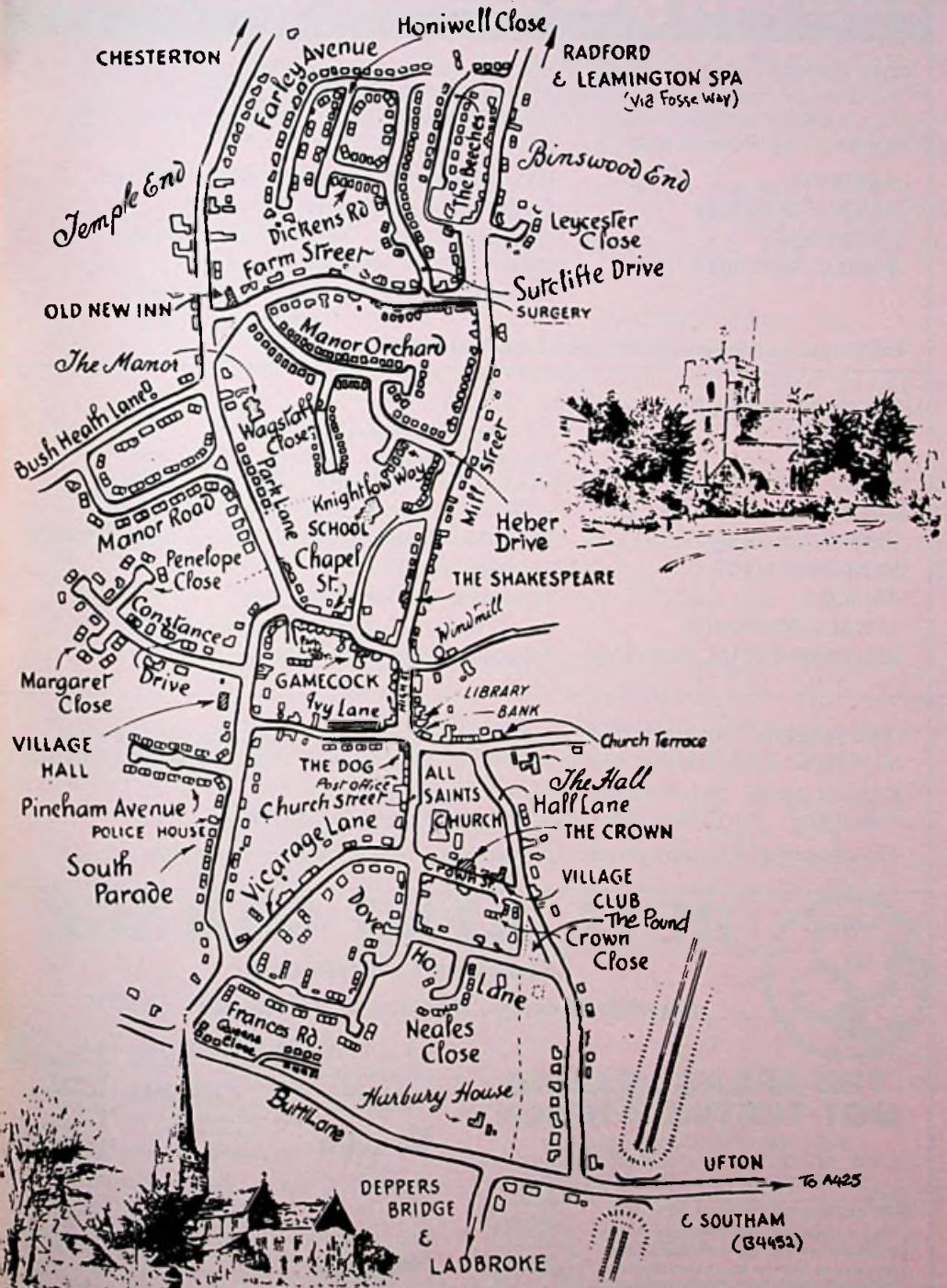


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HAD A BUMP?

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Major village events for the coming month are the annual Quiz on the 10th, Harbury Theatre Group's 'Double Bill' on 18th - 20th, and the Church/Scouts Family Bonfire Party on Saturday 3rd November. But there are many more - see the diary for full details.

The Bonfire is now a traditional event, and is always most enjoyable, offering both a bonfire and fireworks display at a modest cost, plus hot dogs etc. afterwards.

Our faithful band of distributors will be calling on you for subscriptions for the next 12 issues of your Magazine. Thanks to our advertisers, we are able to maintain the current charge of £1.80 for the 12 issues.

Our refuse collections are evidently to be made on Mondays as from 1st October. District Councillor James Turner is to complain about this since the welter of Bank Holidays that occur during the year at best lead to confusion, but more likely to over-flowing bags.

Diary - once again we appeal to event organisers to give Linda Ridgley (612792) details for inclusion in the Diary. (We were a bit too keen though when we published the date of a disco which was in fact a private function - sorry.)

Parish Councillor John Saunders' wife was recently very severely injured in a road accident at Bendigo Mitchell Crossroads. We are glad to hear that she is beginning to make progress in Walsgrave Hospital, and hope she will eventually make a full recovery.

One of our teenage editors - Jenny Scott - has now left us to take up a place at Trent Polytechnic. We wish her well, and thank her for the contribution she has made to the Harbury and Ladbroke News.

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

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- Sat. 6th Tennis 3 - 6 p.m.
HARVEST SUPPER in Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Rugby 2nd XV v W.Leicester, 3 p.m.
- Sun. 7th TRINITY XVI: 8a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30a.m. Sung Eucharist. Evensong at Ladbroke, 3.30 p.m.
- Mon. 8th Theatre Group rehearsal, 6 p.m., Wight School.
- Tues. 9th "Offspring" New Children's Clothes Sale, 10.30 - 12, 11 Heber Drive (Harbury Playgroup).
- Christian Fellowship meetings, 8p.m. at 77 Mill Street, Lullington Lodge, Corner Cottage, The Spiers, Chesterton Road.
- Harbury Friends, 8 p.m. in School.
- Slimming at Village Hall.
- Wed. 10th Quiz Night at Harbury Club, 8 p.m.
- Dancing at Village Hall.
- Southam Deanery 'Autumn Evening', St. Michael's Church Hall, Bishops Itchington, 7.45 p.m.
- Thurs. 11th Golden Age, 2.30 p.m., Village Hall.
- Girls' Club at Village Hall.
- W.I., 7.45 p.m. in Village Hall.
- Sat. 13th Charity Jumble Sale, Wight School, 2 p.m.
- Stage Up in Village Hall.
- PTA Folk Evening at School.
- Christian Fellowship meeting, 8 p.m. 77 Mill St.
- Rugby 1st & 3rd XV v Pinley, 3 p.m.
- Sun. 14th TRINITY XVII: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m.
- Sung Eucharist. 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- Free Church Service, 2.30 p.m. in Church.
- Tues. 16th Playgroup AGM, 1.30 p.m. at Wight School.
- Slimming in Village Hall.
- Rehearsals for play in Village Hall.
- Southam School PTA AGM, 7.30 p.m.
- Wed. 17th NSPCC Christmas Cards. Sherry and/or Coffee with Mince Pies. 11a.m. to 2p.m., at The Ryelands, Dovehouse Lane.
- Thurs. 18th St. Luke the Evangelist: Holy Communion 9.45 a.m.
Conservative Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m. at Old Timbers, Ivy Lane.
- Girls' Club at Village Hall.
- Tennis Club AGM 8 p.m. in Wight School.
- Meeting at 7.45 p.m., Colbourne House, Ufton:
David MacInnes, "What the butler saw - but did the bishop?"

