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## MAY - JUNE 1975

The P.T.A. deserve to feel proud of their achievement in building the trainer pool for the School. It must be very satisfying for them now that it is in use under the enthusiastic care of Mr. Oliver and his staff.

It is coming up to 'Best-Kept Village' time again. You may remember that last year Harbury won the Southam area Large Village award, but we missed getting into the overall results. A little more effort tidying that garden and so on could put that right this year - besides, it does look better when it's done, doesn't it?

We are very sorry to record the death of Miss Bird - subject of our profile two months ago - our sympathies to her relatives and friends.

### HARBURY DIARY

#### MAY 1975

- Sat. 10th Liberal Party Jumble Sale, V. Hall, 10 a.m.  
PTA Sponsored Walk (Adults).  
Spring Time Frolic, Harbury House, 3 p.m.
- Tues. 13th Young Wives' Discussion, V. Hall, 2 p.m.  
Harbury Friends, talk from Marriage Guidance Council, School, 8 p.m.
- Thurs. 15th Labour Party Open Meeting, 'Common Market', Dog Inn, 8 p.m.
- Sat. 17th League of Pity Annual Party, members only, V. Hall, 3.15 - 5 p.m.
- Sun. 18th WHIT SUNDAY.  
Harbury Society visit to Ufton Fields Nature Reserve with Ron Stanbridge, 10.30 a.m.  
Crusaders Sunday Service, speaker Miss Valerie Tattersall, all welcome, V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.  
Cricket, Harbury v Leopard, Cement Works.
- Tues. 20th Tufty Club, V. Hall, 2.15 p.m.  
M.U. 'How I Have Been Helped' by Mrs. Knott, 1 Vicarage Lane, 2.30 p.m.
- Wed. 21st Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Assoc, V. Hall, 8pm  
PTA Quiz Night, Questionmaster Jim Chapple.  
PCC Meeting, Wight School, 8 p.m.

Thurs. 22nd Golden Age, V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Sun. 25th TRINITY SUNDAY

Footpath Assoc. Ramble from V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Fri. 30th Harbury Theatre Group, Dog Inn, 8 p.m.

Sat. 31st PTA Barbecue (correction)

JUNE 1975

Sun. 1st Referees' 6-a-side Football Match, Rec. Ground

Mon. 2nd School restarts.

Thurs. 5th W.I. 'A Hilarious Day in my Public Life' by Ms.  
Banks Smith, V. Hall, 7.45 p.m.

Men's Society, Ladbroke Rectory, 7.45 p.m.

Fri. 6th Harbury Domino League Dance, V. Hall.

Sun. 8th Cricket, Harbury v Steeple Aston, Cement Works

Tues. 10th Harbury Friends, Beer & Skittles, School, 8pm

Thurs. 12th Golden Age, V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Sat. 14th CARNIVAL AND SPORTS DAY

Tues. 17th Tufty Club, V. Hall, 2.15 p.m.

Harbury Senior Cit. Ben. Assoc, V. Hall, 8 p.m.

Wed. 18th PTA School Evening

Wheelbarrow Race

Sat. 21st Crusaders Area Activity, 'Harbury Happening',  
V. Hall & Rec. Ground, 2.30 - 6 p.m.

PTA Sponsored Walk (Children)

CRUSADERS, V. Hall, 2.30 p.m. every Sunday

BINGO, V. Hall, 8 p.m. every Monday

YOUTH CLUB, V. Hall, 8 p.m. every Wednesday

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

HARBURY SINGERS, Spring season finished, restarting

Sept. Contact Michael Barnes, 8 Penelope Close, 612545

ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.

DATES FOR INCLUSION TO MRS. S. BENNETT, 612618.

P.S. Apologies to anyone who turned up for the Labour Party  
Jumble Sale on 19th April. This had been cancelled but was  
included due to a misunderstanding.

#### THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

First of all, I would like to thank you for your very  
generous Easter Offerings which this year were a record.  
We also had a record number of Easter Communicants.  
The Church was beautifully decorated and the services well  
attended. Three adults from this parish were confirmed by



The Bishop of Coventry at the special Confirmation service for adults which takes place in the course of the very striking Vigil service which is held in Coventry Cathedral on Easter Eve. They made their first Communion in our Church next morning.

The short Family Service which we now have at 11.15 on the 1st Sunday each month has been well supported and seems to meet a need. (It does not, of course, take the place of the other services, but is an additional little service.)

Congratulations to Mr. Harry Windsor and Miss Vivienne Aggett on their re-election as Churchwardens, and to those who have been elected sidesmen and members of the Parochial Church Council. The full list is to be found inside the Church.

