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It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of Sir Jack Scamp, who had lived in our community for eight years, and took a great interest in the life of the village and also, we are privileged to say, in this magazine. When Victoria Macgowan visited him prior to writing a profile last year, she found him to be "a charming, brilliant man". As Sir Jack will be missed throughout the country, so will he be in Harbury, not least at the Remembrance Day Service at which, as President of the Harbury British Legion, he always played a prominent part. We extend our sympathy to Lady Scamp and his family.

On a happier note, great credit is due to the P.T.A. for its terrific achievement in repaying the final installment on the loan for the Swimming Pool 18 months ahead of due date. Well done! (See article and photo inside.)

HARBURY DIARY

NOVEMBER

- Sat. 5th Scouts Bazaar, 2.30p.m. in the Scout Hut.
BONFIRE PARTY, 6p.m., Recreation Ground.
Country and Western at the Club.
- Sun. 6th Patronal Festival Sunday: 8am. Holy Eucharist
10a.m. Procession & Sung Eucharist.
11.15a.m. Children's & Family Service
4p.m. Evensong & Procession.
- Mon. 7th School commences
- Tues. 8th 6.30p.m. first Confirmation Classes, Vicarage.
Harbury Society, 8p.m. at the Club; talk on
the making of the Midland landscape.
Harbury Friends, trip to Southam for cookery
demonstration, 8p.m.
Senior Citizens' Benefit Committee, 8p.m., V.Hall.
- Thurs. 10th Golden Age, 2.30p.m., V. Hall
Nursery School Parents' Evening, 8p.m., V. Hall.
- Fri. 11th NSPCC Christmas Card Sale, 3p.m. to 7p.m.,
in the Wight School.
- Sat. 12th Liberals' Jumble Sale, 10.15 to 12, V. Hall.
Playgroup Bazaar, 2.30p.m., Wight School.

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- Sat. 12th cont. "Club Night" at the Village Club.
 Conservatives' Wine and Paté party(see advert)
- Sun. 13th Remembrance Sunday: 8a.m. Holy Eucharist.
 10a.m. Remembrance Service with augmented
 choir, and reading the names at the memorial.
 4p.m. Sung Eucharist. 5.15p.m. Evensong(said).
- Mon. 14th Large Rubbish Collection this week. You must
ring Stratford 67575, ext. 239, for service.
- Tues. 15th Tufty Club, 2.30p.m., V.Hall.
 Motor Cycle Club, 8p.m., Wight School
 V.Hall Committee, 8p.m., Village Hall.
- Wed. 16th PTA, 8p.m., School; talk by Mr. Oliver and Mr.
 Skinner on liaison between Primary and
 Secondary Schools.
- Thurs. 17th Pandora Party in aid of Scout Funds, 7.15, p.m.
 at the Scout Hut.
- Sat. 19th Football Club Jumble Sale, 10.30a.m., at the
 Wight School or V.Hall. (to be confirmed)
 Dance at the Club.
- Sun. 20th 8a.m. Holy Eucharist
 10a.m. Sung Eucharist
 4 p.m. Evensong.
- Tues. 22nd P.C.C., 8 p.m., Wight School.
- Thurs. 24th Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall
- Sat. 26th "Farriers Forge" at the Club.
- Sun. 27th Advent Sunday: 9a.m. Family Communion, then
 Parish Breakfast in the Village Hall.
 10a.m., Bike Ride from Club Carpark.
 2.30p.m., Footpath Walk from Village Hall.
- Tues. 29th Young Wives, 2p.m., Village Hall; talk by Lady
 Watherston on St. John's Ambulance Brigade.
 Senior Citizens' Benefit Committee, 8p.m., V. Hall
 Bible Study & Discussion, 8p.m., Vicarage.
 Motor Cycle Club, 8p.m., Wight School.
- Wed. 30th Theatre Group, 8p.m. at the Club.
- DECEMBER PTA Square Dance in the School.
- Thurs. 1st W.I. Christmas Party, 7.45p.m., V. Hall.
- Sat. 3rd CHRISTMAS FAIR, V. Hall (see advert)
 Dance at the Club.

- Sun. 4th 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m. Sung Eucharist.
11.15a.m. Children's & Family Service.
4p.m. Evensong.
- Tues. 6th St. Nicholas' Day: 50th Anniversary of RSCM:
Harbury's choir taking part in special service at
Leamington Parish Church.
Senior Citizens' Benefit Committee, 8p.m., V. Hall.
- Wed. 7th Infants' Christmas Activity, 6.30p.m at School.
MU Branch Meeting, 2.30p.m., Old Timbers, Ivy La.
- Thurs. 8th Golden Age, 2.30 p.m., Village Hall.
"A Christmas Carol", 7.45p.m. at Church.
- Fri. 9th School Occasional Day's Holiday
- Sat. 10th Dance at the Club.
- Sun. 11th 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m. Sung Eucharist.
4 p.m. Evensong.
- Tues. 13th Harbury Friends, 8p.m., School
- Wed. 14th Top Juniors' Christmas Activity, 7.30 in Church
- Thurs. 15th Harbury choir singing carols, Iadbroke W.I.
- Fri. 16th Playgroup breaks up.
PTA & Children's Carols round the Village.
Football Dance at the Village Hall.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Hall Chapel, 10a.m.
every Sunday.

CRUSADERS, Village Hall, 2.30p.m. every Sunday.

BINGO, Village Hall, 8p.m. every Monday.

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7p.m. every Monday.

BROWNIES, Village Hall, 6.15p.m. every Tuesday.

YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 8p.m. every Wednesday.

NETBALL, Wight School, 7.30p.m. every Wednesday.

Baby Clinic, Village Hall, 2p.m., 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

Special appointments, every 3rd Monday.

PARISH COUNCIL, Village Hall, 7.30p.m., 4th Thursday.

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.30p.m. every Friday.

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

FOOTPATH ASSOC., Village Hall, 2.30p.m., last Sunday

BICYCLE RIDE, from Club Carpark, 10a.m., last Sunday

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

All Saints' Day will be in the past by the time that this is in your hands, but we shall still be celebrating our Patronal Festival on the following Sunday, 6th November.

Then comes Remembrance Sunday, 13th November. There will be Holy Communion at 8a.m. as usual, but at 10a.m. there will be the special Remembrance Sunday service, details of which are in 'From the Churchwardens'.

November 27th will be the First Sunday in Advent, and will be marked by a Family Communion at 9a.m. followed by a Parish Breakfast in the Village Hall. This will be the beginning of the new Church Year and of our preparation for Christmas. Advent is also traditionally a time for thinking about 'The Four Last Things' as they are called, viz. Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. To meditate aright on these Four Last Things is not, as some might suppose, morbid, but is healthy and invigorating.

