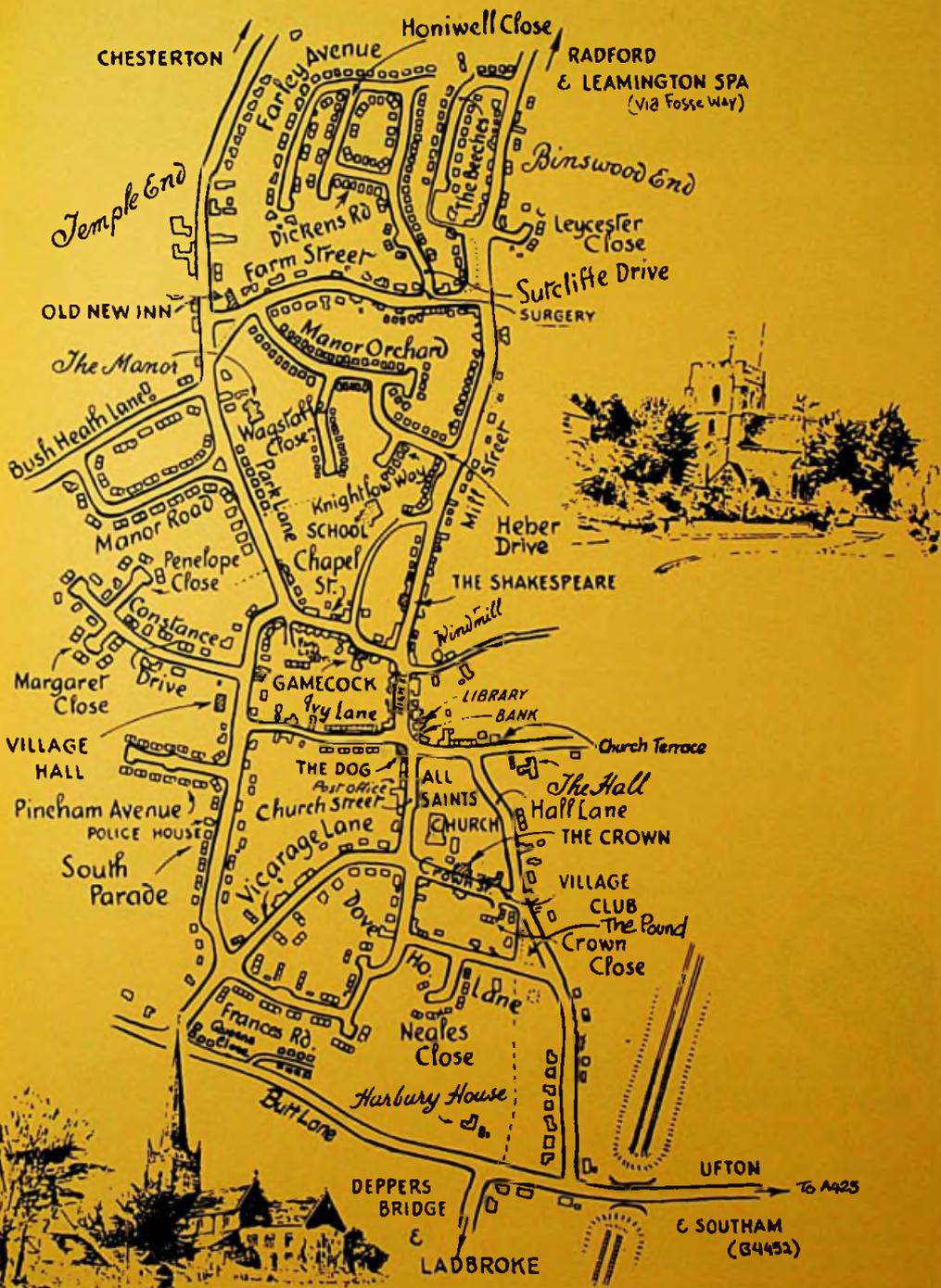


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The major event of September in both our villages was the Collation and Induction of the Revd. Canon Antony Rowe. It involved not only a warm welcome to the new Rector but an affirmation of fellowship and community. We hope that the new Rector and his family enjoy life and work in Harbury and Ladbroke.

Believe it or not it is nearly Bonfire time again. The Harbury bonfire is now a well established event, which is well organised, very safe and most entertaining for the whole family.

Ladbroke has its road hazards, hopefully soon to be solved by a by-pass, but is there any solution to the problems of Harbury's pavements? The latest danger is the growing trend for large children - often of secondary school age - to use pavements as if they were a BMX track. The most terrifying corners are those in the vicinity of the Old New Inn. Is parental action possible please?

The Harbury Society has completed, at the Parish Council's request, a survey of important privately owned trees in the village. This will be submitted to the District Council for their consideration in order that the trees may be made subject to Tree Preservation orders. The Survey is available for inspection in the Library and comments should be sent to the Clerk, Mr. Carter at 2 Margaret Close.

Finally, please note that this is Subscription time for Harbury and Ladbroke News. The Editors and Committee hope that you will continue to support the News, which plays an important part in the life of our villages. By the way - thank you for the offers of indexing, we hope to start soon.

Thought for the month: What could be more appropriate than taking our thought from Canon Rowe's first sermon in Harbury.

Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called.

