

Harbury & Ladbroke News

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

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(except 1st Sunday of month:
Family Communion 10.30 a.m.)
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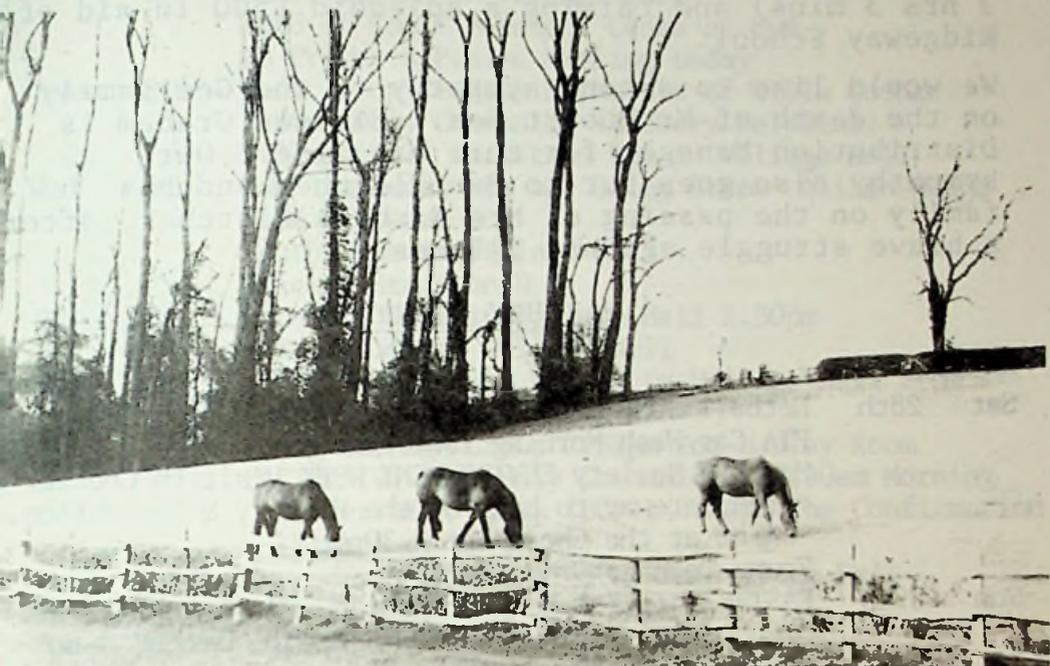
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Spring is almost sprung and once the North winds cease to blow we can look forward to the arrival of the first cuckoo. Mike Bloxham's photograph shows a view at Temple End - the aspen trees will soon be in leaf. The cricket season has begun and Ian Holroyd has married Vikki Bailey.

Once again we would like to appeal for new editors. The Harbury & Ladbroke News is managed by a large representative committee, but there is a small editorial committee of four or five people who are responsible for production. It is an interesting and useful job. Some of the editors have been working for the magazine for some years and feel that it is now time to step aside. Volunteers would be very welcome indeed.

We would urge villagers to vote in the District Council elections, this time we have included the election addresses. Current concern in rural areas about planning and development means that the work of District Councillors is of considerable significance.

We congratulate MIKE KANE, our local newsagent, on successfully completing the London Marathon (in 3 hrs 3 mins) and raising a splendid £500 in aid of Ridgeway School.

We would like to extend sympathy to the Gee family on the death of Mr Hubert Gee. His son Graham is Distribution Manager for this magazine. Our sympathy also goes out to Ben Fletcher and his family on the passing of Mrs Barbara Fletcher, after a brave struggle against illness.

HARBURY DIARY

APRIL

- Sat 28th Netball JUMBLE SALE at the Village Hall
PTA Car Wash Morning 10am - noon
Harbury Society ENVIRONMENT WEEK Visit to Chester-
ton Gateway to hear of the History & Renovation.
Meet at the Church at 2.30pm
Young Teenage Group 7.30pm
- Sun 29th EASTER II: 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung
Eucharist (Preacher the Venerable Leslie
Stanbridge former Archdeacon of York) 6.30pm
Evensong.
7.45pm New Youth Group
Cricket Practice Match
- Mon 30th Yoga in Village Hall
Prayer & Praise in Church

MAY

- Tues 1st Morris Dancers perform at Chesterton Windmill 5am
ST PHILIP & ST JAMES APOSTLES
Mothers & Toddlers Service 2.15pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Horticultural Society 8pm in Village Hall
- Wed 2nd Youth Club in Village Hall
M.U. 2.15pm in Tom Hauley Room - Media
- Thurs 3rd ELECTIONS IN VILLAGE HALL
7.45pm Men's Society in Tom Hauley Room
- Fri 4th 9.45am Holy Communion (Mothers Union)
- Sat 5th Youth Club DISCO in Village Hall
- Sun 6th EASTER III: 9am Sung Eucharist, 10.30am Family
Service, 6.30pm Evensong
Cricket A.P.Stags H

- Mon 7th MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
CRAFT CIRCLE in Village Hall
Word of God 7 Penelope Close at 8pm
No Prayer & Praise meeting today
- Tues 8th Book Group 26 Farm St Novels of Willa Cathar
7.30pm Holy Communion (Harbury Helpline)
Village Hall Committee 8pm in Village Hall
- Wed 9th NWR 'Supermarkets are Going Green' Alison Hodge
36 Binswood End
Youth Club in Village Hall
Cricket Stockton H
- Thurs 10th Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
W.I. 7.45pm in Village Hall
- Sat 12th NSPCC JUMBLE SALE & FAIR in Village Hall from
10.30am
Young Teenage Group 7.30pm Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 13th EASTER IV: 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Morning
Prayer with Hymns (BCP), 6.30pm The Confirmation
(Bishop of Coventry)
Crusaders 10.30 - 11.30am in Village Hall
Cricket - Bishops Tachbrook H
- Mon 14th Yoga in Village Hall
Harbury News Meeting 8.30pm Tom Hauley Room
Prayer & Praise 5 Dickens Road
- Tues 15th 'An Evening with Cecil Bloxham' Harbury Society
Meeting in Farley Room of Village Hall at
7.30pm. 50p with wine.
PCC 8pm - Tom Hauley Room
M.U. Evening Meeting - Police on Drugs 7.45pm
Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 16th Youth Club in Village Hall
Julian Meeting at 7.30pm (NB Change of time)
Romania Relief - Stories of the Journey 8pm in
Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 17th Whist in Village Hall at 7.45pm
- Sat 19th llam Sung Eucharist (Canon Churchill's Golden
Jubilee to the Priesthood)
PTA SPONSORED WALK 9am to Noon
- Sun 20th ROGATION SUNDAY EASTER V: 8am Holy Communion(BCP)
10.30am Sung Eucharist, 3.30pm Songs of Praise
at Ladbroke with Parish Tea following
Crusaders 10.30 -11.30am in Village Hall
SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN JUNE HARBURY NEWS
TO EDITORS BY 6PM TODAY
Cricket Leamington Lemmings H

- Mon 21st Yoga in Village Hall
 Word of God 46 Farley Ave at 8pm
 7.30pm An Evening about Sierra Leone with an
 African Meal (Tom Hauley Room)
 Prayer & Praise Lullington Lodge
- Tues 22nd Netball AGM 8pm in Village Hall
- Wed 23rd OLD TOWN FARM INQUIRY
 NWR Coffee Morning Sheila Burttt 2 Wagstaff Close
 Youth Club in Village Hall
 Parish Maps Group 8pm at Paul Watkins
- Thurs 24th ASCENSION DAY: 9.30am Harbury School Service,
 10.30am Holy Communion, 8pm Sung Eucharist
 Thursday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
 Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 27th SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION: 8am Holy Communion,
 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong
 Crusaders 10.30 - 11.30am in Village Hall
 Cricket 2nd XI - Kinetone 2nd XI - H
- Mon 28th SCHOOL ENDS
 No Prayer & Praise Meeting today
- Wed 30th Youth Club in Village Hall

JUNE

- Sun 3rd PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY): 9am Sung Eucharist,
 10.30am Family Service, 4pm Visit of Commissioner
 of the Royal School of Music (Mr Bryan Anderson)
 - see Rector's page), 6.30pm Evensong, 7.30pm
 Young Teenage Group
 Cricket - Newbold H
- Mon 4th BACK TO SCHOOL
 Yoga in Village Hall
 Prayer & Praise in Church.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

