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1st in the Southam area and 3rd in Warwickshire (out of 39 large villages) was the result for Harbury in the Best Kept Village Competition. Well done, Harbury!

A reminder about our photographic competition, 'How do you see Harbury?'. Entries are due in by 10th September, to 23 Mill Street - do it now while the weather holds!

HARBURY DIARYAUGUST 1976

Tues. 17th	W.I. Tea Party, Village Hall Sen. Cit. Ben. Assoc., Village Hall, 8 p.m.
Sat. 21st)	Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our
Sun. 22nd)	Lady of Walsingham
Wed. 25th	Playgroup Outing to Burford Wildlife Park
Sun. 29th	Footpath Assoc. ramble from V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Mon. 30th	Bank Holiday

SEPTEMBER 1976

Thurs. 2nd	W.I. follow-up to 'The Jewish Way of Life' - speaker, Mrs. D. Bindman, V. Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Sun. 5th	Children's and Family Service, 11.15 a.m.
Thurs. 9th	Dee Minor Fashion Party, Rose Cottage, 21 Mill Street, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Golden Age, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Fri. 10th	Jumble Sale in aid of First Harbury Scouts, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. Football Club Dance, Village Hall
Sat. 11th	P.C.C. Open Gardens Day - details inside.
Sat. 18th	P.T.A. Garden Party, grounds of Temple House.

CRUSADERS, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m., restart Sun. 12th Sept.

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 & 4th Wednesdays.

(special appointments, every 3rd Monday)

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7-9 p.m. every Friday

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30 p.m. every Friday

THEATRE GROUP, Dog Inn, 8 p.m. last Friday each month.

ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS. DATES
FOR INCLUSION TO MRS. RIDGLEY, 612792. NOTE CHANGE!

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

Visitors who come and look round our Church nearly always say how beautifully clean, polished and well-kept it is. This is true, and we must be very thankful to those who care for it and clean it so lovingly. Another remark I often hear which gives me great joy is that our Church seems to have a wonderful spiritual atmosphere and to be a real House of Prayer - no doubt due largely to the fact that the Holy Sacrifice is normally offered, and the Offices are normally said, in it every day. How splendid it would be though if more people came regularly to the Services in ever-increasing numbers, and if still more people used the Church for private prayer. 'We love the place, O God,

Wherein Thine honour dwells..'

The three principal religious purposes for which a Church building is used are worship, fellowship and witness. But a Church building can perform its functions only through the people who use it. It is we who must come to worship in it; it is we who must live in fellowship with our fellow-worshippers; and it is we who can witness for Christ by our lives. Many people have a deep affection for their own parish Church, and it is by doing these three things that they can show it best.

I wish all who are going away at this time a very happy holiday. May you return refreshed with new vision, new inward quietness and renewed faith in God.

With every blessing,

Your sincere friend & Vicar,

F. R. Mackley.

Holy Baptism

27th June	Richard Thomas Appleton, 67 Mill Street
4th July	Philippa Katherine Brook, The Sheiling, South Parade
18th July	Paul Simon Markham, 22 Manor Road
18th July	Donna Samantha Markham, 22 Manor Road

Holy Matrimony

24th July Peter Eric Rowill to Bridget Byrne.

From the Churchwardens

It was a great privilege for our choir and members of the congregation to share in the pre-Royal Show Service at which the Archbishop of York preached.

It is proposed to invite members of the Bell Choir of Basking Ridge, New Jersey, U.S.A., to visit Harbury next summer. If they are able to come, hospitality would be required in the area for about a week, and it would help in advance planning if anyone who would be kind enough to offer this would tell one of the Churchwardens. Most of the visitors would be young people, but there would be some adults and, possibly, some families. If it is possible to arrange such a visit, there should be a very exciting programme of concerts and visits, and many joint activities, within the village. Offers from organisations of entertainment for the visitors would also be appreciated.

At a joint meeting of the P.C.C.s of Harbury and Ladbroke, the Archdeacon of Warwick made it clear that it would be necessary for the two parishes to unite in some way within the next few years. We already have friends and connections in Ladbroke, and with goodwill, much prayer and an open-minded, open-hearted approach, there is no reason why the union should not result in a great enrichment in the lives of the two Churches and their members. In the months and years of preparation, let us take - and indeed make - every opportunity of joint activities with our friends from Ladbroke, and let us do all we can to accept invitations which come from them.

Our new Bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Gibbs, is to be enthroned in Coventry Cathedral on Saturday, 18th September, and the Vicar and Churchwardens will represent the village at that service. We know that Bishop Gibbs would be grateful for your prayers as he prepares to join us in this Diocese.

The residents of Deppers Bridge would like to wish Mr. Laurie Green a speedy recovery following his recent transplant operation.