- Thurs. 18th "An Illuminating Evening with Harbury Theatre Group" - see advertisement.
cont.
- Fri. 19th School, Playgroup, Toddlers, Dancing etc. break up.
Tufty Club, 2.15 p.m., Wight School.
School FETE, 6 - 8.30 p.m. at School.
"An Illuminating Evening with Harbury Theatre Group"
- see advertisement.
- Sat. 20th 10a.m. to 12 noon, Wight School - Golden Age Bring & Buy Coffee Morning.
Rugby 1st & 2nd XV v New Brighton, 3 p.m.
"An Illuminating Evening with Harbury Theatre Group"
- see advertisement.
- Sun. 21st TRINITY XVIII - 8a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m.
Sung Eucharist. 6.30p.m. SONGS OF PRAISE.
- Mon. 22nd Slimming at Village Hall.
Christian Fellowship meetings, 8p.m., 8 The Beeches,
11 Constance Drive, Corner Cottage, High Street,
3 Vicarage Lane.
- Tues. 23rd Young Wives, 2 p.m. in the Village Hall.
Parish Study Course, 13 Mill Street, 8.15 p.m.
Senior Citizens Committee, 8.30p.m., Village Hall.
SDP Jumble Sale, 10.30 a.m., Southampton.
- Wed. 24th Dancing at Village Hall.
Parochial Church Council, 8 p.m. in Wight School.
- Thurs. 25th Golden Age, 2.30 p.m. in Village Hall.
Action Research for the Crippled Child Jumble Sale,
3 - 5 p.m., Village Hall.
Girls' Club in Village Hall.
Whist Drive in Village Hall, 7.45 p.m. (in aid of
Golden Age).
Parish Council meeting, 7.30 p.m., Village Hall.
Harbury & District Labour Party monthly meeting,
37 Manor Orchard, 8 p.m.
- Fri. 26th Disco at Village Hall.
- Sat. 27th Harbury Craft Circle Craft Fair, 10 - 5, Village Hall
Christian Fellowship meeting, 8p.m., The Spiers,
Chesterton Road.
- Sun. 28th St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles: TRINITY XIV: 8 a.m.
Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- ALL ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER MAGAZINE TO EDITORS BY TODAY
- Mon. 29th School, Playgroup, Toddlers, Dancing etc. begin this week.
- Tues. 30th Slimming at Village Hall.
Village Hall Committee, 8 p.m., Village Hall.

Wed. 31st HALLOWE'EN
 PTA AGM, 8 p.m., in the School.
 Dancing in Village Hall.

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Thurs. 1st ALL SAINTS' DAY: 7.45 p.m. Southam Deanery
 Eucharist, Harbury Church.
 Girls' Club in Village Hall.

- Fri. 2nd Folk Club, 8.30 p.m. Old New Inn.
 NSPCC Disco in the Village Hall - under 10s, 7-8.15:
 10 - 14 years, 8.30 - 10 p.m.
- Sat. 3rd VILLAGE BONFIRE PARTY.
- Wed. 7th MU, 2.15 p.m., Farley Room, Village Hall:
 discussion afternoon.
 Harbury Society, 8 p.m. Wight School - see article.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

- FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30pm
 2nd Sunday in the month.
- HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sundays.
- UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm, Mondays.
- GYMNASTICS, Harbury School. 6-7pm (under 7s and
 beginners). 7-8pm(7-10yrs). 8-9pm(over 10yrs)
 every Monday.
- SLIMMING & KEEP FIT, Village Club 7-8.30 and 8.30-
 10pm, Mondays.
- GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Mondays
- BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.
- TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 10 - 11.30 am Mondays,
 and 2.00-3.30pm Wednesdays.
- PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings
- NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday a.m.
- DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tuesday,
 Wednesday and Thursday.
- BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.
- SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tuesday.
- BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.
- HARBURY FRIENDS, School, 8pm 2nd Tuesday of month.
- BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2-4pm, 2nd & 4th Weds.
- DANCING CLASSES for Children & Adults, Farley Room,
 Village Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays.
- GIRLS' CLUB, Village Hall, Thursday evenings.
- W.I., Village Hall, 2nd Thursdays, 7.45 p.m.
- POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20 - 3.30 every Friday.
- TUFTY CLUB, 2-3pm, Wight School, 3rd Friday in month
- CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LABDROKE

Tuesday: 7.30p.m., Holy Communion in Harbury.

Wednesday: 10.30a.m. Holy Communion in Ladbroke.

Thursday: 9.45a.m. Holy Communion in Harbury.

Friday: 7 a.m., Holy Communion in Harbury.

For Village Hall bookings, ring Mr. Picken, 612778.

For Wight School bookings, ring Mrs. Windsor, 612504.

FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

It so happened this year that our Harvest Thanksgiving services fell on the day after the feast of St.

Michael and All Angels (Michaelmas). It was therefore singularly appropriate that a painting "Angel" should be dedicated during the 10.30 Harvest Eucharist.

This striking picture, by Erica Robb, was presented to the Church by her parents, Althea and Neil Robb, and we are most grateful to all three for a gift which helps further to beautify our Church and to glorify God. Erica tells us that Angel is the first of a series of paintings of which three others are partly or wholly completed. It is always fascinating to hear artists talk about their work and about their purpose, feelings, hopes and fears while envisaging and painting new works. Erica spoke of the nearness of Angels to God which results in a great awareness of light and power. This is certainly evident in 'our' Angel, and the theme is developed throughout the series. Perhaps it will be possible to see the rest of the series at Erica's next London exhibition.

The Church looked really lovely for the Harvest Services and there seemed to be more gifts of flowers fruit, vegetables etc. than ever before, and our thanks - and the thanks of the staff and residents of Helen Ley House - are due to all those who brought produce, those who displayed it so beautifully, and to those who packed and transported the gifts to Helen Ley House.

Don't miss the Songs of Praise service at 6.30 p.m. or Sunday 21st October. Most people enjoy a good sing, so here's your chance to join in some favourite hymns.

Summer is past, winter lies ahead; in between is the lovely season of autumn, the time of harvest, of michaelmas, of falling leaves, of rich colours and crisp mornings. All of these lead us to share in part of a prayer from Peter Marshall - "We well know, our father, that we are not worthy of thy bounty, but help us to be good stewards of that bounty. We thank thee for the endless delight of our lives on this lovely earth."

FROM THE RECTOR

I must confess to having rather a soft spot for a Harvest Festival, and I suppose that it betrays in me a very conventional English attitude. Sterner priests than me sometimes criticise this national fondness for the Harvest, and regret the superficiality of this Feast. It does seem a little incongruous to be content to see a church beautifully decked with splendid specimens of harvested crops, and to be singing lustily the much-loved hymns, when elsewhere in the world, men, women and children are living in terrible conditions and struggling to survive against relentless famine. With this in mind, would it be better just to ignore the time of harvest, and not have our consciences troubled by seeming to be insensitive to the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves. I think not - if we avoid the complacency and self-satisfaction which a Harvest Festival can become, and instead realise what it has to teach us.

First the Harvest Festival is not just a country affair. We are thanking God for bringing to fruition all the efforts of man's labour and for all that is produced through skill, ingenuity and perseverance. We thank God for the wonderful gifts he has put into our hands, for the resources, the opportunities, the potential we have. It is right and proper to realise this and to remind ourselves that if only the world could be better ordered, no-one need go hungry and no-one need live in wretched and inhuman conditions.

POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20 - 3.30 every Friday in month
TAFFY CLUB, 2-3pm, Wight School, 3rd Friday in month
CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

Secondly, thanksgiving is important in itself to civilised living. To accept whatever is good, beneficial and enjoyable as a matter of course with never a thought or expression of appreciation is unhuman, and leads only to total selfishness and degeneration. But when we thank God for all that he provides, not just in keeping body and soul together, we realise the rich possibilities of achieving a quality of life that so often we deny ourselves.

At this time of the year, we commemorate the life of Francis of Assisi, who as everyone knows lived a life of utter poverty - yet he was for always thanking and praising God. He certainly believed in thanking God frequently for the harvest the earth produces - 'for divers fruits and flowers of many colours'. Yet he had much to add to his paeon of praise.

"Praised be my Lord for all those who pardon one another for his Love's sake, and endure weakness and tribulation.

Blessed are they who peaceably shall endure, for thou, O most highest, shall give a crown.

Praise ye and bless ye the Lord and give thanks unto him - and serve him with great humility.
Alleluya. Alleluya."

ANTONY ROWE.

THE CHOIR

The visit of Mr. Bryan Anderson of the Royal School of Church Music was a great success. The Choir worked very hard all afternoon, then - after a splendid tea - Mr. Anderson turned his attention to the congregation for a time, and we prepared together for the Act of Worship. The Choir entered for the service dressed for the first time in their newly-made cassocks and their surplices, and it was a delight to see them. The ladies had done a most professional job, and I am sure they were pleased with all their hard work. The sewing team is to remain together to tackle further work, both in making and maintaining the vestments and altar furnishings. They would be pleased to welcome others into their group, either those who are skilled already or those who are willing to have a go.

