



HARBURY NEWS

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Second place out of 55 entries! The Editors are delighted to report that Harbury News took 2nd place in the recent competition for Parish Magazines of the Coventry Diocese. The winning entry came from Bilton near Rugby - congratulations! The competition prizes were donated by the retiring Bishop of Coventry, Dr. Cuthbert Bardsley. 2nd prize was worth £20 (unfortunately, it was a cheque which prevented the Editorial Committee disposing of it at the nearest hostelry!) and it is intended that this be used as a prize fund for our own competitions - more details next month.

Carnival time! June 12th is the big day for what promises to be a splendid climax to Carnival week in Harbury. An insert tells you all about it and several features tell of activities during the week leading up to Harbury Carnival '76 - enjoy it!

25% of your editorial committee will be sloping off to take part in another carnival at Le Mans in France; so give a cheer for the J.C.B. Mirage-Fords!

A new Harbury Directory is being prepared - if your organisation is not listed at present, please ring 612790.

HARBURY DIARY

JUNE 1976

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| Sun. | 6th | Whit Sunday - Family Communion at 9 am, followed by Parish Breakfast in V. Hall. (no 8 am or 10 am Services on this Sunday only) & no 11.15 Family Service |
| Tues. | 8th | Village Hall Meeting, at the Hall, 8 pm. |
| " | | Harbury Friends, School, 8 pm. |
| " | | Young Wives, Swimming for members and children under school age, School Pool, 4.30 - 5.30 pm. |
| " | | Young Wives, Photographic session, 4.30-7.30 (see p.14) |
| Thurs. | 10th | Golden Age, V. Hall, 2.30 p.m. |
| " | | Men's Group, 1 Vicarage Lane, 7.45 p.m. |
| Fri. | 11th | Young Wives, School Pool, 4.30 p.m. |
| Sat. | 12th | Carnival & Fete on Playing Fields. |
| Sun. | 13th | Trinity Sunday |
| Tues. | 10th | Tufty Club. V. Hall, 2.30 p.m. |
| " | | Young Wives, School Pool, 4.30 p.m. |
| Wed. | 16th | Har. Sen. Cit. Ben. Assoc., Summer Outing. |
| " | | PTA, 'Dental Care', Talk by an Expert, School, 8pm. |
| Fri. | 18th | Young Wives, School Pool, 4.30 p.m. |
| " | | Football Club Dance. |

- Tues. 22nd Young Wives Swimming, School Pool, 4.30pm.
 " Young Wives AGM, 23 Mill Street, 8.00 p.m.
 Wed. 23rd M. U. Quiet Day, Offchurch Retreat House, 10.30am
 Thurs. 24th Golden Age, V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.
 " Theatre Group Production, "Semi-Detached"
 by David Turner, Village Hall.
 Fri. 25th Young Wives, School Pool, 4.30 p.m.
 " Theatre Group Production, as above.
 Sat. 26th " " " " "
 " PTA Sponsored Walk, (Children)
 " PTA Barbecue at Hiatts Barn, Ufton.
 Sun. 27th Footpath Ass. Ramble from V. Hall 2.30 p.m.
 Tues. 29th Golden Age Garden Party in the grounds of Harbury
 House, by kind invitation of Lady Watherston.
 Wed. 30th PCC meeting at Ladbroke - meet Wight School ^{car} park.

JULY

- Thurs. 1st W.I. Produce Show, Members only, V. Hall.
 " Men's Group AGM, Vicarage, 7.45 p.m.
 " Young Wives, Loft Theatre outing.
 Sat. 3rd Liberal Party Jumble Sale, V. Hall, 10.00 - 12.00
 Thurs. 8th Golden Age, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
 Tues. 13th Harbury Friends, School, 8.00 p.m.
 Wed. 14th PTA Square Dance, School

CHOIR PRACTICE Church, 6.30 p.m. every Friday
 CRUSADERS V. Hall, 2.30 p.m. " Sunday
 BINGO V. Hall, 8.00 p.m. " Monday
 YOUTH CLUB V. Hall, 8.00 p.m. " Wednesday
 BABY CLINIC V. Hall, 2.00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays,
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 THEATRE GROUP Dog Inn, 8.00 pm, last Friday each month.

ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS
 DATES FOR INCLUSION TO MRS. LINDA RIDGLEY, 612792
PLEASE NOTE NEW DIARY CONTACT - we have allowed
 Sara Bennett to take time off to await her "happy event"!!

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

I arrived home from the Lake District to find, among the correspondence, a letter informing me that the "Harbury News" had been awarded the 2nd prize (out of a large number of entries) in the competition for the best parish magazine in the Coventry Diocese. This is a great encouragement to all those who are engaged in the production of the "Harbury News".

While I was away I was able to visit the new homes in Cumbria of some Harbury people who lived here until recently and are still remembered by many - Mrs. Kitchener and Miss Cleaver in their bungalow at Broughton-in-Furness and Mr. and Mrs. Shields and David and Judy Kitchener at Whicham Old Rectory. They are happily settled in lovely country.

It has been a great joy to have the Revd. Tony Upton with us again, and we specially thank him for his help on the Sunday when I was away.

June 17th (the Thursday after Trinity Sunday) will be the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Festival of the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar). This leads me to mention what I feel to be one of the great needs of our parish, viz. an aumbry in which (on the days when I am taking Holy Communion to the sick and house-bound) the Blessed Sacrament may be safely and reverently kept between the Celebration in Church and the administration to the house-bound. Indeed, it would be such a blessing to our parish if the Blessed Sacrament were continuously reserved in our Church - always ready to be administered in an emergency. This is one thing that we lack at the moment. I feel sure that those who from time to time receive their Communion at home will appreciate this.

David Cooper Capron, well known as a former keen member of Harbury Rugger Club, and no stranger to our Church, was made Deacon a year or so ago. He is to be ordained Priest in Coventry Cathedral on Sunday June 27th, and will offer the sacrifice of the Mass for the first time in St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Coventry, on Tuesday, June 29th. Let us remember him in our prayers at this time.

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

HOLY BAPTISM

May 23rd James Davis, 7 Sutcliffe Drive.

CONFIRMATION

April 29th - in St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Lillington, by the
Lord Bishop of Coventry, (Mrs) Dena College,
4 Church Street.

May 8th - in the School Chapel of All Saints' School, Bloxham,
by the Lord Bishop of Dorchester, Simon Greenway,
The Manor House.

HOLY MATRIMONY

May 8th John Roger Owen to Marie Elizabeth Bishop.

May 22nd Kevin John Biddle to Jacqueline Jean Best.

FUNERAL SERVICES

May 6th Constance Louisa Waring, aged 91 years.

May 13th Albert Ernest Bowell, aged 57 years.

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Congratulations to all those concerned with the production of Harbury News on the splendid achievement in coming a close second in the recent Diocesan competition for parish magazines.

We were disappointed that members of the Cathedral congregation were unable to join us on the planned Sunday in May, but look forward to welcoming them in September. Some of our members look forward to visiting the Cathedral congregation on 3rd June.

It is good to meet with members of other churches, not only in this country but overseas as well and to exchange greetings with them. Elsewhere you can read greetings from three churches in New Jersey, U. S. A. and it would seem a good idea to exchange greetings with any church where any of us worship away from home. It might well be possible to use a standard display card bearing Christian greetings, signed by the Vicar and Churchwardens and with a space for the name of the bearer of the card.

VIVIENNE AGGETT IN THE U. S. A.

Vivienne Aggett was recently in America and took with her greetings from All Saints' Harbury to the three churches which she visited.

In return we are greeted by the Rev Jim Purdy and members of St. Bernard's Parish Church, Bernardsville,

New Jersey, U.S.A. St. Bernards is a pleasant stone church set among the mostly wooden houses of Bernardsville.

St. John on the Mountain, Bernardsville, is in as delightful a setting as the name suggests and the drive up the winding country road is a delight in the spring. The "mountains" are, perhaps surprisingly, mere hills by our standards. Someone was heard to remark that some mountains were mere pimples, only to discover that north western New Jersey has a range of hills called, wait for it, The Pimples. The Rector of St. John's, The Rev H. Scott Kirby, also sends very warm greetings to all at Harbury. St. John's, in common with most American Churches, follows the main service with a coffee hour. This is usually a wonderful opportunity to meet one another. However it is occasionally fraught with unexpected hazards. At St. John's there was a long table with cups & saucers, cream and sugar and (apparently) pots of steaming coffee from which one helped oneself.

