obituary announced in the press recently of that sporting freak Les Sollis who has decided, in his prime of life, to hang up his boots. (The cricket club are asking why he can't do the same with his cricket boots anyway, Les has been a reliable and robust member of whatever team were unlucky to have him (the reason for backing in was reputed to be the club's reluctance to

grant Les a benefit in 1992!))

So, lets see some of the younger villagers down at the club on a Saturday. Leave such mundane pastimes as girlfriends and shopping expeditions alone for a few hours. The club is always looking for new players at senior and junior levels where the Sunday mini session goes from strength to strength.

FOOTBALL MEMORIES OF 60 YEARS AGO

The account of the Boxing Day football match in January "Harbury News" causes one to wonder how many people in Harbury today, not more than ten I am sure , were present at the final of the Kineton Shield, played at Kineton on Easter Monday 1925. Between Harbury Rovers and Southam United. In those bygone days village teams had the following and interest of the whole village and good crowds at every match. On this great day, all roads led to Kineton and there were over 3000 people present. Harbury and Southam were of course well represented as also were Bishops Itchington and most of the surrounding villages. The latter were all rooting for Southam as several of them had been beaten by Harbury in the previous rounds of the competition. Harbury team was: A.Turner, H. Cash, J. Mann, E. Austin, R. Gurden, F. Padbury, C. Bloxham, A. Thornicroft, J. Bunn, F. Griffen, G. Bishop. There is only one surviving member of that team now. Mr. J. Mann, left back and captain, who now lives at Crown Close. Of the Southam team, unfortunately I can only name three, J. Earle in goal, G. Turner captain and C. Pittom centre forward. The game in those days was really tough, far different from how it is played today. Southam set up a terrific pace and in five minutes were a goal up. Harbury on the other hand just could not seem to get going. There were some glum faces among the Harbury supporters at half-time as Southam had scored again and the way they were playing all seemed lost. However, the 2nd half was different. Harbury threw everything into attack and Griffin scored a lovely goal. Southam defended desperately and hung onto their slender lead until five minutes from time, when in a desperate

attack on the Southam goal J. Earle was bundled ball and all into his net. The scores were level and excitement was intense as extra time was played. Both teams were now tiring and everyone had given up hope of seeing a result, but a few minutes from time, C. Bloxham, a well known local sprinter, made a great run to easily beat the tiring Southam defence and put across a beautiful pass to Griffen who scored the winning goal. Alderman Parkes presented the Shield to Mr. Mann who when called on for a speech, said "Thank you, but I would rather play another match than make a speech." The team and shield were then proudly brought back to Harbury in Mr. Smith's 1921 model T. Ford.

R.E. THORNICROFT

MEN'S GROUP VISIT TO LONGBRIDGE

On Thursday 7th February the Men's Group took advantage of B.L.'s policy of providing guided tours of part of its Longbridge production facilities.

Following a film outlining the new production methods used in building the Austin Metro, we were shown the highly mechanised line which assembles the bodies. The process starts with delivery of the large number of individual pressings which go to make up a complete body shell (a railway siding runs straight into the 17 acre building.) These pressings are stored in a huge computer controlled automated store and fed out to production as determined by the production plan.

Pressings are spot welded together by a series of automated welders to produce a number of sub-assemblies. These are then put together loosely by hand to form the body shell. Following this the process is completed entirely by robots and the body shell ready for painting, emerges from the end of the line. Perhaps the most significant thing of all in the £275 m plant was that whilst a complete body shell was produced every 57 secs., there were so very few people doing the work.

Finally, we saw the main assembly line for Metros and Minis ; it all looked so easy and almost leisurely but none the less these lines produce over 5000 cars every week. As we arrived at the end of the Metro line we

were reminded that even the most sophisticated systems are only as good as the human input - in front of some 30 visitors the Metro which had just been completed failed to start! Much to the embarrassment of the B.L. guides who had given us such a fascinating tour with great enthusiasm and justifiable pride.

We were grateful to B.L. for a most interesting evening. J.B.M.

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

At the Folk Club on 7th February we were delighted to have visits from 3 guest singers- Ian & Sue Hartland of The Harvesters plus Dave Tickle. Although they are very busy playing a mediaeval banquets in Warwick Castle and concerts all over the County, they kindly agreed to come to Harbury and delighted the capacity audience with a programme of mainly traditional songs with a touch of music hall. I was pleased to renew a musical partnership with Dave Tickle with whom I played for a brief period about years ago. Dave's material was quite different from The Harvesters - his songs were contemporary, including 2 of his own compositions, all beautifully played and sung.

