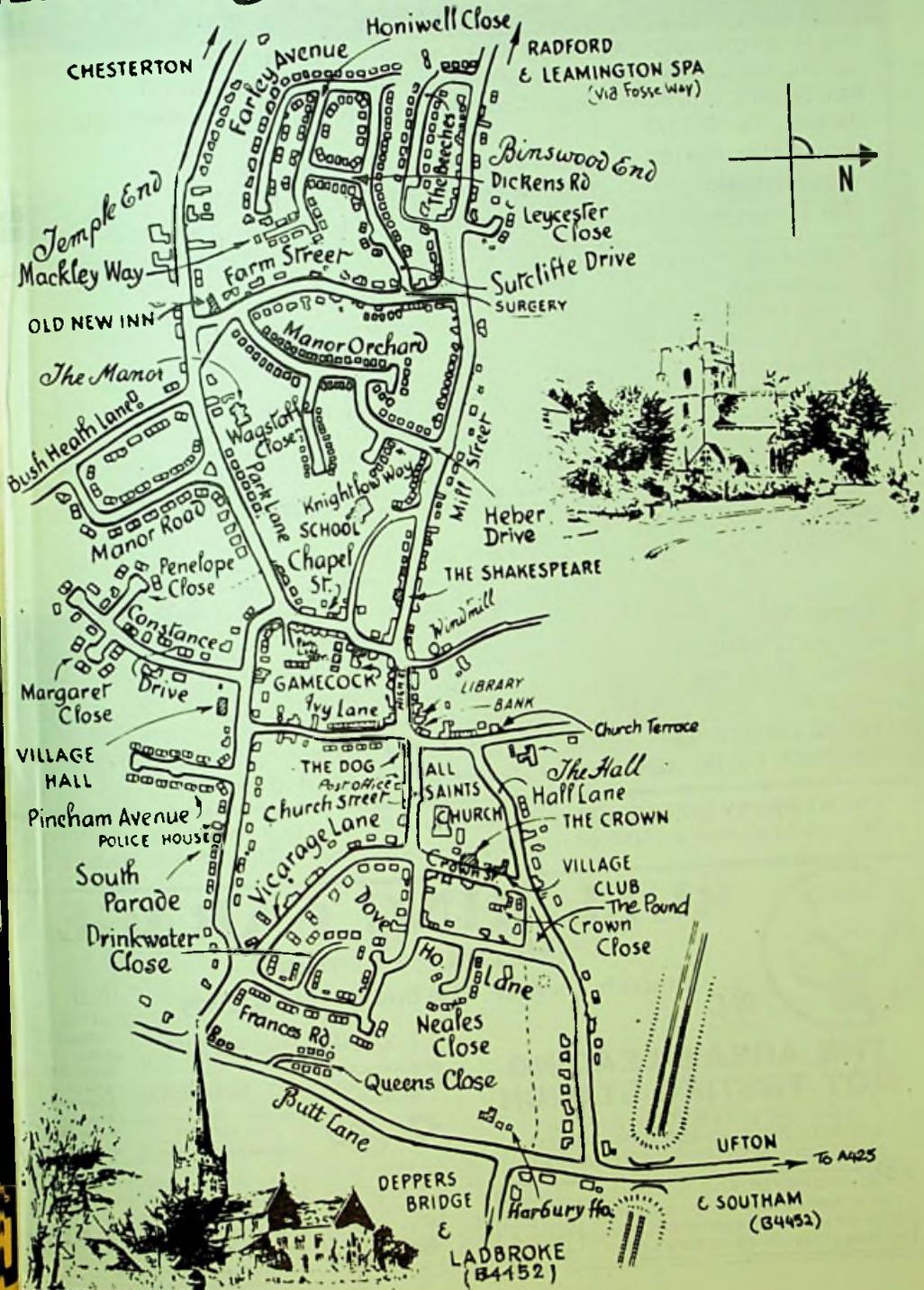


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## SUNDAY SERVICES

### HARBURY

Holy Communion 8 a.m.  
Sung Eucharist 10.30 a.m.  
(except 1st Sunday of month:  
Sung Eucharist 9 a.m.,  
Family Service 11.30 a.m.)  
Evensong 6.30 p.m. (except 3rd Sunday)

### LADBROKE

Holy Communion with Hymns 9 a.m.  
(except 1st Sunday of month:  
Family Communion 10.30 a.m.)  
3rd Sunday of month:  
Childrens Church 10.30 a.m.  
Evensong 3.30 p.m. (3rd Sunday)

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

## DOCTORS' SURGERY

### HARBURY

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Monday - Saturday : 9.00 am - 10.00am  
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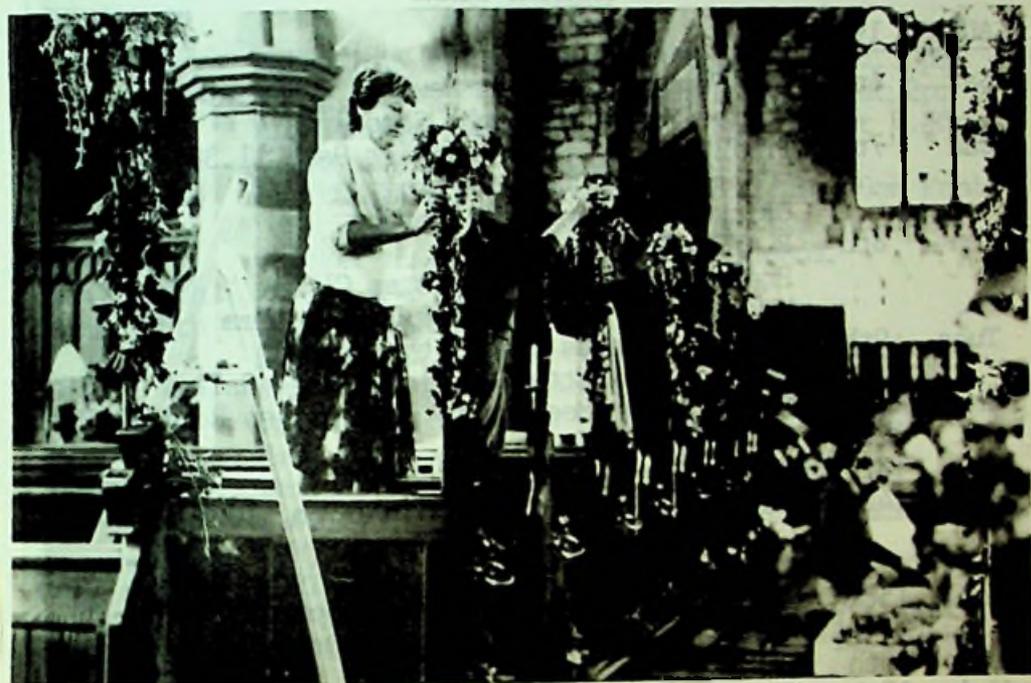


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HAD I BUMPS

AUGUST 1988

The Garden Walkabout, Craft Fair and Flower Festival in Church, were a great success, attracting many visitors from outside the village. Thanks are due to the many people who worked so hard to make Harbury such an attractive village to visit.



Harbury Church was magnificent - Mike Bloxham's photo shows Pat Woodward and a few of the many who put in so much time to produce such a beautiful result.

The closure of the Co-op hardware store (and the clothing store before it) is to be regretted (see article elsewhere in this issue). Shop keepers however, have to live in the real world and cannot survive merely by selling the few things we forgot to get when we were in the D.I.Y. store or Supermarket in town. Local shops need to provide the goods that people want but unless they are used by a large proportion of the village population, they will gradually disappear - which would be a loss to those who operate them and also to those who are not

able to jump in a car to drive into Leamington or Warwick at will.

We have to congratulate two former Youth Editors - Jen Scott on obtaining a First Class Honours Degree at Roehampton Institute of Higher Education (University of Surrey), and Andrew Winter, who married fellow Oxford medical student Esther Crawley on July 2nd.

