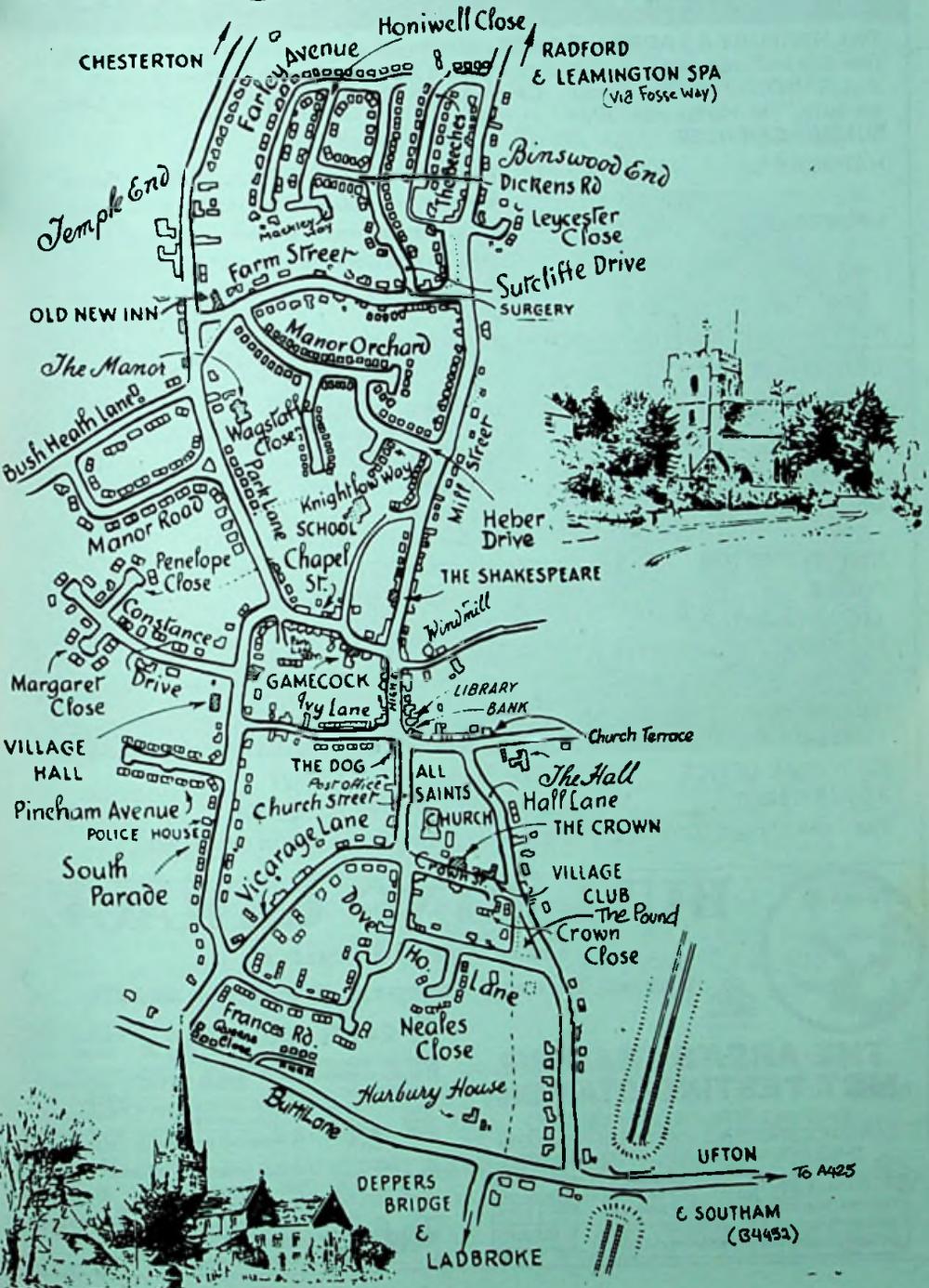


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**HARBURY**

Holy Communion - 8.00am, 10.30am (Sung)  
Evensong - 6.30pm (Not 1st Sunday)

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Holy Communion - 9.00am (with Hymns)  
Mattins and Communion - 11.00am (3rd Sunday)  
Evensong (1st Sunday) - 6.30pm (Summer)  
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**HAD A  
BUMP?**

This year's Harbury Carnival was as usual an entertaining and enjoyable event. The ingenuity of the floats and fancy dress entrants was quite remarkable - in fact, there were flashes of brilliance! The main ring events were very good, and it was nice to see the Blue Coats Motorcycle Team again (although with a largely different team since last time).



Our photograph (by Mike Bloxham) shows Keith Thompson crowning the Carnival Queen, Louise Houghton - with her attendants, Karen Mancell and Emily Macgowan. Keith and his hard-working team are to be congratulated for their efforts which, as well as being most enjoyable, raised some £1200 for the Village Hall. Keith is retiring from the Carnival Committee after ten years of tireless service. He deserves our thanks.

The Annual Pony Show, two weeks after the Carnival, was also successful and very well attended. The next major event in Harbury is the Garden Walkabout/Craft Fair/Flower Festival on Saturday 13th July. The Flower Festival extends on to Sunday and Monday. This is the first time this event has been arranged,

and it has the added attraction of organ music all through Saturday and Sunday, with Choral Evensong on Sunday 14th July at 6.30 p.m.

Many people will have read 'The Dillan' by Angela Hewins, and a lucky few will have seen the stunning dramatisation at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre's 'Other Place' in Stratford. Angela Hewins lives in Knightlow Way, and this month sees the publication of the sequel to 'The Dillan' - 'Mary after the Queen'. Angela has also dramatised the book, and it will soon receive its premiere at the 'Other Place'.

Finally, congratulations to former editor Gary Picke who has just qualified as a doctor at Bristol University, with Distinction in Paediatrics.

### HARBURY DIARY

JUNE 1985

Sun 30th

PENTECOST V. St. PETER THE APOSTLE. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30a.m. Sung Eucharist (Scouts & Guides attend). 6.30 p.m. Service at Royal Showground (cars leave Church gate at 5.45p.m.) Conservatives' Garden Party & Drinks at Flax Hill, Ufton.  
Southam Ramblers' Walk, 2.20 p.m. Harbury Church.

JULY 1985

Mon 1st

Christian Fellowship meetings, 8 p.m. at 16 Binswood End, 77 Mill Street, 14 Manor Orchard and Corner Cottage, High Street.

Tues 2nd

Harbury News Committee, 8.30pm, 23 Mill Street.

Wed. 3rd

Mothers' Union Garden Meeting, 2.30 p.m., 11 Constance Drive.

National Housewives' Register Pub Walk, meet outside the Shakespeare at 7.15 p.m.: leave at 7.30 to walk to White Hart at Ufton.

Thurs 4th

St. THOMAS THE APOSTLE (transferred from 3 July). 9.45a.m. Holy Communion (M.U. Corporate Service) Folk Evening, 8.30p.m., Lounge, Old New Inn.

Sat. 6th

NO Men's Group meeting today (11th July instead)  
Tennis Club Boys' Doubles Championships, 9a.m.  
Harbury Theatre Group's SUPPERTIME INTERLUDE at the Village Hall, 8pm. Tickets from Lindops' Store

Sun 7th

PENTECOST VI. 8a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30a.m. Sung Eucharist.  
Tennis Club Girls' Doubles Championships, 2p.m.  
Harbury Society PICNIC, 3.30p.m.  
Southam Swim. Pool Fun Run: see posters for details.