Thanks to those who, by Lenten self-denial, brought in money which has been sent to the Bishop of Coventry's Lenten Appeal for Famine Relief through Christian Aid.

With every blessing,

Yours very sincerely,

F. R. Mackley.

#### Holy Baptism

16th March	Samuel John Butler
23rd March	Mark Anthony Hodgkins
30th March	Richard Connelly and Sarah-Jane Lillian Crawford
6th April	James Alex Durrant
20th April	Sallyann Wendy Ellis and Joanna Clare Bell

#### Funerals

12th March	Frank Cecil Mann, 68 years
21st March	Hilda Shields, 86 years
4th April	Mabel Clara Bird, 90 years

#### From the Churchwardens

By the time this issue reaches you, we shall have had a return visit from members of the Coventry Cathedral congregation for Evensong. These visits are very happy occasions, and an idea to be copied. Talking with some PCC members of another Coventry Church recently, it was felt that it would be of tremendous value for members of two congregations, particularly where one comes from a city and one from the country, to meet for a service and an informal social gathering.

The Architect's quinquennial inspection has just been completed and we are happy to say that the Church is in good

condition and, apart from the wiring and lighting which we already have in mind, there are only a few minor jobs to be done. We owe a great debt of gratitude to our predecessors who have handed on to us a well loved and cared for Church.

We have previously mentioned the question of 'Christian Initiation', a subject which is to be discussed and voted upon by the Deanery and Diocesan Synods, and the views of all Church members are being sought, on the following main points: Should there be a service of thanksgiving and/or blessing in addition to or in place of the Baptismal service as we know it? Should children, at the discretion of the Vicar and Churchwardens, be admitted to Holy Communion before they are confirmed? There will be an opportunity for discussing this, and we hope that we shall have your views.

Peter Holt has a recording of 'The Cross of Christ' which was performed in the Church on Palm Sunday. If you would like to hear it, please ring 612790.

#### Annual Church Meeting

Satisfactory reports were given to the Meeting from all the associated organisations, encouraging growth being seen in almost all of them. The number of names on the Electoral Roll is only 66 - it is hoped that more parishioners will apply to be entered on the Roll, to enable them to take a fuller part in the running of the Church.

The fabric, goods and ornaments of the Church are in good order, but the PCC plans to look carefully at the Church's finances in the near future, as costs of all types are increasing at a much faster rate than is the income.

#### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The meeting on 10th April was told that attendances of the Councillors at the 12 meetings during the year had been: Mr. D. Atkins, 10, Mr. M. Daniels, 8, Mr. I. Davies, 10, Mrs. Catterall, 8, Mr. B. Fell, 4, Mr. R. Gurden 12, Mrs. J. Watts 9, Mr. H. Wilkins 12, Mr. G. Wright 11, Mr. J. Drinkwater (Chairman) 11. Attending the Annual Meeting were all the Councillors except Mr. Fell, who sent his apologies. Also there were District Councillors Mr. Buckle, Mrs. Hill, Mr. Gurden and Major Rupert Kettle (County Councillor) who addressed the meeting. He



explained that a reduction in the Domestic Rate Relief will put up the rates by more than the 24% increase in expenditure.

Vandalism of street lamps was said to be still a problem, and every effort must be made to stop it. On the subject of roads, a certain number at the meeting felt that Crown Street and Church Street should be made one-way, and the whole system will be looked at again.

A grant of £650 has been made to finish off the Village Hall extensions. A further £2,000 is needed to bring the Hall up to a proper condition, re-decoration etc. The meeting agreed that "The Annual Parish Meeting held in Harbury on 10th April supports the principle of the expenditure of up to a 1p rate for the maintenance of the Village Hall, for one year at the discretion of the Parish Council." The meeting also agreed to allocate £1,500 from next year's finances to pay for the necessary work on the Hall.

The following were elected as villagers to the Recreation Ground Committee: Mr. D. Clarke, Mr. R. Hoare, Dr. J. Hancock, Mr. P. Holt, Mr. J. Hunt, Mrs. G. Hutchins, Mr. C. Macgowan, Mr. J. Smith and Mrs. V. Tanner.

Although the monthly heavy refuse collection will not be discontinued altogether, it may be reduced to every three or four months in the interests of economy.

#### GOLDEN AGE CLUB

A very interesting talk was given by Mr. Day of Ryton-on-Dunsmore about the work of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, when he came with his dog to open our collecting box, which contained £10 for the Association. Our Club has just celebrated its 17th birthday with a Birthday Tea, which our President, Lady Watheston, attended. Mrs. Enid Bayliss made and decorated the lovely cake. BETTY TYLER

#### HARBURY SINGERS

The Singers' Easter Concert was presented in Church on Tuesday, 22nd April, and included in its programme the Requiem by Faure and the Gloria by Vivaldi. The Leamington College for Boys Orchestra, together with organist Peter Fairhurst, accompanied the singers. Brenda Beck and Omar Ebrahim came along to give strong solo performances - supplementing the singers' own regular soloists, Shirley

Keir and Anne Moore. The audience, though not specially large, was most appreciative of the performance and certainly (to this non-musician) the sound they made was most impressive.

