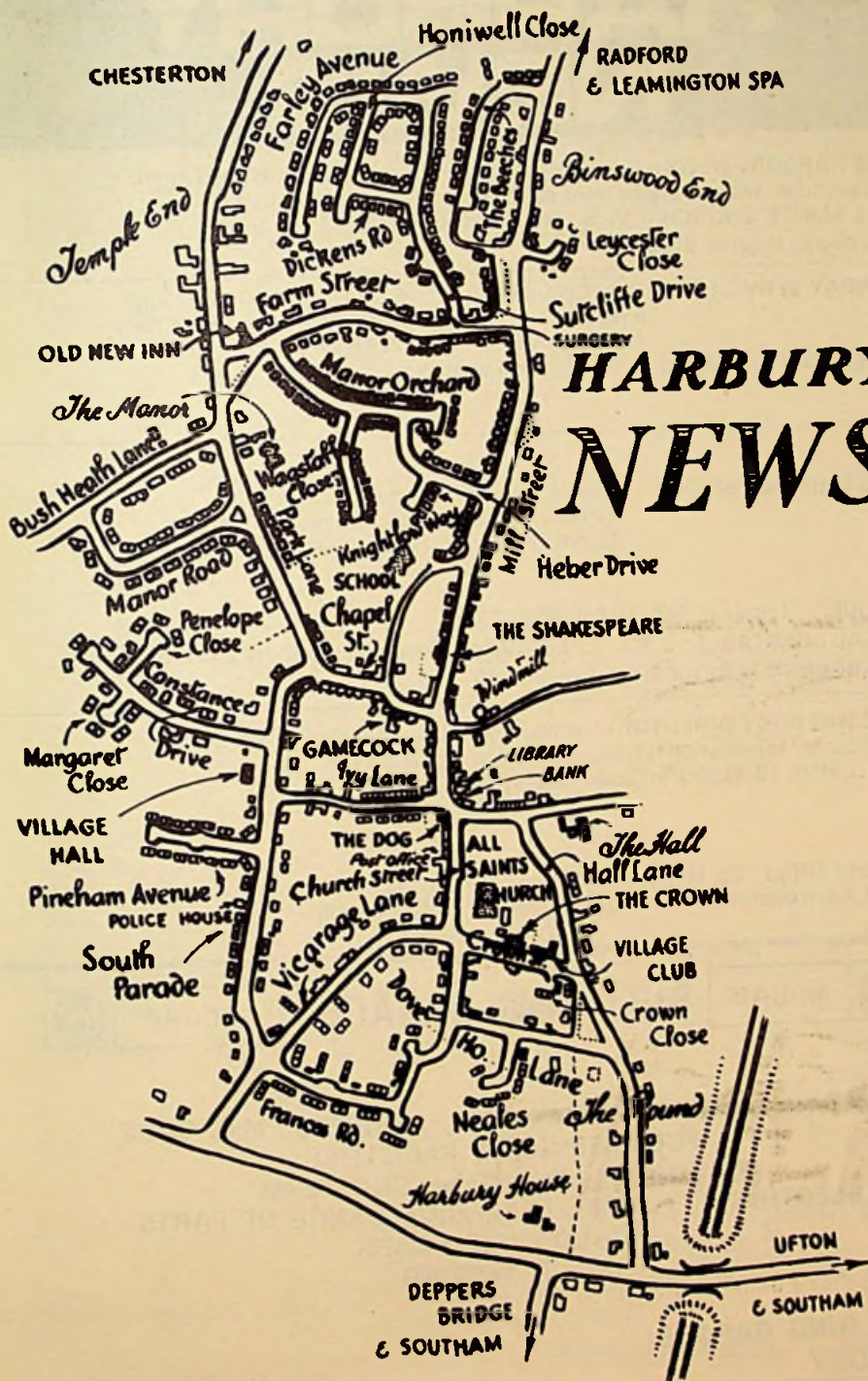


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We hope you made use of information we have given in our "Places to Go" series during the summer, and enjoyed visiting new beauty spots and places of interest in this area. If you know of anywhere which you think others might enjoy visiting, do please let us know, so it can be featured as a "Place to Go" in a future issue. A note to 23 Mill Street will bring one of our reporters "hot foot" to your door!

