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The holiday season is well and truly upon us now, and we include this time a few ideas which might help to jog your memories when wondering where to go for something a little bit different.

We are pleased that the number of articles we receive for publication continues to grow - proving just how many interests and activities there are in the village. This has meant that we have been consistently printing more pages this year than we had budgeted for, which we hope has resulted in a more interesting magazine. It is inevitable, however, that we shall have to increase the subscription rate in the autumn - the first increase we shall have had to make - still, we hope you will agree, good value.

AUGUSTHARBURY DIARY

Tues. 2nd	Motor Cycle Club, 8p. m., Wight School Bible Study & Discussion, 8p. m., Vicarage
Sat. 6th	Profusion Road Show(Disco)at the Club
Sun. 7th	10a. m. Sung Eucharist 11.15, Children's & Family Service
Tues. 9th	W.I. Tea Party, 2.30, V. Hall Harbury Friends, 8p. m., School
Sat. 13th	Dancing at the Club
Sun. 14th	10 a. m. Sung Eucharist Cricket v Offchurch, at Cement Works
Mon. 15th	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Eucharist, 7.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. PCC Meeting, Wight School, 8p. m.
Tues. 16th	Senior Citizens Committee, 8p. m. V. Hall W.I. Car Rally, start 7-8p. m. from V. Hall
Sat. 20th	Travelling Light at the Club
Sun. 21st	10 a. m. Sung Eucharist
Tues. 23rd	Bible Study & Discussion, 8 p. m., Vicarage
Thurs. 25th	Parish Council, 7.30p. m., V. Hall Theatre Group General Meeting, 8p. m., Club
Sat. 27th	Penumbra at the Club
Sun. 28th	10a. m. Sung Eucharist Footpath Walk, 2.30 from V. Hall

SEPTEMBER.

- Thurs. 1st Playgroup Trip to Twycross Zoo, 9.30 from
Village Hall
W.I., talk on NSPCC by Mrs. Williams,
7.45, V. Hall
- Sat. 3rd Russell Sprout at the Club
- Sun. 4th 10a.m. Sung Eucharist
11.15 a.m. Children's and Family Service
- Tues. 6th SCHOOL AND PLAYGROUP RESTART
Village Hall Committee, 8p.m., V. Hall
- Wed. 7th M.U. AGM, 2.30, Old Timbers, Ivy Lane
- Thurs. 8th Golden Age, 2.30, Village Hall
- Fri. 9th Football Club Dance (to be confirmed)
- Sat. 10th Parish Day at Cathedral, 10.30 to 4 p.m.
PTA Garden Party at Harbury House
Cystic Fibrosis Disco, 7.30, School (age 8-16)
Tudor Lodge at the Club
- Sun. 11th Crusaders restart
10 a.m. Sung Eucharist
- Mon. 12th LARGE RUBBISH COLLECTION THIS WEEK.
YOU MUST RING STRATFORD 3027 or 67575, ext. 239,
TO ARRANGE FOR COLLECTION. IT'S NO GOOD
LEAVING RUBBISH OUT IF YOU DON'T!!
Guides and Gymnastics restart
- Tues. 13th Brownies restart
Senior Citizens Committee, 8p.m., V. Hall
Harbury Friends, 8p.m. School.
- ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Hall Chapel, 10a.m.
every Sunday
- CRUSADERS, V. Hall, 2.30 every Sunday (not August)
- BINGO, V. Hall, 8 p.m. every Monday
- GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7-8.30 every Monday (not August)
- BROWNIES, V. Hall, 6.15-7.15 every Tuesday (not August)
- YOUTH CLUB, V. Hall, 8p.m. every Wednesday
- BABY CLINIC, V. Hall, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 2p.m.
- Special appointments every 3rd Monday
- PARISH COUNCIL, V. Hall, 7.40 every 4th Thursday
- SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7-9 every Friday
- CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30 every Friday
- FOOTPATH ASSOC., from V. Hall, 2.30 last Sunday of month
- ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.

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SARA BENNETT (612618) or LINDA RIDGLEY(612792).

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

The open-air Service on the Royal Show Ground on the evening of Sunday, 3rd July, was greatly enjoyed by all of us who went to it, and we were proud to see our choir taking part in it with other choirs.

We also enjoyed welcoming a large party from Coventry Cathedral to our Evensong on the previous Sunday, and we express our thanks to Michael and Judith Barnes for their wonderful hospitality afterwards at 8 Penelope Close. It was at this service that the Royal School of Church Music Certificate was presented to Mr. Tom Hauley, in appreciation of his 45 years of singing in our choir (not to mention previous years in another choir). This is a splendid record, and we hope that he may long continue all his good work in the Church.

This leads me to mention the need for more men in the choir. We have a splendid choir of boys and girls who sing very well indeed, but we do need some basses and tenors. Anyone interested should see the choirmaster, Mr. Barnes, or me.

We also need more men and boys as Altar Servers. I would be pleased to see any who would like to learn and be trained, or any former servers who would like to return to it. It is highly desirable that there should be a server at every Celebration of Holy Communion on both Sundays and weekdays, and it is highly desirable that there should be a team of four servers (M.C., two acolytes and a Cross bearer) at every Sung Eucharist. It is a useful sphere of service for any who have not the voice to sing in the choir.