- Tues 9th 7.45p.m. Bishop of Coventry's Farewell Service in Coventry Cathedral.  
8p.m. Prayer Group (meeting each week in Church at this time)  
Harbury Friends, 8pm. at the School.  
N.H.R. Book Night, 8p.m. at 8 Chance Fields, Radford Semele.
- Wed 10th Parish Bible Study Group (Luke), 13 Manor Orchard at 8p.m. (meeting fortnightly at variable venues)
- Thurs 11th NHR Coffee Morning, 10.30a.m. at Hill Cottage, Farm Street, Harbury.  
Golden Age, 2.30 p.m. in Village Hall.  
Girls' Club in Village Hall.  
W.I. Cheese & Wine Evening with National Dairy Council, 7.45 p.m., V.Hall: OPEN MEETING IN AID OF MYTON HOSPICE.  
Men's Group AGM, 7.45 p.m. at 9 Farley Avenue.
- Fri. 12th Theatre Group Jumble Sale/Car Boot Sale, Wight School at 7 p.m. - see article/ad for details.
- Sat. 13th HARBURY OPEN GARDENS AND FLOWER FESTIVAL IN CHURCH, WITH CRAFT CIRCLE EXHIBITIONS IN VILLAGE HALL AND WIGHT SCHOOL.  
PTA Barbecue and Barn Dance with Magic Rantabout, at Harbury School.
- Sun 14th PENTECOST VII. 8a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist. 6.30 p.m. Evensong, sung by the Windmill Singers. Preacher, Rev. Ian Eglin, Vicar of Kingsthorpe, Northampton.  
FLOWER FESTIVAL IN CHURCH.  
Adventurers', 11.30a.m. in Village Hall (last meeting of the term).  
Southam Ramblers' Walk, Wood St. Carpark, 10a.m.
- Mon 15th FLOWER FESTIVAL IN CHURCH.  
NHR Open Evening in aid of Southam Swimming Pool: Bring/Buy Cake Stall, 18 Farley Avenue, 8p.m. - non-members welcome. (NB change of date).  
Christian Fellowship meetings, 8 p.m. at 23 Francis Road, and 8 The Beeches.
- Tues 16th PCC, 8 p.m. in the Wight School.
- Thurs 18th Girls' Club in the Village Hall.
- Fri. 19th School breaks up, and Playgroup ends.  
Junior Tennis Mixed Doubles from 5 p.m.
- Sat. 20th Scout Barbecue at Leamington House, Church St., 7.30.  
Fellowship Picnic (see article for details)  
Rugby Club Barbecue and Dance. (see ad.)

- Sun 21st PENTECOST VIII. 8a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30a.m.  
Sung Eucharist. 2.30 p.m. FREE CHURCH SERVICE.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- Mon 22nd St. MARY MAGDALEN, 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion.
- Tues 23rd Young Wives, 2 p.m. in the Village Hall.  
Senior Citizens' Committee, 8.30p.m., V.Hall.
- Wed 24th 8p.m. Parish Study Course, 5 Sutcliffe Drive.
- Thurs 25th St. JAMES THE APOSTLE. 9.45a.m. Holy Communion.  
Golden Age, 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.  
Girls' Club, Village Hall.  
Whist Drive, Village Hall.
- Sat 27th ALL ARTICLES FOR AUGUST ISSUE TO EDITORS BY TODAY.
- Sun 28th PENTECOST IX. 8a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30a.m. Sung  
Eucharist. 6.30 p.m. Evensong.  
Garden Party at Leamington House, Church Street (all  
proceeds to Church funds).  
Southam Ramblers' Walk. 10a.m. coach to Hornton.
- Mon 29th Short-Tennis Course for children begins (see article)
- Wed 31st BLOOD DONORS, Village Hall - new donors always very  
welcome: just turn up during the afternoon.  
Christian Fellowship, 7.45 p.m., Corner Cottage,  
High Street.

#### AUGUST 1985

- Wed. 7th Bible Study Group (Luke) at 13 Manor Orchard.  
NHR Picnic, 12.30 p.m. at Newbold Comyn Barbecue Area
- Thurs 8th Whist Drive at Village Hall.
- Mon 12th PLAYSCHEME STARTS AT VILLAGE HALL - mornings - for a  
fortnight.

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#### REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LADBROKE

- Tuesday: 7.30p.m., Holy Communion in Harbury.
- Wednesday: 10.30a.m. Holy Communion in Ladbroke.
- Thursday: 9.45a.m. Holy Communion in Harbury.
- Friday: 7 a.m., Holy Communion in Harbury.
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DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO  
LINDA RIDGLEY - telephone 612792.

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

REGULAR DIARY DATES

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- FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30pm  
2nd Sunday in the month. (normally)  
HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sundays.  
UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm, Mondays.  
GYMNASTICS, Harbury School. 6-7pm (under 7s and  
beginners). 7-8pm(7-10yrs). 8-9pm(over 10yrs)  
every Monday.  
SLIMMING & KEEP FIT, Village Club 7-8.30 and 8.30-  
10pm, Mondays.  
GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Mondays  
BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.  
TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 10 - 11.30 am Mondays,  
and 2.00-3.30pm Wednesdays.  
PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings  
NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday a.m  
LUNCHEON CLUB: Village Hall every Tuesday & Friday  
12-30 p.m.  
DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tuesday,  
Wednesday and Thursday.  
BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.  
SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tuesday.  
BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.  
HARBURY FRIENDS, School, 8pm 2nd Tuesday of month  
BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2-4pm, 2nd & 4th Weds.  
DANCING CLASSES for Children & Adults, Farley Room  
Village Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays.  
GIRLS' CLUB, Village Hall, Thursday evenings.  
W.I., Village Hall, 2nd Thursdays, 7.45 p.m.  
POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20 - 3.30 every Friday.  
CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

The visit on Sunday 9th June of the party from St. Mary Magdalen's, Coventry, to the Village Hall for tea and then to Evensong, was a pleasant occasion enjoyed by all. Thanks are due to all those who gave cakes, sandwiches etc., and who helped with the tea.

The parishes of Harbury and Ladbroke joined together in worship on Sunday 23rd June at All Saints', Ladbroke and then enjoyed a splendid breakfast in Ladbroke's Village Hall. We are most grateful to Ladbroke for entertaining us so well.

The Village Hall at Ladbroke is a credit to those who took it upon themselves to refurbish what was close to being a derelict building - where there's a will, there's a way. It will be even more useful when the bypass has taken the traffic away.

The new Church lawnmower (organised by David Clarke) together with the efforts of the enthusiastic band of helpers, is making the Churchyard look very neat and tidy - hopefully we will stand a good chance in this year's Diocesan Best Kept Churchyard Competition. (Having used the mower myself, I know it performs extremely well - however, it irks me that the best buy is Japanese.)

The Rector organised a gentle hike near the Cotswold village of Blockley on Whit Monday, which was enjoyed by some 20 parishioners of various ages. Most enjoyable - let's do it again.

#### CHURCH FLOWERS

Many thanks to those who attended the meeting in Church last month. It was felt that a coffee morning to improve our funds and to complete the autumn rota would be useful.

Can you put off the Monday wash on September 23rd, and come to Haze Brook from 10.30 a.m. onwards? Detailed notices later, after the holidays. MWR.

#### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH GARDEN PARTY

There will be a Garden Party on SUNDAY 28th JULY, at 12 noon, at Leamington House, Church Street, when a Buffet Lunch will be served.

Proceeds will go to Church funds, and tickets are available from Annette Hughes (612273) or from the Rector (612377).

#### CHRISTIAN AID

During Christian Aid Week (13-18 May) Harbury raised £256.29, and Ladbroke raised £49.93. Grateful thanks are due to all who gave so generously, and of course to those who collected.

