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APRIL - MAY 1975

This is our 13th issue - the first of our second year of existence, and the first with our new printer, and slightly different design. We hope you approve.

April 12th sees the opening of the School Swimming Pool and in May the tradition of maypole dancing will be revived. It looks as though Harbury is in for a busy summer!

HARBURY DIARY

APRIL 1975

Sat. 12th	Liberal Party visit to Stoke Bruerne, depart 1.30 pm
"	Opening of Swimming Pool, 3.00 p.m.
Mon. 14th	School starts.
Tues. 15th	Playgroup re-opens.
"	Tufty Club, visit by a Guide Dog & its owner, Village Hall, 2.15 p.m.
"	Annual General Church Meeting, Wight School, 8pm
"	Harbury Friends, Talk & Demonstration on Natural Stone Jewelry, School, 8.00 p.m.
Wed. 16th	Ballet/Tap lessons start, Wight School, 3.00p.m.
Thurs. 17th	Deanery Synod, Welfare Centre, Southam 7.45pm
Sat. 19th	Labour Party Jumble Sale, Village Hall.
Tues. 22nd	Young Wives, Talk on Guide Dogs, V. Hall 2.00pm
"	Harbury Singers Concert, in Church 7.45 p.m.
Wed. 23rd	PTA Fashion Show & Cheese & Wine Party.
Thurs. 24th	Golden Age Club, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Fri. 25th	Harbury Royal British Legion Club Dance, V. Hall.
"	Harbury Theatre Group, Dog Inn, 8.00 p.m.
Sat. 26th	Playgroup Sale of Nearly New Children's Clothes & Toys, Wight School, 10.30 a.m.
Sun. 27th	Cricket Season starts, Harbury v. Whitnash, at cement works ground.
"	American Tennis Tournament, Recreation Ground, 2.00 p.m. Everyone welcome.
"	Footpath Assoc. Ramble, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Tues. 29th	Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Assoc., V. Hall, 8pm
"	Village Hall Committee AGM, Village Hall

MAY 1975

Thurs. 1st	W.I. Resolutions for AGM, V.C.O. to speak, Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
"	Men's Society Meeting, 1 Vicarage Lane, 7.45pm

MAY 1975

- Fri. 2nd Playing Fields Tennis Section Jumble Sale,
Village Hall, 6.30 p.m.
- Sun. 4th Short Family Service, Church, 11.15 a.m.
- Wed. 7th Junior Sports Day - School field.
Mothers Union, 2.30 p.m., 1 Vicarage Lane.
- Thurs. 8th Golden age Club, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
- Fri. 9th Football Club Dance, Village Hall.
- Sat. 10th Liberal Party Jumble Sale, V. Hall, 10.00a.m.
- " PTA Sponsored Walk (Adults)
- " Spring Time Frolic, Recreation Ground Committee.
- Tues. 13th Young Wives, Discussion, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- " Harbury Friends, Marriage Guidance Council talk,
School, 8. pm
- Fri. 16th 'Toad of Toad Hall', Theatre Group, V. Hall, evening
- Sat. 17th 'Toad of Toad Hall', matinee & evening
- Sun. 18th Harbury Society visit to Ufton Fields Nature
Reserve, 10.30 a.m.

CRUSADERS Village Hall, 2.30 p.m. every Sunday

BINGO Village Hall, 8.00 p.m. every Monday

YOUTH CLUB Village Hall, 8.00 p.m. every Wednesday

BABY CLINIC V. Hall, 2 p.m., 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

HARBURY SINGERS 8 Penelope Close, 8pm every Thursday

ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.

DIARY DATES FOR INCLUSION TO MRS. S. BENNETT,

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

This is being written at the beginning of Holy Week. One of the outstanding features of our Lent has been the children's Lent Service on Thursday evenings to which large numbers of children (and a number of adults) have come week by week with great enthusiasm. Another has been the Family Communion and breakfast on Mothering Sunday. Yet another has been the devotion "The Cross of Christ" with its moving readings, hymns and anthems and silences, on Palm Sunday evening.

We express our thanks and appreciation to all those who took part in the great spring clean of the Church on March 22nd and also to those who voluntarily clean the Church so beautifully week by week.

When this appears in print we shall be in the great Forty

Days of Eastertide and looking forward to the great festival of our Lord's Ascension into heaven on Thursday May 8th. This is a festival which is not kept as well as it should be, largely, perhaps, because it falls on a weekday which is not (in our country) a public holiday. But let us do our best in observing it. The times of Services on Ascension Day will be announced nearer the time.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

F.R. Mackley.