It has been suggested to me by a regular contributor to this magazine that I should give in the Harbury News an explanation of the Angelus bell which is rung at mid-day. Actually it is rung 3 times a day, before Mattins (usually at 7 a.m.), at noon, and at 6 p.m, to remind us of our Lord's Incarnation. It consists of three threes and a nine. There is not space here to write out the Angelus prayers, but I will put some cards with them on upon the literature table in Church for any who wish to have them. They can also

be found in some of the books of devotion which some of you have (e.g. in 'The Sanctuary of God'). But, even if you do not use the actual words, you can make the ringing of the bell an occasion for lifting up your minds to God with a special thanksgiving for the Incarnation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

A special Holy Day which occurs in August is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the 15th. Although it falls on a Monday this year, I hope that all Church people will try to be present at the Holy Eucharist. It is the day when we celebrate the falling asleep and the assumption (i.e. the being taken up) into Heaven of the Blessed Virgin Mary. What must that meeting have been like between the perfect Son and the perfect Mother? It was she who had made a home for God when He came to His creation; what must the home He gave her be like? How right it is to commemorate that happy day when Jesus and Mary met in Heaven.

With every blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

F. R. Mackley

Holy Matrimony

July 2nd, Stephen Richard Southam to Patricia Anne Newbery

July 16th, John Edgar Fletcher to Yvonne Helen Hughes

Funeral Services

June 30th, Mary Ann Bushell, 10 Pineham Avenue, aged 90yrs.

July 1st, Susan Hodges, 20 Pineham Avenue, aged 81 years.

July 7th, Henry William Thacker, Lillington, aged 76 years.

July 11th, Winifred Elsie Lilian Horth, 7 Ivy Lane, aged 80 yrs.

July 19th, Arthur Edmund Bowell, 7 Chapel Street, aged 65 yrs.

LADBROKE NEWS

Services for August and early September: Sunday, 7th August,

(Trinity IX), 8.30a.m. Holy Communion, 11a.m. Matins.

Sunday, 14th August (Trinity X), 11a.m. Holy Communion

with hymns; 6.30p.m. Evensong. Sunday, 21st August,

(Trinity XI), 8.30a.m. Holy Communion, 11a.m. Matins.

Sunday, 28th August (Trinity XII), 11 a.m. Holy Commu-

nion with hymns, 6.30 p.m. Evensong. Sunday, 4th Sept.,

(Trinity XIII), 8.30a.m. Holy Communion, 11a.m. Matins.

Extracts from the Registers:

Holy Baptism: 10th July, Simon Mark Knott

Holy Matrimony: 2nd July, Rupert Ian Field and Joan Rosemary Watherston.

Altar Flowers: August 7th, Mrs. Wall. August 14th, Mrs.

Edwards. August 21st, Mrs. Durrant. August 28th, and September 4th, Mrs. J. Barnett.

Congratulations and all good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Field, and a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Emus who have come to live in what was the Rectory; we hope they will be very happy among us.

Ladbroke C. E. School

Some mistaken ideas seem to be circulating about the new Church School to be built in Southam, and its connection with the closure of Ladbroke School. The position at present is that the closure of the school is still under consideration by the Dept. of Education; if the closure is approved it will not take place until July 1979. If the closure is approved the Local Education Authority will consult parents and offer transport to the school chosen by the majority (if that school has room for the children). The suggestion at present is that the new Church School in Southam should provide for (i) children whose parents desire them to have a Church education, (ii) children from the east side of the A423 road in Southam and children from Ladbroke. But these are purely suggestions, and the choice of school remains with the parents subject to there being sufficient accommodation in the school chosen. G.R.F.

The Summer Fair held last month raised £88.10 for the School Fund. On 17th July an open afternoon was held, and parents and friends were able to see the school work carried out over the year. Afterwards they were entertained by songs and dances followed by refreshments. On 15th July the School and friends spent a memorable day at the Wild Life Park at Woburn Abbey; sunshine and a picnic added to everyone's delight.

The Leavers' Service was held on 17th July, and Janice Sheasby, Heather Teverson and Louise Wiggins, who read the lessons, were presented with the modern version of the New Testament, 'Good News for Modern Man'. P.S.F.

Women's Institute

There will not be a monthly meeting in August, but we are holding a Garden Party on Saturday, 27th August, at 7.30p.m. in the garden of 'Woodlands' (next door to Ladbroke School). There will be many stalls including members' Crafts, and Tombola, and we shall be delighted to welcome all our friends.

Our June meeting proved to be a most successful evening. The meeting had been opened to the village, and a good number of people came to meet Mr. Wright of the RSPB, and to see some of his large collection of colour slides of British birds, and to listen to his interesting comments on each one.

G. M. B.

Parish Council

At the June meeting, among matters discussed were the:

1. Sites for tree planting in Ladbroke; WCC will be giving trees to replace the stricken ones.
2. There is to be a submerged reservoir on Ladbroke Hill Farm up Windmill Hill, and the Severn Water Authority is to be responsible for any damage to the lane during this operation.
3. The Jubilee committee repaid the loan of £75 received from the Parish Council.
4. A copper beech tree is to be planted in the churchyard to commemorate Jubilee year, following the most successful Jubilee events held in the village.
5. Great concern was expressed over the pending closure of the village school, and our local MP is to be alerted.
6. The amount of public liability insurance held by the Parish Council is to be considerably raised.