There should not be many people who are unaware of the enormous risk of fires at present. Nevertheless, due to carelessness the County Fire Brigade is being kept at full stretch, and sadly on Tuesday 24th August there was a fire at Ufton Nature Reserve. The fire was spotted by a villager and the Brigade was able to beat out the fire which destroyed 3 acres of the 77 acre reserve. Please remember not to throw away cigarette ends or bottles, or light picnic stoves or fires. A moment's carelessness can mean acres of countryside destroyed for years.

Last reminder - for Harbury News Photographic Competition 'How do you see Harbury?' - ENTRIES to 23 Mill St.

Congratulations to the Revd. F.R. Mackley on his 20th anniversary as vicar of Harbury - see our Profile.

HARBURY DIARY

SEPTEMBER 1976

Sun.	5th	Children's & Family Service, 11.15 a.m.
Wed.	8th	School Term begins. Harbury Soc. Children's Art Competition opens. Mothers Union AGM, 1 Vicarage Lane, 2.30 p.m.
Thurs.	9th	Playgroup 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	Scouts Jumble Sale at Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. * Football Dance POSTPONED
Sat.	11th	** PCC Open Gardens Day. Programmes from:- 5 Park Lane or 11 Constance Drive.
Sun.	12th	Crusaders restarts, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Mon.	13th	NIGHT SCHOOL STARTS Keep Fit begins at Harbury School, 7.30 - 9 pm.

- Tues. 14th Playgroup and Brownies restart
Harbury Sen. Cit. Ben Assoc., V. Hall, 8.00pm
Harbury Friends, School, 8.00 p.m.
V. Hall Committee Meeting, V. Hall, 8.00 p.m.
- Thurs. 16th Brownie Swimming Gala
Ladies Keep Fit (2nd Group), School, 7.30 - 9 pm.
- Fri. 17th Revd. Mackley's 20th anniversary as Vicar of
Harbury, Communion Service, 7.30 p.m.
- Sat. 18th PTA Garden Party at Temple House by kind
permission of Mr. & Mrs. M.E.R. Lambert.
Bishop's Enthronement at Coventry.
- Sun. 19th Bishop takes Communion at Coventry.
- Mon. 20th Upholstery begins at Wight School, 2 to 4 p.m.
- Tues. 21st Tufty Club, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Yoga begins at Harbury School, 7 to 9 p.m.
Age Concern Inaugural Meeting, Southam Council
House, 8.00pm. Anyone interested welcome.
- Wed. 22nd *PTA talk POSTPONED until 6th October
- Thurs. 23rd Golden Age, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
*Playgroup AGM CANCELLED. New date later.
- Fri. 24th Harbury Theatre Group Dance, Village Hall
- Sat. 25th Brownie Revels at Hunningham.
- Sun. 26th Footpath Assoc. ramble from V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.
- Tues. 28th Young Wives, Village Hall 2.00 p.m.
- Wed. 29th Michaelmas Day.
French starts, Harbury School.

OCTOBER

- Fri. 1st PTA Supper Dance, V. Hall. Dancing to the Likely
Lads.
- Sun. 3rd 10.00 am Parish Eucharist
11.15 am Children's & Family Service in Church
6.30 pm Music & Readings for Harvest Thanksgi
- Wed. 6th PTA Maths for Parents - A Talk to help us under
stand our children's Maths. Speaker - Mr. Wilde
8.00 p.m. at the School
Mothers Union Meeting, 1 Vicarage Lane -
speaker - Canon A.H. Denney
- Thurs. 7th W.I. Advertising Standards, Institute talk -
Miss Homer.
- Sat. 9th Liberal Assoc. Jumble Sale, V. Hall 10.15 to noon

Sat. 9th Harvest Supper, V. Hall, 7.30. Tickets £1
(50p Children & Sen. Cits.)

