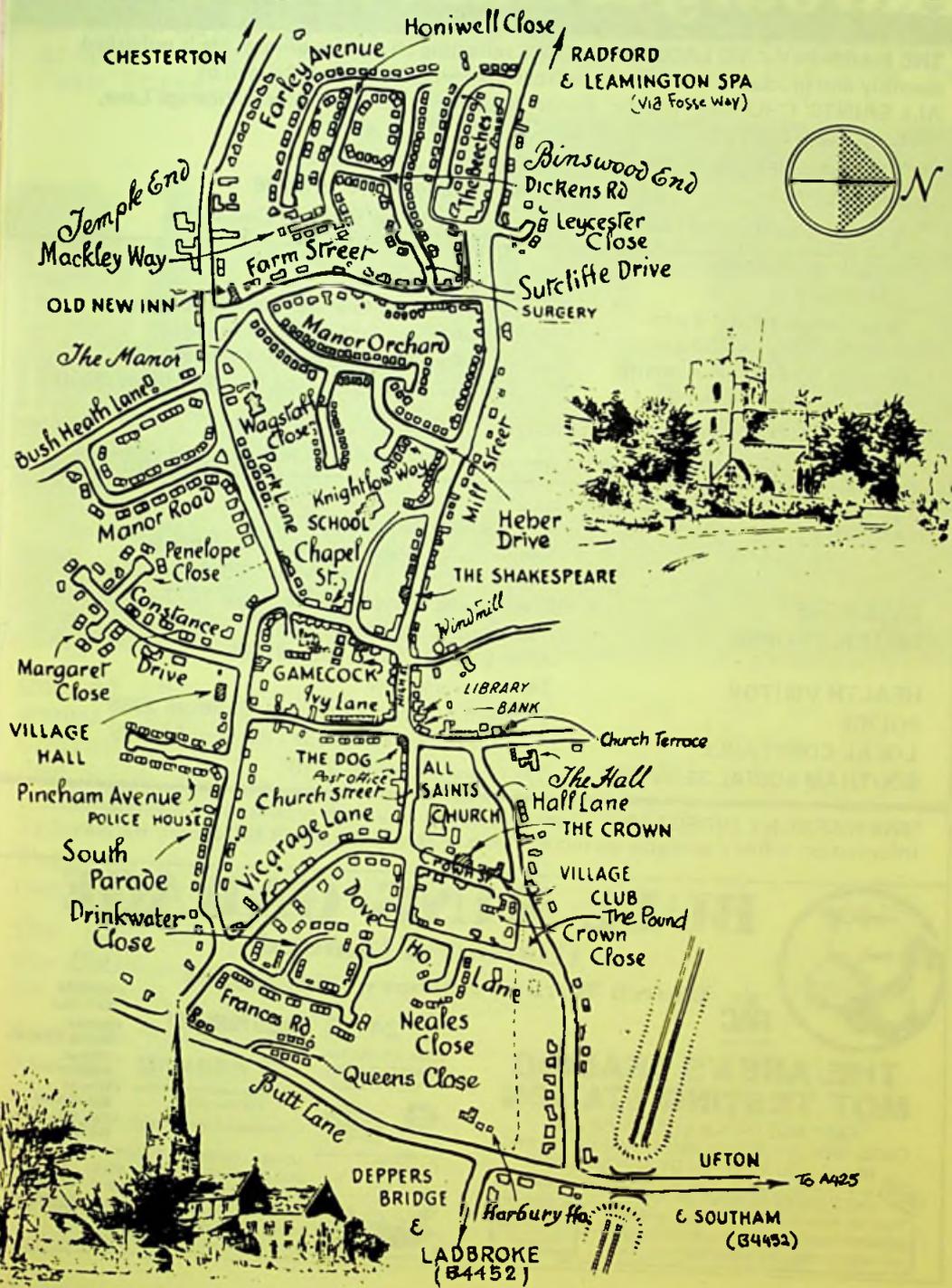


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HARBURY

Holy Communion 8 a.m.

Sung Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

(Except 1st Sunday of month

Sung Eucharist 9 a.m. only)

Evensong 6.30 p.m. (except 3rd Sunday)

LADBROKE

Holy Communion with Hymns 9a.m.

(Except 1st Sunday of month

Family Communion 10.30 a.m.

Evensong 3.30 p.m. (3rd Sunday of month)

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

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HAD A BUMP?

Autumn is upon us. Mercifully we in the Midlands have been spared the dreadful weather which created so much havoc in the South. Mr. Fred Harris was photographed recently clearing leaves opposite his home in Farm Street.



One of the major village events of the year is the annual Bonfire and Firework party organised by the Church with help from the Scouts. Slips were included with last month's magazine for use if you want combustible rubbish collected on the morning of Nov. 7th (if you have lost your slip, phone 612427). This is always a most enjoyable event with a significant proportion of the village turning out.

The following day (Nov 8th) is Remembrance Sunday when those who died in two world wars are remembered in Church and at the war memorial.

Members of the Youth Club recently conducted a project into the War Years - some snippets of which appear in a separate piece elsewhere in this issue. Whilst we should not dwell too much on those years, it is important to impress on those who have had no experience of the horrors of war that the 'glamour' of it all as portrayed by television, is not the real picture. Millions died and many more suffered

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extreme hardship and deprivation and we owe a great debt to those who fought to restore peace - and paid the ultimate penalty.

HARBURY DIARY

NOVEMBER 1987

- Sun 1st ALL SAINTS DAY - THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL
9am Sung Eucharist, 11.30am Family Service (N.B. Adventurers in Church) 6.30pm Songs of Praise.
Sponsored Netball Tournament - playing field
- Mon 2nd ALL SOULS DAY Holy Communion (Requiem) at 8pm
SCHOOL BEGINS
Praise & Prayer at Lullington Lodge
- Tues 3rd Mothers & Toddlers Service at 2.15pm in Church
NWR Book Group 'Summer at Fairacre', Miss Read at Singleton, Dovehouse Lane.
Horticultural Society 'Pruning' by Mr. Porter, 8pm at the Wight School
- Wed 4th Mothers Union, 2.15 in the Village Hall
P.T.A. A.G.M. 8pm in the School
- Thurs 5th Whist Drive, Village Hall at 7.45pm
Men's Society Meeting, 7.45pm, The Rylands, Dovehouse Lane.
Folk Club, 8.30pm in the Lounge, Old New Inn
- Fri 6th Theatre Group Meeting
- Sat 7th Thursday Club Rummage Sale, Farley Room, V Hall
10am - 12 noon
B O N F I R E P A R T Y - Ignition at 6 pm
- Sun 8th SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS - REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY 8am Holy Communion, 10.15am Remembrance Day Service, 6.30pm Sung Eucharist
Free Church Service 2.30pm (Rev. Peter Clark)
Young Teenager Group Video at 47 Mill Street
Special Rugby Club Game, 2.15pm (See article)
- Mon 9th Word of God 8pm at 8 The Beeches
NWR 8pm - Review of the Sunday Press at Pam Shepherd's home
Praise & Prayer, 11 Constance Drive
- Tues 10th Harbury Friends 8pm in School
PCC 8.15pm in the Wight School
Senior Citizens Cttee 8.30pm in the Village Hall
- Wed 11th ANNUAL GOVERNORS/PARENTS MEETING IN SCHOOL 8pm
- Thurs 12th Thursday Club 2.30pm in the Village Hall
Harbury MU invited to Women's Fellowship meeting at Ladbroke Village Hall

