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SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 1974

As we anticipated in our opening remarks in the first issue, it will soon be necessary to make a small charge for Harbury News. When it was first planned, it was intended that 8 pages of reading matter would be the normal content of the magazine, with perhaps the occasional 12 page issue. However, there has been such a good response to our request for articles (we are delighted to say), that 12 pages have become normal (16 last month) with the consequent increase in costs. This coupled with other miscellaneous extra costs has meant that the advertising revenue will not wholly cover the cost of production, therefore it is proposed that a charge of 50p per year (12 copies) be made, commencing with the November - December issue.

Distributors will be taking orders when the October - November issue is published. To Senior Citizens living alone (i.e. not with a younger family) Harbury News will be offered free of charge.

Some 10% of our readers recently took part in a survey to determine your reaction to the content of Harbury News. The response was most encouraging and we shall be taking account of your preferences and the type of features you would like to see. Correspondence was one of the features that many people would like to see more regularly - so would we! This is your magazine and it is here for your views to be expressed - all you have to do is write them down and send them to 23, Mill Street.

We would like to welcome our new Headmaster, Mr. Oliver, and his wife and their son and daughter. They are now living at 7, Honiwell Close, and we hope they will have a happy and successful time here.

Our Vicar, Rev. Mackley, has been in hospital for two weeks at the time of going to press. He has been in the Eye Wards under the care of Mr. Budden where he is reported to be making good progress, and we hope to have him back with us soon.

HARBURY DIRECTORY. Copies listing all Village organisations are available from Mrs. D. Holt, 15, Wagstaffe Close.

HARBURY DIARY

SEPTEMBER 1974.

- Thurs. 12th. Golden Age Club, Village Hall, 2.15 p.m.
" " Harbury Singers, 8, Penelope Close, 8 p.m.
Sun. 15th Rev. D.A. Ross preaches at 10a.m. Eucharist.
Tues. 17th Tufty Club, Village Hall, 2.15 p.m.
" " Brownies Restart.
Weds. 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. Supper, Village Hall, Members and one
friend welcome.
Sat. 21st Crusaders Mini Sports, Playing Fields and
Village Hall, 2.30 p.m. (CORRECTION).
" & 22nd Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham.
Sun. 22nd Rev. D.A. Ross preaches at 10 a.m. Eucharist.
Mon. 23rd Upholstery Class, Wight School, 2.00 - 4.00p.m.
" " 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, V. Hall 8 p.m.
" Harbury Theatre Group meeting; The Dog 8p.m.
Sat. 28th Musical Evening, "The Cabarettes", Songs from
the Shows, in aid of Swimming Pool Fund - School
Sun. 29th Footpath Assoc. meeting, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.

OCTOBER 1974.

- Tues. 1st N.S.P.C.C. Fortnight begins. Please give
generously to collectors.
Weds. 2nd M.U. Branch Meeting, 1 Vicarage Lane, 2.30p.m.
Thurs. 3rd Brownies Swimming Gala, 6.30 Leamington Baths
" W.I. Cheese & Wine evening with talk V. Hall 7.45
" Mens Group of Harbury & Ladbroke Churches,
First Meeting, 7.45 p.m., Vicarage.

- Fri. 4th Talk on villages of Harbury & Chesterton by Mr. Charles Lines (National Trust), V. Hall, Evening.
- Sat. 5th Parish Church "at home" - see Pages 4 & 5.
- " " Harvest Supper, Village Hall.
- " " W.I. Michaelmas Fair, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
- Sun. 6th 9.00 a.m. Family Communion & Parish Breakfast.
- " " 2.30 p.m. Village Hall Crusader Birthday Service.
- " " 6.30 p.m. Parish Church, Harvest Evensong.
- Mon. 7th 8 p.m. Cottage, Windmill Hill Farm, Chesterton - Meet Bishop Allison & see slides of The Sudan.
- Tues. 8th Harbury Friends talk by Miss Aggett, in School, 8pm
- Thurs. 10th Golden Age Club, Village Hall, 2.00 p.m.
- Fri. 11th PTA Supper Dance, Village Hall, 8.30pm - 1.00a.m.
- Tues. 15th Tufty Club, Village Hall 2.15 p.m.
- Weds. 16th PTA A.G.M. & talk on Consumer Protection by Mr. I. Davys, Deputy County Standards Officer.
- " " Senior Citizens' Leamington Trip, 1.30pm, 'Deppers' CRUSADERS Village Hall, 2.30 p.m. every Sunday.
- 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.
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- HARBURY SINGERS - Every Thurs. 8, Penelope Close, 8 p.m.
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