### HARBURY DIARY

#### AUGUST 1988

- Sat 6th HTG Family Picnic at Newbold Comyn at 2pm  
Coffee Morning - Wight School
- Sun 7th PENTECOST 11 Sung Eucharist 9am, 11.30am Family  
Service, 6.30pm Evensong  
Cricket at home to Claverdon
- Mon 8th PLAYScheme starts  
Praise & Prayer 4 Leycester Close  
NWR Meeting 6 Old School Rd, Southam
- Tues 9th Harbury Friends 8pm at the School  
Village Hall Cttee 8pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 11th Netball Open Meeting, 7.30pm Farley Room V. Hall 1
- Fri 12th PLAYScheme ends
- Sat 13th Coffee Morning - Wight School
- Sun 14th PENTECOST 12 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung  
Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong  
Cricket at home to Flecknoe
- Mon 15th Word of God at 8 The Beeches 8pm  
Praise & Prayer 11 Constance Drive
- Tues 16th Cricket away to Flavels
- Wed 17th Special Fund Committee 8pm at 7 Vicarage Lane  
Julian Meeting 8pm
- Thurs 18th Whist in the Village Hall at 7.45pm
- Sat 20th Nearly New Sale 10.30am in Village Hall in aid of  
Church Extension fund  
Coffee Morning - Wight School
- Sun 21st PENTECOST 13 8am Sung Eucharist (Book of Common  
Prayer) 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 3.30pm Evensong  
at Ladbroke
- SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
- Cricket Away to Lighthorne
- Mon 22nd Praise & Prayer 15 Pineham Avenue
- Thurs 25th Thursday Club in Village Hall  
Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 27th Coffee Morning - Wight School

- Sun 28th PENTECOST 14 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 5.30pm Evensong at Coventry Cathedral Cricket at home to Stockton
- ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN SEPTEMBER HARBURY NEWS TO EDITORS BY TODAY
- Mon 29th BANK HOLIDAY  
Fun Day & Barbeque for Netball Club at Rugby Club  
Word of God 8pm at The Spiers, Chesterton Rd  
Praise & Prayer 15 Pineham Avenue

SEPTEMBER

- Thurs 1st Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn at 8.30pm  
Young Teenage Group Rounders & Picnic at 2pm  
Mid-Teenage Group Meeting at Rectory at 7.30pm
- Sat 3rd Coffee Morning - Wight School
- Sun 4th PENTECOST 15 9am Sung Eucharist, 11.30am Family Service, 6.30pm Evensong  
Cricket at Home to Rowington Seconds
- Mon 5th Praise & Prayer 17 Farm Street
- Tues 6th SCHOOL STARTS  
Horticultural Society 8pm in Wight School
- Wed 7th Parochial Church Council 8pm in Wight School  
Youth Club restarts - new members welcome  
M.U. Service in Church 2.15 pm
- Thurs 8th Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall  
W.I. 7.45pm in Village Hall, Mr E G Clack on Hypnotherapy
- Sat 10th HORTICULTURAL SHOW in Village Hall  
Warwickshire County Council Centenary Celebrations  
BATTLE OF BURTON DASSETT entrace £2 per person or £5 per carfull
- Sun 11th Continuing BATTLE OF BURTON DASSETT  
Cricket at Home to Farnborough

DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO LINDA RIDGLEY - Telephone 612792  
For Village Hall Bookings, ring Mrs. Hughes 612716  
For Wight School Bookings, ring Mrs. Hayes 613488

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

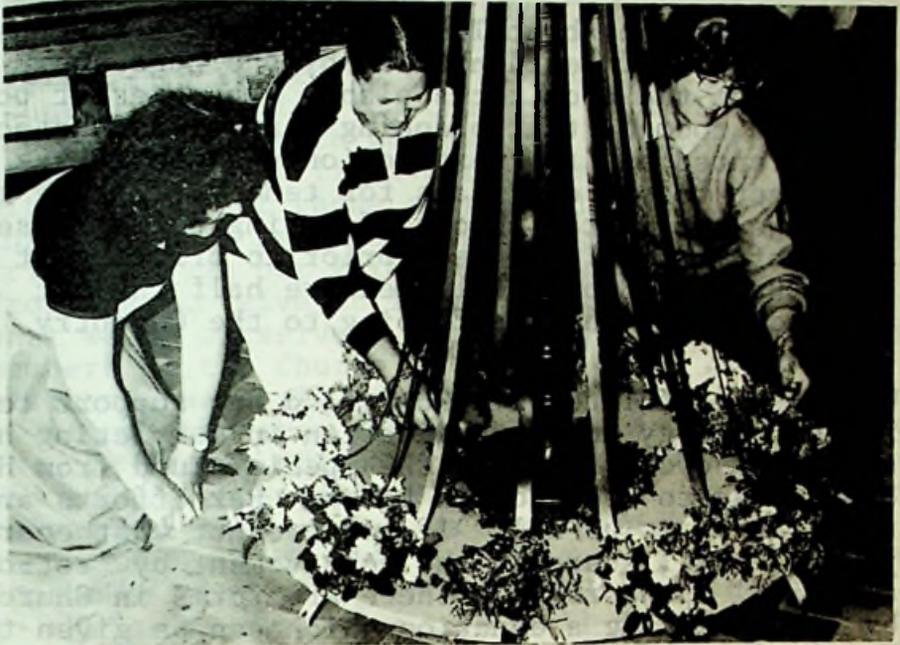
## REGULAR DIARY DATES

- HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sundays.  
UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm, Mondays.  
GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7pm (under 7s & beginn  
7-8pm (7-10yrs) 8-9pm (over 10yrs) Mondays.  
SLIMMING & KEEP FIT, Village Club, 7-8.30, 8.30-10p  
Mondays.  
GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm, Mondays.  
BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.  
TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 10-11.30am Mondays,  
& 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  
DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tuesday,<sup>12.30</sup>  
Wednesday & Thursday.  
BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.  
SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tuesday & Thursday  
BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.  
HARBURY FRIENDS, School, 8pm, 2nd Tuesday of month.  
BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2-4pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
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 Wednesda  
ROSARY & PRAYERS for Persecuted Christians,  
4 Sutcliffe Drive, 10am, 3rd Thursday of month.  
THURSDAY CLUB, Village Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Thurs  
CUBS, Scout Hut, every Thursday.  
W.I., Village Hall, 7.45pm, 2nd Thursdays.  
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

Congratulations and our deep felt thanks to all those who added such vibrant beauty to the Church for the Flower Festival. Not only were the masses of flowers beautiful in their own right, but the inspired arrangements and the countless hours of work resulted in a truly magnificent show. Surely it is good that

our Church should be used to show some of God's wonders to so many visitors.



Celia Barrett, Sue Ingram & Diana Buck putting the finishing touches to 'The Light of Christ'.

We were pleased to welcome Canon John Eardley - diocesan education officer - to take our 10.30am service on July 31st. His sermon outlined the initiative he mounted, 20 years ago, to take youngsters from the Coventry council estate parish he then served, away on holiday to give them and their parents (and neighbours) a welcome break. His work still continues with the help of many parishioners - they will take 600 youngsters on holiday this year.

Whilst we are all eager to get on with the new room, toilets etc, we have continually to maintain the wonderful building left to us by our predecessors. There is work to be done on the roof and the boiler house chimney, and we shall also have to have work carried out on the windows. It is planned to have the most urgent work dealt with before the Autumn which will 'clean out' the repair fund and use up a

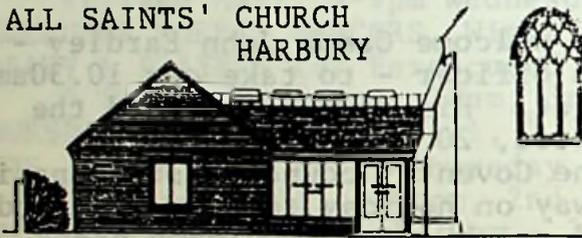
11000 grant from the Historic Churches Trust. The remaining work will have to be dealt with as funds allow - all in all we need to spend some £11,000.

All Information about The Special Fund - for the room etc - will be identified by the Logo shown below taken from the architects plans. The present position with the room is that planning permission has now been granted and the next action will be to ask our architect to put out plans for tender. In the meantime, we are in the throes of trying to maximise the Value of Tom Hauley's land prior to offering it for sale (Harbury Church will receive half the net proceeds, the other half going to the Coventry Diocese).

We are grateful to Jean Rowe (and her support team) for her energy and determination in completing her sponsored cycle ride for the Special Fund from Harbury & Ladbroke to Crediton in Devon. Her efforts are an inspiration to us all. If you are not that energetic you can still share in the achievement by 'retrospective' sponsorship - there are forms in Church - by simply making a donation which can be given to Beryl or me. Well done Jean!

JBM/BC

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH  
HARBURY



SPECIAL FUND EVENTS

Sat. 20th August - Nearly New Sale, 10.30am, Farley Room, V. Hall

Every Sat. 10am - 12 noon - Coffee and Bring & Buy, Wight School

Will anyone generously planning a future event for the Special Fund, please contact our Secretary, Sue Andrews (61)

FROM THE RECTOR

Earlier this year we received more information about the 18 visitors who are coming to the Diocese of Coventry in September to take part in our Call to Mission in Partnership. Last year when this visit was first ta

about, it seemed a long way off, but now it is only a month away. The purpose of their visit is for us to share with one another the vision and insights and experiences of Christians in the worldwide church with regard to the Mission of the Church and to help us realise too that the church is not just the parish in which we live nor yet even just the diocese. They will have their stories to tell and without a doubt those stories will be fascinating, thrilling and perhaps staggering. Already we have tried through our Parish & Deanery Scrapbooks (or Profiles) to give an idea of what we are like and what we do ourselves, but naturally for all of us, members of the Church in this diocese and our visitors, we shall learn far more from our meeting together when they arrive. They are due to arrive at Offa House, Offchurch (the Retreat House) on Wednesday 7th September and begin to prepare themselves for their journeys from parish to parish throughout the diocese. On Saturday evening, 10th September they will meet their Deanery hosts and go their separate ways to the 11 Deaneries. To Southam Deanery will come the Rev Ennis Duffis from Nicaragua, the Rev Ann Facen from Missouri, U.S.A., and a third partner as yet unnamed from the Church of North India.