8. Our grateful thanks to all those who in one way or another helped to bring this project to such a satisfactory conclusion.

AUTUMN EVENING SERVICES

Each month there is to be an extra special service. In October, on Sunday 21st, the service will be 'Songs of Praise'. Invitations are now available on the church table, and it is hoped that you will invite someone to this service. Requests for favourite hymns can be handed to the Rector, and he will select as many of these as he is able to include in one service.

Refreshments will be served at the end of the service.

HOLY BAPTISM

2nd September: Rachel Charlotte, daughter of Alexander Ian and Cathryn Anderson of 1 Harbury Fields Cottage.

HOLY MATRIMONY

1st September at Harbury: Charles McKie of Creetown, Wigtownshire and Julie Critchley of Harbury.
8th September at Ladbroke: Daniel Gareth John of Leicester and Judith Mary Gould of Ladbroke.
29th September at Harbury: Stephen Barry Currell of Wellesbourne and Julia Ann Thompson of Harbury.
29th September at Ladbroke: Anthony Alan Fenton of Birmingham and Melanie Anne Hewson of Ladbroke.

FUNERALS

28th September: Eva Maud Cardall, 37 Vicarage Lane, aged 86 years.

CHURCH FLOWERS AT HARBURY

Thank you to all those who provided flowers for the Harvest Festival, and to those who came to arrange them. The fact that the Harvest coincided with a wedding helped to make the decoration even more festive than usual.

We are very fortunate to have the use of two graceful wrought-iron stands which were dedicated by the Rector on 22nd September. These stands have been

bought for the Church as the result of a gift from Mrs. Enefer's daughter, Mrs. Sybil Cunha, now living in California. It is very appropriate that the gift is of iron-work, Mr. Enefer having been the village blacksmith. The stands are the work of another inhabitant of Harbury, Mr. Alan Spencer, who has a forge at the Hatton Craft Centre.

With these stands there is now more opportunity for those who enjoy flower-arranging, and we extend an invitation to all, whether regular Church-goers or not to join us in a new rota. We think that there is an untapped reserve of talent hereabouts. We also think that there are those not particularly talented as arrangers who have flowers to spare. Do come in and do your own arrangements if you like, but, if you prefer, help is available. We also feel that the cost of buying flowers as the cold weather approaches is inhibiting to many who might like to help.

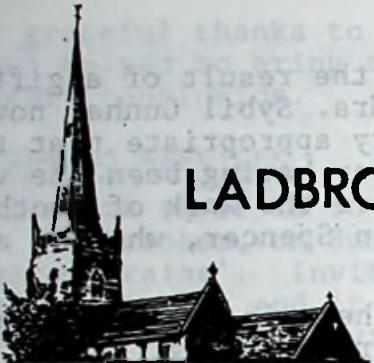
So I would like to draw up a rota of arrangers and a rota of suppliers, and match as appropriate. I would also like some contributions in a box which will be out regularly on a Sunday and which can be used as a reserve as required.

All offers of help, please, to Margaret Rigden, 612200.

Finally, a group from Harbury and Ladbroke were privileged to see the Flower Festival organised by the Rector's old parish of St. Mary Magdalene, Coventry. The arrangements symbolised the life of Christ and the power of God in the world today. The exhibits, full of colour, beauty and professional symmetry, should spur us on to greater efforts. All who went appreciated the warm welcome and the hospitable tea that followed.

MARGARET RIGDEN.

NORA BASTOCK AND FRIENDS would like to say a most sincere thank you to all the ladies who helped at the recent Jumble Sale in aid of Myton Hospice. Thanks are also due to all who gave jumble etc. and raffle prizes. £100 has been donated as a result of the sale and a letter of thanks received from the Matron. MAM.



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- Wednesday 3rd: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting.
- Sunday 7th: The Harvest Festival (Trinity XVI).
9 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns.
3.30 p.m. Family Service.
- Tuesday 9th: Parish Council Meeting.
- Wednesday 10th: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
2.30 p.m. Women's Fellowship. W.I. See article.
- Friday 12th: 7.30 p.m. The Harvest Supper.
- Sunday 14th: Trinity XVII.
9 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns.
- Wednesday 17th: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Women's Fellowship Corporate Communion).
- Thursday 18th: St. Luke the Evangelist. 7.30 p.m.
Holy Communion. W.I. Scrabble: see article.
- Sunday 21st: Trinity XVIII. 9a.m. Holy Communion
(said). 11 a.m. Sung Mattins with Communion.
- Wednesday 24th: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. W.I.
- Thursday 25th: W.I. AGM and Wine & Social Evening.
- Sunday 28th: St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles.
Trinity XIX. 9a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns.

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- Thursday 1st: All Saints' Day.
7.45 p.m. Southam Deanery Eucharist at Harbury.
- Saturday 3rd: Bonfire Night in Farmyard Field.

LADBROKE NEWS

Let's start with the good news for a change - Mark and Tricia Teverson of 'The Poultry Farm' had a son, Ian Charles Philip, on 11th September... Now for the doom and gloom....in case you were expecting to see bulldozers and diggers at any time! the Bypass will definitely not be started before

February next year - but before you despair, it does seem certain to be going ahead, the money is available and the Department of Transport anticipate the scheme taking no longer than six months to complete.

VILLAGE HALL AFFAIRS

The Annual Village Barbeque on 1st September began with a walkabout Treasure Hunt, cunningly devised by Andrew Pearson. Having taken part myself I can only say all credit to the victorious Butler and Mark Team - they should all feel justifiably proud of themselves! The Barbeque itself went off without a hitch and was a good fundraiser. The next event will be the Bonfire Night celebrations on Saturday 3rd November in Farmyard Field, by kind permission of Mr. Tom Sheasby.

P.S. If you would like to hire the Village Hall, please contact Alan Stubbs on Southam 3891, or at 16 Ladbroke Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL

On Tuesday 18th September, thanks to interest shown from new members of the village, there were nine members of the public present!

The PC Chairman, Mr. Francis Badman, would like to make a public plea for information on the whereabouts of the Annual General Meeting Minute Book. Apparently it is greyish red, old and dirty, and as it dates back to 1890 it is an invaluable record of past parish activities. Does anyone have any idea where it could be?

The Council has been asked if there would be two people in the village interested in Civil Defence. This does not necessarily mean Defence in time of war, but more generally in times of civil accidents, such as plane crashes etc. Would any volunteers please contact Francis Badman - but please note that volunteers are not guaranteed a place in Stratford's Bunker!

The Council were concerned to hear about the delay to the Bypass and decided to try and speed things up, via the Member of Parliament, Mr. Alan

Howarth. I have since heard that this has been successfully done, though obviously the situation needs watching.

There has been discussion at the PC meetings for some months on the state of a certain chestnut tree on the bend, which apparently the County Agent has advised should be felled. However, Mr. Tom Sheasby has years of experience in these matters and feels that the tree should be treated, not felled. It would be a pity to fell such a local landmark, if there is any chance of it being saved, and not being hazardous to passing traffic.

Next meeting - Tuesday 9th October, at 7.30 p.m. in Ladbroke Village Hall.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Even though we live in a rural village, it is easy to forget how much we depend on successful crops for our food and drink. So much of our food is bought tinned, frozen or pre-packed that it seems a long way from the plants in our fields or gardens.

Developments in plant breeding and pest control have made crop yields more reliable, but a successful harvest still depends very much on the weather and the little miracle of seed growth. As an eminent scientist once said, "The seed and its success is all that stands between you and starvation".

It is appropriate at this time for us - whether farmer, gardener, or just consumer - to give thanks for the harvest. The Harvest Festival will be celebrated at Ladbroke Church on 7th October. There will be a service of Holy Communion at 9 a.m. and a Family Service at 3.30 p.m. Children are welcome to bring small gifts of produce to be placed on the altar. If you wish to give produce to decorate the Church, please leave it in the Church on the Saturday morning. Usable produce is traditionally given to a local old people's home afterwards.

J. GARNER, Churchwarden

HARVEST SUPPER

This will be held in the Village Hall, Ladbroke, on Friday 12th October, starting promptly at 7.30 p.m. The meal will be followed by light musical entertain-

ment provided by the Reverend Peter Wilson and pupils of Southam School.