OCTOBER

- Sat. 1st 1st & 3rd v West Leicester at Rugby Club
Harvest Supper 7.30pm at Village Hall.
Christian Fellowship, 8pm, The Spiers, Chesterton Lane.
- Sun. 2nd Harvest Thanksgiving Services 8am & 10.30am (Holy Communion) and 6.30pm Evensong.
- Tues. 4th Slimming Club, 7pm in Village Hall.
Horticultural Society, 8pm at Wight School.
- Wed. 5th M.U., 2.30pm, 17 Farm St., Speaker from C.A.B.
Slimming Club in Village Hall.
- Thurs. 6th Dancing Classes at Village Hall.
Toddlers Dance Class, 3pm Wight School**
Girls Club at Village Hall.
WI 7.45pm at V. Hall. 'Celebration Cake Icing'
by Mrs. Dixon.
- Fri. 7th Men's Group, 7.45pm at 23 Farley Avenue.
PTA Under 12 Disco at School.
Scouts "French Wine & Cheese Evening", 8pm,
Farley Room, V. Hall.
- Sat. 8th Camping Rally at Village Hall.
Conservatives JUMBLE SALE at Village Hall, 10.30am.
2nd v Pinley and 3rd v Richmond OTV at Rugby Club.
- Sun. 9th 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist,
6.30pm Evensong.
- Mon. 10th Playing Fields Advisory cttee at V. Hall.
Christian Fellowship, 8pm at 8 The Beeches.
- Tues. 11th Senior Citizens, 8.30pm Village Hall.
Harbury Society talk on Edwardian Warwickshire,
8pm, Wight School.
Slimming Club, 7pm at Village Hall.
Harbury Friends, 8pm, School - Demonstration of
Home Preserving.
- Wed. 12th Slimming Club at Village Hall.
Dancing Classes at Village Hall.
Southam School PTA AGM, 7.30pm in School Hall -
followed by Wine Tasting.
- Thurs. 13th Playgroup AGM, 1.45pm in Wight School.
Whist Drive, 7.45pm in Village Hall.
Toddlers Dancing Class, 3pm in Wight School.
Girls Club in Village Hall.
Golden Age, 2.30pm in Village Hall.
- Sat. 15th Harbury PTA Folk Evening in School.
Rugby Club 4th v GEC (Cov).
Christian Fellowship, 8pm Old Mill House, Mill Lane

- Sun. 16th 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
- Tues. 18th Tufty Club, 2pm in Wight School.
Slimming Club in Village Hall.
Village Hall cttee, 8pm in V. Hall.
Deanery Eucharist at Long Itchington Church, 7.45pm (St. Luke's Day)
- Wed. 19th Harbury PTA AGM in School, 8pm.
Slimming Club in Village Hall.
Dancing Class in Village Hall.
Southam School PTA, Demonstration by Meat Marketing Board, 7.30pm in School Hall.
- Thurs. 20th 10.30am Playgroup "CCC" Event. See inside for details
Girls Club in Village Hall.
Toddlers Dancing Class, 3pm in Wight School.
Tennis Club AGM.
- Fri. 21st WI Harvest Supper at Rugby Club.
School Fete 6.30pm.
School ends for half term.
- Sat. 22nd Rector on holiday from today to 29th.
TheatreGroup Coffee A.M. & Cake Stall, 10am Wight Sch.
French Restaurant Evening, 8pm, V. Hall.
Golden Age Sale of Work, 2-4pm in Village Hall.
- Sun. 23rd SUMMER TIME ENDS. CLOCKS B A C K!
8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
- Mon. 24th Christian Fellowship, 8pm, 11 Constance Drive.
- Tues. 25th Young Wives at Village Hall.
- Wed. 26th Slimming Club in Village Hall.
Dancing Class in Village Hall.
- Thurs. 27th Toddlers Dancing Class, 3pm Wight School.
Golden Age, 2.30pm in Village Hall.
Action Research Jumble Sale, 3pm, Village Hall.
Parish Council, 7.30pm in Village Hall.
- Fri. 28th Theatre Group General Meeting, 8pm, Wight School.
Disco in Village Hall, 7.30 - 10.30pm.
- Sat. 29th Theatre Group Coffee A.M. & Cake Stall, 10am Wight Sch.
Liberal Jumble Sale, 10am, Village Hall.
Christian Fellowship, 8pm, Corner Cott., High St.
1st & 3rds v SOUTHAM at Rugby Club.
- Sun. 30th Last date for articles for H & L News November issue
8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
2.30pm Free Church Family Service (in All Saints Church).
- Mon. 31st School Begins.

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NOVEMBER

- Tues. 1st All Saints' Day: Harbury Church Patronal Festival.
7.30pm Holy Communion followed by Supper.
See PCC members for tickets and details.
Senior Citizens, 8.30pm, Village Hall.
Horticultural Society, 8pm, Wight School.
- Wed. 2nd Slimming Club in Village Hall.
Dancing Classes in Village Hall.
- Thurs. 3rd WI General Meeting with VCO, 7.45pm, V. Hall.
Girls Club in Village Hall.
Toddlers Dancing Class, 3pm, Wight School.
Men's Group, 7.45pm, 'Edgeways', Vicarage Lane.
- Fri. 4th NSPCC Christmas Coffee A.M. & Bring & Buy Stall,
10 - 12 at Rylands, Dovehouse Lane.
- Sat. 5th Theatre Group Coffee A.M. & Cake Stall, 10am Wight
Sch.
2nd & 4th v NBBOB at Rugby Club.
B O N F I R E P A R T Y, 6pm: see advert.

SERVICES IN HARBURY CHURCH

- SUNDAY 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
6.30 p.m. (Summer & Winter) Evensong.
- TUESDAY 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion
- THURSDAY 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion
- FRIDAY 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion

REGULAR DIARY DATES

- FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30pm, last Sunday of
the month.
- HARBURY ADVENTURERS, V. Hall, 11.30am Sundays.
- UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm Mondays (10 week course)
- GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Mondays.
- GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7pm (under 7s and beginners),
7-8pm (7-10yrs), 8-9pm (over 10yrs), every Monday.
- BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.
- TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 9.30-11.20am Mondays,
and 2-3.30pm Wednesdays.
- PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tues. to Fri. mornings.
- NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tues. to Fri. mornings.
- TUFTY CLUB, 2-3pm, Wight School, 3rd Tuesday each month.
- BROWNIES, Village Hall every Tuesday evening.
- BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.
- HARBURY FRIENDS, School, 8pm, 2nd Tuesday each month.
- DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tues, Weds, & Thurs.
- SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45 Tues.(1st troop): Wed. (2nd troop).
- BABY CLINIC, V. Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

VENTURE SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 8pm every Thursday.
 POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20 - 3.30pm every Friday.
 CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

Dates for inclusion please to Linda Ridgley, tel: 612792

For Village Hall bookings, telephone Mr. Picken, 612778.
 For Wight School bookings, telephone Mrs. Windsor, 612504.

