



# HARBURY NEWS

# HARBURY NEWS.

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION

COVERING ALL ASPECTS OF LOCAL LIFE

MAGAZINE ADDRESS 23 MILL STREET HARBURY.

THIS MAGAZINE IS PRODUCED WITH THE  
HELP OF ALL SAINTS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
HARBURY — VICAR. Rev. F.R. MACKLEY

A DIRECTORY OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS AND  
ESSENTIAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST  
FROM MRS. D. HOLT, 15 WAGSTAFFE CLOSE.

FOR SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS RING 612790 by 25th MONTH



MORRIS

**BULL RING GARAGE**

LEYCARE



Retail Dealers for Morris, Wolseley, M.G. Cars

Full Servicing Facilities

Car Hire Short & Long Term

Electronic Tuning

Extensive Range of Parts

Quality Used Cars

MOT Testing

**BULL RING GARAGE,  
CHURCH TERRACE.**

**Tel. 612275.**



In the Warwickshire Rural Community Council's Best Kept Village Competition, Harbury won the Southam Area Large Village award, and received a certificate of merit in the general Large Village classification - a good effort from an entry of 36. In view of the apparent lack of publicity given to the competition beforehand, it would seem that we could do even better in the future if more people were aware of it at the right time.

"Valentine and Peggy are leaving the Village!" How many of us, when first hearing that the DuBuissons are moving to Devon, must have wondered how ever we shall manage without them. Of course, we shall manage, because we are fortunate in having so many people willing to give of their time and energies to improve our local life, but the contribution which Valentine and Peggy have made cannot be over-estimated, as can be seen from Victoria Macgowan's article elsewhere in this issue of our magazine, which itself owes its existence in no small way to the enthusiasm of Valentine.

In appreciation of their efforts, a party was held for Valentine and Peggy, when about 60 Harburians came to say "thank you" to them. Cllr. John Drinkwater presented them with a plaque, designed by Henson Bamford, expressing the Parish Council's gratitude to Valentine for his work, and Cllr. Ralph Gurden gave Valentine and Peggy a present from the whole Village - a rocking chair.

A memorable and sad occasion, for Valentine and Peggy will be missed greatly, both for their efforts in many spheres, and for their friendship.

September sees the start of yet another year for the Harbury Youth Club. A lot of effort goes into its running and new members would be made most welcome, together with anyone who would care to help with the organisation of the club. An article about the club's activities, written by a member, appears in this month's issue.

Acknowledgments of receipt of the Rate Protest Motion

sent by Mr. G. F. Watson, who was Chairman at the public meeting on 13th June, were received from all the parties except the District Council. As the result of the pressure exerted by such protests all over the country, the Government has agreed to pay 60% of any rate increase over 20%.

The rating authorities now have a great deal of work to do to make all the necessary adjustments. In the meantime ratepayers are requested to pay at least their first half rate demands, or even payments 'on account', and adjustments will then be made either by issuing a revised second half demand or by rebate. A statement will be issued by the rating authorities as soon as possible, giving further details.

## AUGUST - SEPTEMBER HARBURY DIARY

### AUGUST 1974

Fri. 16th	Football Club Dance, Village Hall.
Sat. 17th	Communal Digging - School Pool, 9 a.m.
" "	Rugby Club Dance, Village Hall.
Tues. 20th	Latest date for booking for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham.
Sun. 25th	Footpath Walk, 2.30, Village Hall (and last Sunday of every month).
Mon. 26th	LATE SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY.
Fri. 30th	Harbury Theatre Group, Dog Inn, 8 p.m.
Sat. 31st	Labour Party Jumble Sale, Village Hall, 10.30

NOTE: Correction: No Golden Age Club Meetings in Aug.

### SEPTEMBER 1974

Wed. 4th	SCHOOL TERM STARTS.
" "	Mothers' Union, 2.30 p.m., Vicarage.
" "	W.I. meeting, 7.30 p.m., Village Hall. Speaker from the Blind Association.
Fri. 6th	Senior Citizens' Benefit Association Dance, Village Hall.



