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This month's issue is a little earlier than usual since the June issue will be out before the end of May when the Jubilee celebrations commence. That issue will of course, contain all details about the Jubilee events that are to be held. Events organisers please note - we must have all copy by May 15th at the latest for it to be included in the Jubilee issue.

We are most pleased that Diana Holt is now back in harness on the Editorial team - welcome back Diana.

Mr. Hayward, who organises the Adult Education classes at Southam, is anxious to have as many classes as possible in the villages next term, rather than at the High School. He would be delighted to hear of any subjects we would like covered in Harbury, so if you have a special interest please ring him on Southam 4264, and he will arrange a class for you if he can.

### HARBURY DIARY

#### MAY

- Sun. 1st. Sung Eucharist, 10 am, Family Service 11.15 am  
Tues. 3rd Meet County Councillor Rupert Kettle, V. Hall, 8 pm  
All welcome  
Wed. 4th MU Meeting, 'Old Timbers', Ivy Lane, 2.30 pm  
Scouts AGM, Scout Hut, 7 p.m.  
Additional Curates Society Festival, St Mary's, Coventry  
7.30pm  
Thurs. 5th COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS AT VILLAGE HALL  
Men's Group, 1 Vicarage Lane, 7.45 pm  
WI Resolutions, Speaker VCO, V. Hall, 7.45 pm  
Sat. 7th Russel Sprout at the Club.  
Sun. 8th Sung Eucharist, 10 am (Tufty Club)  
Tues. 10th Harbury Friends, 8 pm at School  
Thurs. 12th Golden Age, 2.30 pm at V. Hall  
Fri. 13th Football Club Dance at Village Hall  
Sat. 14th Concert by Holy Trinity Leamington Girls Choir,  
7.45 pm, Church  
Sun. 15th Rogation Sunday. Sung Eucharist, 10 am (Farmers)  
Tues. 17th Tufty Club, 2.30 pm, Village Hall  
Meet Link Missionaries Richard & Jane Smith, 8 pm  
in Wight School  
Weds. 18th Missionary Supper with Richard & Jane Smith, 8 pm,  
at The Cottage, Windmill Hill Farm, Chesterton (50p)

Weds. 18th PTA Quiz Night at the Club, 8pm, Quiz Inquisitor  
Jim Chapple

Thurs. 19th Ascension Day. Holy Eucharist at 7 am, 10.0 am  
and 7.30 pm (Sung, with Procession)

Sat. 21st Harbury Society Visit to Sharmer Farm (afternoon)

Sun. 22nd Sung Eucharist, 10.0 am (Football Club)

Crusaders' Union Sunday Service, V. Hall, 2.30 pm

Tues. 24th Young Wives, Speaker Mrs. Clarke, V. Hall, 2.0 pm

Thurs. 26th Golden Age, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting, V. Hall, 7.30 p.m.

Sat. 28th Jubilee Sports, Recreation Grounds, 2.30 p.m.

PTA Cartoon Film for children under 12, School,  
6.30 - 8 pm (10p)

Tudor Lodge at the Club

Sun. 29th Whitsunday. Sung Eucharist, 9 am with Ladbroke and  
Harbury congregations, followed by Breakfast in the  
V. Hall.

Jubilee Pony Show and Gymkhana, 9.30-5.30pm at  
Recreation Ground.

Footpath Ramble from V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Jubilee Sponsored Football between Harbury Football  
and Netball Clubs at the Recreation Ground, 7 pm.

Mon. 30th Junior NSPCC Bring & Buy 3 - 5.30 pm, Wight School

Jubilee Bingo, 8 pm at Village Hall

Tues. 31st Great Traditional Harbury Jubilee Wheelbarrow Race  
6.30pm.

## JUNE

Wed 1st Harbury Society Mystery Tour, 7.30pm from V. Hall.

Youth Club Jubilee Disco, 8 pm, Village Hall

Thurs. 2nd Jubilee Fashion Show by WI, 8 pm, V. Hall, (20p incl.

Fri. 3rd School Fete, 2.15 p.m. at School. coffee)

Jubilee Whist Drive, 7.30pm, V. Hall (30p incl.

refreshments)

Sat. 4th **\*\*HARBURY GRAND SILVER JUBILEE CARNIVAL\*\***

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Hall Chapel, 10am every  
CRUSADERS, V. Hall, 2.30 pm every Sunday Sunday.

BINGO V. Hall, 8.00 pm " Monday

GUIDES Scout Hut, 7.00 - 8.30 pm " Monday

BROWNIES V. Hall, 6.15 - 7.15 pm " Tuesday

YOUTH CLUB V. Hall, 8.00 pm every Wednesday

BABY CLINIC V. Hall, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 2.00 pm

Special appointments every 3rd Monday



PARISH COUNCIL V. Hall, 7.30 p.m. every 4th Thursday  
THEATRE GROUP V. CLUB, 8.0 p.m. last Thursday of month  
SCOUTS Scout Hut, 7.00-9.00pm every Friday  
CHOIR PRACTICE Church, 6.30pm every Friday  
FOOTPATH ASSOC. from V. Hall 2.30pm last Sunday of month  
ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.  
DATES FOR INCLUSION TO LINDA RIDGLEY, 612792.

### THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

Once more Holy Week and Easter Day have come and gone. We had very large congregations on Palm Sunday both at the Sung Eucharist in the morning and at the "Cross of Christ" in the evening. There were two celebrations of Holy Communion on each of the first four weekdays of Holy Week, but it was disappointing that very few people took advantage of them. On the other hand I was very pleased at the splendid number of young people who have been confirmed during the last five years who came to the little service of devotional preparation for Easter Communion which I had for them on the Tuesday evening. There were large congregations on Good Friday, particularly at the Three Hours and in the evening. Easter Day saw a beautifully decorated Church and big congregations - the Sung Eucharist at 10.0 a.m. must have been a record.

We now look forward to Ascension Day (Thursday, May 19th) when there will be three celebrations of the Holy Eucharist - at 7.0 a.m., 10.0 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. (sung with Procession). On Whitsunday (May 29th) there will be a Parish Family Communion at 9.0 a.m. followed by breakfast in the Village Hall. On Trinity Sunday (June 5th) there will be the special Jubilee Service for the village at 6.30 p.m.

Our C.M.S. Link Missionaries, Richard and Jane Smith, will be with us all day on May 17th and 18th (Tuesday and Wednesday) and on the morning of the 19th (Thursday), having crossed the Sahara desert by land on their journey from Nigeria. A number of meetings to hear them and see their pictures and exhibits will be arranged and details made known nearer the time. These will include an evening in the Wight School at 8 pm on the Tuesday, a Coffee morning on the Wednesday, and a "Missionary Supper" at Miss Aggett's on the Wednesday at 8 pm.

We are very sorry to be losing Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Daniells and their three sons, from Harbury. They will all be

greatly missed in Church and in the village. Mr. Daniells has served as a Governor of our school. Ian and Chris, the two older boys, were both confirmed at the Confirmation we had in February, and Kevin, the younger boy, is in our choir. We wish them all much happiness and success in their new home in the Isle of Wight.

With every blessing,

Yours sincere friend and Vicar,

F.R. Mackley.

#### HOLY BAPTISM

March 27 - Lucy Marie Thompson, 19 Neales Close.

April 10 - Stephen Stewart Gulliver, 6 Manor Road.

#### FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

There is a great deal happening in the Parish in the next few months - and not only in connection with the Jubilee. It will be good to have our CMS Link Missionaries, Richard and Jane Smith, with us at Ascensiontide. Details of the opportunities of meeting them and hearing of their work in Nigeria can be found in the Vicar's letter.

On Whit Sunday, 29th May, we have our 9 a.m. Family Communion and Parish Breakfast and shall again be welcoming friends from Ladbroke, some of whom will be taking part in the Service. The nine o'clock service and breakfast always provide a wonderful opportunity of worshipping and meeting together so perhaps we could extend a particular invitation to newcomers to the village as it is a wonderful way of getting to know people. The service is a real family one, so please don't hesitate to bring babes in arms, toddlers and older children as well.

#### P. C. C. ANNUAL MEETING

All Saints Church held its Annual General Meeting in April, when Vivienne Aggett and Harry Windsor were unanimously re-elected Churchwardens. The members of the Parochial Church Council remain the same, with the welcome addition of Annette Hughes, Sally Stringer and Lyn Hayes. New sidesmen for 1977/78 are Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hughes.

Those present heard very encouraging reports on the condition of the Church building, the financial situation of the Church, the many organisations connected with the Church, and (the best news of all) the increased numbers attending the services.

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## L A D B R O K E   N E W S

### SERVICES ETC. FOR MAY & EARLY JUNE

- Sun. 1st May (SS. Philip & James) 8.30 am Holy Communion  
11 am Family Service.
- Weds. 4th May 3.30 pm Women's Fellowship at the School.
- Thurs. 5th May 7.45 pm Men's Group at Harbury
- Sun. 8th May Easter IV, 11.00 am Holy Communion with Hymns  
6.30 pm Evensong.
- Sun. 15th May Easter V. (Rogation) 8.30 am Holy Communion  
11 a.m. Matins.
- Thurs. 19th May Ascension Day. 9.0 am Children's Eucharist  
7.30 pm Holy Communion
- Sun. 22nd May 11 am Holy Communion with Hymns, 6.30 pm  
Evensong.
- Sun. 29th May Whitsunday. 9.0 am Parish Communion at  
Harbury, 11 am Holy Communion with Hymns at  
Ladbroke. NO EVENSONG.
- Weds. 1st June 3.30 pm Women's Fellowship in the School.
- Sun. 5th June Trinity Sunday. 8.30 am Holy Communion,  
11 am Matins. 6.30 pm Jubilee Service at Harbury.

### Women's Fellowship

Our April meeting was addressed by Canon Fishley who spoke of the Vessels and Vestments used at the Holy Communion. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 4th May when the speaker will be Mr. West of the Save the Children Fund. We hope all our sick members will be then be well again and able to join us.

C. H.

### Women's Institute

At our May meeting we shall be voting on the resolutions for the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall in June; so everyone PLEASE come to this very important meeting. We had a most interesting talk on Watkin's Roses in March which should be of great help in our gardens for Jubilee Year. PLEASE watch the notice boards for news of the Jubilee celebrations. G.M.B.

### Jubilee Committee

At a recent meeting it was decided that the main Jubilee event will be held on Tuesday, 7th June at 2.30 p.m. in the grounds of Ladbroke Hall. Sports and games, fancy dress parade, side-shows and teas for everyone. All children under

16 years in Ladbroke Parish will receive Jubilee crowns. Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Bennett are to arrange a coffee-morning to raise funds. Many helpers will be required for the Jubilee events. On Sunday 12th June there will be a Jubilee Thanksgiving Service at 11 am with special floral decorations in the Church. I. B.