The cost is £1.75 for adults, and £1 for under 16s. Get your tickets from Mrs. Garner, Elgin, Banbury Road: Mrs. Stubbs, 16 Ladbroke Hall: or Mrs. Winkfield, Hall Farm.

Please bring your own knife, fork and spoon.

LADBROKE APPRAISAL SCHEME

The Ladbroke Appraisal Group, having returned from their holidays, are preparing their village appraisal. According to their first Newsletter circulated recently, they will be studying the village - its environment, people and services - with an eye on the future as well as the present. They will be circulating a questionnaire but research is already underway and some intriguing facts have come to light, notably from a red book found in the Church's library by Canon Rowe.

The population, for example, has hardly changed in the last 900 years. A map of 1639 shows that the village had 3 pubs at that time, and during the same century the owner of the Manor, 'Catesby the Conspirator', died in a dramatic shoot-out after being embroiled in the gunpowder plot. The Appraisal may fascinate historians in the future, but its main aim is to take stock of the present and to think further about what may happen in Ladbroke, especially as the day of the new Bypass approaches.

The Group is taking a professional but informal approach, and welcomes contributions of many kinds: pictures and information about the village, ideas, help with numerical analysis, report writing and illustration - and finance for printing. The contact man is Kip Warr, telephone Southam 3600. K. WARR.

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The Milk Marketing Board demonstration at the September meeting was a great success. On the 10th October, our trip to Wedgewood and 'Down a Coalmine' starts from the Bell at 9 a.m. Will anyone interested in Keep Fit on a Wednesday evening in the Village Hall please phone Pauline Laidler on 3458.

18th October, at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, will be Ladbroke's own Scrabble Evening. Entrance is 25p, and please bring your own Scrabble board.

24th October is the County Quiz at Priors Marston, beginning at 7.30 p.m., and the AGM will be on 25th October, and will be followed by a Wine and Social Evening.

J. NORGATE.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At our September meeting we were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Joan Lewis, who spoke to us about her experiences of fostering children and teenagers. She began this work in 1968, and over the years has had over 80 children for short and long stays. We admired her patience and kindness in this very worthwhile task.

On September 10th the Rector took four of our members to the Flower Festival held at his previous Church. The arrangements were beautiful, and depicted the journey through the Christian Year, beginning with Advent Sunday, showing John the Baptist; through to Trinity Sunday, which was an arrangement in green. There were also arrangements showing the Watch trade, Bakery, Commercial Art, Harvest Festival, and Praise and Thanks to God. The last one was in Praise of Jerusalem. This showed their church's Golden Jubilee. Afterwards we had tea, and returned home after a most enjoyable afternoon.

Our next meeting on 10th October will begin with a short service in Church at 2.30 p.m. Then we shall go to the home of Mrs. I. Catterall at 17 Deppers Bridge, for a discussion on future plans.

NANCY STUBBS.

Finally, could I ask all Ladbroke contributors to take their contributions to Kate Todman in Quince Cottage next month, as I plan to be busy!

KATE LIVERTON.

HARBURY SCHOOL

The start of an Autumn term always takes some settling in to, with practically all the children in new classes and classrooms, new routines and new surroundings. I am pleased to say that everything seems to have gone quite smoothly. The children who have started school for the first time have settled in extremely well and are perfectly happy in their new surroundings. I am sure that the good relations we have with our feeder playgroups plays an important part in this process.

Next Friday, 28th September, we have our School Harvest Festival, then later in the day all the produce brought to school will be taken up to Church to form the basis of the Church Harvest Festival display. I always feel that it is such a pity that we can't invite parents and friends to our Harvest service, but there just isn't the room, I'm afraid.

On the evening of Friday 19th October, between 6 p.m. and 8.30 p.m., we shall be holding our SCHOOL FETE in the school. Last year's Fete was a tremendous success, and we are hoping that this year's will be equally successful.

We do hope that we shall be able to count on the support of all the village for our Fete, so do make a note of the date.

N.C.O.

CLASSES 7 and 8's OUTING TO AVONCROFT MUSEUM OF BUILDINGS, BROMSGROVE

On Thursday 27th September, classes 7 and 8 spent a very enjoyable day at Avoncroft Open Air Museum, which is a place where they display buildings which would otherwise have been demolished.

The Manor House, one of the many buildings being displayed, was very interesting with a lit fire in the corner of the main room and walls made of "Wattle and Daub", which is wood and cow dung, white washed over.

The Ice House is a big hole in the ground which in the 18th century was used to store ice in the winter, for use in the summer, and to store food, just like an early fridge!

The Windmill, I thought, was more scary than interesting, because of all the big machinery and not much space to move around. The sails, on a windy day, can go around at up to 20 miles an hour.

I would advise you to go and have a look round, because it is so fascinating.

ANNA MACGOWAN,
Age 10. Class 7.

WEST MIDLAND SAFARI PARK

On Saturday 22nd September the 1st Harbury Cubs went on a trip to the West Midlands Safari Park. We left the Scout Hut at 10.30 a.m. and the journey took about one hour. When we first got there we looked at the animals. There were giraffes, buffaloes, elephants and monkeys which climbed all over the coach. Then we had our packed lunch. After that we went to the Leisure Park. There were paddle boats and rowing boats, and there was a ghost train and a pirate swing ship and space invaders. We could go on these as many times as we wanted to. Then we went back to the coach, and we got back to Harbury at 6.20.

DUNCAN SZOLNOKI.

HARBURY P.T.A.

On Saturday 13th October, for your delight and amusement, the Flying Dogs, plus a host of local talent, will be performing at our 'Folk Evening'. All this and a hot supper too! It is almost too much to contemplate in the space of one evening.

Since last year's Folk Evening, this sort of entertainment has arrived to stay in Harbury. This can only mean that although the entertainers were excellent last year they have had a lot more entertainment since then.

Please note that our Under 12s Disco has had to be postponed until 16th November.

The end of another successful year is in sight, with our AGM on 31st October at 8 p.m. in the School hall. On show will be items purchased by PTA within the last year. This is a very important link with school and we would welcome any interested parents or anyone who would like to serve on the committee.

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SOUTHAM SCHOOL AWARDS EVENING

The annual Awards Evening was held in Southam School Hall on 19th September. In his address, the Headmaster, Mr. H. J. Skinner, questioned the wisdom of the current proliferation of examinations - CEE, TVI, HNC, RSA etc. Many employers, he said, believed that Ordinary Level GCE represented the achievement possible by the average child, when in fact it had been designed for the top 20 per cent. What, he wondered, would they make of GCSE, which was being hurriedly introduced?

He was gratified by the excellent results at GCE Ordinary Level and CSE at Southam School this year but the Advanced Level results had been less good.

The awards were presented by the Revd. Gerald Hughes, Vicar of Dunchurch. Harbury was well represented among award winners. Form prizes (awarded to 2nd and 3rd years) went to Sarah Burnham, Claire Turner, Anna Catt and James Mayer. Upper School subject prizes went to Simon Woodward (Art), Ian Stanbridge (Chemistry), Sarah Ridgley (English Language), Mark Lee (General Science) and Richard Woodward (Geology). The Leigh House award went to Catie Jackson, the Chairman's Award to Keith Barr, and the Howard Mann Trophy to David Grey.

Mention should also be made of the many Harbury youngsters who achieved representative sports honours. Craig Knowles was selected for the Under 15 Mid-Warks. and Warwickshire Athletics team, and competed in the High Jump at the English Schools Championships. Sean Geary was selected for the Mid-Warwickshire Under 14 Cross Country Team. David Andrews and Stephen Hancock were in the South Warwickshire Schools Under 15 Rugby XV, and Matthew Checkley captained the Mid-Warwickshire Schools Cricket XI.

Sarah and Rebecca Burnham and Vicky Ridgley were members of the Mid-Warwickshire Under 14 Badminton Squad. Jane Hancock ran in the Mid-Warwickshire and Warwickshire Under 14 Cross Country Team, and later represented Mid-Warwickshire in the Junior 1500 metres.

Lynn Stanbridge played for Warwickshire in the Under 16 hockey XI.

Many congratulations to all of them.

M.S.H.

SOUTHAM SCHOOL P.T.A.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in School on Tuesday 16th October at 7.30 p.m. All parents of children at Southam School are automatically members of the Association. Any nominations for the committee should be sent to the Secretary, Mrs. Joan Manning, at The Red House, Hill, Leamington Hastings, Rugby (tel. Marton 632977).