Our choir had the honour of being invited to take part, with a number of other choirs, in a Choir Festival in Leamington Parish Church on Saturday, 15th October. It was a great joy to hear Evensong so beautifully sung by a combined choir of nearly 200 voices.

We have lost from the village two men who will be missed. Mr. Walter Spencer was formerly a sidesman, ringer and member of the choir. Much of the work of planting the daffodils in the Churchyard was done by him in 1930. More recently he acted as 'Lollipop Man' to the school children, who were very fond of him. Mr. Albert Daniel came to Harbury some 18 years ago after a remarkable career. Here he was a good friend to many, not least to the Golden Age Club. May God grant rest to their souls and His guidance and comfort to those who are bereaved.

At the time of writing, it is a great joy to have Mrs. Kitchener and Miss Cleaver with us again on their visit to Harbury.

The first Confirmation class will be on Tuesday, 8th November, at 6.30 p.m. in the Vicarage.

*** 'From the
Registers' - see
back page.

With every blessing,

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

From the Churchwardens

The Remembrance Sunday Service will be held at 10a.m. on 13th November in Church, followed by the reading of names, the laying of wreaths and the two minutes' silence at the War Memorial. David Goodfellow will again play the Last Post and Reveille. During the past few years there has been a considerable increase in the number attending this service, and we look forward to another moving service. This Mike Bloxham photograph was taken some years ago before the Memorial was moved to its present position.



On Remembrance Sunday, the 4p.m. service will be a Communion Service, not Evensong. Since the clocks went back, the evening service has been at 4p.m. instead of 6.30.

We were delighted to welcome some of our friends from Ladbroke to share the celebration of our joint Patronal Festival, All Saints' Day. We hope that many of our members will support the Ladbroke Christmas Fair in the school at Ladbroke on Saturday afternoon, 26th November.

Please book the date now of our Carol Service, which will be at 2.30p.m. on Sunday, 18th December.

Reminder: the crêche is open from 9.50a.m. each Sunday in the Wight School, if you feel your children are too young to attend Sung Eucharist. (and from 8.50a.m. on 27th Nov.)

LADBROKE NEWS

Services etc. for November and early December:

Sunday, 6th November: Trinity XXII (in Octave of All Saints)

8.30a.m. Holy Communion, 11a.m. Matins, 3.30p.m.

Holy Baptism.

Wednesday, 9th November: 9a.m. Children's Eucharist,
3.30p.m. Women's Fellowship in the School on 'The

Work of the Samaritans' - open meeting for all

interested. 8.15p.m., Southam Welfare Centre, meet

Capt. Barrie Irons of the Church Army - all PCC member
invited.

Sunday, 13th November: Trinity XXIII (Remembrance Sunday).

10.50a.m. Remembrance Service followed by Matins.

Royal British Legion will attend. 3.30p.m. Holy
Communion with Hymns.

Sunday, 20th Nov., 8.30a.m. Holy Communion. 11a.m. Matins.

Saturday, 26th Nov., OUR GRAND CHRISTMAS FAIR, Ladbrooke

School, 3p.m. Come & enjoy it...all the usual attractions!

Sunday, 27th November. 11a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns.

3.30p.m. Advent I Evensong.

Thursday, 1st December: Men's Group at Briarwood, Windmill
Lane, Ladbrooke, 7.45 p.m.

Sunday, 4th December; Advent II. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion.

11a.m. Family Service.

Altar Flowers: Nov. 6th, Mrs. Flower; Nov. 13th and 20th,

Miss Hensman. NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT.

Holy Baptism: 9th October, 1977, Zoe Louise Pritchett.

Harvest Thanksgiving was as usual a great occasion. This year special thanks to the W.I. and others for the lovely gift of Jubilee kneelers, to all those who contributed flowers and produce (the latter greatly appreciated by the handicapped patients at Castel Froma) and to Mr. Jack Pinney for the 'harvest bread' .. a fine example of real craftsmanship. The Harvest Supper was held in the school, with 73 people there for a delicious buffet provided by the ladies of the PCC, headed by Mrs. P. Brown. Afterwards, Mr. Broom gave an interesting show of audio-visual slides of the Lake District, to conclude a most worthwhile evening.

The Parochial Church Council at its last meeting thanked the Parish Council for the grant of £25 towards the maintenance of the Churchyard; they also expressed their gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. P. Barnett and Nigel for their labours in mowing the grass during the last season. It was decided that the members would make a gift to Gary Lawson, our organist, as he leaves for Manchester University, and other church people who would like to contribute were asked to make their gifts to the Churchwardens or to the 'Priest in charge'(Rector) before 30th November.

As we have wished Gary well at Manchester, so we should like to congratulate and extend good wishes to Virginia Flower (of our congregation and Harbury's Crusaders) who has gone up to Oxford to read Law at St. Hilda's.

The PCC decided that the proceeds of the GRAND CHRISTMAS FAIR on 26th November should be divided as usual: half to Church Maintenance Fund, 25% to Christian Aid, 12½% each to Guide Dogs for the Blind and the Dale Street Centre.

The village greatly missed Mrs. Offord; we all hope that the eye operation for which she entered hospital will soon be done and prove successful. Remember her in your prayers as she has remembered so many of you.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Hart to Village Farm, and hope they will be happy among us. We are sorry to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Watson and Alison, but hope they will enjoy their new home.

More welcomes and farewells next month....how this village changes! GRF.

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Ladbroke W.I. At our meeting on 24th November, we will again renew our acquaintance with Mrs. Zonik who will talk on "Half-hour of Christmas", so come along and hear what she has to say.

The September meeting was a most interesting one, when Mrs. Thomas told us about her life as an Air Hostess. Dates for your diary: 12th Dec., Group Carol Service to be held at Priors Marston.

15th December: at our monthly meeting Michael Barnes and the Harbury Church Choir will come and sing carols.

Bonfire Night: A Ladbroke Village Bonfire Party is to be held on 5th November, at 7.30 p.m. on the Caravan Park of Ladbroke Hall. Please bring your own fireworks to be let off by the organisers. Entry and refreshments will cost around 50p. Ian Holroyd and Tony Hall are organising this village event.

The Parish Council Meeting was held on 18th October in Ladbroke School. Cllrs. Sheasby(chairman), Badman, Barnett, Williamson and the Clerk were present.

A general appraisal of all Ladbroke's footpaths is to be carried out and advice sought from Mr. Fitchett of Southam.

The poultry farm - an enforcement notice is to be served.

Allibone Trust money - has been deposited in the Heart of England Building Society.