WELCOME to Mr. and Mrs. Warr and family who have come to Whiteways and to Mr. and Mrs. Wright and their children who are now at Rose Cottage. We hope they will be very happy among us.

FAREWELL. We are sorry to say good-bye to Mrs. Howatson but glad to know she will not be far away at Fenny Compton.

#### Annual Vestry & Parochial Church Meeting.

This was held on 28th March. Messrs. G.S. Hedge and D. C. Rutherford were re-elected churchwardens and thanked for their services during the past year. The members of the P. C. C. with one exception were re-elected en bloc. Mrs. Teverson having expressed a wish to retire was thanked for her services. Mr. Rutherford was elected to the Deanery Synod. Mr. Brown presented the Church accounts for 1976 which were adopted with thanks to him as Treasurer and to Mr. C. Smith as auditor. Gratitude was also expressed to the rota of ladies who cared so well for the interior of the Church. Canon Fishley said that proposals for linking Harbury and Ladbroke were going forward; in the interim it was hoped that he would remain as priest in charge. Thanks were expressed to him for his services. P. S. F.

#### Ladbroke C. E. (Controlled) School

The School held its Speech Day on 30th March, the guest speaker being Mr. J. Skinner, Headmaster of Southam High School. The Chairman of the Governors (Canon Fishley) spoke of the proposal to close the school. The governors were putting forward an objection to the Department. Meanwhile the school continued happily. Miss Harris, Head Teacher, presented a report of the year's events and said the roll remained at 42. Mr. Skinner spoke of the lay out and working of his school for the benefit of the children who would in due course be going there and for the information of the many parents present. Prizes were presented and Heather Teverson proposed a vote of thanks while Helen Frost presented him



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## CRUSADERS

The leaders and members of Harbury Crusaders are often asked "Just what do you do at Crusaders?" so we thought that for this year's Union Sunday family Service, on 22nd May, we would give parents and friends a chance to find out! We invite our visitors to join in a fairly typical Crusader meeting, starting with a short Service followed by an opportunity to watch and participate in one or more of our interest groups - music, drama or arts and crafts. Then we shall have an Any Questions session in which leaders and senior members will endeavour to answer questions about Crusaders. We look forward to welcoming parents and friends - and indeed anyone who would like to find out what we do at Crusaders.

### HARBURY SCHOOL - MR. KEELING'S VISIT

Mr. Keeling is a zoologist, he came to our school with four animals, the first one was a Zonure which is a lizard. It lives in South Africa in the Kalahari desert.

It lies in the sun and if you approach it will scramble away under a rock and if there isn't a rock it will dig down in to the sand. He has lots of spikes all over him, the longest spikes are on his tail. They are half an inch long, it has two young a year in the spring. The second animal he showed us was an Indian rock python, it was 5 feet two inches long. There are twelve sorts of pythons in the world. The India rock python is the 3rd largest snake in the world. Its name is wrong because it is found all over South East Asia and it does not live in rocky places it lives in deep forest. The third animal was a Cuis which lives in South America. It is crepuscular, which means it comes out in the twilight and before sunrise and sleeps all the rest of the day. It is like a little guinea pig and it eats grass, it was the first cuis to come into Warwickshire. The last animal he showed us was a barn owl. The barn owl can turn its head right round and can reach speeds of 35 miles an hour. It feeds on rats and mice. The farmers poison the rats and when the owls eat the rats they die. As usual we all enjoyed Mr. Keeling's talk very much.

by Jason Quirk.

## HARBURY SCHOOL - PARENTS EVENING - 5th APRIL

Mr. Oliver explained that the reduction in the governments rate support grant of £8 million this year means a cut in the county's education budget of £2 million.

This results firstly in a reduction of teachers at the school from next September. At present we have 10.9 teachers. This is to be reduced to 10.3 teachers. This means that Mrs. Catherall will be leaving at the end of the summer term and Mrs. Buck's hours will be reduced. She will, from September, concentrate on musical teaching and her remedial teaching will be taken over by Mr. Oliver and the other teachers.

Clerical assistance will be reduced and so Mrs. King will not work on Thursdays.

Ancillary help by Mrs. Williams will be cut from 15 hours to 10 hours a week.

There will be a general cut in the county of 20% in cleaners/caretaking hours affecting part timers.

Peripatetic music teaching (by Mrs. Whittaker) will be charged for a £2 per term. This does not affect recorder teaching which is done by Mrs. Buck.

Capitation funds - the amount per pupil available for purchasing all books, materials etc. - increase from £5.14 to £5.35 per pupil year. This, considering inflation, represents a 15% - 20% cut.

There was a threat to remove school dinner supervision (subsequently resolved). Mr. Oliver posed the question 'had we got our priorities right?' when school dinners are subsidised by 34p per meal or £68 per year for each child.

The meeting supported a motion that the PTA should link up with other PTAs in the Southam area to put pressure on the appropriate authorities to sort out the education expenditure more realistically.

P. J. H.

### HARBURY P.T.A.

At the meeting held in school to discuss the cuts in education spending, Cllr. Mrs. Hancock proposed that the P.T.A. should form an action group with other P.T.A.s in the Southam area which would have greater voice to speak out against further cuts and could explore ways to deal with the present cuts. This motion was seconded by Mrs. M. Cowper and received a majority vote. I shall be contacting the other P.T.A.s concerned and will keep you informed of progress.



