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The Springtime Frolic, held on Saturday May 10th in the beautiful garden of Sir David and Lady Watherstone's home, was a great success - see picture and further comment inside - because such an event can really only take place in a village such as ours, it makes one appreciate the advantage of living here even more. In similar vein, the next major "happening" is the Carnival and Fete on June 14th at the Recreation Ground, preceded by the procession around the village which will include, as usual, lots of floats etc.

Last month we included some articles on 'places to go' since this is the time of year when at weekends etc. one turns to the outdoors rather more. A couple more are included in this month's issue and we hope you find them of interest.

We regret to record the death of Edward Robinson, the popular landlord of the Shakespeare Inn. Edward and his wife Patsy came to the Shakespeare some 16 years ago and put a lot of effort into transforming it into the popular 'olde worlde' inn we now know. Our sympathies to Patsy and their family.

HARBURY DIARY

JUNE 1975

- Sat. 7th Brownie Revels at Hunningham.
PTA Barbecue, Hiatt's Barn, Ufton.
- Sun. 8th Cricket, Harbury v. Steeple Aston, Cement Works.
- Tues. 10th Harbury Friends, Beer & Skittles, Butcher's Arms,
Mickleton, Coach leaves V. Hall 7.30 p.m.
- Thurs. 12th Golden Age, V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.
- Sat. 14th CARNIVAL & SPORTS DAY, 2pm Rec. Ground
(Procession starts 1.15 from Sutcliffe Drive).
- Tues. 17th Tufty Club, V. Hall, 2.15 p.m.
Harbury Senior Cit. Ben. Assoc., V. Hall 8.00pm.
- Wed. 18th PTA School Evening
Harbury Theatre Group, Great Wheelbarrow Race,
all details in the village pubs.
- Sat. 21st Crusaders Area Activity, 'Harbury Happening',
V. Hall & Rec. Ground, 2.30 - 6.00 p.m.
PTA Sponsored Walk (Children).
- Mon. 23rd Visit of Eastern Green, Coventry, PCC, for service
in Church, 7.45 pm, then refreshments in ~~Wigt~~ Wigt Schol.
- Tues. 24th M. U. Quiet Day, Offchurch Retreat House, 10.30 - 3.30.

- Tues. 24th Young Wives' AGM, V. Hall, 2.30 pm, N. B. new
and, hopefully, more convenient time for all.
- Wed. 25th Infant School Sports, School field, 2.00 p.m.
- Thurs. 26th Golden Age, V. Hall 2.30 p.m.
Deanery Synod, record vote on question of Church
Initiation, Welfare Centre, Southam, 7.30 p.m.
- Fri. 27th Harbury Theatre Group, Dog Inn, 8.00 p.m.
Football Club Dance, V. Hall.
- Sun. 29th Footpath Assoc. Ramble from V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Cricket, Harbury v. Flecknoe at Cement Works.
- Thurs. 3rd W. L. 'My Broadcasting Experiences', Mrs. D.
Bindman, V. Hall, 7.45 p.m.
- Sat. 5th Crusaders' Sports at Birmingham.
- Sun. 6th Cricket, Harbury v. Napton at the cement works.
- Tues. 8th P. C. C., Wight School, 8.00 p.m.
Harbury Friends Annual Treasure Hunt, V. Hall Car
park.
- Thurs. 10th Golden Age, V. Hall 2.30 p.m.
Men's Society AGM, Vicarage, 7.45 p.m.
- Fri. 11th Theatre Group present 'Toad of Toad Hall', V. Hall
- Sat. 12th 'Toad of Toad Hall', V. Hall, matinée & evening.
PTA Garden Party in the grounds of Temple House,
by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. M. Lambert.
- Sun. 13th Cricket, Harbury v. Radway at the cement works.
- Tues. 15th Tufty Club, V. Hall, 2.15 p.m.
- Wed. 16th PTA Square Dance, School, 8.00 - 12.00 p.m.
- Tues. 22nd Harbury Senior Cit. Ben. Assoc., V. Hall, 8.00pm
- Thurs. 24th Golden Age, V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.
- CRUSADERS, V. Hall, 2.30 p.m. every Sunday.
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

Before this appears in print Mrs. Kitchener and Miss Cleaver will have left us. They have done so much for the Church and for the village for so many years that Harbury

will not seem the same without them. An item appeared in the last number of "Harbury News", so that I need not say any more here except to express our thanks and good wishes to them and our hope that we may see them from time to time.