- HARBURY CRUSADERS, Tom Hauley Room, 10.30am Sundays
 UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm Mondays
 GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7pm (under 7s & beginners)
 7-8pm (7-10yrs), 8-9pm (over 10yrs) Mondays
 GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7pm Mondays
 BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm Mondays
 TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 10-11.30am Mondays &
 2-3.30pm Wednesdays
 PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings
 NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tues to Fri mornings
 LUNCHEON CLUB, Village Hall, 12.30pm Tuesdays & Fridays
 DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tues, Wed, Thurs
 BROWNIES, Village hall, every Tuesday evening at 6.15

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 Wednesday
 YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 7.30-9.30pm, Wednesdays
 DANCING CLASSES for Children & Adults, Farley Room,
 Village Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays
 HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS, School Hall, 8pm Wednesdays
 ROSARY & PRAYERS for Persecuted Christians,
 4 Sutcliffe Drive, 10am, 3rd Thursday of month
 THURSDAY CLUB, Village Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Thursday
 CUBS, Scout Hut, every Thursday
 W.I., Village Hall, 7.45pm, 2nd Thursday of month
 CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday
 BELLRINGING PRACTICE, Church, 7.30pm every Friday
 THEATRE GROUP, Wight School, 8pm last Friday of month
 COFFEE MORNING, every Saturday, Wight School in aid of
 Church Special Fund 10-12 noon
 CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU, over Southam Magistrates Court
 every Tuesday (except Bank Holidays) 10am to 3pm.

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For Village Hall Bookings, ring Mrs. Hughes 612716
 For Wight School Bookings, ring Mrs. Hayes 613488

For Tom Hauley Room bookings, ring Mrs. Smith 613580

FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

The Easter Services were all moving, impressive and joyous in their turn and well supported. We are grateful to all those who put so much effort into their preparation. This year we had a new cross (photograph on next page) made by Harry Windsor from well seasoned polystyrene, which, although perhaps not quite as natural looking as our original tree-cross, being lighter is easier to manage and much safer. Certainly it was impressive, thank you Harry.

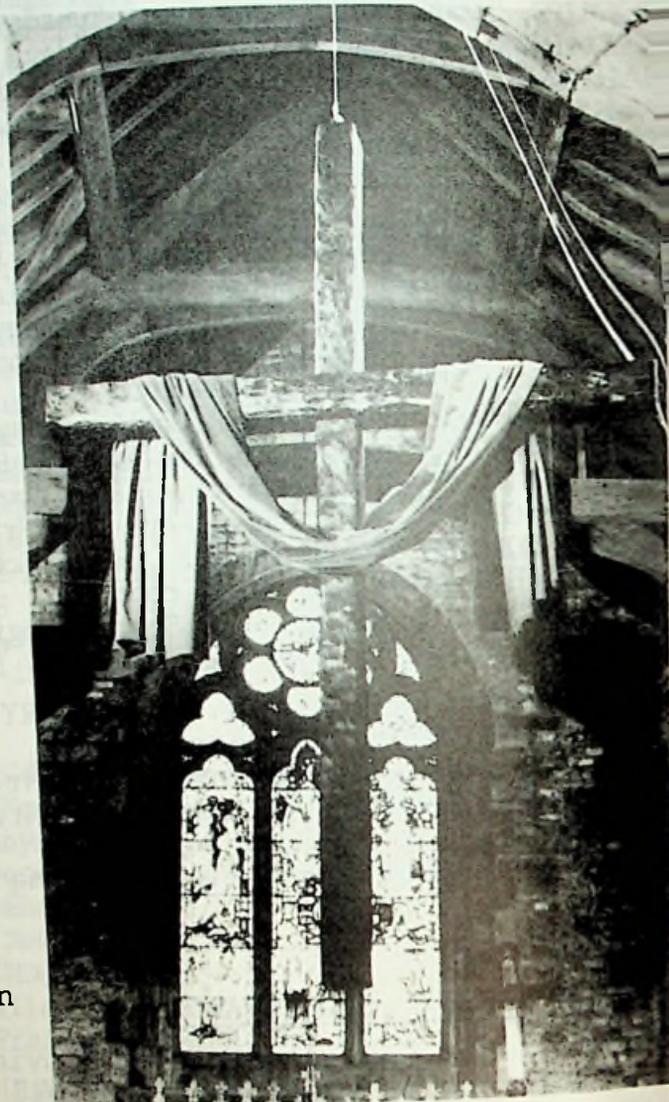
At the Annual Church Meeting on Sunday April 22nd the following officers and P.C.C. members were elected:-

Churchwardens:
Beryl Checkley and
John Moore,
Treasurer: Liz
McBride,
Secretary:
Ruth Dodds,
P.C.C. Members:
John Algar, Jeff
Bedford, David
Clarke, Ruth Dodds,
Keith Dormer,
Reg Harris,
Bryan Harrison,
Lin Hayes, Annette
& Ken Hughes,
Rhian Kelsall,
Liz McBride,
Anne Moore,
Carol Percival,
Peter Rollason,
Isobel Russell,
Joyce & Harry
Windsor.

The Dayspring
visit and work-
shop was a great
success, a large
number of children
taking part in a
very lively and
different form
of worship to our

usual evensong. This is a 'recipe' that needs
following up which would be welcomed by the teenage
groups.

The Crusaders presented a short play to the congrega-
tion on April 22nd after the 10.30 service. It
was most enjoyable to be able to share in this
event. Congratulations to our young actors. We
look forward to the next occasion.



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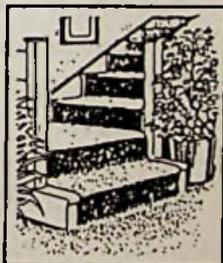
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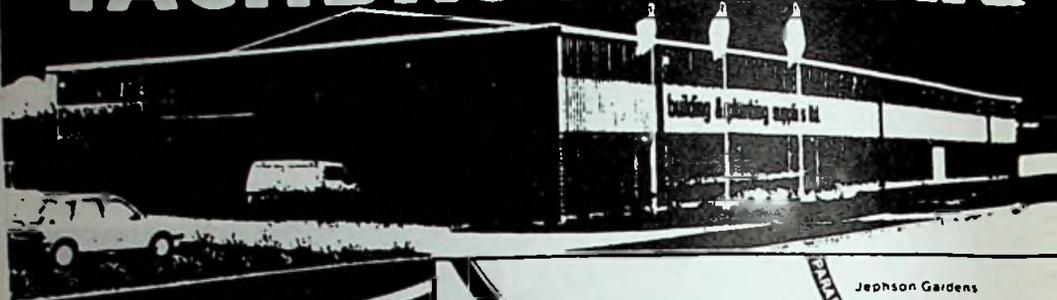
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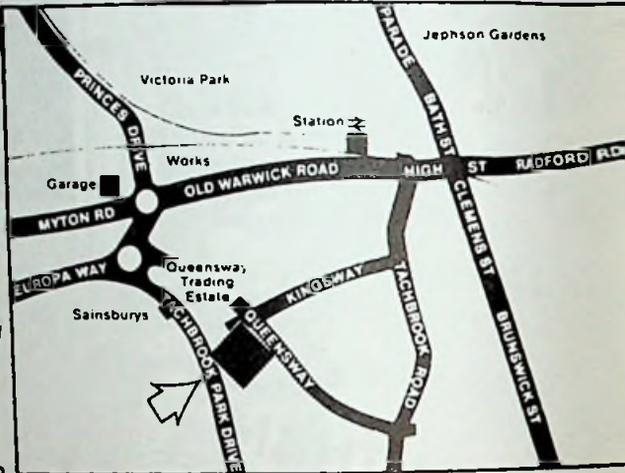
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Meeting of March 27th 1990

Deanery training courses: Several members of Harbury Helpline attended the bereavement counselling course. Two members of the PCC would attend the religious broadcasting evening at Coventry and Warwickshire Radio on May 16.

Churchyard: Appreciation of the spring flowers was expressed. It was decided that we should enter the Diocesan Best Kept Churchyard competition. As at March 27 small areas still needed to be re-seeded, but re-turfing at the west end was complete.

Church windows: Progress is being made towards restoring the broken windows, and to renew their protective mesh screens.

Tom Hauley Room: In the interests of security locks have been fitted to all internal doors, thus enabling the door from the church to remain unlocked to provide access to the toilets at all times when the church is open.