I am dictating this letter in a hospital ward where I am receiving treatment for my left eye. For several days, both eyes have been bandaged so that I can see nothing. How we should value our eyesight! I do so appreciate the prayers, messages, visits, presents, letters and cards which I have received from so many of you. Thank you very much.

Many of you will remember the wonderful Confirmation Service we had one Sunday last February. The Bishop of Coventry intimates that he is willing to come and take another Confirmation and first Communion Service here on Sunday, 16th February. This is a grand opportunity. I hope that any, either adults or young people, who would like to consider being confirmed, will see me as soon as possible. I propose starting the preparation talks about the end of October.

With every blessing,
Yours very sincerely,
F.R. Mackley.

Jane Hill of this Parish & Richard Smith of Burton Dassett, soon to be married, are jointly to be our C.M.S. link Missionaries in Nigeria where Richard has already been working. We will include further details of this next month.

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS HARVEST THANKSGIVING

This year, our Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be combined with exhibitions of many aspects of village life and with a sharing of thoughts about life in Southern Sudan.

We are very fortunate in that the recently retired Bishop in the Sudan, the Right Rev. Oliver Allison will be with us for the week-end & will be preaching at both Services in Church on the Sunday & will also be speaking at the Harvest Supper on Saturday at which it is hoped to present him with a cheque for at least £100 for the cost of materials for a house for a Pastor in the Zande country of the south.

On Saturday, 5th October, the Church will be "at home" to the village in the morning & again during the afternoon and there will be exhibitions in Church & in the Church Room at the Wight School of the history of the village & the church, of aspects of village & church life & of some of the treasures of the church. Morning Coffee will be available in the Wight School. There will be conducted visits to the belfry & special music. There will be a special Service of Evensong in the late afternoon. In the evening of the same day there will be a Harvest Supper in the Village Hall to which all are welcome. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

On the Sunday, we have one of our twice-yearly Family Communion Services which takes place at 9 a.m. & takes the place of the 8 & 10 a.m. Services. It is followed by Parish Breakfast in the Village Hall & we hope that even more members of our congregation than on previous occasions will join us for what is always a very happy fellowship meal.

Teas will be served in the Village Hall by the Crusaders following their Birthday Sunday Service at which Bishop Oliver will speak. All are welcome both to the service & for tea. The Harvest Evensong will be a very special time of thanks-giving & we look forward to another very happy service.

On Monday evening, for those who would like to know more in depth of the needs of the people & Church in Southern Sudan, there will be a very informal gathering at which Bishop Oliver will show some of his recent slides. This will start at 7.30 p.m. & all are welcome to come to The Cottage, Windmill Hill Farm, Chesterton for it.

We are deeply grateful for all the interest shown & help offered by individuals & organisations in the Village. Please help us by making this weekend known, & by coming along & sharing in some of our activities.

P.T.A. - PROGRESS ON THE TRAINING POOL

After a false start on the 17th August, work on the pool is progressing well. At the time of writing of the excavations for the pool area & the drainage system is completed &, with luck, by the time you read this the pool should be in position. A temporary pool was created when the digger broke the water supply & filled the excavation with water, much to the delight of the watching children!

