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HARBURY

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This is only one of many events in the village in the next month, now the relatively quiet summer season is over. If you're a newcomer to the village, or feeling lonely there must be some activity of interest to you which will help you make new friends

Many societies in the village are looking for help or new members - the Harbury directory (available free from 15 Wagstaffe Close) lists all the village societies.

We are always pleased to receive articles for the magazine and make every effort to publish them. However, please include your name and address (not necessarily for publication) as we cannot otherwise use your article.

HARBURY DIARY

OCTOBER
Sun. 2nd DEDICATION FESTIVAL. 10am Sung Eucharist Crêche at Wight School from 9.50am.for 10am
Service. 11.15am Children's and Family Service.

Tues. 4th Motor Cycle Club, 8pm Wight School Bible Study & Discussion, 8pm Vicarage.

Wed. 5th MU, 2.30pm, Old Timbers, Ivy Lane, speaker
Rev. T. Knight.

Informal Open Evening at School, 7.30 - 9.30pm.

Thurs. 6th WI, 7.45 at V. Hall. Xmas Decorations by Jacqueline Florist.

Men's Group, 7.45pm at 6 Dickens Road, speaker from C. of E. Children's Society.

Fri. 7th Guides Swimming Gala.
Netball Club Dance, 9-lam, V. Hall, dancing to
Liberty State.

Sat. 8th Rugby. 2nd XV v Warwick 2nd XV, Playing Fields 3pm J. A. M. at the Club.

Sun. 9th 10 am Sung Eucharist. Crêche at Wight School 9.50am Tues 11th Senior Cits Ben. Cttee, 8 pm V. Hall.

Harbury Friends, 8pm School, talk by Neville Charles on Hair Care.

Help the Aged Appeal, used clothing may be brought to Weds. 12th " " " the Church.

13th Golden Age, 2.30 p.m., Village Hall. Thurs. 15th Rugbylst VX v New Brighton Wanderers, Playing Sat. Fields, 3pm Dancing at the Club. 16th Hospital Sunday. 10am Sung Eucharist (Crêche 9.50 Sun. Wight School) Crusaders Birthday Sunday, 2.30pm, V. Hall. 17th Carnival Committee Meeting. Mon. 18th Tufty Club, 2.30pm, V. Hall Tues. St. Luke's Day. Village Hall Committee, 8pm, V. Hall Motor Cycle Club, 8pm Wight School. 21st PTA Supper Dance, V. Hall, with Likely Lads. Fri. Tickets £2 each. 22nd Harbury Soc. coachtrip to Westonbirt & Chedworth Sat. -10.30am from V. Hall. Rugby lst XV v Stow on the Wold, Playing Fields 3pm Crusaders Jumble Sale, llam, V. Hall. Dancing at the Club. Sun. 23rd 10am Sung Eucharist (Crêche 9.50 Wight School) Tues. 25th Young Wives, 2 pm, V. Hall. Bible Study & Discussion, 8 pm, Vicarage. Weds. 26th PTA AGM, 8pm at School. Presentation of Pool Cheque to Major Kettle. Thurs.27th Golden Age, 2.30 p.m., V. Hall. Theatre Group, 8 pm at the Club. Parish Council, 7.30 pm, V. Hall Fri. 28th School breaks up - half term. Sat. 29th Mass Rally in Coventry addressed by the Bishop of Truro, llam in Holy Trinity Church & 2pm in Police Assembly Hall. Rugby lst XV vA. P. Lockheed, Playing Fields, 3pm. Rugby Club Dance & Disco, 8pm - lam at V. Hall. Tickets 90pfrom Sue Andrews (612528, 32 Temple End or Linda Ridgley (612792). Dancing at the Club. Sun. 30th 10am Sung Eucharist. Bike Ride 10am from Club Car Park. Footpath Walk, 2.30pm from V. Hall. Mon. 31st Gymnastics Half Term. Playgroup AGM, Halloween Cheese & Wine, 8pm at Wight School.

NOVEMBER

Tues. 1st All Saints' Day. 7.30am Holy Eucharist.
7pm Procession and Sung Eucharist.
Motor Cycle Club, 8pm Wight School.