I must not forget to mention 'our own' singers, without whom there wouldn't be a folk club at all. On this occasion, there was time for only two songs each from Gerda, Alan, Robin, Tony, Jim and Bonas plus one from Pete and Liz on their own. However, over the next few months, I would like to feature some of the local singers by giving them 'guest' spots so that we can hear more of the home-grown talent.

The next two meetings of the folk club are on March 7th and April 4th, as usual in the lounge of the Old New Inn starting a 8.30 pm.

PETER McDONALD (613730)

HARBURY LUNCHEON CLUB

The Luncheon Club meets twice weekly in the V. Hall and provides a hot meal at reasonable cost in a friendly atmosphere. New members welcome. Tel 612163-612762

HARBURY CARNIVAL 1985

Sat. 8th June is the day of this year's Carnival Procession and Fete. Last years Carnival raised the record sum of £1400 for Village Hall and Playing Field funds - once again, a big thank you to all who worked so hard to ensure the day was such a success. Since last November the committee have been beavering away planning for June, In the week leading up to Carnival Day, we hope that Village Groups will organise open meetings and events for all to join in - please let us know if you are planning an event, so that we can publicise it.

Brian Wade, stalls organiser has already contacted many of you, but if not please contact him at 9 Wagstaffe Close, 612831. Perhaps as newcomers to the village, you may like to run a stall this year - a good way to get to know people - we have plenty of ideas for stalls. If you would like to enter a float this year, please contact Tim Percival. Lack of suitable transport has deterred some groups in the past - can you help with this?

Our first event for the year is CARNIVAL QUEEN DISCO to be held at the Village Hall on 26th April. David Andrews will be running the Disco and refreshments will be available. If you live locally and would like to enter for the title, please come along to the Village Hall, Farley Room, at 8 pm that evening.

Finally, useful suggestions and offers of help are always welcomed by the committee: chairman - Keith Thompson (612050) committee - Sue Andrews, Midge Keen Steve Chaplin, Sally Townsend, Tim Percival, Brian Wade, Jean Cox, Helen Taylor, Bob Taylor, Rob & Di Ralphs, Gill Gurden. J.C.

THE WINDMILL SINGERS AT HARBURY CHURCH.

In Good Friday Evening, the Windmill Singers will be performing the Crucifixion by John Stainer, one of the outstanding figures in the history of 19th century English church music. The work is rewarding for performer and listener alike and follows the traditional Passion story in construction. The Windmill Singers will be accompanied by Timothy Campain, a regular player of the organ at Coventry Cathedral. Soloists will

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be Clive Watts (Bass) and Bryan Harrison (Tenor) and the Conductor will be Ken Nordon. This beautiful musical work not only includes some lovely pieces for the Choir and Soloists, but also hymns for the congregation and Choir together. Everyone is therefore most welcome to come along on Good Friday at 7.30 pm to take part in what is hoped to be a particularly appropriate evening for this special day.

HARBURY WI

Harbury WI enjoyed a nostalgic journey along the branch lines of British Rail when Geoffrey Braithwaite spoke at the February meeting. Mr. Braithwaite talked on the theme "All Change" - railway station into home. He spoke of his early interest in railways, showing slides of train journeys passing through the borders of Warwickshire & Worcestershire with glimpses of stations sadly no longer here.

However, Mr. Braithwaite managed to purchase his own part of British Rail, he and his wife bought the disused station at Coughton. They transformed it into an attractive home with a garden that over the years encompassed the old railway track which now provides a way for the occasional rambler rather than train.

During the February meeting members also heard how successful the Dance of the Year had been and thanks were given to all those who helped. The next meeting will be on 14th March for the County Quiz followed by the Scottish Country Dancers. Members are reminded that this special evening begins at 7.30 pm. H.G.H.

AMERICAN SLIDE SHOW

On Friday 19th April, Stan & Chris Finch have agreed to do another of their American Slide Shows, this time in aid of N.S.P.C.C. funds. For those of you who saw the first one last June and enjoyed it so much, there will be more and different slides of their American stay. This time supper and drinks will be provided and we shall be selling tickets in due course.

Do keep this date free; we know it will be a really good evenings entertainment.

LIZ BUNTING

"RACE NIGHT"

The Village Hall Committee is holding another Race Night, due to popular demand. It is being held on 29th March at 8 pm. It is a night with a difference where you could come home with more money than you went out with!

We shall have a bar and supper tickets are £1.25 each, available from Sue Andrews 612528 Midge Keen 612561 or me 613420.

SALLY TOWNSEND

AFRICAN FAMINE

We would like to thank the many people who supported the Third World lunch for the African Famine appeal. We have been able to send £160 to help in relief work.

CHRIS ANDREWS & JILL WINTER

HARBURY FLOWER FESTIVAL

Plans are being made to hold a Flower Festival in Harbury Church on Sat 13th July. Anyone who is interested in taking part or helping in any way should contact Mrs. Eve Hailey (23 Neales Close, 612678) before the end of March.