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Mothering Sunday, 9th March was the occasion for another happy Family Communion at which the children were given cards for their mothers. The Epistle and intercessions were read by mothers, Mrs. Anne Moore and Mrs. Trisha Harrison and the Bread and Wine were carried by a mother and son, Mrs. McQuiston and Carl. The service was followed by further fellowship in the village hall at the Parish Breakfast. This is always such a happy occasion and it was good to see 105 men, women and children sitting down together to 105 perfectly cooked eggs, rolls and tea or coffee. Our thanks to Mrs. Enefer and her helpers for producing the delicious meal, and to all those who participated in any way. We believe that it is of tremendous importance for members of our congregation to meet together in fellowship over a meal and all those who come to our breakfasts are very conscious of the sense of oneness which we experience there.

On Palm Sunday evening, the choir excelled in singing the music of 'The Cross of Christ' and the congregation joined fully in singing well known hymns. The narrator in the series of readings was Bryan Harrison who most movingly led us through the readings from Mark's and Matthew's Gospels with John Moore reading the words of Christ. Other readers were Diana and Peter Holt, Joyce Windsor and Vivienne Aggett. The Music and readings were arranged by organist Clive Watts, who has done so much to build up our splendid choir. Our congratulations to Clive and Janet on the birth of their daughter, Alexandra Jane.

P.T.A.

It's easy to learn to swim at 2 years of age, Hamilton Bland, the British Olympic Swimming Coach, told an audience of 100 at the PTA in February. In a colourful talk "Hammy"

outlined his career leading to appointment as Britain's first full-time professional swimming coach. He outlined the coaching scheme he currently runs in Coventry for over 100 aspiring international swimmers. Training starts at 6.00 a.m. daily!

During a question and answer session, practical hints on the teaching of swimming were given, and examples of modern equipment and training aids were shown. At the opening and closing of the meeting two films on water safety were shown. These were seen by the school children on the following day.

Hamilton Bland will be with us again, we are pleased to say, on Sat. April 12th for the opening of the Trainer Pool. The opening will be at 3pm, and refreshments will be available. For those unable to be there on Saturday afternoon, the pool will be open for viewing on Sunday afternoon April 13th.

"Towards Maturity" was the theme of a forum held at the PTA's March meeting. An audience of about 50 took part in lively discussions on such questions as:- The need to educate women; The effect of rural & urban environments on young people; Job opportunities & Training.

The panel was:- Miss B. Gibson, Physical Education advisor for the County; Mr. Johnston, Southam Social Service Officer; Mr. Bacon, Southam Youth Officer; Mr. P. Hastings, Headmaster of Bishop Bright Grammar School.

A Note for your Diary:- PTA Barbecue Sat. June 7th - Hiatt's Barn, Southam Road, Upton. Geoff Wright.

HARBURY SCHOOL

Although the Spring Term has been a short one it has not been lacking in activity. On March 11th classes 5, 6 & 7 visited the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry for a 'Trip up the River Amazon'. The children were greatly involved in this imaginative journey and gained a great deal from it.

On March 12th we had a visit from Mr. Keeling, a zoologist, who owns his own zoo. The Junior children were fascinated to see and talk about the animals he brought with him, and I am sure are looking forward to a further visit.

On March 18th we held our Musical Evening in school where we heard items from the School Choir, The Recorder Group, Choral Speech and soloists. It was a varied evening in which the audience also joined in and I am sure thoroughly enjoyed. Our thanks is due to Mr. Richards, Mrs. Buck and

Mrs. Bishop who worked so hard to make the evening a success. The children also, of course, deserve a pat on the back for their efforts.

The Swimming Pool is ~~almost~~ finished and the Official Opening will be on April 12th. More about this in the PTA news.

May 7th will be our Junior Sports Day. Note the word - Junior - Infants later in the term. We have chosen an early date for Juniors because we are hoping to enter some children in the Area Sports. The football team has continued to do well. The netball team recently took part in a tournament and did extremely well to come second in their section.

Next term we hope to run Cycling Proficiency courses after school and I should very much like offers of help from parents or other villagers in this scheme. We have 46 children in the top two classes who wish to enter for the test! Please contact the school if you can help.

Finally, we are going to organise the whole school into Houses. We ran a competition amongst the children for suitable names, and this was won by Alison Baldwin. Alison hit upon the idea of using the names of former heads of Harbury School. Our new house names will therefore be DICKENS, FARROW, WATTS and MORRIS.

