

Harbury & Ladbroke News

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Holy Communion - 8.00am
Sung Eucharist - 10.30am
Evensong - 6.30pm (not 3rd Sunday)

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Communion - 11.45am

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APRIL 1986

This issue sees the start of a new year for our advertisers who take space on the colour pages of the magazine. We would like to express our thanks to all the advertisers who appear on these pages; without their support the annual subscription would be much higher. Please remember our advertisers whenever you are looking for any goods or services - and please mention that you saw their advert in this magazine.

Most of us live in Harbury either because we have chosen to do so, or because we belong here. But, whatever the reasons, most of us are proud of the Village, and want to see it thriving. We don't wish to see it turned into a detached suburb of Warwick/Leamington, or of Coventry. It is for this reason that so many people support the wide range of Community activities and clubs here. In the same way, it is important for us to support local shops and services. As a recent letter from Sue Andrews suggested, the advantages of shopping outside the village are illusory and short-sighted. It is important to 'Shop Local'.

Ladbroke is a far smaller village than Harbury. Nevertheless, it is maintaining and developing its community spirit (aided no doubt now by the absence of through traffic). The opening of the new Youth Club - to rival Harbury? - is one example and the ambitious forthcoming Ladbroke Festival is another. Those responsible are to be congratulated - and are worthy of support.

Easter - that very special festival - has come and gone, although hopefully its message stays with us. With the first holiday of the year our thoughts turn to Spring - in spite of the snow on Easter Morning - and we thought that Mike Bloxham's

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photograph of Bill Dugan's crocuses might reassure us that it really is on the way.



HARBURY DIARY

APRIL 1986

- Sun. 6th EASTER I 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong.
- Mon. 7th The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
9.45am Holy Communion followed by Coffee AM in
Church & Jean Rowe's Cycle Ride.
Word of God 8pm at 8 The Beeches.
Prayer/Bible Study 8pm at 77 Mill St.
Prayer & Praise, 17 Farm Street.
- Tues. 8th Harbury Friends 8pm The School.
PCC Wight School 8.15pm.
NHR Book Group at 36 Binswood End, 8pm Discussion of
'Empire of the Sun' by J.G. Ballard.
- Wed. 9th 2.15pm Mothers Union Meeting in Church.
8.15pm Parish Study Course at 13 Mill Street.
- Thurs. 10th Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall.
W.I. 7.45pm in Village Hall.
Youth Club Swimming Trip 6.45pm at Village Hall -
own transport required if you have not paid by
deadline).

- Fri. 11th Over 16s Disco Rugby Club 7.30-11pm. Older members only.
- Sat. 12th Theatre Group Coffe, Cake and Bric-a-Brac Sale 10.30am, Wight School.
- Sun. 13th EASTER II. 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm The Annual Parochial Church Meeting preceded by a short act of worship. 11.30 am Adventurers, V. Hall.
- Mon. 14th 8am Holy Communion (Deanery Chapter).
SCHOOL BEGINS.
Upholstery & Soft Furnishing Classes start Mondays 2-4pm Wight School.
NHR Musical Appreciation, a light-hearted look at different types of music, 16 Park Lane, 8pm.
- Tues. 15th Harbury Nusery Playgroup & Wight School Playgroup Start.
- Thurs. 17th Whist in Village Hall, 7.45pm.
- Fri. 18th Scout Fund Raising Committee 'Wine & Cheese Evening' Courtesy of Drs. J & S Hancock at 32 Mill St. 8pm. Tickets only. £2.50, see article.
- Sat. 19th Tennis Club JUMBLE SALE, 11am in Village Hall.
Youth Club Disco at Village Hall, 7.30-10.45pm.
- Sun. 20th EASTER III. Parish Pilgrimage to Coventry Cathedral for the Sung Eucharist at 10.30am (see separate item).
Conservatives Drinks Party at the Barns, Station Road at Noon.
Southam Swimming Association Fun Run 11.30am.
- Mon. 21st Word of God 3 Vicarage Lane.
Prayer/Bible Study 8pm at 77 Mill Street.
Central Area Youth Committee Meeting, Coten End Youth Centre 7.30pm.
Prayer & Praise, Luddington Lodge.
- Tues. 22nd AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee in the Village Hall.
Senior Citizens Committee, 8.30pm Village Hall.
- Wed. 23rd ST. GEORGES DAY. SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY.
Parish Study Group, 13 Manor Orchard, 8.15pm.
- Thurs. 24th NHR Coffee Morning, 32 Manor Orchard at 10.30am.
Thursday Club 2.30pm Village Hall.
Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall.
- Fri. 25th PTA Folk Evening, Southam School, 8.30pm.
- Sat. 26th STAGE UP IN VILLAGE HALL.
Netball Club Coffee Morning.
Southam Lions Senior Citizens Party, 2.30pm at Southam School. Transport leaves Harbury at 2pm, see separate article.

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- Sun. 27th All Articles for inclusion in May's Harbury News to Editors by Today.
EASTER IV. 8am Holy Communion 10.30am Sung Euchar 6.30pm Evensong.
- Tues. 29th Wight School Playgroup Coffee Morning with "Offspring" Clothes, 10.30am, 5 Ivy Lane.

MAY 1986

- Thurs. 1st St. Philip & St. James Apostles. 9.45am Holy Communion.
Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn, at 8.30pm.
'A Murder has been Announced' by Emlyn Williams, V. Hall.
Mens Group, 7.45pm.
- Fri. 2nd 'A Murder has been announced' by Emlyn Williams, V. Hall (with Bar).
- Sat. 3rd 'A Murder has been announced' by Emlyn Williams, V. Hall (with bar).
- Sun. 4th ROGATION SUNDAY - EASTER V. 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 4pm Rogation Sunday Open Air Service at Deppers Bridge (see separate item)
Bayard Academy Rehearsals in Village Hall.
- Mon. 5th MAY DAY holiday.
- Tues. 6th NHR Book Group Discussion of 'The Colour Purple' by Alice Walker at 47 St. Mary's Close, Southam 8pm.
Horticultural Society 8pm, Wight School - Fruit for Small Gardens - speaker from Barnard's Nursery.
- Wed. 7th YouthClub AGM at Village Hall 8pm.
Parish Study Group, 8.15pm, 13 Mill Street.
- Thurs. 8th ELECTIONS at Village Hall for the District Council.
NO THURSDAY CLUB at Village Hall.
W.I. 7.45pm, Resolutions - NOT IN VILLAGE HALL.
- Sat. 10th NSPCC F U N R U N 3pm (Entries from 2pm at V.Hall)
- Sun. 11th Bayard Academy Rehearsals at Village Hall.
PTA Family Day at Napton.

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

For Village Hall bookings, ring Mr. Harrison - 6138
For Wight School bookings, ring Mrs. Hayes - 6134

REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LADBROKE

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

REGULAR DIARY DATES

FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30pm

2nd Sunday in the month.

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sundays.

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

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

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

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Mondays

BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.

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

PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings.

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

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

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

BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tuesday.

BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.