- Thurs 12th WI AGM & QUIZ 7.45pm in Village Hall
Windmill Singers 'In Makeshift Manor' at Southam
Community Centre
- Fri 13th School FETE Evening
Windmill Singers 'In Makeshift Manor' (as above)
Bring & Buy Coffee Morning in aid of Celebration
of Flowers, Hazebrook, The Pound, 10am - 12
- Sat 14th Coffee Morning /Bring & Buy for Village Hall 10.30am
at Peggy Middleton's home, 27 South Parade
Christmas Bazaar at Watton's Lodge in aid of 'ADSA'
2.30pm
Youth Club Disco at Village Hall
Southam PTA's Caribbean Evening at Southam School
Tickets £3.
- Sun 15th Windmill Singers 'In Makeshift Manor' (as above)
SIXTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS 8am Holy Communion,
10.30am Sung Eucharist, 3.30pm Evensong at
Ladbroke with Link Parishes.
- Mon 16th Praise & Prayer, 12 Park Lane
- Tues 17th Village Hall Meeting 8pm in Village Hall
MU Cheese & Wine, 11 Constance Drive, 7.45pm
- Wed 18th NWR Coffee Morning, 10.30am, Kate Liverton's home
Julian Meeting 8pm in Church
- Thurs 19th Prayers for persecuted Christians, 10.30am at
4 Sutcliffe Drive
Whist Drive, Village Hall, 7.45pm
- Sat 21st C R A F T C I R C L E, V Hall, 10am to 5pm
Thursday Club Sale in Wight School from 10.30am
Rugby Club Jubilee Dinner/Dance, Woodhouse.
- Sun 22nd SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT 8am Holy Communion,
10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong
- Mon 23rd Word of God 8pm at 63 Mill Street
WI Drama Group at Village Hall
Praise & Prayer, 4 Leicester Close
- Tues 24th Harbury Society BYGONE HARBURY Evening, Wight School
8pm (see article)
- Thurs 26th Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
Parish Council, 7.30pm, Farley Room, V Hall
- Sat 27th A D V E N T F A I R 2.30pm in Village Hall -
Stalls, Sideshows and SANTA
- Sun 29th ADVENT SUNDAY 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung
Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong
ALL ARTICLES FOR DECEMBER NEWS TO EDITORS BY TODAY
- Mon 30th ST ANDREW'S DAY
WI Drama Group meet in Village Hall
Praise & Prayer, Ravenshaw Cottage

DECEMBER

- Tues 1st ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE 7.30pm Holy Communion
NWR Book Group 'King Hereafter' Dorothy Dunnett
at 27 Binswood End
Horticultural Society 8pm in Wight School,
Dr. Ellis on Ponds
Senior Citizens cttee 8.30pm in Village Hall
- Wed 2nd MU 2.15pm, V Hall (St John's Ambulance - Safety)
- Thurs 3rd Folk Club 8.30pm, Lounge of Old New Inn
- Fri 4th WI CHRISTMAS PARTY (Husbands invited) 7.45pm V Hall
- Sun 6th PARISH BREAKFAST
- Mon 7th Praise & Prayer Lullington Lodge
- Tues 8th Harbury Friends 8pm at School
- Thurs 10th First School CHRISTINGLE Service 2pm in Church
Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
WI 7.45pm in Village Hall with Tim Percival
- Sat 12th SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

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For Village Hall Bookings, ring Mrs. Hughes 612716
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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, 8.30-10
Mondays

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Mondays.

BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.

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

PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday morning

NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday a.

LUNCHEON CLUB, Village Hall every Tuesday & Friday
12.30pm.

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

BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.

N.B. Tuesday CUBS now meet on THURSDAYS.

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tuesday.

BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.

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

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

YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 7.30 - 9.30pm Wednesdays.

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

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS, Wight School 8pm
Wednesdays.

W.I., Village Hall, 2nd Thursdays, 7.45pm.

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

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

KARATE CLASSES, Village Hall 7pm every Friday.

BELLRINGING PRACTICE in Church 7.30pm every Friday.

FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

This quarter of the year is a busy one for Harbury Church. As this issue is distributed, our Patronal Festival will be upon us and being the first Sunday of the month, the Eucharist is at 9 a.m. Following that at 11.30 a.m. is the second of the new FAMILY SERVICES. All young people are welcome - bring your parents with you! A SONGS OF PRAISE service will be held at 6.30 pm at which all will be most welcome.

The following weekend on the Saturday (Nov 7th) the annual village Bonfire Party - organised by the P.C.C. & Scouts - will be held. This is a good opportunity to see lots of village folk and to take part in a very 'village' activity - not only that, it is safer, cheaper and easier than 'doing your own thing'!

At the end of November is our major fund raising event - the ADVENT FAYRE. For the past few years proceeds from this popular pre-Christmas event have gone to various outside and village 'charities'. However, this year the event will be in aid of the Church Extension fund. Plans are not yet finalised for the provision of the new facilities but the general outline is fairly settled and we want to move forward as soon as possible.

The Harvest Supper was a great success and we are indebted to Tom Winnifrith, Shirley Keir, Isobel Russell, Bryan Harrison and Clive Watts for providing just the right entertainment. Ruth Dodds & her team excelled with the meal and Choir members did an excellent job in serving the piping hot supper. Well done!

FROM THE RECTOR

Our Bishop has asked that the Swanwick Declaration be printed in Parish Magazines throughout the Diocese. Accordingly it follows:-

SWANWICK DECLARATION

THE FOLLOWING 'SWANWICK DECLARATION' WAS ADOPTED BY ACCLAIM AND PERSONALLY SIGNED BY THOSE PRESENT AT THE HAYES CONFERENCE CENTRE ON FRIDAY SEPT 4th 1986

No longer Strangers - Pilgrims

Appointed by our churches and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we declare that this, the broadest assembly of British and Irish churches ever to meet in these Islands, has reached a common mind. We are aware that not all Christians are represented amongst us but we look forward to the time when they will share fully with us.

We came with different experiences and traditions, some with long ecumenical service, some for whom this is a new adventure. We are one band of pilgrims. We are old and young, women and men, black and white, lay and ordained and we travelled from the four corners of these Islands to meet at Swanwick in Derbyshire. There we met, we listened, we talked, we worshipped, we prayed, we sat in silence deeper than words. Against the background of so much suffering and sinfulness in our society we were reminded of our call to witness that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself. We affirmed that this world with all its sin and splendour belongs to God. Young people called on us to be ready to sort out our priorities so that we could travel lightly and concentrate on our goal. Driven on by a Gospel imperative to seek unity that the world may believe, we rejoiced that we are pilgrims together and strangers no longer.

We now declare together our readiness to commit ourselves to each other under God. Our earnest desire is to become more fully, in His own time, the one Church of Christ, united in faith, communion, pastoral care and mission. Such unity is the gift of God. With gratitude we have truly experienced this gift growing amongst us in these days. We affirm our openness to this growing unity in obedience to the Word of God, so that we may fully share, hold in common and offer to the world those gifts which we have received and still hold in separation. In the unity we seek we recognise that there will not be uniformity but legitimate diversity.

It is our conviction that, as a matter of policy at all levels and in all places, our churches must now move from co-operation to clear commitment to each other, in search of the unity for which Christ prayed and in common evangelism and service of the world.

We urge church leaders and representatives to take all necessary steps to present, as soon as possible, to our church authorities, assemblies and congregations, the Report of this Conference together with developed proposals for ecumenical instruments to help the churches of these Islands to move ahead together.

Continuing to trust in the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, we look forward with confidence to sharing with our own churches the joys of this historic Conference. We thank God for all those who, from Lent '86 and before, have been part of this pilgrimage. We feel their presence with us. We urge our churches to confirm by decision and action the hopes and vision on which we have laid hold, and which we shall not let go.

This is a new beginning. We set out on our further pilgrimage ready to take risks and determined not to be put off by 'dismal stories'. We resolve that no discouragement will make us once relent our avowed intent to be pilgrims together. Leaving behind painful memories and reaching out for what lies ahead, we press on towards the full reconciliation in Christ of all things in heaven and on earth, that God has promised in his Kingdom.

Lord God, we thank you for calling us into the company
Of those who trust in Christ and seek to obey his will.
May your spirit guide and strengthen us
In mission and service to your world;
For we are strangers no longer
But pilgrims on the way to your Kingdom. AMEN.

THE CHURCHWARDENS' STAVES

At the School's Harvest Festival Service in church on Friday 2nd October, Mr. Oliver handed the Rector a cheque for £140 to meet the cost of the new Staves. The Rector thanked the boys and girls for their gift and particularly complimented them for raising the money by their own efforts and with imaginative schemes. It is quite usual for one of the staves to be headed with a Mitre and the other with a Crown. Interest in the purchase of the new staves was aroused partly when a visit was made to the school by the Bishop of Coventry, the Rt. Revd. Simon Barrington-Ward earlier in the year, wearing his Cope and Mitre, and partly also when visits were made to Coventry Cathedral and the children saw the Cathedral's Churchwardens' Staves.

The heads of the Staves are in fine brass and have been made by a noted firm of metal craftsmen, A. Edward Jones Ltd. of Birmingham.

The gift is most gratefully received.

FAMILY SERVICE AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH

October saw the establishment of two new initiatives at Harbury and at Ladbroke.

At Harbury on Sunday 4th October, the first of a series of 'Family Services' took place and was very well attended. The verdict was exceedingly favourable and everyone enjoyed the service. We are looking forward to the next on Sunday 1st November. Please note the time is half-an-hour later at 11.30am

Similarly at Ladbroke on Sunday 11th October, the first 'Children's Church' was held with a good number of children and some parents. Here again everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. A Children's Corner was set up with an interest tabl and examples of the children's drawings on the wall behind. Also a picture of All Saints' Ladbroke on

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which are to be recorded names with baptismal dates.
The next Children's Church at Ladbroke will be on
Sunday 15th November at 10.30 am.