We have just had the joy of welcoming Reverend Tony Upton to Harbury. He is a Royal Naval Chaplain to the Survey Fleet and so is nearly always away on a ship, but Harbury is now his home on the rare occasions when he is at home.

May I close this letter with a quotation from C.S. Lewis:-
"If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in; aim at earth and you will get neither".

With every blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
F.R. Mackley.

Holy Baptism

April 27th - Suzanne Elizabeth Elliman.

" " - Sally Jane Barratt.

May 18th - Alexandra Jane Watts.

Funeral

May 14th - Ethel Mary Bayliss, aged 82 years.

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

We look forward to welcoming the Vicar, Churchwardens and members of the PCC of St. Andrew's Church, Eastern Green, Coventry for a Service in Church at 7.45 p.m. on Monday, 23rd June, followed by refreshments and an informal discussion in the Wight School. It will be a wonderful opportunity for members of two parishes to get together to share in fellowship and exchange ideas. We welcome any of our members who like to join us.

The sidesmen met at the home of one of the Churchwardens and enjoyed fellowship together over supper and discussed the office of sidesman. It was a most valuable time together and particularly helpful to the newly elected.

It is good to worship together as a family and therefore we now hold a special Family Service at 11.15 on the first Sunday of every month. This is a service specially designed for chil-

dren and their parents and all families are welcome. Well known hymns are sung, a parent reads a short lesson and there is a lively and interesting talk, which, although designed for the younger listener, contains much that is helpful to mums and dads too. The offertory is taken up by a family. We do commend this service to everyone and look forward to an increasing number of families sharing in it.

The financial state of our Church is giving cause for concern and is the subject of a separate note included in this issue.

P.T.A.

Adult Sponsored Walk

35 adults took part in the walk on Saturday 10th May. The $3\frac{1}{2}$ mile circuit started and ended at The Old New Inn and included Temple End, Beggars Lane, The 5 ways junction, South Parade and Park Lane. Colin Ingram walked furthest, a total of $24\frac{1}{2}$ miles, closely followed by Rod Baldwin with 23 miles. Some of the sponsor money has still to be collected but it is anticipated that between £200 and £250 has been raised for the swimming pool fund. On June 21st the children's sponsored starts from the village hall at 9.00 a.m.

Catie Jackson, Susan & Jennifer Scott have recently been awarded the silver medal in personal survival of The A.S.A. Quiz Night. For the second year in succession this event was held in the Dogg Inn. Jim Chapple, assisted by his son Martin, prepared all the questions and acted as questionmaster. Last year's winners, the Harbury Hotentots (Betty Knappe, Linda Ridgely, Sharon Hancock & Steve Checkley) retained their title in the face of a formidable challenge by teams from the PTA, W.I., school staff & Harbury Playgroup. Colin Ingram proposed a vote of thanks to Jim Chapple & presented a gift on behalf of the P.T.A. (footnote: Now I know why Linda smiles a lot!)

BILL SCOTT.

BROWNIES

Has anyone one (or more) feather boas or fur tippets we may borrow to use on our Carnival Float please? If so, would you kindly contact Mrs. Gurden, Hillside Farm or ring 612348.

GIRL GUIDES

The Girl Guides restarted on June 2nd and meet every Monday at 6.30 pm. All enquiries to Mrs. Picken, 21 Wastaff Close.

SPRINGTIME FROLIC

MAYPOLE, COUNTRY & MORRIS DANCING

Following a desire expressed by the Golden Age Club to see Maypole Dancing in the village once again, Harbury School and the Recreation Ground Committee organised an afternoon of Maytime Dancing on May 10th at Harbury House, the home of Sir David and Lady Watherstone.

The children from classes 8 and 9 gave a magnificent display of dancing round the new school maypole (which had been provided by the P.T.A.) and performed a number of country dances skilfully and enthusiastically. A team of Morris Dancers hired by the Recreation Ground Committee made up the programme, which was enjoyed by the hundreds of spectators who came along.



Photo: Michael Bloxham.

CARNIVAL & FETE, JUNE 14th.

