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We are featuring this month the forthcoming Parish and District Council elections. The Parish Council is your link with Local Government, and deserves your considered votes to ensure that Harbury is run the way you want it to be.

Reported this month is the Church's Spring Fair, which was supported by a vast crowd, and also by the generous donations of nearly every household in the village, making a most valuable contribution to Church funds - THANK YOU.

The editorial team regrets the departure this month of Chris Blunt, who has done valued work for the magazine. Chris has been promoted to a management post at the A. P. factory at Speke, near Liverpool - so he and his family will be moving soon to the 'Jam Butty' country! We wish them well. In Chris's place, we are glad to welcome Michael Barnes to the editorial team.

Harbury News is entering a Parish Magazine Competition, organised by the Diocesan Information Office to find the best magazines in the Coventry Diocese. The issues we are submitting are this one, and the December issue, and we hope to print some of the judge's comments in a future magazine.

HARBURY DIARY

APRIL 1976

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| Wed. 7th | M. U. Branch meeting, 1 Vicarage Lane, 2.30. |
| Thurs. 8th | Golden Age, Village Hall, 2.30.
Children's Lenten Service, Church, 6.30. |
| Fri. 9th | Labour Party Folk Evening with 'Humstrum' &
Food, Dog Inn, 9-12 midnight. Tickets 75p. |
| Sun. 11th | PALM SUNDAY. Distribution of Palm Crosses
at 8 and 10 a.m. services; Palm Procession, 10a.m.
'The Cross of Christ' at 6.30 p.m. |
| Tues. 13th | Harbury Friends, School, 8 p.m.
Lenten study, discussion & prayer, Vicarage, 8p.m. |

- Thurs. 15th Children's Lenten Service, Church, 6.30 p.m.
Parish Council A.G.M., Village Hall.
- Fri. 16th GOOD FRIDAY (See Vicar's letter for services)
- Sun. 18th EASTER DAY
- Mon. 19th BANK HOLIDAY. P.T.A. Easter Monday Dance
9-1 a.m. with 'Liberty State', Village Hall.
- Thurs. 22nd Golden Age, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
- Fri. 23rd ST. GEORGE'S DAY
- Sun. 25th Footpath Assoc. ramble from Village Hall, 2.30.
Songs of Praise (community hymn singing) for
Low Sunday, Church, 6.30p.m.
- Tues. 27th Young Wives, speaker Mr. C. Tovey from
Warwick Assessment Centre, Village Hall, 2.30.
W.I. Group Meeting, followed by Any Questions,
members only, Village Hall.
- Thurs. 29th M.U. Diocesan Festival Service, Coventry
Cathedral, 3 p.m.
Parish Council meeting, 7.30 in the Village Hall.
- MAY 1976
- Wed. 5th Sat. 1st, Angus Maude, Harbury House, 8 p.m.
M.U., visit from The Rev. A. Gardner from
Kenilworth, 2.30.
- Thurs. 6th W.I., Resolutions for A.G.M., speaker the
V.C.O., Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Men's Society meeting, 7.45 at 1 Vicarage Lane.
- Fri. 7th Football Club Dance, Village Hall.
- Sat. 8th P.T.A. Adult Sponsored Walk, 9a.m. -3p.m.
- Tues. 11th Harbury Friends 'Anglo-Israel' evening,
in the School, 8 p.m.
- Wed. 12th Musical 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour
Dreamcoat', in the School, 7.30 p.m.
- Thurs. 13th Musical in School as Wed. 12th.
Golden Age, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
- Fri. 14th Labour Party Jumble Sale, V.Hall, 6p.m.
- Sat. 15th Playgroup Sale of Nearly New Children's and
Adults' clothes, and toys, School, 10.30 a.m.
- Tues. 18th Tufty Club, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30 p.m. every Friday.
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, Village Hall, 2 p.m. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays
(special appointments every 3rd Monday)
THEATRE GROUP, Dog Inn, 8 p.m., last Friday each month.

