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We were pleased to see a good turnout for the Harbury News A.G.M., when the Editorial team stated that the current circulation is 720, out of a possible 840 - an encouraging proportion. The financial situation is that the magazine is self-supporting, thanks to the advertisers and subscribers. Generally a satisfactory position.

A new Committee was elected: Vivienne Agget, Jo Bamford, Charles Catt, Sharon Hancock, Diana Holt, Peter Holt, Gladys Hutchins, Victoria Macgowan, Anne Moore, C. John Moore, John B. Moore and the Vicar, Marian Millington and Alan Barr being co-opted as contributing members.

Various points were raised about the magazine, asking if the views expressed in the survey had been noted, and if more photographs or smaller print could be considered. There was also discussion about whether there should be more or less 'general interest' articles, as against those concerning Village organisations. PLEASE could we have YOUR views on this?

DIARY

FEBRUARY 1975

- Sun. 16th Confirmation in Church, 10 a.m. by the Bishop of Coventry. Followed by coffee, V. Hall.
- Mon. 17th Playgroup half-term.
- Tues. 18th Tufty Club, V. Hall, 2.15 p.m.
- Wed. 19th PTA Film & talk on Water Safety by Mr. H. Bland, Olympic Swimming Coach.
- Thurs. 20th Parish Council Public Meeting about financing of Village Hall. All welcome. 8 p.m.
- " Children's Lent Service, 6.30 p.m., Church.
- Fri. 21st Theatre Group Open Meeting, Dog Inn, 8 p.m.
- Sun. 23rd Footpath Assoc. Meeting, 2.30 p.m. V. Hall.
- Tues. 25th Young Wives, 2 p.m., V. Hall.
- Thurs. 27th Golden Age, 2.30 p.m., V. Hall.
- " Children's Lent Service, 6.30 p.m., Church.
- " Theatre Group Play, Village Hall.
- Fri. 28th " " " " "

MARCH 1975

- Sat. 1st Theatre Group Play, Village Hall.
Wed. 5th P.T.A. 'Seconds' Clothing Sale, School, 8 p.m.
Thurs. 6th Children's Lent Service, 6.30 p.m. Church.
" W.I. 'Canals & Waterways', 7.45 p.m. V.Hall.
" P.T.A. Disco, Eathorpe Hotel, 8 p.m. - 12.
Sat. 8th NSPCC Art Exhibition by Henson Bamford, all day with talk in evening, V.Hall. All welcome.
Sun. 9th MOTHERING SUNDAY, Family Communion 9a.m. in Church, with presentation to Mothers, then Breakfast in V. Hall.
Tues. 11th Harbury Friends, Harbury School, 8 p.m.
Thurs. 13th Children's Lent Service, 6.30 p.m., Church.
" Golden Age Club, V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Mon. 17th W.I. Group Meeting, Long Itchington.
Tues. 18th Tufty Club, V. Hall, 2.15 p.m.
Wed. 19th P.T.A. 'The Developing Child', School, 8 p.m.
Thurs. 20th Children's Lent Service, 6.30 p.m., Church.
" Playgroup Jumble Sale, 6.30 p.m., V.Hall.
Fri. 21st Football Club Dance, V. Hall.
CRUSADERS Village Hall, 2.30 p.m. every Sunday
BINGO Village Hall, 8 p.m. every Monday
YOUTH CLUB Village Hall, 8 p.m. every Wednesday
BABY CLINIC V. Hall, 2 p.m., 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
THEATRE GROUP Dog Inn, 8 p.m., last Friday each month
ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.
DIARY DATES FOR INCLUSION to Mrs. S. Bennett,
Bellever, Ivy Lane, Tel. 612618. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

The season of Lent begins on 12th Feb. (Ash Wednesday). One of the special practices of Lent is self-denial, and in letters from our Bishop recently read in Church suggestions are made of ways in which we might 'give up' things during Lent (mention is made of what is being done at Bishop's House, chiefly in connection with meals). The Bishop suggests that money thus saved should be given to famine relief in those parts of the world where people are dying from lack of food. If any people in the Parish wish me to do so I am willing (at Easter) to forward their savings for

them to the Bishop of Coventry's Lenten Appeal for Famine Relief. This will be given to Christian Aid unless you earmark it for some special fund. I would be pleased to lend the Bishop's letters to anyone who wishes to read them.