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

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

YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 7.30 - 9.30pm Wednesdays

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

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

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

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Easter is both a time of joy and of renewal, a time when we celebrate the cornerstone of our faith - the Resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The preparation for this year's Easter was very thoughtfully arranged by the Rector - the highlight (for me) being 'TO THE CROSS' at Ladbroke on Good Friday. Thanks are due to him and to all who took part in the Holy Week and Easter services, and to all those who decorated the churches so beautifully.

We wish Jean Rowe a safe journey for her sponsored cycle ride to Canterbury - do attend the coffee morning following Communion on Monday morning, April 7th, to see her on her way.

Also regarding the family Rowe, best wishes to Stephen and Christine for their wedding on April 5th.

A reminder for the Annual Church Meeting to be held following a shortened 6.30pm service on Sunday April 13th - please make a special effort to attend.

FROM THE RECTOR

Christ is Risen. Alleluia.

Whether you are a Christian or not, the mention of Easter suggests something happy and joyful. If you probe a little deeper it seems that the joy is to be explained in belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ after death on the Cross of Calvary. At that point for some, things begin to be more difficult. They can go along with a Jesus as a good, kind, compassionate, friendly person, but rising from the dead does make it all rather awkward, rather unnatural, a bit beyond our own experience. Make no mistake, it is an attractive proposition and one which most of us would want to believe, yet is it not all rather far-fetched and in this modern age a little too good to be true?

If you think further about these points of view and how it relates to the teaching of the Christian Church, a good starting point is the Gospel account of what happened on and after the First Easter Day. Quite clearly the disciples of Jesus were shattered, overwhelmed with grief and disappointment, brought to a standstill, shocked and full of despair. But then, if we accept what is told us in the Gospel, their hopes revived and they began to realise that the death of Jesus on the Cross was not the end. Jesus made himself known to them and little by little they realised that he had kept his promises. Their grief turned to joy. Yes, says the cynic and the disbeliever, but were they not just explaining things away to cover their disillusionment, putting on a brave face and making the best of a bad job? If that had been their intention they could have dramatised the situation far more and could have devised a resurrection spectacular. Not so, but in a very simple, natural unaffected way, they show how their faith and confidence in the Risen Christ breaks through. They are not deluded, and do not wish to delude others; they are sure that Jesus has risen from the dead and that he will be with them always and forever.

The Gospel is not just a story with a happy ending - it is a story which continues, for it is a record of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the beginning of a new life, an eternal life, which all who believe and trust in Jesus share to the full.

May Jesus, the Prince of Peace, fill you all with joy and hope in believing this Eastertide.

ANTONY ROWE

Parish Pilgrimage to Coventry Cathedral

Most parishes rarely visit Coventry Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Diocese, which is a pity. However on Sunday 20th April, the parishes of Harbury and Ladbroke are to make the journey to the Cathedral and share in the Sung Eucharist at 10.30am. The Provost and the congregation of the Cathedral are delighted we are going and will make us very welcome. We hope, as far as is practicable to go together by coach and the cost per person is only £1.00. There is a list for those wishing to travel by coach in both churches and it would be helpful if names could be given as soon as possible. Those travelling by coach will be back in Harbury and Ladbroke by 1pm.

Rogation Sunday Service

This service will take place, as last year, at Deppers Bridge on the Recreation Ground by kind permission of the Parish Council. It will be at 4 o'clock on Sunday 4th May. In 1985, the service was much appreciated by those who came from Harbury and from Ladbroke as well as those at Deppers Bridge. Once again music will be provided by the Salvation Army. In addition this year, those attending are invited to bring a picnic with them and a group of ladies from Deppers Bridge have very kindly offered to provide cups of tea.

We have permission to park cars on the Recreation Ground.

Ladbroke Flower Festival

When the Festival takes place in September, it is intended to include anyone who is usually involved in arranging flowers in church throughout the year, as well as anyone else who would like to play a part in

this project. With this in mind, an open meeting will be held in Ladbroke Church at 7.30pm on Thursday 17th April. At the meeting, ideas and suggestions are invited, before the planning of the Festival goes forward and all who can help in any way, whether male or female, are urged to come.

Flower Arranging Classes - Ladbroke

Classes for the Spring Term will start on Wednesday April 16th at 7.30pm. The course, consisting of five 2-hour sessions will be held in the Village Hall. All welcome.

HOLY BAPTISM

2nd March.

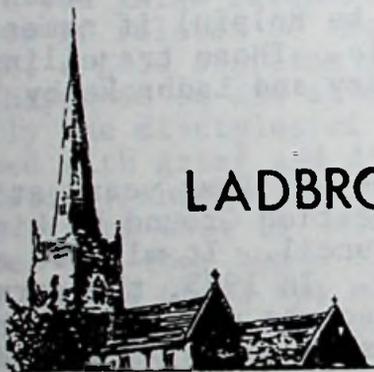
Hollie, daughter of Nicholas and Deborah Joy Leahy, 27 Neales Close.

30th March.

Nicola Jayne, daughter of David and Christine Diane Weaver, 21 Wagstaffe Close.

FUNERAL

10th March. Arthur Leonard Harris, 46 Farley Avenue, Aged 89 years.



LADBROKE NEWS

APRIL DIARY

Wed.	2nd	10.30am Holy Communion.
Sun.	6th	EASTER I. 9am Holy Communion (said), 11am Family Worship.
Mon.	7th	<u>The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u> 10.30am Holy Communion.
Wed.	9th	10.30 am Holy Communion. 2.30pm Women's Fellowship.
Sun.	13th	EASTER II. 9am Holy Communion with Hymns (according to the Book of Common Prayer)
Wed.	16th	10.30am Holy Communion (Women's Fellowship Corporate Communion).

- Thurs. 17th 7.30pm Ladbroke Flower Festival - Open meeting in Church.
- Sun. 20th EASTER III. Pilgrimage to Coventry Cathedral for the Sung Eucharist at 10.30am (see separate item).
6.30pm Holy Communion.
- Tues. 22nd Parish Council.
- Wed. 23rd St. George, Patron Saint of England, 10.30am Holy Communion.
- Thurs. 24th Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.
- Fri. 25th St. Mark the Evangelist, 7.30pm Holy Communion.
- Sun. 27th EASTER IV. 9am Holy Communion with Hymns.
- Mon. 28th 7.45pm Parochial Church Council Meeting.
- Wed. 30th 10.30am Holy Communion.

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- Sun. 4th Rogation Sunday - EASTER V. 9am Holy Communion, 11am Family Worship.
4pm Rogation Sunday Open Air Service at Deppers Bridge (see separate item).

Church Flower Rota

April 6th Mrs. Darkes, April 13th Mrs. Timms, April 20th Mrs. Handscombe, April 27th Mrs. Tomlins, May 4th Mrs. Frost.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Rector opened our March meeting by reading to us a Meditation by an Australian Bishop. Then followed prayers from 'Short Prayers for a Long Day'.

We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Jane Rutherford who told us something about her work as a J.P. in Southam and Rugby. We realised that it is fortunate that there are people willing to do this work, which at times has its humorous side, but can be rather depressing and sad.