HARBURY SCHOOL

The end of the Summer Term draws near in the usual flurry of activities.

On 3rd July we took four children to the Primary Schools County Sports in Studley, and we were delighted when Kevan Lines came 2nd in throwing the cricket ball and Paula Wallington came 3rd in the girls' 80 metres for their respective age groups.

The Infants Sports Day was a most enjoyable occasion, on a glorious day, and again we were delighted with the support given by parents and friends.

All the classes have been on outings, and every one was lucky with the weather.

We held an 'Infant Singalong', when parents and friends were invited to sing a selection of songs with the younger children. Quite a number of the audience 'volunteered' to play various percussion instruments, and joined in with enthusiasm. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

Three groups of children have taken part in cycle proficiency training this year, and a total of 30 have passed the test.

As a result of the Children's Sponsored Walk, a grand total of £540 was collected. This really is a splendid effort, and we do thank everyone concerned, both walkers and sponsors. We wish the best of fortune to those who are leaving us, both children and staff, and we welcome those who will be joining us next year.

N. C. OLIVER.

P. T. A. - HARBURY SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL

Now that the pool is on its second season, perhaps it will be of interest to take stock of what we have for our money. The pool measures 40' x 20', and is 3ft. deep throughout. It is designed specifically to be a 'learner' pool. We have separate girls' and boys' changing rooms. The pool is heated by means of a gas boiler. Each day the pool is treated with chlorine and acid to keep it 'clean and sweet'. Warwickshire County Council pays for all day-to-day maintenance, i.e. gas bills, chemicals, payment to caretakers, etc.

In round figures the pool cost £6,000, and the P.T.A. has been granted an interest-free loan of £3,750 by the County Council, payable over four years. Therefore, we have needed to collect £950 annually to repay this debt.

What do we get for our money? During the swimming season (June to September) each child gets the opportunity

to swim at least three times a week - quite short sessions, but much more beneficial than a longer session say once a week. Arm bands and floats are available to help beginners.

Our picture shows Class 4 during a recent session. The school presents its own 'width' certificates to children when they



have accomplished this first major hurdle. The next stage is to swim a length, again with a school certificate, and this is when we consider that a child can 'swim'. When further confidence and stamina have been attained, the children try for 'distance' awards, namely 25 metres, 50 metres, 100 metres, 200 metres, 400 metres, 800 metres and 1500 metres (or the metric mile).

To date, for this season only, the total is as follows; width, 58 children; length, 67 children; 25m., 60 children; 50m., 47 children; 100m., 40 children; 200m., 29 children; 400m., 23 children; 800m., 19 children; 1500m., 10 children.

A FAIR RETURN FOR EVERYONE'S MONEY, I THINK YOU'LL AGREE!!

SCOUTS

1st Harbury reached the quarter-finals of the Mid-Warks. Scout Six-a-Side Football Competition, being knocked out by the eventual winners. The team was Gary Picken, Steven Bell, Peter Hutchins, Robert Hughes, Andrew Hunt and Lee Williams.

Seven tons of newspaper and magazines have been collected by the Scouts in Harbury during the last four months. This has proved to be a vital part of our fund-raising for which we must thank the village. Due to the holidays, the collections have been suspended for August, but they will start again in September. However, if anybody has a large pile, let us know and we will collect.

Don't forget our Jumble Sale in September, and Bazaar in the autumn. If anyone is prepared to help by knitting, sewing etc., or can spare odd balls of wool and remnants of material, please contact Brenda Blyth, 612442, or Pat Taylor, 9 Heber Drive.

CRUSADERS

Harbury Crusaders have now broken up for the summer, and look forward to starting again on the Sunday after the school goes back, 12th September. Among the activities of the past session was the very successful class camp held in the village, at which 28 members and leaders enjoyed a variety of games and activities and shared in Bible study and prayer on the theme 'Jesus cares'.

More recently, on 4th July, there was an open Sunday for the whole class with an American flavour (maybe one should write 'flavor'!). There was a fancy-dress competition in which there were several cowboys and Indians, and a Kojak, complete with lollipop. We sang American songs and had readings from translations by American teenagers of passages from the Bible. There was even a dollar note in the collection!

PLAYGROUP

The outing this year to Burford Wildlife Park has been arranged for 25th August. This is not only for playgroup mums and children, but for anyone else who is interested. Details can be obtained from Mrs. W. Riman, 612788.

At the end of last term Mrs. Healey left the playgroup, and we would like to express our thanks to her for her help and leadership over the last $4\frac{1}{2}$ years, and also wish her well in the future. The supervisor from September will be Mrs. Doreen Bloxham. Doreen has been connected with

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playgroup for a number of years, and has been Deputy Supervisor for the last 2 years. Mrs. C. Neill will be Membership Secretary, and anyone who would like their child to attend playgroup can contact her on Harbury 612819. Harbury Playgroup is a member of the Pre-School Playgroup Association, which has branches all over the country, and which has Educational Specialists who advise and run numerous courses. The playgroup is a charity dependant upon the help of mothers.