On July 20th there were six members of the public present, and all Councillors plus the Clerk in attendance at the meeting, and some of the items were:

1. Careful consideration had been given to the siting of the various Jubilee tree planting areas in Ladbroke.
2. There are 6 people in Ladbroke who would like old people's bungalows.
3. Mr. Angus Maude is writing to the Minister about the closure of Ladbroke School.
4. Discussion took place about restoring the ditch on Mrs. Ryecroft's land to enable the bridle path of that Green

Lane to be used for access to the Napton area without having to grapple with the busy A423 trunk road.

5. Hurrah! Ladbroke was in the last three for the Best Kept Village competition - a little more effort and next year we could improve on that.

Next meeting, Tuesday, 13th September, 7.30p.m. P.S.F.

HARBURY SCHOOL

Sponsored Walk: About 230 children took part in the Walk in aid of the Swimming Pool Fund on 25th June, a cool morning quite comfortable for walking. We knew that if we did well we could collect enough money to pay off our loan to the WCC one year in advance. I am delighted to report that we have broken all previous records with a grandtotal of £600. I am sure that more will be said of this at a later date, but I should like to thank everyone who helped to make this such a successful event.

Swimming Pool: At the beginning of July our pool was fitted with solar heating. I should point out that this works in conjunction with the existing gas heating, and can never take over as the main source of heat. It is hoped, however, that it will help to reduce the heating bill. Time will tell!! This is a County Engineers' Energy Saving project, and is not costing the school, or the PTA, a penny.

Staff: Mrs. A. Jacques and Mrs. B. Catherall leave us this term after being with us for a year. We thank both of them, and wish them well in the future. N.C.O.

Our trip to the Science Museum

What I enjoyed most was the Science Museum. Clare and I went round together. We thought we would get lost but we never did. In the Science Museum there were old and new trains. There was a real one, but just the engine part. Then we saw a big model of the very first train. There was also an old-fashioned bus and you could go inside. There were about fifteen to twenty cars old and new again. And some very old bicycles which were fascinating. Then we went and had a look at inventions and how engines and clocks were made. I wish I could have looked at everything, but we did not have enough time. There were five floors. Then we went to the gift shop. We had to ask a man (the one in uniform) the way

to the shop. I bought three postcards. One of the first Automatic Tea Maker, invented by a gunsmith in 1901. The second postcard was a Wilcox and Gibbs sewing machine invented by James Gibbs in 1856. And the third was a model of an American locomotive, 1875. I also bought a book about microscopes to the end of the 19th century. Then we went to have a drink, and I bought a little pad from the other shop. We then went last of all to see the rocks and minerals which I enjoyed. These were my favourite things I did on our trip.

HELEN KEIR.

Our trip to the Natural History Museum

On 19th July we went to London. Class 8 also came. The journey was a long one, but when we got to London we had a tour round. We saw lots of interesting things; Big Ben, River Thames and the Houses of Parliament. Kensington Palace had to be cut out because the bus could not get through the gate. I was rather disappointed in that because I had wanted to go very much. Instead we had lunch and went to the Natural History and Science Museum. Because we couldn't go to Kensington Palace we had longer at the Natural History and Science Museum. First I went to see the Blue Whale. It was enormous so I decided to buy a postcard of it. There were other smaller whales as well and some dolphins. We went up on the balcony and I threw some coins on to its tail. We wandered back looking at the insects and the birds. Then we went up the stairs to see what was up there. It was very interesting up there. We saw lots of stuffed animals and birds. I was astonished when I saw the size of an ostrich, and emu and a dodo. I was really surprised, but mostly at the ostrich. Next I went to see the fossils and dinosaurs. I liked the dinosaurs best and I thought they were enormous. There were quite a few but mostly I enjoyed looking at the big set up of bones, they looked very realistic. At twenty past four we came back and went home in the bus. I gave my brother some dinosaur postcards as he liked them. And I bought some notelets and a pencil as well. I quite enjoyed myself and thought it had been a good day. ANDREA BURFORD.

P.S. On behalf of the parents, thank you to the staff who take the children on their trips - it can't be an easy job, but the children do enjoy themselves, and learn such a lot. DH.

SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

4th yr. High Jump: 1st. J. Humphreys
Girls 2nd. J. Scott
R. Mettrick
Boys 1st. S. Megeney
2nd. N. Andrews
3rd. K. Barr

3rd. yr. High Jump: 1st. A. Wood
Girls 2nd. J. Andrews
3rd. H. Keir
Boys 1st. M. Sedgeley
2nd. D. Winters
3rd. A. Holt

2nd. yr. High Jump: 1st. S. Allan
Girls 2nd. D. Wallington
3rd. J. Gascoyne
Boys 1st. R. Young
2nd. K. Taylor
3rd. A. Brain

Long Distance: 4th yr. 1st. D. Grey
Boys 2nd. D. Hagan
3rd. S. Wilkins
Girls 1st. R. Mettrick
2nd. J. Humphreys
3rd. J. Scott

Long Distance: 3rd. yr. 1st. C. Wallington
Boys 2nd. R. Grinnell
3rd. M. Brent
Girls 1st. A. Wood
2nd. J. Andrews
3rd. H. Keir

Long Distance: 2nd. yr. 1st. C. Warden
Boys 2nd. R. Young
3rd. J. Williams
Girls 1st. L. Rolf
2nd. S. Allan
3rd. J. Gascoyne

Long Distance: 1st. yr. 1st. A. Thomas
Boys 2nd. S. Luke
3rd. D. Andrews
Girls 1st. D. Keir
2nd. A. Sherriff
3rd. A. Flower