R. HARRIS.

## FROM THE RECTOR

There are many sayings of Jesus in the Gospel which are so simple and uncomplicated that sometimes we hardly notice them. Once he said, "Good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap; for whatever measure you deal out to others will be dealt to you in return." It tells us something about generosity and meanness. A mean spirit brings nothing but misery and emptiness but generosity, extended to others, can be a very different matter.

Christians are called to be perceptive and wise not worldly wise, but Godly wise, understanding people as Christ understood people - Christ-like. Take the case of Zacchaeus, a man who was generally detested, a mean little man, full of pettiness and deceit. He hated himself and longed for something better from life. He had heard about Jesus and wanted to see him as he passed through Jericho. Zacchaeus climbed up into a sycamore tree, expecting to be unnoticed, but Jesus noticed him and felt compassion for him, understanding his meanness and the shabbiness of his life. He didn't say "Nasty little man, lining his pockets with ill-gotten gains. Why should I bother about him?" Instead he called to him, "Come down, Zacchaeus, I want to come and have dinner with you tonight". A change came over this man, a new standard of living, and his self-respect was restored.

How often when someone offends us we search for something to do or say in return, to hurt, a reaction which does not improve the situation one scrap. We may be able to boast afterwards, "I told him what I thought of him" but who really benefits? If we could put aside the hurt we feel, put away the resentment, put away the anger and be generous in spirit, how much good might come of it, or at least the situation be made no worse.

ANTONY ROWE.

## THE PRAYER GROUP

It has been felt for some time that an opportunity for a period of unstructured prayer in church would be welcomed by quite a number of people in our village. It would also be a way of deepening our spiritual and devotional life.

At a meeting recently it was decided to provide this opportunity on a weekly basis, each Tuesday from 8 o'clock to 8.30, commencing on Tuesday 9th July. The intention is not just to provide occasions for extensive intercessory prayer, but in various ways to discover and perhaps to develop other essential elements of praying.

Each week someone will introduce us to the theme or the intention of prayer for that week. It seems important that sometimes we should be very quiet and still before God, not continually talking at him or pleading, but being receptive to God speaking to us, and patiently listening. With different leaders we expect different approaches, and in the process we hope to learn from one another and widen our experience of praying together.

Do not be put off by the title - Prayer Group. It has to be called something. It is not a formal group, and is not in any way restricted. If you would like to come - or are just curious - please do come. Do not feel that you have to be there each time - come when you can.

### THE PARISH STUDY COURSE

This has been in session for some time now, but at a recent meeting about Bible Study in the evening, it was decided to make the meetings on a regular basis - that is, fortnightly on Wednesdays at 8 o'clock. At the present we are studying the Gospel according to Luke. Next meeting is on Wed. 10th July at 13 Manor Orchard, and the one following, on Wednesday 24th July, will be at 5 Sutcliffe Drive. ANYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

### HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday 16th June: Anthony, Melanie and David James, children of Gary Stuart and Marilyn Elizabeth Wilby, 15 Francis Road.

### HOLY MATRIMONY

Saturday 1st June: (at Harbury): Keith Hendry, 15 Trecarn Close, Launceston, and Heather Ann Winterbottom, Stonewalls, 8 Farm Street Harbury.

Saturday 1st June: (at Harbury): Phillip Roy Davies, Lower Cranhill, Alcester, and Denise Moira Warden, Square Close, Middle Road, Harbury.

Saturday 30th June: (at Ladbroke): Trevor Jonathan Reeves, 20 Hilltop, Princethorpe, and Nicola Jayne Smales, 13 Little Park, Southam.

### FUNERALS

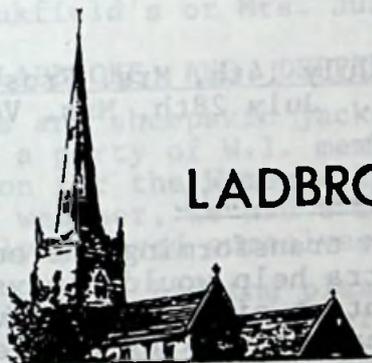
June 6th: Joseph William Caswell, 23 Bush Heath Lane aged 59 years.

June 13th: Alfred Ruscoe, Hillcote, Temple End, aged 83 years.

June 14th: Marjorie Rowe, formerly of Hartington Crescent, Coventry, aged 86 years.

June 18th: Helen Elizabeth Ivans, formerly of Harbury, aged 90 years.

June 21st: Elsie Maria Brande, formerly of Harbury, aged 86 years.



## LADBROKE NEWS

### JULY DIARY

Wednesday 3rd: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Sunday 7th: TRINITY V. 9a.m. Holy Communion with  
Hymns. 6.30 p.m. Evensong.  
W.I. trip to York.

Monday 8th: Parochial Church Council meeting, Church.

Tuesday 9th: Bishop's Farewell Service in Coventry  
Cathedral.

- Wednesday 10th: 10.30a.m. Holy Communion.  
 Women's Fellowship, 2.30 p.m. (see article).
- Sunday 14th: TRINITY VI. 9a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns.
- Wednesday 17th: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.30pm. Women's Fellowship.
- Thursday 18th: W.I. Garden Party, 7.30 p.m. at Ladbroke House.
- Sunday 21st: TRINITY VII. (anticipating St. Mary Magdalen's Day). 9a.m. Holy Communion. 11a.m. Sung Mattins with Simple Communion.
- Wednesday 24th: 10.30a.m. Holy Communion (Women's Fellowship Corporate Communion).
- Thursday 25th: St. JAMES THE APOSTLE. 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.
- Sunday 28th: TRINITY VIII. 9a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns.
- Wednesday 31st: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

#### AUGUST DIARY

Saturday 3rd: Car Boot Sale, Bell Inn Rear Car Park.

#### CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

July 7th, Mrs. White. July 14th, Mrs. Frost.  
 July 21st, Mrs. Chaplin. July 28th, Mrs. Veel.  
 August 4th, Mrs. Parker.

#### LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

Work is well underway on transforming the entrance lobby but, as usual, extra help would always be appreciated. Please contact either John Liverton or me to find out which evenings working parties will take place, if you are interested.

August 3rd is the date of the Car Boot Sale, to take place in the car park behind the Bell Inn, by kind permission of the landlord. Reserve your pitch NOW: £3.00 a car. Later on, in the evening, there will be a Family Barbecue at the Village Hall. Please watch notice boards nearer the time for more details.

MIKE TODMAN.

THE LADBROKE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We began our June meeting with a short service in Church taken by the Rector. He spoke about our love for the Church. One way we show this is by decorating it with flowers.

This was followed by Mrs. Beryl Darkes giving us a demonstration of flower arranging on a pedestal. The result was beautiful - consisting of various flowers and different kinds of greenery. We were greatly indebted to Mrs. Darkes for giving us a very pleasant and interesting evening. Afterwards we went to the home of Mrs. Stubbs for coffee.

It was decided that the money we raised at the recent coffee morning should go to the Church, towards the cost of mending the bars on the outer door of the Church porch.

It is a year since Canon Fishley visited us, and we are looking forward to seeing him again on 10th July. The meeting will be at 2.30 p.m., either at Mrs. Betty Winkfield's or Mrs. June Barnett's. N. STUBBS.

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Fur boots and sheepskin jackets were the order of the day when a party of W.I. members travelled to Edgebaston for the Women's Tennis Tournament. Despite the cold weather, we had a full day's tennis, and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

On 19th June we had the pleasure of entertaining our friends from the Christopher Wren Ward at Hatton Hospital. We met at Walworth Farm, home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Moore, where Mrs. Moore kindly showed us around the farm. Having said goodbye to the animals, we met up again at the Village Hall for tea and a chat.