Finance: Covenanting in the 1988-89 financial year had seen a reduction in reclaimable income tax. Harbury is on course to meet its £1600 Church Urban Fund target, having already donated £1000. Provision is being made to supplement the repair, organ and belfry funds. The Diocesan quota for 1989 of £7177 has been met in full. Donations to Church-linked charities totalling £750 were approved. The charities concerned are the Church Army, CMS., USPG., St Luke's Hospital for Clergy, SPCK., Missions to Seamen, Clergy Orphans', Christian Outreach, Coventry Cathedral Appeal.

Cathedral Liaison Officer: This new appointment is still vacant and can be filled by any member of the congregation. Details available from the Rector.

Outdoor furniture: The memorial garden seat presented by Mrs Lettie Hancock has been consecrated and placed on the terrace of the Tom Hauley Room. The Friends of Ladbroke Church have presented us with a flower trough which is also to go on the terrace.

Harbury and Ladbroke News: The magazine's constitution is to be amended to provide for at least one representative of the PCC on the editoria committee.

FROM THE RECTOR

After the Lenten period which was quite busy and Holy Week and Easter which were even busier, the tendency is to expect a quieter time. However looking through May and into June it seems as if that is just an illusion. This month I want to mention a number of important occasions, which I hope you will carefully note and fully support. For the sake of clarity and to save confusion, I will mention them in date order as they will occur.

The Lent Course this year 'Turning Points' was for some of us a little disappointing. There was masses of material on tape, probably too much, or possibly the fault was that we tried to cover too much and ought to have been more selective. Nevertheless there was a reasonable response from both parishes and it was pleasant to meet together and to be joined by those who belong to other churches. There seems to be a strong inclination that it would be worthwhile to arrange further meetings for study and discussion together and perhaps try to tailor our sessions more to our own situation and needs. To pursue this possibility, a meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 9th May at 8 o'clock in the Tom Hauley Room and I hope a good number will be able to come. Should you be unable to come but would wish to be involved, please let me know.

One of the major events each year is, of course, the Confirmation and for the first time since coming to the Diocese, the Bishop of Coventry, the Rt Rev'd Simon Barrington-Ward will be taking the service on Sunday 13th May at 6.30pm. I ask everyone to make a particular effort to be there not only to greet the Bishop on such an important occasion, but first and foremost to support and encourage the candidates. I know I need hardly appeal to people to be there, for I am always delighted with the attendance at Confirmation services, but it would be so very significant and proper if those who have been confirmed in recent

years were there to give their backing to those who in 1990 are making this important decision.

Saturday 19th May will be a splendid occasion too, when Canon Churchill celebrates the Eucharist to mark his Golden Jubilee to the Priesthood. Fifty years serving as a faithful priest in Christ's Church is no mean accomplishment and it will be a great pleasure for us all to celebrate this remarkable achievement and to give thanks for his long and dedicated ministry. Bishop Cuthbert Bardsley wants very much to take part in our celebrations on that day and fully intends to come and to preach if his health permits.

The very next day, Ladbroke will be holding a 'Songs of Praise' at 3.30pm and inviting people from Harbury, after which all go along to the Village Hall for Tea. This has proved very successful in the last year or so and Sunday 20th May is the date fixed for this very pleasant act of worship and opportunity to meet together afterwards socially for excellent refreshments.

Sometimes important days catch us unawares and they have gone by without us even realising, much to our regret. Ascension Day stands out as one of the major Church Festivals, which at one time, in more leisurely days, would never pass unnoticed. I take this opportunity to inform you that Ascension Day this year is on Thursday 24th May and it should be possible for most people to find a convenient time to come to church either at Harbury or at Ladbroke.

Finally just nudging our way into June, I am pleased to report that Bryan Anderson of the Royal School of Church Music for the Midlands has agreed to come and to inspire us in our singing. He is full of vigour and enthusiasm for Church music, and he can get the very best out of any choir or congregation. He will come on Sunday 3rd June during the afternoon and spend some time with the young people of the Choir at Harbury and those aspiring to form a Choir at Ladbroke. After we have all come together for tea, he will give some attention to encouraging the congregations to make the most of their singing abilities. When all of

us have been rehearsed, we shall have a short evening service at 6.30pm and show to ourselves the advantage of receiving some wise musical instruction. I can promise, from past experience, that all who come will be surprised at what can be achieved with a minimum of tuition and enjoy every minute of it. Full details will be announced later but mark the date decisively in your diary.

ANTONY ROWE

Ecumenical Services

The next quarterly service is to be held on Sunday 10th June at 4pm. For this particular occasion we shall be meeting in the Tom Hauley Room and several of the Friends will be coming to give us some understanding and experience of the way in which Quakers worship.

Lent Lunches 1990

The amounts raised are as follows:-

Ladbroke £134.00 towards The Ladbroke Restoration Fund.
Harbury £102.09 towards The Church Urban Fund.

HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday 8th April:

JAMES ROBERT son of Robert John and Rosina Nesta Pettipher, Five Gables, Farm Street, Harbury.

BLESSING OF MARRIAGE

Saturday 21st April:

IAN HOLROYD and VICTORIA BAILEY

FUNERALS

Monday 2nd April:
at Oakley Wood

HUBERT JOHN GEE, 9 Knightlow Way Harbury 78 years
at All Saints' Church

BARBARA EMILY FLETCHER, Harbury Heath Bungalow,
Harbury 53 years

Monday 16th April:

At Harbury Cemetary - Interment of Ashes

IVY DAVISON, formerly of Vicarage Lane Harbury.

SIERRA LEONE EVENING

You may remember that about 3 years ago some of us tried to establish links between this village and Bo in Sierra Leone, through Johanenes Mahler.

To learn more about Sierra Leone, we have invited the Rev. Ray Hawthorne, a Methodist minister who has worked in that area, to come and speak to us on Monday 21st May at 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

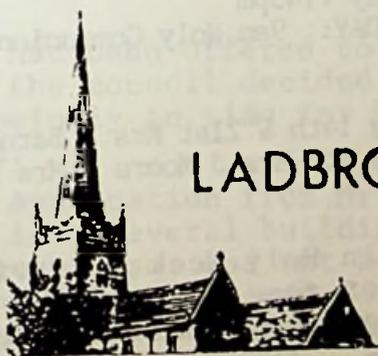
We are also to have an African meal! This sounds delicious, and to enable us to cater efficiently, please write your name on the list in church, or ring me.

We do not propose to make a set charge, but donations will be requested on the evening, to cover expenses.

All are welcome - do please come.

BERYL CHECKLEY

Tel: 612519



LADBROKE NEWS

MAY

Wed 2nd ST PHILIP & ST JAMES APOSTLES TRANSFERRED:
10.30am Holy Communion

Thurs 3rd Men's Society 7.45pm in Tom Hauley Room

- Fri 4th 9.45am Holy Communion (M.U. Corporate Communion)
 Sun 6th EASTER III: 10.30am Family Service & Communion
 Wed 9th 10.30am Holy Communion
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship
 Sun 13th EASTER IV: 9am Holy Communion with Hymns, 6.30pm
 The Confirmation at Harbury (The Bishop of
 Coventry)
 Tues 15th 7.30pm P.C.C. Meeting
 Wed 16th 10.30am Holy Communion (Women's Fellowship
 Corporate Communion)
 Annual Parish Meeting 8pm in Village Hall precede
 by Parish Council Meeting at 7pm
 Fri 18th 7.30pm Friends of Ladbroke Church Barbecue -
 Walworth Farm
 Sat 19th 11am Sung Eucharist at Harbury - Canon Churchill
 Golden Jubilee to the Priesthood
 Sun 20th EASTER V ROGATION SUNDAY: 9am Holy Communion
 with Hymns, 10.30am Children's Church, 3.30pm
 Songs of Praise with Parish Tea following.
 Wed 23rd 10.30am Holy Communion
 Thurs 24th ASCENSION DAY: 7pm Holy Communion
 Sun 27th SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION: 9am Holy Communion with
 Hymns
 Wed 30th 10.30am Holy Communion

JUNE

- Sun 3rd PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY): 10.30am Family Service
 with Communion, 4pm Visit of Commissioner of
 Royal School of Church Music (see Rector's page)
 Wed 6th 10.30am Holy Communion
 Thurs 7th Men's Society 7.45pm
 Sun 10th TRINITY SUNDAY: 9am Holy Communion with Hymns.

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

- May 7th Mrs Hallam: May 14th & 21st Mrs J Barnett:
 May 28th Mrs Elkins: June 4th Mrs J Moore & Mrs Kennedy:

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

As the meeting came in Holy Week a service was held
 in church. The Rector read part of the Passion to
 us and after the second hymn talked about different
 people in the Passion. Afterwards we went to
 Catherine's home for refreshments.