Weds. 2nd MU, Old Timbers, Ivy Lane, 2.30pm. Discussion.

Thurs. 3rd WI 7.45pm V. Hall. AGM, Speaker the VCO. Men's Group, 7.45pm, 23 Mill Street.

Sat. 5th Scouts Bazaar, 2.30pm at the Scout Hut. 6.00pm Bonfire Party (see Back Page).
Dancing at the Club.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Hall Chapel, loam every Sunday.

CRUSADERS, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m. every Sunday
BINGO Village Hall, 8.00 p.m. every Monday
GUIDES Scout Hut, 7.00 p.m. every Monday
BROWNIES Village Hall, 6.15 p.m. every Tuesday
YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 8.00 p.m. every Wednesday
NETBALL Wight School 7.30 p.m. Wednesdays in October.
BABY CLINIC Village Hall 2 p.m. on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

special appointments every 3rd Monday.
PARISH COUNCIL, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m., 4th Thursdays.

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.30 p.m. every Friday. CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30 p.m. every Friday. FOOTPATH ASSOC., Village Hall, 2.30pm, last Sunday of month. BICYCLE RIDE, from Club car park, 10am, last Sunday of month. ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS DATES FOR INCLUSION TO LINDA RIDGLEY (612792) or

SARA BENNETT (612618)

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

This is being written on the day after our Harvest
Thanksgiving Sunday - a bright and happy Sunday with large
congregations, very good music and singing and a beautifully
decorated Church. We thank all those who brought gifts
(including members of the School on the Friday) and who decorated the Church so beautifully. The produce has just been
taken to St. Anne's Home in Leamington (a Church of England
Children's Society Home for children who have no parents to
look after them). This leads me to mention that on Thursday
October 6th, at 7.45 p.m. the Rev. W.A. Richards (the
Diocesan Organising Secretary) will be talking about the work

of this Society at a meeting of the Men's Group at 6 Dickens Road. All men will be welcome.

Next Sunday (October 2nd) we are keeping as our Dedication Festival. It is also the Ladbroke Harvest Thanksgiving, and (in accordance with the "get together" friendship of the two parishes) some of our members who will have been at one of our Dedication Services in the morning will be going to the Harvest Thanksgiving at Ladbroke at 6.30 in the evening. Of course we shall also have our own usual 6.30 Evensong in Harbury Church.

Tuesday, October 4th, will see a new beginning in our Bible Study and Discussion meetings, when we shall start the study of St. Matthew's Gospel. All who would like to come

are invited to the Vicarage at 8pm.

On Tuesday, October 11th, and Wednesday, October 12th, we are having the "Help the Aged" Appeal. Good used clothing

may be brought to Church on either of these days.

On Saturday, October 29th, there will be an important Rally in Coventry. At ll a.m. there will be a Solemn Concelebrated Eucharist in Holy Trinity at which the Chief Celebrant will be Bishop John McKie and the preacher will be the Lord Bishop of Truro. From 12.30 to 1 p.m. in the Police Assembly Hall, Little Park St., there will be lunch (bring your own; beverages provided), and at 2 p.m. a meeting in the Police Assembly Hall at which the Bishop of Truro will speak on "Renewal and Morals" (the Chairman will be the Archdeacon of Warwick). At 3.30 p.m. there will be tea and biscuits. Tickets are £1 each (Senior Citizens, Students and Young People 50p) and may be obtained either direct from the Vicar of Longford, Coventry, or through me, but please apply soon as the numbers are limited. I do hope that a number of people from Harbury will accept this invitation.

Our Patronal Festival is on All Saints' Day (Tuesday, November 2nd) when there will be Holy Communion at 7.30am and a Procession and Sung Eucharist at 7.0 p.m. The Festival

will be continued on the following Sunday.

I would be pleased to receive as soon as possible any further names of young people (and of any older ones) who wish to consider Confirmation, as the classes will be starting very soon.