Planning - Mr. B. Thomas has been refused permission for the erection of a 4-bedroom bungalow as it is contrary to the structure plan and growth in a rural area is being discouraged thereby upholding a good rural planning policy. No objections were raised to alterations proposed by Mr. J.R. Wright of Rose Cottage.

Post Office - Mrs. Offord, the subpostmaster, has been admitted to hospital and the P.O. is closed temporarily. Arrangements will be made for the collection of pensions etc.

Windmill Lane - Traffic, mainly vans from the Severn Trent Water Board, is getting faster again. A request to the Clerk of Works to monitor this is being sought.

PSF.

POPPY DAY APPEAL

It is 55 years since Field Marshal Earl Haig launched the first British Legion Poppy Day Appeal and far from being a dying charity it is still one of the most active in the country.

The Legion give either money or their service to causes ranging from wheelchairs to pensioners' outings, from life-boats to hospital equipment.

Today the British Legion is as much concerned for the family of a young soldier shot in Ireland last week, as with the widow of a soldier killed on the Somme in World War I.

The frightening total of 1 million claimants since 1900 is still mounting and as long as this country maintains armed forces there will not only be the need for the British Legion but it is estimated that in 20 years' time six million ex-servicemen and their dependants will still be living, many of them needing help as they grow older. It is a sobering thought that 1968 was the only year since 1900 that no British serviceman was killed in action.

Many people have asked what has happened to the variety of poppies which used to be available. The short answer is that it is no longer viable to produce such variety, and the standard single petal poppy of the stick-on-windscreen type can be produced at an economic cost.

The house to house collections account for 50% of the total Poppy Day appeal, and it is sad to relate that the collections are not keeping pace with inflation. If I tell you that the collection has doubled since 1960, it sounds marvellous, but if you stop to consider that the cost of a loaf of bread has risen by 5 times the 1960 figure, perhaps you will see the sort of problem the British Legion has.

Very soon now the poppies will be on sale, and someone will be knocking on your door for a contribution. Please be as generous as you can - remember these are our servicemen, the ones who help to keep us a free country, that the British Legion is trying to help, and some of them gave all they had.

GLADYS HUTCHINS.

CRUSADERS

On Sunday, 16th October, Harbury Crusaders celebrated its 8th birthday, by inviting parents and friends to attend the service. Our visiting speaker was Rev. T. Knight and his wife. 118 people attended, and we raised £10 in collection money. Mrs. Lapraik (leader) made the birthday cake this year, which disappeared very quickly. Robert Parker calculated that one and a half cakes were eaten in 10 minutes.

The following Saturday we held a very successful Jumble Sale; one lady commented that it was one of the best she had been to. We raised £71.

At the Birthday Service, the Minis sang 'When the corn is planted', accompanying themselves with percussion instruments, and this is a picture of some of the 'band'.



Left to right: Jennifer Vorster, Clare Macauley, Richard Lapraik, Wendy Ottewill and Karen Hoare.

The group had previously recorded their performance for Radio Birmingham.

SONIA PARKER.

HARBURY SCHOOL: Reorganisation Proposals, Southam Area

It now looks most probable that the reorganisation plans for Southam area will receive Dept. of Education and Science approval in the near future.

Quite detailed plans have been made to make these proposals effective as from Sept. 1979. Assuming that the plans will be approved, Harbury Junior and Infant School will become Harbury Combined School, and will take children up to 12 years of age instead of 11 as at present. Children in our present 3rd year Junior classes will be the first group to stay in Harbury until they are 12.

To cater for the extra numbers, the school will be extended by the addition of two permanent classrooms. These will be in the First School department, and will be added to the two existing classrooms on the north side of the school. They will extend outwards towards the large playground so that we shall have a block of four classrooms in that area. An additional playground will be built on the south side of the swimming pool.

Various alterations will also take place inside the main building. Provision is being made for a larger library and resources area, also a Practical Area to cater for art and craft, home economics and science. It could well be that work could start around May next year and continue into the summer holidays. We shall await developments with interest!

We all congratulate Mrs. J. Bulmer, who has been teacher in charge of infants here for the past 3 years, on her very recent appointment to the post of Deputy Head of Southam Infants School. Mrs. Bulmer will leave us at the end of term to take up her new position in January.

As usual, much is planned at Harbury School for the Christmas season - see the diary for dates and details.

N. C. OLIVER.

P. T. A.

The A. G. M. on 26th October was a special occasion this year. After the business part of the evening, Major R. Kettle received, on behalf of the County Council, a cheque which completed the repayment of the loan on the swimming pool. Major Kettle said that to complete the payments 18 months ahead of schedule was a remarkable achievement, but not one which surprised him. He said that Harbury seemed to have the ability to succeed with ventures of this kind.



Mike Bloxham's picture shows, l. to r., Major Kettle, Mr. Healey, Mrs. Megeney, Mr. Oliver and Mr. Collinson.

Earlier in the evening, a new Committee was elected, which retained some of last year's members: Mr. Oliver (Chairman): Mr. D. Richards (Treasurer): Mrs. A. Megeney (Secretary): and members Mrs. D. Buck, Mr. C. Burnham, Mrs. L. Chick, Mr. B. Cooke, Mrs. R. Ottewill, Mr. R. Christopher, Mr. J. Lapraik, Mr. S. Neill, Mrs. M. Rolf, Mr. B. Simcock and Mrs. D. Wallington.

Tributes were paid to the retiring Committee, in particular to four long serving members, namely Mrs. C. Upton, Mr. G. Healey, Mr. C. Ingram and Mr. R. Baldwin. They have each worked hard for the PTA especially during the building of the swimming pool, and have certainly earned a rest. We hope to see them at our social evenings, and promise not to rope them in with the clearing up afterwards.

Don't forget the Square Dance on 30th November, in School, and the talk about the liaison between primary and secondary schools by Mr. Oliver and Mr. Skinner on 16th November. ANNE MEGENEY, Secretary. 612745.

1st HARBURY SCOUTS

On October 7th at 7p.m. a convoy of cars with a load of scouts left the Scout Hut for the County Fire Brigade HQ in Leamington. When we arrived we were met by two leading firemen who were to show us around. We split up into two groups and started at opposite ends of a hall containing several fire tenders.

Then, we saw them - the traditional poles for sliding down. "One for coming down and one for going up", as one bright Scout quipped! However, we were not allowed to have a go. Each fire tender contained different fire fighting equipment, and a formidable array of axes and crow bars. The highlight of the evening was the last 10 minutes when we could clamber over the fire engines.

The pioneering weekend at Thirlby in Lincolnshire was a great success even though there was a persistent bitterly cold wind. An aerial runway and monkey and trestle bridges were built and the Troop bought some pioneering poles.