- Sat. 7th W.I. Produce Show, open to the public at 2.30,  
Village Hall.
- " " P.T.A. Garden Party, grounds of Temple  
House, Temple End, 3 p.m.
- Sun. 8th Crusaders restart.
- Tues. 10th Harbury Nursery School restarts, 9 a.m.,  
Village Hall.
- " " Harbury Friends, talk on China and Glass by  
Burgis & Colbourne, Harbury School, 8 p.m.
- Thurs. 12th Golden Age Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
- Sun. 15th Rev. Douglas A. Ross preaches at the 10 a.m.  
Eucharist.
- Tues. 17th Tufty Club, Village Hall, 2.15 p.m.
- " " Brownies restart.
- Wed. 18th P.T.A. "Drama in Schools", Harbury School,  
8.00 p.m.
- Thurs. 19th Recreation Ground Committee Jumble Sale,  
Village Hall, 6.30 p.m.
- Fri. 20th W.I. Harvest Supper, Village Hall.
- Sat. 21st Crusaders' Childrens Party, Village Hall.
- " "and 22nd. Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham.
- " " Rev. Douglas A. Ross preaches at the 10 a.m.  
Eucharist.
- Mon. 23rd Liberal Party's Ploughman's Supper, Crown, 8pm
- Tues. 24th Young Wives, speaker from Royal National  
Institute for the Blind, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
- Thurs. 26th Golden Age Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
- Fri. 27th Southam Pigeon Club Dance, Village Hall, 8p.m.
- " " Harbury Theatre Club meeting, Dog Inn, 8 p.m.
- Sat. 28th Musical Evening, "The Cabarettes", in School.
- BINGO Village Hall, every Monday, 8 p.m.
- YOUTH CLUB Village Hall, every Wednesday, 8 p.m.
- INFANT WELFARE CLINIC, Village Hall, 2 p.m., 2nd &  
4th Wednesdays of every month.
- HARBURY BADMINTON CLUB invites you to play tennis  
every Tuesday, Recreation Ground, 7 - dusk.

ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.  
DIARY DATES FOR INCLUSION TO MRS. VICTORIA  
MACGOWAN, Tel. 612938.

## VALENTINE AND PEGGY DUBUISSON

As many of you will know, we in Harbury are about to lose two very good friends - not just personally, but friends of the Village. Valentine and Peggy, with their three children, are moving to Devon where Valentine takes up a new appointment near Exeter.

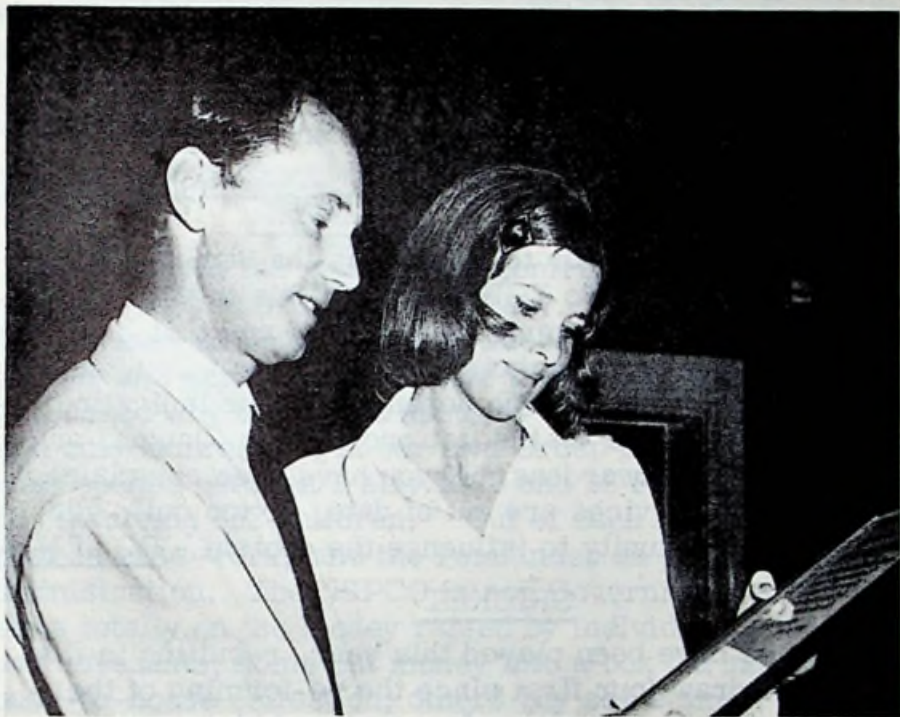
Both Valentine and Peggy originally come from Kent where Peggy was a Nurse and Valentine a Solicitor. After ten years of practice Valentine gave up the law to involve himself in the field of education, where he has to date had a distinguished and successful career. They moved to Harbury in November 1966 with their two sons, Nicholas and Benjamin, and Rebecca their daughter was born here in Harbury.