Probably the thought of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours or so of 'heavy, churchy' music puts many people off, but it really was worth the effort of going to hear good singing filling the Church. A credit to all the performers, and to conductor Michael Barnes who puts so much effort into organising the Harbury Singers.

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CARNIVAL AND FETE  
SATURDAY 14th JUNE 1975

Procession, headed by Harbury Carnival Queen and Warwick School Cadet Band, leaves Sutcliffe Drive at 1.15 p.m., and the Fete opens on the Recreation Ground at 2 p.m.

BIG attractions include \*\*Annual Dog Show\*\*Tug of War Contest\*\*Roundabout\*\*Sports events for all the family - (please enter before the day)\*\*Swing Boats\*\*Afternoon Teas, Ices, etc\*\*Football 6-a-Side Contest\*\*Many, many side shows and stalls\*\*Pony Rides\*\*Children's Fancy Dress Competition (entries at Sutcliffe Drive up to 1 p.m. There will be a special float to take the entrants to the Ground. Entries also accepted up to 2 p.m. on the Ground - judging will take place at 2 p.m.)

ADMISSION to the Fete 10p at the gate, or by programme. Programmes, containing entry forms for the Dog Show and the Sports events, are available now at 10p.

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## W.I. 'COMMON MARKET' PUBLIC MEETING

May I, on behalf of Harbury W.I., thank everyone who supported our recent Public Meeting on the forthcoming Referendum. The speaker, Mrs. Margot Healey, put forward a strong case for Britain staying in the EEC, saying that already our food would be even more expensive if we hadn't joined. If we choose to come out of the Market by voting that way in the Referendum, we shall be forced to pay back money we haven't got. She suggested that in the Britain of the future our children will need to be more linguistic in order to take their place in Europe, and she reported a feeling of great hope and enthusiasm when she was in Brussels recently. Britain is respected for her honesty and sense of justice, and hasn't had so many problems in the past as many of the European countries, but we must learn to give as well as take in the future.

The vote of thanks to Mrs. Healey was given by Mr. Geoff Wright, coffee and refreshments were served, and the raffle for a bottle of whisky was won by Mr. Bill Middleton. The proceeds from the evening - £12.50 - were given to the Village Hall extension fund. MONICA DAVIES

## THEATRE GROUP

The Annual General Meeting was held on 4th April at the Dog Inn, and the following officers were elected: President, Rev. Mackley; Chairman, Trevor Davies; Treasurer, Sally Humphreys; Secretary, Carol Percival. Colin Humphreys is to continue to represent the Group on the Village Hall Committee, and Carol Percival is also Communications Secretary. Her number is 612175 - all inquiries to her please. The next Group meeting will be at the Dog Inn at 8 p.m. on Friday, 30th May.  
Steptoe Rides Again!

The Theatre Group will run its usual stall on the day of the Carnival - 14th June. Collections on the evenings of Thurs. 12th June and Friday 13th, but ring Peter Shawcross on 612436 for immediate collection of bulky items.

Advance Notice: Wheelbarrow Race, Wednesday, 18th June.

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Black/white umbrella found in V. Hall on 15 April. 'Phone 612790 or call at 15 Wagstaffe Close.

## HARBURY P.T.A.

### Opening of the Trainer Pool

On Saturday, 12th April, the Pool was officially opened by Hamilton Bland, the British Olympic Swimming Coach. We were lucky with the weather, and the pool was heated to a temperature of 82 degrees. Mr. Bland commented on the very high standard of the pool and the workmanship - in his opinion the best of its type in the county. Mr. Wright, PTA Chairman, took the opportunity of thanking all the men who have given many, many weekends and evenings to ensure that the Pool was completed as quickly as possible. (It is rumoured that they are at a loss to know what to do at weekends, now that the project is finished!)

So far, £2,146 has been raised and £3,750 borrowed (for up to 4 years) towards the Pool. Expenditure to date is £5,579, so a great deal of money must still be found. Our grateful and sincere thanks for all the support received in the past, which we trust will continue in the future.



Hamilton Bland encourages the first swimmers.

Photo: Michael Bloxham



### Road Safety Competition

The PTA Road Safety Team, Jim Chapple, Tim Millington, Rolf Upton and Linda Ridgley, went to Birmingham on 26th March for the final of the Colmore Garage Road Safety Competition, where they were beaten into 6th place by, among others, a team of Unigate Milkmen. They had, however, by winning the three preliminary rounds of the Competition, collected £20 for the Pool Fund, and the Warwickshire County title, and, of course, will try again next year for the £100 prize.