It looks as though this year's Carnival & Fete will be as good as, if not better than, before. The procession, headed by the Carnival Queen Karan Wynne and attendants, will leave Sutcliffe Drive at 1.15 p.m. and the Fete will start at 2.00pm on the Recreation Ground. Children entering the Fancy Dress Contest can do so in Sutcliffe Drive where transport will be provided, or on the Field at 2 pm where the judging will take place. All the usual stalls and sideshows will be there. Also the Army are bringing a demonstration team. Remember your running shoes for the sports. Details are in the programme now on general sale, price 10p (lucky programme prize £10). Tickets for the Grand Carnival Dance at 8.00pm are available now from Mrs. M. Keen, 21 Sutcliffe Drive.

CRUSADERS

Union Sunday is the day on which Crusaders everywhere think about and pray for other Crusaders and particularly for the work of the Crusaders Union and Crusaders Union Girls Association, the twin bodies of which Harbury Crusaders are a member. As our own share in this day of thanksgiving and prayer, we held a family service to which parents and friends were invited. Jeanne Clarke was in the chair and welcomed those present and explained what Union Sunday is. After some lively singing led by the choir and the guitar group, Rose Clarke led the prayers with a prayer called *Thème in love*. The drama group read the Whitsunday story with some of the parts being read in different languages and it was very moving to hear the shout 'Jesus Christ is Lord' in English, French and Italian. The flame dance of the Holy Spirit was performed by three members of the group who were trained by Jane Luke. Sonia Parker delivered Peter's sermon. After more singing, presentations were made including a Bible for one hundred attendances to Helen Shawcross. Miss Valerie Tattersall, formerly a leader of Erdington Crusader class spoke and had everyone leaping up and down in their seats providing answers to clues in a giant crossword puzzle.

The afternoon concluded with tea and an opportunity to see the work of the various interest and teaching groups.

A team will be taking part in the Area sports in Birmingham on 5th July.

YOUNG WIVES

From June onwards, the Young Wives' meetings will begin at 2.30 p.m. (instead of 2 o'clock) to enable those with young children to find it easier to get to the meetings. We are most anxious to attract new members of any age - remember, if you have children under school age they will be looked after for you during the meeting. We cover a wide range of interests, and we are, in fact, prepared to try to arrange a meeting on any subject which interests you - just come along and tell us about it.

We are at present considering hiring the school swimming pool each Tuesday afternoon through the summer holiday, so that Young Wives' members can take their young children and help them to get used to the water in surroundings somewhat more peaceful than the public baths.

We shall be discussing this, among other things, at our A.G.M. on 24th June in the Village Hall at 2.30 - Why don't YOU come?

MOTHERS' UNION

A service for all the Mothers' Union Branches in the Warwick Archdeaconry was held recently in All Saints' Church, Leamington (the big Church opposite "Elizabeth's" at the bottom of the Parade). This is a magnificent Church, well worth a visit sometime when you're in the town. Three cars, all full, went from Harbury, and all those who attended were most impressed by the Service itself, the singing of the "Cross of Nails" Group and the sermon by the Bishop of Coventry. Harbury's Mothers' Union Banner was carried in the procession, and the congregation numbered about 1,200. The next meeting will be held at 'Old Timbers', Ivy Lane on July 8th at 2.30 p.m. (note the change of day to Tuesday)

LEAGUE OF PTY

The annual party for members was held at the Village Hall on Saturday, May 17th when we all got together to discuss plans for future fund-raising events, to present badges for savings and to enjoy ourselves! Last year the League members altogether saved £23 and in 1974/75 the total was £52.06 which was a remarkable achievement and drew warm congratulations from Headquarters in London. Mr. Oliver kindly came along to present the badges and talked encouragingly about the necessity for compassion and work on behalf of those children whom the league tries to help. We would like to thank Mr. Oliver,

Mr. Barry Johns for his usual generosity to us, and also all the parents who donated food for the party to save our expenses! The League is open to everyone under 16 and if anyone would like more information about it please get in touch with me at 17 Manor Orchard - Harbury 612938.

VICTORIA MACGOWAN (Hon. Sec.)

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB

At the time of writing, tremendous progress has been made on the modernisation scheme at the club. However, little of the work has affected the members so far because it has all taken place at the rear of the premises. The snooker players have been reduced to one table for a while & they have had big holes in the walls & no heating, but the rest of the club users have probably not realised the extent of the changes which are occurring. From now on though, will be a time of constant surprise as different sections of the club come into use, while others are shut off, to re-open later in a different guise. The great thing is that, despite all the turmoil, the Club will be finished in time for the winter sporting season. September sees the start of the darts, snooker, dominoes & crib leagues, and the teams this year will be able to entertain their visitors in surroundings which befit our wonderful village. Don't forget to come along before September and make sure of your place in one of the teams.