A new Archbishop of Canterbury has just been enthroned, and what a thrilling message was given us by Dr. Donald Coggan in his sermon on that occasion! Taking as his text St. John 16:33: 'In the world you shall have tribulation. But be of good cheer, I have overcome the world', Dr. Coggan said he believed that the two emphases of Jesus as recorded by St. John are precisely those which are most needed today, as they were needed in the early ages of the Church, viz. Realism and Confidence. Realism. Let the Church face the fact that it is in for a time of tribulation. But also Confidence. When the Christian speaks of confidence, said Dr. Coggan, he does not mean a kind of starry-eyed optimism based on a theory of human progress and perfectability. Rather, he means hope based on the Resurrection - victory of Jesus. 'Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, we go',

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

F. R. Mackley.

Funeral Services

21st Jan. (Mrs) Marion S. Fletcher, of 46 Farley Avenue.

23rd Jan. (Mrs) Phoebe E.V.B. Hitchens, 3 Constance Drive.

24th Jan. (Mr) Arthur Bowell, of 12 Manor Road.

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

It was a great joy to see so many families at the recent Service when 4 new members were admitted to the Mothers' Union. We now look forward to the visit of our Bishop for the Confirmation on Sunday 16th February. Coffee will be served in the Village Hall afterwards, and we warmly invite all those who attend the Service to join us there to meet the Bishop and Mrs. Bardsley informally.

May we take this opportunity of commending to you the Bishop's letter in the February issue of the Diocesan Diary, which is available in the Church at 1p per copy.

The next Family Communion & Parish Breakfast will be on Mothering Sunday, 9th March, and all will be most welcome (see Diary). These occasions are always most happy times together, and we hope that many, many families in the Parish will come to share in worship and in the meal.

You will have seen the attractive model of the Church

made and given to us by 'Pop' Baston. We should like to have a case in which to display this suitably - please would anyone consider making one for us? Please have a word with the Vicar or a Churchwarden. Also, please come (armed with ladders if possible) to help clean the more inaccessible parts of the Church at 10 a.m., Sat. 22nd March. Thank you.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council minutes are available in the Library for anyone to read. Not only the approved minutes, but also the latest unapproved minutes can be consulted. Also, the Parish Council would like to draw your attention to the meeting to be held in the Village Hall on 20th February. This is to discuss methods of raising money for the Hall extensions.

HARBURY SCHOOL

From the beginning of this term we are running a School Bank, under the auspices of the National Savings Movement. The day to day running of the Bank is the responsibility of some of the senior children (with teaching staff oversight), and we have our own Bank Manager, cashiers etc. We have had to restrict the number of savers initially, but we hope to increase numbers as time goes by and our bank staff becomes more expert.

Our football team continues to do us credit. They have yet to lose a league match and must be in with a chance of winning the Small Schools League.

Half-term will be the complete week beginning 17th Feb. as we are adding two occasional days to the usual three.

Many Juniors are enjoying Country Dancing now, and a party is going to London on 15th Feb. for sightseeing and for the Folk Festival '75, which includes dance and folk groups.

On the evening of Tuesday 18th March we shall be holding a Musical Evening in School. There may well be some audience participation, so be prepared! N. OLIVER.

P.T.A.

The January meeting was a talk by Mr. J. Skinner, headmaster of Southam High School, where most Harbury children will go after leaving the Village school. Mr. Skinner said that the past achievements of the School had not been made widely known - already they have 17 'O' level courses, 9 'A' level

(potentially 14), a 6th Form of 50 pupils, and 21 graduates out of 48 teachers. When the school goes comprehensive the curriculum will be expanded (modestly in some eyes) to embrace a second modern language and the classics.

Ultimately the school population will be around 1,200, but Mr. Skinner stressed that the division of the school into 4 houses, and well organised pastoral care arrangements should safeguard the children's sense of belonging.