Ennis Duffis is an Anglican priest, born in Nicaragua married with four children. He grew up in a poor rural area and at the age of 20 moved to Managua to enter University from where he graduated with a degree in Public accounting. For 3 years he worked as a volunteer lay minister for a rural congregation and this led to him being ordained. He is currently Director of the Anglican Institute which serves as a centre for theological training in the diocese. He also looks after a city congregation and is Co-ordinator of the Diocesan Committee on Autonomy.

Ann Facen is pastor of a local church in Hannibal, Missouri, USA. She is a black woman who had a wide range of community experience before training for the ordained ministry of the Disciples of Christ. This 152 year old church grew up as a movement seeking Christian unity among the denominations competing on the frontier after the American Revolution and has been active in ecumenism, both within and beyond the USA.

Ann is the 'partner' who will be concerned especial with Harbury & Ladbroke. She will be at Ladbroke for the 9 o'clock service on Sunday 11th September and spend the day with us at Harbury and Ladbroke on Monday 12th September. On Thursday 15th September, all 3 partners will be meeting the Deanery Squad at the Feldon Community Centre at 7.30pm and on Friday 16th September, the Churchwardens of each parish meet the Clergy and wives at Radford Semele at 7pm. The whole exercise will last until Sunday 12th October and the Bishop is eager for as many as possible to be present in the Cathedral at 3 o'clock on that day, when we shall be saying farewell to our guests.

This coming together of Christians - in this way - from different parts of the world has been going on for some years and such visits have happened in many dioceses. It is a very valuable learning process and those who have engaged in these exchanges have felt blessed and considerably enriched by their experience. We pray that this ambitious and imaginative Call to Mission in Partnership will be beneficial for the whole life of the church in this diocese and that those who come will in turn consider that their travelling here was worthwhile and that they will remember with joy and pleasure, the time they spent here and those they met with.

"O Threefold God, whose mutual love is poured upon your world, so draw us closer to each other that our gifts for witness may be released and the whole creation drawn to you through the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

ANTONY ROWE

### The Fund-Raising Committee

This committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Peter Towell to help forward the work of providing much needed money for the Harbury Special Fund. Planning permission for the new meeting room has now been approved and it will be wise to proceed with this project as quickly as possible. The committee has already met on two occasions and many ideas have been put forward with keen enthusiasm and offers received from a number of people willing to arrange special events to benefit the Fund. This is

very encouraging and we are extremely grateful for the interest shown and the willingness to assist. If you would like to hold any particular event, we shall be pleased to hear from you. Ring either the Chairman (Harbury 613570) or the Secretary, Mrs Sue Andrews (Harbury 612528) as it is advisable to avoid arranging too many things on or around the same date.

Coventry Cathedral Bells

Last year to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Coventry Cathedral the Cathedral Bells, which had not been rung for a hundred years or more were rehung and restored to use. They are now housed in a newly designed belfry and a visit to see and hear them is very worthwhile. An opportunity to do this has been arranged on Sunday 28th August. The intention is to leave Harbury at 4 o'clock and go to Coventry. We shall be able to go into the ringing chamber and hear the twelve bells rung. The sound of the Cathedral Bells is quite impressive and the quality and tone exceptional. Bells, naturally, are rung to summon people to worship and on Sunday afternoon are rung to invite them to Evensong. Thus we shall stay on and have the pleasure of taking part in the service at 5.30pm. If you would like to go, please put your name on the list in church. If you require transport, this can easily be arranged.

Sponsored Bicycle Ride

The Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust last year established a sponsored bicycle ride to raise funds for vital repairs to churches and chapels of all denominations. It was very successful and the Trust has decided to make similar arrangements for this year. The date fixed is Saturday 10th September and all the churches in this Deanery are taking part in the event. All you have to do is have a sponsor form, ask people to sponsor you and then ride your bicycle (or you can walk if you wish) from church to church, having your form initialled at each church. Your sponsors then pay according to the number of churches you manage to visit. Half the money goes to the Trust and the other half is returned to your own church. Sponsor forms are obtainable from Betty Winkfield at Ladbroke and from the Rector at Harbury.

September Songs of Praise

There will be a 'Songs of Praise' at All Saints Harbury on Sunday 11th September at 6.30pm together with a presentation of an Old Testament story by the Young Teenage Group. Please let the Rector have your requests for hymns on a slip of paper preferably stating the tune you expect. As many requests will be included as time will reasonably allow, so please hand in your particular choice soon.

(The dates of the Funerals in May were inadvertently omitted. We apologise for this and record them below)

FUNERALS

Thursday 19th May: FRANCIS JAMES KELLY,  
3 Drinkwater Close 67 year  
Friday 27th May: ESTHER JANE (ESTELLE) PICKEN  
Fox Cottage, Chapel St 59 year  
Friday 27th May MAY AUSTIN  
25 Vicarage Lane 92 year

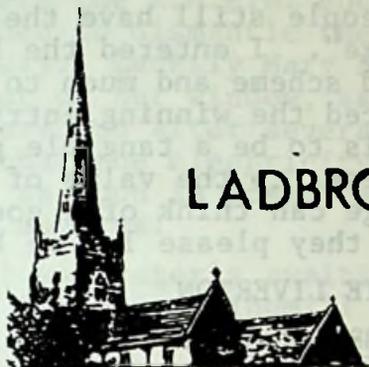
HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday 24th July: DOMINIC ALAN STEPHEN, son of  
Christopher Ian and Tina Yardl  
14 Leycester Close

HOLY MATRIMONY

Thursday 30th June: MICHAEL ANTHONY STEELE,  
6 Mathecroft, Leamington Spa a  
DOBORAH JANE COOKE,  
2 Knightlow Way, Harbury.  
Saturday 16th July: PAUL TAYLOR,  
62 Central Dr, Bishops Itching  
and LISA MARIE ALEXANDER  
Jara House, High St, Harbury





# LADBROKE NEWS

## AUGUST DIARY

Sun	7th	Pentecost 11.	10.30am Family Communion
Sun	14th	Pentecost 12.	9am Holy Communion with Hymns
Wed	17th	10.30am Holy Communion	
Sun	21st	Pentecost 13.	9am Holy Communion with Hymns 10.30am Childrens Church, 3.30pm Evensong
Wed	24th	St. Bartholomew the Apostle	10.30am Holy Communion Tea at Ladbroke Hall 3 - 5 pm
Sun	28th	Pentecost 14.	9am Holy Communion with Hymns
Wed	31st	10.30am Holy communion	

## SEPTEMBER

Sun	4th	Pentecost 15.	10.30am Family Communion
Mon	5th	7.30pm Parochial Church Council Meeting	
Wed	7th	Parish Council	
Sat	10th	Ladbroke Village Produce Show	

## CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Aug 7th:	Mrs Gould	Aug 14th:	Mrs Sheasby
Aug 21st:	Mrs Ross	Aug 28th:	Mrs Todman
Sept 4th:	Mrs Badman		

Let's begin with a little bit of local news:-  
 Congratulations to Gwladys and Alan Gould on the  
 birth of their first grandchild Alun on 3rd June.

Best of luck to Mary and Stan Bricoe at the start of  
 their new business venture "Bandamp".

Mary Upton, who has recently moved into the Orchard  
 Bungalow, Bridge Lane is interested instarting a  
 Ladbroke baby-sitting circle. If anyone thinks  
 they'd like to join in, would they please let her  
 know.

I wonder how many people still have their copy of "Ladbroke the Village". I entered the booklet in a Living Village award scheme and much to my surprise it has been pronounced the winning entry in the region. The prize is to be a tangible gift to the village such as a seat, to the value of £250. So if anyone in the village can think of a good way of spending £250 would they please let me know as soon as possible.

KATE LIVERTON

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Several Jazz enthusiasts attended the "New Orleans" Jazz Evening in Southam and enjoyed the music and Hot Creole Supper afterwards.

The Strawberry Fair on July 13th made a huge profit of £230 for charity. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success, also thanks to the villagers and guests from other W.I.'s who supported the event.

There is no August meeting and the next important "Get Together" will be the Produce Show on September 10th. More schedules will be available nearer the time to remind everyone of the classes. The September meeting will be a talk on "Dolls Ancient & Modern" by Jennifer Fritz.

Our president is suffering a neck problem at present and we send Gwladys our love and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

A printing error in last month's "News" had myself and Mrs Jill Moore acting as treasurer until October it should have read Jill only.

GLENYS HALLAM

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

The parish held its July meeting on the 27th, and how nice it was to see Mrs Betty Williamson there as a spectator, and also Mrs Mary Briscoe who was hot on the trail of the local electricity board! Villagers are always most welcome at these meetings and often make valuable contributions, with the permission of the Chairman.

At the June meeting it had been decided to retain the Dangerous Bend sign outside the Old Rectory as the illuminated sign was so useful on dark nights.