### Easter Monday Dance

This was very well supported, and thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. Apologies to those who didn't get any food!

### Fashion Show and Cheese & Wine Party

'Lizzie' of Leamington and Bryan's Furs combined to provide a wide range of fashions designed to tempt the ladies to part with their husband's hard earned cash. As a mere male I was sorry to learn that the 'new length' means that knees have once more disappeared from view - let's hope this is another of the fashion world's nine-day wonders. The remainder of the evening consisted of cheese type nosh swilled down by wine, and sundry beverages, to the accompaniment of flashing lights and disco music - a very enjoyable event and the opportunity to buy a £400 mink at pre-budget prices!

### Quiz Night

For the 2nd year this event will be held in the back room of the Dog. Jim Chapple will act as Quizmaster and teams from the WI, the Playgroup, the School Staff and the PTA will compete for the title 'Brains of Harbury'. Audience participation is inevitable, and frequently rude, so come along and join in!

### HARBURY SCHOOL

The Summer Term opened amidst great excitement about swimming. We have brought out a swimming timetable, and each child will have the opportunity to swim 3 times a week. This means that when we are fully operational the pool will be in constant use from 9.30 to 4 daily, with some additional use after school. This means, of course, that the children have to be out of the pool and changing rooms fairly rapidly, and we should like to express our thanks to the great number of mothers who have offered their help with the dressing etc. of children.

All the children have now been put into their 'houses', and preparations are in hand for the Junior Sports, 7th May.

The football season has now ended and our football team just failed to top their league. However, only one defeat in ten league games is an excellent record, and the whole team is to be congratulated. I am sure the boys would like me to record thanks for the enthusiastic support they have received from parents and friends both at home and away matches.

Children from Class 9 are going on an Adventure Holiday to Brecon for the first few days of June. They will be accompanied by Mr. Richards and several parents. They are becoming very enthusiastic about the prospects of being under canvas, with the added thrill of such activities as pony trekking, hill walking, canoeing and sailing.

Finally, I understand that the common virus known as HARBURY TITTLE-TATTLUS is rampant again! One recognises the beginning of an outbreak by hearing the phrase 'It's all round the village that. . . .!' The immediate remedy is to take one large pinch of salt, and then find out the truth. The latest outbreak apparently concerns all sorts of rumours applied to changes in admission of young children to school. Might I assure any anxious parents that we are continuing the same arrangements that have pertained for the past 2 years with part-time and full-time entry.

Half-term week is the Spring Bank Holiday Week, from Monday, 26th May. USE OF THE POOL

Q. Can it be used by the general public on a haphazard basis?

A. No.

Q. Can it be hired by Village organisations?

A. Yes, but with the following conditions:

- i) A hiring form must be obtained from the school, and the application has to have the approval of the managers.
- ii) Each organisation must be responsible for its own insurance.
- iii) Every organisation must provide its own supervisors for each hiring (2 persons). None of the supervisors may enter the pool whilst on duty.
- iv) Maximum of 25 in the pool at any one time.

Q. Is there a hiring fee?

A. Yes, worked out by & payable to Warks. County Council.



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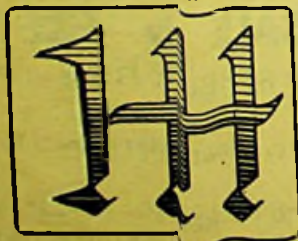
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The regulations are somewhat different for officially organised PTA use.

MR. OLIVER.

### SPORTS REPORTS

Rugby Club Results of matches played during April.

5th April	1st XV v Pinley	Lost	4	18
	2nd XV v Pinley	Won	3	0
	3rd XV v Shipston	Drew	9	9
12th April	1st XV v Welshpool	Lost	4	12
	2nd XV v Welshpool	Won	16	15
	3rd XV v Daventry	Won	24	3
19th April	1st XV v S. Leicester	Won	30	3
	2nd XV v Pinley	Drew	9	9
	3rd XV v Trinity Guild	Lost	6	13
26th April	2nd XV v Lockheed	Lost	6	9
	3rd XV v Shipston	Won	14	4

Football Club Results of matches played during April.