From the Churchwardens

During the Interregnum (when the responsibility for the church lay with the churchwardens and the Rural Dean), we as churchwardens have had considerable help from many quarters. Canon Churchill has attended to the spiritual needs to the extent that he has been acting as Parish Priest, and has taken much of the routine administration from our shoulders. The P.C.C. has continued to function in its efficient way, whilst retaining a sense of humour! Also the choir, church cleaners, bellringers and other helpers have all pulled their weight.

In addition to this many people have found time to help with the decoration of the Rectory - making a tremendous difference and forming a splendid welcome for Canon Rowe and his family.

We thank you all for your active support during the past five months, keeping the parish in a very healthy state for the arrival of the new Rector.

We give Canon Rowe and his family a very hearty welcome to Harbury and hope that they will be very happy among us. It was wonderful to see so many at the Collation and Induction Service and at the reception afterwards. Many thanks to those who provided the food and to those who organised Harbury's feeding of the five thousand!

After 50 years of service in the Church Choir, Tom Hauley has decided that, because of increasing lameness, the time has come for him to retire. He will be greatly missed in the Church but the singing of the congregation will undoubtedly be enhanced by his presence there. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Tom and give him our thanks and very warm congratulations on a wonderful record of service.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

September 18th - Lisa, daughter of Stephen James & Lynn Webb.

September 25th - Helen Mary, daughter of Andrew & Isobel Clarke.

FUNERAL - Richard Edwin Terry, aged 63.

Our prayers for him and for his family.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear People of Harbury and Ladbroke,

My first letter to you is written only hours after my Collation and Induction to this new United Benefice. Naturally I have been present on many similar occasions and the general impression is always one of joyfulness. Like most things even joyfulness can be fairly superficial, but I feel that what was expressed on Friday 23rd September was truly heartfelt and had real depth. We, my family and I, feel that we are indeed welcome to both parishes and there seemed to be genuine and open warmth about the many greetings received. Such a welcome is very reassuring and encouraging. For I am sure you will realise that most priests go into a new parish with a certain amount of trepidation. However so much has been done by everyone to ensure that our entry here has been as smooth and happy as possible that uneasiness tends to evaporate.

Of course it is more than usual a new situation for everyone. Harbury and Ladbroke have been used to a Parish Priest of their own and faithful and diligent ones at that, but now one is to be Rector of both. This initially will necessitate changes, particularly of times of services, and may cause inconvenience and perhaps even irritation, but from what I have gathered so far there is a tremendous willingness to overcome the difficulties and adjust, so that the opportunities of worship are fairly distributed.

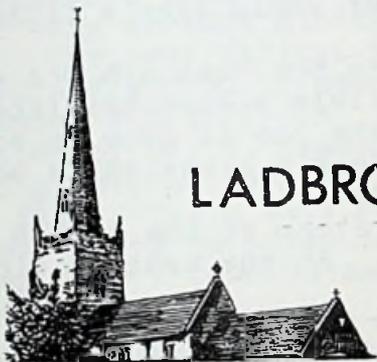
My first task is to learn my geography and at the same time to make myself known to people in both parishes. I will try hard, but I think that whereas faces will soon become familiar to me, perhaps it may take a little longer to always put the right name to the right face.

And the first thing that I want to convey to everyone is that I am interested and care for people no matter who they are. I am willing to visit whenever and wherever I am needed and I hope that no one will hesitate to tell me of anyone who is in need of pastoral consideration. Sometimes the assumption is made that a priest gets to know about everything in his parish - that is certainly not always the case and to be given information which

has already been received is far better than not being told at all.

Finally let me reiterate my delight in the way we have been received in Harbury and Ladbroke. Especially we are grateful for the immense amount of work in decorating our new home for us, and for all the preparations made for our arrival. We on our part will endeavour to be worthy of the effort you have put into the business of accepting a new Rector and his family.

ANTONY S.B. ROWE.



LADBROKE NEWS

OCTOBER DIARY

- Sunday 2nd Trinity XVIII. 9.0am Holy Communion,
NO EVENSONG.
- Tuesday 4th Village Hall Clean-Up.
- Sunday 9th Trinity XIX. 9.0am Holy Communion.
- Wednesday 12th Ladbroke Women's Fellowship
- Sunday 16th Trinity XX. 9.0am Holy Communion.
- Tuesday 18th Parish Council
- Sunday 23rd Trinity XXI. 9.0am Holy Communion.
- Thursday 27th W.I. AGM.
- Sunday 30th Trinity XXII. 9.0am Holy Communion.

NOVEMBER

- Saturday 5th Bonfire Night - Village Hall.
- Sunday 6th Trinity XXIII. 9.0am Holy Communion,
6.30pm Evensong.

W.I. NEWS

Mrs. Judith Marsh of the Citizens Advice Bureau gave a talk to the September meeting. She outlined the policies and tasks of the organisation and made clear the real need for it. The variety of calls and pleas for help was much more extensive than most mem-

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bers ever imagined. We must all be thankful that volunteers still exist to take on such good work.

Our visit to Hatton Hospital has a changed date - please note - TUES 6th Dec.

An invitation - from Priors Marston on 16th Nov. Talk by Milk Marketing Board. 8 p.m.

An outing is being arranged to Barker Ellis of Birmingham, the well known silversmiths. It will be on 31st Oct. or 7th Nov. If you want to join the party PLEASE contact Mrs. Gill Moore SOONEST.

Three members are attending the Autumn Council Meeting on 17th Oct. - P. Laidler, J. Norgate and I. Bennett. If any member would like a ticket (50p please ring Gill Moore.