After the business part of the meeting, there will be a Wine Tasting arranged by Messrs. Woodward and Liggins of Harbury.

The next fundraising event will be the Annual Dance on Friday 16th November in the School Hall. Dancing will be to the 'Likely Lads'. Tickets which include supper, cost £3, and are available now from David Geary at 9 Heber Drive, or Sharon Hancock at 32 Mill Street.

M.S.H.

1st HARBURY SCOUT GROUP

Mick Chick is tendering his resignation as Scout Leader. Having moved to Butlers Marston earlier this year, it was most considerate of him to continue in his role with Harbury Scouts until a replacement could be found. Joe Van Hoorebeck has 'volunteered' for the job.

Many Scouts and their parents have cause to be grateful to Mick. I'm sure he and Lynn will be ready to give a warm welcome to hiking or biking groups of lads if they call at the shop on their travels.

J.L.H.

HARBURY SCOUT PARENTS SUPPORT COMMITTEE

A very enjoyable Barbeque was held at Leamington House on Saturday 15th September. It was an evening of good food, excellent company, and - this year - perfect weather. Many thanks to Ken and Annette Hughes and their family for their hospitality and hard work. Also thanks to Peter Holt for providing and arranging the lighting.

The next date for your diaries is a coffee morning on 14th November: details will follow next month.

S.J.

HARBURY VENTURE UNIT

A full programme of activities has been planned by the committee for the coming season. Already the Unit have had an evening's orienteering round the village and its surrounding footpaths. By the time this article appears we will have had an "Any Questions" evening with a panel of invited guests taking part. Further events include abseiling, and a night hike. The committee has altered its complexion (or should I say, sex). Lynn Stanbridge is now chairman, Brian Thomas having applied for a warrant as an assistant leader. Sue Dunn is treasurer, and Helen Keir remains secretary. Fortnightly meetings are planned, starting at 8 p.m. - usual venue, the Scout Hut.

We must apologise to the Scouts for our over-zealous tidying/repair operation at the Hut on 27th September. By mistake we 'cleared away' tents and cooking gear which had been laid out in readiness for a weekend camp. As a result, Scouts arrived at Bramcote minus their equipment. Thanks to Ken Hughes and Joe Van Hoorebeck for ferrying the missing items.

Finally, a special thank you to Harbury Pony Show. Their most generous cheque for £90 was handed over by the Unit by Jan Stott at a ceremony in the Gamecock on Thursday 13th September. A review of our equipment is underway by Assistant Leader Anthony Jones. After that we shall be purchasing a suitable new item - possibly a tent - with the money. J.L.H.

BICYCLE EVENT '84

The Harbury Church Bicycle Event for 1984 enjoyed what might euphemistically be described as 'showery conditions'. All credit to the riders, marshalls and time-keepers who, despite being soaked and nearly blown off their feet (or wheels) carried on with the business in hand.

Star of the day was young Bruce Carter who covered a difficult 10 miles in 31mins.22secs., just under 4 minutes quicker than next fastest, John Hancock.



The ladies turned out in force this year, with Louise Boorman (extreme right in Mike Bloxham's picture) clearly fastest - some 7 minutes ahead of Gail Moore (pictured next to Louise). Gail - following the established tradition of the 'Blazing Saddles' team - stopped to take tea on the way round! On the left of the picture is Annette Hughes who fooled the handicappers to win that category, with Jean Rowe (six from the left) putting up a strong challenge for 2nd place.

In the 8 to 11 year old category, Edward Wilkins was fastest, covering the 5 miles in 26mins.24secs., with Christopher Wright one minute behind. Chris Smith was third and won the handicap category by a mere 4 seconds from Stephen Reid.

Of the 12 to 15 year olds, David Megeney was quickest in 17mins.52secs., narrowly beating Stephen Hancock, with David Hughes 3rd. The handicap category was comfortably won by Dylan Adams.

In the team event, the Gamecock Team of David Megeney, Stephen Hancock and Bruce Carter were clear winners.

Grateful thanks are due to Mr. Thwaites for allowing us to use his estate roadway, to the Old New Inn for the use of their carpark (and lounge bar as a refuge from the rain!), to the Shakespeare Inn, Taylors' Top Shop, and Lindop's Drug Store for prizes, and to all the marshalls, time keepers and helpers who make the event possible.

J.B.M.

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB - SUMMER 1984

I am delighted to report that there was a marked improvement as to the efforts throughout the season. Without giving sorded details, the team actually won more than twice as many games as in 1983.

The superb summer enabled all the games scheduled for Sunday afternoons to be completed. We started back in early May when a nine-man Harbury team demolished Mollington by 9 wickets. Dave Perry staggered away from the ground completely shell-shocked, shaking his head in disbelief, saying he'd never seen a start like it! Obviously that win was just too much for the team because Stockton thrashed Harbury twice in successive weeks, with scores that are unprintable.

However, determination, brilliance and team spirit brought the club back from the dead to record some notable wins including those over Warwick CCC, Farnborough (twice), and the London Pub Touring Side. Also, we had an honourable draw against Hunningham where Ian Holroyd proved that he is an opening batsman in the Tavare mold (or mould!).

Finally, a few notables deserve a word of praise - Kevin White ably lead the side: full marks to him for gathering 11 so-called cricketers together at 2.30 p.m. each Sunday - no mean task. Ian Lowe contributed a lot with both bat and ball until he departed for lesser glory with Leamington. Ian has the makings of a good cricketer. Young Gary Lowe proved his ability as an all-rounder, but was unable to travel to Taunton to do battle with Botham, Hadlee and Co. Dave Davill, Harbury's own superstar, contributed several useful innings, and Middlesex exile Dave Raggett 'tweaked' the ball to several successes.



Again Brian Wallington defied his years and was the chief wicket-taker for the club. Brian and his sidekick Bernard Holloway (he must be good for another 20 years) put in a terrific amount of work preparing the pitch, and Brian's wife Marie and daughter Teresa slaved away in the kitchen preparing tea for the sides.

Thanks also to Les Sollis who captained the side in Kevin White's absence; let us hope that now Les has reached Phyllosan time he starts on the ginseng tea and proves, like his cricketing hero, that there is a cricketing life after 40!

But most of all, the enjoyment of the game of village cricket proved itself each Sunday - so long may that continue. The team photograph was taken at the away game at Lighthorne - signed copies are available from team members!!

IAN HOLROYD.

RUGBY CLUB

Many things have happened over the year. Perhaps of moment for me as long-suffering 4th team captain (when we have a side!) was the effort of Ian Holroyd who raised a fun team over New Year. The spin-off in players was of great value - Andy

Hopkins (now injured, sadly), Tony Nockalls (also injured), Mick Pratt, Steve Webb, Nigel Sheasby, Ali Peebles - to mention several. We now could do with a few more of any age between 16 and 50 - we have the teams to cope with their varying skills, and a bar staff to cope with their thirsty throats!

Ian Holroyd - that lovable tyke whose GB plate on his car is more than a means for crossing the channel - has now moved right into the centre of the village, and since July has become Chairman of the Club, replacing long-serving Graham Shurvinton, who held the job for 11 years, and in his own inimitable manner did - and continues to do - so much for the Club. Ian's contribution in these early stages has been thoroughly professional - as befits the Milk Board's Sports and Social Organiser - who 'can cope' despite his oft-heard pleas to the contrary.

We have also had some informal chats with the Cricket Club with an eye to the future - the ideas they have put forward have received Committee approval in principle. But we will be having further discussions over the next few months to iron out details.

Registration for the mini section (under 8s to under 12s) was excellent with to date over 90 lads enrolling. For the juniors (under 13 to under 16), registration is currently being held.

We welcome use of the Club facilities by bona fide organisations, and will be printing a scale of charges in forthcoming newsletters.

Please, if you have any ideas or suggestions, or you (or your Husband/boyfriend/nextdoor neighbour/son) wishes to play, then do come along to the Club on a Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday, and/or telephone Ian Holroyd (612527) for any further information.

JERRY BIRKBECK, Secretary

HARBURY HORSE AND PONY SHOW

The year's Show was held on 19th June, in the most glorious weather, which I'm sure helped to make it so successful. It is very rewarding to see Harbury's "horsey" and "non-horsey" villagers come to support the Show. We are extremely grateful to our

many generous sponsors and trade stands; without their support and the hard work put in by the committee and judges, there would not be a Show.