Our York trip will take place on Sunday 7th July, leaving Deppers Bridge at 7.40 a.m., the School House Ladbroke at 7.45 a.m., and Market Hill, Southam, at 7.55 a.m.

The annual Garden Party will take place in the garden of Ladbroke House - the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norgate -

on Thursday 18th July at 7.30 p.m. Please give your support, and help to make this a happy and successful evening. All proceeds from the stalls and the refreshments will be given to the Myton Hospice.

G. GOULD.

## HARBURY CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

13th, 14th and 15th JULY

To everyone helping with the Festival.....

We are intending to make all the preparations on Monday 8th July at 10 a.m., so that we can concentrate on arranging the flowers on Friday 12th July, starting at 10.30a.m. We will need lots of help on both days, so that we can put on a super display and help to make the whole weekend a great success. If you can spare an hour or two, either arranging or helping with the very necessary work on the Monday, we would be extremely grateful.

Great expense is being incurred, so any extra flowers and the very necessary foliage which you can spare from your own garden will be most helpful - even one or two flowers, sprays of foliage and flowering shrubs, or large leaves, would be very welcome. Flowers needed - ROSES - red (Super Star or similar), pink, white, cream, gold: HYDRANGEAS - mauve and clear bright blue: GOLDEN ROD: MARIGOLDS: CORN-FLOWERS: CAMPANULA - tall pale blue spikes, smaller purple blue flowers: ALCHEMILLA MOLLIS: DELPHINIUMS.

If you could also 'condition' your offerings in the following ways, this would save a lot of work, and help to make the arrangements last longer:

All the woody stems - flowers and foliage -  
bash the bottom inch or so with a hammer.

All green leaves, submerge in water for a few hours.

Stand all flowers in deep water for as long as possible before bringing them on Thursday 11th.

Could we also ask that all ladies who offered to arrange flowers on Friday 12th July let us have at least two buckets (marked clearly with their names)

at the Church before Friday morning, so that the flowers can be sorted before arranging begins.

If you have any queries, please ring me on 613497, or Bertha Kettle on 613878, or Jo House on 613892.

SYLVIA BURDETT

### FREE CHURCH SERVICE

This month the Free Church Family Service is on Sunday 21st July. It has been transferred from the second to the third Sunday for July only, because of the All Saints' Flower Festival.

The preacher will be Mr. Alan Mitchell, who lives in Harbury and is a member of the Baptist Church and a former missionary. Everyone is welcome at the service, which usually has something for all ages. Please join our fellowship at Harbury Church at 2.30 p.m. ITJ.

### HARBURY P.T.A.

Our Pirate Ship was runner-up to the Folk Club's float on Carnival Day. Well done, Folk Club, who also had the pirate theme. It was a lot of fun doing the float, which was assembled on the morning of the day using a variety of materials as well as many paintings done by the children at the school. It was a pity that we had to limit "Long John" Kemsley's crew to helpers only, otherwise we could have lost somebody overboard! We also came third in the Fancy Dress section, which was judged in the main ring on the playing fields - a pleasing result!

The Computer Evening was very interesting for those wanting to see what the school was up to, and how the equipment was being used. Some 50 persons were able to try out the 12 computers on display, which were demonstrating simple educational programs to an application on the Domesday Project being conducted by Nigel Chapman's class. Many thanks to all who helped and participated. We do hope that now some of the parents are not too far behind their children's computer know-how!

Don't forget the Barbecue on 13th July at the

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School. If there are any tickets left, they are £3.25 each, and Colin Oliver has them, so please apply now if you require them.

100 Club Winners were Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner and Mr. and Mrs. Barnes. KEN STEPHENSON.

### 1st HARBURY SCOUTS

#### CAMP

On Saturday 25th May, 20 Scouts and several helpers set off to Welford on Avon for the Summer Camp. The track leading to the camp was, to say the least, hazardous, and whilst picking my way very carefully in the borrowed works van, a pear tree decided to shed a branch, causing £150 worth of damage. The pitching of tents had hardly begun before it became obvious that the matter of the van was just the beginning! and that any schedule could now be thrown to the wind. One Scout was a bit too zealous with his pen-knife and had to be taken to Stratford Hospital to wait 3 hours to have his hand stitched. I returned to Camp quite prepared to forget what had gone before and make a fresh start - however, this was not to be as we progressed to a splinter in an eye, a black eye, a dog in one of the tents in the middle of the night, suspected ripped stitches (unfounded!), thunder, lightning, torrential rain, and other sundry setbacks. By Monday I was wondering if it would be possible to escape without anyone missing me before I was out of enemy territory.

I'm glad to say things did improve, and spirits rose with the sun. Attacks were made on the surrounding countryside by canoe and walking boots, and the camp became a real hive of activity. John Hancock had planned an excellent hike which covered approximately 10 miles, and this was undertaken by all the Scouts in three separate parties. Bob Wilkins came for the beginning of the week, and helped out with the canoeing and demonstrated some very interesting new techniques - but I don't think Bob will forgive me if I go into those now. Alan Webb came on Wednesday, and went on two expeditions up river, taking eight lads at a time.



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Despite being a very young troop, the boys did very well - walking ten miles in very warm weather, canoeing for up to five hours, cooking all their own meals, keeping the camp site immaculate, and generally being very well-behaved.

This was my first camp and I considered things weren't going too badly when three lads who were taken ill - one with a beautiful case of chickenpox - refused to be brought home.

Finally, thanks to Colin Ingram, Tony Bastin, Len Faulkner and Mr. Sedgley for help towards the catering, John Hancock for a great hike, Alan, Ian and Bob for canoeing, Keith Hayes and Mike Pallott for all their help in general - apart from Mike's positioning of the toilet tent. We didn't realise that a visit to the loo would need hiking boots and compass bearings! Thanks also to Tim, John, Jeff and Steve for all their help (especially camp songs??) and to Ian Critchley's story telling - we are now all experts on Pooh Bear! J.J.V.H. (Skip)

### BARBECUE

This is to be held on Friday 19th July, at 7.30 p.m. at Leamington House, Church Street. It is to celebrate 20 years of Scouting in Harbury, and the 75th Anniversary of the Guide movement.

Tickets are £2.50 for adults and £2.00 for others, and are available from Ken Hughes (612273), Sue Jones (613261), Jean Dunn (613576) or Ken Stephenson (612537).

### TENNIS

JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS: A reminder that the Boys' Doubles will be on Saturday 6th July from 9a.m. onwards, and the Girls' Doubles will be on Sunday 7th July from 2 p.m. onwards. Mixed doubles will be from 5p.m. on Friday 19th July. On that same evening it is hoped to run a Short-Tennis tournament for the beginners' group and to end the evening with food and drink in the Tennis Club Room (be prepared to each bring along some food!). The finals of the tournaments will be held in September.

Details of Leamington tournaments are available at Club

sessions: if interested, please note the dates and sign your names as soon as possible.

SHORT-TENNIS: Are any children aged 9 and under (not members of the Junior Tennis Club) interested in a short-tennis course? This game is played indoors with a soft ball. The course will be in the Village Hall from Monday 29th July through to Friday 2nd August, each day between 10 and 11 a.m. The cost (to cover the hire of the hall and equipment) will be 75p per session (£3.75 for all 5 sessions). Names as soon as possible to Rosemary Ottewill, 43 Mill Street (613402) or Sue Chaplin (612758).