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

"A great success, both socially and financially, and a very happy event" - that is the verdict on our Spring Fair. Thanks are due to all who worked for it or gave to it or supported it in any way, and particularly to Mr. Peter Holt for all his organisation. Several who worked for it have remarked on the tremendous amount of goodwill towards the Church which they found throughout the village. How I wish that for more people this goodwill could find both its expression and its reward in the regular worship of God in Church, particularly at the Lord's Own Service! There is always a warm welcome, and one longs to be of help, especially in spiritual matters.

At the time of writing we are about halfway through Lent. One of the most successful Lenten services has been the 'Children's Special' on Thursdays at 6.30, with its increasing numbers. It is so encouraging to see approximately 100 enthusiastic children (as well as a number of adults) each Thursday evening.

There is not space to write about all the Holy Week and Easter services - these will be made known. Here I will merely mention that on Good Friday there will be the Three Hours Devotion from 12 - 3 p.m. (people may enter or leave the Church at any point) and in the evening, we hope, an outdoor procession of Witness and short outdoor service. Holy Communion on Easter Day will be at 7a.m., 8a.m. and 10a.m. (sung). I would be pleased during Easter Week to bring the Blessed Sacrament to any who are prevented by illness or infirmity from coming to Church.

May Easter joy be yours!

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

HOLY BAPTISM

February 29th, Jeremy Lee Smith, 55 Mill Street.

CONFIRMATION

March 4th, (in Bubbenhall Parish Church by the Lord Bishop of Coventry), David Clarke, 1 Vicarage Lane, Andrew Richard Hunt, 10 Farley Avenue, and Sally Fay Knight of Rowan House, Binswood End.

FUNERAL SERVICE

March 22nd, Dennis Alexander Hogben, aged 60 years, Old Timbers, Ivy Lane.

We also record the death of Charles Henry Boneham, aged 90 years, whose funeral was at Chesterton.

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

On Sunday, 21st March, we tried having services in the screened off south aisle, the Lady Chapel. The P.C.C. will consider whether proper screening should be erected for next winter, and would appreciate the comments of any who were in Church that Sunday. (Sorry, 80'clockers, we know it was cold; it did warm up later however.) We're grateful to Mr. Ellis of the Bull Ring Garage for the loan of a heater.

We hope this will reach you in time to remind you of the Church Annual General Meeting at 8p.m. on Tuesday, 6th April, in the Wight School. Please come, help us to elect Churchwardens, P.C.C. and Sidesmen, and make your views known. The past year has, in many ways, been an encouraging one. Come and help us plan for an even better year to come.

The Lent discussion groups have been lively and interesting. There's still a chance to come and share in one on the Tuesday of Holy Week.

For the first time in many years we are having a Good Friday Procession of Witness through the village. Look out for us - come and join us in this public reminder of Christ Crucified. Join us too at one - or more - of the great Easter Sunday Services.

We shall sadly miss our dear friend Dennis Hogben, who died recently, but we give thanks to God for his life and witness, and for his service to God and his Church. Our hearts go out to his widow, son and daughter-in-law.

CRUSADERS

We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Pat Travis of Nottingham at our family service on Sunday, 2nd May, which we keep as Union Sunday, a day on which we remember members of the Crusaders' Union all over the world.

CHURCH SPRING FAIR - 6th MARCH

The re-entry into fund-raising by the Church for its own finances was supported beyond expectations. A profit of £264 was made, and a list of individual stall profits is in the Church. Children enjoyed the many stalls catering for them, especially the Ghost Tunnel, through which more than 200 children went! The afternoon was rounded off with entertainment from the Bellringers, the Church Choir, John Goodfellow's Recorder Group, and Reg Robert's newly formed Jazz Band. We look forward to hearing the recorders in Church over Easter, and Reg Robert's Jazzmen later in the year. The Towns Quiz Competition winners were Mr. F. T. Bunting and Mr. J. R. Dixon, and a full list of the answers can be found in the Church or obtained from Miss V. C. Aggett.

