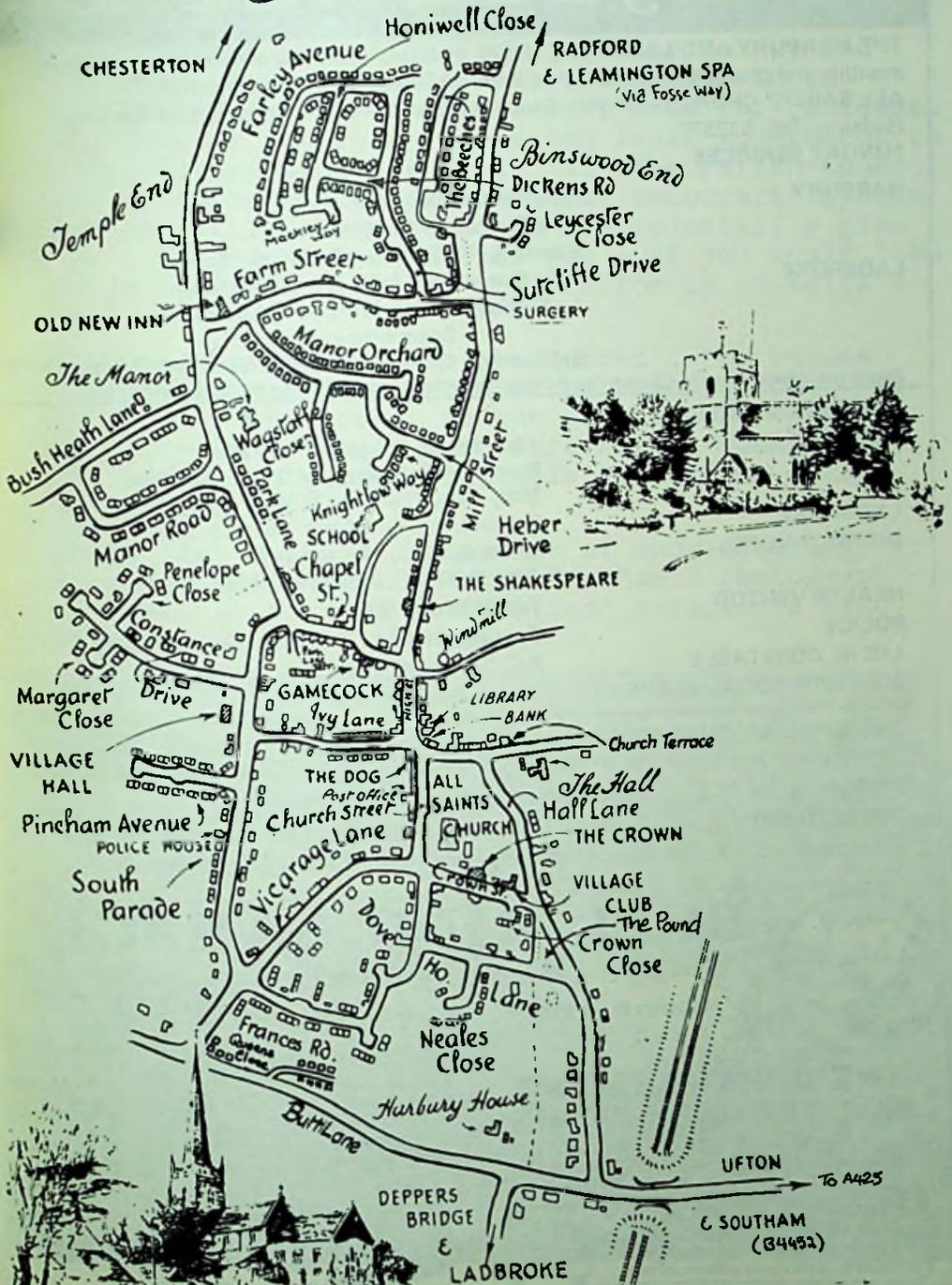


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HARBURY

Holy Communion - 8.00am

Sung Eucharist - 10.30am

Evensong - 6.30pm (not 3rd Sunday)

LADBROKE

Holy Communion (with Hymns) - 9.00am

1st Sunday: Family Worship - 11.00am

Communion - 11.45am

3rd Sunday: Evensong - 6.30pm (Summer) - 3.30pm (Winter)

Please see notice board in Church for weekday services or revised times on special occasions.

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HAD A
BUMP?

A new Parish Council will be elected in May and Chairman of the Council, Keith Thompson in an article elsewhere in this issue, asks for residents who have an interest in shaping local government to consider standing for election. The Parish Council has an important function in our democratic system and we are indebted to those who voluntarily give their time to serve in this way - if you would like to be involved, all the information is in Keith's article.

Also in the vein of 'help required', the Guides are in need of a helper now that Lynda Archer has resigned - see advert in the back pages. With so many people having a keen interest in youngsters, there must be someone suitable to take on this worthwhile task.

After last month's photograph of snow clearing, it is a relief to publish Mike Bloxham's photograph of lambs at play on Mr Thwaites' estate - a sign that Spring is on the way.



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The A.G.M. of Harbury and Ladbroke News duly took place on February 9th. Thanks to all who supported the meeting (and to those many more who expressed their unwavering confidence in the Committee by staying away!) - and of course to the many committee members who make the publication of the magazine each month possible. One addition to the committee - Eric Hagard from Ladbroke, whom we welcome.

The pictures of Old Harbury were a joy to see. Much has changed but some residents were easily recognisable - especially Miss Warwick whom we wish a speedy recovery and return from hospital.

Thank you to those who arranged it.

HARBURY DIARY

MARCH 1987

- Sat 7th Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy Cake Stall at 3 Heber Drive 10 - 12.30pm in aid of 'Wheels for Verity'
- Sun 8th LENT I (ASB 503) 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong
Free Church Service 2.30pm (All Saints Church)
- Mon 9th N.H.R. Problems of Old Age. Venue Dorothy Travis Prayer/Bible Study (Fear) 8pm 77 Mill Street
Praise & Prayer, Mill Cottage
- Tues 10th Mothers and Toddlers Service 2.15pm in Church
Harbury Friends 8pm School
Tuesday Cubs on Thursdays from now on
- Wed 11th Pre-School Reception Evening at School 8pm
Parish Bible Study Group 8.15pm 3 Vicarage Lane
Young Ornithologists' Club
- Thurs 12th Thursday Club 2.30pm at Village Hall
'Tuesday' Cubs
W.I. 7.45pm in Village Hall
A Service for Lent with Sermons on the Parables 8
Preacher:- Tom Winnifrith on 'The Parable of the Good Samaritan'.
- Fri 13th Village Disco at the Village Hall in aid of Scout & Guides 8-12pm See Advert
Southam School P.T.A. Dance with the Likely Lads 8.30pm-12.30am See Advert
- Sat 14th Liberals JUMBLE SALE in the Village Hall
Youth Club DISCO in the Village Hall

- Sun 15th LENT II (ASB 508) 8am Holy Communion 10.30am
Sung Eucharist
- Mon 16th Word of God 8pm at The Speirs, Chesterton Rd
Praise & Prayer 4 Leicester Close
- Tues 17th ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- Wed 18th Youth Club Rugby Rapids Swimming Trip
Parochial Church Council 8.15pm at Wight School
- Thurs 19th Whist at Village Hall 7.45pm
A Service for Lent with Sermons on the Parables
8pm Preacher:- Beryl Checkley on 'The Parable
of the Workers in the Vineyard'
- Fri 20th 5am - 7am Vigil for all persecuted Christians
followed by Holy Communion at 7am
- Sat 21st P.T.A. 'MAD HATTERS 20's NIGHT' at Village Hall
- Sun 22nd LENT III (ASB 512) 8am Holy Communion 10.30 am
Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong
- Mon 23rd Prayer/Bible Study (Fear) 8pm at 77 Mill Street
Praise & Prayer Ravenshaw Cottage
- Tues 24th Harbury Society A.G.M. 7.45pm and ARCHEOLOGY TALK
8pm in Wight School
Today until Mon 30th March the Bishop of Coventry
visits Southam Deanery
8pm - 9.30pm Meeting for young people at Southam
Centre
- Wed 25th THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
(LADY DAY) (ASB 763) 9.45am Holy Communion
8.30pm Holy Communion
N.H.R. Coffee Morning 10.30am venue to be arranged
Parish Bible Study Course 8.15pm 16 Neales Close
Harbury & District Labour Party A.G.M 7.30pm
32 Mill Street
- Thurs 26th The Bishop visits Harbury & Ladbroke 2pm The
Bishop at Harbury School; 8.30pm Meeting the
Bishop (Wissett Lodge)
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 28th CRAFT CIRCLE in Village Hall 10am to 5pm
Tennis Club Social 38 Manor Orchard 8pm
- Sun 29th CLOCKS FORWARD
LENT IV MOTHERING SUNDAY (ASB 517) 8am Holy
Communion 10.30am Sung Eucharist (Adventurers
attend - posies distributed) 6.30pm Evensong
N.B. NO ADVENTURERS CLASS IN V. HALL TODAY
Conservatives function 12 to 2pm
ALL ARTICLES FOR APRIL'S ISSUE TO EDITORS BY TODAY

4.