It is for their involvement in Village activities that Valentine and Peggy will be especially missed because they are responsible for so many of the facilities and organisations which we enjoy today. Valentine founded the Recreation Ground Committee soon after he came to Harbury, and became its first Chairman - typically he was reluctant to accept the post but eager to do the work! Under his eye the Village saw what was once a patch of land with waist-high grass develop into a playing field with hard play area, tennis courts etc. Valentine has also over the years contributed generously with time and labour to other important Village organisations like the P.C.C., the Harbury News Magazine, C.E.M.S., P.T.A. and Harbury Singers. Peggy helps with the Playgroup at the Wight School, and Valentine was instrumental in obtaining this room for the Playgroup. Peggy also shouldered the task of distributing the Parish Magazine, and she belongs to Young Wives, Harbury Friends, Harbury Singers and the P.T.A. She also delivers members of the Golden Age Club to their meetings.

With three children and so many village activities, there can be little leisure time left over, but Peggy and Valentine both enjoy music and reading; Valentine is a keen sportsman and Peggy a talented amateur painter.

Our picture shows them reading the plaque presented to them at the party held in their honour.





(Photograph by M. Bloxham, from whom copies are available)

It is not only for their hard work and enthusiasm that Peggy and Valentine will be missed, but also because so many of us have benefited from Valentine's concern for people, his ability to see both sides of a problem, and his tolerance and quiet authority. Harbury wishes the DuBuissons well in their new life and with our good wishes goes the hope that they will come back often to see us, and that they will remember Harbury as we shall certainly remember them.

#### THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

A Japanese convert to Christianity was once asked what difference Christianity had made to him, and he answered, "It has placed me in a larger world". That is true; not in the sense in which a man might deem that his mind was ranging a vaster world because he had some apprehension of the great scale of the physical universe, but because, be the universe large or small, it has its significance and final meaning in

that which is beyond and above it - in the eternal purpose and Being of God Himself.

With every blessing,

Yours very sincerely,

F. R. Mackley.

### From the Churchwardens

The principal item for this month is the Series III Communion Service. Do YOU know that this is the third proposed form of the Communion Service, and that YOU are being asked to make your choice? The form of Communion Service used in YOUR Church depends on your indicating your preference either on the list provided in Church, or to the Vicar or Churchwardens. If you have ever complained that the Church Services are out of date, or too dull, you now have an opportunity to influence the content - DO IT NOW!

### CRICKET

Six games have been played this year, resulting in five wins and one draw (our first since the re-forming of the Club). The season has not so far produced high scoring games. In fact the drawn game at Lighthorne on 23 June, when Harbury needed 138 runs to win in 80 mins., was by far the highest score. Harbury in fact only managed 62 for 3 in that time, Rex Humphries scoring a valuable 30 N.O.

The majority of the other games have been dominated by a Cement Works player, a Geordie, Jim Howard, who has excelled himself as a bowler, but has also a remarkable batting record. His results so far have been: v. Napton, 4 wkts. for 23; 29 n.o. (inc. 4 sixes): v. Radway, 4 wkts. for 11; 19 n.o.: v. Steeple Aston, 3 wkts. for 11.

Other notable achievements by bowlers are Johnny Keyte 9 for 69, Les Sollis 7 for 61, Nev Jackson 5 for 28, Brian Wallington 7 for 73, and Derek Smith 6 for 33 (who also scored our first 50 of the season).

### BADMINTON CLUB

The summer badminton club will finish on 20 August, but we shall continue to play tennis until the evenings are too dark. The winter club will begin with the A.G.M. on 10th September; prospective members should apply to the Committee



before that date. There will probably be vacancies for experienced men players. We are hoping to have another active season; once again we are entering three teams in the local league.

### THE NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN

Harbury has for many years contributed to the NSPCC under the very able direction of Mrs. B. Farley, who has now resigned as Secretary; her successor intends to continue and expand her valuable work. She writes "I am often asked why there is a need for the NSPCC today, and I can only answer that in our own Group the number of new cases opened between 1 May 1972 and 28 February 1973 was 213, involving 652 children." Out of each £1 raised, 70p is spent on case-work, and the remainder on publicity and administration. The NSPCC is non Government-aided and relies totally on the money raised by individuals. Some people have covenants; some put money into a box during our annual house-to-house collection; others buy some small item at a bazaar, and many give a donation at a coffee morning. "We need your support, and also more Committee members" - for further information please contact Mrs. V. Macgowan, 17 Manor Orchard, Harbury 612938.

### ROYAL SHOW SUCCESS FOR HARBURY

John Home has been interested in Bee-craft for the past 15 years, when he was given his first swarm. He now keeps his apiaries, groups of beehives, at various farms in the area. This year, for the first time, he exhibited at the Royal Show, and he won 3 firsts, 1 second and 5 third class awards in various classes for honey, mead and honeycomb. He was awarded The Jubilee Cup for honey and mead; The WBC Perpetual Challenge Cup for the most points in all sections; and the Royal Agricultural Society Silver Medal for overall performance. And to crown this achievement, his wife Mary won First Prize for her Honey Fruit Cake - made to a sugarless recipe.