Wed. 13th Sen. Cits. Domino presentation, Dog Inn, 8.00pm.

Thurs. 14th Men's Group, 23 Mill Street, 7.45 p.m.

Fri. 15th Football Dance, Village Hall

Sat. 16th Golden Age Sale of Work.
Conservative Assoc. Disco & Tramps Supper.

Wed. 20th Sen. Cits. Darts presentation, Dog Inn, 8.00 p.m.

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

CRUSADERS, V. Hall, 2.30 p.m. every Sunday, restart 12 Sept.

BINGO, V. Hall, 8.00 p.m. every Monday

YOUTH CLUB, V. Hall, 8.00 p.m., every Wednesday

BABY CLINIC, V. Hall, 2nd & 4th Weds. at 2.00 p.m.

Special appointments every 3rd Monday.

SCOUTS Scout Hut, 7-9 every Friday.

THEATRE GROUP, Dog Inn, 8pm, last Friday each month.

ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.

DATES FOR INCLUSION TO LINDA RIDGLEY, 612792.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

In my letter this month I would like to express a very hearty welcome to Canon and Mrs. A.G.R. Churchill, old friends of mine, who are coming to live in our parish, at 9 Farley Avenue. They are naming the house "Wilmcote Lodge". Unfortunately it is through ill health that Canon Churchill is having to retire, and we wish him an improvement in health (it is wonderful what Harbury air can do!) For the past 25 years Father Churchill has been Vicar of Wilmcote near Stratford-on-Avon, and is also an Honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral. He has done marvellous work as Diocesan Secretary of the Additional Curates' Society (a post which he is continuing to hold) and the annual meetings of that Society which he has organised have been enthusiastically and well supported. We in this parish have supported the A.C.S. to a small extent each year, and I hope that we shall now be inspired with fresh enthusiasm for it. Mrs. Churchill is well known in the Diocese as Overseas Representative of the Mothers' Union. Canon Churchill's last service in Wilmcote Church will be a Sung Eucharist in the evening of St. Michael

and All Angels (Wednesday, September 29th). Harbury is a very friendly village, and Canon and Mrs. Churchill are very friendly people, so it is with confidence that I wish them a happy time here.

Our special preacher on the Sunday mornings of September 12th, 19th and 26th will, all well, be our old friend Father Douglas Ross who will be staying with me for those three week-ends.

Our new Bishop, the Rt. Revd. John Gibbs, is to be enthroned in Coventry Cathedral on Saturday, September 18th. We continue to remember him in our prayers. It is hoped that he will be coming to Harbury to celebrate the Eucharist and administer Confirmation on Quinquagesima (February 20th 1977) at 10.00 a.m. Those (young people or older ones) who would like to consider Confirmation are invited to see me as soon as possible. Preparation classes will then be starting about the end of October.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving will be on Sunday, October 3rd and the Harvest Supper on the following Saturday (October 9th).

With every blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

F.R. Mackley.

Holy Baptism

8th August Andrew Paul Robinson, 38 Farley Avenue.

Rebecca Karen Robinson, 38 Farley Avenue.

Funeral Services

4th August (Mrs.) Lily Annie Gascoigne, aged 86 years,
Castel Froma Nursing Home, Leamington Spa.

19th August William Edward Miller, aged 74 years,
35 Vicarage Lane.

From the Churchwardens

We look forward to celebrating on Friday, 17th September, the twentieth anniversary of our Vicar's incumbancy in Harbury. The village, and indeed the world, has changed much since 1956 and the demands made on our Vicar have also changed but his caring ministry and steadfast faith have continued unchanged. We are grateful to him for all he has done and is doing for the village.