There is a chance for you to forget the economic blues on the 18th May when teams of Harbury's best brains will be competing on Quiz Night. As usual our Questionmaster will be Jim Chapple, but this year the Quiz takes place in the Village Club at 8.00 p.m. There is no entrance charge and all are welcome. This Quiz is strictly for fun and a certain amount of comic repartee between contestants and audience is usual.

Looking ahead, I would like to draw your attention to our Barbeque which will be held in Hiatt's Barn, Ufton on the 18th June, with dancing to the Purple Porridge.

ANNE MEGENEY (Secretary)

### SOUTHAM SCHOOL - THE FUTURE

When I received an invitation from the editors to contribute an article to your magazine, about the future of Southam School, I was reminded of the various meetings that have taken place throughout the school's catchment area. Although the meetings were ostensibly about reorganisation, the question uppermost in parents minds seem to have been the future development of educational opportunities at Southam School. The main questions asked may be summarised as follows:

Will the school be able to cater for the brighter pupils, when it becomes fully comprehensive? Will it be provided with sufficient facilities? Will it be adequately staffed? Won't it be too large? What new subjects will be introduced? Can its Sixth Form provide courses leading to 'A' levels?

I know that we are already coping with 17 'O' level subjects and 9 'A' level subjects with a fair measure of success. The staff feel that having proved that they can achieve examination successes with pupils who have failed to gain entry to Grammar School, they can cope easily with those who would have passed the 11+ under the old system. As the school expands staff will be recruited to deal with 'O' and 'A' level subjects which are not at present offered, so that when the school has a fully comprehensive intake in 1981-82, the then Lower Sixth curriculum will be developed to deal with the career needs of the vast majority of children within the catchment area.

The question of the size of the school has worried some parents. At the present there are approximately 960 pupils on the roll. By 1982, provided middle-school reorganisation has taken place, there will be a secondary school population of about 1050 - 1100 pupils, which will include a sixth form of

120 students. The House system which is at present being developed, will mean that for the purposes of welfare, discipline and oversight of academic progress, the school will operate in four units of approximately 270 pupils. The Heads of House will assume duties similar to those of Heads of smaller schools, having a team of ten or eleven House tutors, the latter being responsible for smaller all-age, all-ability groups of 25 pupils. The pupils find that they have a stable unit with which to identify within the larger situation. Children from the same family are placed in the same House, thus enabling parents and House-staff to get to know each others problems. Although the Houses will function as four separate units, regular meetings between Heads of House and myself, and joint meetings with Heads of Academic Departments, will aim to ensure a uniformity of approach. I am very keen that pupils should develop high standards of work, conduct, turn-out and social attitudes. I'm convinced that children are happier, and stand a greater chance of achieving their potential, in well structured situations. This is not to say that we believe in an oppressive authoritarian type of discipline, but that we seek to help pupils to develop responsible attitudes.

In the first three years at the school the pupils are streamed largely on the basis of the information afforded by the contributory schools and the results of our own tests. It is intended that the first three years shall be a time for gaining a sound general education. During the third year there is a consultation between pupils, parents and staff to determine the options to be made in the Fourth and Fifth year which lead to external examinations or general courses. There is a wide range of options leading to 'O' level G. C. E., and the C. S. E. Decisions on examinations are made as late as possible. Some less able pupils for whom external examinations are neither inviting nor relevant follow a course of studies especially designed to meet their needs.

Entry to the Sixth Form is open to all pupils, according to age, and a determination to work hard in following studies appropriate to ability, potential and career requirements. The Sixth Form is still a comparatively new group but it is establishing good traditions of study and developing social maturity. Some pupils take 'O' level G. C. E., some 'O' and 'A' level



G.C.E., and some only 'A' level G.C.E. examinations.

It is interesting to note that some pupils who have left this school over the past few years have entered Universities polytechnics, Colleges of Education, Colleges of Technology, Colleges of Art and Colleges of Further Education.

So far as the physical development of facilities is concerned, we have just been provided with a new Art Area, a new Home Economics Room, five new classrooms grouped round a resource area, two new Science Laboratories, two new Workshops and a Sports Hall. Plans have been drawn up for further extensions. These will include a Mathematics Teaching Block, a Lecture Theatre, Music Rooms, more general classrooms, a Careers Area, a Library and a Sixth Form unit which will include laboratories for 'A' level sciences. Building operations will commence on April 4th 1977. Finally, although these extra rooms will enable the school to develop new courses, and there is no doubt that we are looking forward to their completion, no school is able to function properly unless it has the right atmosphere, no matter how well it is equipped. The most important development that I look forward to, is the creation of a school that enjoys the confidence of parents and children, because it fulfils educational and social needs. To this end, I hope that staff and parents will meet each other frequently to solve the problems which the education of children will inevitably involve. I hope also to be able to continue visiting my colleagues in the new Middle Schools and together to create links between these schools and Southam School to ensure the continuity of the educational process.

H. J. SKINNER.

#### HARBURY GOLDEN AGE CLUB

We wish to thank the Lions Club for a most enjoyable afternoon spent at Southam on 16th April, being entertained, given a very nice tea, and returned home safely. Thank you all the Lions Club. Members of Harbury Golden Age Club receive regular visits at home from the chiropodist free of charge. Others may utilise this service on making a suitable contribution to the funds of Harbury Golden Age Club.