N.C. OLIVER,

CRUSADERS

On the last Sunday before breaking up for Easter, the drama group presented the passion story in readings, mime and music. The music was provided by the music group with piano, drum and voice. The cross and tomb were made by the modelling group. All those present listened and participated in this moving unfolding of the story of the betrayal, trial and crucifixion in the words of Mark's Gospel.

Mrs. Maycock, who has for some weeks been helping with one of the groups of Mini-Crus will be moving away from the area, and will be very much missed in the class. We thank her for her help and wish her well in the future.

Congratulations to three of our number who have passed ballet exams: Helen Taylor (Honours) and Britt Ingram and Sarah Wright (Highly Commended).

Preparations are well in hand for the Union Sunday family service at which all are welcome, on Sunday 18th May, when we look forward to welcoming Miss Valerie Tattersall of Birmingham as our speaker, & hearing the drama & music groups.

RECREATION GROUND

The Drainage of the recreation ground car park should be now greatly improved following the laying of land drains along one side. A small group of volunteers, Chris Macgowan, Bill Taylor, Ray Hoare and Peter Holt completed the work with the help of an excavator loaned by Massey Ferguson on Mar 22nd

SPRINGTIME FROLIC

As the result of a nostalgic look back by the Golden Age Club, and the fact that it is Heritage Year, the Recreation Ground Advisory Committee have organised an afternoon of entertainment and maypole dancing on Sat. May 10th at 3 p.m.

Lady Watherston has very kindly consented to our holding the celebration in the garden of Harbury House; a delightful setting, as most of us know.

It is an entirely free afternoon and we hope to see as many people there as possible, as this is our way of saying thank you for all the support we have received in the past.

GLADYS HUTCHINS.

HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club is held on Wednesday nights in the Village Hall from 8 until around 10 o'clock.

The minimum age for membership is 12 years. For your first visit it will cost you 5p. If you decide you like it and come again, the cost is 7½p for the next ten weeks. You then become a member and pay 5p every week.

Soft drinks are available, i.e. lemon, lime and orange squash, for 1p per cup. You can play Badminton, Table Tennis, Darts, Billiards, Dominoes and Cards. In the back room you can play records, dance or just laze around and listen.

Every 4th week there is a Disco - Admission 10p and it ends around 10.30 p.m.

In the summer months a coach takes us on alternate weeks to Solihull Ice Skating Rink and Coventry Swimming Baths. There is just one thing we want - YOU - the Youth of Harbury. So come and join us. There is something for everyone. Let us show Mr & Mrs Taylor of Manor Road that their effort in running the youth club are not in vain.

MAXINE BORASTON.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

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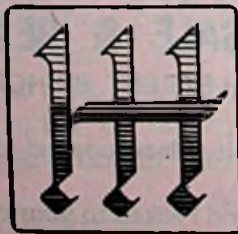
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NSPCC ART EXHIBITION

Harbury NSPCC held an exhibition of the work of Henson Bamford and Jean Shawcross at the Village Hall on Sat. Mar. 8th. Opening at 11.00 am, more than 200 people came by 8.00 pm when it closed, many to look at the paintings, models and pottery and some to buy. The press was well represented and visitors came from all over the county as well as a great deal of welcome support from Harbury itself. The NSPCC raised more than £30 after expenses, and both Mr. Bamford and Mrs. Shawcross sold a substantial amount of their work. On behalf of the Harbury NSPCC I would like to give my sincere thanks to all those who helped us, to all those who generously made cakes etc., and not least to everyone who came along and supported us. To Mr. Bamford, for his hard work, enthusiasm and generosity, the NSPCC gives special thanks, and we hope that the 13½ hours between setting the exhibition up and taking it down were rewarded by the interest and appreciation of those who came!

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

HARBURY SENIOR CITIZENS BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

The AGM of the association was held at the Village Hall at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 25th Feb. The Chairman gave his report on the Association's activities of 1974 which included two new events i.e. afternoon coach trips to Leamington Spa and the emptying of collection bottles situated in Licensed premises in the village. It was hoped that these and possibly more events well be staged during 1975. The treasurer then reported on the financial activities during 1974 and it was abundantly apparent that whilst the association is in a healthy position financially, due to rising costs etc. the goodwill of persons making donations in the collecting bottles in Licensed premises will be greatly appreciated in order that the association may continue to give a beneficial and satisfactory service to the senior citizens of Harbury and Deppers Bridge in the future. The Chairman also thanked the committee members for their loyal support during the past year. The Management Committee elected for 1975/76 was as follows:-

Chairman:- Tim Percival, Secretary:- Jim Haines, Treasurer: Alec Taylor.