During the 1977 Jamboree-on-the-Air on 16th October, the 1st Harbury radio station, G4GEP/A made contact with 45 stations in 13 countries. They were Australia, Portugal,

Gibraltar, France, Italy, USSR, Finland, Denmark, Norway, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Germany (East and West) and Britain. Bands used were 2, 15, 20 and 80 metres. Most stations were J.O.T.A. but included ex-scouts and amateurs. The short wave group of 1st Harbury Scouts presented a display of home constructed and renovated radio sets and other electronic projects. They also erected the station's aerials and kept the station log for no less than 15 hours over the weekend. Junior operators had great fun with the oscilloscope, morse sets and R.N. receiver. They also received many more J.O.T.A. stations.

Important: Please make a note of the following date - 17th November, at 7.15 p.m. in the Scout Hut. There will be a Pandora Party in aid of Scout Funds when an exclusive range of children's and ladies' fashions will be on view. Everybody is welcome and refreshments will be available.

Congratulations to Edward Walker who was invested as a Scout on Friday, 21st October. ANDREW HUNT, P.L.

VIC PEAKE, Instructor.

BAR LINES

On 15th October, seventeen eager Choristers met in Church to go to the Leamington Deanery Choir Festival to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Royal School of Church Music. Our thanks go to those parents who provided transport.

We arrived at Leamington Parish Church in good time for the practice. We were the first to arrive, but we were soon joined by over 180 others from churches in Leamington, Kenilworth and Coventry. Mr. David Palmer, the Parish Church Organist, was the conductor, and took us through all the music we were to sing - a Gelineau Psalm, two anthems (one for trebles and the other for full choir), hymns and canticles. We are used to long practices, but this one lasted for two hours.

After tea in the Urquhart Hall, we processed back to Church for Choral Evensong which started half an hour late.

Apart from a few boys shouting 'Lovely Ladies' at the altos when we were processing to Church, everything went according to plan. By the time the service had finished, everyone was worn out but excited by the experience of singing in a very big Choir. We have been asked to another Festival,

this time on 6th December - St. Nicholas' Day - the actual anniversary of the founding of the RSCM. We hope that once again some people from Harbury will come and hear us sing.

ANN WINDSOR, Head Chorister.

HARBURY RUGBY CLUB

Since my last report all teams have shown considerable improvement, and both the 1st XV and the 2nd XV have been unbeaten in their last four outings, whilst the thirds have had their ups and downs. On the occasions when we have had a surplus of players we have been able to put out a 4th XV. They started life a couple of weeks ago with a hammering at Kibworth in Leicestershire, but persevered and scored a handsome 52-nil win over Claverdon 3rds on their next outing. Early days yet and probably only an occasional side!

Club Records: 1st XV: played 8. Won 4. Drawn 1. Lost 3.

2nd XV: played 8. Won 5. Drawn 0. Lost 3.

3rd XV: played 8. Won 3. Drawn 1. Lost 4.

4th XV: played 2. Won 1. Drawn 0. Lost 1.

JERRY BIRKBECK, Hon. Sec.

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

Again it is nice to report that the first team are doing well; it is the best start we have had for a good many seasons, so let's hope the honours come our way this year with Bobby Haynes and Kevin Bloxham both among the goals and all lads playing as a team with Martin Perry playing very well in goal. The reserves are having a bad run but let's hope their luck will turn.

Hope you will support us with our Jumble Sale on 19th November. Thank you.

BILL STEVENS.

HARBURY NETBALL CLUB

We are now into our second season in the Coventry Works League, only this season we have a second team. The new 'B' team started the season off in fine form with a very good win, and an impressive team performance. Unfortunately, their next couple of games were not quite so lucrative, but the girls are working hard at 'getting it together'. Geraldine Sheasby, one of the local Youth Club girls, has settled in very well, managing to find the net frequently as goal shooter, and Jean Davies at centre has certainly proved her worth, with Chris Ross at goal attack and Maggie Hoare at wing

attack, both playing well. On the defence we have a newcomer, Marilyn, showing her skill at intercepting, and Anne Badger and Joyce Humphreys both doing some beautiful body blocks in the goal area, but sometimes finding life a little too frustrating when up against inexperienced umpires!! I'm sure they will very soon be back on the winning side.

The 'A' team are also doing 'very nicely thank you'! As yet they are undefeated, but there is plenty of time yet and we refuse to become too confident - there is still plenty of room for improvement. Of course, the signing of Nikki Knight as goal shooter has helped enormously; let's face it, she is two thirds of the way there!!! Jan Sherriff as goal keeper, Anita Williams, goal defence, and Lynne Badger, wing defence, are all doing very well at preventing the opposition from scoring. Then with Jean Reading working extremely hard from centre, Sally Merryweather, wing attack, and Carol Grinnell as goal attack, this team seems to be on the right track. Let's hope we can keep it up.

We are still on the lookout for some fresh faces in the club though, and anyone who is at all interested in netball is very welcome to join us, permanently or for the odd game when the mood strikes. Why not give us a ring - you'll be surprised how much enjoyment you can get out of it. The numbers to ring are Harbury 612300 or 612486. CAROL GRINNELL, Sec.

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

The Club finished the 1977 season with a flourish by winning the last 4 fixtures conclusively. During the season 24 games were played, with the Club winning 12, drawing 8 and losing 4. The batting averages were headed by Rod Grinnell who scored 310 runs at an average of 28.2, but Terry Bell scored the highest number of runs - 405 at an average of 22.5.

The bowling averages were headed by Neil Justice with 12 wickets at an average of 7.3, closely followed by Rex Humphreys who took 40 wickets at an average of 7.5.

The highest wicket taker was Brian Wallington with 49 wickets at an average of 13.5.

We have again been lucky with the weather, recording only 2 fixtures rained off, but there was very little sun to warm our backs. Once again, the ladies have done sterling work over the season and provided the sundrenched(!!)

to thank them.

Last but not least, we have our small but faithful band of supporters who have turned up irrespective of weather - our thanks for their support.

Here's looking forward to a sunny, hot and successful 1978. I hope you all winter well.

VILLAGE CYCLE RIDE

The last Sunday in each month has continued to entice a cross-section of all ages for a short ride through the local lanes. I am the oldest, and I have to pedal, but the youngest comes on a throne in lazy luxury on the back of his dad's bike.

One of the most regular riders is seven year old Jason Smith, whose determination to get up all the hills is magnificent.

Piers Mettrick thinks the rides should be held every Sunday. I agree with him, and wish I had the spare time. Maybe this is the chance to form a weekly youth section. Why not support him?

DICK PICKEN.

HARBURY JUBILEE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

The CZ is now in many pieces around the village, being refurbished. With any luck at all we should have it mobile before Christmas. We are looking for a 21" front wheel to increase its ground clearance - if you happen to have one in your shed we'd be very pleased to hear from you.