E. SHEASBY (Secretary)

## HARBURY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 14 APRIL 1977

There were 48 members of the public at the Annual Parish Meeting, not a bad turn-out, but it does seem a shame that more people didn't take this opportunity to quiz not only their Parish Councillors, but also their three District Council representatives AND Major Rupert Kettle, our County Councillor and Chairman of the Education Committee.

Chairman Davies reported that he had taken over as Chairman, with Mrs. Hancock as Vice-Chairman, when Cllr Wright had resigned as Chairman in February for personal reasons.

Major Kettle described the financial circumstances which led to WCC's controversial decision to scrap School Meals supervision, which decision has now been reversed. He said that there would have to be 'savings made elsewhere in the Education budget'. He reassured Mr. Oliver that the Government had been made aware of how unfairly Warwickshire had been treated and he hoped that there would not be drastic cuts next year.

Cllr. Wilkins presented his reports on the Allotments and the Cemetery, and was thanked for all his work in both these spheres.

The Road Works report was presented by Cllr. Drinkwater, and the Lighting Report by Cllr. Atkins.

Cllr. Drinkwater announced that the Planning Sub-Cttee was studying proposals for a development of 16 houses at Butt Lane/Vicarage Lane. In answer to Mr. Gordon Smith's suggestion that the PC have a policy of encouraging cheaper housing for Harbury's young couples, he said the PC could only 'look favourably on such development if it was submitted'.

Cllr. Ellis's Financial Statement showed a doubling of the General Account, which Mr. John Hunt queried. Cllr. Ellis maintained that this was due to an overestimate of expenditure, and proclaimed his belief that it was better to carry over this surplus and keep the rate at 1p for as long as possible than to spend it unnecessarily.

Gladys Hutchins, retiring Chairman of the Recreation Ground Cttee, reported on the work done on the playing fields during the last year, and John Hunt proposed a vote of thanks to her for all her efforts.

Midge Keen reported on the Village Hall. She asked



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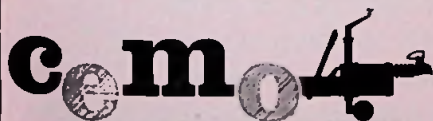
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everyone who hired the Hall for dances to limit numbers to 220, the limit set by the Licence. A NO PARKING sign had been painted outside the main door to try to keep this area clear. She promised that the heating in the Cttee rooms would be improved this winter.

Chairman Davies made an appeal for all villagers to make a special effort for the Best Kept Village Competition this year, and Mr. Tennant asked for PC help to stop dogs fouling Binswood End Green as he has to remove a bucketful each week. Mrs. Buckle proposed that the PC wrote a letter of complaint to the owner of the offending dogs.

When the opportunity was given to question District Cllrs, Parish Cllr. Ellis asked that our District representatives investigate the operation of the Rates Department at Stratford, as the PC was concerned that non-collection of rates was the partial cause of the Rates rise.

Gladys Hutchins asked whether there was a date for the next large rubbish collection and if it could be announced in the Harbury News, but was told that there was rarely enough notice given. Cllr. Ellis urged the District Councillors to insist that the Bulky Refuse Collection took place on a set date even if this meant that there were fewer collections. Because no-one knew when the collection was to take place the service was not as well used as before and the District might argue it was not necessary.

The Parish Council survey has revealed 704 children in the Parish eligible for Jubilee Crowns.

#### ATTENDANCE AT THE NINE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS THIS YEAR:-

9 Geoff Wright; 8 Dennis Atkins, I. Davies, J. Drinkwater, M. Ellis, Mrs. Hancock, R. Gurden; 7 Mrs. Watts, H. Wilkins  
5 Mrs. Catterall.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

#### HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL - MARCH MEETING

You may know that certain Cllrs have been pressing for the One-Way system to be extended. They've had opposition from the County and from the Police - but they think it is necessary so when they realised that the new bus, the 555, would take the route up Crown Street and along Church Street in the evening and on Sundays, they were bubbling over with

delight - after all it MUST get stuck and then they have proof that Crown Street and Church St. are too narrow! Light-hearted moments like this make attendance at P.C. meetings a pleasure - why don't you try it some time?

Present:- Chairman Davies, Vice-Chairman Mrs. Hancock  
Cllrs. Gurden, Ellis, Atkins, Wright, Mrs. Watts  
and Mrs. Catterall and the Clerk.

Apologies Cllrs. Drinkwater and Wilkins.

Public Mrs. Megeney, Mrs. Ridgley, Mr. Brant and  
P.C. Percival.

First the PC went into secret session to discuss a delicate matter, the pay of Parish servants.

#### Jubilee Crowns

The PC has this well under control, Cllr. Ellis having an adequate number of Crowns reserved. It was resolved that Crowns would go to children in the Parish within the age range already publicised and that Cllrs as individuals would provide Crowns for children from outside the Parish who attend Harbury School.

#### School.

The PC will write expressing their thanks to Mr. Daniells who announced he was retiring as PC representative on the Board of School Governors. Mrs. Hancock was elected in his place.

The Managers reported on the proposed cuts in the School budget, and that the School would become a Combined School from September 1979 with a maximum of 370 pupils. There were to be 2 new classrooms, an extended library and work areas provided. The Managers and PC were critical of the scheme because there was no provision of changing rooms or showers, the toilets were considered inadequate and there was little storage room. There would be no new provision for teachers' car-parking which it was felt was at present dangerous. The playing field facilities would be very poor. It was agreed that discussion of the proposed changes and cuts should be put on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting.