The English visitors did, one adding sugar and milk. Can you imagine what Bovril tastes like with milk and sugar? The coffee urn was at the side of the room!

Somerset Hills Lutheran Church, Basking Ridge is a new, very well appointed building, having not only the main church, but a smaller chapel, meeting rooms and a splendid office for the Pastor, the Rev. Rudy Keyl. The Church has a great name for its music (and for the warmth of its welcome to visitors and newcomers) and has not only a splendid vocal choir, but also a large bell choir which has a set of the most beautiful handbells. Our greetings were read out at the Morning Service at this church and very many individuals sent their good wishes to the people of Harbury.

We are sending copies of the Harbury News to the three churches and who knows, we may, one of these days, be able to welcome some of their members to our Community.

Many in Harbury will know Pat and Alan Briggs, Penny, Judi, Toby and Sally (otherwise known as Antonia) and Andy and Gennie Fisk with whom Miss Aggett stayed in Bernardsville. They were delighted to have news of the village and also send their greetings.

HARBURY SCHOOL

The Summer term is already building up to its usual hectic climax. A whole number of interesting activities are taking place, class outings, Sports Days etc.

For the last week of May the children of class 10 are going on a P.G.L. Adventure Holiday to Llangorse, near Brecon in Wales. We hope that they find good weather and enjoy themselves as much as last year's group did.

Swimming is about to start and all the children are most enthusiastic.

The 'Joseph' musical was an outstanding success and it was gratifying to hear how much parents had enjoyed it. This was the result of a lot of hard work by both the staff and children concerned.

Cycling proficiency training has already started and about 40 children will be involved again. We shall be hard pushed to fit them all in in what is a short Summer term.

We shall be losing Mrs. Turner, class teacher of class 5, at the end of term. We wish her well in the future. Her successor has not yet been appointed.

N.C. OLIVER.

JOSEPH JUST GREW

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" began life as a piece composed for the Collet Court School, receiving its first performance on March 1, 1968. Joseph was then only fifteen minutes long. By May it was twenty minutes, by the end of the summer thirty minutes, by 1972 it had grown to forty minutes and, by the time it had reached the West End and had been given the full treatment by its composer, Andrew Lloyd Webber and writer, Tim Rice (The Jesus Christ Super Star people), it had been extended to over an hour.

The senior pupils of Harbury School omitted only a few numbers in their ambitious production, given in three performances to packed houses. We were transported back to Ancient Egypt to witness the well-known story of Joseph, re-told in the modern styles of calypso, country and western and rock.

The performers were happy and, what is more, kept their concentration throughout the show. I heard virtually every word - unusual in these days of pop. Mums had played their part in costume making - Haven't I seen some of the sheets on the wash line? and Peter Shawcross' lighting added a new dimension to an above average production.

On the musical side, Joanne Cowper's solos cannot go unrecorded, both Andrew Winter's clear narration and Matthew Shelley's Reuben were outstanding. I wonder how many dads will forget Sylvie Peake's interpretation of Potiphar's wife.

Perhaps the only weaknesses were that the second choir was not strong enough to balance the sound from the rest of the chorus, and also that too much of the movement took place on the floor of the School hall, which made the dramatic presentation of the story very difficult to see, even from the fourth row. Perhaps the PTA could find time to provide better staging facilities when the pool is paid for.

I eagerly wait to see what David Richards and Diana Buck will present for us at Christmas. MICHAEL BARNES.

P. T. A.

The recent Adult Sponsored Walk raised the fantastic sum of over £300 for the swimming pool fund. All the Mums & Dads who took part deserve a pat on the back - in spite of a rather warm day, a total of 487 miles was walked by 43 people. Our photograph shows the two champion walkers, Diane Healey (24 miles) and Colin Ingram (28 miles) Well done - I hope your sponsors have not gone into hiding!