Next month we are looking forward to having Canon Churchill to come to talk to us again. The meeting is on April 9th at 2.30pm at the home of Mrs. Ida Hagard in Radbourne Lane.

NANCY STUBBS

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

It was good to see the Youth Club get off to a flying start and hopefully it will become a regular user of the Village Hall.

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With the weather improving, work has started again on the car park with nearly 30 tons of chippings delivered and now requiring spreading out. After this will come other improvements to the wooden bridges and footpaths. (The committee is always interested in any comments on improvements - please tell us what you would like to see).

Advance notice now for all gardeners: it is intended to hold a produce competition in the village hall to coincide with the village Festival on 6th/7th September. No great prizes at stake but a good chance to show what you can do. More details next month.

LADBROKE FESTIVAL

Details are now being settled with the main festivities on the 6th and 7th September. This will give time to arrange the Flower Festival for the church (i.e. grow some flowers!) and also allows the organising of a fund-raising concert evening. This will take place on June 29th.

It has been very encouraging to find so many people not only interested in the Festival, but contributing ideas and financial support. With favourable conditions a very varied and enjoyable event should materialise. (August's Harbury and Ladbroke News will be a special Ladbroke Festival edition!).

M.T.T.

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 26th March

In the minutes of the February Meeting the matter of establishing a Village Play Area had been discussed and it appears that there are two main reasons why it is not a viable proposition. 1. Not enough children in the village to warrant the expense and efforts involved. 2. The need for fencing in a Play Area, which you are unable to do on Common Land.

The lack of any gate at the Bypass end of Windmill Lane has been taken off the Parish Council Agenda as they feel it is no longer their responsibility. The 30 mph signs in School Lane are to be re-sited at the entrance to the village. It was decided not to enter the Best Kept Village Competition this year.

A letter had been received stating that any possibility of the brook flooding was the responsibility of the landowners on either side of the brook.

At the March meeting concern was again expressed over the lack of remedial action at the lower end of Radbourne Lane, which was still a sea of mud - work had now started on the broken bollards at both entrances to the Bypass. The Parish Council has received a copy of the bye-laws related to the removal of house refuse e.g. glass, ashes etc. This will be displayed on the Notice Board. The Council were pleased to report that the Wood St. Bottle Bank in Southam is now a permanent fixture.

Planning wise: the Council saw no objection to the proposed extension to Tollgate Cottage. Both Mrs. Webster and Mrs. T. Bennett had now been refused permission to build a house, though in the case of Mrs. Webster it was thought that the application would have been more favourably received if the dwelling had been situated near the site of the original farmhouse and outbuildings and not near Harbury Lane, which would then open the door for further development. The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday 22nd April and it was also decided that the Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on 21st May.

At the end of the meeting a member of the public asked two pertinent questions, but failed to initiate any reasoned discussion.

K.L.

It does seem a shame that Ladbroke Parish has not been able to contribute anything towards Southam Swimming Pool Association's magnificent fund-raising efforts. I thought of organising some Afternoon Teas in the Village Hall in the near future, if anyone has any other ideas, I'd be pleased to help in any way I can (Tel. Southam 3341). The Pool is due to open next summer.

Kate Liverton.

LADBROKE YOUTH CLUB

Thanks to the interest and material help of the residents of the village, friends, and parents of the boys and girls, a successful "Sponsored 30 minutes silence" was held in the Village Hall on Monday 17th March 1986. Every member of the Club, together with

the leaders, kept quiet for the whole period of time. The result of this effort was that the magnificent sum of £178.41 was raised for the purchase of equipment. Now the young people will operate their Youth Club in earnest starting at 7.15pm on Tuesday 25th March 1986 and meeting each Tuesday thereafter. The meeting on Tuesday 25th March will be a general games night with the formation of various club competitions. Arrangements are in hand for a Disco, Friends and Parents Evening of games and weekend orienteering. The younger members of the Community in Ladbroke (7-13 years of age) will not be forgotten and a club for them will be formed shortly, meeting from 6pm to 7pm on each Tuesday. The ultimate aim is for Ladbroke to have Community provision for all ages and all tastes and the focal point will be the Village Hall.

Eric Hagard

HARBURY ADVENTURERS

We have just ended our Spring term and we start again on Sunday, 13th April at 11.30am in the Village Hall. Last term we learned about Jesus the teacher, Jesus the healer and Jesus the friend, and also about prayer. How many Adventurers remember our first lesson when it was suggested that we have a teaspoon as a reminder to pray? TSP - T for a thank you prayer, S a prayer to say we are sorry and P a prayer to say 'please God, do something for us'. If you have forgotten, try again. Leave a teaspoon at your bedside to remind you.

Among our lessons next term we will be learning about becoming a Christian. Also next term we shall be celebrating our sixth birthday during the weekend of 17/18th May. On the Sunday afternoon we shall have our Birthday Service and our guest speaker will be the Rev. David Beardshaw, Diocesan youth officer. We shall also have our traditional birthday cake to share among parents and friends.

For any newcomers to the village the Adventurers an inter-denominational Sunday School for children between 4 and 12 years of age. We meet every Sunday morning for 1 hour to learn, through songs, stories

and games more about Jesus. We also learn about people who lived before Jesus. The minis have been learning the story of David and Goliath and a frieze they made in class is now on display in the children's corner in Church. If your family attend the 10.30am church service, the children are still welcome to come along to Adventurers however late they may be.

Shirley Keir

P.T.A.

Fund-raising for school equipment to benefit all Harbury schoolchildren is one of our main objectives. Your support gives the Committee the incentive to continue staging and arranging these voluntary events. The Jumble Sale made over £100, our thanks to all who donated the many items/articles.

On the following weekend, the Children's Disco realised £66. Our thanks to those who helped and to John (Kool Kat) Kemsley, our disc jockey.

Recently we have purchased a smart new Netball Strip for the girls team to 'impress' the opposition! Also, a video recorder is to be purchased for the school when the existing hire agreement runs out. Present fundraising will also help buy stage lighting and disco lights for the school hall. This will be used for all school productions as well as concerts. Both PTA and school functions will benefit.

The Mexican Night was a great success, with its six piece jazz band playing almost non-stop. Excellent music appreciated by enthusiasts and the rest! The evening had a Mexican flavour with savoury dips and chillied beans on candle-lit tables. The best bar yet offered draught beers, spirits, including Speedy Gonzales' Tequilla! Lots of people turned up in Mexican dress and a competition took place. The religious Ridgley's appeared as Sister Linda and Father John but most were content with traditional and bandit gear. Colin Oliver awarded the prizes to Mike Putnam in the largest sombrero and to the elegant Debbie Price. Each collected a bottle. Tickets were sold out well in advance and a similar event may

soon be held. Make sure that booking takes place well in advance to avoid disappointment.

The raffle was won by Dave Wurr. Other prizes went to Bob Elliot, Joan Stephenson and M. Davis.

K.S.

WIGHT SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Thanks to everyone who supported our Jumble Sale which was very successful. Our next event will be a Coffee Morning at 5 Ivy Lane on Tuesday, 29th April at 10.30am. There will be a selection of 'Offspring' children's clothes at reasonable prices, together with a cake stall and raffle.