#### Rates

The rate rise will be approximately 14%. Cllr Gurden



argued that if all the rates owed could be collected there would be no need for this rise. This provoked heated debate. It was decided to request that Stratford District send details of the outstanding rates and that the PC should raise the matter at the Association of Parish Councils meeting.

### Best Kept Village

The Harbury Society requested that the BKV Competition be put on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting and that the PC help tidy the village for the Competition. The Society also pointed out that Village Halls were to be charged £10 per year per sack for the removal of rubbish if there was more than one sack a week.

### Parking

P. C. Percival asked that problems concerning parking, and traffic in general, be referred to him directly

### Playing Fields

Who drove the tractor through the hedge between the Playing Fields and the Allotments and why, remains a mystery, but P. C. Percival is to investigate and it is hoped that someone's insurance will cover the cost of repairs.

Date for next meeting. It was agreed that the Parish Council meetings should wherever possible take place at the same time each month. The fourth Thursday was chosen and so the next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for:-  
Thursday 28th April - 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

### VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AGM

Chairman Midge Keen made her perennial plea that more representatives of village organisations attend Village Hall meetings. She was depressed by the lack of support, and by the financial situation, as letting fees no longer cover running costs, and she said that the 200 Club and Dances may be re-introduced to help funds.

Treasurer Ken Clarke was less pessimistic, pointing out that this year's repairs and renewals had been unusually expensive, and that in a normal year the Hall would just cover its costs.

Bookings Secretary Peter Shawcross confirmed that bookings had increased, and that hire charges would not be put

up in this financial year.

The following were elected: Chairman - Midge Keen; Vice-Chairman - Sue Andrews; Treasurer - Ken Clarke; Secretary - Liz Machin; Bookings - Peter Shawcross, Cttee - Mrs. Sollis, Mrs. Ceney, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Ceney, Mr. Purdie and Mrs. Andrews.

#### HARBURY BUS TIME-TABLE CHANGES

The major change is that after 6 pm on weekdays and Saturdays, and all day on Sundays, a new service, the 555, will operate. The 555 takes in Leamington, Radford, Ufton, Harbury, Bishop's, Deppers and Southam, with some services continuing to Npton and Stockton. Departures have been arranged to enable visiting at Warwick Hospital by connecting with the 566 in Leamington. The bus returns in the same way. The times of the 555 are as follows:-

##### WEEKDAYS & SATURDAYS

Leamington	1815	1945	2115	2235
Harbury	1834	2004	2134	2254
Southam	1851	2021	2151	2311
Southam	1859	2204		
Harbury	1916	2221		
Leamington	1935	2239		

##### SUNDAYS

Leamington	1615	1745	1945	2235
Harbury	1628	1804	2004	2254
Southam	1651	1821	2021	2311
Southam	1334	1704	1834	2034
Harbury	1351	1721	1851	2051
Leamington	1410	1740	1910	2110

Except where 555 replaces 554, the times are unchanged.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

#### HARBURY WEEK AND CARNIVAL

The programmes for Harbury Week and the Carnival will be on sale shortly, price 15p. This includes admission to the ground and a ticket in the £10 draw. BUY YOUR PROGRAMME EARLY and plan your week from the many events planned - full details will be given in next month's special Jubilee edition of Harbury and Ladbrooke News.

If you want to help, or if you want a Harbury Carnival T-shirt or a Jubilee pen, get in touch with me or any committee member NOW.

Bishop's Itchington's Jubilee Celebrations are on Sat. 28th May, and Harburians are cordially invited to attend.

JOHN SMITH.

#### 1977 CARNIVAL QUEEN

The Carnival Queen this year is Debra Alcock, 27 Frances Road. She was chosen from 10 contestants in the Village Hall on April 20th. The runners-up were Sonia Parker, 10 Penelope Close and Janette Such, 6 Penelope Close. The Panel of 6 (Sue Andrews, Tim Percival, Peter Shawcross, Gill Gurden, Jean Cox and Barry Johns) interviewed each girl. This is the highest number of contestants ever and out of such a bevy of beauty and varied interest it was a difficult task for



the panel to have to pick just one winner.

The rest of the contestants have agreed to march in the carnival as drum majorettes.

P. J. H.

### HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Well, April's past, the AGM has come and gone and the same team have been returned for another year of office. It's either a measure of the Theatre Group's confidence in us or they're paying out the rope to see how quickly we can hang ourselves, I'm not sure which! But which ever way it is, it means that John Stringer is Chairman once more, Pat Sarson Vice-Chairman and Carol Percival Secretary and I've got my hands on all that money again, and there's even more than there was last year. (Arts Council please take note - some theatres can make a profit however small.

Last year appears to have been quite a successful year for us, and plans are being laid to make sure that this year is even better.

A Play reading has already taken place to choose our June Production, ideas are being sought for a Fifties Evening in September (this being Jubilee Year), and tentative arrangements are being made for a Christmas Production in conjunction with the Windmill Singers. Unfortunately, this would have to take place in Southam but perhaps we could lay on a coach for all our hundreds of supporters!

All in all, 1977 looks like being another very enjoyable year. Anyone else out there who would like to come along and join the fun?