Quiz Night at the Dog Inn was enjoyed by a good crowd, & six teams took part. The Hotentots came along to defend their title against teams from the School, the W.I., the Playgroup, the Theatre Group and the PTA. After a very exciting contest, with teams at times running neck and neck, the Theatre Group emerged victorious over the runners up, the Playgroup. As is usual at this Quiz, the audience provided the teams with many amusing and quite hopelessly wrong answers which helped to keep the atmosphere light-hearted and everyone had a very good time.

The 26th June should be well marked in your diaries as two big PTA events take place on this day. In the morning we have the Children's Sponsored Walk and it is hoped that they will again turn out with the enthusiasm they have shown in previous years. Later, why not come along to the Barbecue which

will be held in Hiatt's Barn, just outside Ufton. In addition to dancing to The Purple Porridge and the Blue Q Disco, you can relax in a very pleasant rural setting and barbecue a top quality steak with sausages and bread rolls and enjoy a drink at the bar, which will be run by the Dog Inn. Tickets have been on sale for some weeks now and are obtainable from Committee members at £2 each or £3.75 a couple. Proceeds to the Pool.

As you are probably aware, all our efforts are devoted to raising money for the swimming pool fund and indeed this must be the case until our debt to the Council has been paid. We had an interest free loan of £3,750 from the Council, and now owe £2,812.50 which must be raised during the next three years. The pool has proved to be a tremendous asset to the school and many children have learned to swim who might otherwise never have done so. If only one child can be saved from death by drowning, then it will all have been worth while. Many people work very hard for the PTA, but they need the continued support of the village as a whole if they are to succeed. Any help, however small, is needed and very much appreciated.

ANNE MEGENEY (Secretary)

CRUSADERS

Harbury Crusaders held a family service on May 2nd, for Union Sunday, when we think especially about the work of the Crusaders Union.

The Minis sang to the enthusiastic accompaniment of their percussion instruments and the Drama Group gave a dramatised Bible reading. More music was provided by the recorder group and the choir's singing was especially praised by Mrs. Pat Travis, the guest speaker.

Mrs. Travis gave a talk, illustrated by slides, on "New Beginnings" which held the interest of parents and children alike. A happy afternoon was rounded off with a cup of tea for all.

M. CATT

IN QUIRES AND PLACES.....

"In Quires and Places where they sing" is how the Prayer Book describes a church where music plays an important part in its worship. Harbury is no exception. Although there are no records in existence, it is possible that there has been a church choir here for over a hundred years.

We have a fine organ, and now we have a growing number

of dedicated boys and girls in the choir, and Tom Hauley - our only adult - who has been a member for over forty years. Their job is to lead the worship of the congregation, and this means speaking their parts as well as singing.

As most readers will know, there are two sung Sunday services, and for these the choir rehearses on Friday evenings at 6.30 p.m., when they not only learn to sing, but also to sit, stand, speak, kneel and, what is more - to keep quiet!

The choir is affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music and uses its training programme to develop the attributes of a good chorister which include personality and leadership.

At Easter, Darren Butler, Ann Windsor, Jane Luke, Andrew Holt, Jane Goodfellow, Sarah Fryer and Michelle Green passed their Probationer's test and wore the School's medal for the first time. Sarah Walters has also passed her Freshman's (Freshperson's?) test and was admitted to the Choir by the Vicar on Low Sunday.

If you have a boy or girl who is over seven and would like to join the choir, contact me on Harbury 612545, or, better still, how about joining yourself?

MICHAEL BARNES

VILLAGE HALL

As most of you will have noticed, a concrete path has now been laid at the kitchen end of the Village Hall, continuing at the back of the new extension, and the area generally tidied up. The path is wide enough for cars and therefore, when delivering for functions - e.g. bars for dances, it will no longer be necessary to go through the main hall. The cost amounted to approximately £360 but we hope you will agree this is far more convenient and improves on the general appearance.

Later in the summer we hope to get the outside of the hall painted, and anyone is invited to tender for the job, as you will see from the advertisement in this issue. We thought people in the village would like the opportunity of doing this themselves instead of an outsider. So come on - do your sums and give us an estimate!

After this is complete we hope to be able to decorate the main hall and kitchen, but that will have to wait for the moment. However, with the extension now almost complete, it is obvious that the hall will have to be done in the not too distant future.