70m. Flat: 2nd year: 1st. A. Brain
Boys 2nd. C. Warden
3rd. J. Williams
Girls 1st. L. Rolf
2nd. S. Allan
3rd. M. Coney

60m. Flat: 1st year: 1st. K. Jones
Boys 2nd. S. Luke
3rd. D. Andrews
Girls 1st. D. Keir
2nd. A. Sherriff
3rd. J. Fletcher

4th yr. Long Jump: 1st. J. Humphreys
Girls 2nd. J. Scott
3rd. P. Hanson
Boys 1st. D. Hagan
2nd. N. Andrews
3rd. R. Woodward

3rd. yr. Long Jump: 1st. A. Wood
Girls 2nd. H. Keir
3rd. C. Sutton
Boys 1st. R. Grinnell
2nd. M. Evans
3rd. M. Sedgeley

2nd. yr. Long Jump: 1st. L. Rolf
Girls 2nd. B. Perry
3rd. L. Stanbridge
Boys 1st. P. Millington
2nd. D. Wright
3rd. C. Warden

Hurdles: 4th year: 1st. D. Grey
Boys 2nd. R. Woodward
3rd. N. Andrews
Girls 1st. J. Scott
2nd. R. Mettrick
3rd. J. Humphreys

Hurdles: 3rd year: 1st. C. Wallington
Boys 2nd. P. Langley
3rd. R. Grinnell
Girls 1st. A. Wood
2nd. J. Andrews
3rd. A. Baldwin

Obstacle: 4th yr. 1st. S. Wilkins
Boys 2nd. D. Butler
3rd. S. Megeney
Girls 1st. R. Mettrick
2nd. J. Scott
3rd. J. Birch

Obstacle: 3rd yr. 1st. J. Montgomery
Boys 2nd. G. Spencer
3rd. E. Suttie
Girls 1st. R. Lawler
2nd. L. Healey
3rd. V. Allan

Obstacle: 2nd yr. 1st. D. Andrews
Boys 2nd. P. Howell
3rd. G. Smith
Girls 1st. F. Medcalf
2nd. E. Ashton
3rd. L. Caswell

Obstacle 1st. year teams:
1st. Dickens
2nd. Morris
3rd. Farrow
4th. Watts

Throwing a cricket ball: 4th year:
Boys: 1st. K. Lines
2nd. D. Hagan
3rd. D. Grey
Girls: 1st. J. Scott
2nd. C. Jackson
3rd. L. Bally

Throwing a cricket ball: 3rd year:
Boys: 1st. C. Wallington
2nd. A. Holt
3rd. R. Grinnell
Girls: 1st. J. Vorster
2nd. J. Cowper
3rd. C. Barnes

Throwing a cricket ball: 2nd year:
Boys: 1st. P. Howell
2nd. A. Brain
3rd. M. Lee
Girls: 1st. L. Rolf
2nd. S. Harris/S. Andrews

Ball & Hockey stick Relay: 4th year:
1st. Morris
2nd. Farrow
3rd. Dickens
4th. Watts

Ball & Hockey stick Relay: 3rd year:
1st. Dickens
2nd. Morris
3rd. Farrow
4th. Watts

Ball & Skipping Relay: 4th year:
1st. Dickens
2nd. Morris
3rd. Farrow
4th. Watts

Ball & Skipping Relay: 3rd year:
1st. Dickens
2nd. Farrow
3rd. Watts
4th. Morris

80m. Flat: 4th year:
Boys 1st. R. Woodward
2nd. S. Homes
3rd. D. Knowles
Girls 1st. J. Scott
2nd. J. Humphreys
3rd. R. Mettrick

80m. Flat: 3rd year:
Boys 1st. P. Langley
2nd. C. Wallington
3rd. A. Holt
Girls 1st. A. Wood
2nd. A. Baldwin
3rd. J. Andrews

The new HOUSE SHIELD, donated by the P.T.A., was won by MORRIS, with Watts second, Dickens third, and Farrow fourth.

CUPS were awarded to the following children for the highest number of INDIVIDUAL POINTS:

4th year Boy: Simon Wilkins
4th year Girl: Jenny Scott

3rd year Boy: Carl Wallington
3rd year Girl: Ann Wood

2nd year Boy: Adam Brain
2nd year Girl: Laura Rolf

1st year Boy: Stephen Luke
1st year Girl: Deborah Keir

SCOUT GROUP

For domestic reasons Brian Taylor has had to resign from the position of Scout Leader, and the sentiments expressed in the letter from parents which appears elsewhere are echoed by the committee and scouters. We are pleased that Brian will continue to give what help he can, and in particular continue to organise the canoeing activities.

The troop will continue to operate as before with the remaining scouters but the gap must be filled, and there is an urgent need for adult leaders. Anyone interested should contact John Knight (612029) who will be pleased to explain what is required.

Summer Camp will be held this year at Rydal Hall, near Ambleside in the Lake District. Apart from normal camping activities we hope to do a lot of hillwalking and canoeing.

We shall be holding our Guy Fawkes bazaar on 5th November with the emphasis on Christmas presents, and hope that it will be even more successful than before. E. C. KNIGHT.