Unfortunately the E.M.E.B. got their wires crossed and proceeded to dismantle the connection early on the 27th July. Luckily Mary Briscoe happened to be glancing out of her window, saw that immediate action was necessary and after several phonecalls, it was confirmed that the electricity board would re-connect the supply as soon as possible before the dark nights are upon us!

The Council was eagerly awaiting news of the gate across the Bypass at Windmill Lane. The County Council had written to suggest that gates instead of stiles on the footpath route, may solve the problem. The Parish Council were by no means satisfied with this and have now demanded a site meeting with the County Council. On the subject of footpaths:- a new booklet entitled "Southam Country Walks" by Mr Green is now available price 95p. It describes the route of the Ladbroke, Southam footpath and the council is hoping that Mr Green will be able to supply them with details of where Waymarkers would be of use on all our local paths. The Council had also received a letter from Mr Nigel Chapman, complaining about the impassable state of the old 'E' road to Priors Marston, which is part of an ancient saltway, and it was agreed to investigate this matter.

The Parish council had received a most interesting reply concerning the traffic census which was held between 3rd - 7th June, on the lane from Ladbroke to Deppers Bridge. The Council had hoped to prove that a large number of heavy vehicles are using the lane, in fact the numbers of goods vehicles was not excessive and a weight limit could not be justified. However the Council were very surprised to hear that approximately 540 cars use this lane each day and it was thought that this could help prove the need to establish a 30 m.p.h. speed limit at the beginning of the village before the church, rather than at Bridge Lane as it is at present.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th September at 7.45pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.

Could I take this opportunity to point out that my account of the Parish Council meetings is entirely my

own version of events and not in anyway to be confused with the minutes of the meeting, which are always most accurately recorded by our excellent Parish Clerk, Elsa Greenway.

KATE LIVERTON

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

In July we met in church for a service taken by the Rector. He talked about saints, stressing their happiness and saying that we should be joyful too. We sang some new hymns, also some well known ones, and listened to a poem by Rudyard Kipling called 'The Glory of the Garden'. To end the service he read a short passage about St Benedict whose day had been kept on 11th July.

There is no meeting in August, but it was decided to have a money raising event for the Church Restoration Fund. This will be on Wednesday 24th from 3 - 5pm, when we will serve afternoon teas at Ladbroke Hall - outside weather permitting. There will also be a Bring & Buy Stall and Raffle. For further details ring 3891.

NANCY STUBBS

### FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

Fundraising events for the urgent repairs needed to the Fabric of our village Church are well under way. The recent Barn Dance raised approximately £300, the Home-Made Sale in the Village Hall raised a further £155; in fact the magnificent sum of £700 has been raised since May. In addition to this the Concert held in the Church on Friday 22nd July raised £100 for Oxfam and it was a delight to have the musical Perry family in Ladbroke once again.

### "LADBROKE - THE VILLAGE"

This booklet was written in October 1985 and has won a £250 prize from A.C.R.E. - Action with Communities in Rural England. A.C.R.E. sent requests to village Parish Councils to write an appraisal of their village. Kate Liverton, John Liverton, Peter Willia and Michael Todman sent out questionnaires to all the houses in the village asking householders for their opinions. The answers were compiled into the booklet "Ladbroke - The Village", which was then printed and

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entered into the competition. Copies were bought by villagers and visitors to the church and library and it proved a sell-out at £1 per copy. A profit was made and it was spent on bulbs which were planted at the entrances to the village. A.C.R.E. have said that winning the prize will create more interest and suggest that further cuppies should be printed. Also it stipulates that the prize should be something tangible such as a seat, and villagers are being asked for suggestions. The prize will be presented at a special meeting, to be arranged, when the event will be widely publised.

Our congratulations go to the hard-working and enterprising team.

S.J.

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### HARBURY C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

The end of this school year sees a number of changes in staffing:

Mr Tony Crawshaw leaves to return to his native Yorkshire - he and his wife Lynn are hoping eventually to open a centre for outdoor pursuits. Mr Crawshaw is both a gifted and dedicated teacher whose talents will be missed at Harbury. We have not been able to replace Mr Crawshaw directly, so Mrs Margaret Wagstaff from St Paul's Combined School in Leamington Spa will join us for one term only, whilst Mrs Gloria Sharpe will fill the permanent vacancy as from January 1989.

Mrs Anne Miller has been seconded for one year to work on the project team on curriculum development and assessment of five year olds.

Mrs Jenny Booth who joined us initially for one term, will now stay on for the whole of the next year.

Mrs Maureen Derby, our Middle School Classroom Helper also leaves at the end of term. Mrs Isobel Clarke has been appointed to take her place.

Mrs Marie Wallington has been appointed for additional help in the First School.

This year's Sponsored Walk realised the record total of £961 - our grateful thanks to anyone and everyone

who helped in any way. Most of the money will be spent on Reference Books.

We did, eventually, manage to find two dry spots in which to hold our SPORTS DAYS. WATTS house ran out the eventual winners. Our Swimming Progress Cup this year has been awarded to Oliver White and the Fourth Year Courtesy Cup had a unanimous vote among the staff for Stuart McVarish.

School starts next term on Tuesday September 6th.

A picnic with our friends by Emma Heath Class 5

On Friday 15th July we went to the park with the children from Shrubland Street School. We each had a friend. First we had something to eat, then we met our friend, some of them had odd names. Some of us play football. Harbury won 5 - 0, but Shrubland Steet were lucky, they went swimming and we didn't but we had a good time, we went on the slide and the swings. My friend was called Satesh and he played football against HARBURY and I was playing for Harbury, then we went on the roundabouts, then we went back to school.

Sports Day by Richard Roberts Class 5

On Tuesday 12th July we had Sports Day. Class 5 went first on the Obstacle Race. In the Obstacle Race we had to put a hoop on your head and run to another hoop and go through it, and then jump over a bench, then jump over some sticks and jump over the hump. Then it was the Mums' race, about 12 Mums entered and they all ran as fast as they could. Then it was the toddlers race, a lot of toddlers won and they all got a lolly. We were lucky that it did not rain.

A report about Harbury Swimming Pool by Gillian Kerr  
Class 5

I couldn't swim until I came to Harbury School, because we did not go swimming very often. I have done my 2 lengths, my 4 lengths and my 8 lengths, and my width. I'm quite good at swimming. My teacher, Mrs Miller helped me to swim. We make whirl pools in the swimming pool, we go round and round and then another way, we all enjoy learning to swim and then playing. It's great playing and having races in the pool.



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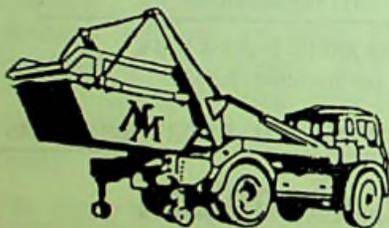
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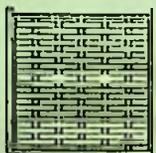


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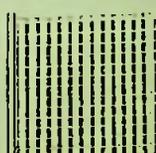
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## The First School Concert by Dean Merrick Class 5

Class 4's Litter play was very funny. There were 2 houses, 1 on the right and 1 on the left. The 2 houses phoned each other, 1 house asked if they wanted to go on a picnic in the wood. They got to the woods, they found a quiet part of the woods, they started to eat, and threw the food about. Then they started to play. It got late and they went home. Classes 1, 2 & 3 songs were good, they sang loud and clear. Class 1 had suns on their heads. At the end they had instruments.

## Class 5's Dragon World Play by Laura Brown Class 5

At school we had a school concert, our class, Class 5 did a play about Dragon World. It was good, we had lots of Dragongs, the ones that were mostly involved were Robert Andrew and Ian Barratt. I was a witch. Joanna Hurd was the Donkey, Joanne Chaplin was the badger. Fiona Punam was the cougar, Jerry Price was the coyote. The five children were Dawn Eld, Craig Holtom, Anna Dudley, Richard Roberts and Peter Clarke. And Fiona said at the beginning "Our play is about Dragon World". And the narrator was Kerry Egging. The story was about how the children found the teeth of Bewgo and how people helped them to find the treasure.