Many thanks to all the Clubs, Committees and individuals who so generously gave of their gifts, time and talents. P.H.



(left) Young Wives 'hard at it' on their Used Toys Stall.



(right) The Tombola in full swing.

SCHOOL

The resumption of the second half of term has seen a return to a more normal situation in school. On Ash Wednesday the Junior classes went to Church for a service largely conducted by the children, and on 5th March the Juniors and top Infants listened to a fascinating talk by Mr. Keeling, a zoologist who lectures to schools and brought a selection of animals with him to show to the children.

On the afternoon of Saturday, 6th March, the school ran a tinned food stall at the Church Fair. Thanks to the generosity of parents, a profit of £26 was made for Church funds.

The school has just taken possession of a photo-copying machine. This acquisition was due entirely to a donation from the Wagstaffe Trust who stipulated that we purchase a piece of equipment for the school which would not normally be provided by the County. We are extremely grateful to the Wagstaffe Trust for enabling us to improve our resources in this way.

Anyone who has visited school lately will have noticed a changing display of interesting material in the school entrance hall. This has been mainly on a 'Wildlife' theme - we have had a badger, a red squirrel, and various specimens of pond life. The main exhibits are obtained through a loan scheme run by the Education Service of the County Museum, and what a splendid and useful idea it is!

The sports side of school life is also reviving after half term. This year it looks as if the girls will be leading the way, echoing the success of last year's football team. On 8th March the netball team entered a tournament for Primary Schools held at Sydenham, Leamington. We were delighted when they returned to school having won a cup as winner of their section. Congratulations to everyone concerned.

Please note - on Wednesday and Thursday, 12th and 13th May, the School will present the musical 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' - admission 25p.

Lastly, we have been informed that the first sign of economy cuts will take effect from the beginning of the summer term, when our Crossing Patrol warden will not be on duty at lunch times, but we are pleased to say that she will still be on duty both before school in the mornings and after school in the afternoons.

N. C. OLIVER

P.T.A.

Now that Spring is here, I expect many of you will be thinking of starting that diet, or of taking more exercise. The diet of course is up to you and your will-power, but the P.T.A. can help you with the exercise. On Saturday, 8th May, we shall be holding our Adults' Sponsored Walk, and it would be marvellous to have lots of Mums and Dads following their children's example by walking. Don't be afraid to have a go - no-one will be expected to do a marathon - every mile helps. If you find it quite impossible to walk, perhaps you would be kind enough to sponsor someone who can. The proceeds will go to the Swimming Pool Fund. Sponsor cards will be available soon.

Tickets at £1 each for the Easter Monday Dance are going well, so if you would like to be included in the fun, please see your nearest Committee member as soon as possible.

Grateful thanks to those who answered my plea last month for old white sheets and table linen. If there are any more around, I would be pleased to have them. I intend to make them into long table cloths for the P.T.A. Supper Dance.

ANNE MEGENEY, Secretary.

1st HARBURY SCOUT GROUP

1976 promises to be a very busy summer for Harbury Scouts; we are programming patrol camps, hikes - including a repeat of our challenge canal walk of last year - and canoe training courses. Our main camp will be alongside the Thames below Oxford, from 14th to 21st August.

Bob-a-Job Week is at Easter for Cubs and Scouts. This year the Scouts are available for bigger jobs - for bigger bobs!! e.g. heavy gardening, decorating, car spring-clearing etc., or just labouring. We want to work, so if you have a job for us please contact me at 9 Heber Drive, or telephone Bob Small on 612843.

The troop is expanding rapidly, so we need more tents, camping gear etc. to enable us to be properly equipped. In order to raise the necessary funds we have resumed our newspaper collections (Scouts will be in uniform). We are also planning a sponsored canoe paddle on the River Leam, and the Scout Committee is in the process of organising a raffle (have you got your tickets yet?)