- Mon 30th Word of God 8pm at 8 The Beeches
Bishop meets Parish Representatives at Offchurch 7
Praise & Prayer Lullington Lodge
- Tues 31st M. U. Deanery Festival, Southam Church 2.30pm
Wight School Playgroup Coffee Morning/Childrens
Clothes Sale (Offspring) 10.30am at 41 Mill Street

APRIL

- Wed 1st ALL FOOLS' DAY
M.U. Lenten Service 2.15pm Rev. Ian Campbell
The Julian Group 8pm
- Thurs 2nd Prayer for persecuted Christians at 19 Farm St 10.30
A Service for Lent with Sermons on the Parables 8pm
Preacher:- Ken Hughes 'The Parable of the Prodigal
Son'
Folk Club 8.30pm Lounge of the Old New Inn
- Sat 4th Tennis JUMBLE SALE 11am in Village Hall
P.T.A. Fifty/Fifty Auction
- Sun 5th LENT V PASSION SUNDAY (ASB 521) 9am Sung Eucharist
(Rite B) 6.30pm The Vestry & Annual Parochial Church
Meeting preceded by short Act of Worship
- Mon 6th Praise & Prayer 15 Pineham Ave
- Tues 7th Horticultural Society 8pm at the Wight School
Village Hall Committee 8pm in Village Hall
LAST DAY FOR NOMINATION FOR PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION
- Wed 8th Young Ornithologists Club
- Thurs 9th Thursday Club, 2.30pm in Village Hall
W.I. 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Fri 10th Selwin Eels
- Sat 11th Youth Club Disco
- Sun 12th PALM SUNDAY

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

For Village Hall Bookings, ring Mrs. Padbury, 613246
For Wight School Bookings, ring Mrs. Hayes, 613488

REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LADBROKE

- Tuesday: 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion in Harbury
- Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion in Ladbroke
- Thursday: 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion in Harbury
- Friday: 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion in Harbury

- 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, 8.30-10pm,
Mondays.
- GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Mondays.
- BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.
- TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 10-11.30am 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
12.30pm.
- DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tuesday,
Wednesday and Thursday.
- BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.
- N.B.Tuesday CUBS now meet on THURSDAYS.
- 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.
- YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 7.30 - 9.30pm Wednesdays.
- DANCING CLASSES for Children & Adults, Farley Room,
Village Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays.
- W.I., Village Hall, 2nd Thursdays, 7.45 p.m.
- POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20 - 3.30 every Friday.
- CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.
- KARATE CLASSES, Village Hall 7pm every Friday.

FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

The treatment of the roof timbers has been completed and we are very grateful to all those who set-to to restore the Church to its usual bright and shining state. In fact, we were able to have something of an early Spring clean which was useful.

We are grateful to Mr Oliver for allowing us to use the school for our services on the two Sundays when the Church was unavailable. However, it is nice to be back in the building erected by our predecessors especially for the Worship of God.

The Church Annual General Meeting will be held after a short service commencing at 6.30pm on Sunday 5th April. After brief reports of Church organised activities, the Parochial Church Council for the year is to be elected. A further post, that of Churchwarden will have to be filled as after 18 years, Harry Windsor will be standing down. We owe Harry (and Joyce) a great debt of gratitude for the dedication they have applied to the tasks set before them.

ALL SAINTS
HARBURY & LADBROKE



As can be seen from the Rector's letter, the Mission - July 1st - 12th is to be entitled 'Quest'. The logo shown on the left designed by Tony Dodds, will be used in all publicity and communication material connected with the mission and so will become very familiar during the coming months.

The four special services arranged for Lent by the Rector promise to be very stimulating and deserve our support. Every season of Lent is (or should be) 'special' but this year we have the opportunity of preparing ourselves for our Mission - which will be just as successful as we, with God's help, make it.

Unfortunately, we seem to be having visits into Church by people presumably having time on their hands, who cause damage - so far not serious - to Church property. It would help to deter youngsters in search of what they think is excitement, from entering the Church for that purpose if the chance of other people being in there was greater; so do call into Church on your way past.

J.B.M.

FROM THE RECTOR

When it is heard that the church is to hold a Parish Mission, there are some who are at once suspicious and critical. A mission can be carried out in all sorts of ways and when people are subjected to aggressive and

pressurised evangelism, quite naturally they resent it and resist it. But for the Church never to try to extend her influence and to declare her faith, and not to encourage others to respond to Jesus Christ, for fear of being misunderstood, then the Church is being unfaithful to what our Lord taught and expected of his followers. Thus when we engage in the Church's mission, and incidentally this is a continuing task, not confined to twelve short days in a particular year, then it must be done with the utmost care and sensitivity, humbly and in a manner which does not patronise. Indeed it must be as near as possible to what we see in the New Testament of Our Lord's approach to people. He was gentle, understanding and loving, and able to see beyond the surface of adopted attitudes and hard-faced rejection of God. Jesus could always recognise the worth of people, their aspirations and their needs. He knew that people needed to be accepted, respected and appreciated, to be loved but also to love in return. Over and over again we notice how he received people like Zaccheus, Mary Magdalen, Peter, Matthew, Judas, the man who came anonymously by night, the man who was not far from the Kingdom of Heaven, the Zealots and those of no consequence in the sight of the world. He ministered to the sick and those who required healing, not only in body but in mind and in spirit. Yet gentle as he was, Jesus never held back from the truth or compromised with what was wrong or evil. He was never willing 'to quench the smouldering flax', but nonetheless challenged the Temple traders and drove them out forcibly because they were profaning the House of God.

In July when we embark upon Quest 87, we have the good fortune to be helped in our efforts by the Church Army and this should be seen as a concerted opportunity to consider or reconsider the implications of the Christian Gospel and to discover or to discover anew what Jesus says to us about God's love for us and for all people. They come not to pester or persist or encroach, they come hoping they will be received graciously and welcomed into our parishes, and heard with respect and open hearts.

ANTONY ROWE

Quest 87 Prayer Cards are now available on the table

in Church.

LENT 1987

For some years now there has been a mid-week Lenten service for the Deanery, but partly owing to the Bishop's visit to the Deanery in March, this has not been arranged. Instead four special Lent services have been planned at Harbury and we hope that we will be joined by people from Ladbroke also. A course on the Parable of Our Lord will be given on Thursday 12th and 19th March and 2nd and 9th April at 8 o'clock and Tom Winnifrith, Beryl Checkley, Ken Hughes and John Stringer have agreed to choose and preach on one particular parable. The church will be well heated and coffee will be served after the service and we hope that a good number will make the effort to come on each occasion to encourage and support those preaching.

The Church Army

The Church Army was founded in 1882 by Prebendary Wilson Carlile. They are a body of trained lay Evangelists, both men and women who have dedicated their lives to help people to discover for themselves the reality of God's love in Christ. There are 350 full-time Captains and Sisters carrying out a wide range of evangelistic and social welfare work throughout the country. The Church Army also provides homes and hostels, youth centres, adventure centres and a counselling service. Those who have been in H.M. Forces will no doubt remember the Forces Centre and Canteens which ministered to service men and women when abroad and far from their homes and loved ones.

In April a film will be shown about some of the work of the Church Army today. Details to be given in next issue.

Confirmation Instruction

Preparation for Confirmation has now begun both for Adults and for Young People. Anyone who is wondering about being confirmed, should get in touch with the Rector as soon as possible.

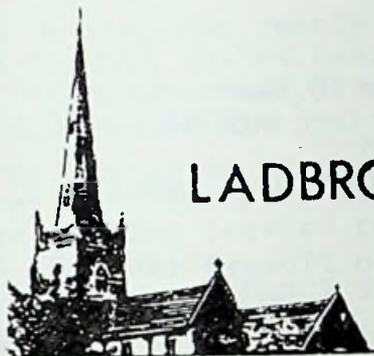
The Confirmation is on Sunday 14th June.