Mr. Skinner, and Mr. Baker, Senior Master, who also attended the meeting, were thanked by Mrs. Megeney, and it was announced that the 1975 Programme is now available from Max Cartwright (43 Mill Street) or any Committee member on payment of the annual membership fee of 20p.

The Training Pool is nearing completion, the next job being to clean out the pool, install handrail and steps, and generally tidy the site, and help is still needed any Sunday.

Since January 1974 £1,950 has been raised for the Pool, and the County Council lent £3,750. To date £3,580 has been paid to the installers, and a further £1,600 spent on building materials etc. The remaining £500 will be needed to pay outstanding bills. Altogether a very satisfactory year.

1st HARBURY SCOUT GROUP

Mr. David Johnson has taken over the leadership of the Scout Group. Mrs. Bloxham and Mrs. Carter have taken up active duties as helpers with the Cub Pack. Mr. Johnson would be pleased to receive offers of help in organising the Scouts and if an additional Cub Pack leader, and a couple of helpers, could be found, a 2nd Cub Pack could be immediately formed from the long waiting list of boys anxious to join. Please contact Jim Chapple, 14 Farley Avenue, Tel. 612044.

'200' Club January Winners

Mrs. Goodman, Mill Lane, Harbury. (£20)

Mr. Cowper, Honiwell Close, Harbury. (£10)

Mrs. Noden, Chesterton. (£10).

MEMBERS STILL WANTED TO JOIN.

RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

The Committee started 1975 by defining the boundary of the Car Park with a border of posts, erected by volunteers. Grateful thanks to all the team, and to Chris Macgowan who

provided the machinery. As in 1974 this committee is working with the Village Hall Committee on a joint Carnival and Fete on 14th June. Side Show Organisers please note the date. Special attractions are being planned to make the day even better than before, and anyone who would like to be involved please contact a committee member, or ring 612790. Also ring this number please with your ideas for more adventure playground apparatus near the Tarzan swing

PETER HOLT.

CRUSADERS

It seems rather late to be talking about Christmas but a very happy time was had at the Crusader Carol Service just before Christmas. There was a record attendance - we almost ran out of chairs! Everyone joined heartily in the singing, led by the music group. It was a great joy to be joined by the recorder group who played with the addition of trumpet and flute. The handiwork of the modelling group was also much enjoyed. These interest groups, which meet during the Sunday class, have been re-organised slightly, and as well as modelling, music, books and drama there is a lively discussion group. It is hoped that the music and drama groups will be co-operating to prepare an Easter musical play.

The week night activities have continued with a games and cooking evening, which proved very popular.

The four new teams are working hard to gain points for the team competition, and are led by Jane Luke, Rebecca Wright, David Clarke and John Humphreys. V. AGGETT.

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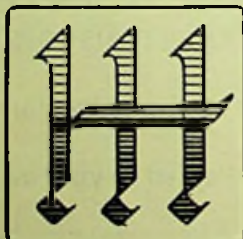
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On Sunday 12th January four Young Wives' members joined the M.U. - a happy occasion for us all. I'd like to emphasise this is not just another women's meeting! If you would like to know more, I would welcome your interest.

JEANNE CLARKE, 1 Vicarage Lane: 612406.

VILLAGE CLUB

At last it has happened! The Village Club is on the move! All the tenders for the conversions have been received and, with the full support of our Quantity Surveyor, we have given the contract to a young, progressive local firm.

At the time of writing the starting date has been fixed for the first Monday in February, so by the time this magazine is published you will be seeing signs of activity. Barring catastrophies, the conversion will be completed by the summer holidays, in time for the winter season to begin in a new comfortable atmosphere.

The next six months will be a busy and challenging time for all active members, as it is intended to carry on with the normal sporting activities, from dominoes to bingo. Of course, this will involve a little inconvenience at times, and bingo players may find themselves sitting around the snooker tables occasionally, while the snooker men will be down to one table until the job is completed. All this, however, will be justified by the end result, so roll on summer!