Congratulations to them both!

\*\*\*\*\*  
HARBURY P. T. A.  
ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY  
\*\*\*\*\*

Saturday, 7th September  
at 3.00 p.m.

TO BE HELD IN THE GROUNDS OF TEMPLE HOUSE  
BY KIND PERMISSION OF MR. AND MRS. M. LAMBERT

STALLS

SIDESHOWS

FANCY DRESS (2.45 p.m.)

TEAS etc.

ADMISSION 5p

(Senior Citizens and Children under 12 - FREE)

EVERYONE WELCOME  
PLEASE COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS  
ALL PROCEEDS TO TRAINING POOL FUND

For further information contact

M. Cartwright,

43 Mill Street,

or any Committee

member.



**bps**  
MERCHANTS IN BUILDING

**building & plumbing supplies limited**

42, HOLLY WALK, LEAMINGTON SPA

for all your building materials,

D.I.Y., paving slabs, sand, cement and other "heavy" materials at our premises at 8 Radford Road, Leamington Spa.

Bathrooms & Kitchen Units at our Showrooms on Wood Street, (Off Holly Walk).

TEL. 21301.



*For your*  
**CAR REPAIRS**  
**BODYWORK - SPRAYING**  
**SERVICING**  
**PETROL - OIL**

PHONE 612295

Be sure you get the **WRIGHTON<sup>E</sup>S**

**DECORATIVE AND COLOUR CONSULTANTS**

*for your Decorating, Plumbing, Alterations and Repairs.*

Personal Attention      4 DICKENS ROAD, HARBURY - Phone HARBURY 612564.  
THE COTTAGE, BANBURY ROAD, GAYDON.

HIGH CLASS WORK      —      ESTIMATES FREE      —      DISTANCE NO OBJECT

**LEAMINGTON, HARBURY, SOUTHAM AND DISTRICT.**

**A. M. BASTIN.**  
**WHOLESALE & RETAIL BUTCHER.**

**HIGH STREET, BISHOPS ITCHINGTON**

**Top Quality Meat supplied for your Home Freezer**

**Cut and Packed to your own requirements**

**At Competitive Prices**

**Tel. HARBURY 612683 or 612708 for Price Lists.**

*To avoid the worry of the Breathalyser  
Why not eat and drink in your own Village.*

PHONE 612357

# The Shakespeare Inn.

Restaurant with full A La Carte Menu

Speciality Fondue Bourguignon

Parties Catered for

Also Lunches in the Bars Weekdays and Bar Snacks morning and evening.

## COWLEY BROS. family butchers.

Your Local Deep Freeze Suppliers.

HARBURY & BISHOPS ITCHINGTON. Phone Harbury 612277 &  
612090.

## The Crown Inn Harbury.

ROY AND MARY FENNELL

Extend a Warm Welcome to Old and New friends.

HOT AND COLD SNACKS, GAMMON  
AND STEAKS

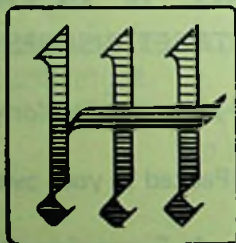
Parties Catered for by Arrangement

*Car Park at Rear*

*Phone Harbury 612283.*

### HARBURY HANDICRAFTS

Pen drawings,  
Calligraphy,  
Polymer  
Paintings  
Model making.



Macramé,  
Needlecraft,  
Soft toys -  
Crochet,  
Etc.

J.W.H. & M. BAMFORD, TEMPLE END.



## SAPPHIRE COACHES

(I.E. LAINCHBURY)

BISHOPS ITCHINGTON

Phone HARBURY 612344

EXCURSIONS

AND

TOURS

*PRIVATE PARTIES*

*LET US QUOTE YOU*

## D. J. JACKSON.

for all

PLUMBING PAINTING

PROPERTY REPAIRS

*Phone HARBURY 613155*

*22 IVY LANE, HARBURY*

*You will be welcome at*

## The DOG INN.

*Harbury*

*Phone 612599.*

DON'T MISS OUR

SATURDAY SINGALONG

Weddings

Parties

Buffets

Your Hosts

MAVIS & DOUG POWELL

ANSELLS

SKOL LAGER

DOUBLE DIAMOND

## E. G. BUCKLE. MOTOR REPAIRS.

FINA FILLING STATION

MILL STREET

ALL TYPES OF

SERVICING & REPAIRS

AUTOMATIC GEARBOXES A SPECIALITY

ELECTRONIC TUNING

GENERAL WELDING

AND BODYWORK

*Phone 612809*

**ROGERS KNIGHT**



Your clothes  
say a lot  
about you

Let Rogers Knight say a little more  
for you

A wide range of distinctive styles  
in superbly tailored traditional  
and modern dress for today's man.  
Account Facilities available.