Another consequence of the troop expansion is that we need more adult help on a Friday evening. If you can spare the time, just turn up at 7 p.m. at the Scout Hut. We guarantee that you won't be bored! BRIAN TAYLOR, Scout Leader.

MEN'S GROUP

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7.45 p.m. - see the Diary for the venue. Last month Michael Barnes gave a most interesting talk on life in the Coventry Cathedral Community

We are very sorry to record the sudden death of one of our members, Dennis Hogben. To Mrs. Hogben and his family we extend our deepest sympathy. J. B. M.

"BEER AND SPIRITS"

A most enjoyable evening of ghostly entertainment was staged by the Theatre Group recently. They began with Peter Shawcross, Janet Tovey, Sallie Humphreys and John Stringer telling creepy stories to create the right atmosphere, and then the audience saw the seance scene from Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*, with Beryl Checkley as a splendid Madame Arcati. The other characters were all excellently played by Colin Humphreys, Janet Thornley, Joan Thomas, Pat Sarson, Keith Hayes and Janet Tovey. After a tasty supper of faggots and 'mushy' peas, the evening ended with dancing.

A sad note - the producer, Mary Shelley, whose hard work ensured the success of the evening, was in hospital for the actual performance. We wish her well. D. H.

THEATRE GROUP

April is the beginning of a new year for us, and we are brimming over with ideas, determined to make it something special. So, based on the idea that the best way to keep enthusiasm going is to have a steady influx of new blood, we are holding a recruiting campaign. If you act, have acted, want to try acting, or just want to get out some nights among a very friendly bunch of people and get involved on the sidelines, please do come along. All are welcome, and age is no barrier (or no excuse). New members would have no difficulty getting into the thick of things, as our present set-up well proves. John Stringer, our Chairman, has only

been with us a year! So has Janet Tovey, who has proved herself such an accomplished actress in our last two plays. Pat Sarson is another very new member who, although she had to be persuaded to take her first acting part, is now going from strength to strength.

Are you interested? Good! If you contact one of the following, they will answer all your questions, and guide you along to the next meeting:

John Stringer, 23 Farley Avenue. 612214.

Carol Percival, Police House, South Parade. 612175.

Sallie Humphreys, 22 Mill Street. 612315.

Keith Hayes, Hessle Cottage, South Parade.

See you at the next meeting, where I hope we will be discussing our next play.

KEITH HAYES

PARISH COUNCIL

On 6th May the elections for the new Parish Council will take place. Simultaneously, there will be the elections for the 'next rung' in Local Government, the District Council. Each elector is entitled to 9 votes for the Parish Council and 3 for the District Council.

The following article reports on the Parish Council meeting on 25th March, and then Mr. Drinkwater has written some brief notes on the function of the Parish Council. Following these, we print short notes by those candidates who submitted them by 29th March, which we hope you will find helpful. (There may be further candidates, as nominations do not close until 7th April.)

Parish Council Meeting, 25th March

Present: Cllrs. Gurden, Drinkwater, Watts, Wilkins, Atkins, Davies and Wright.

Apologies: Cllrs. Daniells and Catterall.

Public: Mrs. Ridgley, Mrs. Buckle, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Brant and P. C. Percival.

The meeting was a lively and humourous one. There was an obvious feeling of relief that the long term of office was soon to be over. Few decisions were taken. Many items (the one-way system, Depper's footpath, some of the planning applications, and the decision about whether to relinquish the lighting function - this is to wait until after an Assoc. of

Parish Councils meeting on the subject) were deferred until the next meeting and (the Councillors thought) the new Parish Council. It was not until the end of the meeting that this misapprehension was corrected by the Clerk announcing that the next and last meeting of the Parish Council was due to take place on Thursday, 29th April. This will be the electors' last chance to see the present Councillors (most of whom are standing for re-election) at work, and it is a chance not to be missed.