HARBURY SENIOR CITIZENS BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

On the evening of Tuesday 29th April, 1975, The Association's Collecting Bottle which stands on the Bar of The Old New Inn was emptied by the Vicar, Reverend F.R. Mackley and the amount of cash collected was a record figure of £107.30. At a time when everyone is suffering from the rapid surge of inflation this money was gratefully welcomed by the Association. To help cover the cost of the various functions we arrange for the Senior Citizens of Harbury and Deppers Bridge. On behalf of the Association I would like to thank John Mann, the licensee, and his wife Doreen who provided excellent refreshments during the evening and also thank Dick Turner who helped a great deal to fill the Bottle through collections etc. A good time was had by all who attended the function.

At a recent meeting held in the Village Hall, Alec Taylor relinquished the position of Treasurer of the Association after

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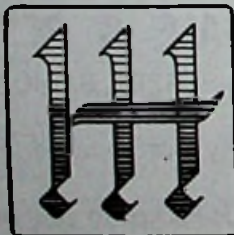
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being in office for 3 years and Mrs. Margaret Taylor of Pineham Avenue was unanimously elected as the new Treasurer. Alec Taylor still remains a Committee Member.

The Summer Outing this year is the the Peak District in Derbyshire with tea at Ashbourne, and taking in Lichfield and Burton-on-Trent. A coach will pick up at 1.45 p.m. at Deppers Bridge on Wednesday 18th June, and 3 coaches will leave the Village Hall at 2.00 p.m. Invitations have already been distributed and it is important that these are returned by 3rd June at the latest so that we will be in a position to establish the correct number of teas required at Ashbourne.

TIM PERCIVAL (Chairman)

MEALS - ON - WHEELS

These Meals are organised by the W.R.V.S. to aid in a small way, people who need help in the home. In the Southam Area approximately 40 two course meals are delivered by voluntary Teams, a driver and mate in each car. Each Team do a round one day a month. The Harbury round involves 14 meals at the moment. The food is kept hot in a special metal locker which contains a charcoal burner. It is cooked in Southam at the Victor Hodges House. Doctors, Welfare Workers or kindly neighbours inform the WRVS where this help is needed. The Service can be a vital link with the outside world for the housebound and lonely. The Meals are subsidised by the council and drivers get a Petrol allowance.

Volunteers to act as Drivers and Mates are always most welcome.

PAMELA SPERLING (WRVS Village Representative)

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE A.G.M.

Officers elected were:- Chairman - Mrs. M. Keen, Vice Chairman - Mrs. G. Gurden, Secretary - Miss M. Gurden, Vice Secretary & Booking Secretary - Mr. P. Shawcross, Treasurer - Mr. K. Clarke. Other members are Messrs. Purdie, Ceney, Taylor, Hayes & Percival, and Mrs. Carter, Ceney, Sollis and Andrews.

At the A.G.M. concern was expressed about the vandalism in the village and especially in connection with the Village Hall, Locks are broken regularly, windows smashed, fences spoilt and during the lighter evenings this has become a bigger problem. The Police have been informed but the committee ask that all people in the village will co-operate and inform mem-

bers if they observe any wilful damage by irresponsible members of our community, so that further steps can be taken to stop such acts of vandalism. We are trying to keep our costs down but we are fighting a losing battle while unnecessary repairs and replacements take so much of our capital, so it is in your interests to protect your village hall in this respect.

The extension to the village hall will be completed in due course and steps are being taken to repair the roof over the kitchen. There are also plans to completely redecorate the main hall in the near future. We should then have a hall we can really be proud of. The next big event is the carnival & fête which we run jointly with the Playing Fields Committee. We look forward to seeing you there and at the dance in the evening. Tickets from committee members - £1 including food!!