1st XI	v Avonborough	Lost	0-1
	v Wellesbourne	Lost	1-8
	v Marton	Drew	1-1
	v B & B	Lost	0-4
2nd XI	v AP Apprentices	Won	4-1
	v Southam	Lost	1-2
	v Radford	Lost	1-2

### REFEREES' 6-A-SIDE COMPETITION

Referees' teams from all over the Midlands will be taking part in this competition, and refereeing the games will be prominent Football League referees including Ron Challis, this year's F.A. Cup senior linesman, Alan Robinson, referee of the Coventry/Middlesborough match on 26th April, and Ken Baker of Rugby. There will also be an under 13s penalty competition, sideshows and refreshments. There is no admission fee, and everyone is welcome. The competition is on Harbury Recreation Ground on Sunday, 1st June, at 2 p.m.

DAVID CLARKE

## Badminton

The competitive badminton season is now over, and as a result of their efforts during the winter months the Harbury Club have won the second division of the Men's and Ladies' League. The positions in the other leagues, and the promotion or relegation positions, have not yet been declared.

Meanwhile, a large number of enthusiasts continue to play and learn on Tuesday evenings in the Hall from 8-11 p.m.

## MUSIC EXAM. RESULTS

At the recent music exams the following pupils were successful: Pianoforte: Louisa Colwell (Grade 5), Angela Monks, Jane Goodfellow, David Goodfellow and Jane Callow (Grade 4), Susan Scott (Grade 3) and Rosemary Alsford and Graeme Campbell (Grade 2). Theory: Jane Goodfellow (Grade 3), Hilary Alsford (Grade 2) and Rosemary Alsford (Grade 1).

The above are all pupils of M. J. Coope, 38 Sutcliffe Drive, Harbury, telephone 612556.

## ROAD SAFETY

I have been guilty myself of absolutely dreadful parking, and my own old 'bus' can be recognised by the fact that it is often to be seen sticking at right angles from the pavement. However, Harbury is a village of narrow streets, and on those unmarked by yellow lines it is increasingly important that cars are parked safely - facing the direction in which they were going and not opposite another parked car. It is far from funny when accidents occur because of badly parked cars and although we all hate rules and regulations, safety is not something to take lightly. Do you live in a street where cars are often obstructive or even dangerous, and, if so, would you write in and point it out, making sensible suggestions if you have any. It's comforting to think that living in a village makes our streets safer for our children than those of our city friends, but this will not be the case if cars are driven too fast, badly parked or allowed to overtake on obvious hazards. Do please let us have your opinion on this; since it is a subject about which we have already had some disturbing reports, and we feel this magazine might be able to make a contribution if your views are openly given and acted on.

V. MACGOWAN



## HEALTH RISKS ABROAD

Two points have been raised following my recent articles. Firstly, I have now discovered that it is possible by special arrangement to have the Yellow Fever Vaccination in Coventry - ring Dr. Whitehead in the Public Health Laboratory of the Coventry and Warks. Hospital, tel. 97-24055.

Secondly, as many people will know, anyone suffering from exzema should not be vaccinated against smallpox. The international certificate can be completed as 'medically unsuitable', but there is no guarantee that this will be accepted at the port of entry, and it is wisest to check with the embassy of the country to be visited. S. HANCOCK

## HARBURY SOCIETY AGM

The Chairman, David Winter, reported on the Society's first full year. He observed that the Society's main aims were to act as a watchdog on environmental affairs, and to play an educational role in these matters. In its role of watchdog, the Society had organised a meeting to publicise the M40 proposals and had reported to the D. of E. The Society had been represented at the recent footpath enquiry. On the educational side, outings had been successful, but there was a dwindling attendance at public lectures.

The Secretary reported that the Society was now affiliated to the Civic Trust, and to the Warwickshire Rural Community Association.

Election of officers was as follows: Chairman David Winter, Vice-Chairman Tim Millington, Secretary Linda Ridgley (7 Wagstaffe Close), Treasurer Bill Washington.

During Any Other Business, Lady Watheston expressed concern over Dutch Elm Disease, and it was decided that the Society should undertake a survey of the village trees.

S. HANCOCK

## FOOTPATH INQUIRY

The Inspector of the Department of the Environment who conducted the inquiry into the proposed extinguishment of footpath SM62A has now reported, and has recommended that the order should not be confirmed. The main points from his findings were that (1) SM62A is without doubt a public right of way. It is on the Definitive Map, and the suggestion that it was included in the original map in error can have no

relevance to the issue. (2) the relevant evidence leads to the view that there has been some use of the path by the public in recent times, and there would have been more but for the difficulty of access, and there appear to be many people in Harbury who would be likely to use the path from time to time as long as its use were not obstructed, as it is now.

The Parish Council has now decided to approach the landowner on the question of providing a stile, and the possibility of diverting the path slightly to obviate the risk of his cattle straying.

S. HANCOCK

#### PROFILE: MRS. KITCHENER & MISS CLEAVER

After living nearly all their lives here, two well-known Harbury sisters, Miss Cleaver and Mrs. Kitchener, are shortly moving to Cumbria.