Owing to the rise in the price of electricity, we would like to take this opportunity to remind all hirers of the village hall to please switch off all lights and heating when they vacate the premises.

Next Village Hall Meeting, June 8th, at 8 pm at the Village Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

THURSDAY 13th MAY

PRESENT: All Cllrs, the Clerk, Mrs. Ridgley & PC Percival.

Chairman John Drinkwater declared the meeting open and announced the results of the Parish Council Elections.

RESULTS

J. Drinkwater	445	Elected	H. Wilkins	310	Elected
R. Gurden	426	Elected	M. Ellis	289	Elected
G. Wright	420	Elected	D. Atkins	275	Elected
Y. Davies	389	Elected	N. Ellis	214	
S. Hancock	334	Elected	J. Thornley	197	
G. Watts	326	Elected	H. Atkins	139	

Mrs. Catterall was returned unopposed for Depper's Ward.

District Council Elections

Committees on which serving

Mrs. G. Buckle	960	Elected	1. Housing, 2. Personnel
Mr. J. Drinkwater	888	Elected	1. Policy & Resources, 2. Planning
Mr. G. Buckle	814	Elected	1. Environmental Health, Housing
Mrs. M. Hill	772		

District Council Chairman, Mr. D.R. Fyfe, Conservative Councillor for Ettington.

Council Consists of 25 Conservatives, 22 Independents, 4 Liberals, 3 Ratepayers.

Some ballot papers were spoiled (16 had no votes on them!).

Cllr Wright said there had been confusion when Harbury voters used Depper's Ward polling booths which only contained instructions for voting in the District Elections.

Minutes of the last meeting

Only urgent matters arising from the April 29 meeting were to be dealt with at this meeting. Mrs. Catterall announced that Depper's wanted a cattle grid. It appears that Stratford District employees sometimes leave open the gate at the Sewage Works and cattle stray on to private gardens.

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Mrs. Catterall was advised to write to Stratford District.

Election of Officers. The retiring Chairman, John Drinkwater, invited nominations. Mrs. Watts proposed Geoff Wright and this was seconded by Ralph Gurden. There were no other nominations. Cllr Wright indicated that he was willing to serve and the proposal was carried. John Drinkwater decorated Chairman Wright with the badge of office. Cllr Davies was elected Vice-Chairman.

Sub-Committees. Allotments: Mrs. Watts & Mr. Wilkins
Burial Grounds: Mr. Wilkins & Mrs. Hancock (Do you think it is appropriate? said Sharon.) Lighting: Cllrs Ellis, Atkins and Davies, Finance: Cllrs Ellis, Gurden & Atkins, Planning: Cllrs Gurden, Hancock & Drinkwater, Highways: Cllrs Drinkwater, Ellis, Atkins & Gurden. (The Chairman, Geoff Wright informed the meeting, can attend any of the Sub-Committee meetings).

Other Bodies. Playing Fields Advisory Cttee: Cllrs Watts, Davies & Wright, School Managers: Cllr Watts and Mr. Daniells. (This remains unchanged until elections in September 1977).

Reports from other Bodies. Cllr Gurden reported that Bishop's Itchington Parish Council had asked for someone to explain how Harbury runs its Playing Fields. The Chairman said he would advise them if no-one from the PFAC were available. Mrs. Watts said she was sure the PFAC would send someone. Cllr Gurden will arrange it.

Planning Applications. Plans have been submitted by Mr. Cumming for a Bungalow at Highfields Paddocks, Bishop's Itchington, where an application for industrial development was recently refused. It was decided to register no objection to this application, but Mrs. Catterall dissented. She said that this ought to be refused too. (She had been in favour of the former application).

Best Kept Village Competition. The Clerk reported that the Library fence is to be repaired. Mr. Wilkins asked whether the grass maintained by the County and the District will be cut. The Clerk will enquire.

Insurance. The Chairman, Geoff Wright, having carefully examined his BADGE, asked what it was worth, and whether it was insured. Recent work to convert it for use in Harbury has cost £30 and it was now thought to be worth £150 and is not insured. The Chairman suggested that it should be insured and

it was agreed.

Next Meeting 27 May, 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

HARBURY NURSERY SCHOOL

(Village Hall)

We are having two open mornings on Tuesday 29th June and Wednesday 30th June from 10.00 am to 11.00 am to which we warmly invite parents and friends.