The Lent Lunches were very popular and raised £134
 for the Restoration Fund. Many thanks to all who
 provided the Lunches.

Our next meeting is on May 9th at 2.30pm at the home of Helen Sullivan, 8 Ladbroke Hall when one of our members, Hazel Sharples, will tell us about her holiday in Arizona.

BERYL ROSS

THE SOUTHAM & DISTRICT DISABILITY ACTION GROUP, led by the Rev Ralph Werrell, are making a confidential register of physically handicapped people in the area. They would like to be supplied with any names and addresses in order to build up a picture of the needs they have in the Southam district. Please contact 'The Rectory' Southam.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The Posters are up, the judges are coming - now is the time to sort out wayward fences, cut verges, remove dead branches, plan your hanging baskets, in fact make sure your frontage is spick & span!

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - 18th April.

Rather a quiet month, the Parish Council is still awaiting replies on several of the current problems - no doubt more information will be available in time for the ever popular Annual Parish Meeting in May. The broken sets outside 'The Forge' had not yet been repaired. More information was needed about the possible purchase of a Chairman's Chain of Office. The Council discussed ways in which the fishponds in farmyard field could possibly be preserved.

As no help had been offered to renovate the telephone box, the council decided to tackle it themselves, hopefully in time for the Best Kept Village Competition.

A Planning Application from Mr Carroll for a barn conversion into several buildings, next to "Village Farm", Banbury Road, had not been objected to, provided the design allowed for better access and parking facilities and that the barns would not be designed as holiday homes.

The next meeting is at 7pm (earlier than usual) on Wednesday 16th May and this short meeting will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm, when

all the various village societies and activities will be reporting on the year's events. Do try and come.

KATE LIVERTON

HARBURY PLAYGROUP

The playgroup is holding its OPEN MORNING on Friday 18th May from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Wight School. We cater for children from 3 years until school age and provide a wide range of activities.

All prospective parents are welcome to join us and see how playgroup works. Staff will be on hand to answer any questions.

DOROTHY TRAVIS
Playgroup Supervisor

HARBURY RUGBY CLUB - End of Season Report

The Rugby Club have again had a most satisfactory season with as many matches won as lost and a mid-table position in Courage Warwickshire Division II - in fact we were in with a promotional chance right up to the penultimate league game.

Fortunately the first team has kept a fairly settled well balanced side and even when injuries have ruled out some first teamers, replacements proved adequate - the club was pleased to see some of Ian Winchester's colts come through and make some promising debuts in the first team. On their day the team could hold its own against most sides, an improvement for next year could be more consistency in their game.

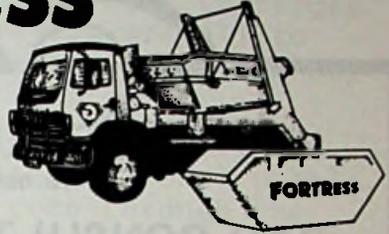
The seconds have fielded a youthful side with a splendid team spirit and providing they can keep together they should give improved depth in first team potential for next season.

The thirds - yielding experience rather than youth - have had another very successful season. Ably led by Bob Sandford - illness and injury unfortunately

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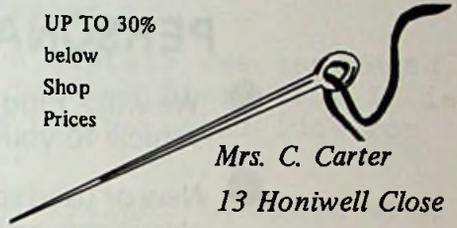
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forcing men from the touchline - they have only lost one game since Christmas; according to report the majority of these ageing players are all to report for yet another season next year - long may they continue.

The Junior and Mini sides continue to flourish largely made up of - and organised by local people. Ted Mazureck's Under 16's have come through the ranks to give us real hope for the future.

Facilities are now as good as any club in the area and - as ever - the club is looking forward to a successful season come September.

At the recent AGM a new club captain was appointed. The club is delighted that for the first time it is a Harbury resident - Graham Lewis - good luck for your spell in charge Graham.

Training will start in mid July; get in touch with Graham or any club member when you fancy a training stint.

IAN HOLROYD Club Chairman

P.S. Date for your Diaries:-

Club Barbecue - Saturday 14th July

Another 60's Great "DOZY BEAKY MICK & TITCH"

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HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

Harbury began the season with a First XI match against Long Itchington on Sunday 22nd April. The rain just about held off, but the match was played in a biting NE wind on a fairly soggy pitch. Harbury batted first and managed to lose several of their stars fairly swiftly. However, John Wilkinson who had opened stemmed the collapse and made an unbeaten 60. John is clearly determined to win the Player of the Year for this season as well. Captain Gary Lowe scored 19 in a determined knock, and Harbury declared at 105 for 7.

Long Itchington started badly but eventually made a strong challenge and in a close finish they reached 98 for 8 to draw the match. Harbury bowled and fielded well. The stock bowlers B Wallington with 3 for 25 and Ian Lowe with 2 for 26 were as

successful as ever. However, Second XI bowler Richard Lowe turned in an excellent performance with 4 for 34.

Considering the absence of several stars, and the after effects of the famous Holroyd Wedding, a creditable start to the season.

I.T.J.

REAL TENNIS

I wonder how many of the villagers know that they are in one of the most privileged corners of the world! The reason is that they are but a short distance from two of the very few (?35) Real Tennis courts extant anywhere; one in Leamington, one at Moreton Morrell.

This wonderful ancient game is extremely complicated and has been enormously simplified into Lawn Tennis as known today. It's an indoor game, and hence is played mostly in the winter. It involves a lot of tactics, so a brain helps!

Anyone with a good eye and an ability to hit cleanly a tennis, squash or even cricket ball, would certainly enjoy learning the intricacies and techniques of Real (or Royal) Tennis and would probably soon be hooked!

As an introduction, we at Moreton are helping people in their last school or college year before going into the world of jobs and wages, by giving some very reduced rate lessons; 3 one-hour sessions in the first instance and a further three or more to those showing promise. It should be appreciated however that ultimately it is a game that is not particularly cheap - £5 p/h (shared) for a court, plus racquets etc. It would be a shame to get involved and then have to abandon the game

Further details from me at 613566.

MIKE CARTER
(Harbury Hall)

COFFEE SHOP

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support over the last three weeks as the Coffee Shop got underway.

We have had a good response from young people and they would like the Coffee Shop to continue. Help will be needed in the not too distant future as Steven and myself have a training course coming up on Tuesday evenings. So if anyone has 2hrs to spare on Tuesday we would like to hear from you.

Thanks again.

GILLIAN DODDS 612529

THE THURSDAY CLUB will be running the usual Saturday Coffee Morning at the Wight School on 9th June. All the proceeds from that morning will go to the Club funds.

We shall be doing a 'Home-Made' Stall - cakes, jams, pickles etc and handmade articles. Any items for this stall will be most gratefully received either on that Saturday morning, or for collection ring Pat Smith 612650.

More importantly though we ask for your support at the Coffee Morning, and look forward to welcoming you at the Wight School between 10 and 12 o'clock.

LUNCH CLUB

Once again I am asking for your help. I am urgently in need of help on Tuesdays, for about an hour and a half, once a month. If you could help, please phone Sue Ingram 612418.

HEALTH SCREENING AT HARBURY SURGERY

From 2nd May June Luke SRN will be holding Health Promotion Clinics each Wednesday afternoon from 3pm to 6pm and will be inviting patients on our practice list to have a basic health screening. These will consist of blood pressure and urine checks, height and weight measurement and, where necessary, blood tests. There will also be an opportunity to discuss any health problems, including diet and smoking.

Under the new contract it is necessary for us to

offer all patients aged between 16 and 75 who have not consulted a doctor within the last three years a health screening. These will be included in the Wednesday clinic and anyone known to be in this category will be welcome.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

Note: No clinics 9th May and 13th June.

HARBURY W.I.

Dr Andy Tasker, Director of WARNACT gave a very interesting talk to the group on April 12th, illustrated with many beautiful colour-slides. He came to our rescue at short notice when the planned speaker, Leah the clairvoyant, let us down. The main point of his talk was "What are we doing to the countryside? The future is in our hands." Mrs Eva Keeling expressed our grateful thanks to Dr Tasker, who was then asked to judge the entries for the decorated egg competition. Mrs Bertha Kettle won the competition. Raffle winners were Mrs Vera Card, Mrs Joan Stephenson and Miss Joan Lodge.