Leamington Spa The Parade. Tel. 21501.  
Stratford High Street. 2685.  
Banbury Parsons Street. 53430.  
Lymington Hants High Street. 3324.

**W. BOURNE.**

(BROKERS)

ALL CLASSES OF INSURANCE  
WITH FREE QUOTES

**SOUTHAM ESTATES**

TERMS BY ARRANGEMENT  
AND

**ABBAY NATIONAL BUILDING  
SOCIETY**

LOCAL OFFICE

*See W. BOURNE for a Complete,*

*Confidential, Cordial and Prompt Service*

**PARK LANE,  
OFF MARKET HILL  
SOUTHAM.**

**TEL.  
SOUTHAM  
2530.**

*FUNERAL and  
MONUMENTAL SERVICE*

by

**RUGBY CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.**

Office and Private Chapel of Rest

Russell Street, Rugby.

Telephone — Rugby 2041.

*Personal attention at all times....*

**Mr. D. Grimes, M.B.I.E.,**

**67 Bridget St., Rugby.**

**After Business Hours,**

**Rugby 6099 or 72392.**

**Jeanne.**

FOR BABIES'  
CHILDREN'S AND  
TEENAGE WEAR.

Full range  
LADYBIRD ROB ROY  
GEOFFREY SAVIL  
BABYCHIC BANNERS etc.

**MARKET HILL,  
SOUTHAM,  
Telephone 2808.**



**SOUTHAM HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM  
STOCKISTS**

Full range always in stock.



## HARBURY SOCIETY

On Sunday 7 July Mr. Stanbridge led a Harbury Society Field Walk round the Nature Reserve at Ufton Fields. He explained how the reserve was created after the area had been mined for limestone, and how it was hoped it would develop. He was able to point out several orchids, including the Common Spotted, the Bee and the Man Orchid. These and other rare plants were constantly in danger of being trampled upon, and he urged that all visitors to the reserve should keep to the footpaths.

### M40 MOTORWAY

About 100 people attended a public meeting organised by the Harbury Society at the Village Hall in Harbury on 20 July to discuss the proposals for the extension of the M40 from Banbury to Warwick. The Society Chairman, David Winter, outlined the 3 possible routes which have been proposed by the Department of the Environment. He emphasised the concern of the Harbury Society about the effects which the Harbury route would have on the environment of the village and in particular the visual damage which would be done to the recently restored Chesterton Windmill.

In the discussion which followed, local landowners, parish councillors and many other villagers expressed strong disapproval of the Harbury route. Many were of the opinion that the need for the motorway extension had not been proven. Some felt that greater use of alternative means of transport would obviate the need for the motorway. It was pointed out that the Warmington route which would run further from Harbury was shorter and therefore cheaper than the other alternatives, not only in terms of capital cost but also in terms of maintenance and fuel costs. While concern was expressed over the proximity of the Warmington route to the Burton Dassett Country Park, it was felt that the views here had already been spoiled by the C.A.D. camp at Kineton, and that the Harbury route would be far more damaging to the Country Park in that it would be passing to the north of it through what is now completely unspoiled country.

The following resolution was unanimously passed, and

is to be sent to the Department of the Environment:

"While not conceding that the need for a motorway extension has been proven, this meeting nevertheless wishes to register its strong disapproval of the Harbury 'Blue' Route on the following grounds:-

it affects more communities than the alternative routes,  
it is more damaging to the environment and is more  
costly than the alternative routes.

If it is deemed imperative that the motorway extension must be constructed, then this meeting would be in favour of the adoption of the Warmington 'Red' Route."

It is hoped to combine with the villages of Bishop's Itchington, Knightcote and Fenny Compton, and send a further, joint resolution in the near future.

#### P.T.A.

Stool Ball Competition and Cheese & Wine Party, 6 July:

After the very successful event held last year the P.T.A. Committee decided to try again and this proved to be equally enjoyable. Valentine DuBuisson organised the stool ball, and as usual manipulated the rules to ensure that none of the participants knew who won or lost, but all enjoyed it! About 120 attended the Cheese and Wine party which followed, and a substantial proportion of them seemed reluctant to leave when Chairman Geoff Wright announced the last dance! Mrs. Oliver, wife of the Headmaster designate, drew her own ticket in the raffle for a bottle of wine.