Committee Members:- Bill Taylor, Harry Taylor, Tom Holder, Tony Ceney, Tony Bugg, John Elliott, Lawrence Green (Deppers) Arthur Applin, John Turner. TIM PERCIVAL (CHAIRMAN)

THEATRE GROUP

Firstly, a word about the last play, 'Murder in Company', as the run was still in progress when the last issue went to press. On Saturday night over 120 people packed into the hall and to judge by the enthusiastic reaction everyone enjoyed themselves - not least the cast. With entertainment for the villagers our Group's *raison d'être*, to receive such support is most encouraging and augurs well for the future of live Theatre in Harbury. Unfortunately, with such a shifting population, we have, like many other societies, a constant problem in replacing people. Our need is for all sorts of skills and activities - scenery designers, make-up and costumes to name just three, as well as people of all ages willing to have a go on stage.

There must be many budding actors and actresses in Harbury, or more particularly people who have been involved in drama before, perhaps at school. A very warm welcome awaits you so please anyone interested contact Tony Thomas, 3 Penelope Close, 612689. In particular, we are anxious to recruit someone with an interest in lighting - one of the most important specialist functions.

Our next production is a children's delight, the well known and loved 'Toad of Toad Hall'. This will be performed on 16th and 17th May (details in the Diary on Page 2).

T. DAVIES.

THE HARBURY SOCIETY

On Tuesday 11th March the Harbury Society held a very successful social evening at The Crown Inn. Entertainment was provided by the 'Cobwebs', a folk group from the Coventry College of Education. The group of 3 sang a highly enjoyable selection of traditional and modern folk songs with guitar and mandoline accompaniment. A substantial 'Ploughman's Supper' was provided by Mrs. Fennell, and the evening was rounded off by a raffle won by Peter Roberts and the presentation of record tokens to the 'Cobwebs' who kindly had sung for their supper only.

VILLAGE HALL 200 PLUS CLUB

March Winners were:- £20, Mr. J. Stott, The Gamecock Inn
£10, Mr. W. Middleton, Neales Close,
£10, Mrs. Barr, 22 South Parade,

HARBURY RUGBY CLUB - MARCH RESULTS

	<u>PLAYED</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>
1st XV	4	3	1
2nd XV	4	1	3
3rd XV	3	0	3

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

Harbury Football Club play two teams in the Leamington & District league, the 1st team in the 1st Division and the reserves in the 3rd Division. One bright spot this season has been the team's progress in the Pop Constable Cup where they reached the semi-final against Leamington Southend, but they lost 5 - 0. The club are always pleased to welcome new players - strikers are particularly in demand at present - anyone interested should contact Mr. M. Bishop on Harbury 612759.

MARCH RESULTS:

1st X1	v. Chadwick End	lost	2 - 4
	v. LeamingtonSouthend Res.	won	4 - 0
2nd X1	v. Wellesbourne	lost	1 - 2
	v. Jack & Jill	drew	0 - 0

CRICKET 1975

Once again we are about to start another season, hoping that this year the weather is far more congenial to playing & watching than last. We have for five years played on the Harbury Cement Works Ground, which is less than five minutes by car from the village, situated some 300 yards down Deppers Bridge - Bishops Itchington Road. The ground gives excellent facilities for playing and watching with lots of space for the kiddies to play, and tea is available at reasonable prices. We would welcome, and in fact we need, new members in order to fulfill this year's fixtures. Please do not be put off by the fact that you may not have played for years etc., we play to win but in a manner that is enjoyable and sporting, and most fixtures are against villages within the local area - always on a Sunday. Nets will be open week ending 19th/20th April - first game Sunday 27th April, at home. The fee per member which is an associate membership to the Harbury Cement Works Social Club is £3. We are especially keen to see new younger members in the 13 - 17 year old age bracket so - 'Come on now, don't be shy'.

TENNIS COURTS COMMITTEE

The start of the tennis is about with us and we are hoping that the weather this summer will encourage a few more people to dig out their old racquets. We know a number have enjoyed playing tennis since the courts were built and receipts from bookings last year were reasonable. We will be pleased though to see even more this year as money will be needed for the up-keep of the courts.