Members were given a report of the enjoyable day's events at the Spring Council Meeting in Leamington in March and a brief description of Donald Lovat Fraser's entertaining talk on "Hats to Remember".

There was news of the croquet taster day at Charlecote Park, the outing to Morton Morrell Agricultural College and a Theatre trip to see "Cabaret". Ten members took part in last month's country walk which finished with a pub lunch. Another walk has been arranged for April 25th starting at 10am from the Village Hall.

The next meeting on May 10th will be the Resolutions Meeting which should be an interesting evening. There will be optional cheese & wine during Social time. Please remember to bring something for the sales table.

DIANA BUCK

THE MOTHERS' UNION IN 1990

April 26th - May 3rd is M.U. week in The Coventry Diocese. The aim is to bring the objects of the society and its activities into the limelight.

Do you see the M.U. as an elderly holy huddle, a tea-making, cake baking organisation or a carping group ready to condemn all those involved in divorce? On the contrary it has a positive role and a potential to affect social change.

The 5 objects spell out the policy. The paramount importance of marriage, bringing up children with a knowledge of the life and faith of the church, maintaining a world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service, promoting conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children, helping those whose family life has met with adversity.

The only conditions of membership are that the applicant should have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and should be prepared to declare their support for the objects of the society.

Worldwide membership is now almost half a million with well over half being overseas members from Mary Sumner House the various departments spread their functions to the branches. Overseas keeps in touch the overseas branches and maintains a permanent prayer link. It provides the funds for various workers, their transport and helps in schools, clinics and churches. The Relief Fund helps in disasters. Social Concern is involved in a variety of contemporary problems, research has been carried out on debt, help provided for carers and discharged mental patients. The Message Home gives a contact line for runaways, Away from it All gives holiday breaks to the stressed and days out are organised for deprived children.

Young Families co-ordinates the efforts being made to involve the younger generation in the church and give advice on Mother & Toddler Groups, Services for the Young and Family Days. Media - panels keep a watchful eye and a listening ear on material produced and are in touch with broadcasters and the Press to congratulate as well as protest.

The Indoor Members Prayer circle gives a chance to those confined to the house to find a role in the M.U. Publications & Education deal with pamphlets and training. Home & Family edit our magazine Prayer unites all in prayer for the world, our own branches and their needs and the world-wide organisation.

The M.U. is alive not ossified. In Harbury we try to be involved as much as possible and would welcome more members.

An afternoon meeting takes place at 2.15pm on the first Wednesday of the month and an evening meeting at 7.45pm on the third Tuesday - both meetings in the Tom Hauley Room.

You are welcome!

MARGARET RIGDEN Branch Leader

MOTHERS' UNION - APRIL/MAY

We had a very interesting talk in April by Miss Kathleen Curtis on her time as a worker in Uganda. The determination shown by her to reach faraway groups of M.U. members and their inspiring efforts to improve the spiritual and physical lot of the people in the villages were a revelation.

Our next meeting is on Wed 2nd May at 2.15pm in the Tom Hauley Room and will be our friend Jeanne Clarke on the Media. The evening meeting is on Tues 15th May at 7.45pm also in the Tom Hauley Room. The Police will be talking on the Drug Problem.

Visitors welcome to both meetings. Any members and friends wishing to go on our outing to Wisbech on Thurs 5th July are asked to bring £2.50 deposit to either meeting. If this is impossible please contact me or Shirley Keir.

The M.U. Coffee Morning at the Wight School for Overseas Funds raised £71 - congratulations!

MARGARET RIGDEN

CARNIVAL '90

Plans are well under way for Carnival '90. We are delighted to welcome Eric Dixon of BBC CWR Radio to open the fete this year. There will be many attractions including Atherstone Girls Band, Three Spires Corps of Drums, Antelope Motor Bike Club,

the Fire-Eating Fireman (as seen on T.V.) Coventry Model Cars, Netball Display, 6 Aside Football, Punch & Judy and much more. Many thanks to all organisations who have already offered to run stalls - more are required so if anyone would like to organise a stall please contact John Kemsley (613556)

Again we will be running a 'Steptoe Stall' and collection of items will be on Thursday evening 14th June 7.30pm onwards. If you have anything for this stall please contact Bob Jenkins (613857) or John Kemsley (613556) A.S.A.B.

Calling all local model car enthusiasts! Coventry Model Cars are holding a competition during the afternoon for the "Fastest Time of Day". The winner to receive a trophy. Please ring John Kemsley (613556) to register before Carnival Day.

Please note change of day for "Children's Sports Day". This will be held on the playing fields on Saturday June 9th at 2.30pm not SUNDAY as on previous occasions.

The Theatre Group are organising the Carnival Dance again this year for which we are very grateful and we will be dancing to "New Connection". Tickets will be on sale from Carol Percival.

Cakes etc will be gratefully received for the refreshments and also any helpers in the kitchen.

PEGGY MIDDLETON

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

Dave Tickle from Harborne made a welcome return to the Folk Club to be the guest on April 5th. Since his last visit, Dave had added a couple of new songs to his repertoire but most of his set were familiar and most had additional accompaniments from yours truly. Unfortunately, Dave and I never manage to practise together so our joint repertoire rarely increases and has to rely on phone calls and long memories. However, I never tire of songs like "Mountains of Mourne" and "Fire and Rain" and the audience also seemed to enjoy Dave's contemporary material.

As usual, there were far too many supporting singers

to allow them to perform more than one or two songs each but they seemed very understanding. It was good to see Pete & Liz again after a few months off and also Pete Grassby who is in danger of becoming a regular. Making his first appearance at the Club, Mike Hallsworth from Redditch gave us a brief taste of his considerable talent and I hope we'll see more of him in the future. Also on good form were Sean, with more of the Tory manifesto set to music, Steve, Bren and Angelo, Phil & Drill, the Jug Band and Bob.

The raffle raised £26.60 for the Acorns Children's Hospice in Selly Oak and the next Folk Club session is on May 3rd at 8.30pm when the guest really will be Tony Baylis.

PETER McDONALD

HEREBURGH MORRIS

The Hereburgh Morris Dancers will once again be dancing at Chesterton Windmill at dawn on Tuesday 1st May to celebrate the coming of summer. The dancers will assemble at the mill at 5.00am to see the dawn up approximately half an hour later. Everyone is welcome to give support to these brave local dancers who, having danced in the dawn, will all go to work since the May Day holiday is not until the following Monday!

SUE HARTLAND
Secretary

"ABIGAIL'S PARTY"

Every member of the audience must have been able to identify with the situation which unfolded as the plot developed in the latest play presented by the Harbury Theatre Group.

The teenage party of the title was "going on" next door while Beverly and Lawrence entertained Abigail's mother and tried to take her mind off what might be happening. A small cast meant that everyone played a most important role. Patricia Donson was outstanding as Beverly - hostess for the evening,

with David Hill as her long suffering husband. Carol Percival was Abigail's Mum, desperately trying to be the perfect guest, with one ear on the "noises off". (It was obvious that she would much rather have been keeping an eye on her daughter and friends!) Robert Waterman and Linda Eadon were the other neighbours - a loving couple with just a hint that things are not always as they seem on the surface.

There were plenty of laughs in store for all who came to be entertained - and it is obvious that a great deal of hard work and dedication had gone into creating a delightful set and providing a most enjoyable outing.

Unfortunately we hear that the Theatre Group made a substantial loss financially on this production - due to lack of support. Audiences were down, which is a great pity. This group deserves to thrive, and Harbury would not be the same if they were to disband.

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ANNE MOORE

N.S.P.C.C. JUMBLE SALE - 12TH MAY

We are holding our Jumble Sale on 12th May in the Village Hall from 10.30am. At the same time YOUNG LEAGUE will be having their own Fair in the Farley Room. If you have any jumble please phone Celia Barrett 613174. The Village Hall will be open on Friday evening 11th May if you wish to drop your jumble in to us.

N.S.P.C.C. YOUNG LEAGUE

Our Spring Fair will be held this year on Saturday 12th May from 10.30 - 12.00 in the Farley Room of the Village Hall, in conjunction with the N.S.P.C.C. jumble sale which will take place in the Main Hall.

Young League members who wish to have a stall to sell their goods such a toys, books, cakes etc or who wish to set up a game or competition should come along at 9.30am on the morning of the Fair.