SUPPORT SOCCER

Sunday Sept. 1st sees the opening of the Leamington & District Sunday League 74/75, with Harbury once again fielding two teams. Support is vital for our success. The Club would keenly welcome any individual who would like to serve as an official & of course, we would like to see all villagers supporting on Sunday mornings.

Congratulations to the members of the five-a-side team who on Sat 24th Aug. won the Cubbington tournament - "Duke" netting 2 goals in the final. (for Fixtures see overleaf)

SEPTEMBERKICK OFF

Sun.	1st	10.30 a.m.	L'ton Southend Res. v Harbury 1st Harbury Res. v Radford Utd. Res.
Tues.	3rd	6.30 p.m.	Harbury Res. v Leek Wootton.
Weds.	4th	6.30 p.m.	Bearley v Harbury 1st.
Sun.	8th	10.30 a.m.	Harbury 1st v Khalsa. A.P. App. v Harbury Res.
Sun.	15th	10.30 a.m.	Thwaites v Harbury 1st. Harbury Res. v Offchurch.
Sun.	22nd	10.30 a.m.	Harbury 1st v Westlea Res. Southam United v Harbury Res.

PARISH COUNCIL

On the subject of the M40 motorway, the Parish Council have sent the following resolution to the Department of the Environment:- "The Parish Council of Harbury consider that on the grounds of environmental & financial consideration the RED ROUTE is the only viable proposition if a motorway is proved necessary, & that this route be accepted as the proposed M40 Motorway, save & except that this council supports the amendment at the northern end as proposed by Bishop's Tachbrook Parish Council, shown in green on the enclosed plan".

The County Standards Officer for Warwickshire is at present preparing a report on Consumer Advice covering such areas as civil redress, pre-shopping advice, consumer credit & comparative pricing. An invitation has been extended to the Parish Council to call upon the services of the Trading Standards Dept. & the Dept. are anxious to contact any local groups which may be interested in Consumer Education Lectures and displays.

In memory of her late husband Mrs. Sperling is to present the village with two seats which will be positioned by the old peoples' homes in Crown St. & in Vicarage Lane. The Parish Council also hope to replace the broken seat in Bush Heath Lane. There is a growing waiting list for allotments & the council are seeking to obtain further land to fulfil this requirement.

There has been damage to trees & tipping in the common, opposite "The Pound", & the roadside seat has been destroyed.

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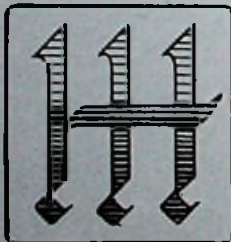
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This area provides access to walks & is a popular play area for children. To fence it off would be a pity, but it might be the only course of action if the misuse continues.

Concern has been expressed recently over motor bikes & cars driving around the playing fields & childrens' play area. People concerned are earnestly requested to stop this practice before there is an accident.

The Mens Group of Harbury & Ladbroke Churches.

This group has recently been formed with the aim of giving men of all Churches the opportunity to discuss matters of concern to Christians & to be of service to the Community. We plan to meet on the first Thursday in every month in each others houses. Subscription 50p. a year.

<u>Chairman</u>	Ken Clarke, 1, Vicarage Lane, Harbury
<u>Vice Chairman</u>	Rev. F.R. Mackley, The Vicarage, Harbury
<u>Secretary</u>	Reg Harris, 1, Dovehouse Lane, Harbury

Please contact any of them if you are interested in joining us.

The first meeting will be on Thursday, 3rd October, at 7.45 pm at Harbury Vicarage, to discuss "Abortion".

VILLAGE HALL EXTENSION

The outside 'Skin'- Walls, Glazing, Doors & Fence have been finished by our local builder, Colin Such. A halt has been called as current funds have been exhausted. A meeting of the Village Hall Committee in early Sept. will decide how to continue the extensions & finance them. A sum around £3,000 will be needed to finish the extensions properly.

CARNIVAL & FETE CLAY PIGEON SHOOT

Due to the field not being available on the day this event was postponed & eventually held on Sat. 24th August at Pineham Farm by kind permission of Mr. D. Byrne.