KEITH HAYES.

### YOUTH CLUB

The activities of the Youth Club have been flourishing in recent weeks with their third trip to the ice rink at Solihull. Innumerable tournaments have been taking place, such as the Badminton finals, which took place on 30th March. Andrew Young won the overall tournament and we were very pleased when Nigel Sheasby donated a shield as the prize to the Youth Club. This prize was presented to Andrew on 20th April by our former Carnival Queen, Carol Young. Table-tennis tournaments have also been arranged and these will take place in future weeks. At the moment the table tennis tables are being repaired as they were in very bad condition.

Also on 20th April Harbury's new Carnival Queen was

chosen. There were ten competitors and the judges had some very hard decisions to make. They eventually made up their minds and the winner was Debra Alcock who is a regular member of the Youth Club.

SUE MIDDLETON & MELVIN BEST.

### FOOTPATH ASSOCIATION

The February and March footpath walks were not very well attended, but we are hoping that attendance will rise as the weather improves.

The February walk was a short jaunt to Bishop's Itchington, going on the path past the quarries and returning on footpaths to the West of the Bishop's to Harbury Road.

In March, we went in the opposite direction, walking to Ufton and returning through the edge of the Nature Reserve. We had a great view on the outward journey over the Fosse towards Cubbington, the air so crisp and clear you could see for miles.

These were two enjoyable walks, and walking keeps you warm, so don't fear the cold. Let's see some more villagers at the Village Hall in the next few months. It's a great way to cure those Sunday afternoon blues, and you meet some interesting people. Just a reminder, it's 2.30 pm at the Village Hall. on the last Sunday in the month, hope to see you there this month.

BOB SMALL.

### A HOLE LOT OF TROUBLE!

You know me, I worry too much - so they say. I've been losing sleep over the Jubilee Tree, but when the day came I had almost convinced myself that nothing disastrous could happen, after all I had had all the Services traced - it was a cinch. I should have known better. My husband complains that I'm never wrong, except perhaps when I think I've made a mistake and then discover I was right after all!

Eastcote Nurseries supplied the tree and fortunately along with it, a MOST even-tempered and philosophical driver. He started digging just after 9 am at the spot I had marked on the Green. At 10-15 he uncovered an Electricity Cable - it shouldn't have been THERE - honestly! And, you're not going to believe this, but at 11 am at the bottom of the second hole there appeared another Cable. Quite a large crowd had gathered by now, along with Mike Bloxham, who had already taken





pictures of the two abortive attempts, and they were getting restless.

The driver and volunteer diggers filled in hole number 2 and started all over again, and Good Friday being a Sunday, there was no compensation to be gained from over the road, except that disappointed drinkers were swelling the crowd.

However, when the tree was finally lowered in by crane the effect was spectacular, with the Green resembling a battlefield and a large crowd including a mounted detachment watching. A Union Flag was produced - well it is the JUBILEE TREE - and Mike Bloxham took photos for posterity and the Courier. The driver went home thankfully and the drinkers, similarly thankful that 12 noon had arrived, repaired to the Old New Inn.

So the tree's planted - it's yours now, thank goodness. My job's over and surely no-one but Linda Ridgley could so unerringly position a tree over a cable - twice, especially when there's only one cable, or supposed to be!

Please look after this Plane. I really don't think I could bear the strain of watching any more holes being dug.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

## THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH TRUST

The fact that a child in Harbury has recently died because of Cystic Fibrosis, has prompted me to write via 'The News' to attempt to explain what the disease is, as so few people seem to have even heard of it.

Put very simply, Cystic Fibrosis is a life-threatening disease which seriously affects the lungs and digestive systems of children from birth onwards. It is an inherited disease caused by the presence of the recessive gene of Cystic Fibrosis in both parents. One in twenty people carry this gene and the marriage of two carriers means that the odds are that at least one of their children will be born with the disease. The principal effect of the presence of Cystic Fibrosis is to cause the mucus glands to produce an abnormally thick, gluey mucus which clogs the bronchial tubes and prevents the flow of digestive enzymes. If not treated effectively, the child is a prey to bronchitis, pneumonia, malnutrition, other lung infections and the lungs themselves may suffer permanent damage.

There is, as yet, no known cure for the disease and a child can only be given treatment in the hope that this will keep the various affected parts of the body healthy and thus able to resist the onset of other diseases. This treatment includes regular respiratory education and daily physiotherapy, pancreatin or other enzyme substitute taken with all meals to aid the digestive system and prolonged antibiotic treatment.

Not so long ago Cystic Fibrosis proved fatal in most cases in childhood but today, because of earlier diagnosis and commencement of treatment, some children are reaching adulthood in reasonable health.

The main aim of the Trust is, of course, to find a cure for the disease and to this end over 40 research projects are being financed at various hospitals and universities. Here in Warwickshire, as well as sending funds towards research, we attempt to alleviate the plight of sufferers as best we can. It is possible to buy various items which help the daily life of the child - e.g. electric inhalant machines which help the child to breathe, trampolines to help with physiotherapy.

Our Committee in Warwickshire is small and our helpers few so if anyone is prepared in any way to help to try to prevent the death of other children like Ross Andrews, I shall be more than pleased to hear from you.



On behalf of the Trust, I thank all those who gave donations in memory of Ross. This amounted to £138.80, including £34 collected at the school.