A Presentation Evening was held at the Gamecock on 13th September when the proceeds of the Show were donated to 1st Harbury Brownies (£90), Harbury Young Ornithologists (£90), Harbury Venture Scout Unit (£90), Harbury Girls' Club (£90), and the Animal Health Trust - Equine Research (£45).

Thank you to everyone who helps with Harbury Horse and Pony Show. JAN STOTT, Secretary.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

"AN ILLUMINATING EVENING"

Two entertaining plays make up the double-bill for our 'Illuminating Evenings' at the Village Hall on 18th, 19th and 20th October, at 8 p.m.

Young people from the village are presenting "Ernie's Incredible Illucinations" by Alan Ayckbourn, produced by Carol Percival. In this one-act comedy, Ernie is a school boy who day-dreams: he mows down Nazi soldiers with his ruler, or turns a library assistant into a mountain rescue hero. Can the Doctor prevent Ernie's "illucinations" really happening?

"The Fire Raisers" is a comedy with a moral, by Max Frisch. Herr Biedermann is a complacent German householder. But arson is a perpetual worry to him, and when an ex-wrestler and a head waiter doss down in his loft, and roll in petrol drums and cotton-waste, it's time to take action. Or is it? The play introduces some new Theatre Group faces: among them Andrew Cooke and David Hill.

For "Fire Raisers" we should be glad to hear from anyone who could lend a large table candelabra, or an older-style standard lamp. Telephone 613214. Safe return guaranteed.

Tickets available from Phil Lindop's Drug Store, or 13 Mill Street, or at the door. JNS.

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Harbury Theatre Group and the Windmill Singers

are to repeat their successful production of 1977. Performances will be at Southam Church on Thursday 29th November at 7.45 p.m., and at Harbury Church on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th December at 7.45 p.m.

As those of you who saw the previous production will agree, this promises to be a first-rate, thought-provoking entertainment for the whole family, very much in keeping with the Festive Season.

Tickets will be available from the beginning of November from Carol Percival, Philip Lindop, or members of both societies. Admission to the production in Harbury Church will be by ticket only, so be sure to get yours early.

Do come. We look forward to welcoming you.... See you in Church!

N.S.P.C.C.

Many thanks.....to all those who came along to the NSPCC's coffee morning on Friday 14th September at Hill Cottage, Farm Street, and made it such a success.

The grand sum of £65.25 was raised, and the raffle prizes were won by Vicky Macgowan and Margaret Haynes.

Thank you once again for your support in this, our centenary year. P.H.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH TRUST

Our jumble sale, on one of the hottest days of the year, was a great success and gave us a magnificent profit of £200. This is our best yet, and I would like to thank everyone who gave jumble, the ladies (and Anthony) for making the lovely cakes, and to everyone who worked so hard to sort and sell the jumble. Such a good result makes the burnt arms and shoulders worthwhile. B.A.

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

The new Folk Club got off to a flying start on Thursday 6th September, when 55 people crammed into the lounge bar of the Old New Inn. Another dozen or so were unable to get in because there was just no more room. My apologies to them, but especially to

the lady with the guitar who, unknown to me, couldn't get in so went home (we can always make room for singers).

Thank you to the other singers, namely Pete and Liz, Mike and Molly, Rod, Mike, Jim and Robin, for providing such a marvellous variety of folk music. I must also thank the audience who were commendably quiet when necessary, but who joined in the choruses with great gusto.

I should explain that the performers are not selected by anyone, nor is there any sort of 'closed shop'. If you would like to have a go, just let me know - I believe there are several people in the village who are just waiting for the right moment to make their debut.

After such a successful first night, we shall continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month at the Old New Inn, so our next evening is 1st November. We start at 8.30 p.m., so don't leave it too late if you want to get in!

PETER MCDONALD (613730).

MOTHERS' UNION

Our meeting on 3rd October will be Mrs. Gawan on "TV and Cinema Watching Group".

The Coffee Morning held on 19th September raised £28.30 - many thanks to those who supported this event.

A cheque for £34.87 has been sent to our Diocesan Representative for Overseas, Mrs. Marriott, who wishes me to thank all those who support this worthy cause by having 'overseas boxes'.

The next meeting, on 7th November, will be a discussion afternoon. E.W.

HARBURY W.I.

Quite a good number of members turned up for the September meeting after the August break, and we were quickly down to business. This concluded, we were then keenly interested in the talk given by Mrs. Noise on the various schools she had taught in.

Some very well-known, and some not so well-known. In talking about her early days as a teacher, Mrs. Noise reminded me at least that we were bound by far more rules and regulations than the present-day pupils.

About 12 members went to Ladbroke W.I. at their invitation for a Milk Marketing demonstration, some very tasty dishes being prepared and then raffled.

At our next meeting, on 11th October, Gordon North will speak on "Meat Purchase and Cookery". B.E.T.

GOLDEN AGE

COFFEE MORNING AND BRING & BUY - Please bring anything we can sell to the Wight School on Saturday 20th October, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Coffee will be served.

Please come and help us to raise money towards our Christmas Dinner, by buying a ticket in our raffle, or choosing some Christmas presents from the range of handicrafts etc. on sale. L. KNIGHTON.

ACTION RESEARCH FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILD

Action Research will be holding a Jumble Sale in the Village Hall during the afternoon of Thursday 25th October from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission will, as usual, be free. Among the jumble will also be our Nearly New Stall, which has been very popular in the past.

If you have any items for the jumble sale or the nearly new stall, please deliver it to any of the following: Sue Daniels, 18 Farley Avenue (612600); Sue Dormer, 12 Park Lane: or Ann Roden, 35 Mill Street (612803). If you would like us to collect, please contact one of us.

HARBURY YOUNG WIVES

It was a very poor attendance that listened to Celia Barrett's talk on Genealogy last month. This was a pity as it turned out to be a very interesting description of how to discover one's ancestors and showing how relatives of Elizabethan times can be traced with a little perseverance.

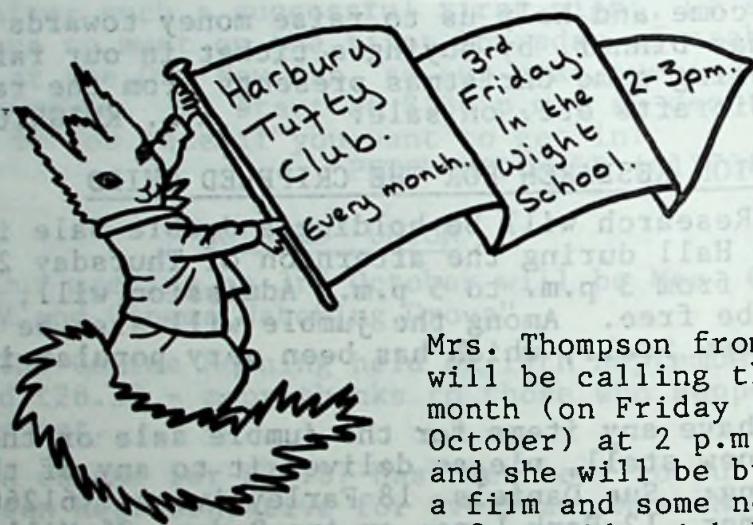
We send all our best wishes for a full recovery to Vanda Ball, our President, as she has been ill for quite some time. We all hope that she is back with us, in full health, as soon as possible.

There will be NO Young Wives meeting this month, due to the half-term holiday at school. However, in November we will be holding a mini Christmas Fayre, with Christmas decorations, flowers, Oriflame make-up, jewellery, Tupperware products, and children's clothes for sale.

Do come along and support us if these monthly meetings are to continue.

Babies and young children are welcome. There are creche facilities for them. And tea and biscuits for all.

S.D.



Mrs. Thompson from RoSPA will be calling this month (on Friday 19th October) at 2 p.m., and she will be bringing a film and some new safety aids with her. So please, mums and playschool children,

please call in to the Wight School and see what we have to offer.

(Younger brothers and sisters are also welcome, but the Club's activities are mainly geared for the 3 to 5 year old).

S.D.