## Devil's Bridge '88

On Friday 27th May Class 7 set off for Devil's Bridge. We arrived at the camp at 2.45 and we were shown our chalets, all the girls were in one big room. Next day was a long walk. We went to Yspytty Cynfyn, over steep hills and mountains to an almost deserted mining village called Ystumtuen. There was a Post Office there and we were the last customers to go in after 25 years. Soon after we stopped to have our lunch. It was lovely. We walked through a thick forest and when we came out Rheidol River was waiting for us. We changed into our swimming costumes and started paddling IT WAS COLD! On Sunday we went to Llywernog Silver-Lead Mine on the coach. After that we went to a Nature Trail at Bwlch-Nant-yr-Arian, but it was raining cats and dogs. WE GOT SOAKED! On Monday Bernard (the man who owned the camp) came with us. We walked past a water mill then it started to rain (again). When

It had stopped raining we had our lunch. Bernard's wife Jean came to pick some cold wet ones up in the car then half of the rest of us started walking back home. Next day we went to Aberystwyth and saw the Camera Obscura and went on the Cliff Railway. After lunch we went searching for shells on Ynyday beach. On Wednesday we walked along the river Mynach through Mynach forest. When we had our dinner we built dams in the river. On Thursday morning we were supposed to go on a Devil's Bridge Nature Trail but it was raining (yet again) so we didn't go on it. At 12.00 we caught the train to Aberystwyth. We were shopping, played about on the beach then came home. I think it was brilliant and I think everyone else did too. I would like to thank Mr & Mrs Chapman, Mr & Mrs Haggit, Mrs Tanner and of course, Bernard and Jean.

by ALISON SZOLNOKI

### SOUTHAM SCHOOL - THE END OF AN ERA

After 14 years at the helm, headmaster Jim Skinner left Southam School at the end of the summer term. Those years have seen the school develop from a small secondary modern school to a thriving comprehensive with a large sixth form and an excellent academic record.

Mr Skinner's last week at Southam was marked by a number of surprise events, culminating in a buffet lunch for Staff, Governors, representatives of the P.T.A. and other friends of the school. He was presented with a leather desk chair from Staff and Pupils and with books and tapes by the P.T.A.

For the next two years Mr Skinner will be working at Shire Hall implementing the devolvment of financial management to individual schools. He will also be Chairman of the County Probation Committee and of course continuing his work as a magistrate. I'm sure I speak for many Harbury parents in wishing him and his wife Shirley every happiness in their new life.

M.S.H.

### CELEBRATION '88

'Celebration '88' took place at Southam School on Sunday 10th July, with the aim of rejoicing in the benefits of a multicultural society, with contributio

from most of the schools in the Southam area.

Several local Primary schools had studied a chosen country and produced a display covering many aspects of life in that country such as housing, industry, cookery, arts and crafts etc.

Throughout the day, visitors were entertained in the main hall. A talented duo from Napton 'Roundelay both played and explained their collection of instruments both ancient and modern from around the world. The Cashmore School Steel band gave an energetic display and there was Morris Dancing from Bishops Itchington, Indian Dancing by Feldon School and Dragon Songs from Napton.

The contribution by Southam School Vith form was on a more serious note. By the use of words, dance & music they showed the horror of Apartheid. The names of child victims gave a harsh background to the 'Sharpeville 1960' solo sung by Wendy Ottewill.

The day was a great success, thanks to a lot of hard work by local schools, and by the Rev Peter Jackson whose idea it was. L.J.H.

1ST HARBURY SCOUTS SUPPORT GROUP

Our annual barbecue was held on 22nd July at Kingston House, by kind invitation of our chairman Brian Ingram and his wife Sue. The G.S.L. was enjoying crêpes, in France, at the time, and was sorry to hear that the weather in Harbury was not really conducive to barbecues. However, despite the weather, everyone had a most enjoyable time - which is the reward to your Committee for all the time, and hard work, put in on behalf of the Group. Our thanks to them all, and especially to Brian & Sue.

Newspaper Collection

You will now find the collection dates included in the Diary at the front of the magazine, but I would remind you that collections are made on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Bear in mind, however, that our collectors sometimes go away on holiday and so may miss one month's collection. If possible please keep your papers when this happens as they

should be collected the month following. Also a reminder to everyone that newspapers are no longer stored at Leamington House.

### Cub Scouts

I give the village advance warning of the impending retirement, next Spring, of our long serving Akela, John Small, and the need therefore to find a replacement as soon as possible. I shall write about this in more depth at a later date, but in the meantime, if you know of anyone who would be suitable, or have considered donning uniform yourself, please contact me on 612273.

KEN HUGHES

### 1ST HARBURY SCOUTS

On Sunday 26th June, the 1st Harbury Scouts (Tigers) took part in the Leamington District Sports. At the end of the day we were thrilled to discover that we had taken 2nd place. As this was a troop of 10½ - 12 year olds competing in under 15 events this was a very rewarding result. Thanks to all Scouts and parents who supported this event. Well done!

ON Tuesday 19th July, the Tigers arranged a barbecue and invited the Guides to join them. All the catering and cooking was carried out by the Scouts, and, despite wary looks from the Guides who seemed concerned about indigestion and food-poisoning, the finished results were varied and appetising. It wasn't exactly barbecue weather but the drizzle didn't start until we had nearly finished!

SKIP

### HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

At the A.G.M. a new committee was elected, and a big thank you must go to last year's committee for their hard work, especially involving the new court.

A new era has begun, for we have entered 3 teams in the Coventry Netball League. This means:-

"A" TEAM will be in DIVISION THREE  
"B" TEAM " " DIVISION SEVEN  
new "C" TEAM " " DIVISION EIGHT

The "A" team will consist of talented, fit players; the "B" team of dedicated, enthusiastic players who want to see the team climb towards the 3rd Division;

and the "C" team is for the rest of us! All "C" team players will go out on an EQUAL basis, and have an EQUAL amount of games, whatever their ability.

August is holiday time for most people, and so serious practices begin on Thursday 1st September at 6.30pm and Saturday 3rd September at 2 pm. There is also an open meeting in the Farley Room at the Village Hall on THURSDAY 11th AUGUST at 7.30pm to discuss team selection, training and forthcoming events. Briefly these events are:-

- Monday 29th August - FUN DAY & BAR-B-QUE at the RUGBY CLUB (see separate advert)
- Saturday 24th September- NETBALL TOURNAMENT FOR VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS AT THE VILLAGE HALL (ring Jenny 612700 for details)
- Saturday 1st October - JUMBLE SALE 10 - 12 Village Hall

The sessions we have run for the Youth Club on Wednesday nights have not been as well attended as we anticipated, but nevertheless some of the girls were keen and the Netball Club will welcome any youth member who want to join us next season.

To all members - past and present - young and old - have a good break and we'll look forward to seeing you all on 1st or 3rd of September on court.

PAT SUMMERS

### HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Despite the weather the Club Championship Finals took place as scheduled on Saturday 9th July!

Men's Singles - Vincent Crossan defeated Steve Chapl to retain his title.

Ladies Singles- Angela Woodruff defeated Sally Gascoigne.

Mixed Doubles - Jill Thorpe & Steve Chaplin defeated Pam Scholtz & Vincent Crossan.

### Junior Tennis

Junior and Intermediate Club Championships will be played in September. (Singles & Handicap Doubles). Please give names to Rosemary, Nicky or Sid. More details in next months magazine. S.S.

## HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

Yet another Warwickshire summer Sunday and Cricket Club members delve into the freezer to pull out something resembling a Sunday lunch as another Cricket Club fixture bites the dust due to yet another deluge of rain, wind and everything else we seem to have had this summer.

The season started off well after rain washed out the first fixture at the beginning of May. Skipper G L led his team to 4 wins on the trot; the highlight being a thrashing of Bishops Itchington which included a 10 wicket bag by the inspiring bowler Brian Wallington. Since then it seems the team have somewhat lost its way with only 2 wins, 3 defeats, a couple of draws and 4 games washed out. Still "they say August is to be a summer month.

Individuals' reports seem to be pretty much the same as in previous seasons. John Wilkinson has opened the innings with credit ably assisted by his protegee Richard Carr. John has 9 times out of 10 contributed significantly to Harbury's final total; we are awaiting him "carrying" his bat before the end of the season. Number 3 batsman Vice-Captain L. Sollis has astounded his critic and made some valuable contributions, played his shots, and must be in the top half of the averages - obviously thriving on the rugby club beer.

Mid-order crises have again more often than not been too common an occurrence although it is good to see Ian Lowe again scoring useful runs.

A first fixture in Wiltshire saw the Cricket Club visit Robert Sangster's racing stables at Manton near Marlborough where a narrow victory was recorded on the cricket field and Sid Field came away with some useful tips on the horses - the club are awaiting contribution from him to the extension of the Club House?!

The club is also pleased to see young inspiring players now playing - William Russell, John Winchester - Ian Jackson could be classed amongst these but his offer of a cheque book journalism makes comments rather dangerous. Again the team has been led by everybody's hero, Gary Lowe; unfortunately he has made himself unavailable for the winter tour - something to do with spending more time with a family?

With hopefully summer weather arriving late the club will have a better run in to the season - there are fixtures until the first weekend in October. The Club also intend to run 2 sides next season so hope more villagers consider playing next year.

IAN HOLROYD

### HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

In June we were very honoured to receive a very prestigious award from "The Royal Society of St. George" for our fund raising within the community and the successful running of an independent youth club. Apart from a cup, we also received a shield and a certificate which we would like to have on display in the village hall. It was a week for success because the club also came second in the decorated float class of the carnival, next year the sky's the limit. Many thanks to Mr Thwaites who donated the money for use on the carnival float, it was greatly appreciated by all the members.

The youth of the village have approached me on many occasions about helping the older people of the village, because they feel that the void between the groups is slowly growing and the older community have very little faith in them. So please all O.A.P.s out there if you would like a Christmas trip, or a shopping spree, a food parcel or just odd jobs in the home or garden done, please don't hesitate to contact me on Harbury 613262 and I will take your ideas to our very active forum group.