Mike Bloxham's photo shows Ladbroke chorister Jennife Knott in the Children's Corner.

SPONSORED BICYCLE RIDE

As promised in the October edition, here are the final results of money raised by the participants.

At Ladbroke, the total raised was £134. £67 goes to the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust and a cheque for £67 has already been returned the Treasurer.

At Harbury, the total raised was £268.20. The Trust retains £134.10 and a cheque for £134.10 has been returned to the Treasurer. Both parishes were commended for a very good effort and once again, we thank a those who took part.

The Trust exists, of course, to help churches faced with enormous amounts of money to raise for repairs and it is quite possible for either or both of our churches to benefit in the future with a grant. It is likely that this will be repeated next year in September and perhaps we can get even more people to ent

HARVEST EFFORT

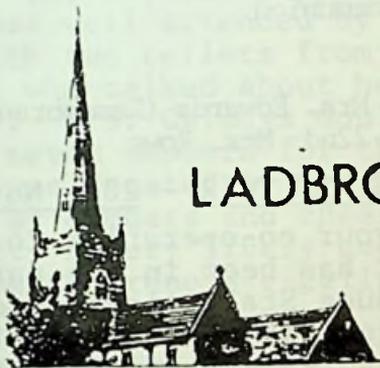
Three young girls at Ladbroke decided to organise a Little Harvest Sale of their own to raise money for their Church. Sloane Jenkin, Abi Jenkin and Carly Hayward sold the produce they had gathered together and then took the proceeds to the Rector. He was delighted to receive £5.65 from them for All Saints' Ladbroke and thanked them for their efforts.

HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday 18th October CHARLOTTE ANN, daughter of Bernard Christopher and Susan Elizabeth Kelsey, 1 Neales Close

FUNERAL

Tuesday 29th September (At Ladbroke)
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LADBROKE NEWS

OCTOBER DIARY

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| Sun | 1st | ALL SAINTS' DAY (The Patronal Festival)
10.30am Family Communion, 3.30pm Evensong |
| Mon | 2nd | ALL SOULS' DAY 7pm Holy Communion (Requiem) |
| Wed | 5th | 10.30am Holy Communion |
| Sat | 7th | Alan Howarth, MP, available for consultation
(in Southam 10am - 12 noon)
Bonfire Celebrations 7.30 p.m. Tom Sheasby's Field |
| Sun | 8th | 7th Sunday before Christmas (Remembrance Sunday)
9am Service of Remembrance and Holy Communion
with Hymns. |
| Wed | 11th | 10.30am Holy Communion |
| Thurs | 12th | 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Harbury Mothers' Union (Ladbroke Village Hall) |

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 Sun 15th 6th Sunday before Christmas 9am Holy Communion with Hymns, 10.30am Children's Church, 3.30pm Evensong with Link Parishes of Ryton & Bubberhall (followed by tea)
 Wed 18th 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 22nd Sunday next before Advent 9am Holy Communion with Hymns.
 Tues 24th Governors/Parents Annual Meeting at St. James First School, Southam
 Parish Council Meeting 7.45 pm
 Wed 25th 10.30am Holy Communion
 Thurs 26th WI - "Christmas Cake Decoration" - Demonstration by Mrs. Duncan
 Sat 28th 2.30pm CHRISTMAS FAIR - Ladbroke Village Hall
 Sun 29th Advent Sunday 9am Holy Communion with Hymns
 Mon 30th St. Andrew the Apostle 7.30pm Holy Communion
 8pm Parochial Church Council Meeting

DECEMBER

Wed 2nd 10.30am Holy Communion

CHURCH FLOWERS

Nov 1st Mrs. Frost; Nov 8th Mrs. Edwards (Remembrance Sunday);
 Nov 15th Mrs. Edwards; Nov 22nd Mrs. Rowe

LADBROKE CHURCH - CHRISTMAS FAIR - 28th November

Once again we ask for your co-operation to help make the Fair the success it has been in the past. We need goods for the Produce Stall (jams, pickles, cake etc) Nearly New (any "good as new" clothes) Gift Stall (books, toiletries, toys, games) and Francis, once again will be doing the Tombola and will be most grateful for any bottle or can that you are able to spare. If you can help in any way, will you please ring me on 2187 and I will arrange for collection. Thank you very much.

GWYNNE BADMAN

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting in October proved to be the best attended this year, when we met at Mrs. Betty Winkfield's home to listen to her talk about her work over the years as a midwife. It was not only interesting to hear of all the changes and improvements that have taken place, but also to hear about the humorous experiences she had had on her rounds and in hospital. We came away feeling how fortunate we are today for all the medical equip-

ment and expertise used now in hospitals.

The Christmas Fair is on Nov. 28th. Once again we having the Cake and Produce stall, and will be glad of items for it - jam, marmalade etc. as well as cakes.

Our meeting on 12th Nov. is to be in the village hall at 2.30pm when we shall be pleased to have some members of Harbury Mothers' Union with us, to listen to a talk on photography given by Mr. Sullivan, the husband of one of our members. Please note that for this month only our meeting is on a Thursday.

NANCY STUBBS

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

W.I. members who went as guests to Ufton W.I. Microwave Demonstration enjoyed the evening very much.

The A.G.M. and Harvest Supper on the following Thursday was well attended by members and also three guests, with two tellers from Harbury W.I. and V.C.O. Mrs. Hill, who talked about her work as V.C.O. within the county. Mrs. Gwladys Gould was voted new President with seven members for the new committee. Home-made wine was donated by Mrs. Irene Bennett and apple pies made by members and cheese and paté was provided for supper. A very lively evening was enjoyed by all, in part due to Irene's excellent wine.

The raffle was won by Mrs. Celia Barrett, Harbury WI President who acted as teller, and our new President, Mrs. Gwladys Gould.

One of our members left Ladbroke at the end of the summer and although she was not an active member during the last year, Margaret Butler will be missed by all. Our good wishes to her and her family for their new life in York.

Our next meeting is on Nov 26th with a "Christmas Cake Decoration" demonstration by Mrs. Duncan.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

There was a good attendance at the Barbeque Dance and all seemed to enjoy themselves as indeed they did at the Magic Lantern Show. This was a splendid evening with all ages engrossed in the sight of Old Leamingt and Stratford and vastly amused by the comic series

of slides. Our grateful thanks to the presenter, the audience and the helpers for making this a very enjoyable social event.

BONFIRE PARTY

To be held in Mr. Tom Sheasby's field with his kind permission on Saturday Nov 7th from 7.30pm. Fireworks will be let off under supervised conditions. Please bring your own fireworks to add to the show. Refreshments will be available. This is a traditional village get-together and we hope to see you all there.

PARISH COUNCIL - 26th September

The roads and footpaths department are in action with minor repairs to the footpath to the Church. The grassy path will soon be a well drained, kerbed mode footway. Some villagers have experienced difficulty negotiating the lane, but it was not felt that traffic lights were necessary. The Department of Transport have agreed to fund the gate on to the Bypass in Windmill Lane. Although it is permissible to have chevron signs erected on the bend by the Church, it was felt that these would be appropriate in such a setting. The Council hoped to arrange a site visit with the local authority.

With reference to flickering electricity, the Board suggested that though birds, trees, rain etc could be responsible, faulty appliances were more likely to be the cause. Comments from anyone in the village who suffers from flickering, dimming or short-lived light bulbs, would be welcome.

Dog fouling: According to the District Council, the owner of any dog guilty of fouling a footpath may be prosecuted and fined even if the dog is not under direct supervision. A copy of the Byelaws is available for inspection by appointment with the Parish Clerk.

Mr. Sutton, the manager of the Southam Swimming Pool, addressed the meeting, explaining the delayed opening. It was hoped to provide a good service for all sections of the community, so if you have any suggestions to make, please ring Mr. Sutton on Southam 7788.

Next meeting - Tuesday 24th Nov. 7.45 p.m.

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Our local M.P., Mr Alan Howarth will be holding a Surgery in Southam on Saturday November 7th. Please ring his agent for an appointment on Stratford 292723.

At the beginning of the month incidents were reported to the Police of traffic on the Bypass being hit by what could possibly be catapults or even an airgun, from the vicinity of the end of Windmill Lane. The Police have warned that parents are responsible for juveniles and any prosecution could result in substantial damages.