STOP PRESS: Harbury won 7-2 in the match against Southam on 22nd June.

### MINI AND JUNIOR RUGBY

With two months lost through bad weather, most of the activity for the Mini section came in March and April with Festivals at S. Leicester and Banbury, plus an evening floodlit match at Stratford, played in driving snow but enjoyed by all - I think!

The U13s entertained Morryston RFC from Swansea and were narrowly beaten by them, but they have been invited to Wales in October and hope to avenge the defeat then.

Our end-of-season 'Fun Evening' rounded off the season, with Most Improved Player awards going to Linden McDonald, Keiron Youngman, Simon Boyland, Stephen Mazurek, Paul Birch and Colin Green, and Clubman awards being presented to Richard Mazurek, Hamish Munton, Sam Butler, Edward Wilkins, Simon Grinnell and Gary Forgan.

Unfortunately the U15s have suffered through lack of numbers and regular coaching, while the U16s (one of the strongest teams in the county in their age group) have won most matches, but have suffered from a lack of games due to 'cryoffs' by other Clubs.

The Junior Awards Evening plus Disco for members and friends will be in July - date to be notified later. Registration/first training session: Sun.8th Sept. 10.30a.m., Clubhouse, for U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, 16/17.

THE HARBURY CARNIVAL 1985

Another successful Carnival - thanks to you, the people of Harbury. Proceeds are in excess of £1200 (which compares very favourably with previous years), and will go to the Village Hall Committee, where I understand they are to be channelled into improving the loos - a very worthwhile and necessary - if rather basic - cause.

I am very grateful to my colleagues on the Carnival Committee for their enthusiasm, assistance and hard work throughout the 'Carnival Campaign' which spans most of the year. We in turn are grateful to you all for your efforts in building floats, creating and manning stalls etc. etc. We hope that you found it rewarding, and that you and your families enjoyed both Carnival Week and the Carnival itself.

Incidentally, Steve Chaplin is the current guardian/minder of a child's red shoe and 3 rosettes. If you have lost a small shoe, or if you won a fancy dress or float prize and did not receive a rosette, please contact Steve on 612758.

This has been my last year on the Carnival Committee. Having served for ten years, I am now giving way to youth and beauty in the shapely form of Sue Andrews. I wish her and the new Committee every success in future Carnivals.

KEITH THOMPSON.

RESULTS

Decorated Float: 1. Folk Club. 2. PTA. 3. W.I.

Trade Section: 1. Shakespeare. 2. Bishops Bowl Lakes.  
3. East Midlands Electricity Board.

Children's Float: 1. Playgroup. 2. Brownies. 3.

The Playbus.

Bicycle, Pram etc: 1. Ricki Neill. 2. Helen and Isobel Clark. 3. The Halford family.

Horse drawn, mounted or led: 1. Solid Fuel Advisory Council. 2. Radford Semele Traction Engine.

(Special thanks to Tim Percival for his organisation and planning, and encouraging people to enter floats)

Soap Box Derby: Race One: 1. Nigel & Martin Emeney.

2. Chris Smith & Ross Bastin. 3. Richard Appleton & Sam Butler.

Race Two: 1. Nigel & Martin Emeney. 2. David Smith & Dylan Adams.

3. Giles Hibbert & Nicholas Worrall.



(Picture by John Birnie)

(Picture by Mike Bloxham)



(left) Warwickshire  
Police Economy  
Drive?

(bottom left) The  
Cubs in Oliver Twist

(right) The Neill  
family took first  
place for the  
decorated bicycle/  
pram.

(below) The Harbury  
Morris Dancers parade  
along Farm Street.



Pictures  
by  
Mike  
Bloxxham.



Fancy Dress:

Under Fives: Sally van Hoorebeck (Toadstool), Oliver Smith (Clown) and Vicky Southam.

5 to 7: Alex Wade (HMS Victory), Gareth Faulkner (Action Man), and Matthew Knight (Oxo).

8 to 10: Mark van Hoorebeck (Pearly King), Helen Warner (Worzel Gummidge and Aunt Sally), and John Russell (Spaceman) and Liam Morgan (Hulk).

11 to 17: Paul Dugan (Scarecrow), Clare Ferbister and Lucinda McLaughlin (Strawberry Switchblade).

Adults: Cub Leaders (Oliver Twist Characters), W.I. (Hi De Hi), and PTA (Pirates).

Pet Portraits: Puppy belonging to Jenny Evans.

Lucky Programme Draw: Clarkson, Simcock, Waddell, Okell, Sandra Young, Bunting, Gulliver.

Blanket Draw: Ticket No. 239 (tel. 613553).

Motor Cycle Balancing Game: Older group - Gavin Spencer (103.39). Younger group - Daniel Chimes (9.93),

Mystery Tour Winners: see Harbury Society article.

'Find your Way round the Pubs' winner: Christine Upton

PTA Nautical Feelies: adult winner, Sue Ingram. Child winner, Jane Archer.

CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

1st	Mark Wright	18min.27	21	Leah Wallington	31min.08
2nd	Shaun Geary	18min.47	22	Vicky Hayes	31min.28
3rd	David Wurr	18min.54	23	Jonathon Brain	33min.08
4th	Stephen Hancock	19min.18	24	Colin Rowell	33min.42
5th	James Mayer	19min.42	25	Dominic Travis	33min.46
6th	Vincent Crossan	20min.35	26	Martin Taylor	34min.48
7th	Jane Hancock	21min.04	27	Lisa Tebaldi	35min.32
8th	Roy Coupe	23min.09		Michelle Waggett	
9th	Wendy Ottewill	23min.22	28	Melanie Savage	35min.52
10	Richard Mills	23min.27	29	Emma Finch	36min.33
11	Anthony Savage	23min.56	30	Shane Exton	37min.13
12	Nathan Smith	24min.18	31	Christopher Cowan	37min.44
13	Vanessa Smith	24min.26	32	Jeremy Hayes	39min.39
14	Mr. Youngman	24min.42	33	Adrian Exton	39min.40
15	Steven Thompson	26min.50	34	Lucy Thompson	40min.40
16	Christopher Smith		35	Jeannette Andrews	41min.32
	James Cowan	27min.00	36	Ben Rowell	41min.33
17	Simon Grinnell	27min.45	37	Steven Want	41min.34
18	Ian McDonald	29min.16		Mr. Rowell	
19	Richard Appleton	29min.28	38	Hazel Want	41min.35
20	Kieran Youngman	29min.37	39	Leon Byles	44min.10