HARBURY NURSERY PLAYGROUP

We are trying to organise a programme for the Autumn term 1986 - but we need to have a better idea of numbers. If you wish your child to spend some of his Playgroup time with us and he will be three in time for the September term, please contact me on Harbury 612175 or pop into the Village Hall during a Playgroup session. We start the Spring term on Tuesday 15th April and we work Tuesdays to Fridays from 9am until noon.

Carol A. Percival

HARBURY SCOUT GROUP FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Our thanks to those who supported our Family Barn Dance this month, it was an enjoyable evening and a modest profit was made.

The next fund raising event is a Cheese and Wine Evening to be held at 32 Mill Street, by courtesy of Drs. J. & S. Hancock, on Friday 18th April at 8pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance at £2.50 each and can be obtained prior to the date at 32 Mill St. or by phoning Ken Hughes (612273), Ann Mayer (613314) or Sue Jones (613261).

S.J.

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HARBURY VENTURES CAVING WEEKEND

Eight members from the unit under the experienced guidance of John Hancock left Harbury late afternoon on 21st February bound to Felwith Bridge, Ribblesdale in North Yorkshire. We arrived, through some snow falls, at a converted barn owned by 'The Yorkshire Subterranean Society', which was strategically placed next to a pub. The water pipes were frozen, but this did not seem to matter as it was still a comfortable change from a tent. We met Ian Spencer and a recently acquired friend Mike (our caving guides) in the pub (as usual).

After a good night's sleep and hearty breakfast everybody prepared to the day's activities. Most of the day was spent caving down Upper and Lower Long Churn and Alum Pot, all part of the same cave system. It was in Lower Long Churn that we came across the aptly named 'Cheese Press'. At the entrances there were some interesting and large ice formations showing just how cold it was. After returning to the barn and changing, the rest of the afternoon was spend enjoying the plentiful supply of snow.

On Sunday five unit members walked up Ingleborough one of the 'Three Peaks'. The walk up past Gaping Gill was done in strong winds which were whipping up the snow. The trip down was in the shelter of Ingleborough and, with the sun out, was quite pleasant. There were some 'attempts' at skiing. The end of the walk was at Ingleton where we met the rest of the unit who had been caving down Valley Entrance. From here we returned home having enjoyed an active weekend.

Thanks must go to John for his organisation of the trip and also to Ian and Mike for acting as our expert speleologist guides.

Stuart Simcock

VENTURE SCOUTS HEAR ABOUT BO

In February's issue we featured an article about the One World Link Organisation and Leamington's friendship link with Bo in Sierra Leone. Twelve members of the 8th Leamington Dale Street Venture Scouts,

who visited Bo to help reroof a school, invited the Harbury Venture Unit to their enlightening open evening. This included an interesting talk with a slide show and a mock African Market in which we had to barter for various gifts. After each member of the Dale Street Unit described their own experiences the audience were invited to participate in African songs, games and magic tricks. We learnt a great deal about life in Bo and we thank Dale Street Venture Scouts for an enjoyable evening.

H.W.

John Knight

1st Harbury Scout Group

We were saddened to hear of the death of our friend John Knight on Friday 28th March. The Group owes him a debt of gratitude for the hard work and time which he devoted to us during his stay in Harbury.

We remember him with affection, and send our condolences to Elizabeth, and Carolyn, Mary and Sally.

Ken Hughes (Chairman)

HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

Thank you to the many kind people who have donated games such as Scrabble, Cluedo, dartboards and many other items; they are being very well used.

Now that the Youth Club is properly organised, all members have numbered membership cards which we hope you will not forget to bring each Wednesday!

Youth Drama: There has been a lot of enthusiasm for this and a lot of enjoyment. We would like to thank Beryl Sheasby, Janet Thornley, Dorothy and Andie for helping, and taking on the drama group and talent show. All being well, there will be a show on Saturday, March 3rd, thank you to the Theatre Group for making this possible for us.

Coffee Morning: This raised £25 and was used for members of the club to see the Anchor Awards entrants at London on March 22nd. Thank you to all who helped and supported this.

5-a-side football: Our winning team of James Mayer, Jamie Williams, James Dunn, Craig Knowles and Martin Padbury played very well.

Equipment: In early April we will be having a new Octagon snooker game as funds are more available for such items. We would like to thank Mrs. Ottewill for the use of her table up until now.

Further equipment is being sought to increase the availability to the 100 or so attending each week.
WANTED (as donations or to buy): secondhand table tennis table, snooker, TV games, shovehalfpenny, shuttle games etc.

Whist Drive: Thank you to all who supported the last Whist Drive, making an overwhelming gift of £40 towards equipment.

Donations of Funds & Games: Thank you to all the many people for so many donations. We were especially grateful to receive from Canon Rowe a cheque for £100 - with the prospect of more to follow - being part of the proceeds from the Christmas Fair.

Youth Club Magazine: Georgina Knapp has taken on the task of organising this for the Youth Club to let members know what is going on and where! She has already done one issue and this was of a very good standard; keep up the good work!

SSA & KP

SECURITY MARKER PENS: as recommended by Neighbourhood Watch Scheme - will be available from Philip Lindop's Drug Store.

HARBURY CARNIVAL QUEEN

18.

Congratulations to Deborah Ellis of Chapel Street, this year's Carnival Queen, and to her two attendants, Lisa Tebaldi of Farm Street, and Lorraine Andrews of Harbury House.

This year's competition took place on Wednesday, 26th March, during the Youth Club Disco at the Village Hall.

Poor weather that evening did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of the fourteen young ladies who took part, and the judges had a difficult task in choosing a winner.

Our thanks to the girls for supporting the competition, and to the judging panel: Mrs. E. Sallis, Mrs. B. Checkley, Mrs. S. Hancock, Mr. A. Cowan, Mrs. G. Gurden, Mr. S. Chaplin, and Mrs. M. Keen.

Finally, thanks to the Youth Club Leaders for their assistance on the evening, and to Mike Bloxham for taking this photograph.



J. Cox, Carnival Committee

TENNIS CLUB

Ignore the snow, It's SPRING and time to unearth the tennis racquet, put away the leg warmers and join your tennis club.

Anyone is welcome provided they don't act like MacEnroe on court. If you are interested please give Tom Smith, 613680 or Nick Rowe, 612377, a call for details.

There is a busy programme planned for this summer. Our main club sessions are Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. We are also members of the Banbury League and play in the Blencoe Cup. In the spare minutes of the summer we play friendlies.

The club also enjoys a healthy social life and even the part-time or non-players can take full advantage of that.

Most important of all it is cheap to play and the courts are better than most municipal ones. Adults £8.50, couples £16 and less than half price for youngsters.

Please support our JUMBLE SALE Saturday April 19th, 11am in the Village Hall.

N.R.

Junior Tennis (aged 9+)

Hopefully, the weather will soon improve and the inspiration to play tennis will be upon you!