Major items on the agenda of the meeting were: Warks. Structure Plan; Amendments to Transport Policy
The policy document is on view in the Library, and this will be the last opportunity for comments to be made before it is sent for approval to the Minister for the Environment. Mr. Wright thought it important that the P.C. studied it and commented upon it. (He turned down the suggestion that he wade through it there and then.) Cllr. Gurden said it had been discussed at District level and the main concern for Harbury was the proposal to cut the bus services in 1977 from about 250 buses per week to about 105. It was resolved to lodge an objection to this cut back.

Planning and Development

Outline permissions for various extensions were noted, but there was some concern over the application for a dwelling house and garage on the land adjacent to Little Troy at the southern end of Farm Street. Further worry was caused by a request for permission for an agricultural store and workshop at Deppers Bridge. It was agreed that small scale light industry was desirable as a source of employment but there was concern lest this development might mushroom. However, subject to Mrs. Catterall's approval, the Parish Council resolved to register no objection.

The Council met a member of the Stratford Planning Dept., and following discussions with him, now believe that the increase in Harbury's population will be limited to only 100 and that land has been earmarked on the B4451 between Harbury and Bishop's Itchington for the Middle School. The Bishop's Itchington Plan is to be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

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Annual Parish Meeting, 15th April, 7.30p. m, Village Hall
Major Kettle and Mr. Walters, the Divisional Road Engineer, will be present. It was thought that as well as discussion of the Bishop's Itchington plan there was bound to be controversy over the Allotments' waiting list.

(My apologies for a mistake last month. The new rent of £50 is for the total holding and not each acre. Sorry.)

Mr. Wilkins reported that there was a case of sub-letting, and that the plot-holder was to be given a month's notice to quit. There were at least 12 on the waiting list and it was unfortunate that some allotment holders had more than one plot. One has four allotments (2 strips) and the other six (3 strips). Mr. Wilkins explained that these men had taken over plots which had been abandoned when there was no demand for allotments. He sympathised with them, and thought it would be unfair to deprive them of the land which they had tended so well. They were model tenants and could not be given notice until Sept., and then were entitled to 12 months' notice and recompense for crops and manorial rights(!) The Parish Council agreed that, in view of the demand, it must give consideration to the amendment of the Allotment Rules.

The Council expressed the hope that electors would attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 15th April, where they will have an opportunity to air their views.

Next meeting, 29th April, 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

Chairman of the Parish Council John Drinkwater has provided the following information on the origins and purpose of the Parish Council.

The Parish is the most ancient type of local government unit in Europe, and in England it has been used for some civil purposes since the 8th century. It was not until 1894 however that it commenced to emerge in the form that we know today.

Between 1894 and 1920 there was a gradual division of power in rural areas between the Church and the Parish and since then Parish Councils have operated independently of the Church.

In our own village the Parish Council consists of 10 members who meet normally on the last Thursday in the month at the Village Hall.

They are usually elected for a period of 3 years. In addition there is an Annual Parish Meeting held in April when members of the Parish Council through the Chairmen of the various sub-committees report on the past year's activities to the residents of Harbury.

Our Council operates through the following sub-committees: Allotments, Cemetery, Finance, Lighting, Playing Fields. Although the District Council is the Planning Authority, any matter appertaining to Harbury is forwarded for consideration by the Parish Council each month.

In addition to the above Committees, the Parish Council is entitled to two seats on the local School Management Board.

Candidates for the Harbury Parish Council

DENNIS ATKINS: Resident, Harbury, 10 years.

Parish Councillor, 5 years.

Chairman Highways Committee, 3 years.

Occupation: Manager, Works Engineering Services,
Automotive Products Co. Ltd., Leamington.

Aims: To retain a village environment and lifestyle,
but with improved amenities.

IVY CATTERALL: I have been your Councillor for the past 3 years, and lived in Deppers Bridge for 44 years. I have seen many changes and improvements to property, so if I am chosen again I will try to carry on the good work.

T. W. I. DAVIES J. P.: Having lived in Harbury for the past 40 years and understanding village life and its needs, I will continue to do my duties in the un-biased manner I have in the past 3 years.