CARNIVAL SPORTS DAY RESULTS - SUNDAY 2nd JUNE 1985

<u>RACE</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>THIRD</u>
100 metres	9-10	Ian Leonard Richard Mills	Kathryn McDonald Claire Ingram	Nicola Cadogan Adrian Exton
	11-12	Simon Grinnell	Steven Thompson	Adrian Taylor/ Guy Taylor
	13-15	Vanessa Smith	Sacha Lee	Tracey Taylor
3-legged sack	7-8	Leah Wallington & Vicky Hayes	Lucy Thompson & Hazel Want	Simon Wurr & Peter Chaplin
	9-10	Adrian Exton & Jeremy Hayes	Kathryn McDonald & Nicola Cadogan	Richard Appleton & William Stringer
	11-12	Christopher Smith & Steffan Adams	Lloyd Byles & Mark Hayes	-
	13-15	Adrian Taylor & Simon Grinnell	Steven Thompson & Emma Finch	Sacha Lee & Sally Barrett
	Adult	Mr. Ankers & Mr. Birnie	Robert & Diane Ralphs	Sharron Andrews & Mark Hollis
Flat race	U.5	Joanne Chaplin	Peter Evans	Craig Youngman
	5	Leon Byles	Fiona Putnam	Gavin Petch
	6	Eleanor Farnsworth	Matthew Knight	Timothy Wurr
	7-8	Shane Exton	Leah Wallington	Douglas Putnam
Slow bicycle	U.5	Gavin Petch	Leon Byles/ Craig Youngman	Fiona Putnam
	8-9	Richard Appleton	Vicky Hayes	Christopher Cowen
	9-10	Adrian Exton	Jeremy Hayes	Dominic Travis
	11	Steffan Adams	Lloyd Byles	Lucy Knight
	12-13	Ian McDonald	Craig Wilkins	Dylan Adams
100m.bicycle	6-8	Vicky Hayes	Dominic Travis	Simon Wurr
	9-11	Lloyd Byles	Christopher Smith	Mark Hayes/Richard Mills
	U.13	Jason Wilkins	Ian McDonald	David Smith
Backward race	U.5	Joanne Chaplin	Craig Youngman	Helen Davis
	6-7	Leon Byles	Colin Rowell	Matthew Knight
	8-9	Shane Exton	Vicky Hayes	Richard Appleton
	10-11	Lloyd Byles	Mark Hayes	Gary Overton
	U.13	Simon Grinnell	Emma Finch	Steven Thompson
	U.15	Shaun Smith	Vincent Crossan	Jason Wilkins
Obstacle race	U.5	Rebecca Okell	Joanne Chaplin	Craig Youngman
	5	Fiona Putnum	Gavin Petch	Robert Andrews/ Ben Rowell
	6	Timothy Wurr	Eleanor Farnsworth	Kirstie Taylor
	7	Dominic Travis	Jeanette Andrews	Drina Youngman
	8	Leah Wallington	Cathy Crute	Shane Exton
	9	William Stringer	Kieran Youngman	Richard Appleton
	10	Kathryn McDonald	Richard Mills	Jonathon Brain
	11	Lloyd Byles	Mark Hayes	Steffan Adams
	12-13	Steven Thompson	Wendy Ottewill	Emma Finch
	U.15	Shaun Smith	Lana Marsh	Jane Hancock
	100 metres	Men	Mark Wright	Shaun Smith
Women		Sharon Andrews	Maria Byles	Jenny Evans
200 metres	U.10	Richard Mills	Kieran Youngman	Jeremy Hayes
	11	Lloyd Byles	Guy Taylor	Mark Hayes
	12-13	Adrian Taylor	Simon Grinnell	Wendy Ottewill

GRATEFUL THANKS TO THOSE PARENTS AND FRIENDS WHO HELPED IN MANY WAYS TO MAKE THE SPORTS SO SUCCESSFUL - AND SPECIAL THANKS TO MR. OLIVER FOR THE LOAN OF EQUIPMENT.

MOTHERS' UNION

Our meeting in June was the AGM, and Esme Churchill was elected as our new Branch Leader with Pam Clarke as Deputy. Shirley Keir and Margaret Rigden are now Secretary and Treasurer, and Barbara Sutton and Jenny Ingram complete the Committee of six. We wish them every success during the next 3 years. Our next meeting, on 3rd July, is a Garden Meeting at 11 Constance Drive, when we hope the Young Wives will join us.

On Tuesday 11th June, ten members from Harbury joined the Southam Deanery for a trip to Lincoln. The weather stayed fine until our return journey, and we were unanimous in our pleasure at seeing Lincoln Cathedral for the first time. Perched high on its hill overlooking the City, it dominates the skyline for many miles. Inside it has few tombs or monuments to mar the impression of vast, echoing space. It was well worth the steep climb up to see this great medieval building. The City is full of interesting buildings, including the Castle with its unique 19th century Prison Chapel, and several fine examples of Norman buildings.

S.K.

HARBURY W.I.

At the last meeting local resident Lin Hayes gave an interesting talk about lace making. Her own interest in this centuries-old craft started about 9 years ago. Although the craft is too intricate to demonstrate to a large audience, Lin was able to explain some of the techniques and attractive applications involved, with examples of her own work and a scaled-up model of bobbins and thread.

Members are reminded that the cheese & wine evening and sale of work in aid of Myton Hospice is on 11th July at 7.45 p.m.

HEATHER HAWKINS, 612493.

SENIOR CITIZENS' OUTING

Our yearly outing was on 12th June, with 2 coachloads leaving the village at 9a.m., all prepared for the rain promised by the forecast, but in good spirits. We had a good drive through lovely countryside, and arrived at Weston-super-Mare around 12.45. It was

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still fine but windy and, as to be expected at Weston, the tide was right out. The only living things on the sand were the ponies and donkeys, and their owners, and they were all bunched up together.

By the time we had walked along the prom, we saw the tide had turned and was coming in fast, so some of us went along the pier and watched it come in. The wind was getting stronger. It was fascinating watching the big rollers hitting against the pier and up to the beach. Although the sun was shining, we had to find shelter as the sand was blowing everywhere, and we were very pleased to see the coaches arrive to take us home.

On the way back we stopped at the Wheatsheaf Inn at Badsey, where Ron and Andrea who kept the Shakespeare in Harbury now live. They made us very welcome, and we enjoyed the break.

We had a really nice day in spite of the wind and sand and would like to say a big thank you to all who work so hard to make our outings possible. Thank you all very much.  
L. LAWSON.

#### HARBURY FOLK CLUB

Thanks are due to numerous people who helped design, equip, build and sail the good ship 'Golden Behind', with which we won first prize for Decorated Floats. Although so many people were involved, a special mention must go to Peter Bones who master-minded the project and sacrificed a garden fence!

On 6th June at our monthly meeting in the Old New Inn, the lounge bar was absolutely packed, and we had a record number of people prepared to sing or play. In addition to our local singers, we had a number of guests - Rob and Sally Randall and Sandy Devine from Stratford Folk Club, and Ian and Sue Hartland of the Harvester. As always, my thanks to all performers, and apologies to those who didn't get a chance.

Because there is no meeting in August, our 4th July session brings the Club's first 'season' to an end. I shall be taking the 'guest' spot myself, and Gerda has kindly offered to comper the evening. The music starts at 8.30 p.m.  
PETER McDONALD, 613730.

Two events this month - our Summer Production and a Jumble Sale with a difference.

You are warmly invited to our "Suppertime Interlude" on Saturday 6th July in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. (PLEASE NOTE: only one performance this time - no Thursday or Friday). First you will be entertained by Mary Shelley's production of "The Dear Departed", a highly amusing little piece about family jealousies and squabbles. Then you will be served Supper, and the bar will be open. After supper, members of the Group, under the direction of Beryl Sheasby and to the accompaniment of Keith Burford on the organ, will take you back to the days of the Music Hall, for a feast of well-loved songs. What better way to spend a Summer's evening? Tickets available as usual from Mr. Lindop, The Drug Store, Chapel Street, or by ringing 612175.

With all the 'Sold' boards there are around the village, lots of you must have plenty of jumble you'd love to clear out from your attics, garages and cupboards. Or maybe you have some really good things - too good for jumble - that you'd like to sell? Harbury Theatre Group can solve all your problems!!

On Friday 12th July, at 7 p.m. in the Wight School we are holding a combined Jumble and Car Boot sale. We'll get rid of your jumble - you sell the rest for yourself from your car boot. Pitches must be booked - £2.50 - please ring 612790. And for jumble collection, ring 613214, 612869, 612175, or 612790. DIANA HOLT.