GUIDES FETE

This event, held in the gardens of Ivy Cottage, was a great success. As well as stalls selling plants, fancy goods, books, white elephant and cakes, there were sideshows run by the Guides themselves. About 200 people attended, and the winners of the Raffle were: Gateau, Mrs. Hunt; Owl, Mrs. Conroy; Wine, Mrs. Smart. The Treasure Hunt was won by Susan Palframan, the Marbles in a Flower Pot by Neil Andrews, and the Ring Toss prize was shared between Britt Ingram, Rowena Mettrick, Robert Hughes and Piers Mettrick. £64 was raised, and it will be spent on an outing for the Guides next term, a Company Flag, and a contribution to the heating of the Scout Hut.

BROWNIE REVELS

On 9th July some of the Brownies went to Hunningham for a little outing. We all had made a crown and a flag. We had 3 Carnival Queens judging our crowns and at half past 12 we sat down and ate our dinner. Altogether there were 7 packs and we were 1st Harbury.

We were just about to start a treasure hunt when Sharon Andrews fell into the stinging nettles, but after a while she recovered. In the treasure hunt our pack had to find shells,

and the other 6 packs had to find different coloured stones. We found 18 shells. And then we went into the hall and we sang some songs. Each pack had their own song and our song was called 'There's a hole in my bucket'. And then we went home at about half past three. CAROLINE HEALEY & LOUISE

UPTON.

HARBURY SOCIETY

On 20th September at the Village Club there will be an evening of Slide Lectures on 'Trees in the Warks. landscape' and 'A History of Gardening in Britain'.

Please let me know if you would like a place reserved on our trip to Westonbirt Arboretum on Saturday 22nd October. Cost approx. £1.50(75p for children), plus 35p - 40p if we are able to include a stop at the Roman Villa at Chedworth.

Some of you may have noticed that the Jubilee tree is looking a bit sick. The Nursery will make another maintenance visit to try to save it, but if it should die it will be replaced. LR.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Harbury came 1st this year in the competition to find the best kept of the larger villages in the Southam area. But, alas, we did not appear in the results for the whole county, where the winners were Welford on Avon. DH.

BLOOD DONORS

109 people gave blood last month when the transfusion service came to Harbury. A very encouraging number - but there's still room for more. Come on now - if 109 other Harburians can do it, why can't you? DH.

RUGBY CLUB AGM

John Bromley reported on a very successful and progressive season. Now that the Village Hall Committee have kindly allowed the Club to rent rooms for a clubhouse and bar, hot water baths and showers are available. The 1st XV had a splendid season, and Ted Mazurek was congratulated on his inclusion in the Coventry XV. There are some promising young players coming along. The ladies were thanked for the ever-refreshing pots of tea and imaginative menus after matches, and it was hoped that even more members would take advantage of the excellent coaching available on Wed. evenings. John Bromley was re-elected President, Graham

Shurvington is Chairman, and Jerry Birkbeck is Secretary.

CRICKET CLUB

The team is experiencing a moderately successful season. There have been fine batting performances from Terry Bell, Bill Washington and Rod Grinnell, with at times 'hurricane' hitting from John Kyte. Brian Wallington has again done the backbone of the bowling with some truly marathon spells. He has received able support from Les Sollis, Rod Grinnell, Graham Goodchild and Dave Laggett.

The ladies have again provided some fine teas which, I may add, are also available to spectators. So why not come down to the Cement Works Ground and support us for the remainder of the season. Our next home game is on 14th Aug. against Offchurch.

REX HUMPHREYS.

CRICKET ON THE RECREATION GROUND

The Recreation Ground Committee are currently constructing an all-weather 'batting end' cricket wicket. It will be a special surface made by En-tout-cas, placed on a hard surface. It will be in the bottom right hand corner of the top field. It is planned to provide cricket coaching in the future. This will be organised by the Cricket Club. We have also just obtained some more large drain pipes to reconstruct the play tunnel. We are on the lookout for any telegraph poles, old trees, etc. for building adventure play equipment. If anyone can help with any materials, please let me know. P.HOLT(612790).

CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH TRUST, WARKS. BRANCH

We would like to welcome Barbara Andrews, 5 Francis Rd. 612857, as our new Secretary. (She 'volunteered' most willingly.) Information relating to the Trust can now be supplied by Barbara. If anyone would like to help us in any way, please contact the Secretary, and she will provide posters, leaflets etc., and any assistance required.

Funds are urgently needed for research to find a complete cure, and to improve current methods of treatment. The response to our recent house to house collection was nothing short of fantastic; see our letter in this issue of Harbury News.

If sufficient interest is shown in this area, a local Group could be formed, to link up with the County Branch. A magazine called C.F. News is published 4 times a year, and is available in the local library. Anyone can be on our mailing

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list, and so receive the magazine and all other publications, e.g. 'The Genetics of CF', 'CF and the Teenager', 'School Problems of children with CF', and 'Immunising the CF child'.

We need help from the community - from everyone who cares about the health of our children. You and I cannot show up in the fight against Cystic Fibrosis - please join the ranks of volunteers and work with us towards that day when children born with CF will be able to lead a happier and more fruitful life.

NB. We are holding our first local fund-raising event in the School Hall on 10th September - a disco for youngsters aged 8 to 16. There will be dancing to K & C disco from 7.30 to 10.30, admission 30p including a hotdog (extra hotdogs and Coke and lemonade available). There will also be a free raffle. Tickets are limited so buy one soon from Barbara Andrews, 5 Francis Road, 612857, Thelma Gulliver, 19 Bush Heath Lane, or Diane Healey, 1 Dickins Road, 612146.