Postscript to the Saga of The Bridge:-

I arrived home recently to find some fairly depressed looking gentlemen leaning nonchalantly over the parapet. My curiosity was aroused and so I decided to investigate. I recognised the County Council Agent and enquired if it was about to fall down! He explained that the trouble was it had originally been painted in a rainstorm, the paint had blistered and it would have to be re-done. I seized my chance and asked if this time "could it be green?" - whereupon I was denounced as that well-known local trouble-maker! I retreated.

On the subject of Bridges, the railway bridge over the A 423 at Fenny Compton is due to be blown up on Sunday November 8th. So if you hear a big bang, don't say you weren't warned!

So many people have agreed with me about the dreadful smell pervading Ladbroke's fields last month that I feel quite encouraged. You'll be pleased to hear I've stopped sneezing and am hoping that the farmers find a different brew next year!

KATE LIVERTON

HARBURY C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

School Harvest Festival - this was held in All Saints' Church on Friday October 2nd. Children brought their Harvest Gifts to church, so we were able to create an 'instant' display. It was lovely to be able to welcome so many parents and friends who were able to come along - so much so that the church was full.

We would like to thank all the Mums who volunteered to help us escort the younger children through the village.

At the end of the service the Rector was presented with a cheque for £145. This will pay for both the new Churchwardens' staffs, and was the result of a number of fund-raising events, which the children themselves organised.

Maths Week - we held this on the week beginning September 28th. It was a new venture which we arranged as a run-up to the P.T.A. Maths evening held on October 7th. Each class throughout the school chose a Mathematical topic to work from. The choice was wide and varied; time was set aside for explanation and recording which resulted in a most interesting 'Kaleidoscope' of the sort of maths which is covered in the primary school of today.

P.T.A. Maths Evening - held in the school on the evening of October 7th from 6 pm to 8.30 pm was an opportunity for parents to discover how maths is taught. Children's work was on display, all the text books could be seen and studied, and all the teaching staff were on hand to answer questions and talk to parents. A very pleasing number of parents took advantage of this opportunity, I am pleased to say.

We read a lot of nonsense in the press these days about what is taught in schools. We at Harbury School feel that evenings such as these will enable parents to see for themselves what really goes on. N.C.O.

SCHOOL VISIT TO YORK

Class 8 visited York for a week, from Tuesday 29 September to Saturday 3rd October. We wrote thank you letters to everyone who had helped us have a hugely enjoyable time. This is a copy of our letter to the Mayor:-

5th October 1987

Dear Councillor Heppell, the Rt. Hon Lord Mayor of York

Our five day stay in York was very interesting, especially the museums, exhibitions and architecture. Over our stay we learned how York grew up, and all about its past. We learned how the Vikings lived and we saw some of the Viking finds. York's streets are

amazing, especially the Shambles. We did lots of questionnaires at the places we went to. We were surprised at how the city walls had survived over the years and how you can still walk. York Minster is a giant compared to our own village church. We thought the ceiling was stone but we were astonished when our guide told us it was wood. Climbing up the steps to the top of the tower was tiring but worthwhile as there was an amazing view of the city. Thank you for letting us visit the Mansion House. Mr. John Burns - Senior Attendant showed us the Civic Plate which was fascinating. We signed the Visitors Book. Our stay was very interesting. We think you must be very proud of being Lord Mayor of such a beautiful city.

Yours sincerely,

Katy Brown and Christopher Cowan
on behalf of Class Eight.

OUR VISIT TO THE THEATRE

On Wednesday, October 9th classes 6 and 7 went to the Warwick Arts Centre to watch a play called the See-Saw Tree. When we arrived and had gone into the theatre, we had to wait about ten minutes before the play started. While we were waiting one of the actresses came up and talked to some of us. (We didn't know she was an actress). After that the play started but the lights didn't go out immediately as they usually do. The play was all about a tree called 'The See-Saw Tree'. There were some actors dressed up as animals. Later on machinery came and started knocking down the trees in that area so that a children's playground could be built. Just as the machinery was about to cut down the See-Saw Tree, one of the characters (Rabbit) bit through the electric cable of the chain-saw. He had saved the tree and his friends.

At the end of the play all the characters, including Rabbit sang a song about the See-Traw Tree and we all joined in.

JOANNA HANCOCK, Class 6

BOOT APPEAL

Next summer term, Class 7 and Class 9 will be going on educational visits to Wales for a week. They will need good walking boots. Having taken groups away several times in the past, I

know that there must be many pairs of redundant boots in various households around the village. If you possess a pair of walking boots which you would like to sell, please send them, with price required, to the school.

NIGEL CHAPMAN.

CLASS 7's 'COMPOSITE' POEM FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL

Combine harvester lumbering heavily across the
enormous bright yellow waving wheat field
Huge and shiny it gathers the crop under
the dazzling sunshine
The header's whirring blades spinning like a
fairground wheel
Blue hatted farmer jolting up and down
covered in dust, wiping sweat from his brow
The monster blowing grain from its trunk into
a battered trailer
Racing against time and weather before night-
fall coats the crop with dew
Sun sinks behind the hill; sending long shadows
and silhouetting the trees against the
red sky
Slowly and gently the engine chugs and
splutters
An owl calls, and all is silent.

HARBURY P.T.A.

There was an excellent attendance at the 'Maths Evening' - see Mr. Oliver's School News.

The Autumn Entertainment' presented on Sat 17th October was a sell-out. It was very pleasing to see so many new parents there. They were well entertained by a dazzling array of local talent, including John Black, Nick Gibb, Ann Miller, Nigel Chapman, Debbie & Bernard Price, Dave Kelly, Andy Cowan and Marjorie King. Special thanks to the Catering Committee, Gordon & Derek for light and sound and to Colin Oliver for compèring the Show. We missed John Woodward who has retired from running bars and welcomed his successor, Richard Cox.

The AGM will be on Wed. 4th November at 8.00 in the School Hall. Why not take a positive step and become a Committee member. Duties are not onerous but ideas and enthusiasm are welcome. Parents of new children would be particularly welcome.



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Details of joining the 100 Club which is a good
fund-raiser with monthly prizes, from School or
Committee members.

K.S.

SOUTHAM SCHOOL NEWSINSIGHT MAGAZINE

Several members of the lower VIth decided it was time to start up a new magazine in Southam School. The original idea came from Kevin Johnson and Tim Tyler, now Editor and Director respectively. Support soon followed and a board was set up with Andrew East and Jane Hancock as Assistant Editors, Lesley Cooper (Secretary) Sarah Burnham (Sales & Marketing) Pete Thomas (Layout) Graham Line (Production Manager) Robert Woodward (Treasurer) and Emily Macgowan (Advertising).

The first issue came out on 19th October and each pupil in school received a free copy. The team had worked extremely hard to get the magazine out in time and were generally pleased with the result. However the magazine received mixed views from the school so the team are now working to produce an even better magazine which will be available in the middle of December.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Another company has been produced by the Lower VIth, this time emerging with the name High Flyers. They have decided to produce a wide range of products ranging from cheese boards to pin cushions. After a lot of hard work, the team will be marketing their products on 7th November in the main hall of the School.

L.J.H.

SOUTHAM SCHOOL P.T.A.

At the A.G.M. on 14th October the Association regretfully accepted the resignation of a very hard-working Chairman, Ann Forgan. Fortunately Ann agreed to remain on the Committee. The new Chairman is Sharon Hancock. The secretary will continue to be

Joan Manning of the 'Red House' Hill, Leamington Hastings. Harbury members of the Committee are Shar Hancock, 32 Mill Street, Chris Macgowan, 17 Manor Orchard, Margaret McDonald, 'Bramley', Queens Close, and Keith Thompson, 4 Manor Orchard. We all have tickets for sale for the next fund-raising event - a Caribbean evening on November 14th with the renowned Ocho Rios Steel Band. Last year the band gave us a terrific evening of music and dancing and even those with two left feet found it impossible not to dance to them. As last year, there will be a bar, and a substantial supper with a Caribbean flavour. Ticket are only £3 so don't delay - get yours now - either from a committee member or from School. M.S.H.

HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

NOVEMBER DIARY

Wednesday 4th - W.A.Y.C. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES MOBILE
with unusual club games, glass engraving etc.
Sunday 8th - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. Laying a wreath
Wednesday 11th ALCOHOL QUIZ
Non alcoholic cocktails and drinks tasting
Saturday 14th DISCO - 7.30 - 10.45 pm Village Hall
Wednesday 18th ICE SKATING 7 pm depart Village Hall
Friday 20th ALL NIGHT DISCO 8pm - 8am Rugby Club
Wednesday 25th TREASURE HUNT by Candlelight

(weather permitting)

* URGENT - book now for the All-Night Disco - as insufficient numbers will necessitate cancelling this event. No sponsorship needed - just a donation of £5 - so get the consent forms in now please (under 14 year olds are asked to dance only until midnight, therefore £3 donation)

All Harbury Club members and their friends are welcome at the discos. Funds raised by them purchase equipment, subsidise outings, holidays, prizes, speakers, special events, staff training, and mini-courses.

PLEASE support your discos, look after the village hall, and help us to recruit more parent-helpers.

OCTOBER REPORT

HARRIET HAS DONE IT AGAIN! "IT'S A KNOCKOUT"
W.A.Y.C. Harriet Shuttleworth used her leadership

skills to organise another winning team which reached the county finals at a Honiley Hall weekend award event, where we came second beaten by a single point! Thanks to senior leader Andrew Ball for seeing the team through and congratulations to Liam Morgan, Mark Hayes, Katy Bedford, Hannah Burnham, Brett Peebles and of course to Harriet.

THE WAR YEARS EVENING

Thank you to the very many people who helped to provide the background for our extensive research. The young people had a unique opportunity to discover about life during the war years, with our marvellous panel of speakers willing to share their wealth of experience and a display of exhibits, posters and information.

Special thanks to Mrs. Zonik, Mr. Geoff Byrd (who travelled from Northamptonshire), Mr. & Mrs. Bayes, Mr. Watts, Mr. Chapple, Mrs. Entwistle and Mr Daniels for sharing their memories; and to Mrs. Picken, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Kettle, Mrs. Hughes and Mr. & Mrs. King for the loan of exhibition items.

SPONSORED PIANO PUSH

An enthusiastic group of members joined this event pushing the old piano - colourfully collaged and bedecked with balloons and streamers - from pub to pub. This was to raise funds for Harbury Senior Citizens Christmas lunch.

Thank you to everyone who supported this especially to all at the Old New Inn, Gamecock, Shakespeare, Dog and Crown for their wholehearted backing and understanding.

£21 was collected on the night.

£36 sponsor money so far received

.....but there are several outstanding forms.
PLEASE RETURN THESE URGENTLY. (Members were asked to raise £1 each, but several raised much more - Kathy Percival raised £14. Well done!)

PUMPKIN HEADS?!

Thank you Mary, Paul and Lorraine for the magnificent pumpkin head lanterns which did so much to create the seasonal atmosphere at our Halloween

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Disco. Thanks also to parents and members who helped in different ways, creating another happy fund-raising and social event. This successful formula (mixed in our cauldron) is achieved because of Spooks disco and lights, discreet parental and leader presence, prizes and fun, restricted entry, and responsible members observing the Youth Club rules.

FORTHCOMING - COUNTY TRAINING WEEK-END

Our exciting new team of emerging leaders are attending a special training weekend at Honiley Hall. We look forward to being able to develop specific areas of Youth work as a result - as an aid to discovering, maximising and utilising members' individual potential.

JUNIOR TENNIS 1987 CHAMPIONS

Boys' Singles Winner: Jonathan Frost
 Runner-up : Leon Scholtz
 3rd : Steven Thompson
Girls' Singles Winner: Fiona Crossan
 Runner-up : Fiona Szolnoki
Boys' Doubles Winners: Leon Scholtz & Steven Thompson
 Runners-up : Peter Andrews & Matthew Knight
 3rd : Duncan House & William Stringer
Boys' Plate Singles Winner: Shane Exton
 " " Runner-up : Jeremy Hayes

(Congratulations to all who took part in the tournaments - the standard of tennis and sportsmanship was very high)

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

Bunny Raby has safely put away the cricket square into hibernation and your correspondent feels that all villagers would love to hear the outcome of yet another cricket season.

Thanks to Warwickshire weather - 10 games were called off which was very disappointing. Of the remaining matches the end of season results were:-

Played 19, Won 8, Lost 7, Drawn 4

As the experts would say "an average season".

What of the form of the individuals?

Leading the side - by example? - was Harbury's own homebred hero Gary Lowe. Despite slight eruptions in the deep from his splinter friends, he defied all the odds and carried the team through to the end of the season.

A brief résumé of the team's performance reads:-

Wilco - a promising first season, although was more favoured by the local insomniacs.

Bernard - a perfect partner for our other opener - experience and youth (which way round?)

Mr. W. Edge - a trying season for our boyhood hero.

We were hoping Worcestershire might ask him to go and join I.T.B. but to no avail.

Pieman - another glorious season, is there no end to this family's talent?

Arthur Daley - Pass, not one of his better seasons, was his mind elsewhere?

N.B. another new recruit who after his Packer-type defection returned to find that nothing has changed?

D.R. Try Lords next year - their need might be greater than ours?

Swoop alias "Spiderman". Very slow to get going this season but once he did score - what memories? Always good for a laugh at "third man".

Dead-Bat Dal - lived up to his reputation as ever.

Mr. Turnip - Late to appear, too busy splintering.

Dougie - A useful late replacement but must get some whites for next season.

Mr. Bolt - gold medal for getting £10 from the team leader before August.

Wally - faithful as ever apart from the bad shoulder, was this an excuse to unearth another bowler? - if so forget it!

Tricky Ricky - a wonderful tail-ender - but did need a 2 hour siesta prior to batting - this wicket-keeping was phenomenal!

Lofty - limited his appearance this year due to more pressing engagements at Donington Park. Somewhat erratic bowler due to weight in left ear?

All in all, another enjoyable season, many thanks again to Bunny Raby's untiring work in the pitch preparation, Marie and Teresa Wallington for the splendid teas and all other club stalwarts who worked

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so hard to settle the club at its new home.

We look forward to lots of mickie-taking at the club dinner in December at the Dog and the A.G.M. in the New Year.

IAN HOLROYD

HARBURY RUGBY CLUB

The season is now well under way and so far has been rather mixed. After winning the first two league games we were fairly confident but the team have slipped away and have lost the last three. However the old problem of injuries hasn't helped the cause.

Three teams now play on Saturday afternoon and we are delighted to see quite a few new players enabling a few of our more genteel gentlemen of the lower divisions to watch and meditate and remember "what was".

The 1st team on its day looks strong and the club is confident of future success. The 2nd team led by John Hawkins has reduced its average age considerably and with perseverance should come on well. The 3rds led by Bob Sandford contain a perfect blend of age and youth so anybody in Harbury of either vintage would be very welcome to come and join us. (I'm certain there are still more sleeping athletes in the village!)

Silver Jubilee - The club this year celebrates its silver jubilee having started in 1962 as Whitnash Rugby Club. In 1968 the club moved to the village and became Harbury Rugby Club, playing on the village playing field. The club was first "based" at the Crown Inn moving eventually to Club rooms and bar in the village hall.

In 1979 the clubhouse and ground were opened and it has grown in stature - and reputation! - ever since.

The club acknowledges and is extremely grateful to the village and individuals who have supported the club over the years.

Events are being organised during the season, one of the highlights being on Sunday 8th November. This is a game between Harbury and Peter Preece's Golden Oldie XV - Kick Off 2.15 p.m. at the Club. I'm sure lots of villagers will want to come down and see the match.

DINNER DANCE. The Jubilee dinner-dance is being held at the Woodhouse at Princethorpe on Saturday 21st November. If any villagers would like to join us, please contact Ian Holroyd.

MINI SECTION. As ever the mini section goes from strength to strength and the help of the various parents in running the section is very much appreciated. We were wll sorry to report the very nasty injury to Shane Exton in a recent game. We wish him a very speedy recovery and hope to see him back down at the club before too long. IAN HOLROYD

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

The 1987/88 season has begun, with the new court in use, training in progress and the players enthusiast. The beginning of a new season is always hard work, and we do appreciate the amount of time Jenny Evans puts into arranging our fixtures.

"A" team captain is Theresa Wallington and "B" team captain is Jean Johns. They are busily planning strategies, to lead their ~~unruly-rabble~~ (sorry, teams) to success. It has been a reasonable start to the season, as we've won two out of the four games played so far.

Welcome to the new members who are training with us on Thursday nights. They are committed, fit, regular but we'll soon cure that!

On Sunday November 1st there is a sponsored netball tournament at the playing field. Many village clubs and organisations are taking part, trying to raise money for charity, our court and themselves. IF YOU READ THIS IN TIME PLEASE COME UP AND JOIN IN THE FUN. Coming soon - A Disco for the young in heart - ask the netball "girls" for details. P.S.