S. ANDREWS.

200 CLUB WINNERS

April:- £20, Mrs. Chamberlain, South Parade

£10, Mr. Middleton, Neales Close

£10, Mrs. Cooper, Constance Drive

May:- £20, Mr. E. Cowper, Honiwell Close

£10, Mrs. Rigg, Harbury Fields Farm

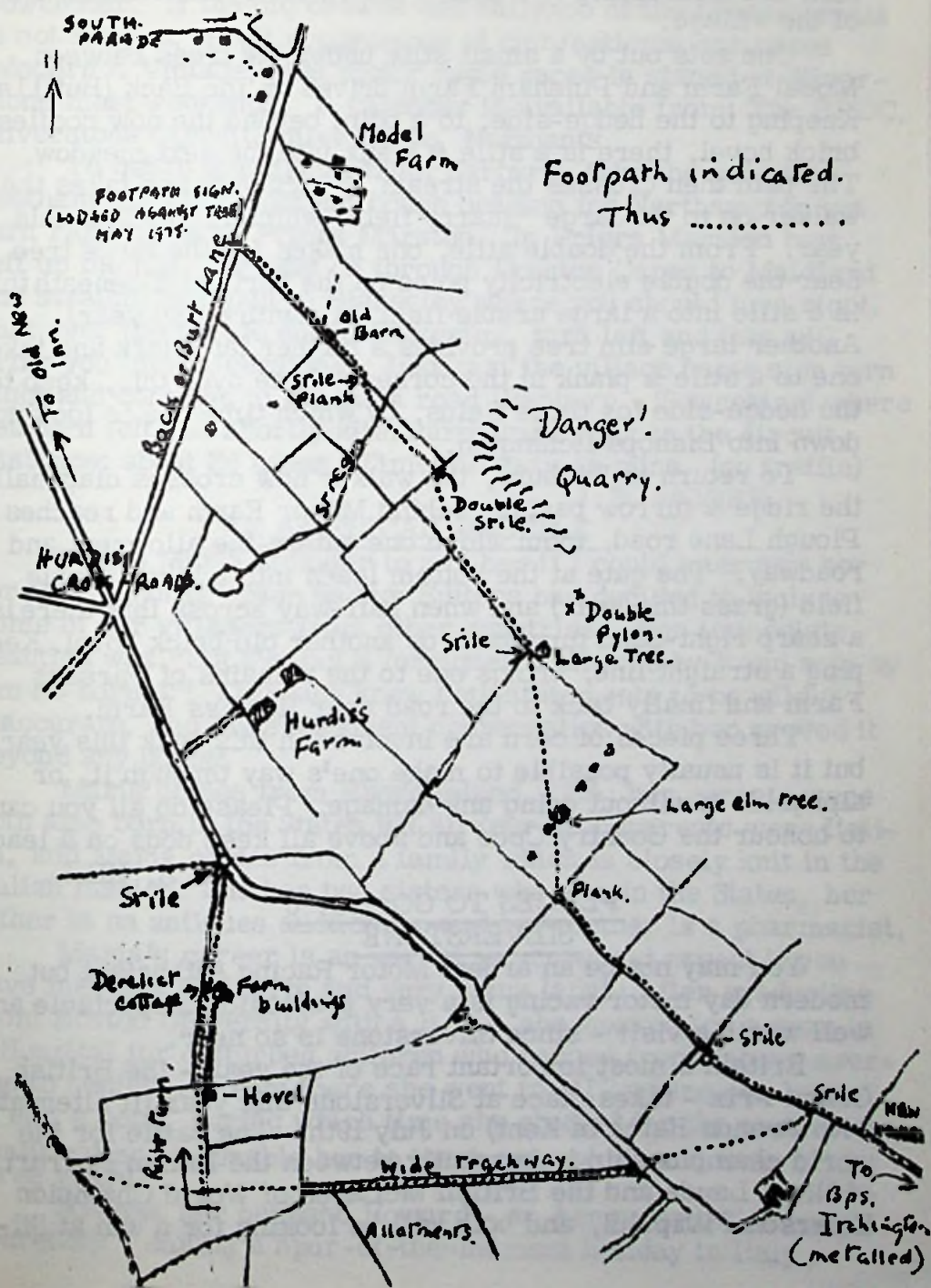
£10, Mrs. Sheasby, Bishops Itchington

HARBURY SOCIETY

Two dozen intrepid members of the Harbury Society went on a nature walk on Whitsunday morning round a still rather soggy Ufton Nature Reserve. Mr. Ron Stanbridge and his wife acted as guides, pointing out plants and birds that we would otherwise have missed, (although everyone managed to spot a cuckoo which flew across the reserve and obligingly sat on a fence for us). Apart from the surprising regeneration of Hawthorn and Bramble, a major change in the reserve this season has been the erection of a wooden stockade to protect the Man Orchid from the feet of visitors. This work has been done by volunteers and Mr. Stanbridge appealed for more help to improve the paths round the reserve which, in wet weather, become treacherous - a fact which the muddy walkers of the Harbury Society appreciated!