Training Pool, Junior and Infant School: Planning permission has now been granted for the 40' x 20' pool to be built in the school grounds near the end of Wagstaffe Close. The total cost of the pool, heating and filtration equipment, and changing accommodation will be approx. £6,500, and to date the P.T.A. have raised nearly £1,300 and obtained an interest-free loan of £3,750 from the County Council. The recent Children's Sponsored Walk realised something over £370 - a record for the event and a magnificent effort.

To keep costs to a minimum a large part of the work will be done by volunteer labour so anyone who is prepared to help in any way should contact a member of the P.T.A. Committee. Digging: 17th August. Pool in position (we hope) end of August.



Annual General Knowledge Quiz, 17 July, Dog Inn: Teams were entered by the Playgroup (Doreen Bloxham, Diane Healey, Sheila Scott and Neville Lee), the W.I. (Beryl Checkley, Anne French, Helen Harker and Liz Purdie) and P.T.A. (Diana Holt, Brenda Thomas, Michael Barnes and Colin Ingram). A 4th team was dragged (kicking and screaming!) from the audience, called itself the 'Harbury Hottentots', and consisted of Sharon Hancock, Betty Knapp, Linda Ridgley and Steve Checkley. Question master was Jim Chapple, and his brain-teasers had the W.I. and the P.T.A. knocked out in the first round, the eventual winners being Harbury Hottentots. Although the suggestions shouted from the back of the room were more interesting, it was generally agreed that Jim Chapple's answers were more likely to be correct. He was warmly thanked for preparing the questions (and coping with the heckling), and a presentation was made to him on behalf of the P.T.A.

### ENJOY YOUR LEISURE

Are you creative, curious or companionable? Why not join a day or evening class this winter where you can learn a new craft, follow up a special interest, study for an exam or simply meet people? Southam Adult Centre, your local centre, is again offering a wide range of activities from Badminton to Book-keeping, Sculpture to Spanish, or if you prefer Heraldry, Bridge and Antiques. If however, because of transport or domestic problems, you are unable to come to Southam, we will bring the activity to you, wherever possible. Perhaps, if you are a new recruit to adult classes, you would prefer to start this way in familiar surroundings amongst friends.

The Prospectus, giving full details of all our activities, will be available towards the end of August. If you do not receive a copy, or if you are not impressed when you have read it because your pet subject is not included, please let me know. The Centre can only become the creation of the community it hopes to serve by being made aware of what people want. May I invite you to avail yourselves of the excellent leisure opportunities which exist on your doorstep - I am confident you will not be disappointed.

G.A. Hayward,  
Head of Centre.



## HOLIDAYS

I expect most people have booked their summer holidays for 1974 by now, but for those who are still trying to decide, or who are already planning for 1975, I would like to put in a plea for the English self-catering ideas. I can hear all you mothers groaning; you cook, wash-up and clean all the year, and you don't plan to spend your holiday doing the same things. I sympathise and felt the same myself until we tried it.

If you have older children, then hotels in England or abroad are possibly more convenient, but if, like us, you have small children, then the rigid hotel rules may be more of a problem than a rest. You have your meals cooked for you, but you have to eat them at a set time; where do the children play if it's wet?; and where do you mix feeds, wash nappies, or sit while the baby is resting? We rent a bungalow on the south coast every summer and to us it is the very best of all worlds. The sea is on our doorstep, and for dull days, Brighton and Eastbourne with the wonderful miles of the South Downs provide enough diversions to last for weeks. Mealtimes are flexible and we don't cook or eat the same sort of food as at home - a basketful of washed salad stuff in the 'fridge keeps for days, and a good cooked breakfast lasts the family till supper with just a sandwich at midday. Plenty of crisps, apples, nuts and cold drinks will keep small children happy and they won't suffer nutritionally from a fortnight of easy cooking!

When the children are resting we sit in our own garden; when the nappies pile up we take them to the launderette in the village and have a coffee next door while they're drying. Bath times are fun and bedtime is flexible. It is possible to keep to the routine the children are used to whilst getting the most out of being in holiday surroundings. In the evenings we don't go out, but arm ourselves with a caseful of new paperbacks, and rediscover the joys of radio. If anyone has an 'off' day they can stay in bed in comfort and suitable meals can easily be provided for upset tummies, while we sunbathe in our own garden within earshot of the patient! The children can roar about indoors on a wet day without disturbing other guests - AND THE HOLIDAY IS CHEAP. No passports, foreign tummy bugs, water sterilising, when you self-cater in England. Think about it!

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

## YOUTH CLUB

The Village Youth Club has been running for many years & the number of members has increased greatly recently. The club gives teenagers somewhere to go one night a week so they can mix and show no prejudice against one another. It is a great pity that it is not held more than once a week because in a village of this size there is very little for the average teenager to do at night. Activities at the Club include snooker, badminton, table-tennis and a record session. Trips are organised by Mr. & Mrs. Taylor, which include swimming at Coventry every second Monday and ice-skating at Solihull once a month. A disco is also held once a month and the under 13s are allowed to attend, the entrance fee being about 10p. On first joining the Club each person must pay 7½p for 10 weeks—after this period you only pay a mere 5p which is well worth the money.