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

The first Thursday of October fell on the first of the month which could account for the smaller audience at the Folk Club. We imagined that many of the regulars would be relaxing at home, watching "Blackadder" happy in the knowledge that it was September 31st!

For whatever reason, the reduced numbers did not spoil the evening - in fact, many people remarked that it was more enjoyable as a result. In the gue

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spot, we featured John and Nick ("Phil & Drill") who dispensed with the conventions of folk music and used a variety of instruments to create their very original style. However, some of their material had strong traditional roots such as "I'll Tell Me Ma", with fiddle and keyboard percussion, and their last number, "The Wild Rover went down to St. James' Infirmary" (or words to that effect!) which featured Nick's excellent trumpet playing.

The supporting cast was also a little smaller than usual but that meant that we could hear a little more than usual from each of the Jug Band, Gerda, Tony and me.

The next meeting of the Folk Club is on November 5th, which should be easy to remember. Hopefully, it won't clash with too many firework parties. Please don't bring any fireworks to the club (otherwise I'll get a rocket from the landlord) but be prepared for a glittering line-up of singers, a few flashes of inspiration and the inevitable bright sparks. To satisfy a burning ambition, the guest star in the third half will be that amiable guy, Tony Bayliss.

So much for the baze of publicity for the next Folk Club. The display starts at 8.30pm in the lounge of the Old New Inn. Following that will be our Christmas Special on December 3rd and, from previous experience, that's bound to be another great night.

PETER McDONALD.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

I would like to welcome our new Secretary, Sally Townsend who took over from Sue Andrews at the October committee meeting. Her address and telephone number are 7 Farley Avenue (613420)

I am also pleased to tell you that following our submission to the Best Run Village Hall Competition, organised by the W.R.C.C. we were lucky enough to win £50 for a joint third place. Baginton Village Hall won the first prize.

Sadly there are less pleasant things to report. The committee has received a letter of complaint regarding the nuisance of motor-bikes around the Village Hall. Not only is there a nuisance due to the noise,

but the riding of motor-bikes on the pathway around the hall is extremely dangerous. It must be pointed out that the Hall grounds are private property and it might be necessary for access to this area to be restricted solely to those actually using the Hall. We have also suffered further deliberate damage to the Hall over the past couple of weeks, and some of the work carried out on the maintenance day will have to be re-done. Again, if this continues, it might become necessary to restrict access to the Village Hall grounds.

Maybe the best way to beat this problem would be for us all to keep a watchful eye open as the Hall is for everyone's use.

ALAN BARR

HARBURY CRAFT CIRCLE

Our Craft Fair 'with Christmas in mind' is on Saturday 21st November, when more than 25 crafts will be displayed. I think this makes it the large. fair so far, and the Village Hall will be full to bursting with quality hand-made items. Many of the craftsmen you will have met before at one or other of our previous events, but again we have several new contributors: one of whom will be Mr. Carvell with his beautiful hand made walking sticks.

Do please come and look around - admission is free - and morning coffees, lunches, and afternoon teas will be provided by the Village Hall committee for their funds.

Next year's Craft Fairs have been arranged for 5th March, 9th July and 26th November, so book the dates and if you wish to take part, please let me know on Harbury 612603.

JANET WATTS

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Following an enthusiastic meeting attended by a dozen or so ladies, with messages from sundry others, it was decided to go ahead. A committee of five experienced arrangers was elected to work with the Rector with the object of producing a "Celebration of Flowers" to run over the weekend of the Garden Walk-About, on July 9th & 10th, 1988.

Although the committee will mastermind the event,

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much support is needed. The unskilled, like me, are in demand. Many are very capable of doing an arrangement, under instruction if necessary, or to help with the chores of flower preparation. Everyone is welcome. So that those interested can keep in touch, another open meeting will be held in the New Year.

Meanwhile, our first preoccupation is funding. Much as we would like, and do welcome, local produce, the climate is far too variable for us to have any sure indication of what will be available. In addition the open gardens cannot be stripped.

To boost the fund a coffee morning and Bring & Buy will be held at Hazebrook, The Pound on Friday November 13th 10am - 12 noon. Do please come and bring a friend.

MARGARET RIGDEN

MOTHERS' UNION

At our meeting on 7th October, we welcomed Mr McQuoid from Christian Action Research and Education who gave us an interesting talk on their work and aims.

On 20th October we had an evening meeting when Mrs. Anne Lancaster told us of her personal experience of Muscular Dystrophy - her only son John is a victim of this disease, and at 13 is confined to a wheelchair.

At our next meeting on 4th November we shall hear the Deanery reports and discuss matters arising, and on Thursday 12th Nov, Harbury MU members are invited to attend the Women's Fellowship meeting in Ladbroke Village Hall. On 17th November there will be a Cheese & Wine evening at 11 Constance Drive starting at 7.45 pm.

We have again been asked to run the tart stall at the Christmas Fair on 28th November. Apple or Mincemeat pies/tarts only please.

We are all so pleased to see Nan Thomas making a good recovery from her recent operation.

BUS SERVICES The Parish Council have been informed by Warwickshire County Council that because of lack of use - the 568 service running from Southam to Cubbing on in the evenings is being discontinued from 24th C

HARBURY W.I.

You could have heard a pin drop in the Village Hall at our October meeting as members listened absolutely enthralled to Mrs. Betty Smith telling us her 'Tales of Old Gloucestershire'. She has been collecting her tales for 30 years or more and has now written them into a book which surely must be a 'Best Seller' if you enjoy "ghosty" stories! She was thanked by Mrs. Deirdre Dunbar for entertaining us. The raffle was won by Mrs. Travis and Mrs. Entwistle.

We were shown the kneeler which is to be given to the church, designed by Mrs. Bertha Kettle and worked by Mrs. Dorothy Travis. It really is something to be proud of!

A very successful jumble sale was held on October 17 with all profits going to charity. Many thanks to Mrs. Jean Beaumont who organised it all and everyone else who helped in any way.

This year the W.I. came second in the annual village quiz by losing by only two points! Congratulations and well done to the four members who took part.

Our November meeting will be our A.G.M. followed by A QUIZ. We are not searching for the 'Brain of Britain', it's just fun - please come! S.G.

HARBURY MEN'S SOCIETY - THE QUEST Continues....

The meeting on 5th November will once again be under the banner of Being a Christian in Today's Business World, when our speaker will be Revd Trevor Cooper, Industrial Chaplain, Coventry Diocese.

We meet at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Bunting, Rylands, Dovehouse Lane, Harbury at 7.45 pm.

I am sure we will have an informative and interesting evening and look forward to seeing you.

TONY STUBBS



HARBURY CLUB QUIZ NIGHT

Once again Jim Chapple produced an evening of great interest and keen competition. Nine teams took part with encouragement from their many supporters. In the end, it was Harbury Society (Neé Hottentots) who won with the W.I. coming a close second.

A D S A

The above is not to be confused with the shop - it stands for Association for the Disabled Southam Area. Monthly meetings are held at Wattons Lodge on the last Saturday (afternoon) of the month in Winter and the last Wednesday (evening) of the month in Summer. At these meetings there is usually entertainment and refreshments. The aim of the Association is to raise money to help with transport for the disabled in this area.

On November 14th a Christmas Bazaar is to be held in Wattons Lodge, Southam at 2.30 pm - why not pop over to Southam and support the Association? Cakes, tins, bottles, white elephant etc. are very much needed - if you have anything, please could you give it to either Rosemary Ottewill (43 Mill St); Mrs. Ruscoe (Temple Cottage); Mrs. Hawkins (2 Binswood End); Mrs. Bugg (4 Constance Drive); Mrs. Washbrook (28 Frances Rd) or Mr. Clarke (9 Constance Drive) - all who attend the meetings.

If you'd like more details of the meetings, why not contact any of the above - or if you'd like to go swimming, play table tennis or darts or use the exercise room at Rugby Sports Centre - a group go there once a fortnight on a Saturday morning (further details from Gerald Barr - 22 South Parade).

I should also like to take this opportunity of thanking all the people who deliver Link (a bi-monthly newsletter) to the 60 approx people in Harbury who are on the Social Services Disabled Register.