#### FAMILY PICNIC

A Family Picnic is being held on Saturday 20th July, beginning at 2.30 p.m. The location is fields owned by David and Pam Clarke, between Deppers Bridge and Bishops Itchington. The proceedings will be led by Ivor Cooper and Phil Overton - many children will remember them from the days of the Dynamite Club. Everyone is most welcome, and parking is available. For maps and further information, please ring one of the following: 613340, 613390, 612486.

### HARBURY SOCIETY

The Mystery Tour was very well supported this year, despite the weather. It was also super difficult. The winners gained only 31½ marks out of 50, which gives some measure of the difficulty. However, most people said they enjoyed it. I was particularly pleased with the reports that Mrs. Watts entered into the spirit of the thing, and I hope the Rector didn't mind being one of the clues. Only the winners, Nicky Knight and her son, spotted that exactly one third of the 21 homes in The Beeches did not have beeches! Sheila Scott and Rosemary Ottewill came second, with Kathleen and Roger Ellis third. Tracey White and Claire Finch were runners up in the Children's competition. My heartfelt thanks go to everyone who helped - Rosemary, Jenny Scott, Emma Finch - and to Keith Thompson and Steve Chaplin to whom I award the Grand Order of the Pinny for their tireless washing-up.

The Carnival Stall made about £75, thanks to the generosity of the village and the efforts of the helpers, especially Ess Picken, Dorothy Noden and Mrs Bryne, Viv Aggett, John Cowan, Tim Millington, Rhian Kelsall, and many others. There were lots of excellent bargains, but we seem to have almost exhausted the village supply of old china, so it has been suggested that we collect beads and unwanted jewelry for 1986.

This year the Society Picnic, a social event for members only, will take place on Sunday 7th July. Please will someone remember to bring a corkscrew?

This will be the last event before the summer break. We plan a talk in September or October on the Great Western Railway.

Anyone who has not paid their Annual Subscription of £1 can contact the Treasurer at 13 Wagstaffe Close, (612814). LINDA RIDGLEY.

### A VISITOR FROM CALIFORNIA

We extend a very warm welcome to Mickey Gough and hope she enjoys her 3 weeks among us, and that the weather improves while she is here!

She cared for a young Harburian during his stay in USA 2 years ago, and is now enjoying seeing his home, and meeting his friends.

## LOCAL RAMBLING GROUP'S INAUGURAL WALK

At a public meeting held in Southam on 21st May, a local branch of the Ramblers' Association was formed. A steering committee has quickly got things going, the first walk on 16th June occurred too early for inclusion in Harbury News. About 20 members met at Wood Street carpark in pleasant summer weather, and had a leisurely afternoon stroll of about five miles via Stoneythorpe and Bascote. It was a real family occasion with plenty of time to chat and drink in the pastoral scene.

The next walk on 30th June should appeal to Harbury walkers. Meet at Harbury Parish Church at 2.20 p.m. for a six mile ramble led by Mr. John Richards.

Walk number 3 is on 14th July. Meet at Wood Street carpark, Southam, at 10 a.m. for a local walk of 10 miles covering Stockton/Napton areas. Leader, Steve Wallsgrove. Packed Lunch advised.

Walk number 4 is on 28th July. Meet at Wood Street carpark at 10 a.m., from where cars will be shared to Hornton, North Oxfordshire, to link up with Warwick Group. Distance of walk, approx. 10 miles. Packed lunch optional. Leader Mr. Peter Larkin. If you wish to travel direct, meet at the public house at Hornton at 10.45 a.m.

IT IS REGRETTED THAT DOGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON ORGANISED WALKS.

Contact Dennis or Hazel Montgomery on Southam 4654 for further information. J.L.H.

## SOUTHAM AREA SWIMMING POOL ASSOCIATION

Cool weather on 4th May kept crowd numbers down for our Donkey Derby. Fortunes were not made, but £400 was raised. At the AGM on 4th June (clashing with Harbury's Mystery Tour) the following were elected: Chairman, Robert Reading (21 Little Park, Southam 4530); Secretary, Bransby Thomas; Treasurer, Pat Duffin; Vice-Chairman, Richard Cox. So far £6202 has been raised towards the goal of £20,000. Our next fundraising event is the Fun Run on 7th July - see posters around the village for details. J.L.H.

NOT AN UGLY DUCKLING ....

The Chesterton swans caused a few anxious moments in May as the female just kept sitting on her nest. Well past last year's hatching time, the vigil went on. Perhaps it was our particularly unseasonable early summer weather. On about 3rd June (according to usually reliable observers) six cygnets hatched. I first saw the brood on 7th June. It was a warm, damp morning. Only three cygnets remained on view (the remainder had apparently succumbed to predators). They were grey and about the size of cricket balls. The parents looked serene, oblivious to the decimation of their family (but what predator would tangle with a pair of adult swans?) Now two cygnets are rapidly growing and, if you are prepared to wait awhile, can be spotted in the pool in front of Chesterton Church - usually at the overgrown east end. J.L.H.

HARBURY & DISTRICT NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES' REGISTER

First I would like to extend a big thank you to Heather Hawkins who has been the local organiser for the past year. She took over the group when it was about to fold up, and since then it has steadily gone from strength to strength, so that now we have a flourishing group of over 20 members. Thanks also go to Anne Greenwell, who has just retired as Treasurer and also to Fiona Pidgeon who ran the Book Group.

Our busy programme of regular meetings has included Adoption and Fostering, The Press, the Use of Computers in Business, a Quiz Evening, and various social events. We also hold a monthly coffee morning where children are welcome.

The next meeting, on 15th July, is an Open Evening. There will be a bring & buy cake stall and a raffle. All proceeds from this will be donated to the Southam Swimming Pool fund. The meeting is open to non-members and everyone is welcome. Venue: 18 Farley Avenue, 8pm.

For further information on meetings, please contact Sue Roberts, 612920.

Book Group: This is affiliated to Harbury NHR, and meets monthly at members' homes, at 8 p.m. We discuss a book which we have all read during the previous month. The books we have chosen for September,

October, November and December respectively are "Changing Places and Small World" by David Lodge, "In the Springtime of the Year" by Susan Hill, "Ebony Tower" by John Fowks, and "The Dillen" by Angela Hewins, all of which are available in paperback. Please phone Anne Warhurst on 613110 for details of dates and venues of meetings.

### THE ROAD TO SOLO KHUMBU AND BEYOND

Arrival at the small airport on the outskirts of Kathmandu comes as a relief after a long tiring flight. A warm afternoon sun and hazy mountain vistas greet the visitor, mitigating his annoyance at first being delayed by the customs and then having to take an uncomfortable and crowded bus ride into the centre of town. One day in the "hub-bub" of the city suffices for the completion of trekking formalities. Buses depart every morning, going both east and west along Nepal's two main arterial roads. The traveller to Everest must journey over 100 kilometres to the last town on the road heading west.

An early morning start from Jiri provides fine views of the town as the path winds its way up a steep hill. The early morning sun rises over the sleepy bazaar town; seven days of hard walking lie ahead of the trekker wishing to reach Namche Bazaar, capital of Sherpa country. The traveller could be caught unawares by the sustained uphill sections which dominate each day's walking. The Lamjura and Trakshindo Passes tire locals and visitors alike.

Accommodation along the trail is provided by local tea houses, which often sport the all-too-familiar title 'Hotel'. These vary in quality, but all provide basic accommodation. Food on such an exhausting journey is the overriding concern, and the only encouragement to continue. A basic diet of boiled potatoes and noodles may often be supplemented with such luxuries as eggs, apple pie, pancakes and chips.

The landscape changes as the trail winds its way north. The lush, rolling foothills of Jiri, populated by Gurkhas, give way to the desolate and craggy mountains near Namche, a change marked most visibly by the appearance of yak trains on the track north.