We also extend a welcome to anybody else who is interested, and would welcome the opportunity of showing you what we do in our Nursery. Please feel free to come and enjoy an hour with the children.

JEANNE CLARKE.

HARBURY SOCIETY

Our open evening at the Dog was well attended by both members and non-members. The Secretary apologises to those who were not informed of the earlier starting time.

Mrs. Drew of the Warwickshire Rural Community Council explained the history of the Best Kept Village Competition which began in 1957 in Warwickshire. At its inception there was only one class but this was changed in 1965 to two (Large Village and Small, small being under 500 pop.) because it was recognised that greater effort and organisation were required to keep a large village tidy.

Judges are nominated by the District Councils and judge in their own areas. Judging takes place between the beginning of May and the end of July and each village is visited more than once. The District winners are then judged by a panel from Shire Hall.

By the end of the Competition there should have been some improvement in the quality of life. The effort should have been enjoyable and the community will have gained from its efforts.

Mrs. Drew wished the village good luck in the Competition and then answered several queries on how it was judged.

Mr. Charles Keeling then gave his talk on the Past of Harbury illustrated with slides of the village. It was a talk interspersed with tales of local characters (in dialect) and was greatly appreciated. A full report of Mr. Keeling's talk will be given in the next edition of 'The News'.

The Chairman thanked both speakers and presented them each with a gift.

Best Kept Village. The Cub Scouts have already been out clearing up rubbish and litter round the village and the Scouts will do a similar job later.

Carnival. The Society will again be running a Competition at the Carnival based on photographs of the Village. Last year many people got all the right answers, this year it will be much more difficult! As well as the Stall there will be an Exhibition Caravan containing exhibits of local interest. This will be open on Carnival day and for two evenings prior to the Carnival. Help is needed to run both the Exhibition and the Stall. Can you spare half an hour?

LINDA RIDGLEY

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

I am pleased to report that rehearsals for "Semi-Detached" are going extremely well and we have moulded into a happy, well balanced team. We seem to have less problems than usual (except for learning our lines of course) and this I feel is entirely due to the excellence of the script.

Just in case you are still undecided whether to give us your support let me give you an idea of what the play is about.

Imagine a road of perfectly respectable semis with carefully attended lawns, each with its own garage and a gleaming modern car parked outside where the neighbours can see it. Now imagine the hilarious situation one Sunday morning when in one of these seemingly respectable families their world is about to be shattered by the love lives of the three children coming to an unfortunate and simultaneous crisis. Eileen's boyfriend turns out to be married. Avril wants to divorce her husband and Tom is about to father an illegitimate baby. Something must be done before the neighbours find out, but what? Come along on June 24th, 25th or 26th and we will do our best to reveal all.

Talking of doing our best, we have an extra incentive this time as David Turner, the author, will be coming to see us perform. Now, when you consider that this play when it ran in London starred such great names as Laurence Olivier and James Bolam, I feel that we must consider it a tremendous honour not only as a Theatre Group but as a village that he should spare the time to come and watch our humble efforts.

KEITH HAYES

YOUNG WIVES

At our recent committee meeting plans for the Harbury carnival loomed large. Oooh - you have no idea how much brain power it took to come up with the following ideas!

We thought our stall for the day would be for used books, magazines and comics - all contributions to either 11 or 15 Wagstaffe Close.

For our contribution to Carnival Week itself a competition is to be held called "Two of a Kind". The idea is to submit a photograph of a parent and child and prizes will be awarded for the best likeness. The competition is open to everyone in the village, entrance 5p., and any number of entries is allowed. Photographs, with name and address on the back please, should be submitted to 15 Wagstaffe Close by 9th June.

If you can't find a photograph of you and yours then Diana Holt will be holding a Polaroid photographic session at 15 Wagstaffe Close on Tuesday, 8th June, from 4.30 to 7.00pm (nominal charge only).

Prize winners will be announced at the Carnival where the photographs will be displayed. All photographs may be collected from the stall after 4.00 p.m. The judges' decision will be final.

Good luck and may the best likeness win!