Village Hall Cleaners for Tues 4th Oct at 7pm. As many members as possible please complete with cloths and dusters etc. If the job is done in scorching time we have our President's blessing to adjourn to the Bell for revitalisation!

Outing to see Wayne Sleep at the Apollo Theatre on Tues 25th October. Anyone wanting tickets call Gill Moore NOW.

Next meeting on 27th Oct. is AGM time. No speaker but we will have a social gathering after business so please bring a plate of cakes or savouries and, most of all, YOURSELVES. I.B.

LADBROKE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting will be held at 4 Bridge Lane, Ladbroke at the invitation of Mrs. Edwards on October 12th.

I look forward to members coming to Briarwood Windmill Lane, for the meeting on November 9th. C.H.

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL AFFAIRS

Although the organisers do not appear to be discouraged, I thought it was rather sad that at a time when "village spirit" is supposed to be on the increase, so few people bothered to turn out for the village Barbecue. Admittedly the weather was atrocious, but ample provision for this contingency had been made. There are supposed to be 203 adults living in this village, where are they all?

The Harvest Auction was slightly better attended, but produce was well down on previous years and therefore the profits were considerably lower.

I think everyone missed the lively support which this function usually attracts from frequenters of "The Bell" - where were you all?

I must mention a new event - the Treasure Hunt which took place just before the Barbecue. Several teams braved the elements and pondered over various directions and clues - all of which were very difficult! (I speak from experience). All credit to the victorious Carpet Bagger Team of the Jerome family and Rebecca Briscoe, who cleverly managed to get 13 out of a possible 13 points - and congratulations to the organisers, Mike Todman and Mr. Stubbs who obviously have very devious minds!

The next Village Hall Event is of course the Bonfire Night which naturally takes place on Saturday November 5th at 7 p.m. in farmyard field (by kind permission of Mr. T. Sheasby). The Village Hall Cttee will gladly collect any wood you may have to spare for the fire. There will be plenty of refreshments as usual, there is no entrance fee, but please bring along your fireworks and they will be let off under supervision.

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

The council met on Wednesday 21st Sept., and following their summer break had a very long and tempestuous meeting! - By the way they still haven't had any applications for the job of Parish Clerk and are getting desperate - there must be someone in the village who would like to have a go? - but back to Business:- more dismay over the continuing power cuts, they appear to be inexplicable but it was suggested that all these problems began after the really long cut at the end of April 1980 and they intend to ask the E.M.E.B. to investigate further.

The local Hunt which rampaged through the village on September 6th came in for some scathing criticism. It was finally agreed that as it was impractical to ask them to keep off a Public Highway, perhaps it could be suggested that they exercise more caution than they have done in the past.

The inadequacies of our local school bus system were brought forward, but in the face of local Education spending cuts it is difficult to see how it could be improved.

What really worried me was a statement from the

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Post Office that they only need to give two weeks notice of intention to remove a letter box.

Apparently they have recently removed a box in the village of Ryton - due to people not using it. In Ladbroke we have two collections a day, so please try and post locally or they'll take it away!

BYPASS:- It was reported that the Action Cttee had had a very satisfactory meeting with our M.P. and made sure that the minister has been kept fully up to date with the latest accident statistics. It is hoped to have the results of the Public Enquiry before the end of October.

The majority of Councillors' time was on this occasion taken up by discussion of Stratford Council's Leisure Activities Policy. They are worried about the effect on the ratepayer's pocket of the proposed Leisure Centre in Stratford, and the idea of a swimming pool in Southam. Obviously many people in the village have voiced their concern, especially about the Stratford complex which Ladbroke residents would be unlikely to use. Cllr Reading attended the meeting and was able to answer questions about the finances involved, but the Parish Council were very concerned about these costly schemes and were generally disgusted at the way Stratford spend, spend, spend on tourist related activities, but show no evidence of this attitude in dealing with the Social Services. They intend to write immediately to the chairmen of the finance and policy resources cttees and to the three district councillors and express their feelings in no uncertain terms!

Next Meeting - Tues. 18th Oct 7.30pm V.Hall.

I would like to welcome Colin & Kathleen Constable who have recently moved into Bridge Lane and finally I must publish my sincere apologies to the Butler family Philip, Margaret, James & Ben who moved into "Cornerstones" in August. I can only say that when I called them the Butcher family last month - my sources of information had let me down!

KATE LIVERTON.

HARBURY S.D.P. TREASURE HUNT - Sunday October 16th
Meeting at Chesterton Windmill at 2.30 p.m.
Price: £1.00 Adults, 50p Children (includes tea.)

INDUCTION & COLLATION OF CANON ANTONY ROWE

September 23rd saw the Collation and Induction of Canon Rowe to the parishes of Harbury & Ladbroke by the Bishop of Coventry and the Archdeacon of Warwick at a special service held in Harbury Church.

A large congregation from both parishes and also from Canon Rowe's previous parish of St. Mary Magdalen, Coventry - plus many visiting clergy - witnessed the Induction and took part in the welcome to Canon Rowe.

The Bishop paid tribute to Canon Fishley and to Father Mackley for their ministry and to Canon Churchill for his help during the Interregnum. He went on to urge members of both churches to continue their involvement and not 'leave it all to the new Rector'.

The service was followed by a reception in the Village Hall in the usual Harbury style, when members of both parishes were able to meet Canon Rowe and his family, and members of St. Mary Magdalen wished him well in his new life 'out in the sticks'.



Reg Tennant's photograph shows the Bishop of Coventry with Canon Rowe, on whose right is the Archdeacon of Warwick. Canon Churchill, the Registrar and the Churchwardens of both parishes complete the group.

FREE CHURCH SERVICE

The Rev. D. Clarke led our worship on September 25th and took love as the theme of his address. In this materialistic world we are all tempted, adults and children alike, to be jealous of those whose possessions are better than our own. The way to overcome this is by having greater love for others. We were encouraged to work towards a better understanding with all Christian denominations, aim for unity, and extend our love worldwide. Our next service will be led by Rev. E. Harrison on October 30th.