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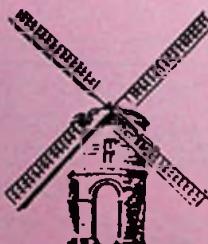
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HARBURY CRAFT CIRCLE

Our joint venture with the Village Hall Committee during the Garden Walkabout proved very enjoyable, and by popular request we will be holding another Craft Fair in the Village Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday 27th October. Among those displaying and selling their distinctive and original wares will be some established favourites, as well as some new craftspeople. The Village Hall Committee will be providing morning coffee, light lunches, and afternoon teas for your refreshment, so come along and browse. Admission is free, and you might just find yourself that unusual and special gift for someone, or even decide to treat yourself.

ANN RODEN.

BEST-KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

On 29th September, Cllr. Drinkwater and I, together with our wives, represented the village and the Parish Council at the presentation ceremony for the 1984 Best Kept Village competition, at Barford. I had the honour to receive, on Harbury's behalf, a Certificate for 3rd place in the Large Village Category.

You will recall that Harbury won the Southam area award, which gained us entry into the Warwickshire County Competition. Here we competed against 47 other villages in our category, so to come 3rd in the County shows a magnificent effort by everyone in the village who helped to keep their own property, and the village in general, in a neat and tidy condition.

The Large Village winner was Barford, and second was Brailes. Best Small Village was Norton Lindsay, with Newton Regis and Priors Hardwick 2nd and 3rd. Trophies and Certificates were presented at Barford Village Hall by Cllr. Dr. J.W.Bland, Chairman of the County Council.

Well done to everyone in Harbury - thanks for all your efforts - and let's win it next year! KEITH THOMPSON.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Harbury and Ufton Branch welcomes old and new members. Our Headquarters are at the Harbury Village Club. We take part in the winter games of Darts, Dominoes, Whist, Crib, Snooker and Rifle Shooting - but sad to say, Harbury doesn't have a Rifle Range.

These games take us to surrounding towns and villages which have some very nice Clubs. If you are lucky enough to get to the finals in any of these, you go on to play teams in Worcestershire, Staffordshire and Gloucestershire, which we have in the past, and had some very good afternoons and evenings out. We have also had some trips to some of the big Clubs in Birmingham (you have to see some of these Clubs to believe what they are like!).

We are hoping to go to Sheldon in the near future on a Sunday night.

So come on, lads - any ex-Serviceman who wishes to join, please call at the Village Club and make inquiries. Mr. David Delin, Steward, will be only too pleased to give you a few brief details, and put you in touch with those concerned. J. HOPKINS.

HARBURY SOCIETY

In her excellent talk to the Society, Celia Barrett gave the history of many village families. She has been researching old photographs for only 3 years, but has built up a remarkable catalogue of local history in this time.

Her husband's ancestors, the Becks, were recorded in Chesterton in 1738 as Millers, and continued there until 1870 when they owned not only the Wind and Water Mills there but also Harbury Mill, two Mills which they had built in Stockton, a Mill at Copt Heath and another in Solihull.

The family actually lived in Chesterton Water Mill and in 1850 it is known that James Beck and his wife, his son and his wife, together with their children and menservants, a total of 11 souls, were living at the Mill. Although this sounds rather a crush, Celia also has records of Mr. Gascoigne, the Tailor, of Church Terrace, who lived with his wife and seven children in a two up, two down cottage, and ran his business from his home!

Her photographs record all the village notables: the Bustins and Mr. Bedding who founded Harbury Co-op and signed the actual agreement in Celia's cottage on South Parade; old Ma Overton, a formidable woman who told fortunes and was widely

believed to be a witch; the Knights and Blackwells, important property owners in Harbury who lived at Marylands (now Church House); George Savage, chauffeur to the philanthropic Dr. Pirie; and Derek Lowe, a charming photograph whose date she would not disclose, showing the gentleman as an infant, having just won a competition as the Bonniest Baby.

Some of the written records she has collected made interesting and sometimes amusing reading. Empire Day in 1913 was celebrated by a procession of children in costume, with 'bringing up the rear, a wagonload of babies'. The punishment record at the School shows how little children have changed over the years. One child was admonished for 'putting a stone up another child's nose'! Although they obviously worked hard as the reports of the Schools Inspectors show, they had a remarkable number of holidays, often on the flimsiest pretext; for the Royal Show, Southam Mop, and the Hounds' Meet, and were let off school altogether for Harvest or if the weather was bad.

Harbury at the turn of the century was obviously an active, thriving place with plenty of social activities and many local societies; the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, supported by Dr. Pirie, being prominent. Teas were held almost weekly at the slightest excuse. Dances were common, a Ball in the National School in 1886 featured 'Living Waxworks'; part of the cost of another included the purchase of 6 packets of Lux! Harbury WI was founded in 1918, and met in the Reading Room in Vicarage Lane. During the Great War efforts were increased to help the troops, but teas ceased because of lack of foodstuffs. The School-children collected 14cwt of blackberries to be made into jam for the soldiers - 14cwt!

After the talk there was lively discussion over coffee and biscuits, as members of the audience inspected the photographs and other material on show. Mrs. Barrett was presented with a copy of Joe Bamford's book of drawings.

Two further events planned by the Society for 1984 - on Wednesday 7th November at 8 p.m. in the Wight School, Mr. Chris Poupart, the Manager, will talk about the development of Harbury Quarries into fishing complex called Bishop Bowl Lakes: and on

Tuesday 4th December, at 8 p.m. in the Farley Room of the Village Hall, Mr. Evans of Stratford District Council's Planning Department, will explain the proposals for Conservation Areas in Harbury. Entrance to both meetings is free.

An appeal against the refusal of planning permission for a Chip Shop and Fish Restaurant in High Street has been lodged by Mr. Turner. The Inquiry will be conducted by written representations and anyone who has objections to the proposed development should send them, in writing, to the SDC Planning Department at 5 Tyler Street, Stratford, by 12th October, 1984. LINDA RIDGLEY.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL: AUGUST

Stratford DC is extracting a good deal of useful propaganda from its enforced take-over of the Amenity Cleansing function previously handled by the County Council. It has been circularising Parish Councils with information on the time-table for takeover (1st September) and has hopefully suggested that individual parishes might like to take on certain functions themselves.

Harbury PC, deliberating on the District's questionnaire, decided it did not want to take on the amenity cleansing function, because it did not have the facilities to do so. It would be in favour of more frequent litter picking and footpath sweeping, and it was not averse to these services being integrated with others if this would be more economic. Meanwhile, they agreed to add the green in Manor Orchard Close and the Vicarage Lane corner and the surrounds to the Tennis Courts to their grass maintenance contract for next year. A team from the Manpower Services Agency has been at work trimming the hedge round the Recreation Grounds, and its next task is to replant the Allotments boundary. The replanting of the former Rose Garden in Chapel Street with low maintenance shrubs is to proceed this autumn under the guidance of Mr. Bristow of the Horticultural Society.

The Councillors were gratified at Harbury's good showing in the County Best Kept Village Competition

where the village came 3rd in the section for Large Villages. Mr. Ray Padbury won the Allotments Cup and judge Iory Davies commented on the quality of produce and the excellent condition of some of the plots, but warned that some were in a disgraceful condition, even allowing for the very difficult year and the absence of a water supply at the allotments. There had been only about a dozen plots in the running for the prize. There is no waiting list at present for the allotments.

Cllr. Denis Atkins made his annual complaint to the Council about the dangers of straw burning, but Iory Davies blamed the recent falls of chaff on 'whirly winds', not the farmers burning straw. There was a general consensus that the situation had been better than in 1983. Gulleys are to be installed along Mill Street in an attempt to alleviate the flooding problem.

PC Percival promised the Council that he would arrange for the Headmaster to send out a note to parents reminding them of the danger of parking opposite the School entrance in Mill Street.

Cllr. Atkins urged parishioners to report defective lights to the Electricity Board on 97/24041, ext. 285 immediately, for they were paid for, lit or not.

The Councillors have to be on their toes to preserve the integrity of the Parish and protect its people and boundaries. Reporting on the joint meeting of Harbury and Bishops Itchington Parish Councils on the Bishops' proposals to change the Parish Boundaries, Dennis Atkins said that at present the rates income from the Cement Works was split roughly 50/50 between the Councils, and that any change would result in Harbury receiving less revenue. Bishops Itchington Councillors were in any case very vague over what changes they expected in the area, and Cller. Atkins recommended that Harbury resist the move to transfer land to Bishops Itchington.