To celebrate the anniversary a Family Communion Service will be held at 7.30 on September 17th and we warmly invite you all to join us. Perhaps those who have been married by the Vicar, whose babies have been baptised by him and those who have themselves been baptised or prepared for confirmation might like to make a particular point of joining us for this very special service at which the Rural Dean, Canon Fishley, will preach, and which will be followed by light refreshments.

With the long spell of dry sunny weather we could well have had our Harvest Festival Services in August but we thought it wise to keep to the traditional October date and we therefore hold our Harvest Thanksgiving Services on Sunday, 3rd October (see Diary), and our Harvest Supper on the following Saturday, 9th October.

All are welcome at this very happy social occasion in the Village Hall. Tickets at £1 (50p for children and senior citizens) will be on sale from members of the P. C. C. shortly.

P. T. A.

The Garden Party will be held in the grounds of Temple House, Temple End, on September 18th. We are extremely grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Lambert for opening their gardens to us in this way for the second year running. There will be a good selection of stalls and sideshows and, of course, teas will be available. The gates open at 2.00 p.m. and there will be a small admission charge.

This has been an excellent year for the PTA and funds for the pool have risen considerable. Apart from the Supper Dance on October 1st, the Garden Party will be the last fund raising event of the PTA year, so we are hoping that you will all come and support us and make this Garden Party as good as last year's.

ANNE MEGENEY (Secretary)

MUSIC RESULTS

At the recent music exams held by the Associated Board, the following students were successful:

Theory: Jane Wilne, Alison Wood & Fiona Welsh (Grade I)
Jane Goodfellow (Grade 4)

Practical: Jane Wilne (Merit - Grade I), Fiona Welsh (Grade I)
Jane Luke (Grade 4)

M. J. Coope (Tel: 612556.)

RECREATION GROUND - PLAYING FIELDS

On June 24th part of the hedge dividing the 2 fields was removed following a plan agreed by the Parish Council.

The resulting area now released can be planned out to provide better pitches for the Football and Rugby Clubs. They will now have a permanent training pitch between the Rugby pitch and the Football club and Junior Football pitches, but this won't be ready until the 1977/78 season. The area between the Tennis courts and Rugby pitch will then not be used as a Training area and the ground will not get churned up as it does at present.

Around the Tarzan Swing a 6ft wide cycle track has been cut. This will be surfaced and provide useful facilities for our many young cyclists.

A scheme for planting partly grown trees is being formulated and we hope to plant them this autumn.

PETER HOLT (Recreation Ground Committee)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - AUGUST

Watched by Mesdames Ridgley, Megeney, Hutchins and Buckle were: the Clerk, Councillors Atkins, Drinkwater, Davies, Ellis, Wilkins, Hancock, Caterall and Chairman Geoff Wright (£1 per annum covers all risks to his badge).

Mr. Wilkins reported complaints from people refused entry to Ufton Reserve.

The seat at Temple Hill has been broken up and the pieces thrown into a pond.

SM62a has NOT been made 'more commodious'.

Mrs. Sollis urged the PC to ensure that the streets are swept more frequently.

Mr. Wilkins pointed out that there was no need to remove the Horsechestnut on Binswood End Green which Mr. Tennant claimed blocked his view of Ufton - in a few years he would be able to see UNDER it!

Mr. Ellis was still concerned lest Harbury's bus service be cut. The PC would like comments on the service and its cost from those who use the buses.

The PC agreed to support the applications for:

- } Sapphire Coaches* planned Southam Shopping Bus.
- } The Rugby Club's licence.

Harbury Playing Fields Committee paid off the Tennis Court loan.

Mrs. Catterall decided that Deppers doesn't want Harbury Playing Field Gate after all!

The Chairman agreed to collect Harbury's Certificate of Third Prize in the Best Kept Village Competition. He thanked the Harbury Society for publicising the Competition and the Scouts and Cubs for their efforts in clearing litter.

The Parish Council will discuss the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee at the next meeting on:

23rd September, 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Is there a willing person with a few hours to spare to take on the duties of Secretary to the Village Hall Committee. Our Secretary will soon be getting married and will also be moving from the village, so we would welcome any help or assistance with this problem.