S.M.J.

PEOPLE

We were sorry to hear that Gwen Miles has been so unwell but pleased to hear that she has been delighted by the arrival of her first grandchild - a son born to her son Stephen and his wife.

Ralph Gurden has made a fantastic recovery from his recent hip replacement operation - it's great to see him restored to his former vigour.

This month sees the end of an era - Tom Hauley has retired from the Church Choir in which he has sung for over 50 years - there must be few who can surpass such a wonderful record.

SOUTHAM SCHOOL AWARDS EVENING

Southam school's third annual awards evening was held on 21st September in the School Hall. The Hall was filled with an audience of award winners, their parents, and friends of the school. After a short introduction by the Chairman of the Governors, Cllr J.S. White, the Headmaster, Mr. H.J. Skinner gave a forthright speech in defence of comprehensive education. Referring to a newspaper cutting, reporting a speech he had made in its favour twenty years ago, when a grammar school master, he found nothing in it he disagreed with today. He was horrified that school desperately needing stability, may once again be used as political footballs. There are moves to re-introduce Grammar school selection in some areas, although many more children achieve 'O' and 'A' success than formerly. He pointed out that selection for a few meant rejection for many, and that secondary modern schools, however hard they tried, would always be second best.

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The audience was then entertained by the school orchestra, conducted by the Rev. Peter Wilson. They played the Air from Bach's Suite in D, the theme from 'Love Story' and ended with a spirited rendering of Strauss's Redetsky March.

The awards were presented by Mr. Michael Varah, Senior Probation Officer in charge of Community Service in Warwickshire, and a former international 800 metres runner. Two awards for consistent effort were given to pupils in each of the lower school classes, and awards for each of the 28 subjects on the curriculum went to the upper school. In addition there were awards for particularly meritorious C.S.E. 'O' & 'A' level results and for service to the school. Harbury and Chesterton winners included Form Prize to Anna Catt, Rachel Rainbow, Stephen Hancock, Helen Kelly and Georgina Ball. The Biology prize was awarded to Diane Home of Deppers Bridge who is to train as a State Registered Nurse. The computer studies award went to Jonathan Colvin of Ladbroke. The English Language Prize, and an award for 'O' level achievement went to Victoria Allan of Harbury. Both Victoria and Jonathan are now studying for 'A' levels in the Sixth Form.

Sporting achievements were noted, and included the following local successes. Matthew Checkley - selected for the Warwickshire U14, and Mid-Warwicks U15 Cricket teams; Stephen Hancock - selected for the South Warwicks U14 Rugby XV; Nicola Latham - selected for the Warwicks U18 2nd Hockey XI; Rebecca Burnham & Victoria Ridgley - selected for the Mid-Warwicks U14 Badminton Squad.

After presenting the awards Mr. Varah gave an interesting talk on the philosophy and scope of his work in Community Service. The evening ended with a vote of thanks to the speaker by Sixth Former, Caroline Tudor.

M.S.H.

HARBURY FRIENDS

Our recent Charity Fun Auction raised £32 for Cystic Fibrosis. A very big thank you to all the generous people who supported us. Particularly Country Fayre, Mr. Krayem, Mr. Lindop and Mr. Taylor for their donations. Our next meeting is on October 11th when we will have a demonstration on Home Preserving.

PAM TAYLOR (612720)

HARBURY PLAYGROUP

On Thursday 20th October we are holding a "3 C's" Morning in aid of Playgroup funds, at Pan's Garden, Farm Street, from 10.30 - 12.30. The morning consists of Clothes for children aged 2 - 8, Coffee and Cakes for sale. We would be grateful if anybody could donate cakes to assist in this event. Please contact or deliver to Barbara Lymn, 9 Sutcliffe Drive, 613487. H.N.

N.B. Would Mums with Toddlers wishing to send their child to our Playgroup, please contact Sue Chaplin on 612758 to put their names on the waiting list.

CALLING ALL PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

Tufty says - "Kids, why not get your mums (and dads) to bring you along to my club".

"At the moment it meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, from 2 - 3pm in the Wight School".

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a cup of tea - at only 5p - your biscuits and squash are free). It costs only 20p to join and then just 10p per meeting. Little brothers and sisters are welcome as well - I have a big range of baby toys just for them".

"Mums, please bring all your pre-school children to my next club meeting - October 18th. Then Mrs. Thompson from RoSPA will be coming to talk to the children and give them a slide show. There will also be books, badges, reflective jackets and other aids for road safety for sale".

"Remember, it is never too soon to teach your little ones about road safety!"

"N.B. Please watch out for notices next month as I am trying to change the day of my meetings from Tuesday to Friday".

HARBURY SCOUTS & GUIDES - FUND RAISING

We had a really wonderful response to our barbecue at Leamington House - many thanks to Ken & Annette Hughes for allowing us the use of their garden. The weather was dreadful by the end of the evening, but showed the British stoicism - or something - at its best! Thank you everyone who came and braved the rain.

Please note that the French Cheese & Wine Evening has been moved to the FARLEY ROOM in the VILLAGE HALL and starts at 8 p.m. on FRIDAY 7th OCT. The price of the ticket at £1.50 includes cheeses to taste, a glass of wine, a slice of sweet or savoury flan and coffee. Mr. & Mrs. Chatterton of PALLADOS HOUSE, Leamington, will be bringing the cheeses and will be talking about them, so we hope you will be able to get along and look forward to your company. Tickets on sale from Leaders and Cttee members.

Anne Mayer has nobly agreed to sell Christmas cards again this year, so please contact members of the committee or Anne - 27a South Parade, Harbury 613314 for catalogues.