The Spring Fair is a useful way to boost savings in your blue egg boxes which are due in for counting

by Friday May 18th. The party, when badges will be awarded, will be on 22nd June in the Wight School from 4.30 until 5.30.

If anyone would like to join the Young League please contact Sheila Burt on 613671 or Anne Greenwell on 613623.

HARBURY SOCIETY

The Environment Week outing to Chesterton Church is Saturday 28th April 2.30 pm when Eric Davies will explain about the renovation of the Inigo Jones Gateway.

The Library has the Eyesores Survey on display and there will be a general clean up of the village in Environment Week (28 April - 5 May).

Tuesday 15th May, 7.30 pm in the Farley Room is the date for an experience of a lifetime when you have the opportunity to have a beer with Bonzo in "An Evening with Cecil Bloxham" when Harbury's past is revealed, warts and all!

Please keep the jewelery coming in for our Carnival Stall. Someone will be calling on you in the next few weeks but items are welcome at 16 Farm Street at any time. Ring 612792 for collection, and remember we are grateful for battered and broken items too.

LINDA RIDGLEY

HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS INDEX

We would like to thank Joan Lodge for her many years of work on updating the Harbury News Index. The Index dates back to the very first issue in 1974 and is available for all for reference at 23 Mill Street.

10TH ANNUAL NAPTON CYCLE RIDE: Sunday 8th July 1990

A festival of fun for the whole family - in aid of Napton Parish Church and the Home Farm Trust for the mentally handicapped.

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The fancy dress theme is "Down on the Farm" and other events include horse rides, childrens cycle ride and

barbeque. For further information, please contact Alan Smith (814353) Bob Barker (812030) or J C Acres (817100).

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 3rd

The District Council is responsible for many important local services such as housing, refuse collection, and leisure amenities. Three councillors represent Harbury Ward with one seat coming up for re-election each year. The candidates messages to the electorate appear below - do read them, and use your vote on May 3rd. The Polling Station is the Village Hall.

JEFFERY W. CROUCH - Conservative Candidate

In the forthcoming elections for Stratford District Council, I have been asked to stand as the conservative candidate for Harbury Ward.

I live in the ward in Bishops Itchington and am Vice-Chairman of their Parish Council, the members of which support my candidature to the full. My fondness for this area, gained when I worked and lived in the Midlands some years ago, persuaded me that I should return here to retire. That decision taken four years ago was right - I love it here! Indeed, three generations of my family now live here.

Professionally, I have been involved in education for 45 years, starting in the RAF and including 26 years as a Head Teacher. I am still active as a governor of Bishops Itchington School.

As one born of country stock, who has spent most of his life in rural areas, my interests centre on conservation issues and the problems of the countryside and country people. My purpose then is to serve the people of all our villages and to protect, maintain and enhance the rural environment and to improve the way of life and facilities for those who enjoy living in this delightful area.



I hope I can count on your support on Thursday May 3rd.

Dr. STEPHEN ROSSITER - Labour Party Candidate

Stephen Rossiter is a psychiatrist, who lives in Harbury with his wife Nikki. He says: 'Over the last ten years the Tories have been the tried and trusted party of government. They were trusted by the people when they said they would make our lives better; and they have tried to make us believe that the destruction of the Health Service, the creation of mass unemployment, the generation of poverty, and the worship of greed would make Britain a happier country. They have failed.

As we begin our seven year wait for an operation in South Warwickshire we begin to doubt that the NHS is really "safe in the Tories' hands". As we try to work out how to pay for the mortgage and the Poll Tax, we can be forgiven for wondering exactly who has experienced an economic miracle; and as our elderly lock themselves in their homes at night, for fear of the massive increase in violent crimes that have occurred during Thatchers selfish uncaring decade we are forced to the conclusion - THE TORIES AREN'T WORKING.

MAKE THE CHANGE - VOTE LABOUR ON MAY 3rd

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ROBERT HARKELL - Liberal Democrat

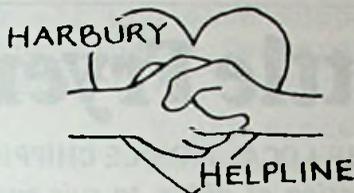
Since May 1986 it has been my privilege to serve as one of your three Ward members on Stratford-on-Avon District Council and an extremely interesting and stimulating period it has proved to be.

Of course it was strange initially, until one learned the ropes, or at least enough of them! It was also quite hard going, until some short cuts were discovered.

Serving on the Planning and Environmental Health Committees throughout the whole period, plus up to five other sub-committees and working parties as required, with 97% attendance overall, has been personally satisfying and, I believe, of value to our Ward.

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I wish to thank all who gave support to me in
his role; we of the Liberal Democrats look forward
to your continued support.

Yours sincerely
Robert Harkell

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - April 1990

Mutual congratulations were in order following the
successful issue of the travel tokens for the elderly.
Mrs Waddell thanked the PC for the tokens and the PC
thanked her for distributing them.

Much to her relief and the vindication of Midge Keen
the Ivy Lane Give Way sign was now illuminated. The
saga of the wandering Mill Street lamp continued with
the Clerk being instructed to inform the EMEB that the
Parish would not pay for its re-erection in a suitable
position because the initial removal had taken place
without their consent or consultation. Council Clerk
Ray Carter gave 12 months notice. Cllrs intended
putting off the search for a replacement until he
pointed out Clerks were not that easy to come by.

ACE delegator Ken Stephenson with Richard Wells had
surveyed the Councils public seats and reported his
findings, only to find that action was delegated to the
Clerk whose knowledge and renovation experience was
acknowledged as second to none. However, it was decided
to remove the seat at the top of Treens Hill entirely.

The PC thought the Morrispersons' idea of twinning would
prove too expensive but asked that the suggestion be
investigated.

John Moore for Deppers Bridge asked that the PC renew
pressure for the 40 mph limit for the Hamlet following
an accident involving a car, a cat and five front
gardens!

Some of the Cllrs had given serious consideration to the
Gametime UK scheme for the Play Equipment at the
Recreation Grounds and whilst thinking £20,000 plus
instalation costs were "too ambitious", Keith Thompson
suggested that a more modest scheme, leased from the
suppliers could be implemented. The Chairman agreed
that something should be done to make the Play Area as
safe as possible and accepted the Cllr Thompson's
estimate that safety surfaces for the existing

equipment would cost £2,000. The reduced Gametime Scheme would cost £10,000 plus installation costs of several thousand pounds and Cllr Drinkwater thought that the Finance Sub-Committee ought to decide what could be afforded. Then Cllr Middleton revealed that the County Council had frozen all applications for grant aid for this financial year so that there would be no money for the Parish Council's big Car Park Improvement plans so a decision would have to be made on which of the two schemes was given priority. Ken Stephenson was "not enthusiastic" about the Gametime plans and feared that the items would not have a long life. The Clerk was even more outspoken in his rejection of the idea and John Moore thought the Council had been panicked by the safety arguments. It was agreed that the present play equipment would be upgraded and painted (Ken volunteered the Scouts), and the existing safety surfaces maintained. The whole affair was summed up by Cllr Drinkwater who said the Play Equipment scheme should be "put on ice" until the Council could "get something CONCRETE" done about the Car Park.

Unusually, there were few planning matters to discuss. The appeal by Mr Moore of Station Road was dismissed only because of potential conflict between residential and farming uses. The PC did not object to alterations to the Dog Inn and was surprised that the District had rejected the retrospective application for a mobile holiday home in Vicarage Lane.

Cllr Drinkwater agreed to survey the village with a District Council representative to determine where the Dog Fouling By-Law notice should be erected. John Moore was reassured that one or two of the two dozen signs would be earmarked for Deppers Bridge. Ken Stephenson was keen that the signing was done as soon as possible and preferably in time for the Environment Week and Keith Thompson wanted the Parish By-Laws on the subject re-enforced at the same time so that "we can all have a PURGE together".

LINDA RIDGLEY

ROMANIA RELIEF

As many of you will be aware, Richard Norton and I have returned safely from Romania after delivering the goods entrusted to us. We also carried an X-ray machine, in three pieces weighing over $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons. Our first stop, was in Arad where, after being given an army guard on the vehicle overnight, we off-loaded the machine at the hospital.

We then continued our journey to Brasov, our main objective. Through personal contacts, we gave the clothing to 2 churches for distribution to those in need. Medical supplies were distributed by one of our contacts who is a doctor. Specific items were sent to local hospitals as appropriate, but most went to a small hospital some 25 Kms outside Brasov. We had been concerned as we drove across the country that aid may not be reaching country areas in any great quantity as (understandably) most would be going to the big towns for distribution and their needs would absorb all the initial help, unless we made conscious effort to reserve part for the villages. We found when we arrived that it was a hospital for the incurably ill, and most of the patients were children.