Funerals

Monday 16th February: ALFRED WILLIAM HANCOCK
37 Manor Orchard 74years

Tuesday 17th February: 'BOBBIE' EDWARDS
20 Ladbroke Hall 83years

Tuesday 24th February: GEORGE EDGAR JOHN BROWN
4 Manor Orchard 61years



LADBROKE NEWS

MARCH DIARY

Sun 8th LENT I (ASB 503) 9am Holy Communion with Hymns

Tues 10th Youth Club in Village Hall 5.30-7.30 (Junior)
7.30-9.30 (Seniors)

Wed 11th Women's Fellowship 2.30pm

Thurs 12th 8pm Service for Lent with Sermon on the Parables
(at Harbury)

Sun 15th LENT II (ASB 508) 9am Holy Communion with Hymns
3.30pm Evensong

Mon 16th 7.30pm The Annual Vestry & Parochial Church
Meeting (The Village Hall)

Tues 17th Youth Club in Village Hall 5.30-7.30 (Junior)
7.30-9.30 (Senior)

Wed 18th Holy Communion (Women's Fellowship Corporate
Communion) 10.30am

Thurs 19th 8pm A Service for Lent with Sermon on the Parables
(at Harbury)

Sun 22nd LENT III (ASB 512) 9am Holy Communion with Hymns

Tues 24th From today to Monday 30th The Bishop visits
Southam Deanery
8pm-9.30pm Bishop meeting with young people at
Southam Centre
Youth Club in V. Hall 5.30-7.30 (Juniors)
7.30-9.30 (Seniors)

Wed 25th THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (ASB 7-10.30am Holy Communion 7.30pm Holy Communion
 Thurs 26th Bishop's visit to Harbury & Ladbroke 7pm (sharp)-8 meeting with Bishop at 21 Ladbroke Hall
 Sun 29th LENT IV (MOTHERING SUNDAY) 9am Holy Communion with Hymns (B.C.P.) 3.30pm Mothering Sunday Service and Holy Baptism (posies to be presented)
 Mon 30th 7.45pm Meeting of Parish Representatives with Bishop at Offchurch
 Tues 31st Youth Club V. Hall 5.30-7.30 (Juniors) 7.30-9.30 (Seniors)

APRIL

Wed 1st Holy Communion 10.30am
 Thurs 2nd A Service for Lent with Sermon on the Parables 8pm (at Harbury)
 Sun 5th LENT V (PASSION SUNDAY) (ASB 521) 10.30am Family Communion

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA - No Flowers in Lent.

LADBROKE CHURCH

The Church Army Mission - Quest '87 - is well into its planning stage. As you will know, the Mission starts 1st July, when the Bishop of Coventry will conduct the Commissioning Service in All Saints, Ladbroke. The Church Army team will be in Ladbroke and Harbury until 12th July and we will let you know the full programme soon as it is finalised.

We shall also be welcoming the Bishop of Coventry to Ladbroke on 26th March, as part of his Deanery visitation.

The PCC Vestry Meeting will take place at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on 16th March. This will be followed at by the Annual General Meeting, when it is hoped that many people as possible will attend.

Finally, is there one person who will volunteer to help with the brass cleaning? If anyone is able to help will you telephone me on 2187

GWYNNE BADMAN

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Although numbers were small we had a very interesting meeting in February taken by the Rector. He began with reading a passage from a book by Metropolitan Anthony

of the Russian Orthodox church. This was followed by a Litany composed for the opening of Coventry Cathedral asking for the help of the Holy Spirit.

We then heard a brief history of the Church Army. The name may be dated but it is still relevant today. The Rector told us of some activities that are to take place from 1 - 12 July when some of their officers will be visiting us. Members then joined in an informal discussion about the Salvation Army and other religions.

We decided to keep our yearly subscription at £1. Our thanks are due to Mrs Pearl Edwards who has been treasurer for a number of years and has now handed over to Mrs Ida Hagard.

The next meeting is on March 11th at 2.30pm at the home of Mrs Irene Bennett, Woodlands, School Lane, when we are looking forward to hearing about her time spent in Bahrain.

NANCY STUBBS

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The January meeting was most enjoyable with as our guest speaker Mrs. Walmsley of the Inner Wheel of Yoga. Members present practised some of the exercises demonstrated and if enough members are interested it is hoped to start a class in the village in the autumn.

On Wednesday 25th February a team was entered in the W.I. Quiz held in the Memorial Hall, Bishops Itchington and came joint first with Farnborough, which qualifies the team for the next round. Congratulations! The next evening was the February meeting with guest speaker Mr R Neale on 'The Roadside Letterbox' which was most interesting. The trip to Lewis's, Birmingham is on Wednesday 4th March and the next outing is the Spring Council Meeting on 25th March with the speaker being Glynn Christian of BBC T.V. fame, who will be talking about the Pitcairn Islands where his famous ancestor landed after the mutiny. Mrs G Moore is our representative and four observers are also going along.

The Guest Speaker for our March meeting is Mrs Barnes Hughes on 'Wedgwood Ware' and there will also be a

Bring & Buy Sale.

Looking forward to April there is a trip organised to the Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust on Sunday 26th April. It is open to members and their families and the cost is £5 which includes coach and entrance fee. If you are interested please contact Mrs C Jerome for details. If any ladies are interested in joining the W.I. and would like to contact me on the telephone number below I will make sure they will be made very welcome and introduce them to a very friendly group.

GLENYS HALLAM Tel. 7715

PARISH COUNCIL

The Ladbroke Parish Council met on Tuesday 10th February. The first part of the meeting contained various discussions on road signs, styles, footpaths, kerbs, road drainage and missing cats eyes; it seems that there is plenty of repair work to be done in Ladbroke but it is unlikely to be completed before the start of the next financial year. The meeting was then enlivened by the Chairman generously distributing peppermints! and the council got down to the main work of the evening:- the problems caused by the waste disposal tip at Ufton and the resulting mud and rubbish currently being distributed along the local lanes. The possibility that this offending tip may be used for the disposal of asbestos was regarded with unanimous dismay and it was decided that the Council would strongly state its objections to the Chief Planning Officer and that they would also alert Health and Safety Officials.

Mr Badman made the suggestion that perhaps the incoming Parish Council (elections are to be held on 7th May) would consider reducing the number of meetings from 1 a year to 6, personally I've always found that there is plenty to talk about!

Apparently Ladbroke is the only village in Warwickshire to have completely lost its bus service; the Parish Council did seek views of villagers but were met with deafening silence. It appears that Ladbroke does not mind this apparent distinction.

I have been asked to point out that Parish Council Minutes may be examined by, anyone on the electoral

roll, but not until they have been signed by the Chairman and then only by appointment with the Parish Clerk Mrs E Greenway Tel. 4313.

Plans were being made for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 20th May, when a guest speaker has been arranged from the 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign. Next Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 17th March 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

KATE LIVERTON

A Planning notice for permission to build a dwelling in the small field next to the Bypass, at the end of lower Radbourne Lane has just been erected. If anyone wishes to oppose this application, petitions have to reach the Chief Planning Officer by March 14th

LADBROKE YOUTH CLUB

Councillors, friends and parents joined in fun when they visited Ladbroke Youth Club recently. They mixed with the young people in a number of games including skittles, billiards, pool, darts and table tennis. But the meeting also proved a success in fixing the bond of friendliness between adults and youngsters.