We are holding a fund raiser for Myton Hospice on Wednesday 21st Sept at 8pm in the Village Hall. A large Dinosaur will be drawn on the hall floor (in chalk), and at 8pm everyone is invited to come along with all their loose change and we'll make a bid to cover the Disosaur with money. Start saving all those pennies and we hope to see you all in September

Myself and other leaders look forward to all the new members joining on September 7th 1988.

PAT TAYLOR

## PLAYSCHEME '88

Just a reminder that by the time you are reading this the Playscheme will be up and running (we hope) Open at the Village Hall from 10am till 12 noon Monday to Friday, we can accept children between the ages of 5 and 12 inclusive at a cost of 50p per child per day. This includes mid-morning refreshment and any entertainment that is provided. Final day 12th August.

Please don't forget to send your child along and remember that we can still do with offers of help from any adults with a bit of free time. It really can be fun and it does make a change from housework!

J.C.

## HARBURY WIGHT SCHOOL PLAYGROUP JUMBLE SALE

We will be holding our annual fund-raising Jumble Sale at the Village Hall on Saturday 17th September 1988 from 10 am until 12 noon. Admission 5p. There will be a homemade cake stall.

If anybody would like to contribute any jumble please contact one of the following Committee Members

Pat Huckvale	41 Mill Street	613091
Carol Phipps	3 Frances Road	613320
Janny Freeman	21 Farm Street	612002

## HARBURY MOTHERS & TODDLERS GROUP

Harbury Mother & Toddler Group meets in the Wight School (behind the library) each Monday, from 10 - 11.30 and Wednesday from 2 - 3.30 during term time. There are a variety of activities for Toddlers to enjoy - a climbing frame, sand, bikes, playdough, jigsaws etc, etc.

Children can meet others of the same age, and parents can have a chat and a cup of coffee. We provide drink and a biscuit for the children mid-way through the session and make a charge of 20p per person (excluding small babies).

Our next session will be on Monday 12th September, will you not come and join us? If you want to know more ring Maggie Norman 613532 or Ann Farrell 612951

HARBURY GYM CLUB

On 17th July I went to Campion School to take part in the L.O.G.C.A. BAGA Competition. There were about 20 girls from Harbury Gym Club and about 80 girls took part altogether.

This is what I did: First my dance then my set exercise and then some jumps. We marched out in a line and some of us got medals. I got my BAGA 3 medal and came 3rd.

CLAIR HAGGITT

HARBURY W.I.

Our July meeting opened with a most interesting report from Mrs Gwynne Badman of Ladbroke W.I. - our joint delegate - who attended the A.G.M. in London in June. She told us over 5000 women attended and the singing of Jerusalem was something to be heard! All four resolutions were carried.

Our W.I. did very well at the recent carnival winning two 1st prizes, one for the best decorated float and the other for the best fancy dress. Well done Noddy and friends and thanks to everyone involved!

The garden party held to celebrate our 70th birthday was enjoyed by all, even the weather was kind to us!! Our main speaker of the evening was Dr John Hancock who entertained us all with his most interesting talk, plus slides, on the British Latok II Expedition 1987. He was the medical man in the group of six and experienced some very 'different' patients from normal on his journey! A vote of thanks was given by our president.

At our September meeting Mr E G Clack will be giving us a talk on Hypnotherapy. The colour of the sales table for that month will be "gold".

Do hope everyone enjoys a very happy holiday during August!  
S.G.

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Remarkable as it may seem - Edna Lines was 80 on July 30th! Happy Birthday - and Many Happy Returns!

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## MOTHERS' UNION

A very successful meeting was held in July - not a garden meeting, the weather decided that, but Mrs Hogben entertained us indoors most hospitably.

Our next meeting is at 2.15pm on September 7th, in church, for a service to start the year. New member should be admitted and officers commissioned.

M. RIGDEN

LADBROKE / HARBURY to CREDITON  
(171 miles) (168 miles)

The cycle ride to Criditon could not have been accomplished without my four escorts - Beryl Checkley, my husband, Peter Towell and Alan Gould. I wish to thank them, most sincerely, for their great help and encouragement.

Covering  $49\frac{1}{2}$  miles the first day enabled me to complete the ride in four days instead of the five I had anticipated. I spent the last night at Criditon Vicarage and caught the 9.03 train from Exeter on Friday morning - for this I have to thank my hosts at Criditon.

To answer a few questions:-

No, I didn't get stiff - though my knees felt "older".  
Yes, I did get wet, very, on Thursday there was a thunderstorm and a thick mist on the Blackdown Hills.  
Yes, it was hilly, three of the hills were 14% up and down!

Why Criditon? I have been to St. David's and Canterbury and I didn't favour the journey north to York. In addition I know the Vicar of Criditon and his family. He was once my husband's curate and his wife and my son-in-law are brother and sister.

I was very relieved to see the tower of the Church of the Holy Cross, Criditon, when I had pushed my bicycle up the final, very long hill, and found that the last mile was downhill.

Would I attempt another ride? Perhaps - but only if more cycle paths are constructed. Traffic is too big and heavy for cycling to be safe. A pity - but what

a good excuse!

JEAN ROWE

Sponsor money would be appreciated as soon as possible please. (It is not too late to sponsor - even though the ride has already taken place.)

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

The Folk Club on July 7th provided an opportunity for the audience to appreciate the considerable talents of thirteen of our regular singers and musicians. It was good to see Tony Bayliss back at the club after a few months' absence - Tony has a knack of picking songs that we've almost forgotten about but love to sing along with, like "Blowing in the Wind" and "Early Morning Rain". The other twelve performers were Gerda, Pete & Liz, the Jug Band, the Harvesters, Mike, Phil & Drill and I. Most of us joined Tony for the finale with "Jug of Punch" and, to celebrate Ringo Starr's birthday, "A little help from my friends".

The Jug Band's new number for July was the hilarious "Nose of Alan Dale" (after the Harvesters sang the legitimate version of the "Rose" last month) but Phil & Drill were almost as bizarre with that golden oldie, "Only the Lonely". Amongst the other contributions, two of my personal favourites were Liz's "Lady Policemen" and the Harvesters' "Farewell to Fuinary".

By the time you read this, the first August Folk Club (due to public demand) will be past and we'll be looking forward to starting the fifth season on September 1st.

PETER McDONALD

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

The tables are cleared, the candles snuffed, entertainers, cooks and serving wenches laid off, spare food given to the serfs and the Village Hall has returned to the 20th Century - in other words the Mediaeval Banquet is over! Our special thanks to the Harvesters and the Jug Band for their contribution to the evening.

In September rehearsals will start for "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" which will be performed

in November.

Our next "gastronomic production" will be the now famous "French Restaurant" on 15th October. The tickets are limited so see the September issue of the Harbury News for the booking date.

G. HILL

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP - CATERERS & ENTERTAINERS

EXTRAORDINARY!

A Mediaeval Banquet in Harbury's Village Hall - it seems an unlikely venue but about a hundred or so peasants, nobles, pilgrims and the Dog Choral Ensemble it made a 'knight' to remember.

Undaunted by the news that supplies had been diverted to the troops fighting off the Bishops annexation of Deppers, guests at the Banquet entered into the spirit of things, toasting each other in mead and consuming their bread and gruel. Cheers greeted the announcement that on learning of the appearance of men with curious pied staves and tubes the Bishops contingent had rapidly retreated to the cries of 'Call a public meeting', and joy was unconfined as meats were served in celebration and the Harvesters entertained.

Behaviour degenerated after the Chaucer sketch and reached new lows as the Jug Band performed Quasimodo "She gives Tony the Hump too!" greeted John Kemsley advances to the Crusader's wife and the air became thick with bread and they performed other Folk Night favourites.

Perhaps it was injudicious of the Theatre Group to supply so much free wine, but as the dishevelled Crusaders, Lords and their Ladies, Jesters and the general middle aged and Middle Ages Peasantry staggered home the concensus was that it was a damned good night. Retribution and the aspirins ome with the dawn!

L.R.

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CARNIVAL 1988

The 1988 Carnival Committee would like to thank everyone for their support in raising the superb total of £1217.25. As we are sure most people are aware this money goes to the Village Hall and this year will be used to buy some new furniture.

Besides the committee there are lots of people who help in all kinds of ways both before, during and after the event itself, and to those (too numerous to mention) we extend our special thanks.

Congratulations to all our Sports and Competition winners and thank you to all who took part. The floats were of a specially high standard this year and the judges had a more difficult task than usual. We hope those who did not win this year will not be deterred and will enter again next year.

Plans are already taking shape for next year when the event will be on Saturday 17th June, but unfortunately several long standing committee members have decided not to continue and so we are looking for some new faces! No special qualifications are necessary except the ability to attend a few monthly meetings. If you feel you would like to join our happy band and contribute to one of the big days in the Harbury calendar please contact Midge Keen 612561, Tim Percival 612175 or Sue Andrews 612528.