If you would like to play in a beginning of season tournament on the evening of Saturday, 26th April at the Indoor Racquets Centre, near Coventry, please give your name to Rosemary Ottewill, 43 Mill Street, tel. 613402, by Sunday 13th April. The

courts are fairly expensive to hire, so two hours of enjoyable tennis (without the problem of the sun, wind or bumpy ground) could cost around £3, depending on numbers. But, whatever your ability, why not get your racquet out and get back into the swing.

Rosemary Ottewill

Tennis Coaching

Jenny Waggott has agreed to run weekly coaching sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (commencing 22nd/23rd April) between 4.00 and 6.00pm. Each group will be limited to 10 people of similar ability and will cost £3.50 per child for 5 sessions. Please give your name to either Jenny (tel.612554) or Rosemary, as soon as possible, so that the sessions can be organised.

Club Sessions (membership £2.00 per year)

After half-term, club sessions will be held on Mondays and Thursdays, 4.00-5.00pm for beginners; 5.00-6.00pm for the more advanced. Any adults or teenagers who could help supervise (no great skill needed!) these sessions would be greatly appreciated (please let me, Rosemary, know when you're available) Sid Newman has kindly offered to run the Thursday 5.00-6.00pm sessions.

It was hoped to move the teenagers' tennis night to Mondays (to avoid clashing with discos!) - but this is match night - so the intermediates' night will be similar to last year (but hopefully better weather!) will be on Fridays (5.00pm onwards?).

Don't forget you can also play at other times, as long as the courts aren't booked for the adult club sessions, matches or privately, and if you want to secure a court, it can be booked for 60p an hour at the newsagents.

So, anyone for tennis ?!

Rosemary Ottewill

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB VERSUS HARBURY CRICKETERS SPONSORED NETBALL MATCH

In a colourful, unconventional sponsored match of five quarters, against the Cricket Club, Harbury Ladies Netball team, red skirts flying in the bitter breeze, ran out convincing winners 29-11.

Gary Lowe as Goal Shooter began a little shakily, fumbling for the ball, but had scored three good goals when finally relieved at the half time whistle. Fortified from the freeze by Austrian wine and Schnapps, the Cricketers began the second half calling for Andy Young to throw up in the circle, for despite his great height advantage towering above the girls, David Grey was unable to score.

Rules when comprehended, were obeyed in this good humoured match which left the Ladies with over £100 towards their target of £5,000 to build a court of their own.

The sporting support of the Cricket Club was much appreciated for they played out of their element in awful conditions so that veteran Brian Wallington ended the game with legs to match his Villa strip. The Cricketers have also raised over £100 towards the construction of their Square at the Rugby Club and the other third of the sponsor money will be donated to Myton Hospice.

Linda Ridgley

MENS GROUP VISIT

On 6th March the Mens Group visited the West Midlands Police Motorway Control Unit at Perry Barr. We were welcomed by Duty Inspector Hyde, who outlined the general role and work of the Division. It is responsible for the Policing of some 90 road miles of motorway, M6 from Coleshill to Hilton Park, M5 to Frankley, M42 and A38M. He showed several photographs of the more horrific traffic pile-ups, and the Inspector emphasised the two common denominators to motorway accidents, too fast-too close and rubbernecking - the latter being the tendency for traffic in the opposite lane to an accident to slow

down to look. He recounted several 'motorist' stories including the frequent complaint of motorists about HGVs being too close behind them. Most of these incidents being caused by drivers sticking in the centre lane at 50/60MPH.

We then moved into the Control Room which is manned by 3 officers. From this place, with the aid of closed-circuit TV cameras mounted on gantries, signals fed directly into the computer, and then translated onto a huge visual display board showing the whole of the motorways covered by the Unit. It is from this room that speed restrictions, lane closures, diversions etc. are initiated. All the emergency phones are connected directly to the Control Room. They also have direct access to the National Police Computer.

The final part of the visit was spent in the garage where we looked over the two types of vehicles used, a Rangerover and Rover saloon, both of which are standard production models. Both however, carry additional batteries for radio, lighting etc., together with traffic cones, first aid kits, shovels, brushes etc. The Rangerover in particular carries so much equipment - it is a 'first on the scene' vehicle that such things as spare wheel, jack and tool kit are left in the garage. If they have a puncture, the crew have to radio in for assistance.

We found it to be a very interesting and informative evening, we were treated with the utmost courtes and thoroughly enjoyed our visit.

AES

THE THURSDAY CLUB

Since its inauguration in September, The Thursday Club has had many interesting meetings. Mrs. Zonik started us off with a bang, with a very amusing talk entitled 'Nowt so Queer as Folk', since when we have had speakers on such diverse subjects as Superstitions, The Media, Canals for Leisure and Pleasure, and A Holiday in Greece. Last Thursday we had a

demonstration of Cooking for One or Two, and several members went home with their supper as a result of a free raffle!

After the speaker, we have tea and home-made cakes, and following that members can play Bingo, cards or dominoes - many prefer to just sit and chat.

The Club is not just for pensioners, but for anyone who is free and would like to come on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. At our next meeting on April 10th we have an excellent speaker on 'Clowns'. Do come.

Beryl Checkley

MOTHERS UNION

Many thanks to all who supported our recent Coffee Morning. £68 was raised and will go towards the new Altar Frontal. Our next meeting is on 9th April when Diana Buck will give us a Flower arranging demonstration. This meeting will be in church at 2.15 pm.

SK

HARBURY W.I.

At the March meeting, Mrs. Barrett informed us that the Coffee Morning held on 8th March had raised £60.35p and extended thanks to everyone who had helped and contributed in any way.

In the Inter-W.I. darts competition that is being run at the moment, our B Team won their match against Kenilworth; the A team were narrowly beaten by Fenny Compton after a close competition.

The competition this month was for an Easter Bonnet. The prize of chocolate Easter Bunnies went to Mrs. Bertha Kettle for her beautiful creation.

Mr. Hall was the speaker for the evening on 'The Roadside Letterbox'. Mr. Hall gave us a brief history of letterboxes, accompanied by slides.

It's amazing how many different types of letterboxes there are in the UK, - the older ones were 6-, and 8-sided, oblong and cylindrical to name but a few. I shall view letterboxes with an expert (well, almost) eye as I post my letters in the future.

On April 10th Mrs. Celia Barrett, our President, is to talk to us about 'Old Harbury' - do come along, everyone is welcome.

TMW

Flowers for Special Occasions

Flower arranging classes will start again at Harbury Combined School on Monday 14th April 7.30-9.30, and at Southam Adult Centre on Friday, 18th April, 10.00-12.00 noon. Included in this 6 weeks session will be 'Flowers for Family Occasions', so if you have a christening, wedding or a special anniversary on this year's calendar, why not come along for some new ideas to help to make it an even more memorable occasion? There is no need to bring flowers for the first meeting, just a notebook and pencil.

SYLVIA BURDETT (613497)

JEAN ROWE - SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Anyone who hasn't already completed a sponsor form in aid of Harbury & Ladbroke Church facilities is invited to do so now or to send donations to Joyce Windsor, 5 Park Lane or Kathleen Ellis, Chapel Street, Harbury; or to the Churchwardens or Mrs. Stubbs at Ladbroke.