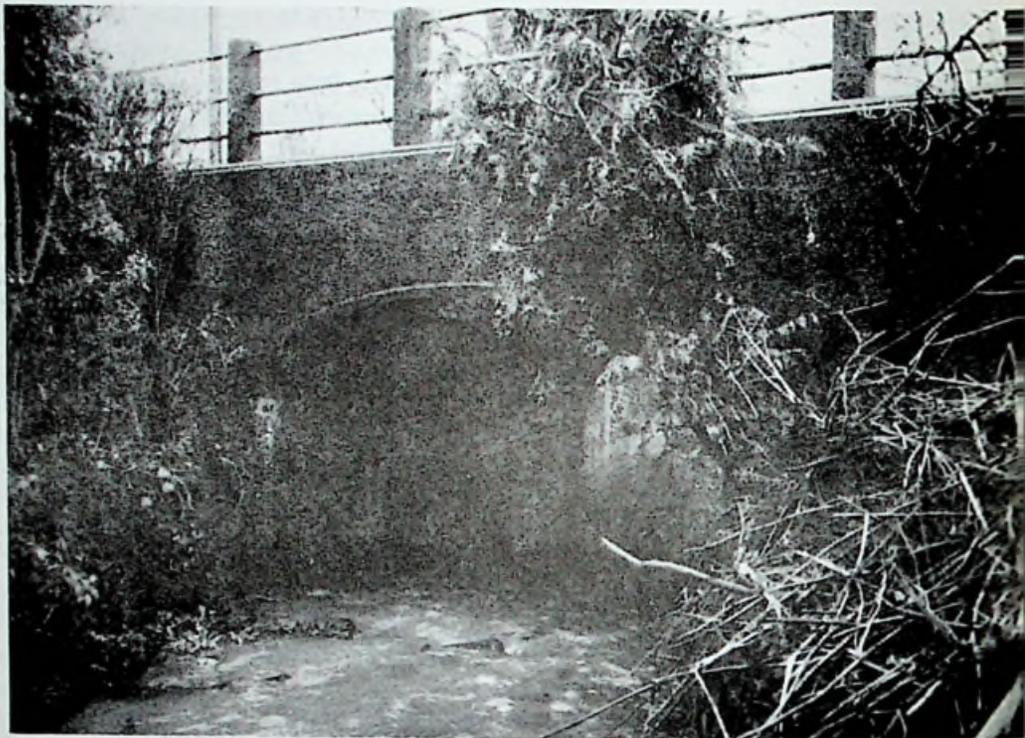
Observers from the newly formed Long Itchington Youth Club were also there and members from both clubs agreed to stage indoor and outdoor events together in the future.

The Junior Club (7 to 11 year olds) is looking for new members. It meets at the Village Hall on Tuesday between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. The leader of the Ladbroke mixed Youth Club, Eric Hagard, is to become a member of the County Council Central Area Youth Committee. The next meeting took place at Myton Park School Warwick. Tickets are now available for the Club's Special Spring Draw to take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 31st March 1987. Tickets cost 10p each and support from friends is urgently needed. The proceeds will go towards the provision of outdoor equipment including Netball Posts and Ball, 5-a-side Goal Posts and Ball, Volley Ball equipment and flood lights. Part of the proceeds will be given to the Friends of Ladbroke Church's fund for new kneelers. ERIC HAGARD

or

THE BRIDGE

"BEFORE"



This is the bridge that needed replacing.

I remember reading with interest the "strange goings on" in Mill Street Harbury last year and thought I'd add a few words this month about the current Ladbroke road improvement scheme, and I use this term lightly! The Powers that be decided that as there is now minimal traffic on the main road through the village the time had come to replace the old red brick bridge under the road at the top of Bridge Lane, with a spanking new, ultra safe, concrete box structure. The offending bridge is in the front garden of our cottage about 3 metres from the front wall of the house so naturally I have taken a keen interest in this project from the start. Before the contractors moved in with their scenic mobile office and matching Portaloo, I duly armed myself with yards of net curtains. Work

started one week later than scheduled and then it snowed and peace and tranquility returned to Bridge Cottage. With the thaw the digger began work in earnest. I was slightly bemused by the County Council representative taking photos of the cottage so that he could prove all cracks and crevices were present before work started, but I could see what he was getting at when the kitchen floor began dancing up and down, the chimney rocked from side to side and plaster fell daintily from the ceilings! Having created total chaos, mud and maximum disturbance, all went quiet again because it rained and the stream flooded. Despite the warning signs on the Bypass, clients for the Bell Inn were still doing emergency stops as they reached the poorly lit precipice. Natives were now becoming reconciled to walking to the pub (not Ken!), over the temporary swaying wooden foot bridge. The makeshift fencing around the 'hole' kept blowing in the wind. Many a night I've lain in bed waiting for a loud splash, until I decided to be public spirited and leave our outside light on all night to help shed some light on the situation.

Work has now been resumed. I am permanently deafened by the cement mixers, pneumatic drills and power saws which have replaced that original lonesome digger. The original contract was for eight weeks, the rate things are going, I wouldn't be surprised to be still gazing out onto that Portaloo mid summer. One of the charming Irishmen 'on the site' has advised me not to plan any garden parties for a while!

Before anyone else asks - NO we do not intend changing the name of our house to "New Bridge Cottage".

KATE LIVERTON

(see photograph on next page)

"DURING"



This is the Victorian bridge they uncovered - now replaced by a concrete box structure not yet completed - so no picture as yet!

PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED

Alexander Released!

Alexander Ogoradnikov the young Orthodox man we prayed for at the unity service last October has been released. Last December an Orthodox lay brother went on a water only fast for a month to publicise his case. Many people have prayed and written to the Soviet authorities on Alexander's behalf. Last month we heard that he had been allowed a visit from his mother and a priest and then on Monday 23rd February Keston College announced that he had been released on 14th February.

17.

This is really wonderful news and gives extra inspiration to pray and work for the prisoner that a group of people in Harbury adopted over two years ago. He is FATHER SIGITAS TAMKEVICIUS, a Lithuanian Catholic priest who was imprisoned in a Siberian Labour camp in 1983, for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda". This Lent we want to publicise his cause more widely. We would like forty days of Lent to be a special time of prayer and fasting especially for him. One person could take one day, so therefore we hope that forty people will be prepared to give a day. (Fasting does not necessarily mean going without food all day. It depends on individual circumstances. However an element of self denial is usually involved and it does seem to help to concentrate prayer.)

Father Sigitas was recently moved to a K.G.B. interrogation prison in Lithuania, but after having twice refused to recant, he has been returned to the Siberian Labour camp. Canon Rowe has agreed to offer the 7 am Eucharist on Friday 20th March especially for him. This will be preceded by a two hour vigil starting at 5 am. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to take part in the forty days prayer, please contact Jill Winter, 19 Farm Street.

We also appeal to everyone to please write to the Soviet authorities on Father Sigitas' behalf. It is fine to write in English. It is suggested that letters be kept brief, polite and without political or religious comment. Please send your letters to:- The Soviet Ambassador:- His Excellency Leonid Zamyatin, Soviet Embassy, 18 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8 4QX and to Mr Gorbachev (22p stamp needed)
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J. W.

SING AND BE GLAD!

Harbury Church Choir turned out in force to attend the all day choir school at Southam on February 7th.

Under the enthusiastic instruction of Bryan Anderson the Royal School of Church Music Commissioner for the Midlands and South West, they joined with the choir

of six other churches from various parts of the diocese for a morning of intensive training and rehearsal.

After a well earned break for lunch and to let off steam in the recreation ground, it was back to work joined by adults to rehearse various anthems, hymns etc in 4-part harmony for another couple of hours.

Around 90 people in all formed a well balanced choir to sing Evensong which brought a most worthwhile day to a fitting end.

A.M.

SOUTHAM SCHOOL

SIXTH SENSE - Progress Report

Following a short rest after Christmas, our company has started up again with some new products. These include Napkins and Napkin Rings, Necklaces and Boxer shorts and will add to the other stocks of produce that we have already made. At the moment we are busy making ready for the forthcoming Trade Fair in Leamington, where as well as selling, we shall also be judged on our presentation of the stall and products, along with the other Young Enterprise companies in the area.

We shall do our best to keep up with the success of previous companies and hope that you will be rooting for us.

J.B.

P.T.A.

Many thanks to those of you who supported our two recent events - the Knitting Fashion Show and the Casino Evening. There was a huge turn out to the Fashion Show (Knitting by Websters) and special thanks are due to the V and VI formers who modelled the garments so well. The Casino Evening was not so well supported - a pity because it was a super evening's entertainment. Congratulations to Rosemary Ottewill who won the £10 prize in the '200' club draw.

Our next event is the 'Spring Dance' with the popular Likely Lads on March 13th (and yes - it's a Friday!) This was sold out last year so be sure to get your tickets soon either from school or from one of your Harbury Committee members - Jacqui Powell 21 Neales C Chris Macgowan 17 Manor Orchard, John Woodward 'Lynwo



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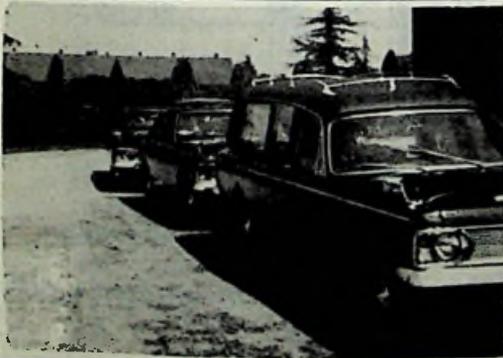
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M.S.H.