High peaks surround Namche Bazaar. Behind the ridge under which this rugged town nestles, a range of the world's highest peaks may be seen. Care must be taken at this stage to acclimatise adequately to the rapid rises in altitude. The unwary trekker could easily fall prey to the potentially fatal condition called altitude sickness.

The walk to the Buddhist monastery at Tengboche is probably the most scenic stretch of the journey. In the early morning, before the mist swirls in, Everest and Lhotse and Ama Dablam may be seen. The afternoon are cold and miserable. Visibility drops to a few feet as the land is enveloped in a swirling mist. Everest may be seen at its most majestic early in the morning, surrounded by a ring of other snowy peaks.

The path continues up to the edge of the mighty Khumbu Icefall, then picks a careful route on the edges of the piles of lateral moraine. Temperatures drop very low at night: an early morning start means invariably frozen limbs. For a short period the sun reflects off the vast expanse of snow on Nptse's west face. Gorak-Shep, the last outpost of human habitation before Everest and then Tibet, is the last port of call. A poorly built stone shack provides meagre shelter against the elements for pilgrims to the foot of the world's highest mountain. A 3 hour walk through the awe-inspiring ice seracs of the upper ice-fall, surreal landscapes of ice sculptures and a visit to base camp rewards the trekker who ventures this far into the ice-fall. If all this isn't enough, the mountain above Gorak-Shep may be scaled to obtain one of the best views of the south west face of Everest. Such experiences can only be capped by a week in Kathmandu, visiting the Buddhist temples and sampling the food from a multitude of Tibetan and ethnic restaurants. DAVID EDWARDS.

### DO YOU WASH THE CAR ON A SUNDAY?

Cut the lawn? Visit the family? Call in at the local? Go to church? Read the papers? It's unlikely your answer will be "Go to work". Because Sunday is the one day when most of us have the FREEDOM to do as we please - because the law defends our right to a day of rest.

30. We could be about to LOSE this right, if the Government's plan to end Sunday trading restrictions is allowed to go through.

All the big chains - Woolworths, Sainsburys, Tesco-Queensway etc - have said they will open on Sunday to maintain their market shares. Inevitably they will in time refuse to employ anyone who will not join the Sunday working rota.

And if shops are open, delivery drivers, car park attendants, bank clerks, traffic wardens, bus drivers....all will also be forced to work. Many of these - especially the shopworkers - are poorly paid, and Sunday trading will discriminate against them. Can you really see the big stores paying staff 'double time' for working Sundays, or is it more realistic to believe they will employ part-time staff, i.e. housewives, who will work Sunday for 'pin money'.

In many homes there will be no day when all the family can be at home together - mother may well be working on the one day the rest of the family is at home. Family life is bound to suffer.

People living near shopping centres will be robbed of their one day of peace and quiet: city centre churches will suffer if people cannot park nearby to attend services.

Of course, Christians want to keep Sunday special because it IS special - it is a HOLY-DAY, and has been for centuries. Are the arguments in favour of Sunday trading really sufficiently valid to destroy such a precious tradition?

The only people who really WANT Sunday trading (and who are undoubtedly putting their weight and money behind the Government's campaign) are the large DIY and Garden Centres. Food and other shops agree the costs (and therefore prices) will rise - people will only spend the same in 7 days as they do in 6 - and certainly small shopkeepers are opposed to unrestricted hours, as they need a day off, and cannot possibly compete with big chains with large staffs.

Opposing this small group who WANT Sunday trading the huge majority who NEED that special day of freedom and rest. If the balance between work and relaxation is lost, life will become more monotonous.

and stressful for us all - a high price to pay for 31  
Sunday trading.

If you want to keep Sunday special, write and tell  
our MP NOW: Alan Howarth MP, The House of Commons,  
Westminster, London SW1A 0AA. DIANA HOLT.

### PLACES TO GO

In hopeful anticipation of a summer season, we would appreciate help with this feature. Has anyone visited Ironbridge lately, or Alton Towers, or Twycross Zoo, or anywhere they found interesting? Please let us have a brief-account.

Meanwhile, with school holidays looming, a few ideas for entertaining the children might be welcome.

Sometimes we fail to visit things near at hand, so if you haven't visited Warwick Castle, it is well worth doing so. Open every day, with some pleasant picnic areas in the grounds. The main county museum in the Market Square is now a very different place to the dusty dull place of years ago, and particularly good on Warwickshire's geology. The St. John's House branch is a delight, where children can explore a Victorian nursery, schoolroom and kitchen, and there is a splendid collection of old musical instruments. In the front hall is a most beautiful doll's house, a perfect model in every detail of a Victorian household, made recently by a girl on a MSC scheme, which should not be missed.

If your children are keen on animals, the Cotswold Farm Park, Guiting Power near Stow on the Wold, should appeal. They have a large collection of rare breeds of farm animals in a beautiful setting, and there is a picnic area. The Cotswold Wild Life Park at Burford has 200 acres of gardens with a wide variety of animals including a reptile house and an aquarium. There is also an adventure playground and a narrow-gauge railway.

The more mechanically minded should enjoy a trip to the Museum of British Road Transport at Coventry. Open every day, it has over 400 cars, commercial vehicles and motorcycles on display.

An excellent place to relax while the children wear themselves out rather than you, is Ragley Hall near Alcester. The adventure wood near the picnic area and lake will keep most children happy for hours, MR

IN THE GARDEN

Whether you are looking for ideas or just enjoying the view, visit some of Harbury's lovely gardens on Sat. 13th July, and also see the wonderful display of flowers in Harbury Church - and as a bonus the Craft Show in the Village Hall. As this is such a late wet season, it is not too late to plant again some seeds which failed to germinate. Now is the time to plant leeks and Brussel sprouts, also prepare ground for all winter greens. Keep earthing up potatoes and netting strawberries and raspberries, also currants. Continue planting small rows lettuce and radish. The order of the day is "Keep on hoeing".

W.F.LINES.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Once again I am holding a Produce Stall on the day of the Garden Walkabout, and would be very grateful for donations of cakes and produce. Please contact me if you would like me to collect (612651), and we pray for a fine day. This year, flowers and foliage will be welcome for the Flower Festival - see article on page

Looking ahead, members who put their name down for the visit to the Notcutt Garden Centre on 13th August, please meet at the Village Hall at 6.45 p.m. EDNA LINES.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

Felicity and I would like to express our grateful thanks to all our friends for the kindness shown to us during my recent illness. It is much appreciated.

REG HARRIS.

Dear Editors,

The lighting in Mill Street is very poor between Leycester Close and Chesterton Farm. Cars are often parked on the footpath, and many drivers exceed the speed limit, making the road very dangerous. Hall Lane and Ivy Lane have similar problems.

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A.C.OVER.

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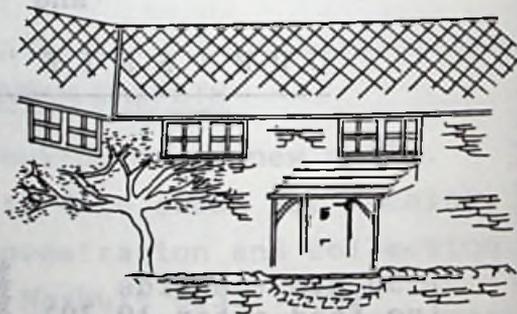
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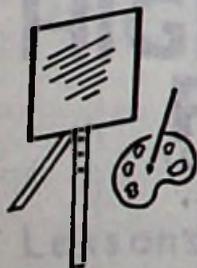


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