Let's make this first local fund-raising event a success. The teenagers are a socially neglected group in Harbury, and other events will be held for them if this disco is successful. Come on, youngsters, give us your support, and come along and enjoy yourselves.

DIANE HEALEY.

'EQUAL TERMS' and 'BLACK COMEDY'

The recent presentation by the Theatre Group was a very contrasting pair of plays. 'Equal Terms', a very serious play with a cast of two, was extremely well acted, portraying a voluntary 'do-gooder' seeking to help someone recently released from a psychiatric hospital. The plot developed so that in the end the audience was left wondering who was more in need of treatment or help.

'Black Comedy' was a hilarious comedy with a much larger cast, all of whom gave first-class performances. The effort from the point of view of acting may well have been surpassed, and was certainly equalled, by the amount of physical effort put into falling off chairs, down stairs, and crawling round the floor in what was meant to be the dark. The whole audience obviously thoroughly enjoyed the play, except for the fact that they may well have ached from laughing so much.

We as a village are extremely lucky in having such a

were able to get a drink before returning to Harbury before dark.

Our next meeting will be 28th July, with no meetings at all during August. Then we restart on 8th September. ES.
To the Senior Citizens Association:

On behalf of the members of the Golden Age Club, I would like to thank all who were responsible for arranging the Senior Citizens' coach trip to Symonds Yat on 29th June. The journey to the Yat alone was very nice, but to add to our pleasure we were brought home a different way, past Tintern Abbey and across the famous Severn Bridge, and along the very beautiful Wye Valley. Certainly a day to remember. Thank you once again. E.SHEASBY. Hon.Sec.

HARBURY VILLAGE RATEPAYERS' & RESIDENTS' ASSOC.

The above Association has been lying dormant for some time now and, following the sad loss of Mr. G. Watson, who was the driving force in the Association in its more active period, it has been decided to wind up its affairs. The cash balance of £7.94 has been handed over to the Harbury Society, who we know will put it to good use.

T.G.THORNLEY.Treasurer.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 23/6/77

The problem of the pumping station at Farley Avenue was discussed. Several communications have been received from the Severn Trent Water Authority which would seem to suggest they are confused as to how the problem should be dealt with. It was agreed to suggest to the STWA that there would be no objection to the discharge of CLEAN or TREATED liquid into the stream and that a system of dual sumps and a filter bed could be installed at 26 Farley Avenue, subject to the permission of the householder being obtained.

Quick thinking by Cllr. Mrs. Hancock has probably saved the tree in Francis Road being lopped. This was Mrs. Watts' suggestion when she heard that old people were afraid to open their doors after dark because the tree obscured the street light, but Mrs. Hancock proposed installing outside lights at the bungalows, and this was approved.

There was one letter of thanks for the distribution of Jubilee Crowns, and the Queen wrote thanking the people of

Harbury for their loyal message on the occasion of her Jubilee.

In reply to the Harbury Society, the Council promised that the notice board for the library would be in place SOON, that Mr. Jennings would cut back the weeds and grass at Temple End/Farm Street, and that the Chairman would advise land-owners to use less brutal methods of controlling noxious weeds in roadside verges than the use of Paraquat.

The Chairman announced that Mr. 'Curly' Pratt had won the Allotments Cup, with Mr. Crump second. The reprinting of the Burials Book, necessitated by changes in the Local Govt. Act, was discussed. Two new seats have been installed (vandal-proof stainless steel ones) and the Park Lane seat has been repaired.

There will be a site meeting with the Police and Divisional Engineer on the hazards at Crown Street/Church Street caused to stationary cars waiting to leave Church Street, by those who cut off the corner from Crown Street to Church St. (These streets, of course, form the final part of the Council's long-fought-for one way system.)

The revised scheme for lighting Binswood End will cost over £700, including £30 + VAT for the removal of the existing lamp-standards. Cllr. Ellis proposed a scheme of 7 lights for the new Butt Lane development. Queen's Close was chosen as a name for the cul de sac on this development. The developers promised that maintenance of the spare land would not fall on the Parish Council.

The Council registered no objection to the planning application to extend Rose Cottage, Binswood End, but asked that the brick used should match the existing dwelling. Mr. Buckle has been granted a change of use for the old workshop in Francis Road, but still has to comply with strict noise limits.

Mrs. Catterall announced that Deppers Bridge Playing Fields Committee had chosen a £192 Jubilee climbing frame costing £124 to erect. She was advised to apply to WRCC for grants, and to choose a better value climbing frame.

The Parish Council is to meet the Tennis Sub-Committee to discuss the higher hire fees for the courts. Everyone was annoyed that some people do not pay to use the courts. This is unfair on the ratepayers, especially when the offenders are from outside the Parish, said Cllr. Ellis.

The discovery that a hard pitch for cricket practice was to be constructed caused consternation. Mrs. Watts thought the money could have been spent on extending the hard play area to provide a netball pitch, and others thought a full sized cricket pitch ought to be made. There will be discussions with the Recreation Ground Advisory Committee to determine what will be built, where.

Cllr. Ellis moved that the next meeting discuss the rates collection system of Stratford D.C., and that the District Cllrs. investigate and report to the P.C.

Mr. Van Hoorebeek was given permission to research in the P.C. minutes held at Warwick.

Next meeting: Thurs. 25th August, Village Hall. LR.