HARBURY P.T.A.

The Quiz and Chips held on Friday 13th February was over subscribed but an extra table was made available in the school hall to avoid at least some disappointment and enable over 100 persons to attend. On arrival children and parents sat at any table and formed teams of 8. The questionmasters really excelled themselves with the variety of presentation, each set of questions having a childrens and an adults version. Jane Haggitt used the schools T.V. and video effectively to play a string of 'T.V. commercials' that had to be identified and followed by Ann Miller's selection of 'T.V. Theme Music'. Brian Ingram played various records 'pop to classical music' a range to test the teams. Ann then produced handouts depicting 'Newspaper Headlines' and for the children 'Pictures and Shapes' to be identified.

At half time the committee served chips (with salt vinegar and sauce of course) delivered by the Mobile Fish & Chip van which had been asked to come to school. Our chairman John (the dentist) Black drew the 100 Club from Chris (the Artist) Costigan's newly crafted draw bag. Part 2 continued with Nigel (Snappy) Chapman's selection of unusual slide pictures taken around the village - various entrance doors, house corners and even a stock-car (sorry Jenny!) etc were included. Finally Dave (the prof) Wurr produced a series of 'Pot Luck' general knowledge questions to round off a very interesting quiz challenge.

The winners were table one, the Burnhams/Ingrams/Woodwards combo, well done. Tables two and five were runners up and tables seven and eight were third. Thanks to all who attended and to the committee for running this entertaining event, especially Ann Woodward and Rosemary Eld who arranged the catering.

Forthcoming Attractions - March brings Jazz to the Village Hall with the 'Mad Hatters 20's Night' see

advert. Fancy dress is optional and a 'Mad Hat' competition will be held. We look forward to seeing parents, friends and supporters of the P.T.A. at what promises to be a great night on the 21st March.

Look out also for the 50/50 Auction Saturday 4th April. Bring to school all those items that you would like to get rid of but are too good for jumble! Toys, bikes, T.V.'s, wives/husbands, bric a brac etc can all be auctioned on a 50/50 basis. We will fix a reserve or minimum price if requested - so start your spring clearout in style and make some money to boot!

We have a pre-school Reception Evening on Wednesday 11th March. Parents of children coming to school for the first time are particularly welcome and look out for P.T.A. Committee members who will be pleased to hear your views and any ideas which you might have.

Did you know that the P.T.A. came first in the Christmas Fayre stall competition with Santa's Grotto. We do this every year, John Ridgley books Santa Claus well in advance so we know he will always be there. Success has encouraged the committee to authorise purchase of Christmas lights and decorations to improve the standard (and competition) for our now traditional contribution to the Church's Festive event.

The P.T.A. will also contribute, at the Parish Council invitation to the purchase of a copy of the Domesday Book for the village. The school did participate in last years national exercise and a copy for reference would be a valuable asset for everyone's use.

100 Club Prize Draw some places still available!

January draw: £10 each to the Parks (Manor Orchard) and the Chaplins (Heber Drive)

February draw: £10 each to the Taskers and Wallingtons (Manor Road)

KEN STEPHENSON

A VISIT FROM THE OKEY DOKEY MAN

On Thursday February 19th the Okey Dokey Man visited our school, he is very well known as a children's entertainer. We enjoyed his visit to the school last year very much and we have been very lucky to have him entertain us again. We had two first school and middle school sessions with the children doing the

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acting as we were told what to do. It was very funny seeing your friends acting various parts particularly when they got it wrong! The cost was 35p per child but the P.T.A. paid 20p and each child brought 15p. We would like to thank the P.T.A. and the teachers for organising him again.

AARON STEPHENSON Harbury School class
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HARBURY VENTURE SCOUT UNIT

On 31st January a record thirteen unit members left Harbury in the late evening to hike to the Dasset Hills. Unlike last year the going was firm - frozen to be exact! Another record, no-one forgot their tent pegs or their sleeping bag.

By 1 a.m. Sunday the group were camping on the hills and a fire had been lit to raise morale. Although your correspondent was up early he was beaten to the fire by equipment officer Stewart Simcock. Has anyone at a Unit camp every been up before Stewart?

The walk back to Harbury was exceedingly pleasant. Blue sky and the sun on our backs. Our annual Dasset Hills hike/camp is now a ritual but it also serves to familiarise new members with equipment such as tents which we will be using at Easter Camp. This will be held at Brother Water Camp Site, near Ullswater in the Lake District from Tuesday 21st - Sunday 26th April.

J.L.H.

HARBURY RUGBY CLUB

The clubs fortunes continue to fluctuate, successes occurring when a full selected team manages to turn out. Illness, injuries and general lethargy causing problems amongst the ranks. A lot of old faces - and I'm sorry to say some not so old - have failed to put in appearances this season, it is only hoped that they may reappear either towards the end of this season or certainly next season.

1987 sees 25 years of the rugby club initially as Whitnash but for most of those years based and known as Harbury Rugby Club. The 1987/88 season will be the Silver Jubilee Season and the club hopes for a successful one. The club has entered the newly formed Warwickshire League - 2nd division and for 12 Saturdays during the season league matches will be

is certainly a controversial one but it is hoped that it will be of benefit to the club.

As I appealed earlier in the season for players I repeat such a gesture! Some of the stalwarts are certainly fraying at the edges and as the club enters the next 25 years we will need a younger element. The Mini-section continues to thrive largely supported and run by village people. This is much appreciated by the club especially to the parents who work so hard on a Sunday morning.

Next season the club plan to run a Colts team (ages 16 - 19) on a Sunday morning which will hopefully be run by senior players. The club therefore will welcome any 16 - 19 year old lads of any standard and parents who may want to help run the team. A good well supported Colts team (coming through from the mini and junior section) is the lifeblood of a successful club so we hope to be able to field a successful team next season.

During the summer anybody interested please contact Ian Holroyd, The Old Chapel House, Mill Street or anybody connected with the Club.

The Club is holding its annual Summer barbecue on Saturday 27th June at the clubhouse. Format as before Steak Barbacue, Disco and another top 60's live group. Tickets will be available from Ian Holroyd or Bryan Wilson - get them ordered. IAN HOLROYD Chairman

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

As most villagers will know from the pages of the Harbury News the village has been running a cricket team for several years based at the cement works ground at Deppers Bridge. This coming season sees the start of a new era of Harbury Cricket Club when every Sunday afternoon - and several Saturdays and most week evenings - the club will turn out down at their new headquarter at the Rugby Club. It is hoped that with the ground being so close to the village locals will come down and support their erstwhile cause.

It is also hoped that slumbering cricket talent that lies dormant in the village will make themselves available to play; certainly anybody of any standard will be most welcome. Summer can't be far away as th.

week the Cricket Club held its A.G.M. when plans were made for the coming season.

A full fixture list is already completed with games arranged for every weekend between May and October. Gary Lowe's winter of buying all club members drinks paid off when he fought off all opposition and was elected team captain. This man of many talents looks to another good season with his vice-captain Kevin White. Bunny Raby has already started preparing the square which looks good for another 50 wickets from Brian Wallington. Even Les Sollis has started oiling his knees with the intention of defying the laws of advancing years to prove that it is not a cardboard cut-out of him fielding at deep mid-on!

Many kind hearted villagers supported the club last year with vice-presidents donations. We had little hospitality to give them with being nomadic but as we now have a home we would welcome more villagers support on and off the field, look forward to seeing you there during a hoped for scorching summer.

IAN HOLROYD

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Whether you have kept your talent hidden away for years or want to rid yourself of those extra pounds Harbury Tennis Club want to hear from you. Our 1987 programme of events is the most varied ever. The idea is to attract people of all ages and varying abilities. Why not use the club on your doorstep rather than paying an arm and a leg to travel to Leamington or Warwick. At a charge of £10 for adults £5 for students and £2.50 for juniors you won't get a better deal. And if you don't want to play tennis week in week out there will be a full range of social functions throughout the year.

Our season starts on April 1st, you'd be a fool not to join us. If you're interested why not come along to 38 Manor Orchard on March 28th at 8pm for an informal get together and a bite to eat? If you want to save your pennies buying kit why not pop along to the tennis club Jumble Sale on April 4th at the Village Hall and pick up a bargain. Not that we mind what you wear, some members have been known to sunbathe on court. If you have any jumble bring it to the hall on the morning of the 4th or if you want

it collecting phone Barry Latham on 613871. The doors will be flung open for the sale at 11am.