We were often overwhelmed by the hospitality and courtesy shown to us. However, this did not hide from us the deprivations, hardships and oppression which these people had suffered. Indeed the gratitude we were shown for our one little load only served to heighten our impression of what they must have suffered.

There is still much to do - some limited "freedom" has been granted, but no real work can be done until after the elections in May. Even then, it depends on what sort of government is elected, and on this year's harvest - these being the main concerns of the people and most observers.

Until January, it was an offence to have a foreigner in one's house - the minimum fine being equivalent to half an average year's salary (this was told to us by three separate sources, one a member of the provisional government). Now, there seems an eagerness to show off one's foreign visitors -

foreign vehicles being openly parked outside houses and flats. Indeed, our van was kept on a contact's front lawn for two days while a broken rear spring was repaired - the parts being made specially for us in a local factory.

Unfortunately, because of weight restrictions, only about two thirds of the clothing could be taken on this trip. Another visit is planned when the remainder will be taken. By that time, the contacts which we have established should have provided us with more detailed information of specific needs which we can try to meet when making up the rest of the load.

What we are able to do seems so little, yet we must not, for that reason, be discouraged from continuing to undertake the task. What seems so little to us, means to them more than we can comprehend. When one is conditioned to looking after "number one", the fact that so many individuals in so many countries can collect together and see to the delivery of their gifts themselves - and says more about true freedom and love than words ever can.

It was therefore, a privilege to be entrusted to take gifts from the people of Harbury and churches in Wellesbourne, Kineton, Balsall Common and Southam and others even further afield.

We are indebted to all the people from those communities who helped with the packing, preparation and, throughout the journey, prayer support. Our thanks also to Ozbox Ltd of Warwick, who provided a large number of boxes; to the Christian Bookshop Leamington Spa who supplied books and materials for the churches; and to Guys Cliffe Self Serve and British Petroleum who underwrote the fuel costs. But none of this could have come together in the way that it did without the inspiration and oversight of Our Lord in whose name the project was undertaken.

There are a large number of stories, anecdotes and pictures associated with the journey, and you are invited to share these at a meeting in the Tom Hauley Room at 8pm on 16th May. Please let me know if you would like to come so we can make sure there are plenty of seats available. JOHN ELD

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MORE INTERNATIONAL NEWS

It was great hearing all about the Pallot's Australian Adventure and to know that folk from Harbury are making an impact abroad.

Another person doing the very same thing is our daughter, Nicki Latham. Nicki works out in Dubai as the Assistant Manageress of Recreation at the Hilton International Hotel. She has caused quite a stir out there and created history so that now Harbury can go down in the international history books.

Nicki has become a tennis celebrity out there because in all of their 26 years of running the Dubai Open Tennis Tournament nobody has won all three titles before. First she won the Ladies Doubles, this was followed by the Mixed Doubles and last but not least the Ladies Singles. A notable achievement playing with and against all different nationalities. She beat her Doubles partner, an Australian, in the Singles final.

So Harbury and Harbury Tennis Club are known in a good light abroad. We can now get free camel rides when we visit. I'm still working on the free oil well!

Besides Nicki being out there we also bumped into Jim & Valerie Pertwee when we holidayed there at Christmas. They sent their kind regards to all their friends in Harbury. I believe that they may have now arrived back in this country and are living in or around the Oxford area.

They say it's a small world we live in but how about this. We went to visit Nicki last Christmas and camped in the desert one night. So there we are sitting around a camp fire 3500 miles from home when a voice asks do you know Southam at all. The voice belonged to Lindy Smailes who is teaching in Sharjah. We found that we naturally knew a lot of the same people. It's a good job I had taken the wife with me!!

B.M.L.

STITCH IN TIME



Stitching another piece of cloth to her colourful patchwork quilt, held together by feather stitch in golden thread.

Mrs Evelyn Lane of South Parade has been busy making her quilt on and off for over twenty years. The pieces of material were collected from past and present villagers of Harbury, like the Thornicrofts, Rainbows etc. She can name each person by the patch they supplied. Mrs Lane, a sprightly 88 years, in her own words said, "I should like very much now, to finish the quilt before popping off".

MIKE BLOXHAM

THE GARDEN IN MAY

Urns, troughs and other garden containers can be planted up now with summer plants, using a rich compost and making sure the drainage holes are not blocked up.

To prevent the all too prevalent mildew on Michaelmas daisies spray regularly with Benlate. Anemones and pulsatilla - pasque flowers - grow well from seed gathered fresh and planted at once. Cover until they germinate.

Remember that slugs love hostas and take action now! Pull out all rose suckers as near the base as possible.

Plant main crop potatoes and earth up early ones. Sow spinach, broadbeans, turnips, parsley, peas, carrots, beetroot and runner beans now. Leave until the middle of the month marrows, courgettes and cucumbers. Lettuce and radish should be sown in short rows at regular intervals to ensure a succession rather than a glut. If the weather is reasonable plant out brassica and other previously sown vegetables.

Weed and fertilise the lawn. Keep regularly mown but not too short.

Cut out mildewed shoots on apples and peas. Spray with Dithane 45. Cut out coral spot as soon as it appears on any wood, it is apparently becoming more virulent.

E.D.Z.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At the April meeting, Mr Ayers gave an interesting and informative talk on organic gardening covering the subject in a very broad sense. He gave us a lot to think about, not least concerning the damage caused by the extensive use of peat. The committee has now concluded that, in the light of the damage done to very significant wild-life habitats, it is no longer appropriate for the Society to sell peat and so the practice will cease.

The last of the season's meetings will be on Tues 1st May at 8pm at the Village Hall. At it,

J41
Eleanor Zonik will talk about "Herbs from Plot to Pot" a euphonic title which, undoubtedly foreshadows a stimulating talk.

Preparations are well ahead for the Walkabout on 14th July (NB it is that date and no other). The provision of refreshments is always a feature and we need some more volunteers to help. Anyone willing to give an hour or two to making tea, selling cakes, washing up etc will be most welcome. Please phone me (612200) or Maurice Bristow (612941).

Don't forget the excursions (19th and 26th June). Final bookings will be taken at the May meeting or phone Mrs Zonik (612365)

BRIAN RIGDEN

HARBURY ASSETS

Mike Bloxham took these photographs recently. The first picture shows a crowd of people leaning over the railway bridge. Mike comments that they come from as far away as Yorkshire to see the view.



The view of course is the steam train Duke of Gloucester (462) class 8P, built at Crewe 1954 travelling at speed through Harbury's famous cutting under the three-arched bridge. The train was travelling from Didcot to Derby last month.



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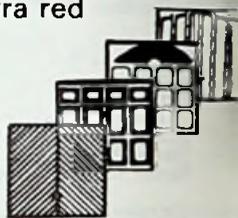
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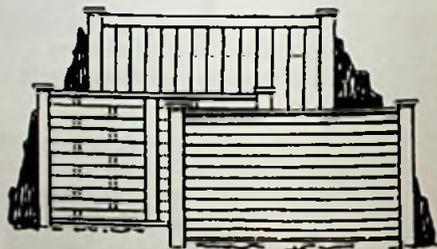
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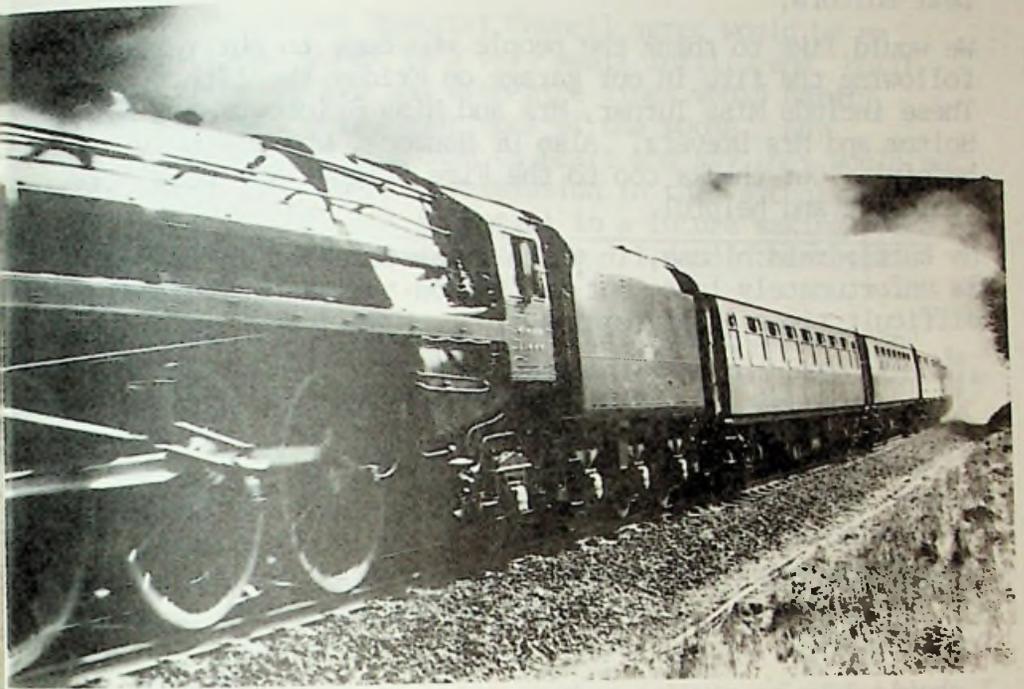
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AND A SUMMER MEMORY