PROFILE - JOHN SMITH

John Smith is leaving Harbury after living here for almost seven years. During this time he has contributed much to village life, for which we would like to thank him. He and his wife, Pat, spent 10 years in Nigeria after John left university. John worked for the Public Works Dept.



building roads and bridges, and in 1956 was involved in the Queen's visit to Nigeria. Their two children, David and Susan, were born in Nigeria, and are at university and studying nursing respectively.

The family came back to Kendal so John could work on the M6 construction, and then moved to Harbury when John joined Warks. County Council. While in Kendal, John joined Round Table, and brought with him to Leamington Round Table the popular 'Top Firms Knockout' competition. He ran this for three years, during which time nearly £4,000 was raised for local charities.

John helped to train the Harbury team for the Crusader sports for two years, and helped the athletic team win the West Midlands Area Crusader Athletics Cup. He joined the Recreation Ground Committee in 1974, and took on the job of treasurer. His first job was the construction of the Tarzan Swing, which has proved very popular. He took over the

chairmanship of the Carnival Committee for the 1975 carnival, and has been chairman ever since. His organisational experience has helped the Carnival to grow into an evermore popular event, which raises money for the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committees.

John and Pat are returning to Nigeria, and will miss what John describes as 'a great village'. We wish them both all they would wish themselves for the future. PJH.

PLACES TO GO

A few ideas this month for pleasant ways of spending the summer days. Not all need good weather, so we hope at least some will be useful to you if you find yourself 'at a loose end'.

Stoke Bruerne, 5m. east of Towcester. Canal Museum.

Marinas at Braunston and Fenny Compton.

Swimming baths at Stratford, Coventry and (open air) Warwick.

Warwick Castle. A graceful building dating from 1068.

Compton Wynyates, 8m. west of Banbury. Tudor mansion.

Toy Museum, Much Park St., Coventry. 10-6 every day.

Burton Dassett, 7m. south of Harbury. Country Park.

Brass Rubbing Centre, The Summer House, Avonbank Gdns, Stratford on Avon.

Motor Cycle Grand Prix, Silverstone, 13/14 August.

Coventry Museum, Jordan Well. Sun. 2-5, other days 10-6.

Warwick Museum, Market Place, Warwick, which also organises trips for all the family, e.g. one to a Domestic Fowl Farm on 2nd August, and one to Packwood House on 25th August. For further details ring Warwick 43431, ext. 2034.

Bourton-on-the-Water, Broadway, and other beautiful Cotswold villages.

Cotswold Safari Park, Burford, Oxon, 10m. south of Stow.

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Warwick Dolls' Museum, St. Nicholas Church St., Warwick.

AUGUST VEGETABLE GARDEN

Although this summer has in no way repeated last year's prolonged heatwave, we have had very little during the 1st 3 weeks of July, and it is therefore essential that irrigation is carried out on the vegetable garden. This particularly

applies to small seedlings and crops such as peas and beans where water is essential for producing a good sized yield.

Cabbage for harvesting and red cabbage for pickling next spring are sown this month, also onions, variety 'Express Yellow' for overwintering. Continue sowings of radish and mustard and cress, also sow endive, winter spinach and shorthorn carrots.

Thin beetroots, carrots, July sown kale, parsley and spinach beet, watering the remaining plants if the soil is dry after thinning.

Earth up kales, winter cauliflower and leeks. Continue lifting potatoes and carrots as required and early beetroot for storage or pickling. Bend down the tops of March sown onions and lift the bulbs two weeks later; allow them to dry on the soil surface and then store in a dry frost-free room. Break a leaf down over the cauliflower curds as they swell, to keep them white in colour.

Remove the tops of outdoor tomato plants when 4 trusses have set, and continue feeding as in July; also spray the plants with copper, maneb or zineb to control blight.

Sow a crop of mustard for green manure on any empty ground available.

Strawberry runners that were pegged down last month should have made good roots and can be severed from their parent plants. After a few days, lift the new plants and replant into a new bed, which has been previously dug, well weeded and manured, at a spacing of 15in. apart in rows 2ft. apart.

SUE HETT.

KALEIDOSCOPE

I know many of you were as horrified as I was to read about the cat shot with an airgun and then run over. That letter only tells half the story. The cat belongs to a 10 year old called Emma; his name is Midge and he has been her own special pet since she was 5. I've seen Midge, and his paralysed tail (which will be amputated) and other ghastly injuries are enough to move anyone; he has to undergo several more operations and he may or may not survive, but the vet's bills will amount to over £50, and the option of destroying Midge was never considered since Emma prayed he would pull through. Unlike the rigorous conditions for owning a firearm, airguns need no licence and can be bought and used by anyone

from the age of 14. In the hands of a responsible youngster, an airgun is of no more danger than a flick knife or other weapon, but because of the irresponsible ones who often injure themselves accidentally as well as maiming animals for fun, the law must be changed before an even more dreadful tragedy happens. The vet says Midge was undoubtedly shot at close range, ruling out accidentally mistaking him for a wild animal, but the incident is not being investigated. I asked P.C. Percival for his view, and he said, 'No comment'. Unfortunately, cats, unlike dogs, are not protected by law.