On 18th October, John Charlton brought his magnificent drag-racing bike along and described how he built and developed it. Everyone tried it for size and tried to imagine reaching 138mph inside a quarter of a mile!

Our first competitive event was held on Saturday, 22nd October, when we had a 'training trial' - we are greatly indebted to Mr. Iory Davies who allowed us the use of one of his fields. The event overall was won by Richard Wright; Nigel Buck won the 'on-road' sections - with Jeremy Hunt next, and best of the road machines. An enjoyable day which we hope to repeat in the next few weeks.

Our November 15th meeting will be mainly concerned with the re-assembly programme for the CZ. We might also have the Honda 90 which Gordon Smith has unearthed and on which Martin Brant has been spending so much time. JBM.

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PETROPOLIS IN ACTION

The local heat of the National Petropolis Championship was held in Harbury, in an atmosphere of mounting tension and excitement. After $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours of buying and selling oil-producing countries, derricks and drilling platforms, the final scores were a close-run thing. Colin Hughes of Church Street was the runner-up, having accrued capital worth 4,798,000 petro-dollars, and the winner was Andrew Holt of Wagstaffe Close, with a total of 4,904,000 petro-dollars. If this total is one of the seven highest, nationwide, he will be invited to play in the national finals in London.

The other participants were Sarah Walters, Manor Orchard; Gail Moore, Mill Street; Sarah Ridgley, Wagstaffe Close; Helen Hughes, Church Street, and Gordon Humphreys of Wagstaffe Close. Several onlookers were present too, to see fair play, and to these, and all who took part, Action Research for the Crippled Child is very grateful.

***Stop Press: Andrew was lucky enough to be one of those playing in the finals at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, on 29th October. He met T.V. personality Nicholas Parsons, and, although not among the winners, he received a beautiful leather-bound Petropolis set. AM.

SKATEBOARDING

At a meeting in the school on 19th October the parents of some of the current skateboarders heard Mr. Oliver and P.C. Percival outline a plan whereby it may be possible for the children who are keen on the sport to indulge in it in the safety of the school playground. Mr. Oliver and P.C. Percival have taken a lot of trouble making enquiries into the possibility, desirability and legality of being able to use the playground.

Unfortunately, there was little time to spread the word of the meeting and consequently few parents were present. However, as some people will know, the Education Office allowed a trial run for the two Saturdays 29th October and 5th November, from 9-12 o'clock. One of the conditions for using the playground is that it should be adequately supervised by adults, and it is up to the parents of the skateboarders to provide this service.

It was therefore decided to call another meeting at the School on Wednesday 9th November when it is hoped that all parents interested in providing a safe area for their children to skateboard in will be present, so that we may be able to put a formal application in to the Education Office, set up a committee and outline safety rules, etc.

GLADYS HUTCHINS.

LIONS YOUTH AWARD 1977/78

This award is made to foster and encourage involvement and other qualities of good citizenship within the Youth of the Community. The award is open to those of either sex who have reached their 15th birthday but have not yet reached their 21st birthday, on 1st January, 1978.

Qualities considered for the award are Community Involvement, Leadership, Personality, Achievement in Adversity, Physical Ability, General Knowledge, with the emphasis on Community Involvement. Judging at all levels up to the final will be by 3 non-Lion judges covering the fields of Education, Youth Work and Industry or Commerce.

The 1977/78 award will consist of a commemorative plaque plus a bursary to the value of £500. The bursary is to be used for a project of the winner's choice in the fields of Further Education or social work.

The Southam Lions will be holding their heats on Monday, 8th December, in the Welfare Hut, Craven Lane, Southam. The award to the winner of this heat will be a 10 day holiday abroad to a Lions Holiday Centre, plus a further 10 days with a family of that country (the date of the holiday will be fixed by the Holiday Centre). Entry forms are available from Mr. P. S. Swaby, 88 Stowe Drive, Southam, Tel. Southam 2650. Please return entry forms to Mr. Swaby by 3rd Dec.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

What a troupe! What an outfit! Haven't we done well!! And who can blame us for patting ourselves so heartily on the back after turning what appeared to be a complete disaster into a successful show. I'm talking, of course, about our Warneford Hospital debut on October 13th, 14th and 15th. You may remember we were repeating our 'Equal Terms'/'Black Comedy' programme which we performed for the village in late June. Let me give you a blow-by-blow account.

Thursday, 6th Oct. - rehearsals for both plays going well.
Friday, 7th Oct. - DISASTER - leading man in Black Comedy taken ill. (Never mind, it'll be all right on the night.) Saturday, 8th Oct. - we must be optimistic - work starts on set building.
Sunday, 9th Oct. - confirmed leading man will be too ill to go on by opening night.

At this point a hurried conference took place. We could either scrap the whole show or find a play of the right length to fill the gap after 'Equal Terms'. And all within three days!!

Luckily our first play of the 1977 season had been 'Plaza Suite', the last act of which could be utilized quite well, with a bit of added padding between plays in the form of a few humorous monologues. Now if only John Stringer and Liz Purdie could be persuaded to put in 'three days' hard work on parts they had probably completely forgotten..... John was willing to give it a try, but Liz was away for the weekend!

Monday, 10th Oct. - Liz contacted. After she gets over the shock, rehearsals start at 8p.m., and surprise surprise, they remember their lines. Tuesday, 10th Oct. - rehearsals going so well that Wednesday is declared a day of rest.

Thursday, 13th October - WHAT DO YER KNOW! WE GOT A SHOW!!!
KEITH HAYES.

HARBURY SOCIETY

The Society's outing to Chedworth and Westonbirt benefitted from glorious autumn weather. At chedworth, near Cirencester, the members explored the Roman Villa acquired for the National Trust in 1924. More than a dozen villas have been discovered in the Cirencester area but Chedworth was unknown until 1864, when it was found on the land of the Earl of Eldon.

The coach left this truly idyllic place, set at the head of an isolated wooded valley, for the Arboretum at Westonbirt, where further breathtaking sights were in store.

The Arboretum was at its best, the autumn colour display in the Acer Glade being at its peak, with the reds, golds and various browns of the multitude of Acer varieties beautifully contrasting with the delicate weeping green form of Picea Breweriana, (Brewer's Drooping Spruce).

The members spent 3 wonderful hours squelching round in the sunshine admiring the wide variety of trees and shrubs, leaves and berries along the paths and glades. Some people were content to wander here and there admiring each new

vista, others strode off purposefully to view a particular favourite. The whole party finally headed for home at 5p. m. leaving the sylvan splendour of Westonbirt for the decimated hedgerows of the Fosse, but with a magnificent sunset behind them as compensation.