DICK PICKEN

HARBURY FRIENDS

At our last meeting we felt it necessary to hold an EGM to discuss the falling attendances at our meetings. We tried to find ways to get more varied and interesting speakers and decided, in view of the fact that most speakers require either a fee or travelling expenses, to increase our annual sub. from the ridiculously low sum of 15p to 50p.

We do hope that more of you ladies, regardless of age, will join us at our forthcoming meetings, which those of us who do attend regularly find most enjoyable; we meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the school. After listening to a speaker we have coffee, a chat and a raffle. We organise a car treasure hunt each summer, a Christmas party at the Dog Inn, and have one or two outings each year.

At our next meeting on Tuesday, 11th Feb., a local travel

agent will be giving us a talk and showing holiday films, so please join us and bring along your friends - we do assure you of a very warm welcome, and certainly try to live up to our name.

CAROL BASTIN, SHIRLEY KEIR

ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION, SOUTHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL,
FRIDAY, 28th FEBRUARY (6.30-9.30p. m.) and SATURDAY
1st MARCH(10a. m. -4p. m.)

Anyone living in the Southam area who wishes to exhibit pottery, painting, lacemaking, photography etc. in this exhibition is invited to apply for an entry form to Mr. J. Turner, 1 Kineton Road, Southam. The organisers stress that the exhibition will only be successful with the encouragement of visitors, so please go along and support this occasion. Admission is free, and children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. There will be an opportunity to purchase some exhibits.

AN ART EXHIBITION IN HARBURY

On Saturday, 8th March, at Harbury Village Hall, there will be an exhibition of the paintings of Mr. Henson Bamford, and some pottery by Mrs. Peter Shawcross. This is a splendid occasion for Harbury, since Mr. Bamford has exhibited elsewhere and drawn a tremendous response. The exhibition will be open all day and evening, the proceeds being generously donated to the NSPCC. You are invited to come and just enjoy the paintings, although they are also offered for sale. Coffee and biscuits will be available all day, and in the evening Mr. Bamford is giving a talk of interest to everyone, whether painters or not. Further details will be displayed in the village soon.

V. MACGOWAN

THE SM62a FOOTPATH ENQUIRY

The hearing was held in Southam on the morning of 14th January. Mr. Trice, the W.C.C. and Stratford D.C., plus about 20 villagers, were present, and in the afternoon the path was walked. We now await the result.

Did you know that middle age is when your narrow waist
and broad mind begin to change places?

POST OFFICE

1st lady: 'I hate February, so cold and dark and unfriendly'.

2nd lady: 'Especially with this prowler loose in the village - I'm afraid to go out at night. Did you hear another girl was attacked last week near the Village Hall?'

1st lady: 'It's awful, and then there's that terrible tragedy in the Dramatic Society - they say the inquest is next week.'

2nd lady: 'Yes, it's funny, I heard they were just rehearsing a new thriller in the Hall when it happened.'

1st lady: 'I don't suppose there could be a connection.....?'

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MRS. ELEANOR ZONIK

"I am appalled by the general standards of spoken and written English today, by the adulation of the mediocre, by the violence on television which acclimatises our children to it, (I do most of my washing-up to the sound of gunfire), and by the all-round lowering of standards." So says Mrs. Eleanor Zonik, writer, playwright, producer, lecturer, adjudicator of drama - in this village of busy people she must surely be one of the most active!

Mrs. Zonik has 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. She served on the W.I. County Committee for Music and Drama, and various other W.I. Committees, for 25 years, during which time she worked at her writing in her few spare moments, until about 4 years ago, when she decided to give up her committee work and devote more time to her writing. In fact, it was a W.I. Bursary to a 14-day Drama School, just after the war, which started her serious writing career. She has achieved great success, having had 2 plays produced professionally, 6 more plays and several short stories published, and she has just finished her first novel, which took her about a year to complete. She has been involved with the Loft Theatre in Leamington for about 25 years, where she has had the great satisfaction of producing five of her own plays.