Miss Cleaver lived at Cranford, the house built by her father in Temple End, from 1928 until 1970, when she and her sister moved into the New Stone House. They were both educated in Harbury, and Leamington, and Miss Cleaver worked in Leamington and, during the 2nd World War, in the Police Force at Southam. She has been Secretary of the PCC and President of the WI, and has devoted much of her spare time to her pretty garden and her woodcarving, fine examples of which can be seen in the Church and in their delightful home.

Mrs. Kitchener taught in Birmingham before her marriage, then lived in Leicestershire for a time before returning with her family to Harbury in 1933, when she helped to run her father's market gardening and poultry farming business, until going to teach at Bishop's Itchington from 1939 to 1959. She remembers walking there and back each day during the bad winter of 1947, pulling her son behind her on a sledge! Both her husband and father served as Churchwardens for many years. Mrs. Kitchener does beautiful tapestry work, some of the kneelers in our Church and in Coventry Cathedral having been made by her.

As well as all these interests, both Miss Cleaver and Mrs. Kitchener have helped with Meals on Wheels and at the Central Hospital in Warwick, and for energy and enterprise they must surely take after their great-grandfather, William Abbott, who was the discoverer of the spring



which made Leamington a spa town.

Harbury will be the poorer for their leaving, but we wish Mrs. Kitchener and Miss Cleaver long and happy lives in their new home.

DIANA HOLT

#### PLACES TO GO: NO. 1

##### KNOWING THE VILLAGE: FIELD FOOTPATH 1

Paths SM26 & 27 provide the opportunity for a brisk or leisurely walk in the Ufton direction across land which is mainly pasture carrying a variety of livestock. The focal starting point is just beyond the '3-arch bridge' across the railway near Bull Ring Farm.

SM26 is perhaps the better outward path. It goes straight on from the left-turning farm road to an oblique new fence erected over the gas-line excavation. Thence it cuts across the corner of the field to a farm gateway at point A (see the map overleaf) keeping to the west side of the hedgerow all the way to Northfields House. This brings the walker into the large pasture field in direct line to Ufton.

From the stile on to the 'Back Road' one has a choice of returning directly or going on into Ufton and returning via the allotments and nature reserve. In either case, the path returns to the 3-arch bridge by the farm track close to Flax Hill House. It is important though to bear right across the open field where the main hedge bears away to the left.

To all prospective walkers, we sincerely ask that:

1. you honour the Country Code in every detail;
2. dogs be kept on a lead at all times whilst in the fields.