J. B. DRINKWATER: See below among District Council candidates.

MICHAEL ELLIS: Aged 41, married, family of four;
Chartered Accountant, Chief Executive of small group
of companies. Parish Councillor 1969/72 (sub-committee
chairman, Finance and Lighting). Unable to stand for
re-election 1972 - business pressures. Believes
Parish Council should remain non-political.

NEVILLE ELLIS: Married with son and daughter. Born and
lived in Cubbington until 1964 when moved to Sharmer
Farm, Fosse Way. Hobby, Local History. Keen for
villages to be responsible for their affairs rather than
organised by remote government.

B. R. GURDEN: Parishioners; on 6th May I will be seeking
re-election to represent you on the Parish Council,
having represented you for 10 years, in which time the
Council has improved the amenities of the village and
kept the Parish Rate static.

SHARON HANCOCK: Resident in Harbury 6½ years. Married;
son and daughter at village school.

Occupation: Doctor. Currently part-time community
health work.

Interests: (i) conservation of rural environment and
protection of footpaths.

(ii) improvement of amenities for the young,
particularly teenagers.

JANET THORNLEY: Resident in Harbury 13 years. Married
with 2 children, one at Southam High School and one at
village school.

Occupation: Medical Secretary.

Active member of the Drama Group.

Aims: keenly interested in maintaining the rural
character of Harbury, and encouraging local talent,
particularly in art and drama.

J. GWENDDYDD WATTS: I have been involved in Education
in the village for 27 years, 20 as Headmistress, 5 as a
Manager. I am interested in the welfare of the children,
recreation facilities, the continuance of the Library
service and general improvement of conditions.

H. R. WILKINS I believe a Councillor should try to improve the lot of every man, woman and child. Protect our environment and retain our village character wherever possible, keep a watchful eye on future planning, and especially on our rates and local expenditure.

GEOFF WRIGHT: As an active member of our community for 16 years, and a family man with 2 daughters, I have tried to maintain and improve the quality of life in Harbury. I offer myself for re-election and ask for your support.

Candidates for the District Council

At the time of going to press, the following candidates are standing for election to the District Council:

E. G. BUCKLE: As a resident of Harbury for 15 years, I realise many of its problems and hope I can offer a fresh approach to their solution. This will be outlined in forthcoming Liberal Focus Leaflets. Grace Buckle, Candidate for District Council election.

G. H. BUCKLE(Independent): May I appeal through your magazine to all Electors of Harbury. I am asking for strong support from you on 6th May. I am standing for re-election as an independent member, so I represent you all. I have represented you in the past and hope to in the future.

JOHN B. DRINKWATER: At present Chairman of Parish Council, and member for past 14 years. Retired recently from Local Government service after 42 years with Warks. County Council in the Police and Highways Depts. Seeking election to Parish and District Councils in May.

MOLLY HILL: I have been a District Councillor since 1973, serving on the Finance, Development and Policies Committees. I am standing for re-election as an independent so as to serve all electors. Please support me at the election.

TENNIS COURTS

Junior Coaching: a six-week Course is due to start on Monday 10th May for children aged 9 or over, whether beginners or not. There will be 2 sessions each Monday, 6.30 - 7.30 and 7.30 - 8.30. The Course fee will be 75p and if you are interested, please let Lynn Roberts, Forelle, Temple End (612350) know as soon as possible, as numbers will be limited.

Adult Coaching: Ray Hoare (612486) would be pleased to hear from any more adults interested in a coaching course.

American Tournament: Sunday afternoon, 2nd May. If you are interested in playing please give your name to Ray Hoare, 39 Mill Street. Any standard of play welcome, and we would be pleased to see any newcomers to the village.

Court Bookings: A reminder that bookings can be made at Heals, Newsagents, and the charge is 20p an hour. We hope players will pay for the use of the courts even if not booked.