Club Sessions:- Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6.30pm onwards except April which is a 6pm start. Saturday afternoons from 3pm - 6pm and Sunday morning from 10am until 1pm. We also play in the Banbury League during the week and in the Blencowe Cup on a Sunday afternoon. Junior Sessions:- Monday - Thursday 4pm - 5pm and 5pm - 6pm. These two sessions are supervised by club members. Intermediate session is on Friday from 6pm - 8pm.

Coaching Offers for 1987 - Juniors: Mrs Jenny Waggott has once again offered to coach the youngsters of Harbury this season. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it last year and the results put more than a tremor of fear into the hearts of many a senior member. This is very advanced notice but the places are limited to no more than ten per session. The course will last for 6 weeks with sessions on Monday from 4pm to 5pm and 5pm to 6pm and the same times on Thursday. The dates are Mondays: April 27 May 4, 11, 18 and June 1 and 8 Thursdays: April 30th May 7, 14, 21 and June 4 and 11 The cost will be £4.20 for the six weeks and will be payable to Jenny at the first session. If your child wants to benefit from top class coaching then don't delay. It's first come first served. Ring Jenny right now on Harbury 612554 or pop round to 8A The Beeches. And if Harbury housewives can spare some time within their busy lives Jenny Waggott is offering coaching on Tuesday or Thursday morning from 9.30am - 11am. Coaching will begin at the end of April and cost £10 for six weeks. So if you want to brush up on your forgotten dream of being the next Chris Lloyd why not give Jenny a call

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NICK ROWE

NETBALL

A netball court is soon to be built on the playing field. It will be of benefit to future generations in Harbury - eventually serving as an outdoor playing area for netball, basketball, volleyball, badminton etc.

Over the next 3 weeks netball players will be trying to raise money by 'selling' squares which represent the tarmac surface. For a donation of only £1 your name can be written into netball history! Once all the squares are sold they will be displayed in the library - and then kept for posterity. As an incentive two of the squares have £10 notes beneath them so by helping others you could help yourself too!

For further details contact Pat Summers 612059

DOCTOR AT LARGE

Most of you will know that when John Hancock is not in the surgery he is running or climbing (or both!) but on May 23rd he will be off on the challenge of a lifetime, as medical officer on the Latok II expedition. Latok II is a 23,440' high mountain in the Karakorum range - Pakistan.

The expedition will be led by Ted Howard, an engineering manager from Derbyshire, and is backed by the Everest Foundation and the British Mountaineering Council. Its patron is the distinguished climber Chris Bonnington. The mountain has so far repelled at least 4 expeditions, two British and two Japanese. The team of eight (they pride themselves on being a 'lean team' are at present hard at work raising sponsorship for the trip which is expected to cost around £25000 - a rock-bottom budget for such a prestigious objective.

They will be away for about 6 weeks, and depending upon the state of communications between Baltistan and Harbury, I hope to keep you informed as to their progress!

M.S.H.

HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

We are beginning to spread our wings, not only club nights but visits to various other clubs in the area.

Over 100 members have participated in snooker, darts & table tennis competitions this year and whilst our successes have not been tremendous, our behaviour has been excellent. Well done. Closer to home, we had a visit by the Police this month, not in an official capacity I hasten to add. A valuable insight was given into their work, and the riot shields, batons & head-gear were an enormous success. WAYC held their quiz night in Harbury this month and we congratulate the brave members who participated, and apologise for the duration of the event. The intrepid football team took on Long Itchington, in a popular match, and thank to James Dunn for his efforts in organising this event

At the final accounting we raised £550 for the Guide Dog Puppies and we wish to thank all those who participated in the 'name the puppy' competition. The chosen names were WARDEN for the Retriever and JODY for the German Shepherd. The association were so impressed with the variety of names, they have selected TOFFEE, RUSSELL, SUKI & JENNY as runners up.

We wish to thank Southam Lions for their generous donation, any boost to our resources is greatly appreciated.

Due to pressure of numbers, we regret that as from the beginning of April, we will have to restrict the entry of members guests. This situation will be under constant review, and we may be able to change this ruling later in the year.

WHATS ON FOR MARCH

Tues	Mar 10th	- First Aid Demonstration by St. Johns
Wed	Mar 11th	- Clubnight (Ambulance)
Sat	Mar 14th	- Mad March Hare Disco
Wed	Mar 18th	- Rugby Rapids - Swimming Trip Clubnight Depart V. Hall 6.30pm sharp
Thurs	Mar 19th	- Youth Service Quiznight at Kenilworth Youth Club
Fri	Mar 20th	- Youth Council Social & Supper Evening Honiley Hall
Wed	Mar 25th	- WCC Mobile Unit Floodlit Football Games & Crafts also Quiz
Wed	1st April	- CARNIVAL QUEEN ELECTION DISCO Entry 25p members 50p non-members
Wed	8th April	- Clubnight
April	11th	- Easter Disco
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I'll finish on a familiar note, more adult helpers please, if only once or twice a year.

Bye till next month. ROY PHILLIPS

HARBURY N.S.P.C.C.

The fund raising committee would like to thank all those who attended our various functions in 1986. With their help and with the help of donations from many supporters we once again raised over £2,000 for the South Warwickshire Branch of the N.S.P.C.C.

Your money is being used to help finance our very own Crisis Centre for South Warwickshire which unfortunately is needed just as much in this rural area as in many urban areas in the country.

We have started off this year's functions with a Coffee Morning at 8A The Beeches which raised £68 and with two donations from Beryl Checkley of £22 from the hire of her Father Christmas Outfit and £11 from one of her monthly coffee mornings.

This year we will be repeating most of our successful ventures including the Ceilidh and also the Fun Run which this year is moved from May to September and we thank you in advance for your continuing support.

J. STEPHENSON

CARNIVAL '87 NEWS

Don't forget the first event of the year - The Carnival Queen competition to be held on Wed April 1st at the Youth Club Disco. The competition is open to all girls in Harbury between the ages of 14years & 18 years, and entrants are judged on appearance and personality. The competition is free to enter and there are cash prizes for 1st 2nd and 3rd places.

Tim Percival is once again organising the procession

If you are thinking of entering a float please let him know - 612175. The various classes are the same as usual:- 'Decorated Float' (general & trade) 'Decorated Prams, Bicycles & Cars' and 'Horse' (drawn, mounted or led) with again cash prizes for 1st 2nd & 3rd in each section.

We are again having a 'Carnival Dance' and already have several very good prizes. If you would like to donate anything please contact Midge Keen (612561) or Gill Gurden (612348). Tickets will be available shortly.

SUE ANDREWS

MOTHERS' UNION

Our annual lunch party was a great success and much enjoyed by the members & guests who expressed their gratitude to the committee helpers.

Sadly on February 11th Mr Hancock died and we send Mrs Hancock our love and assure her she is much in our thoughts and prayers.

On Wednesday 1st April at 2.15pm we meet in Church for our Lenten service when the address will be given by the Revd. Ian Campbell - Vicar of All Saints, Leamington Spa.

The Deanery Festival will be at Southam Church on Tuesday 31st March at 2.30pm. The preacher will be the Bishop of Warwick. Wednesday March 25th, Lady Day, is the Mothers' Union special day of prayer & thanksgiving. There will be Holy Communion at 9.45am & 8.30pm.

ESMÉ CHURCHILL

HARBURY W.I.

At our February meeting we all enjoyed the 'Turn of the Century Lantern Show' given by John Tressider & Ron Byard. The lantern had been discovered in Southam Church and dates back to about 1862. After slight modifications to the lantern to make it more practical we were all able to watch some very entertaining & amusing slides.

The vote of thanks was given by our president Mrs Deidre Dunbar & the raffle was won by Mrs Ingram.

On February 14th we held a very successful Valentine Dance when we danced the night away with the Likely Lads.

At our March meeting Dr Hancock will give us a talk on General Practice/First Aid.

S.G.

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

The 27th meeting of the Folk Club on February 5th showed no respect for the limited size of the Old New Inn Lounge. There must have been nearly 60 people there including the 19 who sang or played. Top of the bill were "Cow Ate the Blanket" - Gerda, Roger and Mike - with a polished programme of songs and tunes skilfully performed on guitar, flute, whistle, fiddle and mandolin. Despite their instrumental skill, I would have preferred to hear more of Roger and Mike accompanying Gerda rather than vice versa. However they did finish in fine style with "The night they drove old Dixie down" as an encore.