A Quotation has been accepted for the painting of the outside of the Village Hall, and the work should commence during September.

The next meeting of the Village Hall Committee is on 14th September at the Village Hall at 8 o'clock.

MIDGE KEEN (Chairman)

CRICKET

This summer has brought a unique problem to Village and Junior Cricket - one of wickets becoming deserts and thereby becoming unpredictable and sometimes dangerous. - No, we have not forgotten being shot out for the massive total of 14 by Offchurch! There have been no really outstanding performances except for the bowling of Brian Wallington who has already passed his 50 wickets for the third successive year. Well done Brian!

On behalf of the team I would like to thank the ladies for their support and for the truly great teas which we enjoy. The abundance of supporters early on dwindled during the really hot weather - possibly helped by the team's performance. However, numbers have picked up during the last few weeks. We have home fixtures on Sept. 5th and 12th and we complete this year's programme at Steeple Aston, Oxon on Sept. 19th.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

I can now confirm an earlier statement in the Harbury News about Under 13 Football. We have entered a team in the Mid Warwickshire Sunday League. Fixtures will be starting in mid September. This year the league will comprise 11 sides half of which will be in the Rugby and Coventry areas, thereby giving two problems, one of transport (parents please note), the other, the standard of football. There is no doubt that this year the standard will be very high and therefore we would ask that those who played last year continue to support us, and if anyone knows of any good players within a few miles radius of Harbury get them to come along as we need strength in depth to ensure that our games are enjoyable. Last year we did very well just starting, but this year is going to be a much bigger task. Practice will start during the week school recommences.

P.S. Are there any parents who are willing to help run the side and provide transport? If so, please contact T. Bell, Harbury 612565.

YOUR THEATRE GROUP NEEDS YOU!

We're on the crest of a wave! We're a success! Thank you Harbury News for your kind words last month about 'Semi Detached', nothing makes it more worth while than to know that we have given value for money. We even managed to cover our costs this time AND put a little money back in the bank. Not enough, unfortunately, to allow us to replace our tatty flats and props but it may well help to offset a loss on some future production.

Now is the beginning of a busy season for us, a new play has to be chosen, cast and produced for late November and we have what promises to be a really good dance and social evening to organise for this month. Then there is our Christmas Social Evening in December, and also, if there is time, we hope to organise at least one theatre visit before Christmas. PHEW!! I hope we can stand the pace.

Now can YOU stand the pace? Sort out your old Battle Dress or those old War Time clothes still hung at the back of the wardrobe - you're coming to our "40's Evening" to dance to the big band sound of Reg Roberts. Soak in nostalgia of the time between Air Raids, Dance, Eat, Drink and be merry. (We promise to try and provide something more appetising

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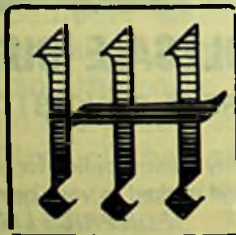
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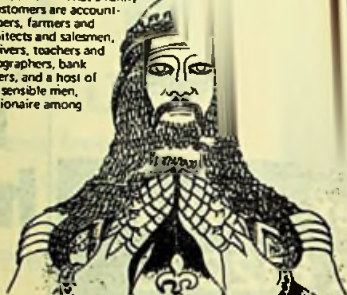
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than NAFFI Sandwiches). So make a big note in your Diary, Friday September 24th is 40's Evening at the Village Hall. I should book your ticket as soon as the posters are issued - there will probably be a rush, and don't forget your ration books!

KEITH HAYES.

STOP PRESS: Yet another date for your diary - "The Coming of the Kings and other Christmas Things" will be performed in Church on 9th and 10th December.