Season Tickets: We are hoping to operate a season ticket scheme this year. The tickets will cost £3 p.a. and for regular players will give certain advantages. It will work out cheaper than paying 20p each time you play, and will also save the inconvenience of having to take the fee round to Heals. If you are interested, please contact Lynn Roberts(612350).

Possible Forming of Club: the Committee would be interested in hearing from any organisation or group of people in the village wishing to form a club, to use the courts for, say, one evening a week.

RAY HOARE.

CARNIVAL 1976

12th June is Carnival Day. The Committee asks you to note the date and reserve it for a day of fun with the family. In spite of rising costs, programmes will still be only 10p, and we expect to give you value for money. Why not get together with some friends and enter a float, or come in fancy dress? There are cash prizes as well as trophies this year. How about some decorations on the Carnival route? Judging of the Children's Fancy Dress will be on the field as last year, and there will be three classes for different ages, so there will be a greater chance of winning a prize.

We have asked village organisations if they would be willing to organise an event (for their own financial benefit) during the week ending 12th June, e.g. sports tournaments,

drama, exhibitions etc., so that it could be called HARBURY WEEK, and advertised as such. Will anyone interested please contact me or reply on the form already circulated.

I should also be pleased to hear from anyone who would be willing to exhibit or demonstrate a hobby or craft which would be included in a marquee on the field.

As usual, we shall finish the day with a Dance, and hope to see as many villagers as possible there. The evening will be graced by the attendance of the Carnival Queen and attendants, who will be chosen at the Youth Club Disco on 28th April.

Any queries about the Carnival can be put to Sue Andrews (Fete), 612528; Chris Macgowan (Carnival), 612938; Madeleine Gurden (Programmes), 612348; Midge Keen (Outside Events), 612561; Peter Holt (Dance), 612790; or myself on 612650. Volunteers to help would also be most welcome. JOHN SMITH.

YOUNG WIVES

Copies of our current programme are available from Shirley Keir, 25 South Parade. You will see that we have some super meetings planned to follow our successful Children's Easter Party in March. Mr. C. Tovey from the Warwick Assessment Centre will speak to us on 27th April about the valuable work they do among children in need of help and guidance. In May we shall welcome a speaker from the WRVS, who will tell us about the various aspects of their work. Our AGM in June will be your chance to choose a new committee for the next year, and on 20th July we shall repeat the most pleasant garden evening we held last year at Shirley Keir's home. Do come and join us at one or all of these meetings - you will be warmly welcomed!

D. H.

LADIES! WITH SPORTING INSTINCTS

Several Harbury ladies connected with a local NETBALL team are keen to form a village side; it is becoming a very popular sport, but is not as yet represented in Harbury. Facilities are available in the village if there is sufficient interest, and we would hope to enter a team in the Coventry Works League next season. The project would provide interest and enjoyment, and present an admirable opportunity to meet each other, aid fitness and figures, and GET US AWAY FROM CONSTANT HOUSEHOLD CHORES. We ourselves are comparative newcomers to the sport, and have a lot of improving

ahead, but also a great deal of fun.

We would endeavour to take full advantage of the coaching and training available. We comprise married and single women of all ages. If you have any sporting aptitude at all, please contact Carol Grinnell (612300) or Joyce Humphreys (612885), if only for a chat about the game. If you are keen on the idea but don't actually want to play, you will be equally welcome, particularly if you have any experience of the game. SO COME ON LADIES - HOW ABOUT IT!!!!

FIELD FOOTPATH No. 6

Unfortunately, Harbury doesn't possess a woodland path of any kind, and as the time for primroses, bluebells and the evening chorus approaches, it is necessary to wander a little further afield to savour these countryside delights. Although the path doesn't actually pass through a wood, the SM19 shown does take the walker along the fringes of Ufton Wood.