PAT SARSON

LEAGUE OF PITY

We held our Annual Party for members only on Saturday May 15th, and after tea and the presentation of awards we had a film on the work of the League of Pity made by Rolf Harris, and some cartoons. We now have 63 Leaguers in Harbury and this year they saved a total of £95.84½ in their "blue egg" boxes, which is a remarkable tribute to the hard work and imagination of all the children. Dr. John Hancock kindly presented the badges and certificates to all the members and also a rosette to Jennifer Scott for recruiting 5 new members, and a book token and book to Michelle Green for very exceptional savings resulting from her hard work and good ideas. The League continues to grow rapidly now and we plan several events for the future which will be great fun, so if anyone under 18 would like to join our Club, please come and see me any time at 17 Manor Orchard, for an enrollment form and information on the League. VICTORIA MACGOWAN (Hon. Sec.)

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

During the past month Mrs. Tyler, who has been our treasurer for the past seven or eight years, retired. We offer our thanks for all the work she has done for the club. We are very pleased to welcome Mrs. Knighton as her successor.

On April 13th we spent a very enjoyable afternoon at Bishop's Itchington with the members of the Darby and Joan Club there, ending with a lovely tea.

On May 25th we are going on an evening trip and hope that the weather is kind to us.

E. SHEASBY (Sec.)

NEW HARBURY NETBALL TEAM

There was a very good response from Harbury Ladies in forming a Netball team in Harbury. Fund raising for equipment has started and everyone is very enthusiastic. Practice and training has also commenced on Thursday evenings by kind permission of Mr. Oliver, and the ladies are thoroughly enjoying themselves.

I am sure there must be quite a few ladies still not too sure of themselves but who would like to "have a go", well why not take a deep breath (or even a stiff drink) and turn up at 7.30 any Thursday and have a look at what's going on? You never know, you may turn out to be our best asset!! Age and experience does not matter at all, we're there just to enjoy ourselves.

See you Thursday night!!

J. H.

MID WARWICKSHIRE BOYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Last year a Harbury Under 12 Football team was formed and entered in the Mid-Warwickshire League. This venture was undertaken with a degree of apprehension, and we had no previous knowledge of the standard of play. The boys wondered what they had let themselves in for when they were thrashed in the first two games. All credit to them however, for they knuckled down and a team began to take shape.

What looked like being a disaster has turned out to be a great success. All the boys involved deserve a thank you for their honest endeavour throughout the season. Furthermore, their consistently sporting behaviour has won them a trophy for the most sporting team in the under 12 league.

The boys reached the final of the Under 12 Supplementary Cup, and were beaten by Southam 3-2. Both sides gave a

fine display, and Southam just deserved to win.

In the under 12 league Harbury finished third behind Ajax and St. Peters Celtic. Both these teams have a long tradition, and a bigger catchment area.

The boys will receive their trophy and their runners up plaques at the Spa Centre on June 16th at 7.30 p.m.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the majority of parents for supporting us throughout the season. We intend to carry on with the present team in the under-13 league during 1976/77.

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

Once again the Cricket season has come round and it is hoped that the weather will be as good as last year. We have a full programme of fixtures between May and Mid-September and we could provide fixtures for two teams if the players were available.

The ground is situated on the Deppers Bridge - Bishop's Itchington Road, at Harbury Cement Works and the facilities are first class. Anyone who is interested in playing regularly or occasionally is very welcome.

Our fixtures include trips to Liverpool and mid-Oxfordshire. Practice nights are Tuesdays and Thursdays. There will be matches on Tues. 8th & 29th June, and 6th July, beginning at 6.15 p.m. Spectators are very welcome. Full teas are available if ordered, and Pots of tea are sold at a nominal charge. There is plenty of safe space for young children.

All the team would like to thank the girls for providing the teas and for presenting us with a bat. Thanks also to those who supported the Bring and Buy on May 19th. We are hoping to arrange a fund-raising Sports Evening at the Village Hall with Darts, Table-Tennis etc. and a buffet and bar. If any organisations would be interested in entering teams would they let me know.