The event was advertised in the village only & attracted 24 competitors. During the afternoon only four achieved the maximum score & they came together for an exciting shoot off at 5.30 pm. These were Harburians Mick White, Ralph Lowson, Ted Buckle & Ted Knowles. The first shoot off narrowed the field to Ralph Lowson & Ted Buckle who then engaged in an exciting further five shoot offs before Ted Buckle emerged the triumphant winner.

Ted Buckle won the W.J. Neale Challenge Trophy which he holds for one year and a cash prize of £4. The balance of the prize money was divided equally amongst the three runners up. A profit of £9 was taken - to be divided between the Playing Fields Advisory Committee and the Village Hall Committee.

Our thanks to the Warwickshire Constabulary Clay Pigeon Club for the organisation.

SENIOR CITIZENS' BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

The Association was formed in 1971, its object being to promote the well-being of men over 65 and women over 60 in the Parish of Harbury - over 300 'senior citizens' in all. The two main functions organised by the Association are the Christmas Dinner and the Summer outing. Funds to support these events are raised by Darts and Dominoes Tournaments, Raffles, Dances, Collecting Bottles in local pubs, and donations from organisations and individuals in the village.

A new venture for the Association is the provision of a 54 - seater motor-coach to transport senior citizens from Harbury and Deppers Bridge for an afternoon's shopping in Leamington on Weds. 16th October.

People interested are asked to put their names & addresses in the box in the Post Office. The coach will depart from Deppers Bridge Playing Field at 1.30 p.m., and will leave Harbury Village Hall at 1.45 p.m. It will leave Newbold Terrace, Leamington, at 5.00 p.m.

Anyone interested generally in the Association's activities should contact Tim Percival, Police House, South Parade, Tel. 612175.

HARBURY PLAYGROUP

The playgroup opens again on Weds. 4th September, when there will be a large number of new starters, including two new members of staff. Many playgroup 'mums' will know that Mrs. Sheila Scott has left the playgroup. We are all sorry she has decided to leave - she will be greatly missed not least by the children but we wish her every success in any new venture she undertakes. We are very pleased that Mrs. Diane Healey has agreed to become the supervisor with Mrs. Doreen Bloxham as her full time assistant. The two new

members of staff will be Mrs. Pam Bateman and Mrs. Jean Appleton.

If you are interested in the playgroup and your child is attending or will be attending in the near future why not come along and support us at the playgroup A.G.M. which will be taking place on Thurs. 17th October, 1974? Several committee members have left the village and there are vacancies on the committee. The A.G.M. will be held in the playgroup room (behind the library) and will start at 8.00 p.m. The business part of the evening usually lasts for half an hour and then we hope to have a guest speaker to give us a short talk on a relevant topic. This will be followed by coffee and biscuits. ('Dads' are welcome too so do bring them along!)

Tickets for the Playgroup annual dance on 29th November will be available at the A.G.M.

HARBURY N.S.P.C.C. AND LEAGUE OF PITY

We shall be holding our annual house-to-house collection during the first fortnight in October and will be most grateful for any donation you might give when one of our helpers calls at your home. We also need people to take a tin round their own street and if you could help us, please do contact me. The plight of many thousands of children today is pitiable and there are few of us who can rest easy knowing of such atrocities committed against these defenceless babies. Do please give generously.

We are also holding a coffee morning at the Village Hall later in the year to sell N.S.P.C.C. Christmas cards, gift-wrap paper and tags, calendars etc., and this year's designs are enchanting and very reasonably priced indeed. As usual, the proceeds will go to help battered babies and others in need of protection, and we very much hope you will buy your cards from us and help a worthwhile cause at the same time. Watch this magazine for more details.

Thank you for your continued support.

MRS. VICTORIA MACGOWAN, HON.SEC.,

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STAMP OUT INFLATION!