ON THE FARM

Iory and Monica Davies farm 'Lower Westfields Farm', which is situated along Middle Road, and stretches over to the other side of the railway embankment. They have 200 acres, half of which is given over to growing cereal crops, and half to grassland for cattle and their dairy herd. The Fresian dairy herd numbers 40, and they have about 100 other cattle. The calves are mostly produced in December to February.

They grow barley, wheat and oats, and this year's harvest is one of the earliest, having been finished by the end of the first week in August instead of mid-September. The yield this year is down some 30% because of the dry conditions, and also the second hay crop is virtually non-existent. With little grazing, Iory is now having to give the cattle winter feedstuffs, which will necessitate buying replacement stocks next Spring. We can all look forward to further price increases in milk as a result. The price farmers get for milk is in fact only a little over half the normal retail price.

Apart from the everyday job of milking 40 cows at 6 a.m. and 4 p.m., the months of October and November are taken up with sowing cereal crops. It costs about £50 an acre to sow crops, so rainfall is needed now to ensure that the sowing succeeds.

Iory has spent 8 years serving on the Parish Council, and has been a School Manager since 1958. You are also quite likely to meet him if you contravene the law - he has been a J.P. for 6 years, and sits at Southam courts once a fortnight.

We wish Iory, Monica and their family continued success on their farm. (We hope to include further articles in this series.)

Mrs. Emma Townsend, thought to be the oldest resident of Deppers Bridge, died recently at the age of 86.

HARBURY GOLDEN AGE CLUB

A most enjoyable day was spent at Trentham Gardens by the members of the Golden Age Club on Tuesday 27th July. The weather was just right - not too hot. We called at Lichfield on the way there and had a conducted tour of the Cathedral. Reaching Trentham at one o'clock we wandered about the gardens and had a little train ride alongside the lake. At five o'clock we had high tea in the ballroom. Leaving there at 6.30 we called for a drink at Coleshill and arrived home at 9.30 p.m. - tired out but happy.

Our next meeting is on September 9th at 2.30 p.m.

E. SHEASBY (Sec.)

WARWICKSHIRE NATURE TRAILS

The normally lush green Warwickshire countryside is not looking its best at the moment, not only stricken by drought, but ravaged by Dutch Elm Disease. Furthermore walking in the countryside is very much restricted by intensive farming, and obstruction of footpaths. A good way of enjoying a country walk is to take one of several nature trails for which leaflets are available at the County Museum.

The trails are intended to highlight the interesting geological, biological and historical features of the area.

Nearest to Harbury is the Burton Dassett Country Park, for which a really excellent booklet is available prepared by our own Bill Allan and Pamela Copson. The Burton Dassett Hills have been named as a Site of Special Scientific Interest by the Nature Conservancy, as one of the few examples of Warwickshire Grassland 'unimproved' by modern farming. The two mile Nature Trail includes all 5 hills and the Church. The leaflet explains the geology of the area and relates it to the interesting plants found there.

Further afield there is a two mile trail at Edge Hill over the site of the battle. This walk involves a steep climb, and in the days when it still rained had a tendency to be exceedingly muddy, but the views are some of the best in Warwickshire.

Near Stratford is the Welcombe Hills Nature Trail, devised by the pupils of the Croft School, Stratford. This has a particular emphasis on trees.

Both of these trails are published by the Warwickshire Nature Conservancy Trust which works to establish more

nature reserves and trails, and to safeguard the county's wildlife. Information about the trust and these and other Nature Trail guides are available at the County Museum, Market Place, Warwick.

S. H.

EVENING CLASSES

Strange as it may seem, in this long hot summer, the long dark nights of winter are not far away, and the usual variety of evening classes will be available at Southam despite economic stringencies. In his introduction to the Southam programme the Head of Centre, Mr. G.A. Hayward, points out that fees have been raised and there has been no additional money available to expand the class programme. He strongly believes that adult education is not a leisure-time luxury, but a necessary service, - even more necessary in times of stress.