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### MAY VEGETABLE GARDEN

Since writing my article for the April edition I have been busy producing my own future garden helper, a son Malcolm, whose first few days in this world at the end of March were heralded by a fleeting return to winter snow. Since then however the weather has been more conducive to our continuing work in the vegetable garden.

During May make successional sowings of lettuce, spinach, carrots, turnips, radish and beetroot. In the middle of the month runner beans, chicory and sweet corn should be sown. Sweet corn is usually sown outdoors where the plants are to grow about 2 feet apart, or can be transplanted from frame sowings made in April.

Winter greens seedlings, sown last month, should either be transplanted direct from the end of the month onwards, or pricked out into a nursery bed to prevent overcrowding in the seed bed. When pricking out break down the surface soil well and plant seedlings 3 inches apart in lines 8 inches apart to provide good transplant material in June. Dust all brassica seedling and turnips to kill flea beetle, and watch also for carrot fly, onion fly and cabbage-root maggot which can be treated adequately with available proprietary chemicals.

Melons and cucumbers raised under heated glass in April may be planted into frames this month in a bed of rough turfy loam mixed with manure and bonemeal. Vegetable marrows and ridge cucumbers can be sown outdoors towards the end of the month where the plants are to grow. Prepare the beds or ridges with chopped turves or turfy loam and manure and sow the seeds singly or in pairs about 2 feet apart covered with 1 inch of soil and invert flower pots over them for protection.

French beans raised in boxes and hardened off can be planted out towards the end of the month and outdoor sowings may also be made then. If frost is likely then cover the beans; also continue to earth up potato shoots to prevent leaf damage. Thin previously made sowings of beetroots, carrots, lettuce,

onions, parsnips and turnips and hoe between rows of seedlings to remove growing weeds.

Strawberry beds should have a covering of straw or similar matting material placed around and between the plants this month to protect the fruit and provide a mulch to conserve soil moisture.

SUE HETL.

### PLACES TO GO - THE COTSWOLD WAY

The Cotswold Way long distance footpath stretches from Chipping Campden to Bath, a distance of approximately 100 miles. It has not been designated as a 'long distance footpath' by the Countryside Commission and so does not benefit from central funds for upkeep of signposts and stiles. Nevertheless it does not suffer as a result of this, being well maintained by those counties (mainly Gloucestershire) through which it passes.

The path does not keep to the top of the Cotswold edge. It is forced to take a somewhat winding course to avoid private property and to visit the small villages and places of interest dotted along its route.

From Harbury, Chipping Campden is the obvious starting point; but to benefit from the prevailing south west wind, Bath might be a better proposition. Seven days for the whole journey would be an average time, but with so many interesting places to visit (Broadway, Stanton, Hailes Abbey, Winchcombe, Belas Knap long barrow, Cleeve Common, Leckhampton Hill, Birdlip, Painswick and many more are on the route) seven days could easily stretch to ten. Those with young families might like to try the Way in small one day walks though public transport is not very plentiful at the end of the day.

A more rigorous approach would be lightweight camping with the emphasis on light! Youth hostelling or bed and breakfast accomodation are other possibilities. An invaluable publication is 'The Cotswold Way, A Walker's Guide' published by the Thornhill Press, 46 Westgate Street, Gloucester and soon to be reissued (end of May) after being out of print. The route finding can occasionally be a little difficult but armed with the Guide and the relevant O.S. maps (Old sheets 144, 143(part) and 156) mistakes should be few. Good walking.

J. L. H.



## In Anticipation of Street Parties, or Now is the Time for All Good Men to Come to the Aid of the Party.

We do not wish to be considered harbingers of doom, but we fear certain influences may have devastating effects upon the festivities. Let us take the Mill St. Party first. Are we inviting the Midland bus, dressed over-all, its crew and passengers to the party, or do we maintain our stiff upper lips as it mows us down? We suggest its progress be heralded by a man walking in front with a RED FLAG. Rumour hath it that a well-known personality of Mill St. has already defected to the comparative safety of Manor Orchard.

Will such sylvan backwaters as Mill Lane be protected from the advancing horde of merry, virile, be-wellingtoned Footpath Walkers on a Jubilee Marathon in honour of the great day? They shall not plough through our jellies!

One sympathises with poor Mrs. Hayes, obliged to hold her party on a cross road. Shall she poach on a foreign street bun fight, or will she risk death by the Midland Bus, only to be bombarded with alien rock cakes?

It might be better, after all, if we Harbarians repair to the cloistered Village Hall Fields, and sink together in the mud, accompanied by cheers from Rugby Supporters, as the Cub-Scouts hoist the Union Jack, and a Jubilee Choir sings lustily our joyous National Anthem.

SALLIE HUMPHREYS and MARY SHELLEY

## K A L E I D O S C O P E

To bring you up to date on the tragic saga of Ray & Maggie Hoare's trip to Canada, I'm sorry to report that very little has happened. The Reunion Club are in liquidation, and the prospect of recouping their losses looks remote to Maggie, but one glimmer of hope is a promise by the Air Travel Reserve Fund to call a meeting with tour operators and the Civil Aviation Authority "to discuss the implications of the whole affair". Maggie says that one lesson to be learnt from their experience is that when booking your holiday, no matter how reputable the firm appears, always check first that it belongs to ABTA (the Association of British Travel Agents), because then you are protected in circumstances like those in which Ray and Maggie have found themselves..... congratulations to our gardening expert, Sue Hett, on the birth of her second child,





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