The Youth Club are also the proud possessors of the Carnival Cup which they have won 3 years running, and special thanks should go to Mr. & Mrs. Taylor who put so much into the floats each year, and to all the members who worked hard to make it all worth while. A Harbury Teenager.

## GOLDEN AGE

52 members of the Golden Age Club visited Weston-Super-Mare for the day on 16 July. Everyone enjoyed the trip, and 30 members look forward to a week's holiday in Tenby, from 14 September. There will be no meeting in August, the next meeting being 12 September.

## YOUNG WIVES

The following were elected at the recent A.G.M.: Group Leader, Jeanne Clarke: Chairman, Trisha Harrison: Secretary, Diana Holt: Treasurer, Eunice McCracken: Assistant Treasurer, Anne Moore: Social Secretary, Frances Moore; Distribution Secretary, Shirley Keir. The Group looks forward to another successful year, with varied speakers and activities, including a theatre visit in the autumn and a shopping expedition before Christmas. Interested? Tel. 612533.



## HARBURY FRIENDS - TREASURE HUNT

The well-supported annual treasure hunt took place on 9 July. The route was around the Moreton Morrell-Kinton area, and was made particularly pleasant by a sunny evening. There were no serious incidents apart from one case of petrol shortage. The overall winning car was that of Audrey Groves, who was presented with a cigarette lighter kindly donated by Mr. Tribe of 'Ronsons'. The rally was followed by a supper at the Crown.

### THEATRE GROUP

There was a very enjoyable visit to the thriller 'Gaslight' at the Belgrade Theatre, Coventry, on 12 July. Anyone interested in joining the Group should contact Tony Thomas, 612689.

### VILLAGE HALL EXTENSION

There cannot be many of you who have not seen that the long talked-about extensions to the Hall have started to take shape. It began one Sunday morning with that man-sized 'Tonka Toy', a Massey-Ferguson Digger, in the expert hands of John King, who first pulled out the concrete fence posts like they were match sticks in sand, then dug the foundation trench and skimmed off the top surface - all before lunch. The soil was whisked away in tractors and trailers lent by Iory Davies and driven by Ralph Gurden and 'Jitter' Fields. Les Sollis kept his eye on the tape measure, and Freddy Fields grinned happily as usual!

Colin Such then took over and organised all the building materials to arrive on site, and before our very eyes the brickwork was speedily constructed by Les & Freddy. At the time of writing, Colin is leaping along the roof, armed with hammer, nails, wood and a powered circular saw. Careful Colin - it could be nasty!

The object is to complete the 'shell' as soon as possible, and then hope we can raise enough money to finish the internal work in time to make it habitable by the Autumn season. Should you wish to help us by lending money, then obviously we would be delighted to discuss business with you. We believe that this project is beneficial to the whole community, and we are eager to fill the order book for 1975 bookings. If you are planning a function, contact Peter Shawcross, 612436.



## THRILLERS AVAILABLE FROM OUR LIBRARY

Read any good thrillers lately? I've come across one or two and some that failed in their expectations too. Thrillers are always good to take on holiday, and all these are also available in paperback.

In case you saw all the publicity about 'The Day of the Jackal' by Frederick Forsythe and it put you off, let me assure you that it is well worth reading. It is a thriller but is made more realistic by the fact that the intended victim was General De Gaulle (and that's not giving any secrets away!) It moves swiftly and is utterly convincing. Unlike 'Liner' by James Barlow, which also attracted a lot of publicity last year, but which I found dreadfully dull. The perennial situation of a number of unlikely characters thrown together on a sea voyage - chapters on their backgrounds, all leading nowhere. When the final episode eventually comes it is so expected that one resents having wasted so much time getting to it. None of the characters are likeable and so, unlike 'The Poseidon Adventure', an almost identical story, one feels no sympathy with their fates. Helen MacInnes is an excellent writer. 'The Venetian Affair' and 'The Salzburg Connection' are two very exciting books well worth reading. A somewhat different book of hers is 'Neither Three Nor Five', which deals more with the Communist infiltration into the USA than with straight spying. It is a thought-provoking book and its obvious reality is chilling. MORE BOOK REVIEWS IN LATER ISSUES.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

I read with interest the account of the Ratepayers' Assoc. meeting in last month's Harbury News, and I feel that I must comment on the point made by the County Treasurer concerning the subsidising of council tenants by ratepayers.