The next meeting of the Society will be on Tuesday, 8th November, at 8p. m. in the Village Club, when there will be a talk on the Making of the Midland Landscape by Mr. D. Palliser of Birmingham University. The Society intends to hold its usual sophisticated, cultural Folk Evening in the New Year - how does the New Modern Idiot Grunt Band grab you?

LINDA RIDGLEY.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

At the October meeting of the Committee, the Chairman, Mrs. Keen, announced that the Rugby Club had applied for permission to develop land elsewhere in Harbury for a Club House with two pitches and would probably be leaving the Village Hall premises within a year. Jerry Birkbeck, Rugby Club Secretary, announced that the Club was prepared to make the Village Hall a gift of the architect's plans for the storage rooms which had been proposed, and would make a donation towards the cost (estimated at between £300 and £400) of building the rooms if some other village group was prepared to finance and build the extension.

Mrs. Keen announced that the new storage heater had been installed in the Farley Room and another heater would be placed in the Main Hall. She was anxious that the heating be improved as there had been a number of complaints last year that the Hall was cold. It was agreed that renewals and repairs should be made as soon as possible. The Secretary, Elizabeth Machin, explained the difficulties she encountered when trying to get these jobs done, however the cooker was now working, a new clock would be ordered and she hoped to find someone to replace the broken windows.

The Village Hall Committee has three members on the 1978 Carnival Committee. The Treasurer, Ken Clarke, reported that the Village Hall had received £300 from the 1977 Carnival profits, and could expect a further £100 when the accounts were wound up.

The recent Village Hall Dance had made a profit of £36.50, and Mrs. Keen thanked Tony Ceney especially for his help in the organising of the event.

Mr. Bingham joined the Village Hall Committee, the next meeting being on 15th November, at 8p.m. LINDA RIDGLEY.

1978 CARNIVAL

We've already started to think about next year's Carnival Week. The Carnival will be held on 10th June, with the preceding week as a festival week. Our planning committee, with representatives from the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committees, consists of Chris Macgowan and Tim Percival to handle the procession, Monica Davies (stalls, sideshows and field organisation), Midge Keen (Carnival dance), Bill Alan (Youth arts and crafts exhibition), Linda Ridgley (programme), Alan Youd (treasurer), and Peter Holt (outside events).

We would welcome ideas for events during the Carnival week, and attractions etc. for the Carnival Day. Please channel these to any of the committee members or to me at 15 Wagstaffe Close. PETER HOLT, Carnival Cttee Chairman.

VILLAGE CLUB

We are now half way through the lifespan of this year's committee, and a very busy six months it has been. Outward evidence of advancement is that the car park has been professionally landscaped and planted in line with the planning authority's requirements. By next summer when the plants and shrubs have taken a hold that end of the village should be transformed and if next summer is anything like 1976 the lawn should be a very pleasant spot to sit.

Inside, the snooker room is in constant use following the installation of new radiators, and although our teams have now lost the advantage of watching their opponents' fingers turn blue with cold, the warm relaxed atmosphere is a worthwhile bonus.

There is now a pool table alongside the juke-box, both of which are much patronised by our junior members, and since the walls in this part of the club have been redecorated it is a favourite meeting place.

Saturday evening entertainment is now under the direction of George Bryers, who is aiming to provide a Club Night every five or six weeks at which there will be a variety of acts which should appeal to all. It will be 1978 before the full benefits of George's efforts are felt, but already the improvement is there, and the future looks great.

INFORMATION PLEASE

I shall be bringing the Harbury Directory up to date soon. PLEASE let me know of any changes to the information on the current one - if you don't know what it says about your group, give me a ring and I'll tell you.

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HARBURY W.I.

At the September meeting, Mrs. Williams from the NSPCC gave us an interesting talk and showed two films on the work and running of the organisation. It is sad to think that there is need for such an organisation, but just as well there is by the information and pictures that we saw. These wonderful people save a lot of little souls from an awful existence.

The beautiful evening shawl crocheted by Mrs. Knighton for the W.I. Jubilee Appeal was on show. It has now been sent to London where it will be sold, together with other contributions from all over the country, at Debenhams.

October's meeting was much more lighthearted. A demonstration of floral decorations by Jacqueline of Southam was greatly enjoyed by the members. Arrangements in baskets, shells and various containers were really lovely, and were made to look effortless. We have all found out that isn't so unless one has the natural flair.

The Harvest Festival Supper was a great success. Mr. & Mrs. Knight from Oxfam were our after-dinner speakers, and the evening rounded off with dancing. The raffle was won by Mr. D. Green and Mr. R. Johnson.

A coffee morning and evening have also been held recently, raising £24. The raffle was won by Mrs. Keeling. This is an enjoyable way of raising money. JEANNE BEAUMONT.

MISSION UNLIMITED

It was a great joy for the Harbury MU members to join members from several Deaneries in a meeting that over-filled the Urquhart Hall, Leamington, for the showing of our centenary film, "Mission Unlimited".

It started with visits throughout the country for Festivals, meetings and the many projects with which the MU is concerned, including caravan holidays such as our own diocese give. Then a visit to Mary Sumner House, and from there to all parts of the globe, including the many countries of Africa; Botswana, Nigeria, Rhodesia, Zululand and South Africa. We saw the great enthusiasm of the members and their happy faces as they sang and danced to the music and drums. One vital project shown was a pipe laid from the river to the village so the women could collect water from taps instead of carrying it long distances on their heads.

From there we went with Mrs. Varah on her tour of the Far East and every now and then I saw a friend made at an Overseas Conference - Mrs. Pratt, the Diocesan President of Melbourne presenting Mrs. Varah with a bouquet, and Jo Roberts in South Korea driving her landrover to a meeting.

We came away inspired with Mrs. Varah's words that the Society was founded on prayer and it is this which helps everyone to continue the work of this great society of the family.

ESMÉ CHURCHILL.

HARBURY SENIOR CITIZENS' BENEFIT ASSOC.

On Tuesday evening, 27th Sept., a Social Evening was held at the Dog Inn when the Senior Citizens' Collecting Bottle was emptied by Mick Coop, the Coventry City Footballer. The total amount collected during the year amounted to £98.22. The prize of a bottle of whisky for guessting the amount in the bottle was won by Mr. J. Parker of South Parade. The evening was enjoyed by all who attended, including Mick Coop who demonstrated to all that he could pull pints of beer to the satisfaction of the customers, as well as scoring penalties!!