Two more fund raising events are planned to which all are invited:- A Coffee Morning at 65 Mill St. on Tues 26th March 10.30-12-30 and a cake stall in the Wight School on Saturday 13th April 9.30-12 noon.

"DRY ROT"

Have you got your tickets yet? The Theatre Group's production of this very funny play is on 21st, 22nd & 23rd March in the Village Hall at 8 pm, and you can be sure of a very good evenings entertainment. There will be a licensed bar on the Friday and Saturday evenings open from 7.30 pm.

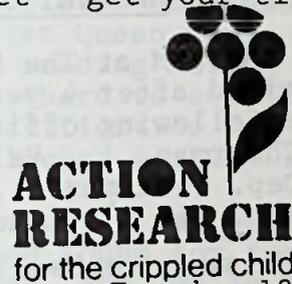
The play is set in the 1950's and we could do with one or two items from that period - suitcases, newspapers, magazines, a 10/- note. If you have anything suitable our property mistress Rosemary Ottewill (613402) will be very pleased to hear from you.

On the Friday after the play, the Group will be entering an extract in the Warwickshire stage of the All England Drama Festival, at the Criterion Theatre Coventry. We would be very grateful for your support and encouragement on that Evening. Tickets (80p) can be ordered from me - you will, of course be able to see other groups' entries and listen to the Adjudication.

Many thanks to those who have already lent us items to use in Dry Rot and don't forget - get your tickets NOW!!

DIANA HOLT 612790

ACTION RESEARCH
FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILD



We will be holding an open meeting on Tuesday 19th March in the Wight School starting at 8 pm. The aim of Action Research is to help fund vital medical research into the prevention and cure of all disabling diseases and in recent years we have raised valuable funds and had a great deal of fun doing so. New faces and ideas are always welcome and if you would like to learn more about our work or to join us in our efforts to save children from a lifetime of disability and to improve the quality of life for those already suffering, please come along. We look forward to seeing you for a cup of coffee sometime during the evening.

HARBURY SOCIETY

The talk on Water Resources which follows our AGM on Tuesday 12th March at the Wight School is open to all and we hope that many people will take this opportunity to learn more about how Harbury's water supply is managed.

As expected our Social was a great success and thanks to the generosity of the members who bought lots & lots of raffle tickets a small profit was made.

As the weather improves it is hoped to arrange a tour of the Quarries which was promised us by Mr. Chris

Poupard when he gave his talk on the setting up of the fishery known as Bishop Bowl Lakes. More details later.

Finally it is not too early to be thinking about this years Best Kept Village Competition. As we clear up after the ravages of the winter it is an incentive to have the aim to win the Award for the best village in mind.

LINDA RIDGLEY

HARBURY CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

At the AGM at The Dog in January, Peter Towell retired after 4 years sterling service as chairman. The following offices were elected:-

Chairman.....Valerie Hill
 Dep. ChairmanRoger Smyth
 Hon. SecHeather Turner

The committee has 15 members and a variety of functions have been arranged for the year. Anyone interested in joining the Association should contact one of the officers.

Our M.P. Alan Howarth has bought a house in Fenny Compton, and is therefore hoping to spend more time in Warwickshire.

BEN LAPHORNE

Friends of the Laphorne family will be very sorry to hear of the death of Ben Laphorne on 20th December 1984. He had been ill for quite a long time with cancer but Shirley was able to nurse him at home, where he died peacefully.

As the children are away at college, Shirley intends to move to a smaller house, but her present address is: Clare Cottage, Quinton Road, Wootton, Northampton.
 NN4 OLN PAT METTRICK

FOUND

.....at Reg Harris's house after a party(!), a scarf. Ring 612395.
 in Manor Orchard, a ladies collapsible umbrella. Ring 612790.

JOHN STRINGER

John is a Londoner from Hornsey. At Tollington Grammar school, where he became head boy, he was especially interested in the sciences, considered medicine but decided his talents were in the Biological field. He found himself at Queen Mary College reading Marine Biology (hard to see this as a qualification for life in landlocked Harbury!)

Completing the degree course he looked round for the next step, and, while still wondering, decided to apply for the teacher diploma course. A short period of teaching practice in a primary school decided him that his future lay with the alert and receptive youngsters of their age group.

He completed his course with distinction and by 25 was deputy head of a N. London primary school.

Life was very hard work and serious and it was at this point that Sally first appeared. She had qualified as a pharmacist and was working at the Middlesex Hospital. A mutual friend, a member of a social club, found himself the only male escorting 8 ladies to a Chinese restaurant and turned to John as re-inforcement! Sally thought John worked far too hard, and saw "bringing him out" as social work. She never envisaged marrying him!