It may be true that the recent rent freeze has deprived local authorities of income which must now be found from other sources and that upon shallow analysis it would appear that council tenants are in the privileged position of being subsidised by the rest of the community. However, if the question of subsidies is broadened a different picture emerges. In 1973/4 £355 million was given to owner-occupiers with mortgages in the form of tax relief. At the same time council house building subsidies amounted to a mere £160 million.

Therefore although council tenants are being subsidised, the community, through taxation, is subsidising owner-occupiers to a far greater degree.

Council tenants, far from being the privileged section of the community, are subject to the recent rate increases, high rents and, because they do not have mortgages, higher taxation than owner-occupiers. Thus, on the broader issue of subsidies, council tenants, through taxation, can be seen to be subsidising owner-occupiers.

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK TANNER.

Dear Sir,

I feel that I must take issue with the writer of the report on Secondary Education in Warwickshire. The second paragraph reads "Major Kettle said changes are needed because of general dislike of the 11+ selection method, a desire to improve secondary education availability, and because present 6th forms are too small and therefore uneconomic".

As I understood it (and I feel sure that plenty of our readers will tell me if I am wrong), the reason for the reorganisation is because of a direct order from the Govt. It does not stem from any direct view of the parents, whose wishes upon their children's education have been consistently ignored by consecutive governments.

I for one am totally opposed to comprehensive education as implemented in its present form, and feel that only complete educational disaster can result from the muddle-headed thinkers who are conceiving the present diabolical plans.

Yours faithfully,

GLADYS HUTCHINS

(Views expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the Editors.)

WANTED - WHITE ELEPHANTS and general jumble for the Harbury Labour Party Jumble Sale to be held at the Village Hall on Sat. 31 August from 10.30 a.m. If you have any items for collection please contact Vicky Tanner, 16 South Parade, or telephone Janet Thornley on 612493.

WANTED - Ladies interested in playing Badminton on Monday mornings in the Village Hall. Novices or experienced players welcome. Tel. Vera Alcock, 612886, or Peggy Middleton 612877.



## LES JONES.

*HARBURY CATERERS*

Cold Buffets — Carveries  
House Parties Etc.

*DISCO'S — BAR'S*

*Table Flower Arrangements*

Phone Harbury 613128

FILMS

TOYS

## PHILIP LINDOP.

DRUG STORE

CHAPEL STREET  
HARBURY

DRY  
CLEANING

TOILETRIES  
BATTERIES

*GREEN SHIELD STAMPS*

## J. A. & E. HOWARD.

NEWSAGENTS

SWEETS

TOBACCO

MILL STREET HARBURY  
Phone HARBURY 612156

## Electrical Work.

All types and sizes  
contact

### J. Worrall.

15 Central Drive  
Bishop's Itchington

Phone HARBURY 613208

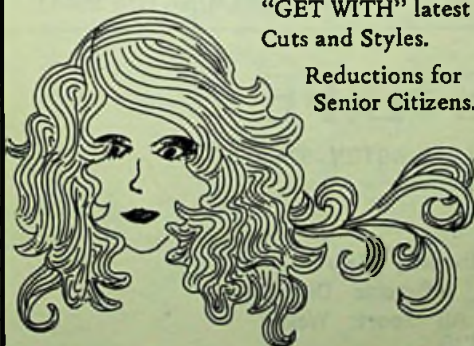
*ESTIMATES FREE*

## Margaret Joyce.

HIGH STREET

"GET WITH" latest  
Cuts and Styles.

Reductions for  
Senior Citizens.



Phone HARBURY 613128

## A. W. TAYLOR & SON.

HARBURY POST OFFICE  
AND FOODSTORE

Quality  
Freshness  
Keenest Prices

Church Street  
Harbury 612221





COME AND RELAX IN THE PLEASANT OLD WORLD CHARM OF  
**CATHRYN CRAIG.**  
FOR YOUR NEXT HAIR APPOINTMENT.

Where all aspects of Hair  
Styling are carried out by  
our fully Qualified Staff.

Phone 612326  
2/3 Chapel Street  
Harbury.

FIRST AND FOREMOST  
**BLOXHAMS.**

*Fresh  
Produce*

*Florist*

*Bookmaker*

612011 CHAPEL STREET, HARBURY 612489

**SOANS F.F.F...**  
**FORD S**  
Soans of Leamington,  
Sydenham Drive Leamington Spa  
LEAMINGTON 29411

**LEISURE LIFE.**

WARWICK STREET, LEAMINGTON SPA

for

Camping & Climbing Gear  
Sub-Aqua Equipment. Inflatable Dinghies  
Anoraks, Jeans & All Sports Wear.  
Phone 28326