Once again thanks to everyone for supporting this year, see you in 1989!  
SUE ANDREWS

JIM PULLS IN A BIG ONE!

To celebrate his 82nd birthday in June, Jim Davis who had been invited on a fishing expedition on the river Ness, caught a 17lb 4oz salmon. His catch turned out to be the largest salmon caught by fly during June and thereby earned him an extra prize of a bottle of Whisky donated by Ballantynes. Since Jim only fishes occasionally, he obviously had the magic touch and at 82 years of age, a creditable achievement and well rewarded!

J.B.M.

## DERRICK & NAN THOMAS

Friends of Derrick & Nan Thomas will be pleased to know that they are settling in well in their new home in Carmarthen - close to Derrick's family. Their house - named 'Harbury' of course - is one of a small development just outside the town and only minutes from the nearest beach.

Derrick is amassing the latest high technology fishing tackle with which to empty the River Towy of wild life. Unfortunately, the fish are not co-operating so far - perhaps Jim Davis could give Derrick some tips!

J.B.M.

## HARBURY CO-OP - WHAT NEXT?



We have been watching the running down of the hardware department of the Harbury Co-op with trepidation. Now after the last days of 'sale fever' in the High Street the closed notice has appeared.

It was in 1863 that the brothers Bustin, workers in the quarry and on the railways opened a Co-operative Industrial and Provident Society shop.

Originally open only after working hours it thrived and spread. By 1869 it had amassed enough capital to purchase the land on which the grocery and hardware now stand. In the 1940's it became the Harbury Industrial and Provident Society Ltd and this society remained independent until the 1970's when modern marketing trends forced it into amalgamation with the Rugby Society.

Only recently we were pleased to see it in its new colours and hoped it would continue to thrive. Over the last few weeks the hardware stock has dwindled and following the sale the "closed" notice has appeared and we are left wondering.

Contacting the management of the East Mercia Co-op brought no definite message. "No decision on the future of the hardware department has been taken." The buildings are to be refurbished - that is all we learned.

Have we neglected a village asset? Have journeys to Leamington D.I.Y. s removed the source of emergency screws and tins of paint? Think of those wasted journeys to find an object that was sitting reasonably priced in the Co-op window all the time. Will the children no longer be able to find the exciting array of small toys and books? What of the stationery, clothes, wellies, slippers and garden produce geared to our local needs?

Will we have to regret its passing and make a journey to the Heritage Museum in Beamish to recapture the atmosphere?

The manager seemed interested in community views. Should we write to express the distress of villagers to whose families back to the second and third generation co-op shopping was a way of life.

Perhaps this will persuade us to make an effort to shop locally. Meanwhile thank you all who have served us in friendly village fashion.

M.W.R.

### HARBURY SOCIETY

What wonderful people we have in Harbury and how utterly and completely mad!

Thirty enthusiasts turned out in the pouring rain to

follow the Mystery Tour through Harbury and all end up at the Gamecock (our thanks to Jan & Jim for the food) assuring each other that they had enjoyed it! Moira Rollason won with 24 marks, closely followed Rosemary Ottewill, Mal Kath & Lindsey, and Emma Finch who got the childrens prize. Charles and Jo McKenzie newcomers from Farm Street were well and truly baptised into village affairs (they were soaked) and got a very creditable 18½ marks. Candice MacDonald tried to complete the tour on crutches but stayed on with her friend Avril to help mark the answer sheets.

Next on our list of good things is the M40 TALK by Shaw at the Wight School on Monday 12th September. Do come along to hear how he thinks our lives will be affected. (Central Television is running an occasional series on the same topic. The first programme went a fortnight ago showing the motorway's impact on a farming family from the Banbury area).

As part of the County's Centenary Celebrations they are opening Chesterton Windmill on the weekend of 24-25th September. Anyone who would like to help should contact me (612792, 16 Farm Street). The county is also running the BATTLE OF BURTON DASSETT on the weekend of 10-11th September when several thousand enthusiastic Sealed Knotters will expend thousands of pounds of black powder re-enacting Edge Hill at a slight remove! It will certainly be an experience and a spectacle. Informal sources say Saturday is likely to be the quieter day (fewer people) so why not join in the fun. Entrance is £2 each or £5 a carfull.

Linda Ridgley

### PLACES TO GO - COOMBE ABBEY PARK

Many of you will know of and have been to Coombe Abbey to the Mediaeval banquets, but have you ever taken the children there during the day for a really good day out? To get there drive down the Fosse towards Princethorpe then towards Brinklow, do not turn right at Brinklow follow the A427 road to Coventry for about 2 miles, where you will see a sign to turn right into the park. The park itself covers a vast area with plenty of carparking and picknicking space, with plenty of tables and benches available. Just beyond the car park is a hard play area with tubular tank for climbing, several slides,

swings roundabout drain pipes and a paddling pool. Part of this is designed for the younger children. Further on is a notice board giving directions to the Victorian gardens, the Tarzan trail, pine tree walk and a lot of other things. At the end of the Victorian gardens is a lake (ducks to feed) and sometimes a paddle boat is available for trips around the lake. If you want a long walk, follow the pine tree walk, delightful but a very long way round. Or take the Tarzan trail through the woods where exhuberant children can swing from ropes, go hand over hand on bars, brave the rope bridge (over a pit full of snakes of course) while Mum and Dad can walk on and pretend they don't belong. This ends on a large piece of the park where there is an adventure playground, all cushioned by cork chippings making it difficult for any of the children to hurt themselves. Mum and Dad all this time are sitting on the seats or sleeping on the grass or just relaxing. When the children have exhausted themselves playing on the equipment there is plenty of room for football, cricket, kite flying or anything else they can think of. Apart from all this, there is an interesting Heron centre for the more serious minded, and also a boating pool. In the woods if you look you will find the graves of two faithful police dogs.

There are plenty of loos and refreshments, ice-cream, drinks, hot dogs, crisps etc, a first-aid hut and a warden to answer enquiries. An altogether well worth place to go for a day out. Entrance will cost 70p per car, £1.50 for a mini-coach and £4.50 for a coach. Cars with disabled stickers are free and at off-peak times there is no entrance fee paid. Have fun - we do!!

G.H.

### HEALTH NEWS

Hello again.

Holidays are now in full swing but our Nurses continue to serve the Community the whole year round

Our Family Planning Clinics are open on the 1st and 2nd Tuesday of each month. Manning these clinics we have an experienced Family Planning Nurse, Mrs

Sheila Bevan ably supported by Mrs Linda Johnson, our Clinic Clerk and the Family Planning Doctor.

The Service provides a screening programme for Health Blood pressures are taken and weight checked, cervical smears, and blood tests to check for Rubella Immunity are also done. It is of paramount importance for all young girls to have their Rubella (German Measles) injection since if a pregnant woman gets the disease it could effect her growing baby.

The role of the Family Planning Services is to promote "good" health and pre-conceptual care forms part of this brief. Advice is given on Nutrition and Diet and a listening ear and counselling service is offered to those requiring this.

The service is here and available for men and women to contact.

### Hot Health Tip for August

Household antidote: Vinegar for wasp stings  
Bicarbonate of soda for bee stings

MRS J M NEWELL Primary Health Care  
Manager - Southam.

### CULTURE SHOCK! ... continued from last months issue

Too quickly we had to move on to travel to Nemrut Dağ, the mountain tomb of the Commagene King Antiochus. His Kingdom (after the fall of Alexander) may have been small covering some 100 sq miles but he certainly left an an incredible memorial to himself Winding up through difficult mountains for some 40 kilometres you suddenly see a strange conical peak. It's strange because Antiochus made his slaves carry rocks up it to make it about 200 ft higher. Facing sunrise and sunset he erected huge stone heads of himself and the Greek gods - Zeus and Apollo to name two. We looked down over mountain ranges to the valley of the Euphrates, a view soon to be lost as the Turkish government plans its new Ataturk dam to provide irrigation for this area.

After this it was time to turn homewards to Sapanca, taking some 30 hours of hard travelling to complete our trip of over 2000 km. A day to recover and pack before my flight from Istanbul. Now I am back

(briefly) in my own culture in a place where I love to be but filled with wonder at the differences in men, their concepts and attitudes. I smile as I leaf through Harbury News and read of worthy proposals to stop dogs fouling pavements - I wonder how we'd cope with the wandering cows, goats and donkeys of Sapanca?!

JOAN SMITH

### AUGUST IN THE GARDEN

Continue to spray against pests and diseases on all plants. To help protect dahlias and chrysanthemums against earwigs smear the stems with vaseline. To destroy bindweed untwine several long trailers and dip the climbing end in a jar or bucket filled with a solution of lawn weed killer. Lay the treated stems on several layers of newspaper until dry, the trailer, including the root, should gradually die off.

Straggly pot fuchsias can be converted into standards by tying up the main stem to a long cane and shortening the rest to a few inches.