After marriage both continued their careers and would have liked to remain in London. Housing difficulties dissuaded them and in 1975 following a collection of applications to many quarters of the Country that appealed to them, Warwickshire invited John for an interview. He was appointed the first Advisory Teacher in South Warwickshire based on Stratford, responsible for inservice training.

House-hunting was on a somewhat hit and miss basis but the fridge fitted the kitchen in Farley Avenue, and the appearance of horses in the mist outside the Old New Inn clinched the decision.

On arrival John and Sally decided it was the moment to establish contacts. John had had an urge to be involved in Drama and he phoned the Theatre Group. Within days he was cast in a major role - a lack of males he modestly says. However he does not see himself as an actor but as a producer. Pygmalion, She Stoops to Conquer, See How They Run and lastly a longstanding personal ambition, The Fireraisers.

Both from Church families they were soon associated with the Church to find that it has played an increasingly important part in their lives as their commitment grew. A P.C.C. member, John was invited by Father Mackley to administer the chalice, a role he deeply appreciates.

Here in Harbury their 3 boys William, aged 8, James aged 6, Robert now 2 were born.

After 3 years of working for Warwickshire John felt the need to return to the main stream of teaching and was appointed as head of Foleshill, Church of England controlled school in Coventry. Although this school is about 300 years old it is now in an industrial suburban area of mixed race. About 12% of the pupils are Asian, 20% immigrant West Indians, Ukrainians etc. It is a challenging and exhausting job but John has found time to continue to develop his interest in science-teaching for the primary age group. He completed a part-time masters degree in education at Warwick and in autumn 1983 on a Leverhulme scholarship spent a term at Warwick as schoolteacher fellow studying the possibilities offered by science in the primary school. He studied childrens questions and their reactions but was painfully aware that the average primary school child does not see science as a career, especially not girls. This is a problem he feels he has to work to overcome.

Apart from his scientific interests in education John is chairman of the Diocesan Education Committee responsible for the day to day running of aided schools.

He is interested in religious education - we would all appreciate his plastic bag hot air balloon illustration of the Ascension!

Now established in their 300 year old cottage they are anxiously trying to trace its interesting history - any information welcome. They, like it, are an integral part of the Harbury scene, wondering what further, if any, unexpected changes of pattern await them.

IN THE GARDEN

In the Midlands March is the month to prepare for planting and sowing in April. Rhubarb should be covered, early potatoes should be in a frost free shed and in the light so that they can start chitting ready for planting out in April under cloches. Broad beans can be started in boxes or cups I prefer cups so the roots are not disturbed when planting out in April. Shallots can be planted out when the ground is workable. Spring cabbage can be improved with a small amount of Nitro chalk placed about 1 inch from the stem. If you have any spare cloches place them over the ground which will be for your first row of peas. Onion sets can be planted out at the end of the month weather permitting. Prune roses and fruit trees. At the end of the month it will be time to plant flower seeds in trays on the window sill or in a warm room.

W.F.LINES

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A record number of members turned out on a cold night to hear Tristram Thacker's talk on "Down The Garden Path" and we just managed to get everyone in. It was a fascinating talk and enjoyed by all. I am sure a number of our members have some new ideas for corners of their gardens. Our March meeting will be a talk on "Wild Gardens" by member of the Warwickshire Conservation Trust, so hope to meet you there.

E.P.L.



Mike Bloxham's photographs show member of the cast of The Pied Piper who appeared in the Bayard Academy of Dancing production at the Village Hall last month. Proceeds to N.S.P.C.C.

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May God Bless you all.

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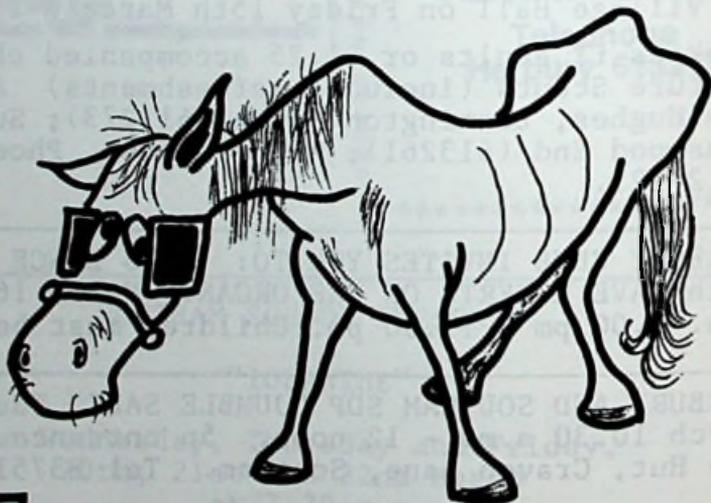
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