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And when I talk I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
All my teeth have had to come out
And my diet I hate to think about.
I'm overweight and I can't get thin
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in
And arch supports I need for my feet
Or I wouldn't be able to go out in the streets
Sleep is denied me night after night
But every morning I find I'm all right.
My memory's failing, my head's in a spin
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
Old age is golden I've heard said
But sometimes I wonder when I go to bed
With my ears in a drawer and my teeth in a cup,
And my eyes on a shelf until I get up.
And when sleep dims my eyes I say to myself
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?
The reason I know my youth has been spent
Is my get-up-and-go has got up and went!
I get up each morning and dust off my wits
Pick up the paper and read the obits.
If my name is missing I know I'm not dead
So I eat a good breakfast and jump out of bed!
The moral of this as this tale doth unfold
Is that for you and me who are growing old
It is better to say "I'm fine" with a grin
Than to let people know the shape that we're in.

ANON

HARBURY HELP LINE

We are happy to have been of service to our first applicants. Remember, for CONFIDENTIAL assistance of various kinds, either drop in a note or telephone the following people:-

FOR EMERGENCY TRANSPORT

Vivien Neill, 7 Dovehouse Lane - 613461
Marie Allen, 21 Sutcliffe Drive - 612958

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FOR HELP WITH FORM FILLING (e.g. job applications or official forms)

John Algar, 8 The Beeches - 612354

Jeff Bedford, 26 Manor Orchard - 613219

ODD JOBS ABOUT THE HOUSE

Jeff Bedford, 26 Manor Orchard - 613219

HELP WITH KNITTING, COOKING, HOBBIES, READING

Mary Catt, 16 Dovehouse Lane - 612864

Lesley Jones, 15 Pineham Avenue - 613207

VISITING HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Keith Dormer, 12 Park Lane - 613254

Canon Rowe, The Rectory, Vicarage Lane - 612377

And if you would like someone to call and visit you or you are caring for an elderly or sick person and would like a little time off, contact:-

Betty Knappe, 4 Leycester Close - 612679

or Sue Dormer, 12 Park Lane - 613254

MORE HARBURY HELPLINE

Can you help Harbury Helpline? We are hoping to collect a supply of good quality children's clothes which will be available to any family finding itself in need in the Harbury area. We intend to start by collecting clothes for the 0 - 6 years age group as it is often those with young families who can find a particular strain put on the family income. But we have not ruled out collecting larger sizes in the future if the need arises. However, before we can collect the necessary clothes we must first have a storage area for them. CAN YOU HELP? We need somewhere big enough to keep the clothes all together and it also needs to be dry - we do not want the clothes to be damaged by mildew. The care of the clothing would be the responsibility of the Helpline, so anyone offering a storage area would not have to be actively involved unless they wished. If you are able to help in this way, please contact me, Maureen Darby on 613330. Further details concerning the collection of good quality children's clothes will be in future Harbury News Magazines so please BE PREPARED!

LEST WE FORGET

With the ever decreasing number of those who have personal experience of the war, it is salutary for us all to be reminded of the extent of deprivation, suffering and disruption experienced by the whole population. Future generations must be given the chance to understand the need for peace - the Yout Club in its researches last month has helped to point to the feelings that should be in our minds when we commemorate the sacrifices of two world wars on November 8th.

Remember food, clothing, furniture and fuel rationing: the digging for victory and the fuel cuts: the evacuees travelling to unknown destination with sandwiches and gasmask and the clothes they stood up in: the horror of the Coventry blitz and the confusion of the battlefield. Remember also the determination and response to demands. Let us hope that our children, discussing these things with their parents and grandparents will honour and care about the 2 minute silence at 11 a.m. on Remembrance Sunday.

BOOKS NEED PEOPLE

The above slogan appeared on a badge issued by Hertfordshire Library Service in 1979 and I found this information in "The Official Badge Collector's Guide" a new book to be found in your local library. The Library is bursting at the seams with books and we have recently had many new additions. We have biographies on Grace Kelly, Larry Hagman, Joan Sutherland, Michael Heseltine, Joe Mercer. If you want to read of foreign parts we have new books on Turkey, Canada, India and as Australia celebrates its bi-centenary read "The ribbon and the ragged square" by Linda Christmas. I swear by the last page you will be saying "G-day". Plan your next holiday from a good selection of books on places from the Highlands of Scotland to the Greek Islands. Think about the garden for next year and browse among some beautifully illustrated new books. Why not try an organic garden? We have "The organic garden" by Sue Stickland. Cook healthier meals with

recipes from "Simply Healthy" by Suzanne Porter. Knit a sweater, sew a patchwork quilt, paint a picture, make a cupboard, design a new kitchen, even build your own house, all available from new books in the library, and there are always many books for the railway enthusiast. Fiction is not forgotten with the new novels of Dick Francis, Catherine Cookson and Victoria Holt and the junior section shelves are just as full of new books waiting to be read. The Library is open Monday 2 - 7 pm and Thursday 10 am - 7 pm and everyone is entitled to borrow four books. "Stay sharp - read".

SHIRLEY KEIR

HARBURY SOCIETY

On Tuesday November 24th we are holding a BYGONE HARBURY evening in the Wight School beginning at 8 pm. It will be an informal meeting with coffee and biscuits provided and the intention is that it will show items from Harbury's past; photographs, papers, household items etc. There will be a core of curiosities for you to see but we hope that everyone who can will bring along something from Harbury's past. For instance not long ago Cecil Bloxham showed me a simple wooden implement that he called a 'Short Rest' I think, used by the Quarrymen; I know Brian Ingram has a washboard; many people have old photographs and deeds; and there must be relics from the Railway.

If you have anything which you think may be of interest that you are willing to lend us for an evening but don't want to turn out in the cold, do contact me (16 Farm Street 612792) and I will collect and return it. You do not have to have exhibits to take part in the evening - those who just want to look, ask questions or talk about Harbury's past are all welcome.

The District and County Councils are co-operating in the compilation of a new Rural South-Warwickshire Plan and are seeking local opinion on the future development of the area. How does Harbury see its future? There is growing pressure on open sites within the village, with a spate of plans for infilling. Several sites are extremely vulnerable, including the paddock, the Spinney and many of the older properties with large gardens (like Mr. Hauley's cottage). The

Severn Trent Water Authority seems determined to maximise the value of its land in Mill Street by acquiring planning permission for a bungalow. The cheapest house for sale in Harbury now costs over £45,000 and if you stand at the top of Treen's Hill in the evening you can see Leamington marching over the horizon towards you. Is this the future you want? Now is your opportunity to make your voice heard. Write to your Local Councillors with your ideas or tell us and we will pass your views on.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

PARISH COUNCIL

To dispose of unpleasant matters first:- Sewage: the District Council, acting as agent for the Severn Trent Water Authority, admitted to the Parish Council that three times in the last year the Mill Street Pumping Station has broken down, sending pollution along the drainage ditch. Once in June and twice this autumn the pumps have been overwhelmed but Stratford DC claims that the problem has been solved now and stressed that it was in order to allow excess storm water to flow along the ditch. Given the provocation, Iory Davies' outburst of 'Rubbish' was remarkably restrained. The Council waits to be convinced the Station won't overflow again, and says the ditch should be cleaned out and piped. On top of all this SWTA has the cheek to apply for Planning permission for a bungalow on the site of the Old Sewage Pumping Station, an area bounded by the ditch that takes the noisome overflow. The Council decided to SUPPORT the plans despite the recommendation of the Inspector, at the Appeal into the previous refusal of consent on the site, that the rural aspect of Mill Street should be conserved.

The Councillors had no objections to the planned extensions at 38 South Parade or 17 Manor Orchard, or the new washroom at the Co-op. The District Council has granted permission for the extension of the Great Western at Deppers and for two retirement cottages behind the Manor, but refused an application to build a bungalow alongside a house at 9 Vicarage Lane. The Parish Council has objected to

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plans to build a bungalow in the grounds of Walnut Tree Cottage, Hall Lane, on grounds similar to those expressed by a neighbour that there would not be adequate provision for car parking and that vehicles would have to reverse on to the road; the site was tight and some trees would be lost.

District Cllr Sharp and County Cllr Mrs. Patricia Bidwell told the Parish Cllrs that their views on the future development of Harbury would be sought by the County and District Councils who were jointly drawing up a new Rural South Warwickshire Local Plan in consultation with local bodies. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED.

Sharon Hancock and Keith Thompson in their School Governors' hats together with Colin Oliver recently watched with alarm the arrival of children by car at the School's Mill Street entrance. They are demanding a meeting with the County to alleviate the danger.

The School Governors have protested to Alan Howarth, MP about the inadequacy of the consultation time allowed for the Core Curriculum and Statutory Testing of Pupils to be discussed. The matter is on the agenda for the parents' meeting.