H. A. HILL

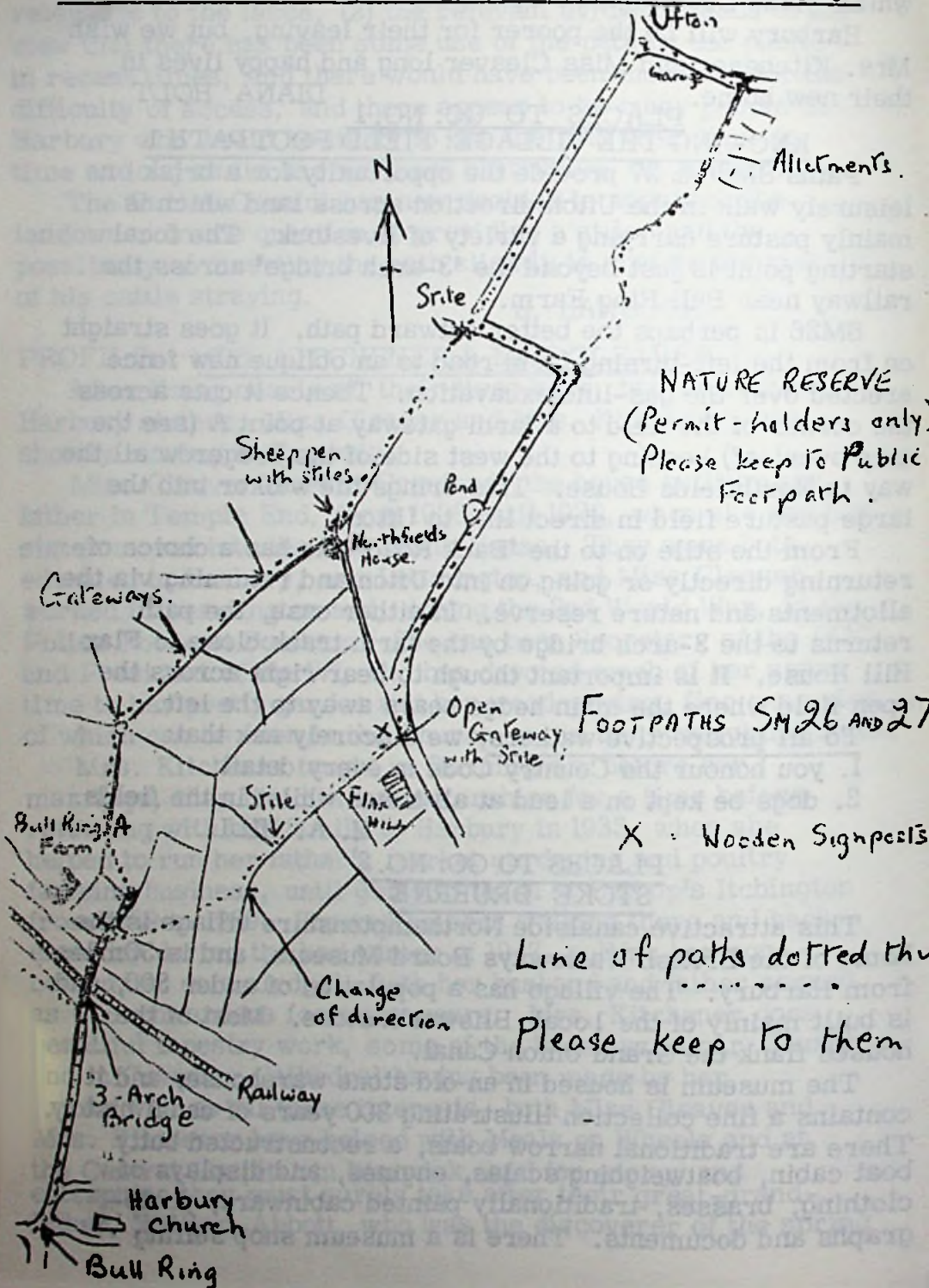
#### PLACES TO GO: NO. 2

##### STOKE BRUERNE

This attractive canalside Northamptonshire village is the home of the British Waterways Board Museum, and is 30 miles from Harbury. The village has a population of under 300, and is built mainly of the local Blisworth stone. Most of the houses flank the Grand Union Canal.

The museum is housed in an old stone warehouse, and it contains a fine collection illustrating 200 years of canal history. There are traditional narrow boats, a reconstructed butty boat cabin, boatweighing scales, engines, and displays of clothing, brasses, traditionally painted cabinware, photographs and documents. There is a museum shop selling

Route of the Footpath Walk described on the previous page:





Stoke Bruerne, continued:

postcards, maps and canal literature. The museum is open every day except Christmas and Boxing Day.

Another attraction is the canal-side 'Boat Inn', which offers food, skittles, and an excellent view of boats negotiating the lock. After some refreshment, it's a short stroll up the towpath to the 3,000 yard long Blisworth tunnel, now the longest navigable canal tunnel in Britain. The first attempt at building the tunnel failed and a tramway was built over Blisworth Hill. Boats had to be unloaded on to horse-drawn wagons, and reloaded on the other side. At the second attempt the tunnel was constructed and opened in 1805. Originally the boats were 'legged' through (that is, pushed through by the men's feet on the tunnel walls) while the horse was walked over the hill. The tunnel is 14ft. wide, and there is just room for two boats to pass.

Directions: A425 from Southam to Daventry. A45 to Weedon Bec. A5 to Towcester. Continue through Towcester on A5. Turn left after the racecourse, signposted to Stoke Bruerne. (O.S. 146. 744499)

PLACES TO GO: NO. 3

WARWICK CASTLE

Warwick Castle, home of the Earls of Warwick, is noted as one of the finest medieval fortresses in Europe. Almost every King and Queen of England has visited Warwick since its construction in the 14th century. The Castle boasts a magnificent exterior appearance with impressive towers and battlements towering above the River Avon. Few realise the phenomenal sums of money that are required to restore these magnificent walls, which are built of soft Warwick sandstone. In fact, even with the income from 400,000 tourists per year, it is not possible to meet the huge repair bills. At present estimates, over £1½ million is required just for stonework.

With this problem in mind, the Castle authorities have attempted to broaden the appeal of the Castle and its park, to be of interest to families and schools as well as to the large number of overseas tourists. And so, in 1975, there are more exhibition areas open than ever before; State Apartments with a marvellous collection of paintings and armour; the Silver Vault; the Armoury with one of the best collections of arms and armour in the country; the ever-popular torture chamber

and dungeons; the Clock Tower and Barbican with an exhibition on the medieval Earls of Warwick; Guy's Tower; the Ghost Tower; the Library; the grounds and Peacock Gardens, and the children's play area. All this is available for the standard admission charge of 70p per adult and 35p per child.