We are organising an American Tournament on Sunday afternoon, 27th April, and we are hoping that this will be as well supported as the two held last year. If you are interested in playing, please give your name to Ray Hoare, 24 Sutcliffe Drive, Tel. 612480 as soon as possible as the number will have to be limited. Partners will be drawn for at the start of the tournament. Any standard of play is welcome and we would be pleased to see any newcomers to the village. The entry fee is 25p and this will include refreshments.

As last year, we are continuing with a ladies' afternoon on Mondays, to which all are welcome. Tuesdays are being set aside for an open evening and this will enable anyone to turn up and get a game. We are hoping to start this on Tues. April 29th and play will be from 7.00pm to dusk. Again we would be pleased to see any newcomers to the village. A reminder that the booking fee is 20p per court per hour and the bookings can be made at John Howard's Newsagents.

FRESH PRODUCE ON A SMALL SCALE

Why not grow your own salads, vegetables and herbs? Even in a small modern it is quite possible to grow a worthwhile crop of fresh, crisp tasty produce. By using pelleted seed it is easy to sow as few or as many seeds as required, no thinning is necessary, and a continuous supply can be maintained if regular fortnightly sowings are made.

A small corner of your garden - say 6ft by 12ft - can yield lettuce, radish, spring onion, beetroot, spinach, cabbage, parsley, carrots, chives, garlic etc. for the summer, and perhaps a few hardy greens - sprouting broccoli, curly kale or leeks for mid winter picking. An outlay of 75p for seed and the same for a granular general fertiliser (eg Growmore) plus a few hours of light healthy exercise and fresh air can give a great deal of satisfaction to both the soul and the stomach!

Finally, for those who could utilise existing flower bor-

ders, here are a few suggestions that are both attractive and useful: beetroot, carrot, parsley, sage, thyme, mint & chives can all be grown intermingled with flowers or as edging plants. Runner beans are very attractive climbing up sticks, trellises or walls and can be obtained with either red or pale pink flowers. Three or four tomato plants grown against a sunny fence or wall or even in 'grobags' on your patio are well worthwhile, and what about trying something different? Globe artichokes are the flower buds of a very attractive plant which looks very much like a large thistle, and they grow year after year. NOW IS THE TIME TO START SOWING!! CHRIS BLUNT.

LIBRARY FINES AND FEES

At a meeting on Feb. 27th, the Education Sub-Committee of W.C.C. decided reluctantly that reservation fees and fines for overdue books must be increased. From April 1st the new levies will be: FINES 6p a week or part of a week on each book. (Children & O.A.P. 's exempt)

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These increases are made rather than reduce the money available for buying books and maintaining an already under-budgeted library service, at a time of Local Government economy, and it is hoped that readers will understand the regret with which they are imposed.

HEALTH RISKS ABROAD (Part 2)

4. Poliomyelitis. Polio vaccination is adviseable for travellers outside Europe or North America. Many people will have had initial protection and will only require a booster.
 5. Malaria. Malaria is prevalent in many countries outside Europe. It is advisable to check with the embassy and if passing through a malarial area it is essential to take anti-malarial drugs. Your doctor will advise.
 6. Rabies. Rabies occurs in wild and domestic animals in most parts of the world including continental Europe. Anyone bitten or scratched by an animal while abroad should contact a doctor immediately.
 7. Yellow Fever. Vaccination may be advisable for visits to parts of Africa and South America - Check with the embassy. If it is required it is necessary to visit a special centre. The nearest is in Birmingham.
- Finally, it's worth remembering that a high standard of personal hygiene, & care with drinking water & diet are best of all.

KALEIDOSCOPE.

Many of you were interested in the article last month about Miss Bird, and we know you will be as sorry as we were to hear that she was recently admitted to hospital, and we're all thinking of her.....We are all being asked to save energy and help in the national effort to reduce our costs - has anyone got any ideas how we as a village can contribute collectively in this effort?..... Will all Harburians please think carefully about this possibility of children being admitted to pubs and canvass our publicans to resist it - we already face the possibility of a lady Prime Minister but having children running around in our local is enough to make one consider emigration.....By the way, Kaleidoscope was in Chicago in February and we think we've got problems - the local press was proudly announcing that 1975 had so far been a very quiet year since only 119 people had been murdered in Chicago since January 1st !!

C.J. MACGOWAN.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

I should like to thank the Vicar and all of his helpers for some very nice Lent Services. He chose the right hymns that all the children could read and it was a great pleasure to receive the neat stamps about the six marvellous magicians. The stories were very interesting and all the children enjoyed them

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