Children are given the opportunity to play, learn and share with others of their age within a familiar group. There is a wide variety of activities which give children the chance to do things not possible in the home. Having had this valuable experience, most children settle quickly at school.

Playgroup A.G.M. and Open Evening will be held on 23rd September at 8 p.m. in the Wight School. Children's work and equipment will be on display. We would be delighted to see anyone interested, particularly parents with very young children not yet of playgroup age.

MINI-RUGBY

Some of you who have small sons at school will by now have been asked, 'Can I play mini-rugby at Southam?'. For those parents, and for anyone else who has a boy between the ages of 6 and 13, I will explain a little about the game.

Mini-rugby is a game based on handling, running and tackling (kicking is not allowed). It is a scaled-down version (with 9-a-side) of Rugby Union football, which has been specially developed for young boys.

For training sessions we divide the boys into groups, usually about 8 to a group, according to age, then size. Each group has its own coach, who gets to know the boys and the boys get to know him. Once a month matches are played against boys of the same age from other clubs, home and away. We meet every Sunday morning, at 10.15 a.m. at Southam Rugby Club, which is on the road from Deppers Bridge to Southam. This season starts on September 5th, so bring or send your son along, complete with boots and shorts (trainers or pumps will do). At 12 noon we all retire to

the club house for squash or cokes, so send Dad along to pick him up and we will provide for him something a little stronger than squash.

If you still require more information, please ring me on Harbury 612689.

TONY THOMAS.



Stefan Whatcote, aged 2, enjoys a paddle in some of the precious water which flowed down the drain in Ivy Lane after a water-main burst. Picture by Mike Bloxham.

HARBURY SOCIETY

It rained on Tuesday, 20th July. It rained all morning and most of the afternoon, but fortunately the evening was dry for the families who took part in the Mystery Tour.

Twenty seven groups puzzled round the village from the Pound to the Old New Inn. The joint winners were Michael Barnes and family (who gained 23 points by astute observation and knowledge), and Geoff Wright and family (who achieved a similar total more by energy and research).

Lots of controversy over the clues and their answers. The lions rampant on the Midland Bank windows aren't lions at all (American expert on British Heraldic devices, Maria Stringer, informs me), they are Griffons! Sorry!

Most people realised that there are three butchers in High St., and a surprising number knew that Kia Ora is a Maori greeting, but few appreciated the warning 'Beware the Oxymoron' at Trice's Farm, and this led to tedious explanations of the contradictory nature of the title British Friesians. There were snacks and prizes at the end of the Tour, and £1 left over for the Society's funds, so that I think it can be considered a success.

Best - Kept Village Competition: Well done! We hope that Third Prize is sufficient reward for all the villagers who made an effort to improve Harbury for the competition. Thanks especially to the Scouts and Cubs who have been clearing up litter for weeks.

Future events: After the holidays, in September, there will be a walk round the Ufton Nature Reserve, conducted by Ron Stanbridge. Members will receive full notification.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

YOUNG WIVES

At the June A.G.M. the following were elected to the Committee: Chair, Shirley Keir; Treasurer, Jean Macaulay; Assistant Treasurer, Anne Moore; Secretary, Pat Sarson; Programme Secretary, Sue Lapraik; Catering, Eileen Gee and Brenda Christopher; Publicity, Norma Taylor; members, Trisha Harrison, Sara Bennett and Dena Colledge.

The July Garden Meeting was a very pleasant evening, with cheese, wine, and a demonstration of embroidery and collage. Sincere thanks were given to two retiring Committee members, Diana Holt and Frances Moore.

The next meeting is on 28th September at 2 p.m. P. SARSON

THEATRE GROUP - 'SEMI-DETACHED'

If you didn't go to the Theatre Group's most recent production (and judging by the packed house when I went, there can't be many of you!) you missed a really excellent evening's entertainment. And if anyone has never been to one of their plays - do please try to see one soon - their standard is consistently high, and we should be proud that they belong to our village.

'Semi-Detached' was a comedy - the category generally accepted as being the most difficult to play. But in every

way they succeeded. Props, scenery, lighting, etc. were all good, as always, and the talent and experience behind Peter Shawcross' directing was obvious. I hesitate to select actors - every one was good, movements were natural and diction was clear. But Pat Sarson and John Stringer, to my mind, gave outstanding performances. Pat's hysterical temper tantrum was almost frighteningly real (must remember not to get on the wrong side of her!), and John was so convincingly 'gormless' as Nigel that it amazes me that he could find the Village Hall each evening to do the play!!
Thank you to all of you for a great evening. D. H.