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

As the end of the tennis season approaches the club has been completing the various competitions. The Ladies Singles Final was won by Nicky Latham for the second consecutive year with Jenny Scott as runner up. The knockout mixed doubles, played during a rather wet Saturday at the beginning of September was won by Trisha Harrison and Steve Chaplin and in the season's closing American (or Swiss?) tournament on the 24th Trisha, Sheila Scott and Mike Brett emerged with the highest scores. The Social Evening which followed was very well attended and our thanks to Keith and Mary Thompson for their hospitality.

In the Blencowe Cup competition we unexpectedly lost to Alcan 15-3 and with only two matches remaining we now look unlikely to retain the Cup.

The A.G.M. will be held on Thursday evening.
20th October.

J.N.

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

Once again the football season is upon us with the first team struggling to find the form which they had for a fair part of last season, having already played 3 games without a win. They have conceded 11

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goals and scored 5. Goal scorers - I. Lowe 3,
C. Sheasby 2.

4.9.83 Harbury Albion 4 Snitterfield 7

Div.2 Cup 6.9.83 Harbury Albion 1 Sheaf Sports 3

11.9.83 Cubbington Albion 1 Harbury Albion 0.

Reserves. In complete contrast to the first team results, Harbury Reserves have played 3 games, won 2 and lost one by the odd goal (4-3). Goals for 12 against 6. Goal scorers:- R. Davies 5, N.Humphreys 4, T. Chimes 2, G. Lowe 1. A good start by the reserves. Keep it up.

4.9.83 Div.5 Cup: Hampton Magna 4 Harbury Res. 3

11.9.83 Harbury Res. 5 Bull Sports 1.

18.9.83 Louis de Poorter 1 Harbury Res. 4.

KAREN PEBBLES.

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

Whether it's due to embarrassment or illiteracy from the club members, there seems to have been a lack of reports in the Harbury News concerning the ups and downs of Harbury Cricket Club. Unfortunately the season was cut short by the monsoons of May and the sudden curtailment of sunshine at the end of August. However, during June, July and August the club enjoyed some splendid Sunday afternoons on the delightful cricket grounds (and in the public houses) of South Warwickshire.

Modesty forbids me to actually list the results but let us say that we lost more than we won. However I have to admit that, despite coming from a part of the country where cricket is very much a religion (and if you are born there you become a "natural" of the game) we have had some great fun (and some very close finishes). I would recommend that come next May a few more villagers make themselves available for a game.

Everybody who turned out seemed to contribute something to the teams efforts at least once during the season - both on and off the field. The side was ably captained by Rob Holt - another "overseas" player (but from t' wrong side of the Pennines).

On the batting side, the opener's job was handled by Colin Sheasby - on loan from Southam. His

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outfit at Flecknoe caused uproar amongst the vociferous local supporters. He was well supported by Martin Perry who didn't quite reach expectations and whose father is reconsidering sponsorship for next season after some of Martin's less distinguished performances. Number one in the averages must be Gary Lowe who played some great innings and never seemed to "give his wicket away". Another boy prodigy from the 1940's, Les Sollis failed to reach our expected high standards but he rose to the occasion at Flecknoe when he led the side to, undisputedly, their best win of the season. Unfortunately the batting was too often left to the middle order of Messrs Raggett, Pratt, White (award for best and most stylish turn-out) and Holroyd. Several times these men enabled the game to finish after opening time! Special mention must be made of the evergreen Bernard Holloway whose Mark I slimline version enabled him to make some very useful runs.

Bowling honours must go to Harbury's Young Cricketer of the Year, Ian Lowe whose stamina on (and off) the field lasted all summer. He bowled superbly every week and must have taken 50% of the wickets. He was ably supported by another youngster, Brian Wallington who must surely deserve a benefit in the next couple of years. First (and only) charge was Bob Holt and these three were 'kept' behind the stumps by Ian Turner (is he in line for a Whitbread scholarship?)

Many thanks to Bob Holt, Brian Wallington and Bernard Holloway for such stalwart work in preparing the wicket each week and also for their gastronomic delights in the tea interval. Thanks also to the Number 1 supporter Jim Fairgrieve and his best friend Toby, who cheered (and suffered) with the rest of us every Sunday.

The one light-hearted Sunday afternoon we had was in mid-August for the village barbecue game when Sid Field tried to show us why next year he is joining Norman Gifford at Edgbaston.

Finally, congratulations to two former players of the club who have distinguished themselves in the higher grade. David Hagan has had a tremendous season for Kenilworth and must be destined for a lot more success. Rob Grant has distinguished himself

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for Leamington and has also appeared for Warwickshire's 2nd's. Good luck for the future to both of them.

I wonder who else may be destined for international honours?

IAN HOLROYD.

HARBURY VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall cttee deferred to Keith Thompson on "The Roof". He wanted to 'clarify the situation' which had been 'wrongly reported', but there was he admitted 'something of a problem' with finance, caused mainly it seems by the increased costs and increased timbers which in the 'worst possible circumstances' would need 'an extra £900 between us all' he told the Village Hall cttee.

However things are not so black because the Parish Council has some income from its shrewd investment of the extra rate, there is £1100 to come from Stratford D.C. as a grant for insulation and the Village Hall has some funds, although the cttee stressed it needed this money for the redecoration of the Hall. It is also committed to replacing the external doors of the extension this winter.

Following the Summer Playscheme the cttee has decided to issue an open letter to users of the Hall (see "Correspondence" this issue) and to go back to its former practice of holding monthly meetings of the Full cttee so that members can be better informed.

The cttee agreed that the Playscheme had been a great help in entertaining the children this summer. It accepted the Recreation Grounds cttee's offer of reimbursement for the use made of its facilities for the fortnight in August. Apologies are made to users of the Hall who were inconvenienced, together with assurances that the confusion over bookings will not be allowed to recur.

ISS

LINDA RIDGLEY.

A PLEA FROM THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Could people please return the keys to the appropriate place at Fox Cottage after locking the premises when they have used them.

There have been several occasions recently when the Hall has been left open late at night and

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other occasions when people could not get in because previous hirers have not returned the keys.