On behalf of the Committee I would like to express our grateful thanks to Doug and Mavis Powell who provided an excellent venue for the occasion and for the marvellous food provided during the evening. Also our thanks are extended to

Mick Coop for joining in the way he did, and to Barry Lowe and his son Tom for providing the music for a sing song which was enjoyed very much indeed. Finally, the Committee and myself would like to extend our appreciation to the customers of the Dog who kindly keep placing their money in the collecting bottle, thus assisting the Association in its efforts to provide events for the Senior Citizens of Harbury - thank you all very much indeed.

In conclusion, a fitting quote I think from Mick Coop - "What a friendly pub, and what a worthwhile effort put in for a very worthy cause. I wish every success to Harbury Senior Citizens' Benefit Association in the work they are doing."

TIM PERCIVAL, Chairman.

HARBURY GOLDEN AGE CLUB

At our meeting on Thursday, 22nd September, Mrs. Hyatt of Ufton gave us a most interesting talk on gardening, with the emphasis on flowers. She spent the rest of the afternoon with us, and so made it a very enjoyable meeting.

E. SHEASBY.

On behalf of all our members, I should like to thank the donor who wishes to remain anonymous for the two VERY generous gifts of money - we greatly appreciate it, and many thanks.

May I also mention how we should like to increase our numbers. This is such a thriving village, catering for all ages from the children to their Mums and Dads, but somehow the older people do not join the club for the pensioners. Why not make up your mind to come along and have a cup of tea with us - I can assure you of a warm welcome. Our next meeting is on 10th November.

L. KNIGHTON.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY

TO CHILDREN

I have printed out our full, if rather dated, title because there are still people who ask if we are the ones who collect money for dogs! In spite of this, our annual house-to-house collection which was held in October raised the absolutely fantastic total of £112. It's well up on last year and we are very grateful indeed to all our collectors and to all those

people who gave so generously. In economic times like these charities expect to suffer, but your donations will help us to continue to rescue children in desperate need of protection, and it is at Christmas time that loving parents find it even more distressing to think of babies and children in need of rescue from their own parents. Our special thanks go to collectors in Ladbroke, Bascote, Deppers Bridge, Chesterton and Ufton, who single-handedly collected large sums in their own areas.

Our Christmas Card Sale is at the Wight School on 11th November, from 3p.m. to 7p.m., and we hope you will pop in to see our selection of competitively priced gifts and cards. Again our warmest thanks for your donations and support.

VICTORIA MACGOWAN, Hon. Secretary,
Harbury and District.

MALT SHOVEL CRAFTS

As a result of the considerable talent and interest shown in the craft stall prepared as part of the Jubilee celebrations, a small craft shop has been established in Bishops Itchington. The intention is to give people from local villages an opportunity to make productive use of their creative abilities and to provide a convenient source of original and attractive gifts for all occasions. A wide variety of crafts is offered, resulting in a range of beautifully made soft toys, jewellery, woodwork, macrame, pictures, flowers, handbags, leather-work, crochet, needlework, etc.

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There is not much time, so donations, however small, are greatly needed, or, if you prefer, why not organise a fund-raising event.

Donations should be sent to The Scanner Appeal Fund, Walsgrave Hospital, Clifford Bridge Road, Coventry CV2 2DX. SH.

PARISH COUNCIL

I have decided not even to attempt to give a full report on the Parish Council meeting, and for a variety of reasons:

1. If I tell all I'll never get you there in person. 2. The Clerk's paid to take the minutes. 3. The Editor won't let me have enough space anyway! So titbits only.....

This month Jim Chapple complains children are skate-boarding after dark with "no lights about their person"; and the Chairman claims there's "not a tremendous amount of activity in the Cemetery at the moment".

Planning: discussed were the two-form extension to the School; the Rugby Club's proposals for a new ground at Middle Road; Conservation areas (the Council praised the report presented by the Harbury Society and set up a sub-committee to investigate); 13 Farm Street (will not now be subject to a demolition order); the ludicrous procedure necessary to re-instate Footpath SM58 (Francis Road/Vicarage Lane) which the WCC inadvertantly omitted to number (it has to go to a Public Inquiry); and the improvement of Morton's entrance on Harbury Lane.

During discussion of the 1978/9 budget, the Chairman explained that the Burial Account will need to be increased as revenue is down, and even more money will be needed if the Council has to employ contract labour for Cemetery and Green upkeep. Cllr. Ellis, who presented the budget, explained that, with so many variables this year, and the added problem of having to estimate expenditure for the remainder of 1976/7,

there was a danger of over-estimating the Parish's needs, or under-estimating. He feared that he would be criticised whatever happened (he's probably right!) It was possible that there would be a surplus this year because Jubilee expenses were less than expected, and although money had to be set aside for Green maintenance and £600 for a new mower (the old one to go to Deppers) budgeted for in 1978/9, there might be a surplus which the Parish Council would consider using to extend the Hard Play area at the Recreation Ground. To keep the rate at 1p in the £, as it had been despite inflation since 1974, risked leaving the Parish short of funds, and it was agreed that the Precept should be for $1\frac{1}{2}$ p in the £, with the fervent hope that the ratepayers would be sympathetic if a surplus resulted.

Jim Chapple's was one of many complaints brought before the Council. He wrote "as a last resort" motivated both by annoyance at the noise and nuisance of children using Sutcliffe Pastures as a skateboard run, and by the fear of an accident, especially after dark. P.C. Percival and Mr. Oliver will hold a meeting in November to try to organise supervised skateboarding in the school playground on Saturdays. P.C. Percival has dealt with children riding bicycles without lights, and will talk to the school children on the subject. The swings at the Recreation Grounds have been removed until new chains can be obtained to replace the old dangerously worn ones. The top-soil on the Pound will be used for repairs to the turf during the winter.

Somewhat black and bitter humour came in discussions on Binswood End. The Council met Police and Engineers in Oct. to discuss parking problems there. The County Engineer claimed only 4 cars were parked there and that traffic was able to pass safely, but Cllr. Drinkwater said 2 other cars were rapidly moved when the Police appeared, and that there would have been a head-on collision but unfortunately the bus stopped to pick up passengers! Further discussion followed on the positioning of lamps at Binswood End. Cllr. Ellis explained that the modern practice was to put lamps to the rear of paths, and the Chairman suggested that in future, as a matter of

courtesy, residents would be informed about the proposed positioning of lamps.

And for pensioners - first the good news. Age Concern is opening a Drop-in Centre in Southam, and Southam Lions have donated a seat to be placed on the Old New Inn Green. Now the bad. Stratford District Council claims that it is unable to provide concessionary bus passes for OAPs because of the financial restrictions, but that it will consider the matter when the Government eases them. Wellesbourne's scheme would be too expensive for Harbury where there are 274 OAPs, and the Parish Council decided to wait for a national scheme to be announced.