Jean is hoping to set off on Monday, April 7th to cycle to Canterbury and our good wishes go with her in this splendid effort.

HARBURY VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee will take place on Tuesday, 22nd April at 8.00pm in the Farley Room. We would welcome any members of the public who would like to come along.

The Village Hall Committee is made up mainly of officers and representatives of organisations that use the hall, we are always pleased to see new faces and so if you would like to help in running this very important part of village life or if your organisation has no representation on the committee, please come along.

We are looking, specifically, for a new Booking Secretary. Mike Harrison has been doing a very good job over the last few months but is leaving the village. If you feel you could help or would like more information please ring Mike (613800) or myself (612528).

So don't forget, if you would like to know more about Your Village Hall, come along to the A.G.M. on 22nd April.

SUE ANDREWS

HARBURY SOCIETY

Batman, Mick Finnemore's, entertaining propaganda talk to the Society on the Virtues of the Bat was great fun. With illustrative material, Bat Mugs, stickers, slides and stuffed Bats, he set out to persuade the members that the Bat has been much maligned and is not the verminous vampire of fiction.

The only mammal capable of true flight, it is a small, warm, furry creature which lives on insect pests. It prefers the dry, clean lofts and cladding of modern homes, to the dank, dusty attics of older houses and is so good that no self-respecting Bat would ever allow itself to become entangled in your hair.

1986 is the YEAR OF THE BAT, and a big effort is being made to change public attitudes to it, in an attempt to halt the decline in numbers. The Bat has the full protection of the Law under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act which lays down a fine of up to £2,000 for killing a Bat or disturbing its roost. However, if you have Bats and cannot live with them do not despair, WARNACT can advise you and remove them.

Full details of our AGM will appear in the next issue together with details of the proposed Footpat Walks for Environment Week (3-11 May). It is hoped to have a talk on Ley Lines in the Spring, watch for news.

Finally, the Best Kept Village Competition is soon upon us and will provide an inspiration to beautify the village as the weather improves, and summer brings the Carnival where we have a Second-hand Jewellery Stall this year. Anyone with beads or jewellery to dispose of now can call 612792 for collection.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

More people than ever came to the Old New Inn on March 6th when our guests were the Harvesters. I am delighted that the Folk Club can attract that many people but, on that occasion, even the standing room was so congested that some people were unable to see the performers.

As usual, the evening was packed with music and song in a wide variety of styles from our faithful regulars - Bonas, Gerda, Tony, Mike, the Jug Band and me plus newcomer Roger who played a couple of whistle tunes. Rather later than intended, the Harvesters went on in the third half for the guest spot, and while they played and sang as skilfully as usual, I felt that they could have chosen some more appealing songs for us. For me, the high spot of the evening was Liz and Nicola (from Bonas) singing an unaccompanied duet - no disrespect to the male half of the group!

By the time you read this, you should have seen (or missed!) our April guest, Dave Tickle, and be looking forward to the next Folk Club on May 1st. Be there by 8.30pm for a seat and for maximum enjoyment of all three halves of the evening!

Peter McDonald 613730



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GRAND CARNIVAL DRAW

Look out for posters showing where you can get your tickets. Super prizes include a 2-minute FREE GROCERY GRAB at BUDGEN'S supermarket, a £100 HOLIDAY VOUCHER from HARRY SHAW TRAVEL, HIS and HER TRACK-SUITS. DINNER for TWO at the MANOR HOTEL, RSC THEATRE TICKETS. Various subscriptions to LESTER'S including a YEAR'S FREE SNOOKER CLUB MEMBERSHIP, a SIGNED ALBUM from KING, a CAMERA and many more. The Carnival committee are very grateful to everyone for their very generous prize donations, to the Heart of England Building Society for providing posters and to everyone who has kindly consented to sell tickets for us. Tickets are 10p each only and all proceeds will go to Harbury Village Hall.

Helen Taylor
Carnival Committee

H.T.G. - Show Business

Sir Charles Jasper gathers together in an empty theatre his family and close acquaintances to toast him, for, at 11 o'clock, the hour of his birth, he will inherit a vast fortune. The 'St. James' is said to be haunted and Sir Charles predicts that, on this, his birthday night, a ghost will walk.

As the evening unfolds, his guests' nervousness turns to cold fear. They find themselves trapped on stage with a dead man. "Don't think of what you may see happening in front of your eyes. Think of sunshine, crowds, anything" pleads the young Lady Jasper as the menace increases.

Harbury Theatre Group is happy to announce its production of Emlyn Williams' 'A Murder has been Announced'. There will be three performances in the Village Hall at 8 pm on 1st, 2nd and 3rd May. Bar open on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd. Do come and give yourselves a thrill!

Tickets available at Lindop's Drug Store, or ring Sally Stringer, 613214.

Seats £1.25 Children & Senior Citizens 75p

COFFEE, CAKE AND BRIC-A-BRAC SALE

Harbury Theatre Group are holding a Coffee, Cake and Bric-a-Brac Sale on Saturday, 12th April at 10.30am in the Wight School to raise funds for new lighting equipment. So here is an opportunity to get rid of those ornaments, pictures, trinkets you're tired of looking at or those gadgets you've never used and replace them with some new. Please ring any of the following to arrange collection: Sally Stringer, 613214, Lynn Hayes 613488, Betty Barr 612765, Alison Hodge 612029. Don't forget to come for a cake and coffee and a browse on April 12th.

Please note our A.G.M. this year will be on Friday 9th May at 8.00pm in the Wight School.

Alison Hodge, Secretary

N.S.P.C.C.

The Harbury N.S.P.C.C. started 1986 with a very successful coffee morning at 8A The Beeches where, despite bitterly cold weather, many of you came and profit of £69 was made. In March forty very hungry supporters trekked round the village looking for food during our very first Safari Supper! This was a most successful and enjoyable evening and raised over £100 for our funds. Recently we have received over £50 from a Garage Sale of children's toys and clothes and we do thank Mrs. Ann Lambert for supporting us in this way. Our next event will be the ever popular Fun Run round the streets of Harbury, and this will take place on Saturday 10th May at 3.00pm starting as usual from the Village Hall car park. Entries will be taken on the day from 2.00pm and will be 60p for adults and 30p for children as last year. Do come and join in if you may run, walk, skip, push a pram or even push Grannie in her wheelchair if you wish! It is all for a very good cause.

Liz Bunting

Blankets Please

Christian Outreach, the Leamington based charity which helps refugees in Thailand and Sudan is appealing once more for blankets. They need to supply a

least 20,000 to a group of displaced Sudanese people in the Upper Nile Province.

If you can help, the clean warm blankets of any size will be much appreciated. Please bring them to 19 Farm Street, Harbury, or if transport is difficult then I can collect them from you (612585).

Jill Winter

Spoilt For Choice?

We were pleasantly surprised when we 'totted up' the number of Christian based groups there are in the village. Each group may vary in approach, but all have the same timeless and essential theme: to bring everyone up to date. Here is a list, with phone numbers, so if you would like to find out more just ring and ask. The welcome will always be warm, whatever - if any - your denomination.