The Concert by the Avon Singers which the Society had planned to hold in June has had to be postponed until the Autumn as there appears to be rather a lot going on in the village in June. The Society will run a stall at the Carnival, including an exhibition of photographs & a children's competition.

PLACES TO GO: NO. 5
KNOWING THE VILLAGE: FIELD FOOTPATH 2



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Paths SM84 and the SM81 complex provide a very pleasant and interesting two-hour walk on the south-eastern side of the village.

One sets out by a small stile under the trees between Model Farm and Pineham Farm drives on the Back (Butt) Lane. Keeping to the hedge-side, to a point beyond the now roofless brick hovel, there is a stile & plank into the next meadow. The path then crosses the stream by a culvert and takes the walker on to the large "quarry field" which is in wheat this year. From the double stile, one makes for the large tree near the double electricity poles on the horizon & beneath this is a stile into a large arable field (in pasture this year). Another large elm tree provides a further landmark and takes one to a stile & plank in the corner. Once over this, keep to the hedge-side for three fields, by which time one is looking down into Bishops Itchington.

To return to Harbury, the walker now crosses diagonally the ridge & furrow pasture behind Manor Farm and reaches Plough Lane road, from which one enters the allotment and roadway. The gate at the bottom leads into a large arable field (grass this year) and when half-way across this there is a sharp right-hand turn towards another old brick hovel. Keeping a straight line, brings one to the remains of Parsons Farm and finally back to the road near Hurdiss Farm.

Three pieces of corn are involved in this walk this year but it is usually possible to make one's way through it, or alongside it without doing any damage. Please do all you can to honour the Country Code and above all keep dogs on a lead.

H.A. HILL.

PLACES TO GO: NO. 6

SILVERSTONE

You may not be an ardent Motor Racing enthusiast but modern day motor racing is a very professional spectacle and well worth a visit - since Silverstone is so near.

Britain's most important race of the year - the British Grand Prix - takes place at Silverstone this year (it alternates with Brands Hatch in Kent) on July 19th. The battle for the world championship is currently between the Italian Ferrari of Nicki Lauda and the British McLaren of World Champion Emerson Fittipaldi, and both will be looking for a win at Sil-

verstone. Also very keen to do well will be Britain's James Hunt whose car is built at Lord Hesketh's estate at nearby Towcester. If the big crowds and ballyhoo of the professionals is not for you, a full programme of club/national car races (Modern & Vintage) plus motor cycle races is staged at Silverstone most weekends. A calendar is available from: The BRDC, Silverstone Circuit, Silverstone, Northants.

To get to the circuit from Harbury, take the road into Southam and turn right as though heading for Northampton but turn right again to Priors Marston. In Priors Marston turn left up the hill, straight on through Preston Capes to Maidford and straight on again to Blakesley where you should turn right. Just over the bridge out of Blakesley, turn left and this will bring you into Silverstone. Just past the village name sign turn right and continue to the main road (Banbury - Towcester) where you turn left and shortly afterwards turn right to the circuit. Distance: about 28 miles. Time: an easy 45 mins. (no traffic)

J.B. MOORE.

AN AMERICAN PROFILE

I rang Maria Stringer to ask her if I could interview her for this "Profile" page as our Editors had decided to include some of our villagers from other countries. Her immediate reaction was "But I'm not a foreigner" followed by "and anyway I'm so boring"! I already knew both statements to be wildly inaccurate, and my subsequent conversation with her proved it beyond any doubt!

Maria comes from Rhode Island, USA; her parents were both also born in the States but all four grandparents were Italian, and Maria comes from a family which is closely knit in the Italian fashion. She has two sisters who live in the States, her father is an antiques auctioneer and her mother is a pharmacist.

Maria's career is as varied as you would expect if you have met this explosive and very funny lady! After graduating from Boston University with a B.A., she worked for a year in a Hospital for disturbed children who ranged from "above average to genius". From there she went to MIT where she helped to edit a book, during which time she studied for the necessary qualifications to enable her to teach art, which she then did for three years.