HARBURY SOCIETY

Coming soon "Edwardian Warwickshire" a pictorial tour of the County as it was before the First World War. Mr. John Drew, the noted local historian will give his talk in the Wight School at 8pm on Tuesday 11th October.

The informal meeting at the Crown in September was a great success and many new and exciting ideas for talks and outings were aired. Enthusiasts admired each others photographs of Humble Bee cottages and speculated on their fate. News from the Historical Association was disseminated and the Tree Survey thoroughly examined. Quentin Nichol, to whom we are indebted for the Survey was there to answer questions.

The October meeting is open to all and promises to be excellent. Do come along on the 11th at 8pm to the Wight School.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Warning: People of a nervous disposition visit the Village Hall on November 17th, 18th & 19th at their own risk. But we do hope you'll take the chance! Rehearsals are under way for our latest dramatic offering, "The Ghost Train" by Arnold Ridley (Dads Army trooper). The time is 1925 and the setting is Fal Vale Station in Cornwall where macabre events have taken place in the past. Misfortune thrusts a party of passengers into a tale of mystery, suspense and not a little humour. It sounds like the play with everything doesn't it? Why not come along and find out.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH TRUST

The Jumble Sale in July was very successful, despite having to be held on two Saturdays, the first one being extremely wet! A total of £179.67 was raised and I would like to thank everyone who braved the weather to help, those who made the lovely cakes and who came to buy.

Harbury Friends held a Fun Auction in aid of C.F. which was great fun and raised £32. Many thanks to all the ladies concerned for organising the event and to those who gave items for auction.

B.M.A.

GOLDEN AGE SALE OF WORK

We are having our annual Sale of Work on Saturday 22nd October. We shall have our usual Cake Stall, Tombola, Handicrafts and Jumble, and hope to have a stall of new articles that are unwanted gifts and may make Christmas presents. We are also raffling a crocheted blanket and other items.

Please support us, as we depend on this to pay for our Christmas Dinner.

WANTED - A LEADER

Will someone please take over as leader of the Golden Age Club? Because no other person has felt able or willing to take on the task of leadership, I have been organising our activities for nearly 8 years and now I feel that a somewhat younger person could fill this position better. I want to make it clear that I do not intend to leave the Club, I am willing to do all I can to help anyone willing to take the job of leadership. We have many willing helpers but I would like to welcome anyone prepared to take over as leader of the Club. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month at 2.30pm in the Village Hall and someone with some new ideas for meetings would be very welcome.

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ALL NIGHT "INTER-CITY '83"

This may sound a bit like a train, but in fact it's a Music/Drama/Audio-Visual/Discussion presentation from 9 p.m. on Friday 28th October to 9 o'clock the next morning, in Coventry.

Organised by the Coventry Diocesan Youth cttee, it's described as "an investigation into the Why? questions of life", and (with food too!) costs £1.50 a head.

What do you do on New Year's Eve? Young people of the Diocese are invited to a party at Kennedy House, Coventry.

Looking forward to 1984, there are courses for youth leaders (beginners and those with some experience), walking and canal cruising holidays, trips to Italy and France - the Diocesan Youth cttee really is bursting with ideas for teenagers and young people. So often we hear the complaint "There's nothing to do around here" - well THERE IS!!

These events are open to ALL young people, and Harbury Church can help with transport if that's a problem. Details of these and other events are in the green 'Scene' booklet on the table at the back of the Church.

DIANA HOLT.

HARBURY CONSERVATIVES

Our Summer Garden Party at Flax Hill, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hill, was a huge success. About 130 people were there and were able to meet our new M.P., Mr. Alan Howarth, and his family. A shower early on clearly failed to dampen spirits, as what started as a pre-lunch drinks party continued merrily until nearly tea-time and resulted in a record £277 being raised.

Two events this autumn for your calendar: the Jumble Sale on October 8th (see Diary), and a Fork Supper at Temple House on November 12th.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

This month's meeting began with complaints from Bruce Hannay that the official minutes omitted any reference to the increased cost of the Village Hall roof or to the controversy over the Stables which were erected in the wrong place, and it ended with heated words from the Stables' owner who objected to the Parish Council's objection to his retrospective planning application!

It was a select meeting with the audience almost outnumbering the Councillors. Keith Thompson was in Leamington representing the Council at the Public Meeting on Low Flying Aircraft and Cllrs Drinkwater & Davies were also absent, but Bruce Hannay stepped into the breach and was active on a number of fronts. The Chairman praised his sterling work in cleaning up the Bus Shelter. Midland Red disclaimed responsibility and would pass Harbury's letter on to the proper authority. It has not yet returned to the Parish Council but they are making plans to mend the broken glass as Cllr Hannay is certain we own the shelter.

What to do with the Rose Garden taxes Cllr Hannay's mind. He rejected the Clerk's suggestion of slabbing it over and has passed the problem on to the Horticultural Society with a recommendation for low maintenance shrubs. It will cost £80 to cut off the spikes and weld the railings at the entrance to the Playing Fields. Cllr Hannay suggested only the part

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below the Chestnut need be treated, but there was a general outcry that this would look silly. The Council praised the scope and professionalism of the Tree Survey prepared for the Harbury Society by Quentin Nichol - but felt that people owning trees recommended for Tree Preservation Orders should have the opportunity to see the proposals. The plan is to be lodged in the Library for the next month.

It was proposed that a proper contract be drawn up for the maintenance of the Cemetery. There is another expensive repair of the mower in the offing, but as the District will reimburse the PC for this and won't give money for a new one, it is cheaper to keep repairing the overworked old one. The Council is however to look into the cost of a replacement and is considering buying a Strimmer for cutting the grass around the graves and the Mound at the Playing Fields. Harbury Albion Football Club thought Stan Finch (who is in the USA for a year) had applied for permission to use the Recreation Grounds for the 1983/4 season. This oversight has now been rectified and the £53 fee paid.