Study Groups

Biblical Themes	studying	Unity	613340
Word of God	"	Book of Revelation	612491
Parish Group	"	St. Luke's Gospel	613214
Daylight Reading Course	- Bible for daily life		
	612200	(booklets only)	

Prayer/Discussion Groups

Discussion and support for Mums & young children
613330.

Prayer and Praise	612651
Catholic prayer and general study	612585
Parish Prayer Group	612711
Dale St. Methodist Church Group	612615

For the young folk (4-12 yrs) there is Adventurers (612794) see the article elsewhere in this issue, and for those further along the age range there is Mothers Union (613309) and Mens Group (612395). There is quite a range of Christian audio and video material (612782) films, documentaries, teaching material etc.; also a large library (613340) with books for all ages.

Any of the Groups would be pleased to hear from you. A phone call or visit will not commit you to anything, but you may be pleasantly surprised at the result.

What is going on in Mill St.

The question has been asked many times in the past few weeks, and the answer to quote the old song is 'down below'. The small building by the Filling Station houses the sewage pump and its capacity has been strained to the utmost by the growth of the village population. A new pumping station is being built underground, and a new main sewer has been laid the length of Mill St.

The work was started in extremely severe weather, which the workmen seemed to cheerfully ignore. This probably saved the village from resembling a First World War Battlefield by keeping down the mud. Some residents found themselves with a three-foot ditch to leap in order to get their cars out of the drive (a problem solved by rapid use of a digger and a pile of sand). Others, victims of the 'flu epidemic wondered whether all that hammering was outside or inside their heads! Fortunately only a lamp standard suffered the fate of decapitation by the digger!

The greatest treat were the traffic lights - were they the slowest known to man? How many dinners burnt while homeward bound drivers waited for green?

The pipe is now laid and the road now presents an interesting challenge for BMX riders. Let us hope that resurfacing is not too far away, along with the restoration of the grass verge. Let us hope too that the trees will survive the assault, not to mention my hedge!

MSH.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1986

The meeting began with PC Percival introducing his colleague, Chief Inspector Ladwiniec who was sitting in on our Parish Council meeting as an observer and ended with Tim's earth-shattering news that Queen's Close is now a road under the meaning of the Road Traffic Act 1972.

In between there was: news from Keith Thompson of the pleasing response to the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, and worrying information passed on from Bishops Itchington PC about the corrosion of the crash barriers round the Quarries on the Bishops to Deppers Road; reports from John Drinkwater on the controversy in Bishops Itchington about the application at Upper Springs Farm for an Olympic size Clay Pigeon Shoot; and hilarious anecdotes about the installation of the new underground Pumping Station and Sewerage Rising Main in Mill Street.

There was confusion over whether or not the PC should pay its promised Grant of £250 to Harbury Ladies Netball Club who are also seeking aid from the Sports Council and the S.D.C. but a 'first move' is required.

The Council was more decisive with the permission it gave for Mrs. Stott to hold the Annual Harbury Pony Show at the Recreation Grounds on Sunday 22nd June.

The Councillors have been very concerned with the deterioration of the drainage on the Fields and resolved to call in a Contractor to advise on the best way of dealing with the problem. The Council will tell Tony Walters, the Divisional Engineer, of the drainage problems at Deppers where water running off the fields causes pools to form at the junction of the Southam and Ladbroke roads. They will also seek permission to place a Notice Board on the verge by the telephone box and have agreed to provide the Recreation Ground at Deppers with Three Step Horizontal Bars and a set of Parallel Bars.

Eager to win the Best Kept Village Competition this year, having been Second last year and Third the year before, the Councillors did not begrudge the £6 entry fee. They have decided to grass over the Crown Green to make it easier to maintain, and have given the job of building a low wall round the old Rose Garden in Chapel Street to a local craftsman who will also install the new seat there and remove the old one to the Pound Green. Their efforts to tidy the Cemetery are still being thwarted by bureaucracy.

There was much concern and discussion of what Chairman Sharon Hancock termed the most significant plans the Parish had had to deliberate on for some time. Wembrook Builders have applied to demolish the existing engineering works in Chapel Street and erect a new house fronting the street together with a single storey shop unit and behind that in the garden and orchard, two further bungalows AND at the far end of the plot a two-storey house, all served by a five metre wide private road which would run in front of Fox Cottage.

The Parish Councillors had visited the site and agreed that they did not like the infilling at the rear. They did not like the detailing of the frontage house and they questioned the need for another shop unit in the village. The access was very poor they insisted. They categorised their objections and suggested that they would prefer to keep working light industry in the village. If this was not possible they would like lower cost housing because Harbury had sufficient high cost housing. The house planned for Chapel Street was of poor design and not in sympathy with the rest of the street which was a Conservation Area. They would not countenance development beyond the existing buildings (one house on the frontage and another would be enough). The traffic problems of the road and the lack of a footpath outside Fox Cottage added to the dangers which already existed. They questioned the need or the desirability for further shops and they determined to press vigorously for a site meeting with the District Council.

Since this meeting the applicant has revised the plan for the site, a third bungalow has been substituted for the two-storey house overlooking properties in Chapel Street, High Street, Ivy Lane and South Parade; the Shop has been eliminated and the Chapel Street house has been increased in size to Three storeys, whilst still retaining the unsuitable mock-Georgian detailing.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT MARCH 1986

The Parish Council agreed to accept the Quotation for the grassing of Crown Green now to include a year's maintenance. The Clerk volunteered to plant the mixed Hazel, Hawthorn and Viburnum quicks for the hedge between the Recreation Grounds and the Allotments and the Council will reprimand the resident exercising her horse on the Fields in contravention of the Bye-laws.

Bill Middleton is frustrated with lack of communication with the Community Programme team. The PC will issue an ultimatum to WCC Chief Executive to get the job done or withdraw.

Bob Dunn wants the PC to enter the Diocesan 'Faculties' form for the Plain English Campaign Awards. To remove old kerbstones which are damaged or beyond repair, a Faculty is required because the ground is consecrated but the form is, as yet, defeating the fillers.

Dennis Atkins criticised the work with the digger in Middle Road which made a terrible mess, caused chaos for road users and took longer than when the roadmen did it with hand-tools. It must be cleaned up.

Iory Davies complained that upgrading of the OAPs bungalows in Francis Road was taking too long and adequate heating had not been provided whilst work was in progress. John Drinkater promised action was being taken and that outside lights were to be installed.

Mr. John Moore of Deppers Bridge protested that the Binmen were not taking all the rubbish because when they arrived half an hour after the first gang who dumped the sacks on the pavement, much had been blown away. Sharon Hancock said the problem was less severe if householders tied up the end of the sack. All agreed the dustmen were very efficient and the problem was caused by the very thin blue plastic sacks which the Council had criticised at the outset.

The Parish Council agreed to pay £500 to the Southam Area Swimming Pool Association towards the cost of the pool and to advertise the fundraising 'Battle of Southam' to be re-enacted on Sunday 22nd June by the Sealed Knot at Southam.

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Dennis Atkins insisted that the PC contribute to the Playbus Engine Appeal but thought it ought to make sure it was giving enough money. Dave Andrews concurred, suggesting payment of £50 at once and an offer of extra if it was needed. The PC wants details of other donations before it will commit itself.