The supporting singers included Gerry, Alan & Jenny with the addition of flautist Heather; John and Brian claiming modestly that, in Alan's absence, they represented only 10% of the Jug Band; John, Andy & Nick as "John Blaque and the Plaques" featuring Nick's trumpet playing again; and the Harvesters in very good form. Bonas were missing Barry but compensated by including a delightful song about him, "Lad of Lovely Hair"; Tony Bayliss selected some great songs and I was there too!

The next Folk Club is on April 2nd at 8.30pm in the Lounge of the Old New Inn. Keep an eye on the noticeboard outside the Wight School for news of Morris dancing activities.

PETER McDONALD

HARBURY CRAFT CIRCLE

The Craft Circle will be organising three fairs this year: 28th March (day before Mothering Sunday), 11th July (Garden Walkabout Day), and the 21st November. As before we intend to offer a wide selection of interesting crafts, both modern and traditional. There will be many faces you will recognise - and a few new ones too we hope. If you have not seen your craft included in our fairs before, and would like to take part, we shall be pleased to hear from you. As an experiment we are offering small tables as well as large in our March event, to encourage people who

do only a small amount of craftwork to join in. If you would like to take part and think that your craft is not, so far, included please telephone 612603 or 612539.

Whether you do craftwork or not, we hope you will spare the time to come to the Village Hall on these dates and to have morning coffee, lunch and/or afternoon tea in the Farley Room! JANET WATTS

PINOCCHIO

Once again, Harbury Theatre Group delighted large audiences with a highly successful pantomime. It was a joy to see so many people involved in this colourful production of 'Pinocchio' and the enthusiasm was reflected by the audience's ready response, shouting out in true pantomime tradition "Oh no he wasn't Oh yes he was!!!" Boos & hisses in abundance for the 'baddies' and lots of cheering for the 'goodies' - all in all a very happy atmosphere pervaded the village hall - a just reward for the tremendous amount of hard work by everyone who took part on stage or behind the scenes.

The music was deftly handled by Keith Burford supported by Richard Cox on percussion. The dancers were superb and as always the costumes were a delight. Scenery and lighting all contributed in no small degree to the overall success - so many painstaking hours of work which must not go unrecognised.

The whole cast is to be congratulated on an outstanding performance and there is not space to mention each one by name. However, we must pay tribute to "Pinocchio" (Kathy Percival) and "Mr Cricket" (Jamie Stringer) who completely stole the show. Kathy had the maturity required to portray the various moods of the young "Pinocchio". "Mr Cricket" is a huge part with inordinately long speeches and unpronounceable words but Jamie certainly carried it off -

"with a capital K!!!"

A.M.



Mike Bloxham's photo shows just what can happen when naughty children tell lies - Pinocchio's nose grew out of all proportion until he relented and vowed to tell the truth in future.

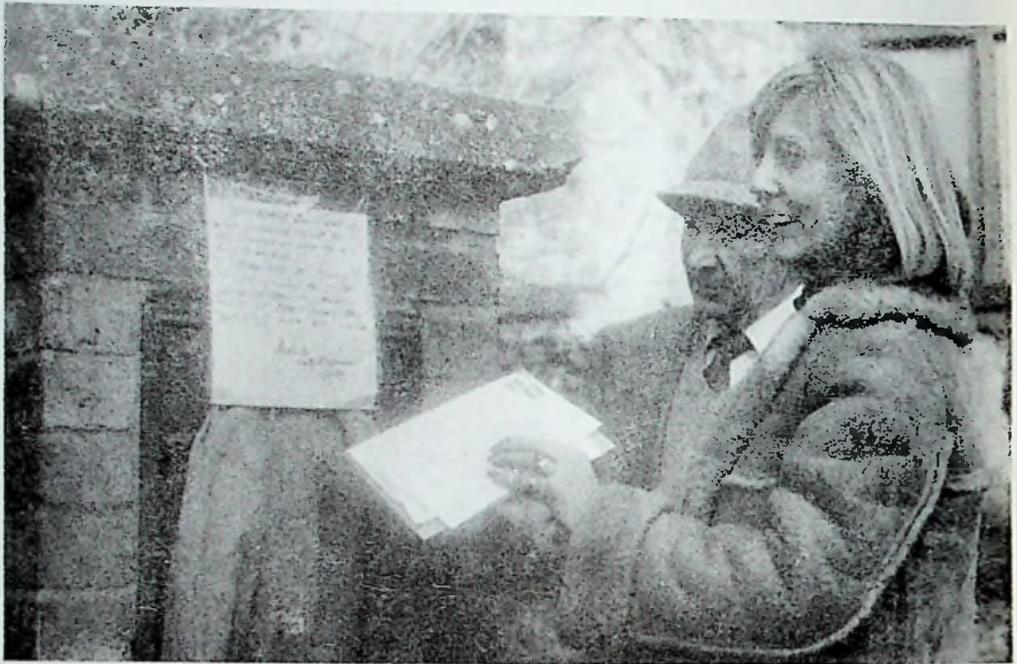
HARBURY SOCIETY

Our last event was an illustrated tour of the Napto area given by Mr Cain. The quality of his slides was superb and he gave practical advice on taking better pictures and hints on how to compose and improve the subject.

The variety of flora and fauna photographed was amazing; ranging from wild flowers of the common and rare varieties (Birds Nest Orchids and Fly Agaric) butterflies, moths and insects, including a series on the metamorphosis of the Orange Tip Butterfly; and spectacular shots of birds gained by much patience and hard work.

The next talk, on Tuesday 24th March, 8pm at the Wight School following the Annual General Meeting will be on the Archeological Rescue Dig at Avon Dassett. The meeting is open to all and we hope as many people as possible will take the opportunity to increase their knowledge of recent local finds.

LINDA RIDGLEY

WOT-NO POST BOX?

People trying to post letters last month at the main post box in Church Street were puzzled by a special Post Office notice stating the box was closed, and to hand letters over the counter at the post office.

Apparently the wooden door had rotted but was replaced within a week so all is back to normal.

Since the post office moved from the Newsagents in High Street to its present home around 1947 when the posting box was built, it has given good service.

MIKE BLOXHAM

HARBURY & DISTRICT LABOUR PARTY

At a meeting held on February 18th considerable regret was expressed at the death of Branch Chairman and acting Secretary, Alf Hancock. Tribute was paid to the tremendous amount of work he had done during his brief stay in Harbury. Sharon Hancock was elected Chairman and Janet Wells was elected Secretary.

The Annual General Meeting will be at 32 Mill Street at 7.30pm on Wednesday March 25th. After the business part of the meeting it is hoped to have a County Councillor to speak. M.S.H.



MRS ANN KIRKWOOD of South Parade goes for a spin on her "bike" as she calls it.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council comprises 12 elected members, 11 representing Harbury and 1 Deppers Bridge. The present Council is nearing the end of its term of office, so election time approaches. Some members have expressed their intention not to stand for re-election, so several vacancies will occur. We therefore hope that residents of Harbury and Deppers will stand for election.

The Parish Council meets 10 times per year, in addition to which sub-committees meet periodically to discuss specific items relating to Planning, Finance, Highways etc. the Council therefore provides an opportunity to become involved with and participate in our village community, while assisting with certain aspects of its administration.

Polling Day is THURSDAY MAY 7th. If you are interested and would like to stand for election, please contact Mr Bratt, Elections Officer, at Stratford District Council; Tel 67575 Ext. 2210, by April 7th. Alternatively if you would like to

to the next meeting at the Village Hall on Thursday March 26th at 7.30pm, or ring me on 612050 for an informal chat!

KEITH THOMPSON Chairman

PARISH COUNCIL FEBRUARY 1987

Dave Andrews, Bob Dunn and Dennis Atkins will not be standing for the Parish Council at the May elections, so there will be at least 3 vacancies. Bill Middleton thought it would be a fitting tribute to Dennis if the Lighting Conversion Scheme could be finished by May. P.C. Percival reported the new light in Drinkwater Close was not numbered and Cllr Atkins explained that he would have to do it but that Mike Ellis who instigated the scheme for identifying the lamps had taken the stencils with him when he left the village. Cllr Atkins urged everyone to report any lamp that was damaged or unlit for Harbury pays a set rate which assumes the lamps are lit for a set time. It costs nothing extra if they stay on in error, but the Parish loses out if they fail to light! He was shocked to discover that one in Deppers Bridge had been unlit for 18 months.