Meanwhile, let's hope Midge recovers and Emma forgets this cruel episode, and that the person who did it realises now what repercussions there can be to a 'bit of fun' so another child won't have to watch its pet suffer..... I expect most people have seen Mrs. Wendy Riman pushing Christopher around the village in his wheelchair, and you'll be happy to know that now Christopher is out of that plaster and into calipers, making him much more comfortable and mobile. Mrs. Riman wishes me to pass on her thanks to everyone who has inquired about Christopher, and for the many kind messages they've received..... We send good wishes to Vivienne Aggett, a founder member of this magazine, a Churchwarden, and many other things besides, who is suffering from a long and tedious illness. It will be some time before she is able to return to her normal activities, and we send her best wishes for a full recoveryQuote of the month comes via Radio 4, but sadly I don't know its original author: 'I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure'. Wish I'd said it!

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

IT'S NOT IN MY NATURE

I love Sue Hett's articles on gardening. I find them very interesting. In the same way that I would find it interesting to read about, 'How to give a sumptuous dinner party for 10, using a left-over egg white, 2 tins of sardines and a leek'.

You see, whilst I accept that other people follow her advice and end up with a garden flowing with peas and parsley, I know that for me it would be impossible.

I do plant things. I once planted a variegated nettle. When we eventually sell our house, the agents will probably

describe the garden as having wall-to-wall variegated nettle.

That's the trouble, you see - I seem to lose control of things once they're in the ground. I'm very fond of seeds when they're in the packet, proudly bearing a picture of what they would have grown into if I hadn't bought them. And I love bedding plants in their ducky little plastic trays. But, once I start to disturb them - CHAOS!!

And pruning. Well, I've got a forsythia which, over the years I've pruned in every way imaginable (well, no, Mrs. Macgowan, I haven't actually tried it upside down at midnight with nail scissors, but I will if you like!), and it still has hardly any flowers.

My husband has now constructed a garden pond, and we have great plans concerning water lilies, goldfish etc. Now, I can state quite definitely that our lilies will turn out to be the only ones in history ever to be unable to float.

As for the goldfish - well, surely I'll be able to manage those. I mean, you don't have to pot them on, or pinch out their top bits, or prune them. DO YOU?? DIANA HOLT.

CORRESPONDENCE

One of the parents of the children who went on the School's holiday to Guernsey brought this letter to our attention. It was quite unsolicited and is a complement to children, school staff and parents alike. How nice when we read so much about the problems of today's youth!

To Harbury School:

Although it is now some few weeks since your school party was with us the children set such a high standard in manners and behaviour that they still remain in our thoughts. We, and the other guests who were with us at the time, considered them to be a real credit to their school, staff and parents.

The comments made by our guests after your departure can only mean that they shared our thoughts in that we were indeed sorry to see you all leave.

We can only hope that their stay with us afforded to them a similar degree of pleasure as it was to us to have you all here.

With kindest regards to all, Yours sincerely,

Gena & Ian Scott, Abbey Court Hotel, St. Peter Port,
Guernsey.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Warks. County Branch of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, I should like to thank all those who helped and all who gave to the recent House to House collection. During National Cystic Fibrosis Week, we managed to raise the magnificent total of £110.36, for which we are extremely grateful. G. HEALEY. Treasurer.

Sir,

As parents of members and/or supporters of the 1st Harbury Scout troop, we wish to record our sincere appreciation of the hard work and effort that the retiring Scout Leader, Brian Taylor, has done, to the immense benefit of the scouts. During his time as Scout Leader, the troop has flourished as never before and the scope of the activities has been greatly widened. Perhaps more than anything, there has been established, under Brian's influence, a happy co-operative atmosphere in which self-discipline and personal responsibility have been emphasised. This has done much to help in the development of the personality and character of the boys. We are all very grateful to him.

Muriel Grey. Brian Cooke. M. E. Suttie. G. C. Hutchins.
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Dear Editors,

My youngest daughter, aged 7, is a member of the local League of Pity. This is the junior section of the NSPCC. One of the aims is for young people to collect money for the National Society by doing odd jobs, running errands and so on.

Lorraine recently decided that she could use her ancient sweet shop to help her (long ago discarded as a toy and lying dormant in her bedroom). She has given it a 'spring clean' and used her own pocket money and money earned from doing jobs for people around the village to buy sweets. She has also collected books, magazines and Bric-a-Brac, and now intends to sell all these to friends. Her enthusiasm was

transmitted to her elder brother and he helped her by doing some jobs too, though not usually prone to working voluntarily.

I would like, through Harbury News, to thank all the people who have in any way supported this venture, either by providing a job or donating the books etc. SUE ANDREWS.

Dear Sirs,

On behalf of the Carnival Committee may I sincerely thank all those who worked so hard to make Harbury Week and the Carnival such a success. The people involved are too numerous to mention individually, and I hope that one big thank you will do.

I would also like to personally take this opportunity of thanking my committee, without whose sterling service over many months it would not have been possible; also the various people that I press-ganged into doing a job when we found that we were short-handed.

As many people will know, I am taking a post abroad, and this will have to be my last Carnival. Still, I hope to be back; don't let it die in the meantime and may I wish the next set of organisers the best of luck for next year, and the years to come.

JOHN SMITH.

Dear Harbury News,

May I say 'thank you' to everyone who was so kind to me and to my family while I was ill. Whether you visited me, wrote to me, helped my husband with the children, or showed concern in any other way, please believe me when I say that we are very, very grateful.

DIANA HOLT.

WANTED: A GARDENER. Is anyone interested in looking after the garden of 8 Farley Avenue? The vegetable plot and greenhouse, which are very productive, would be available for an applicant's personal use for vegetable production. About 2 hours a week is envisaged during the summer months to keep the lawns and flower beds tidy. Tools and a motor mower are available.

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