Go down to the main Southam-Leamington road, and move towards Bascote. There is a long gate-stile where the woods impinge on the verge and after climbing over this, the very walkable footpath follows the woodside hedge almost to Ufton. On reaching the clap-gate behind the Rectory, bear left-handed across the diagonal of the long pasture field until the 'donkey-paddock' is reached. After crossing this small enclosure, the stile brings one out into Ufton village, hard by the village stocks!, and opposite the Garage. A short left-handed diversion finds the entrance to a further path which skirts the allotments and then traverses the public part of the Nature Reserve until it emerges on to the back road to Ufton.

From this point, there are three possible routes back home. The first is SM26 which starts 200yds. to the right; a second possibility is to use the road all the way; and the third is to enter SM27 just before Flax Hill is reached. Both SM26 and SM27 emerge on to the 3-arch bridge off Hall Lane.

This is an extremely pleasant and popular walk in early Spring, and well worth the effort of organising oneself. The fields are mainly arable but there is often livestock at either side, and so may I repeat the request to keep dogs on the lead and honour the Country Code, particularly as far as wild flowers are concerned.

Footpath. SM.19.



JOHN BARNES



John Barnes and his wife Eileen have lived in Harbury for 23 years, first in the Beeches, where their house was among the first to be built in the village after the war, and, since 1961, in their present beautiful home, Church House. Mr. Barnes was trained in Fine Art at the Birmingham College of Art, and his work as a design consultant leads him into many spheres, including

telephone, weighing machine and sanitaryware design. He is a Fellow of the Society of Industrial Artists and Designers, an assessor of industrial design for Polytechnics, and has won 2 Design Council awards for his work.

Soon after they came to the village, a campaign to introduce mains water led to the setting up of the Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, of which Mr. Barnes was Deputy Chairman. He was also Chairman for a time of the local Conservative Branch, and his wife was its Secretary for 13 years. One of his main interests has been the local British Legion Branch, and he has organised the Poppy Day collection in the Harbury district since 1961. In their early days, the village had a population of less than 1,000, and social events took place in the W.I. hut in Crown Street. At that time, the Recreation Ground was just a small area with a few swings, and the Childyke Cottages, erected in Mill Lane for the men working on the railway cutting, were still occupied.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have 2 children, Peter, who is a Registrar at University College Hospital, London, and Suzanne who, having gained her B.Sc. in Biology, is now training to be a teacher.

Mr. Barnes, with his artistic training and love of beautiful things (as evidenced by his fascinating collection of objets d'art, some of which can be seen in our photograph), is not entirely happy with the haphazard way Harbury has grown, and

feels that better overall planning could have resulted in a much more attractive village. However, he and his wife are pleased with the way the social life of the village has grown over the last 10 years, and Mr. Barnes looks forward to living in Harbury and pursuing his hobby of gardening here for many years to come.

D. H.

ANGUS MAUDE M. P.

Angus Maude, Member of Parliament for this constituency, will be attending a Cheese and Wine Evening on 1st May, at 8pm., at Harbury House (by kind permission of Sir David & Lady Watherston). The evening will feature a home produce Bring and Buy, and a Bottle Tombola, as well as an opportunity to talk to your M. P. The Harbury Branch of the Conservative Association ask those interested to apply for tickets to Mr. C. J. Moore, Meadow Bank, Hall Lane, Harbury.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Commanding Officers of the Leamington Spa Salvation Army Corps, I should like to thank the people of Harbury for the generous collection from self-denial. The grand total was £98.63, and £6.60 from Deppers Bridge. This money goes to all needy cases all over the world, and also to any disaster areas.

May I say that any donations, or clothes, etc., are gratefully received.

WALTER MARSHALL.

WANTED: Pre-1920 dolls or doll parts, and tiny trimmings for dolls' clothes; buttons, lace, clothes etc. Macgowan, 612938.

FOR SALE: Pair of Men's size 7 Football Boots. £2. Outgrown, not outworn. Apply 6 Farley Avenue.

PLEASE: Hasn't anyone a few hours to spare to help with the Guides? Estelle Picken (613266) will be glad to give details to anyone who may be interested.

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