HARBURY GARDEN WALKABOUT

On Saturday, 11th September a number of gardens in Harbury will be open to the public from 10 am. to 6 pm. There is a wide selection available covering large and small gardens of all shapes. We hope that many people will take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy a walk around our attractive village, and make a visit to some of our lovely gardens.

Admission will be by programme only, available from Mrs. J. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Mrs. P. Clarke, 11 Constance Drive, and from shops, price Adults 30p, Children under 12 and Senior Citizens 5p. Programmes will also be available from the Church Room at the Wight School on Saturday, 11th September. Proceeds to Harbury Church funds.

The organisers would like to thank the 22 families who have offered their gardens, and made the event possible.

WARWICKSHIRE MUSEUM SERVICE, SUMMER OUTINGS

If your kids are rapidly becoming bored with school holidays, how about sending them on one of the outings organised by Warwick Museum. This year's trips are between 24th Aug. and 7th Sept. Adults are welcome to go with the children on all the trips, and children under 7 must be with an adult. Waterproof clothing and heavy footwear are recommended. The trips include fossil collecting, a visit to a Roman fort, and a look at the architectural features of some Churches. Full details are available from the Museum in Warwick (tel. 9/43431, ext. 2501). Tickets are available by post (please send a s.a.e.) or at the Museum, price 60p.

SIR JACK SCAMP

A West Midlands MP called recently for more hereditary peers to be created because the British public would 'prefer their blue blood to the pale pink of the life peers'. There is nothing 'pale pink' about Sir Jack Scamp!

Sir Jack is a man in whom seemingly unreconcilable paradoxes are combined to make his ideals and career exist peaceably together. He does not smoke or drink; has no political leanings; is a practising Christian and a lover of the countryside. In his career as a public figure however he has managed to bring his skill and perception to bear on many issues, settling strikes and bringing governments, employers and unions together - a service to his country which was recognised in 1968 with a knighthood. There is in fact a common misconception that politics is a dirty game, but Sir Jack has been able to show that Christianity is a way of life and was a Governor for 9 years of William Temple College, whose aims are to promote Christianity within industry.

Born and educated in Birmingham, Sir Jack is a keen sportsman who played cricket and tennis, who trained with the West Bromwich Albion football team (despite being a life-long supporter of rival Aston Villa!), and was recently made Chairman of Coventry City, bringing in Jimmy Hill as the only Managing Director of an English football club.

Sir Jack and Lady Scamp have been married for 37 years and have a daughter, Jennifer, who lives with her husband and two sons in Lewes, and a son, John, who is a Chartered Accountant and lives at home. They have many commitments in Rugby where they lived before moving to Harbury 7 years ago, including about 8 cricket clubs of which Sir Jack is President or Vice President, and his work as a J.P. They do, however, consider Harbury as their home and Sir Jack is President of Harbury British Legion. He is forced to spend a couple of days a week in London, but looks forward to getting back to the countryside which he loves, being a keen walker and a supporter of the footpath cause. He is not a gardener despite the superbly manicured lawns and beds attached to the house, which is itself magnificent - classically furnished but with a comfortable atmosphere.

Unfortunately, there is no room to list Sir Jack's achievements, but I did ask him which had given him the most personal satisfaction, and he recalled two, one being his settlement of the Liverpool docks dispute in 1967 after an arduous 20 hours of non-stop negotiations; and the second was his invitation to one of the Queen's luncheons. He has worked with most of the cabinet ministers of both parties and has as many good friends among Trades Union leaders as among employers. He is a man without vanity, seeming almost unaware that his experience and knowledge of people in positions of power are so fascinating! My main regret is that I can only relate so little of the conversation we had, and I am grateful to Sir Jack for sparing so much of his valuable time to talk to 'Harbury News'. VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

GRAHAM KNIGHT AWARD

To perpetuate the memory of Graham Knight, who died in May 1975, aged 32, Southam High School has commissioned Students of Mid-Warks School of Art to design two awards. These awards will be presented annually to the boy and girl who have produced the most original or artistic piece of work. As a permanent memento, each student who wins the award will receive a medallion depicting the actual trophy.

Graham Knight was Head of the Technical Studies Department at Southam High School. He was an excellent craftsman and keen sportsman, who devoted much of his spare time to school activities.

We realise that many ex-members of staff and past students might like to be associated with this award and, therefore, we have made arrangements to receive donations at the school. These will be added to donations already made by Mr. Knight's family, the P.T.A. and present members of staff. Donations should be sent to Mr. H. J. Skinner, Headmaster, Southam High School, Welsh Road West, Southam. Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to Southam High School.

H. J. SKINNER.

Members of the Golden Age Club would like to thank Sir David and Lady Watherston for their hospitality for the meeting in their lovely garden on 29th June.

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