Mrs. Zonik was born in West Didsbury, near Manchester. She was educated at a Public School in York (and proud of it!) and in Paris, has lived in Warwickshire since 1931, and for the past 14 years she and her husband have lived in Mill Lane, Harbury. She enjoys gardening, sewing, knitting, cooking, embroidery, decorating, and, incredibly, finds time to hold strong (and fascinating) opinions on almost every subject. An intensely aware and vital person, Mrs. Zonik says that, with so much to do, learn and observe around us, boredom is the only sin. With her successful writing career, her busy family life and her hobbies, and even with her vast command of the English language - I am amazed that Mrs. Zonik even knows what 'boredom' means! DIANA HOLT.

ORIENTEERING

This is a national sport in Scandinavia, originating in Sweden in 1918. It started in the U.K. in 1962. It is like a car rally but done on foot with the one individual being the driver, navigator and providing the power output as well. Events are held in wooded countryside; Cannock Chase, Badby Woods (near Daventry) and Wyre Forest have all been used for Midlands competitions.

Armed with map and compass, and suitably dressed for 'bramble-bashing' and mud, competitors set off for the master maps. Here they copy the course on to their own maps. Places to be visited on the route are called controls and are marked in the forest by red and white marks. Each has a coded punch. By stamping this on a control card competitors prove they have visited the spot. Controls are sited at obvious features (e.g. path junction, stream bend, depression, knoll). Controls on the map are joined by straight lines. In practice the straight line route is often the hardest since it may cross a hill, marsh, thicket, ravine or similar obstacle. This is where route finding, pace counting and compass work come in handy.

At any event there are usually various courses arranged by age and sex. A pram pushers' or wayfarers' course is best for a family outing. The nearest club is in Coventry. If anyone is interested please contact me at 32 Mill Street. For the O.D. Badge Event at Atherstone on 23rd March write to Terry Foxton, Church View, Ousterne Lane, Fillongley, Coventry CV7 8EU.

JOHN HANCOCK.

"KALEIDOSCOPE"

People always seem to be coming and going in Harbury, and we have to say goodbye to several families soon: Pam and Tony Bateman, with their two children, are leaving for London; John and Jenny Pinson are moving with their two daughters back to Solihull; and Peggy DuBuisson and family are now joining Valentine in Devon. We hope that what the Estate Agents call 'this desirable and sought after village' will attract quick purchasers for these families, and all the others who are moving, and we wish them all well in their new homes....Mr. Peter Shawcross, who looks after the Village Hall bookings, was seriously ill before Christmas,

and, sadly, is not yet fully recovered. We wish him well and thank him for his co-operation in compiling the Harbury News Diary Page every month.

VICTORIA MACGOWAN

CYRIL

We have a handsome goldfish, he's Cyril, yes, not Fred. The first day we acquired him, a cup fell on his head. It raised a bump, a big white bump, but Cyril didn't care, Because soon after that he leapt into the air. Two hours or more he gasped upon the carpet(emerald green) Till suddenly we missed him, and then he soon was seen. It wasn't long before again ~~that~~ fate did take a hand. A piece of copper sulphate, blue, beside the tank did stand. An unknown hand did drop it in the water as he swam. He went a most peculiar hue, the water it did froth, So we gave him a very salty bath till we had got it off. And then one day quite still he lay upon his shelly bed. Alas, alack, 'twas plain to see poor Cyril he was dead. We dug a little grave for him, prepared to put him in, When feebly he did twitch one eye, and feebly flick a fin. We put him in his tank, we did, and happily he survives. Perhaps he's really a catfish, and still has six more lives!!

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Wanted: Advice, please, about a plant grown from an avocado stone. Mine's about 2 feet tall, looks like a palm tree, and the lower leaves keep turning brown and dropping off. What should it look like, and what am I doing wrong?

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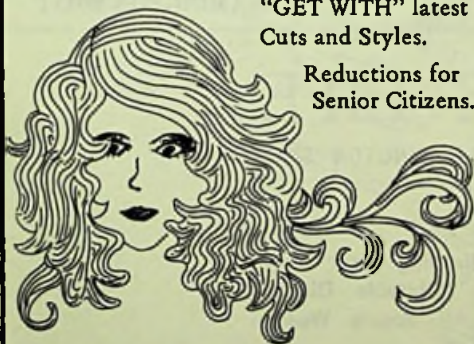
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