A quick trawl of our photograph archives produced this picture by Mike Bloxham. Taken last summer it shows Cecil Bloxham on his mini tractor in Hall Lane. Cecil will be starring at the Harbury Society shortly with reminiscences of old Harbury.



Dear Editors,

We would like to thank the people who came to our rescue following the fire in our garage on Friday the 13th..... These include Miss Turner, Mrs and Miss Rainbow, Mr & Mrs Holtom and Mrs Drevers. Also Dr Hancock, who was very helpful. Our thanks too to the Fire Brigade who were very efficient and helpful.

My battledress blouse, in which I was demobbed in 1947, is unfortunately lost, but it is good to see that help in difficult times still remains.

Sincerely,
MAURICE BAYES (18 The Beeches)

BRIAN MARTIN FLOWER

Elaine, Andrew and Ashley would like to thank neighbours and friends for their cards, flowers and messages of sympathy in their sad loss of a dear husband and father.

Dear Editors,

I should like to thank everyone for their kindness, good wishes, visits, cards and presents on the occasion of my ninetieth birthday.

Knowing that I was in the thoughts of so many friends made it a very special celebration.

Yours sincerely,
ELSIE WAREHAM (End Cottage)

Dear Editors,

I regret it is my duty once again to not so much complain as to warn villagers of the incompetence of their Parish Council.

Assuming that the report in the Leamington Courier is correct (and here one has to balance two types of cynicism and the newspaper wins!), they recently 'refused' (a pompous term, they don't have that power - they can merely not recommend) two houses for which I have requested Planning Permission, because, they think, or at least they said, these are outside the confines of the village.

They are not. Neither of them is. So why do they say so?

To make matters even more stupid, one proposed house would merely replace a pair of semis that I already have permission

for, which Stratford District Council agree would be an improvement; the other is a very small infill, and, built in original materials and with nice lines would hardly detract from its particular neck of the woods. Any councillor who would put hand to heart and say they would not either apply for Planning Permission in this situation, or at least reflect the potential in a future asking price, is quite probably a total hypocrite. I don't think that would be too strong.....

This sort of crass behaviour presumably surprises no one who has had contact with the council. Mine has been minimal; they awoke me at 9 one Sunday morning (no appointment) to ask me to help them read some architect's plans.... "No, this way up.... look this is a CHIMNEY it should be pointing to the SKY... this is east, that's where the sun rises.....".

I gather (April Newsletter) they recently had this problem too with a footpath - surely the easiest thing not to get wrong.

Two years ago they pronounced another package of mistruths about me which was also reported locally to my possible detriment. I do not of course accuse them of lying, just stupidity. Are they actually elected, or co-erced from among friends of the management? Perhaps no one who can read a map wants to do the job..... I don't pretend it's fun as they cannot please everyone - but surely they could be honest and conscientious in what they do? And not say black is white.

Yours remarkably patiently,
MIKE CARTER

Editors' Note: We have printed the letter above in the interests of free speech, even though we regret the intemperate language, which some readers will find hurtful. The Chairman of the Parish Council is aware of this letter, and is considering a reply next month.

JJ.
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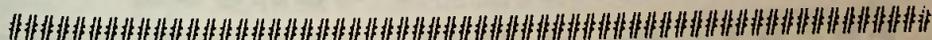
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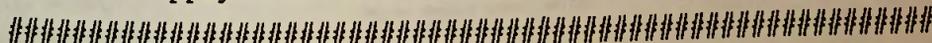
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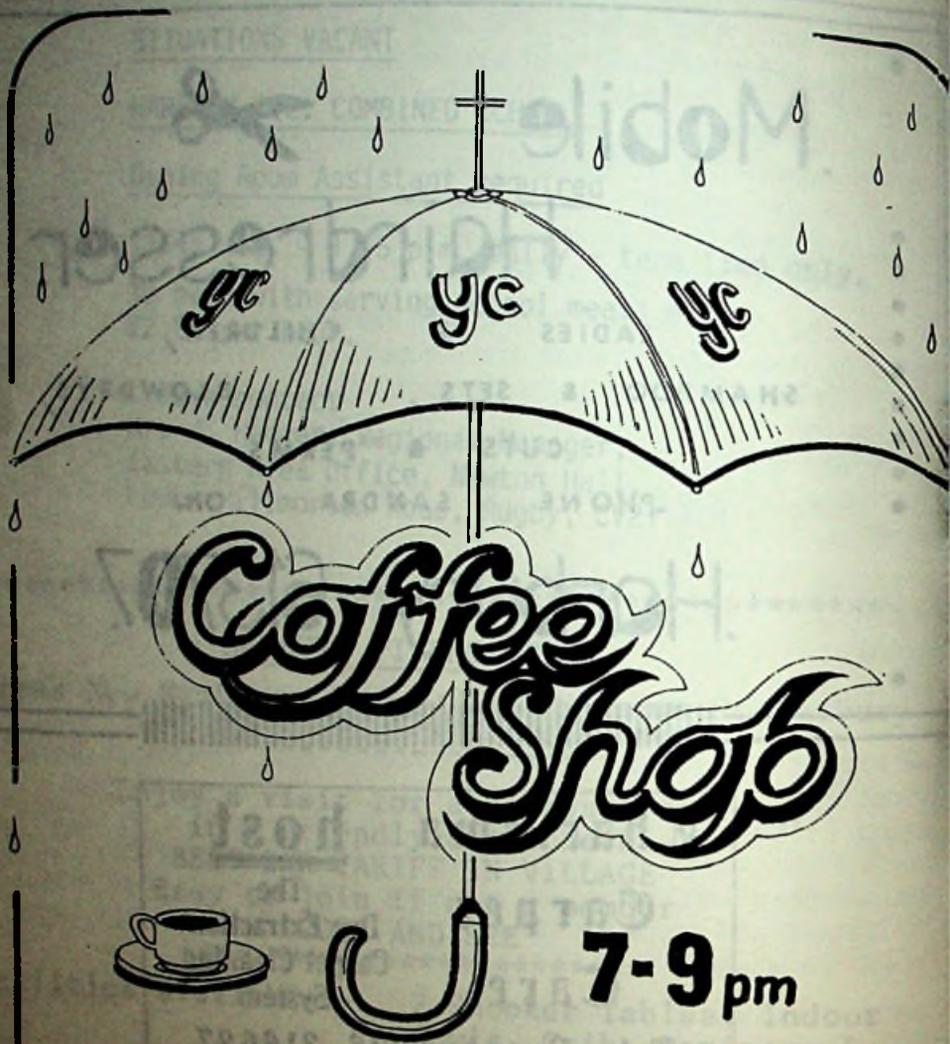
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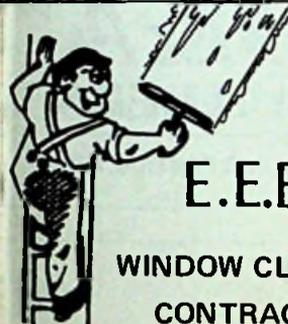
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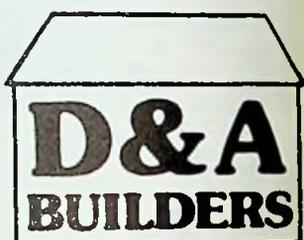
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