Courses include the practical - woodwork, lampshades, upholstery, cookery; the artistic:- Pottery, Sculpture, Lapidary & Stonecraft; the active:- Basketball, Judo; and the intellectual:- Languages & History. There's even a course on Inflation! A case of if you can't beat it - join it!

Harbury based classes are as follows:-

Monday: Ladies Keep Fit, 7.30 - 9.00, J & I School from 13th Sept

Upholstery, 2 - 4, Wight School, beginning 20th Sept.

Tuesday: Yoga, 7 - 9, J & I School, beginning 21st Sept.

Wednesday: French, 7 - 9, J & I School, beginning 29th Sept.

Thursday: Ladies Keep Fit, 7.30 - 9, J. & I. School from 16th Sept.

Corn Dollies, 7.15 - 9.15, J & I School, begins 4th Nov.

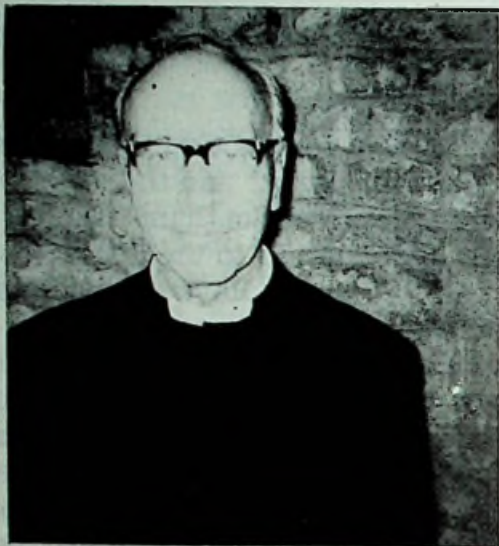
The Enrolment evening is on Thursday 16th September, 7.30 - 9.30 at Southam School, or by post to Mr. G.A. Hayward at the School (Phone Southam 4264)

E. C. G. MACHINE

Southam Lions Club handed over an Electrocardiograph machine to Dr. Peter Healy and Dr. John Hancock (representing the Southam and Harbury GP's) at a ceremony at the Stoneythorpe Hotel on Wednesday 16th June. The E.C.G. is an invaluable aid in the diagnosis of coronary thrombosis and other diseases of the heart. The machine is portable and will be shared by the local doctors. Southam Lions have raised several hundred pounds to purchase the machine in a very few months - a very worthwhile achievement.

J. L. H.

PROFILE - THE REV'D F.R. MACKLEY.



On September 17th our Vicar will have been in Harbury for 20 years. To mark the occasion there will be an evening Communion Service in Church at 7.30 p.m. to which, naturally, all in Harbury are invited.

The Rev'd F.R. Mackley was born in Leicestershire and was educated at Lutterworth Grammar School where he became head boy. From there he moved on to what was then

University College, Reading, gaining a first class honours degree in Philosophy at London University and followed this with a post graduate diploma in Education. He then took the position of Classics master at Bembridge Public School on the Isle of Wight.

His interest in the church crystalised in 1927 when he moved to the College of the Resurrection at Mirfield, for theological training. He was ordained priest in 1930 and appointed Assistant Curate of the Abbey Church of St. Mary, Nuneaton. There, in addition to his regular duties, he became active in the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the Church Union and the Scouts etc. and was obviously very popular.

In 1948, he became Vicar of the charming church of All Saints at Burton Dassett, the Cathedral on the Hills, and then in 1956 moved to Harbury.

During the last 20 years he has instigated various improvements to the Church, including the rehangng of the bells, improving the organ etc. (it is his ambition to see an Aumbrey in the church so that there can be a reserved sacrament available at all times), and has introduced a daily Eucharist. His special Children's Lent Services are notably successful and the short family services on the first Sunday of the month are an easy introduction to Church for the youngsters.

He is pleased that the number of communicants has increased during the last 20 years and that the special services such as Christmas and Easter are much better attended. He feels that the Crusader movement is very useful in attracting a wider range of children to Religious instruction than is likely with a purely Church of England Sunday school.