The community at Deppers Bridge was commended for its hard work and co-operation in preparing the hard standing for the playbus at the Playing Field.

The PC strongly supported the DC's application to build 3 bungalows and garages with access off Francis Road, and they had no objection to applications for access to parking at 20 Mill Street, and extensions to Lyndale, Chapel Street; Park View, Mill Street; 7 Manor Orchard, and The Laurels, Hall Lane.

The Council enlisted the help of local MP Alan Howarth over the problems caused by the proposed redevelopment at Sussex Cottages, in Vicarage Lane. Mr. Howarth made representations to the DC for the tenants to be rehoused in Harbury, and was pleased to report that the District had tried to do this. He explained that the DC had given outline Planning Permission for 3 detached houses, and that the owners did not need permission to demolish the existing cottages. The owners could ask for a possession order against the tenants who the DC would then rehouse. Housing officials had visited the tenants and advised them of their rights, and all had been offered alternative accommodation within the village. The PC was gratified that their appeal to the MP had provoked such a positive response, and wrote to acknowledge Mr. Howarth's efforts. L. RIDGLEY.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL: SEPTEMBER

Your Council has done the impossible and found a replacement for the irreplaceable Bruce Hannay. Mr. Robert Dunn will take over his mantle, and has been given the Highways and Planning Sub-Committees on which to exercise his talents.

The Councillors expressed the hope that John Saunders' wife would make a speedy recovery from her recent serious road accident. Mr. Saunders, the representative for Deppers Bridge, reported that 2 accidents had taken place in Deppers since the last meeting, and he urged the Council to press for some form of warning sign there. As the Clerk commented, if there can be warning signs for Deer and Cattle, there must surely be the facility to caution motorists of the presence of children.

Now that the hardstanding for the playbus has been completed, Cllrs. are anxious to have all the fencing finished off and a barrier erected outside the gate to stop children running straight into the road.

Steve Chaplin reported on the state of the play equipment in Harbury. The manufacturers' report suggested that many repairs were needed, but the Recreation Grounds Committee divided them into those that were essential, those that were not dangerous, and others. The essential repairs would be undertaken at once because, as Sharon Hancock said, they were not something we can economise on. The others will be done when necessary.

The County has warned that the rent for the allotments must rise. Although the PC originally agreed to grub out the hedge between the field and the allotments, a failure in communications has meant that the Manpower Services group doing the work has only tidied it up. Cllrs. now have come round to the view that it will be sufficient to fill in the gaps and erect rails to protect the young quicks.

After due consideration, the Council agreed to donate £10 to WARNACT.

Cllr. Dave Andrews explained how the Rugby Club was to finance its purchase of the freehold of its field. Loans and grants already agreed came to £17,500, and the Supporters Club are to give £1,000. The DC had agreed in principle to give up to £500 if this was matched by a similar sum from the PC. The PC, however, felt that £250 was the limit of its resources. They did not feel it was fair to other organisations to donate more. Cllr. Andrews said that the Rugby Club would be very appreciative of £250, and reminded his colleagues that the facility benefited village children.

As the Council feared, once it was announced that Mr. Smith, the Lollipop Man, would not be able to resume his duties, the Police have carried out a survey which has shown that Harbury does not have the number of children crossing to meet the Home Office criteria. The PC will look into the possibility of it, or the PTA, contributing to the costs of a patrolman.

We will automatically get an inferior refuse service now that the bins are to be emptied on Mondays instead of Wednesdays, Sharon Hancock pointed out. May, with 3 public holidays, would be the

worst month, and the Council must try to ensure that at least everyone got extra bin bags to tide them over the holidays.

Upgrading work on the lighting in Neales Close has begun, and Bill Middleton quipped that he would have to buy thicker curtains, so great was the improvement in illumination!

Planning permission was granted for extensions at Lyndale in Chapel Street: The Laurels, Hall Lane: 9 The Beeches: and 7 Manor Orchard. A proposal for a garage at 16 Constance Drive was not opposed, nor was application to change the plans for a bungalow at what the Council has named Mackley Way, but what the developer still insists on calling The Wildings. With an appearance of glee, John Drinkwater explained that the builders had not left enough room to build the last three-bedroomed bungalow, and would have to substitute a two-bedroom dwelling.

The Council split down the middle on whether to support Mr. Turner's appeal against the refusal of planning permission for a Takeaway Fish & Chip Shop and Sit Down Restaurant at Warm Glo House, High Street. The Inquiry is in the form of written representations, and objections have to be with the Planning Department at 5 Tyler Street, Stratford, by 12th October. Bruce Hannay was chief dissenter last time when the Council objected to the plan. This time round, Keith Thompson, while sympathising with residents worried about the likely nuisance, thought there were advantages to the community. Iory Davies and Dave Andrews thought the appeal should be supported, but John Drinkwater, whilst agreeing that the village might want the Shop, thought there was no more hazardous spot for it from the traffic point of view. The Chairman used her casting vote to oppose the Appeal.

Cllrs. agreed to increase their insurance cover on a variety of items: personal cover for cllrs. (in case they are damaged by irate parishioners?), fire, lightning and explosion cover on the Chapel, all risks on the Chairman's badge, and Fidelity Insurance.

This is the time of the year when you concentrate on storing vegetables which will not survive a frost. Earth up celery and leeks, give support to Brussell sprouts, also take off the dead leaves. The old wood from Blackcurrants should be cut out, and also from Raspberry canes. As there has been a lot of white fly and caterpillar about this season, it is advisable to give your winter greens a late spraying. In storing potatoes, first see that they are dry, but kept out of light. If you have any spare time, the ground you have cleared should be dug over and given a dressing of farmyard manure.

As the men are now taking a bigger interest in cooking, and the ladies more in the cultivation, there is no better place to exchange ideas than at the Horticultural Society's meetings. W. F. LINES

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Entries were slightly down on this year's Flower Show but in spite of the long hot summer and very difficult conditions the standard was still very high. I feel

I must mention the children's classes. They were up on last year, and the work and imagination that went into some of the entries was quite marvellous.

Mike Bloxham's picture shows Kathryn McDonald with the largest marrow! Congratulations to all winners!



The speaker for the November meeting is from Watkins on Pot Plants, and I am sure he will have lots of information and tips for our house plants this coming winter.

E.P.LINES

HARVEST

Blackberries in the hedgerows,
 Potatoes in the ground,
 Apples, nuts and damsons,
 God spreads these around.

The orange of the leaves,
 The corn that fills the
 fields,
 The sighing sleeping trees,
 God, we thank you now for
 these.

NICOLA CADOGAN.

Blackberries in the hedgerow
 The apples in the trees,
 Damsons, nuts and hawthorn,
 God made all of these.

The corn that fills the
 fields,
 That makes our daily bread,
 Carrots and potatoes,
 God keeps us all well fed.

The harvest spreads around us
 All good things in the ground
 Autumn, Spring and Summer,
 The good things God has found

JULIA BROWN.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Harbury and Ladbroke News:

I would like to say thank you to everyone for their good wishes, get well cards, and the loan of books and magazines, also the lovely flowers. I must not forget the very welcome gift from all the staff.

I and my family do appreciate all the kindness shown to us, while I have not been well.

Yours sincerely,
 ARCHIE TAYLOR.

Dear Editors,

Please could you convey to all our friends and customers a very big thank you for all the lovely flowers, presents, and the many cards of good wishes sent to us both on our leaving the Crown Inn. We were both very touched by all the kindness we received. Thanks too for all the help with the removal day (or should we say days!) Our thanks to all staff, past and present, for all their help and support, in fact to everyone who made our 5 years at The Crown very happy ones. We both hope Alan, Glenys and the children will be as happy as we were.

RAY & JAN PLAYDON.

LINDA RIDLEY.

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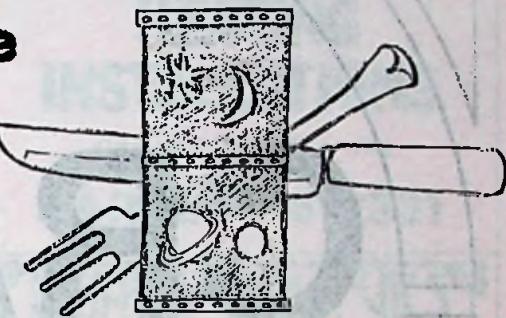
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