Some special events planned are Morris Dancing on 11 May, a Medieval Afternoon on 1 June, a visit by the Coventry Mummers on 15 June, and a display of costumes through the ages by the Birmingham Theatre School on 29 June.

#### PLACES TO GO: NO. 4

##### KENILWORTH CASTLE

From its foundation in c.1120 until Tudor times, this was one of the chief strongholds in England. A strong Keep and the 100-acre lake helped to make the Castle's defences formidable. Famous figures in its history include Elizabeth I who was lavishly entertained here in 1575 by the Earl of Leicester; Henry II who built the Keep; Edward II who signed his abdication here; and John of Gaunt who created the Banqueting Hall and the State Apartments.

The Castle is open from 9.30 a.m. until 7 p.m. from May to September, and admission is 15p (5p for children and Senior Citizens).

#### LET'S GET HITCHED

Summer is approaching and many of us look forward to being able to 'get away from it all' when we feel like it. Caravanning can be one answer.

Holiday journeys can be split; a 250mile trip to a favourite spot in Cornwall, for instance, can be quite trying with small children, but with our mobile home behind us we can pull into an overnight stop, have a good night's sleep, enjoy our breakfast and away we go feeling suitably refreshed to finish our journey - Cornwall does seem much nearer this way.

We are able to tow up to 50mph, subject to certain conditions, and now that the speed limit on most roads has been reduced we shouldn't cause too many traffic hold-ups and frayed tempers!!

The initial cost of buying a van can, of course, make you think twice - and there is always the chance that it 'may not be you'. A good way of putting it on trial is to hire a self-



tow van; this can be done for a cost of £13 - £20 a week (according to season) for a 3-6 berth; this price includes insurance. However, if you do decide to buy, think of the number of holidays and weekends you can have for a fraction of the price of an hotel bill, and with the family all willing to share the chores, life is easy and comfortable with the modern equipment available.

We also enjoy weekend rallies with the Caravan Club, and find that, much to our amazement, we are not bulldozed into joining the many activities available - on the other hand, a Barbeque (take along a bottle of PLONK) on a summer's evening can be very enjoyable. Organised games for the children are plentiful too. Club sites have to be approved, so you can't go wrong here either. If you really want to be isolated, a farmer's field with a spot of fishing - HUSBANDS TAKE NOTE - could be just the thing you are looking for.

SHIRLEY BORASTON

### KALEIDOSCOPE

One of our more well-known Harbury people, Sir Jack Scamp, was recently appointed Chairman of Coventry City Football Club, and we would like to congratulate him. Sir Jack says that he is a great supporter of Harbury News too, and reads it from cover to cover.....Another family who look forward to their monthly copies are Ann and Rod Brown and their sons James and Edward. The Browns now live in Germany, as Rod is a Major in the RAOC, but they still have a house in Mill Street and receive their copies of the magazine by our postal service.....I mentioned some time ago that both Nurse Alexander and Peter Shawcross were ill, and we sent them our best wishes. Whether or not that helped, I am pleased to say that they are both much better now, which is splendid!.....I had 'flu recently (didn't we all!) and so Chris did this column on his own, and it appears that when he said "Kaleidoscope was in Chicago..." several readers wondered if their subscription money was paying for our very own foreign correspondent!! I'd like to reassure you that only one half of Kaleidoscope was in Chicago and he was on business and next time the other half would rather like to go too!!

VICTORIA MACGOWAN

## CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

I feel that I must write to comment on the remarks made in Kaleidoscope regarding the possibility of children being admitted to pubs. The subject has been a sore point with me for some time, and I would welcome the opportunity of a family outing finishing up at one of the most cherished English establishments - The Local. It is not necessary for children to consume alcohol - our Continental partners have already shown us this - and as we are now part of the European Community let us now forget our isolationism and small-mindedness and bring some of their ideas into this country. It should be remembered that I can take my family to a hotel for a meal and we can then consume alcoholic beverages without the restrictions of the Law, and one of the most pathetic sights that can be seen is children left in the Carpark whilst their parents are in the bar enjoying themselves.

I was also surprised to note the comments about women Prime Ministers. As this is International Women's Year, I hope that the remark was made 'tongue in cheek'.

Finally, may I also correct one error in the last issue. Under the heading 'Springtime Frolic' mention is made of Heritage Year. The correct title is European Architectural Heritage Year. However, the Golden Age Club is to be congratulated for bringing back the Old English Customs of May celebrations to our Village. Perhaps we could think of a May Festival in 1976 which would involve all the Village organisations?

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL BARNES

Stop Press: Carnival Queen '75 is Karen Wynne of Honiwell Close. Her attendants will be Maxine Boraston and Diane Biddle. They were chosen on 30th April.

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