TERRY BELL (612565)

FENCING

Three members of Leamington Spa Fencing Club took the first 3 places at Epee in the Warwickshire Fencing Championships. 1st Ron Saunders (Coventry), 2nd Bob Perry (Warwick) 3rd Peter Holt (Harbury). The championships were held at the new Sports Centre, Sydenham, Leamington Spa. The Centre

is open every evening and at weekends and caters for an increasing list of sports. Details from the Manager at the centre, which is adjacent to the Campion High School.

VISIT OF ANGUS MAUDE, M. P.

Over 60 people enjoyed the recent cheese and wine party at Harbury House, which was organised by Harbury Conservative Branch and attended by our M. P., Angus Maude. Mr. Maude gave a short talk and then, as our picture shows, informally answered questions.

The evening raised almost £70, and is the first of several activities planned by the Branch this year. D. H.



LEAMINGTON COUNCIL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Some of you may be aware that the Leamington Council for Voluntary Service are setting up a refuge for battered wives in Leamington. A house is being converted and decorated and furniture and equipment have already been donated. There is still a great need for smaller household equipment such as bed linen and kitchen equipment. If anyone has anything which they would be willing to give, possibly from things collected for rummage sales, please contact Mrs. Batchelder, phone Leamington 43225 - any weekday afternoon.

Responsibility of Committee Members for Club debts.

Notes from a leaflet prepared by the Legal Department of the National Council of Social Service.

If a member gives a personal guarantee, he or she will be personally liable. If no personal guarantee has been given:

- a) the terms of the Constitution of the Club must be borne in mind.

- b) a member must act rationally, sensibly and carefully.
- c) proof must be available of such responsible behaviour, in the form of minutes, etc.

However, committee members are collectively and personally liable on all contracts entered into, and the supplier of goods or services is entitled to treat them as the persons responsible, and a member not in agreement with the actions of his committee must disassociate himself from those actions at every opportunity to avoid equal liability. N.B. Individual cases vary, so professional advice should always be sought.

LEARN TO SWIM

A good deal of attention over the last 2 years has been focused on the construction of the School swimming pool and already large numbers of village children have learnt to swim but I wonder how many of their parents are unable to swim.

I am one of those who has spent numerous holidays keeping my swimsuit dry. At various times I've made half-hearted attempts to learn but have never managed to get both feet off the bottom!

Last year however I finally took the plunge! - and began taking weekly lessons in Coventry. The adult sessions are open to anyone, and the instructors are fully aware that most people have had to pluck up courage to come at all and take things very slowly.

For several weeks I concentrated on learning the breast stroke while wearing a rubber ring, very slowly gaining confidence. Eventually with a great deal of encouragement from my fellow pupils I took the ring off and spluttered my way through two strokes. Now after six months I can manage a couple of widths - something I would have thought impossible at the beginning.

My fellow learners range from 20 - 70. Some have learnt very quickly - some like me make rather laboured progress, but we all enjoy it.

At Coventry lessons for adults are every Tuesday at 5.30. They are open to anyone and cost 66p.

At Stratford adult lessons are Monday to Friday at 12 noon or 12.30 pm. They are also open and cost 60p.

There are also courses of 10 lessons either for beginners, or weak swimmers. These courses cost £6 and are at 7.30 on weekday evenings. Courses have to be booked by personal application at the baths - next bookings - July.

Unfortunately Leamington baths do not run adult courses at present.

S.H.

HARBURY SCOUTS



From left to right, Andrew Hunt, Bob Small, Brian Taylor, Gary Picken and David Clarke preparing to paddle their own canoes! More news of the scouts and cubs next month.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Harris family would like to thank all those people who showed them such great kindness during Reg's recent illness, those who sent cards, made frequent enquiries, and especially those who arranged, and so graciously carried out, a rota of daily visits to the hospital.

DISTRICT and PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

I should like to express my thanks to all Electors who supported my successful candidature at the recent Elections for the Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Harbury Parish Council.

I trust that I shall prove worthy of your support.

My special thanks to all who assisted in the distribution of the Election leaflets.

JOHN DRINKWATER.

I want to thank everyone who voted for me or helped me in any way to become one of your District Councillors.

Yours sincerely,

Grace Buckle.

George Buckle would like to thank all his supporters at the District Council elections.

Molly Hill would like to thank all her supporters at the District Council elections.

HARBURY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Tenders are invited for painting outside of Village Hall.

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