John Drinkwater assured his colleagues that following the site meeting at the Engineering Works in Chapel Street the District Council Planning Committee would not approve the amended plans and that no more than three houses or four bungalows would be accepted. He said that the present plans represented over-development of the site; that they would not allow development beyond the existing buildings and that the access onto the Highway would have to be improved. The District was worried that a modern industrial complex could be set up there as there was 'existing use' but Iory Davies questioned whether this would be a bad thing. Sharon Hancock was disappointed that the frontage house was to be of brick not matching stone. John Drinkwater counselled waiting for the 'amended' amended plans and not sending representation in about the present ones.

Sharon Hancock reported that the School Governors had secured the retention of the Spooner and that the School would be one class and one teacher less next year. Mr. Oliver had agreed to try to discourage the practice of Trick or Treating.

The Chairman was pleased to announce that the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme preparations were now completed and that the whole of the village was now under the scrutiny of the 40 co-ordinators.

All the Parish Councillors will be on view at the Annual Parish Meeting at the Village Hall on 15th May

Linda Ridgley

Southam & District Lions Club

Our 15th Annual Spring Party for senior citizens will be held on Saturday 26th April at 2.30pm in Southam School. All senior citizens are welcome and free transport will be provided leaving the village at various pick-up points at 2pm returning approx. 6pm. To assist with the travel and catering arrangements w

like to have an indication of the numbers attending well in advance. Lists have been placed in the Village Club and the Post Office and if you wish to join us on this occasion please add your name.

R.J.M.

Southam Area Swimming Pool Association

With your help the 'down payment' on the pool can be made on Sunday 22nd June. That is the date on which the 'Trayne of Artillery' from Rugby, a regiment of the Sealed Knot will re-enact the Battle of Southam. This was the first skirmish of the Civil War in which Parliamentarian forces under command of Lord Brooke clashed with the Royalists under the Earl of Northampton. Come and see the battle and help the pool funds. We have approximately £16,000 in the bank but need £20,000 before it goes ahead.

On Sunday 20th April we are holding our popular, annual fun run. Start and finish at Southam School. Approx. 3 mile course. Start at 11.30am. Sponsor forms available from John Hancock at 32 Mill Street or Heart of England Building Society, 14 Market Hill Southam. Local pub teams will be running for a special prize. Each runner will receive a medallion.

J.L.H.

SOUTHAM VOLUNTEER BUREAU

Many thanks to all who supported us at the Coffee Morning in March, when a total £32.20 was raised.

Southam Volunteer Bureau is a link between those who need help, and those who have some time to spare and are able to help others, and provides transport for necessary journeys.

We do need more volunteer drivers. Many people in Southam and the surrounding villages have urgent need of transport for essential appointments e.g. hospitals, doctors, day centres, luncheon clubs, and for those who do not have their own transport or are unable to make use of the local bus service, Southam Volunteer Bureau provides a most needed and worthwhile service.

requests for help can come from Social Services, hospitals, voluntary groups, friends etc., and may be on a regular or one off' basis. The volunteer drivers use their own cars and are paid a mileage allowance, part of which is paid by the passenger and the remainder from Bureau funds.

If you are interested in becoming one of our volunteer drivers, or alternatively if you need transport at some time, please telephone our office, Southam 3110 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 9.30a.m. and 12.30p.m.

Nicola Knight,
Bureau Organiser

IN THE GARDEN

April is the most heartening month of the year. After a severe winter it is hard to believe that anything will ever grow again, but we can see that it will. Don't be in too much of a hurry to plant small seeds as the soil is still cold. If the pigeons have left you any spring cabbage now is the time to give them a dressing of Growmore. It's also time to make arrangements for Tomato Plants - marrows - ridge cucumbers and sweetcorn, also all the cabbage family for winter planting.

As the price of seed potatoes is so high I think it is better to plant only a few early potatoes. Formost is a floury potato and Arran Pilot a firm one.

For early rhubarb keep it well covered. Plant a small amount of lettuce and radish each week.

W.F. Lines

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Organisers' nightmares sometimes intrude into life. It felt like that when the speaker failed to arrive at the March meeting. With undiminished confidence we now look forward to "Fruit in Small Gardens" on May 4th.

It is not too soon to be thinking about this summer's garden talk about which will take place on Saturday 12th July from 10am until 6pm. The list of gardens is being compiled; if you are willing to open your garden, please contact Edna Lines Harbury 612651. This applies to anyone who feels they have a garden with something of interest which they are willing to share. It is NOT confined to members of the Horticultural Society, nor does the garden have to be splendid or immaculate.

Plans have now been completed for two summer visits. The first to Abingdon on Tuesday 13th May to the Parker Jarvis Nursery which specialises in alpines. Then, after a pub lunch, to see orchids at another nursery.

The second visit will be an evening one, leaving on Tuesday, 17th June at 6.45pm to go round the Luddington Fruit and Vegetable Centre.

Further details, including transport proposals will be given at the next meeting or can be obtained from Mrs. Zonik (Harbury 612365).

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sirs,

I am aware that there are a number of people in the village who act on behalf of various organisations involved in helping the needy outside the village. There are also a larger number who give to such causes, some restricting their giving to one or two organisations on the assumption that it is better to support a few well than to spread their giving more thinly.

However, the needs of these various organisations can change, which means that we may not be making the best use of our resources. For instance, a charity which normally collects clothes may for a time have more than it can distribute, but would like used spectacles which it can re-cycle. Another may have transport difficulties and would appreciate help either financially or otherwise. If these changing needs were known, givers could channel their giving without feeling that they are diminishing support for their favourite cause. In other words, if you normally support, say, Oxfam by giving clothing, you may not realise that someone else needs spectacles which you could supply without affecting your support to Oxfam.

If organisers/contacts in the village would let me have details of their needs, I will prepare a broadsheet and distribute it monthly to anyone in the village who wishes to receive one. So, if you wish to have your details published or receive such information, please let me know. Your sincerely

JOHN ELD 613340

Dear Friends,

Since the HANCAP Party in the Royal Spa Centre on the 12th January, I have received hundreds of phone calls and letters of thanks from Homes, Hostels, Clubs, Schools and Centres, Hospice and Hospital, and I ask all the villagers who kindly donated food etc., to take their share of the sincere gratitude.

I will never be able to forget my days of that Party, you and I, the young folks from Southam High School, the Entertainer the Round Table, St. John Ambulance, the Scouts and Guides, McDonalds and Dairy Crest, every helper, and of course the sweet audience that Theatre has ever held, each and every one of us we part of a beautiful story that will live in the minds of our disabled and handicapped friends for a long, long time.

My Grandson knocked at some of your doors, and he afterwards commented, "Grandad, the people in this village are fantastic, they're not arf kind, your Party is going to be great". You are and it was, and, God Willing, if the Harbury and Bishops Itchington examples can be transferred to the hearts and minds of the residents near to the next venue I have in mind, together we can't lose.

For your kindness, friendship, love and enthusiasm THANK YOU

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