Outside his church duties, his interests are Music, reading (having taught classics this includes Latin and Greek) and the theatre. - Those who are regulars at the Harbury Theatre Group productions will know that he is an accomplished performer.

To our Vicar, Harbury News extends its congratulations on his 20th anniversary of coming to the village, and best wishes for the coming years.

J. B. M.

VISIT TO WESTON PARK

In July Class Nine went to Weston Park in Shropshire. The coach came for us about twenty past nine and we arrived there about 11 o'clock. First of all we had our lunch and at 12 o'clock we went to have a tour of the house where the Earl of Bradford lives. We went into the Entrance Hall where a guide told us about the house and about the people who lived there. Then we went into the Marble Hall where we were shown the stairs and some glass cabinets that had all kinds of beautiful ornaments inside them. We then went into the tapestry room which instead of having wallpaper on the walls had tapestry. By the fire there were some things called pole screens which shielded the ladies' faces from the fire because in the olden days ladies wore wax in their make-up and if there had been no shield it would have run. After the tapestry room was the drawing room. In that room was a picture painted of Lady Elizabeth Wilbraham who rebuilt the house in 1671. Then next was the library which had a secret door either side of the room. Also two young daughters of the 2nd Earl had an accident by the fire while they were waiting for guests. A spark caught one of the dresses and set her on fire. Her sister tried to save her and she too caught fire and a week later they both died. Next we went into the dining room. Builders were working on this room and we did not see it properly. After the dining room were the West Marble Hall and the salons.

Next we came to the gift shop and we were allowed to buy some things with our money. At 1.30 pm we went into the

pottery room and had a look at a lady making some pots. Then at 2.00 pm we went into the Aquarium and had a look at the fish. There were some piranha fish and some great big fish called Silver Fish. I bought a tiger shell from the shop. After seeing the fish we went to the Adventure playground and played on things there. Some of us went on the Nature Trail. About 4.30 we had to go back on the coach. We arrived back at school about 6.00 p.m.

KAREN WHITMORE.

FIELD FOOTPATH No. 9

This month's field path is really one for the walking motorist - or motorised walker! - as it is a considerable way out of the village and is really the distal loop of the long SM24 - SM 26 pathway which takes up to four hours of stiff hiking. So for those who want a most pleasant hour's walk, I suggest the car is left in the lay-by beyond the Ufton Cross Roads, and the Southam Road followed to point A (also shown on Issue, Dec. '75) which is about 100 yds. west of Stoneythorpe Bridge.

Here one finds a small iron gate in the iron railings which points the way across the lovely park towards Stoneythorpe Hall. At the far side are two large gates on either side of the Hall carriageway and the second one admits to a rough tree-lined track which goes down to the old mill building in the corner. At this point 4 footpaths converge and SM 19 (west) turns left-handed at a right angle towards a prominent clap-gate in the hedgerow. Once through this, the path follows a long line of beautiful mature elms until it enters the next arable field by an unstepped stile. The line crosses this field directly to another small gate which gives access to the 3 pleasantly pastoral grass fields. There is no difficulty in tracing it as it follows the line of the hedgerows until it emerges on to the Bascote Heath Road between "Bunnies" and the little Cemetery. Thereafter it is but a short walk along the road back to the lay-by and the car!

This makes a most enjoyable short walk through wooded country which is mainly pasture. There are sometimes cattle along the route so please keep dogs on lead and honour the Country Code by closing the various gates, and above all do not do anything which could cause a fire.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sirs,

I was delighted to read in last month's magazine of the excellent use to which the school puts its swimming pool.

But what about during the holidays?

For almost the whole of the six weeks the pool will have been unused, when almost everyone in the village would surely have been willing to pay for a cool dip.

I realise there must be difficulties - manning, insurance etc., but perhaps if thought could be given to these problems now, they would be solved in time for us all to enjoy the benefits of a pool in the village in the summer of '77.

DIANA HOLT.

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