The Igloo is to be sent in honourable retirement to Deppers after its latest repair operation. A more robust replacement will be sought for Harbury's Recreation Grounds and it is hoped that in Deppers the Igloo will be loved and cherished by the children.

Cllr Hannay did not support the move to position the Lay-by for the Playbus away from the houses in Deppers Bridge. He explained that the area suggested by residents was too far from the houses. The Chairman thought the argument was academic as there seemed little prospect of securing a Lay-by on either site. Whilst everyone agreed that the Play-scheme was a good thing and that they would like to see it repeated, the Recreation Grounds Cttee and the Parish Council declined to help organise it next year. The Parish Council suggested that the PTA might like to assist. Cllr Hannay explained that he had arranged for the use of the Farley Room of the V.Hall should the weather be wet and had applied for a Grant from Stratford D.C. to cover this cost.

Harbury Parish Council was asked to support a Resolution by Ladbroke at the Area Parish Councils' Meeting to be held at Priors Marston. The Resolution

opposed the building of a Leisure Centre at Stratford, but Harbury thought the wording did not convey the essence of its own objection. As it stood the motion demanded that the cost of such a Centre should be borne by Stratford Town Council not the District Council. Chairman Sharon Hancock explained that there was a feeling in the area that the District Council 'is really Stratford Town Council in disguise'. Cllr Atkins added that a Leisure Centre would undoubtedly bring extra revenue to Stratford. Cllr Hannay proposed altering the Resolution to demand that the building of a Leisure Centre should not be undertaken at the expense of the provision of facilities for the remainder of the area, for the Parish Council was not opposed to the District spending funds on leisure, what it did not approve of was concentrating all investment in one place. Cllr Hannay also proposed that at the same Area Meeting the Parish Council supported Wellesbourne's move to change the law relating to the burning of straw. He suggested that the District's Environmental Health Officer be invited to carry out spot checks next year to determine the extent of the problem.

At Cllr Hannay's insistence there is to be a site meeting to discuss plans to extend 8 Penelope Close. The Parish Council resolved to ask the District Council to reject the retrospective Planning Application submitted by Mr. Saunders of the Beeches for a stable block. They stated that they strongly objected to the action taken by the applicant in continuing to lay the foundations and to finish the building when ordered to stop by the District's Enforcement Officer. Mr. Saunders had written to the Parish Council claiming that the plans submitted with his first, successful application, were a rough indication only of the position of the stables, they were not he insisted to scale and he denied flouting the authority of the Parish and District Councils. Having been given permission to speak by the Chairman, he made an emotional appeal to the Council not to refuse or criticise the application. It had been explained that the Parish Council only comments on Applications for Planning Permission and has no legal standing in their granting or otherwise. The first Planning Application, to which the Council had tendered no objection whatsoever, positioned the stables behind the applicant's own home, but they had

not been built there, and the Parish Council was objecting to the retrospective application because the new position inconvenienced other people, and because of the principle involved.

Tim Percival reported that he stood in Hall Lane for two hours the Tuesday the sewers were cleaned out, but no vehicles had passed him going the wrong way up the One-Way System. He had called out the County to repair the damaged footpath in Frances Road and the Clerk suggested that he do the same for the Mill Street path which had recently claimed two elderly victims.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

IN THE GARDEN

With scarcely anything to sow or plant it gives me chance to explain my experience as to the pollination and success or failure of your runner beans.

In the first place I thought the Beekeepers were over feeding their bees but that was soon ruled out. I then turned my attention to my fellow gardeners in Herefordshire, Worcestershire and of course Warwickshire enquiring what their success or failure was. Pollination was successful where plenty of good compost or manure had been dug into the ground, and also good drainage. Under these conditions there was a reserve of moisture for the plant and so this prevented flagging of leaves and most important, the petals. With careful observation I found that the bees only pollinated the flowers which were open and easily available. The flowers that were flagging and the petals impeding the entry were ignored as the bees are not equipped with an iron bar to gain entry! Some people advise spraying the leaves with water, but this dampens the petals further. Others include sugar in the spray and this seals the petals more than ever. Any other suggestions welcome!

W.F. LINES.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

In spite of the difficult wet spring, entries for the Flower Show were about the same as last year and the Judges were pleased with the standard of the exhibits. Our thanks go out to all who helped make the Show a success and also to all who made

donations to the Tombola.

Our Winter programme starts on Tues. Oct. 4th, 8pm at the Wight School when subscriptions will be due. Mr. Hind is giving a talk with slides on what should be of interest to many people - Making the most of a small space. This is a subject which has been requested many times, so we look forward to a full house.

EDNA LINES.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

The Village Hall Management Cttee would like to put on record that we were very pleased for the children of Harbury who had such a good time at the recent playscheme.

However, we wish to point out that in future we would wish the administration to be a little better organised so that we are completely aware of the booking details.

We apologise to our regular users for the inconvenience caused during the playscheme. We would make a plea for future organisers to confirm their booking requirements and accommodation needed with the Village Hall cttee before the scheme begins. We would also ask that keys are returned for other people to gain access for their bookings.

We feel the scheme was an asset to the children of the village and in no way do we wish to discourage future schemes, we merely wish to be fully aware of the situation.

S. ANDREWS (Hon. Sec.)

Dear Editors,

I understand that at a recent Parochial Church Council meeting, a vote of thanks was accorded to the people who decorated the 'Rectory'. As this is unlikely to reach a large number of people who were involved, I would like to say my own 'thank you'. Especial credit is due to Carol Percival, Nan Thomas, Pam Clarke, Ruth & Alison Dodds and Richard Woodward who turned up day after day and were so loyal to the task that had been set. It was estimated that we hung $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile of paper and applied 30 gallons of emulsion & gloss paint!

Many thanks to everyone who came to our aid and for all the fun we had in the process. Thank you Reg (Harris) for all the cups of tea - every day, twice a day for 8 weeks.

JOYCE WINDSOR.

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