Cllr John Moore of Deppers returned to completed Emergency Plans questionnaire and assured Bill Middleton that the barriers at the Play Area were still intact and that parking on the hardstanding there caused no inconvenience now that the Playbus no longer called.

Bishops Itchington Cllrs and Action Group were on hand to put their case for improved road barriers round the Quarries. They are concerned that the existing ones are inadequate and have deteriorated. They fear they would not prevent the School Bus from ploughing into the lakes. The Quarries are part of Harbury Parish and so the Bishops Itchington Parish Council was not directly involved but supported the Action Group which had been working for two years to persuade the owners and the County to do something. Following a Public Meeting at Bishops Itchington they have asked that as a temporary measure the School Bus should be diverted away from the Quarries and come through Harbury and they will write to the County and their M.P. about the fears.

Chairman Keith Thompson sympathised with the views of Action Group agreeing that there were problems with

overcrowding. Harbury had complained about it but had been told that young children could sit three to a seat. County Cllr Mrs Patricia Bidwell complained that she had 'no idea of the anxiety going on' in Bishops Itchington but now she had quizzed Mr Herbert of the Transportation Department who had assured her that the Bishops Itchington road was 'an adequate, safe road'. He was insisting that an 'open box-beam safety fence' be erected on the 'approaching bends' and that the existing fence be replaced and strengthened, and that when this was done he had promised her it would withstand a bus careering off the road. The County estimated the work would cost £25-30,000 and they could charge the owners the full cost if they had to undertake the work on their behalf. Mrs. Bidwell said Blue Circle had written as recently as February 3rd saying they were proceeding but had some difficulty securing quotations for the work.

Keith Thompson thanked her for her efforts and thought there had been progress since the Public Meeting. She agreed to add her weight to the call to re-route the School Bus as long as the parents did not object and she was urged to push for a decrease in the overcrowding of buses both from Bishops Itchington and Harbury.

District Cllr James Turner of 11 Church Tce has been dutifully twitching his curtains in response to the P.C.'s request for him to keep an eye on the Bull Ring/Hall Lane corner and he reported that the Milk Tanker had no trouble negotiating the bend.

The problem of mud on the B4452 at the Tip Site is still considerable. The Police responded to Harbury letter of complaint saying the matter had been referred to the Warks Superintendent and Tim Percival was able to confirm that it had 'gone to the top and come all the way down' and that he was now pursuing his enquiries.

District Cllr Sharpe reported that there had been no support at Stratford for the plans to dump asbestos at Ufton Hill Farm and that the District would object to the County about the application. Mrs Bidwell would also object but commented that she would not have such an easy task as Mr Sharpe had had.

As part of its move for more open government and to

inform the lower tiers of what goes on at the County Council Meetings the Agenda papers will be circulated to Parishes every quarter.

The Parish Council registered no objections to the planned extensions to 47 Mill Street and 1 & 2 Church Terrace. After discussions on the extension to Holla House, Ivy Lane the Cllrs decided not to object to the plans. The Council declared itself very happy with the plans Mr White submitted for the amendment to his permission to renovate the Manor House. Mr White wanted to remove the Victorian cladding to the right hand side of the Manor's entrance and reveal the original jettie beams on their stone plinth. English Heritage had confirmed that the centre portion of the Manor was fourteenth Century, earlier than had been first thought, and there were traces of the original smoke hole.

The Council agreed to allow the Fair to come to Harbury in October but not in February when the ground would be too wet and the new drainage system might be damaged. The Clerk reported there was less water being shed from the Harbury Lane Industrial Site but whether this was the result of the action of the owners, or Whitnash Council, or merely an Act of God, no-one knew.

Having received a circular from the Keep Britain Tidy group on 'Beautiful Britain' which advertised a partnership with Stratford District Council and leaders of the Community, and a desire to spread the good news about the project, the Clerk took the initiative and telephoned Mrs Bradshaw. He was disappointed that she could tell him little about the scheme and he gathered it was intended to exhort the Parish to clear litter at its own expense. There was no cash help available. At this the Cllr rather lost interest until Cllr Dave Andrews suggested that Mrs Bradshaw be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting where she would have the opportunity to address the assembly.

The new pillar box will be set on the Old New Inn Green as permission had not been obtained to sit it on the lawn outside the surgery.

LINDA RIDGLEY

CONGRATULATIONS to two Harbury ladies on their birthdays - Mrs May Austin 91 on Feb 19th and Mrs Annie Austin 90 on Feb 28th.

MARCH IN THE GARDEN

Spray Peach Trees with Dithane to control Peach leaf curl. Repeat 14 days later. This must be done before the buds break.

Roses should be pruned starting with those in the most sheltered positions.

Dahlia tubers can be started in boxes of peat in a temperature of 60°F.

Keel slugs are already in business! So put down slug pellets now, around hostas, delphiniums and lilies. Old margarine cartons with holes cut in the sides and skewered down bottom end up with a stout piece of stick protect dogs etc. from the pellets.

Do not be in a hurry to sow early annuals. Wait until the soil warms up. But if the ground is open sow leeks, onions, carrots, lettuces and later in the month brussels sprouts.

Prune winter Jasmine when flowering is over. Broadly speaking everything which blooms in the first six months of the year should be pruned as soon as it has flowered.

Top dress Rock plants and mulch fruit bushes.

E.D.Z.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At the last meeting, there was consternation when the President revealed that he had mice at his broad beans. He received sympathy and advice and provided what turned out to be something like the high spot of the evening. The talk was about gardening under glass and proved a bit long on problems and somewhat short on solutions. Just like my garden really.

Many thanks to Mr & Mrs Zonik for their hospitality and cookery for the bangers and mash evening and to those who bashed the latter or helped in other ways. During an enjoyable evening, Stan Finch laid a plausible claim to the record for the number of gardens visited in one Walkabout and showed us stunning slides to prove it.

The April meeting (Tuesday 7th at 8pm at the Wight School) will be about growing Delphiniums. The

guest will be Mr. Jones from Leek Wooten.

B.A.R.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

Would you pass on to your readers my thanks for the kindness and thoughts of so many during and after the illness of my late husband Alf. I know my family join me in thanking you both for your support and for the generous donations you have sent to Myton Hospice.

Please accept this letter as a reply to the messages of goodwill I have received as I will find it difficult to reply personally to you all.

Yours sincerely,

Letty Hancock

Dear Editors,

There is growing concern in the village at the steady decline of the wild daffodils and primrose in the churchyard. As they struggle one again to come into flower, may we beg those who generously give their time to mow, to leave the plants to mature. Their leaves need to be left to nourish the plants for the future.

Ten years ago our churchyard was a joy in the Spring, but the flowers are getting fewer each year, and we hope that our plea has not come too late. May we quote from a recent article in a national newspaper:- "Norfolk Naturalist Trust has started a campaign to stop such flowers as cowslips and primroses from dying out. They are to use the churchyards as conservation areas."

Wouldn't it be wonderful if Harbury could start such a campaign in Warwickshire?

Pam Sperling & Rhian Kelsall

Dear Editors,

Like Janet Thornley, we do virtually all our shopping for food, and many other items, in the village. More than once I have looked in vain for something in the Leamington shops and then found it on sale in Harbury.

I agree that it is probably no more expensive, overall, to shop only in the village, but I would be willing to pay more anyway for the enjoyment of using the village shops, compared with the stress of shopping in the large supermarkets.

Yours sincerely,

C. Mary Catt

Dear Editors,

May we thank all those who so generously gave food, medicines and money in response to the article on Romania published in your February edition; and particularly those who gave anonymously. Your gifts have been passed on.

We also take this opportunity of thanking our regular supporters, as unfortunately this is an ongoing situation and unlikely to be resolved in the very near future.

With best wishes and many thanks,

John Eld

Dear Editors,

I thought it might be of interest to the many friends and acquaintances in Harbury and Chesterton of Bill Clifton of Pools Farm, Temple End, that he has now been moved from Warwick Hospital into Avon Ward at Stratford on Avon Hospital.

John Drinkwater

Dear Editors,

Could I draw attention to the out of date posters which are left on poles in the village. Last week I removed a poster from Farm Street which advertised a visit from Father Christmas on 19th December, a little out of date I thought - or could it have been for December 1987?

Perhaps the people who put them up could be responsible for removing them.

Edna Lines

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank the organisers and helpers who distributed hot soup during the very cold weather. I understand that this kindness was the work of people concerned with the Christian Fellowship.

Grateful Thanks

A. Over

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