I give the final word to Mrs. Catteral, who doesn't often say much, but who, with restraint, told the Parish Council that it "best not bother" to mow Deppers Bridge Playing Field after such a long lapse, and that she would "get Bob Moore to put his sheep on it again".

Next meeting, 8th November, 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall.
LINDA RIDGLEY.

PROFILE: TOM HAULEY

Rhode Island Red can fly to about 5 feet, but the lighter breeds, Leghorns and the like, get up to 6 feet. I have this on the authority of Mr. Tom Hauley, who for many years ran a poultry farm with his father.

Mr. Hauley was presented with a commemorative certificate from the School of Church Music this year, in recognition of his 45 years' service in Harbury Choir. When he first came to Harbury in 1932, from Wavendon in Bucks., there were six men in the Choir and a number of boys, but today, although the Choir is much larger than it has been for some time, Tom is the only man, and there are now GIRL as well as boy junior Choristers!

Tom, who was born in Leamington in 1907, but moved to Wavendon as a boy, was recommended for Harbury Choir by the Choirmaster of Wavendon, was accepted and has sung here ever since, serving under four vicars.

The Hauleys moved to Harbury in 1932 when Tom's father set up a poultry business on the small holding in Mill Street.

Tom recalls cycling down to Leamington to sell the eggs and dressed poultry. He continued to keep poultry for some years after the death of his father, but found it hard work single-handed.

Another side of Mr. Hauley's life is his interest in young people, and our picture shows the presentation made to him



recently on his retirement after many years as a Manager of Harbury School.

As well as his record 45 years in the Choir, Mr. Hauley has wound the 203-year old Church clock every day since 1939 (barring holidays and illness), in which time he claims to have forgotten it just once, and that on the day of the Church fete! The clock mechanism is in the ringing chamber of the Church tower, where Mr. Hauley also services the bells, and is wound with a large handle - like a well windlass.

Tom Hauley is 70 this year, and still cultivates a large cottage garden, but unlike the old days he says with pleasure that there is not a single hen on his smallholding!

LINDA RIDGLEY.

NOVEMBER VEGETABLE GARDEN

My hoped-for Indian Summer during September appears to have materialised a month later, and we are all, I am sure, enjoying this unexpected warm spell in October for gardening.

During November harvest sprouts and spinach beet when ready. Lift celery, leeks, parsnips, horseradish and salsify

as required. Salsify may be left in the ground until the spring when the new growing shoots can be boiled and eaten like asparagus. Lift and store July sown beetroot, Jerusalem artichokes, swedes and turnips.

Remove yellowing leaves from globe artichokes, sprouts and other 'greens' and place on compost heap along with all runner bean haulms. Protect broccoli and late cauliflowers from frost by bending a few outer leaves over the curds. Continue blanching endives as required. Late in the month, a longpod variety of broad beans and an absolutely hardy culinary pea can be sown outdoors in a sheltered place. Mustard and cress and radishes may still be sown in a warm greenhouse, temperature 50° to 60° F. this month.

Dig all available ground, and incorporate manure in the vegetable garden as land becomes free from plants. Leave the surface quite rough as it will be broken down later by winter frosts.

SUE HETT.

KALEIDOSCOPE

Welcome to two families who have recently come to live in Harbury, Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds at 16 Sutcliffe Drive, and Mr. & Mrs. Maigrot at 8 Farley Avenue. The Maigrot's are French and so language adds an extra hurdle to tackle whilst settling in, so any help we can give will be welcome Congratulations to Julie, who is well known to customers of Bloxhams' Fresh Produce Shop, on her recent marriage and congratulations, too, to Graham and Jenny Faulkner on the safe arrival of their baby daughter Ray and Maggie Hoare, 39 Mill Street, have finally reached the end of their search for justice after the collapse of a holiday company which took a large sum of the Hoare's money with them. Angus Maude, our M.P., was asked to intervene and his inquiries led to a letter from the Department of Trade, setting out the steps being taken to prevent a similar tragedy occurring again. Ray and Maggie accept that they will not receive any of their money back, and are grateful to Mr. Maude for his interest, but they too deserve congratulations for persevering with their search for justice, in spite of losing their money to a shabby company Midge, the cat, is dead. He was run over outside his home

recently, and within days his brother Wally was also killed by a car. The Morrisises have now lost one dog and 3 cats this way, and after all her careful nursing of Midge since the earlier shooting incident Emma has been and still is deeply upset. Sympathy won't bring back these pets, but the Morrisises certainly deserve at least that. VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

Dear Editors,

I am very pleased to be home again after 5 weeks in hospital, and should like to take advantage of the magazine to thank all the people who thought so kindly of me by sending 'get well' cards, gifts, phone calls and actual visits. They are so many it would take me a long time to acknowledge each one, so please accept my grateful thanks. It shows once again the lovely spirit that exists in this village at a time of illness. L. KNIGHTON.

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HARBURY CONSERVATIVES WINE & PATE PARTY,

Sat. 12th November, 8p.m., Wissett Lodge, Church Street
Christmas Tombola! Raffles! Ticket 60p inc. glass of wine.
Contact Mrs. Spurling, Wissett Lodge, or Mrs. Hogben,
Old Timbers, Ivy Lane.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER, 2p.m.
Father Christmas will ride on his Donkey Cart round the Village, and will arrive at the Village Hall at 2p.m. to open the Fair, where you will find Many Stalls! Tombola! TOYS! Christmas DECORATIONS! White Elephant! etc! PROCEEDS TO THE RECREATION GROUND FUND.
Please note: A house to house collection for the white elephant and tombola stalls will be made during the week commencing 28th Nov. Please phone 612273 for specific collection.

WINDMILL SINGERS/HARBURY THEATRE GROUP present
"A CHRISTMAS CAROL" by Charles Dickens, in HARBURY CHURCH on Thursday, 8th December at 7.45p.m. and in SOUTHAM CHURCH on Thursday 15th and FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER at 7.45p.m. Adults 60p, OAPs & children 30p.
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Situations Vacant: Harbury Parish Council invites applications for the position of Cemetery Caretaker & Green Keeper. Duties include maintenance of a well-kept cemetery, and care and mowing of village greens and children's play area. All applications in writing to the Clerk of the Council, 2 Margaret Close, Harbury.

***Holy Baptism:

Oct. 9th, Craig Ian Wilkins, 24 South Parade.

Natalie Louise Gardner, Wellesbourne.

Oct. 23rd, Catherine Jane Gee, 7 Manor Orchard.

Charlotte Emily Wade, 9 Wagstaffe Close.

Funeral Services: Oct. 14th, Dorothy Preece, aged 70 years.

Oct. 24th, Walter Spencer aged 79 years.

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