She met her husband Howard - an Accountant/Company Secretary - during a spur-of-the-moment holiday in Italy,

(she speaks some Italian) and after their marriage they lived in Leeds, where their first daughter Laura (4) was born. Laura was four months old when Maria discovered that daughter number two was on the way, and after Lisa arrived she didn't have time to do much apart from looking after these two lovely little girls! From Leeds, Maria and her family came to Harbury where they are very happy, and will be sorry if they have to move soon due to Howard's career. Harbury has given Maria her first garden, and she spends a lot of time tending it, as she says, "I pray over the flowers, it's the only way they grow"!! She is an excellent cook and uses recipes from Italy, America and many other countries although lately she has been experimenting with her own concoctions and although Laura doesn't always approve, they all look pretty well on it!

Maria reads as much as possible and her politics are lodged somewhere between Liberalism and Conservatism, and she reads the Guardian from cover to cover every day, so work that one out and you have solved the riddle of Maria Stringer! She and Howard also love the theatre and go often, and they share a great interest in music - mostly jazz, opera and classical. They have been back to the States twice since they married, but Maria says she has travelled more in Europe than in America, and when I asked her where she would choose if she could live anywhere in the world, she said "I don't know, but I have a feeling it's some place I haven't been yet" - and that says more about her than anything I could tell you!

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

A HOLIDAY TO WRITE HOME ABOUT

Ladies - if you were in a lay-by between Harbury and North Wales, and you husband yelled, "The caravan's flooded to a depth of 6 inches!!", what would you do? I did the sensible thing - I panicked. I did it again two days later when 8 year old Andrew fell flat on his back in a partially frozen mountain stream. Despite the rosy picture of caravanning painted for you last month by Shirley Boraston, I think the ability to panic reasonably efficiently is an important attribute for the would-be temporary gypsy. During our four-day safari to Wales this Easter, we managed to fit in three minor crises - the two already mentioned, plus an ear infection for Caroline, my 6 year old daughter. Of course, with Messrs. Wilne and

Hancock in close proximity, the latter would have caused no problem in Harbury, but.....well, we got the operator in a call box (if you know what I mean) and asked for the nearest doctor. "Well now, look you," she said (doubtless adjusting her tall hat and shawl the while), "you'll be wanting Dr. Jones in Llanfff-----" "Pardon?" "Dr. Jones, look you, in Llanfff.!!". In desperation we asked for the dialling code and traced the place name from among all the other outlandish names in the lists in the phone box, so eventually we managed to find a doctor, who was very helpful.

The first two crises were solved in the tumble dryers in the launderette nearby, which gave us a chance to observe different people's reactions to airing their wet linen in public. Women generally stuffed things into the machines and then left; obviously the novelty of laundry had worn off for them long ago. Husbands, encouraged by the holiday spirit (or their wives) to do the washing for a change, generally went away once the clothes were safely on their way to cleanliness, but popped back several times to check on progress. But the most interesting to watch were the students who stood solemnly before the machine without once taking their eyes from the clothes going round. I just sat and watched the other people in the launderette, so I'm not sure which category I come into, but as I'm planning to go caravanning again, despite all the problems we encountered, I should imagine I could fairly reasonably be classified as a lunatic!!

DIANA HOLT.

KALEIDOSCOPE

Summer is as welcome as always but for some of us it brings as much anxiety as pleasure and I would like to wish luck to all those sitting G. C. E. "O" and "A" level or CSE exams soon, and to the children now waiting for their 11+ results! This is the last year of selection as we "go comprehensive" shortly, so you nine year olds can relax!..... Looking for some good holiday reading to take away with you? If so, please write to the magazine with any suggestions you have, and I will add my own ideas in the next issue.....

Mrs. Bamford asked me sometime ago to ask you if enough people would be interested in lessons in Yoga or some form of meditation to be held in Harbury - please us know so that Mrs. Bamford can take it further if she has enough enquiries.

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Golden Age Club could I just say thanks to everyone concerned with the recent Springtime Frolic. We know that it must have involved a lot of hard work but the end product was much appreciated. Even the weather was kind to us that day & the fact that the event was held in such lovely surroundings made it more enjoyable.

Yours faithfully, B. E. Tyler.

Dear Sir,

A PEACEFUL PLACE FOR THE WEEKEND?

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If you would like to Know more about this I should be pleased to tell you if you call to see me at Chapel End, Priors Marston or phone me on Byfield 60655. There is an Open Day on Monday 23rd June and you are welcome to come and see for yourself.

Yours faithfully, Mrs. Jill Holmes.

Would you like to know more about France and the French people? Would you like to learn or improve your conversational French and make better use of holidays or business trips?

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