When possible cuttings should be torn not cut from the parent plant. Put at once into a polythene bag to reduce moisture loss. Be careful when planting up never to put any leaves below the surface of the soil. Pot on into a richer mixture as soon as new growth appears at the tip.

Sow seeds of spring cabbage, also Brussels sprouts, for an early crop next year. Take cuttings of herbs. Store newly dried herbs at once or they will begin to re-absorb moisture. E.D.Z.

### HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

It looks as though the Walkabout was a record. The Celebration of Flowers, the Craft Fair and the Walkabout itself each generated enthusiasm to the benefit of all. Certainly experienced Walkersabout were heard to say that they had never enjoyed a visit more. Warm thanks to all who contributed in many different ways, not forgetting our local shops who sold no less than £129-worth of tickets. Nor the weather for timing the first drops of rain at 6pm precisely. Some wondered whether it needed

to stress the point by going on for 24 hours!



Mike Bloxham's photograph shows a typical scene.

Louis Zonik took some fine photographs of the Church flowers. These will be on display at Lindop's and prints may be ordered. Profits will go to the Church.

Now is the time to start thinking about the next big event - the Flower Show. Schedules will soon be available and may be collected from Lindop's, from the Library, from Hazebrook (The Pound) and Walnut Cottage, Wagstaffe Close. Remember the Show is open to all Harbury residents whether or not they are members of the Horticultural Society. A special appeal to parents: please encourage your children to enter. There are special categories for different age-groups. We have had excellent entries in the past but they have been relatively few in number. Why not get them going during the long school holiday when you begin to wonder whether you can stand the sight of them much longer?

B.A.R.

TIME FOR A SWIFT ONE?

Pubgoers in Harbury will know what's afoot, but others may have failed to take note of changes in drinking times. They're a tradition and it is hard to change the habits of a lifetime. To have the drinkers coming and going at strange times throws household routines into chaos.

However the powers that be tell us it is for our own good and mention tourism (does Ashorne College count?). Reluctantly publicans have agreed to give it a go (although it is rumoured Bishops won't conform). Will policing be more difficult? Tim's tight-lipped. Those in authority have decreed it will be so and so it will be.

In Parliament a slight hiccup (?!) has delayed plans to extend pub opening times from 11am to 11pm, but they will be legal before the end of summer.

A bulge of boozy old Harburians is not expected: new ones maybe or perhaps as a result of the relaxation a trickle of tipsy tourists?

'Mine's a Half!'



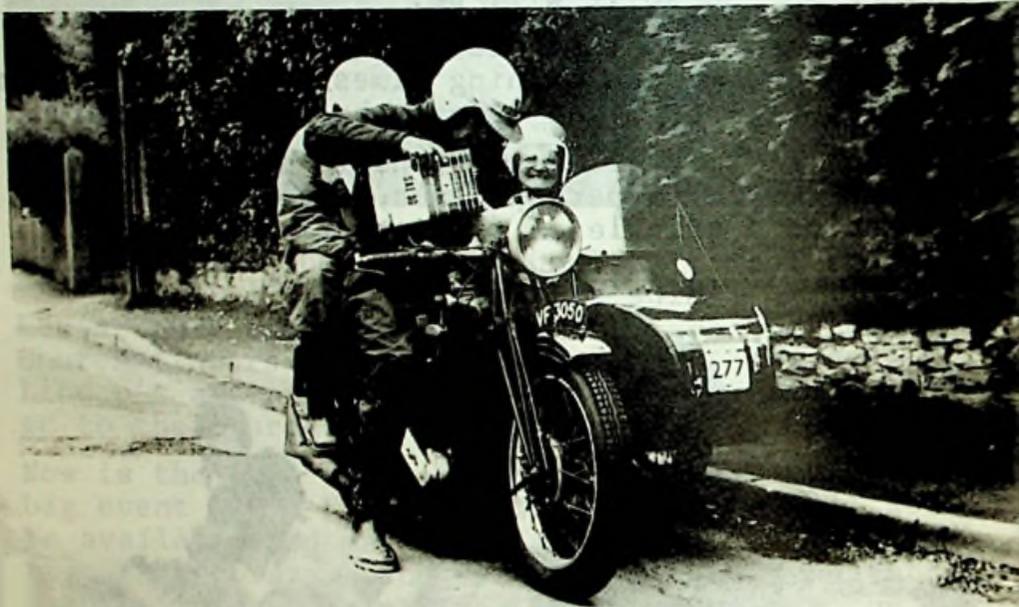
YOUNG RIDERS AT HARBURY PONY SHOW

BANBURY RUN VISITS HARBURY

The Vintage Motor-cycle Club this year routed their annual run for vintage motor-cycles through Harbury (whether this was due to Danny Killian's doubt about venturing too far from home or whether he was offering servicing facilities, is not revealed!)

Mike Bloxham 's photo (below) caught the Blench family from Macclesfield replenishing their Ariel outfit outside the editorial office.

J.B.M.



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Marie Allen, 21 Sutcliffe Drive - 612958

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 READING DIFFICULTIES, HOBBIES, COOKING, KNITTING.

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

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Please contact:

Anne Woodward	Flecknoe House, Chapel St.	613536
Maureen Derby	20 Manor Orchard	613330
Mary Catt	16 Dovehouse Lane	612864

CORRESPONDENCE

My Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for all your cards and messages on the occasion of my Ordination on 26th June. It was wonderful to have so many Harbury folk both at the Cathedral and at the party in the Church Hall afterwards. A very special word of thanks for the beautiful copy of the Alternative Service Book which was the gift of the people of All Saints. It has already been much in use and is one of my most treasured possessions. It was a great thrill to be able to use it for the reading at the Ordination Service in the Cathedral.

Many thanks too, to all those who supported my garage sale before I left. As a result, I was able to send a cheque for £100 to the Rector for the Church extension fund.

Now that I no longer have a home in Harbury, I shall miss you all very much, but shall come and see you from time to time, and you will all be most welcome at Tysoe Croft. Do come and see me.

Viv

P.S. You are warmly invited to attend the GRAND GALA FAYRE - A FESTIVAL OF FUN & FLOWERS at St. Bartholomews Church, Binley on Saturday 27th August 2pm - 10pm. A day full of activity with many interesting stalls; flower arrangements in Church - theme "Hymns & Saints"; many attractions for all the family including a lace-making demonstration by Lin Hayes from Harbury (during the afternoon). In the evening there will be a Barn Dance, Firework Display & Barbecue. Please come - we need your support!

Dear Editors,

It was on July 7th 1988 I and a friend went to Banbury, but on the return back home we spotted surveyors on the lower fields of Burton Dassett. My friend said to me 'the surveyors are surveying the new M40 now they are getting nearer' but let's hope they don't come near Harbury or Bishops Itchington.

Yours faithfully,  
MR. A. C. OVER

Dear Editors,

Wendy & I would like to thank all our friends and neighbours who have been so kind and helpful during the last year and especially the past few weeks since my operation.

It is perfectly true what people say, "Harbury is a wonderful place to live in".

BARRY LATHAM

P.S. If you see me walking behind you, please let me overtake you.

P.P.S. Wendy is hiring me out to supervise the cutting of lawns and washing of cars.

Dear Editors,

My sincere thanks to all who supported my recent Coffee Morning to raise funds for research into Perthes disease. A sum of £171 was raised and has been forwarded to the Research Dept, Birmingham Hospital.

I am very grateful to you all.

MARGARET SHERRINGTON

Dear Editors,

I am not a fuddy-duddy and can tolerate the occasional late disco or party, and any noise before 11.30pm at night. After that time I like to go to bed and obtain a good night's sleep after a hard day's work. Not much to ask surely?

I can't though - because of DOGS' BARKING (yes one sets the others off!!) anytime between 12 - 3am. Does this noise nuisance happen throughout the village or just the Crown Street/Pound/Dovehouse Lane area?

So, DOG OWNERS, please have some consideration for us country-folk (who sleep with windows open!!) neighbours and shut the darn things up until morning

Yours faithfully,  
PAT SUMMERS



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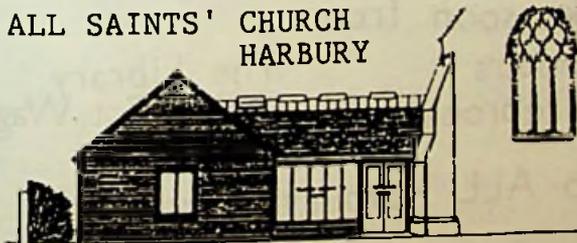
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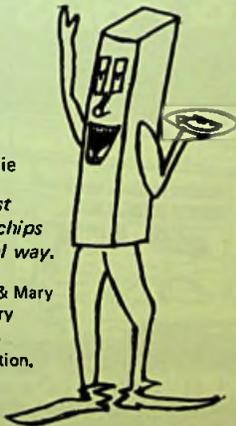
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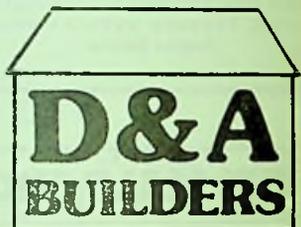
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