It is all very well for the financial whiz kids in the City to come on our television screens and tell us what the best investment for our money is but it all seems so far fetched. Jim Slater says we should be getting into cash and the building societies say property is the answer but what use is any of this for the small saver who can only see inflation outstripping his meagre contributions to security?

More and more people are turning to postage stamps as an investment and certainly the present trend in prices shows that this is a very wise decision. You are not involved in sticking them into albums or anything like that but merely purchasing and holding onto issues which are likely to increase in value rapidly. Remember when we won the World Cup? A special stamp costing four old pennies was issued and to buy that same stamp now costs 20p. That's a twelve fold increase in eight years. Even more remarkable is the stamp to commemorate the Silver Wedding Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh which was released at 20p. in 1972 and now costs 35p.

These are two typical examples - Channel Islands stamps for instance are regarded as a particularly good investment - and it is a relatively new idea. And who knows; you might become so absorbed and stumble across a Penny Black in the attic!

C. MACGOWAN.

EVENING CLASSES

The temporary closure of Southam High School means that the full programme of adult classes planned for September has had to be abandoned. It is hoped, however, that some classes will be able to go ahead in the villages and further details will be available shortly from Mr. Hayward, Head of Centre, at Southam. There will be no enrolment evening - you should enrol at the first meeting of your class, in the week beginning Monday 23rd. September.

MUSIC RESULTS

At the recent Music Exams held by The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music the following pupils were successful:-

PIANOFORTE:- Jane Luke (Grade 2) Pass with Merit.
Hilary Alsford (Grade 3) Pass with Merit.

THEORY:- Jane Callow and Martin Chapple (Grade 3):
Susan Scott & Rebecca Wright (Grade2):
Peter Hutchins, Jane Luke & Tracy Watson (Gradel).

The above are all pupils of:-

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HARBURY SOCIETY

It is planned to have a talk by Mr. Barnes the Deputy County Land Agent on either Tues. Sept. 24th or Tues. Oct. 1st at The Dog (back room) , 8.00 p.m. He will speak about trees in the village scene. Watch out for posters with further details.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

Don't worry - I won't disclose the bribes paid to your correspondents for some of those statements about us in last month's Harbury News! But Peggy and I would like to take this opportunity as one way of saying thank you very much to many friends for the kind things said and done - for that party and for those presentations. Mind you, we have not gone yet and on present evidence, although I start work in Exeter in September, we shall be hard put to it to be installed in Devon in time to put everyone up on their way to Cornwall next Summer!

One important point for the record. The original initiative for the Recreation Ground Committee in 1968 came from the Parish Council with Ralph Gurden as its Chairman and with their blessing and increasing support the Committee have built on that wonderful foundation of 10 acres of village playing fields - what an asset - what foresight by the villagers in 1936. And the Parish Council had already started on the provision of

play equipment near the Village Hall.

Long may the work of the Council, the Recreation Ground Committee and the many village organisations continue to thrive; we shall look forward to reading about them in a postal copy of the Harbury News (on airmail paper?!!)

Yours sincerely,

VALENTINE DUBUISSON.

Dear Sir,

In her letter in the August issue Mrs. Hutchins states that reorganisation of Secondary Education in Warwickshire is due to a direct order from the Government. I presume that she is referring to the recent circular from Mr. Reg Prentice regarding Comprehensive Education. However, Mr. Prentice had no need to spur our County Council to action as they had announced their intention to abolish the 11+ and reorganize Secondary Education, when the previous government was in office. Furthermore the working which produced the current plan was set up before the recent general election.

Major Kettle is quite correct in stating that there is general dislike of the 11+. Six hundred Harbury citizens signed a petition calling for its end two years ago, local teaching organisations have pressed for abolition and our County Education Officer Mr. Ridger has described it as 'educationally indefensible'.

Far from being 'muddle-headed' our elected representatives are at last making an effort to provide our children with a fair system of education with a wide range of opportunity for every child.

Yours faithfully,

SHARON HANCOCK.

(Treasurer, Campaign for Comprehensive Education in
Warwickshire.)

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

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