Car Parking at the Village Hall has been causing problems and the Recreation Grounds Car Park desperately need resurfacing. Ken Stephenson presented plans drawn up for improvements there although the Village Hall has already indicated that it would have to dedicate its income to the maintenance of the fabric of the Hall as its first priority. It would be the intention of the Council to close off the Village Hall gateway opposite Ivy Lane and make the remaining entrance 'IN' only with an exit from the Recreation Grounds Car Park into Constance Drive. This would require access to be taken from the front of the Village Hall to the Car Park and more car parking to be provided on the western side of the Hall.

The Parish's resolution that concessionary bus fares for OAP's should be provided by the government or WCC has been put on the Agendas for the Warwickshire Association of Parish Councils and the Southam Area

Association's next meetings.

Mr Sutton, the Manager of the new Southam Swimming Pool, was present to ask for ideas for the use of the Pool. It was not just for the School children and he hoped to have sessions for OAPs, Mothers & Toddlers, Scouts and other such organisations, lessons for children and adults, snorkling and synchronised swimming. Anyone with suggestions could contact him on Southam 7788.

Councillors were amused to discover that the County calls its street sweepers 'Amenity Cleansing Operatives', but admitted that since they complained that litter and weeds were not being dealt with adequately things have improved. The AC Operatives have been paying particular attention to the Bus Shelter and the County explained that weedkiller was automatically dispensed by the road sweeping vehicle and was 'having an effect on the visible weeds'. After all we won't worry about the invisible ones!

Cllr Stephenson proclaimed the Flower Box scheme 'an unmitigated success' and extracted £30 to cover the cost of Spring bulbs from his colleagues.

When an expert has advised on the pruning of the trees in the Burial Grounds the work will be done. The broken curbstones have been removed and Mr Fletcher will be kept informed of progress. District Cllr Sharp recommended that the graves from which the curbs had been removed could be marked by oak crosses.

The Clerk reported that he was bogged down trying to measure up the Temple End stiles for repair and that he had the utmost difficulty in finding the stile on Beggars Lane which had been reported hidden from view!

Stratford DC has advised the PC that it has approved the name Fox Close for the new development in Chapel Street. It told the residents that the confusion was the fault of the developer who did not conform to the proper procedures in giving the site a name of his own. There is however an Appeal under the 1925 Public Health Act open to those aggrieved at the decision but if it is not taken up the new name

plate will be erected after November 30th.

Cllrs were pleased to agree to a request to accept a donation from Henson Bamford for the erection of a public seat in memory of his wife 'Mar' to be placed in Park Lane.

LINDA RIDGLEY

PROFILE - HELEN OWEN



Mrs. Helen Owen was born in Harbury and has lived in the village all her life apart from a short period during the 1st World War.

She was born at the Newsagents Shop in Mill Street, which at that time was the Post Office and was run by her grandparents.

When her grandfather died in 1901, her father took over the P.O. and her mother carried it on after his death in 1923.

During the 1st World War her mother said it would be good for her to get away from home so Helen went to Warwick and worked at Pageant House in the Records Office, staying there until 1919 after all the men were demobbed. Three or four girls from Harbury also worked there and they all lived in and were good friends.

Helen married in 1926. Her husband Harold was born at the Crown Inn and was one of ten children. He worked as a machinist tool maker in Coventry until his death in 1951.

Mrs. Owen helped her mother in the P.O. and during the 2nd World War they had a busy time as they had to attend to some 250 people who drew their allowances. This number included quite a few folk who were evacuees. When her mother died Mrs. Owen sold the business and it was bought as a newsagents.

The P.O. was restarted by Mr. Taylor next door to his shop in Church Street and has remained as such ever since.

As a child Helen attended the Wight School, where four or five teachers taught the pupils everything, including deportment and manners! She remembers particularly the Nature Walks they were taken and a composition about them had to be written afterwards. She enjoyed these walks very much and they possibly accounted for her love of gardening.

In her younger days Helen was a member of the Church choir which she describes as the "then sizeable choir". She was confirmed by the Rev. Beardsworth in 1916.

The doctors at that time were Dr. Pirie and Dr. Sutcliffe and her parents told her that Dr. Pirie was best man at their wedding.

Mrs. Owen has seen many changes in Harbury and has watched it grow from a small village to a large one. A considerable number of houses have sprung up and she remembers the Food Mart being built by Marshalls.

Although now in her 87th year, Mrs. Owen enjoys good health, apart from failing eye sight but is very thankful that she can still get about and has such good neighbours who are always willing to help her.

J.L.

Editors Note: We are constantly trying to think of people who would be willing to have their 'profile' in Harbury & Ladbroke News. Please let us know of any suggestions you may have.

NOVEMBER IN THE GARDEN

We have certainly been reminded what wind can do and it is wise to take precautions against, hopefully less fearsome blasts. Check for dead or overhanging boughs on garden trees. Cut back tall roses by two thirds to prevent wind rock. Tread in the roots of exposed bushes and all newly planted shrubs. Stake well. Prune and tie in, rambler and climbing roses. Bending over and tying down leader shoots is supposed to encourage flowering growth.

Spray peaches with dithane fungicide. Prune away flowered wood and tie in young growth if you have not already done so.

Once again the digging season is upon us. Vegetable plots must be prepared for next year, by letting the frost into the soil. This should be done when the ground is not too wet.

Don't forget to order your seed potatoes.

When you wash your milk bottles, use the first rinsings of clean water as a mild manure for house plants and any in pots outside. All camelias, being tea plants, appreciate spent tea leaves as a mulch.

E.D.Z.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

It was rather a pity that the first meeting of the new season didn't somehow realise its potential.

For the next meeting, however, members will know how much wisdom, experience and relevance Mr Porter from Clows always brings to his talks. On November 3rd at 8 pm at the Wight School, he will tackle the subject of pruning. The Annual General Meeting will start the proceedings. Please come prepared to make your views known about the running of the Society and to offer yourself or a friend to take office or join the committee - new blood is always welcome and necessary to avoid any society from sinking into predictability and complacency.

Advance notice: December meeting will be Dr Ellis on ponds. (Tues 1 December)

Jean Cox will soon have seed catalogues available.
If you require one please call Jean on Harbury 612693

B.A.R.

Dear Editors,

May I through your delightful and comprehensive monthly Harbury & Ladbroke News convey my thanks to (a) Mrs. Doris Byrne and (b) P.C. T. Percival.

On Sunday evening 18th October we visited our friend Doris at her home in Vicarage Lane, only to find on leaving, both front and rear B.M.W. emblems had been stolen from our car. Well you could have knocked us down with a feather!!! - we couldn't believe such a thing would happen in the peaceful village of Harbury.

Mrs. Byrne reported it for us to your local Police Station. Well, we feared that would be the last we should see of our emblems.

You can imagine our surprise and delight to receive a phone call on Tuesday from Doris telling us that P.C. Percival had just called to return the emblems for us.

We say once again thank you to P.C. Percival and Doris for what they did. In fact "Hooray" for a village "Bobby" and friends because to replace the emblems there would have been a charge of £20 - which one can ill afford as a result of vandalism.

Thank you for your space.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. S. JAMES (Chipping Campden)

Dear Editors,

I would like to say a big thank you to all my friends and neighbours for the many card and flowers sent to me during my recent stay in hospital, and for all the help and support that you all gave Derrick.

Yours sincerely,

NAN THOMAS.



FUTURE EVENTS

Nov. 5th - WHIST DRIVE - VILLAGE HALL - 7.45 pm
(entrance 50p)

We are in need of prizes
Please deliver to Jean Champ, 55 Mill Street

Nov 14th - COFFEE MORNING and BRING & BUY

10.30am at Peggy Middleton's, 27 South Parade

We are in need of cakes and Bring & Buy items
Please deliver to Mrs. Middleton

Nov 21st - CRAFT FAIR - VILLAGE HALL - 10.30 am

We are having our own stall this year and are
in need of Pickles, Jams, Cakes & Biscuits
Jams & Pickles to Jean Champ, 55 Mill St before
18th Nov, Cakes & Biscuits to V.Hall on 21st Nov

Thank you for any help you can give to us, as money
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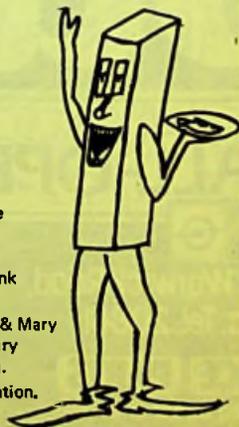
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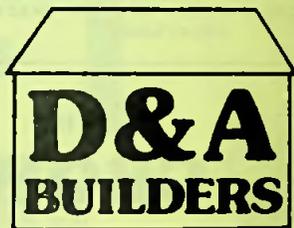


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