With every blessing,

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

HOLY BAPTISM

4th September, Linden Keir Mc Donald, 2 Heber Drive. 18th September, Christopher Edward Sheldon, 34 South Parade. 25th September, Roy Ivor Jones, 90 Linley Road, Southam.

HOLY MATRIMONY

24th September, David Hardwick to Rosemary Ann Helen Rowell.

From the Churchwardens

We are already looking forward to the Patronal Festival and All Saints' Day, 1st November, being on a Tuesday, we have decided to have an evening Communion Service at 7 p.m. followed by a Social Evening at the Crown, and we hope that many will like to join us for both parts of the evening. Both are intended for all the family.

By the time this reaches you, the first creche will have been held in the Wight School on a Sunday morning from 9.50 to ll a.m. and we hope that it will fulfil a very real need. There is still a need for helpers and anyone who would be willing to give an hour to help look after the children is invited to sign the list in church or get in touch with Sara Bennett at Harbury 612618.

HARBURY CRUSADERS

Harbury Crusaders took part in the West Midlands Crusaders Athletics meeting. Although we entered a fairly small team, most of our competitors reached the standards for their events and Harbury gained 2nd place in the Under 11 Girls events, with Helen Keir winning a gold medal for the girls 100m. and a bronze for the long jump.

We are celebrating our 8th birthday on Oct. 16th with a family service at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall when the Rev. Tom Knight will be the speaker and all friends are welcome.

On October 22nd we are holding a jumble sale, in aid of funds, at 11.0 a.m. in the Village Hall

LADBROKE NEWS

Services etc. for October and Early November
Sun. 2nd Oct., HARVEST THANKSGIVING, 8.30am Holy
Communion; llam Family Service; 6.30 p.m. Evensong
when we hope to be joined by friends from Harbury.
Fri. 7th Oct. Harvest Supper, 7.30pm in School. Admission by

Sun. 9th Oct. Trinity XVIII. llam Holy Communion with Hymns. 3.0pm Holy Baptism. NO EVENSONG.

Weds. 12th Oct. 3.30 pm Women's Fellowship in Church. Sun. 16th Oct. TrinityXIX. 8.30am Holy Communion, llam Matins.

Sun. 23rd Oct. 11 am Holy Communion with Hymns, 6.30 pm Evensong.

Sun. 30th Oct. 8.30 am Holy Communion, 11 am Matins. Tues.1st Nov. ALL SAINTS. Holy Communion, 7pm at Harbury Sun. 6th Nov. 8.30 am Holy Communion, 11 am Matins. Altar Flowers

Oct 2 & 9 Mrs. Darkes: Oct 16 Mrs. Winkfield: Oct 23 Miss

Junod: Oct 30 Mrs. Henderson: Nov 6 Mrs. Flower.

Our sympathies go out to the family of Mrs. Batstone of Deppers Bridge. A member of the Methodist Church she also belonged to our Women's Fellowship. At her family's request her body was interred in our Churchyard on 6th September when many friends paid their last tribute of affection and respect.

A welcome to the Pritchett family who have come to

live at 1, Chapel Ascote Cottages.

Thank you all for your congratulations on the arrival of our grandson.....exactly timed on 11th September; and for your kind enquiries, thoughts and prayers whilst Mrs. Fishley has been ill.

Most of you will know that we are losing our organist, Gary Lawson who is going to Manchester University to read Theology with a view to ordination. We are grateful for all he has done for us during the last nine years and assure him of our thoughts and prayers as he follows his vocation.

The Parish Council Meeting was held at Ladbroke School on 13th September. All the councillors were present and the clerk.

Jubilee Tree Planting. Plans showing proposed sites have arrived and are to be submitted to the authorities for agreement.

Closure of the Village School. Objections by the P.C. will be taken into account before a decision is made.

Traffic in Windmill Lane. The road safety committee will look into this and the Police will be informed.
Welsh Road (footpath to) Letter from W.C.C. asking for details of obstructions. A letter is to be sent.

Southam Lions Would like to donate a village seat in thanks for local help.

The next P.C. meeting will be at 7.30 p.m. on October 18th in the Infants room at Ladbroke School. I.B.

Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 27th October at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Watson, V.C.O., will be at the meeting and all members are urged to attend to elect a new President and Committee.

We were unable to hold our Garden Party in August due to bad weather but we are now going to hold an Autumn Fair on Saturday 1st October at 2.30 p.m. at Ladbroke School. Do come along, try your hand at the Tombola and have a cup of tea with your friends.

G.M.B.

Ladbroke sends warm congratulations to Canon and Mrs. Fishley upon becoming grandparents, and to John and Jo on the birth of their son, John David, on 11th September.

HARBURY P.T.A.

The Garden Party was again a very successful event and raised approximately £160. Grateful thanks to Lady Watherston for allowing us the freedom of her grounds and kitchen and, of course, to all who helped with stalls, entertainment etc.



Photo: Mike Bloxham.

Plans for the Supper Dance on 21st Oct. have begun and, as last year, two tickets will be offered to each P.T.A. family before they go on general sale. We would appreciate help in setting tables etc. during the afternoon of the 21st. Would ladies able to give a hand please contact Mrs. Upton or me.

The Programme for the A.G.M. has been altered. Instead of the talk by Mr. Skinner, there will be a special ceremony at which the final payment on the pool will be made to the County Council. We are delighted to be able to do this 13 months ahead of schedule. Mr. Skinner's talk will now take

place in November in place of 'Food for Thought'.

I now have more details about public use of the pool. Under the education cuts the C.C. will no longer finance swimming, other than school use from April to the end of the Summer Term. Public swimming must be financed entirely by the users. As you can imagine, the cost of heating is enormous but the P.T.A. will work out the cost of using the pool unheated. If it is economically feasible, Sunday swimming etc. will be continued next summer.

At a meeting in April to discuss cuts in education spending we were asked to contact other schools in the area on the subject of forming an Action Group to cope with the cuts. Accordingly, a letter was sent to all schools concerned and has met with little response. Only Southam and Bishops Itchington Schools showed interest and Long Itchington School's P.T.A. were to discuss the matter at their next meeting, but to date I have heard nothing more. In view of this lack of interest, the Committee feels that we should 'go it alone'. However, the matter can be discussed further at the A.G.M. if you wish.

ANNE MEGENEY. Sec. (612745)

MEN'S GROUP

The Harbury and Ladbroke Church Men's Group start their Autumn meetings on Thursday Oct. 6th at 7.45 p.m. This meeting will be held at Mr. Docherty's home at 6 Dickens Road, when the Rev. W.A. Richards of the Curch of England Children's Society will be talking to us.

If you are interested in church affairs and would like to come along, you will be most welcome.

J. B. M.

1st HARBURY SCOUTS

On September 10th the lorry came to take all the paper which had been collected over the past six weeks, and once again the lorry was filled to capacity, so thankyou all for saving your paper.

On September 14th after a short ceremony Colin Hughes left Cubs and became a Scout. Colin achieved his Gold Arrow

before he left the Pack.

On Saturday the 24th, a Scout and Guide Jumble Sale was held and more than £40 was raised. We would like to express our thanks to everyone who helped, everyone who kindly donated jumble and to everyone who came.

In the Scout Troop, Mark Jones, who has recently moved into the village was invested as a Scout (his brother Anthony is already a member of the Troop) and Bill Suttie was awarded

his Scout Standard.

Future Events

On Sunday October 16th the 1st Harbury Amateur Radio Station G4GEP/A will be participating in Jamboree-on-the-Air 1977. They will be on the air in the Scout Hut from 10am to 9pm. We are hoping to make contact with many other Scout Jamboree Stations in Great Britain and overseas. Please come and see us during the day, and take the opportunity to see our electronic equipment made and/or used by our Short Wave group. A Royal Navy receiver and morse oscillation will be available for use by visitors, and also on display and in use will be an F.M. transceiver used by mobile amateur stations.

ANDREW HUNT-P.L. VIC PEAKE -Instructor.

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

Officers elected for 1977/78:-

H. Stevens - Chairman (612145); K. Wynne - Secretary (612927)

L. Sollis - Match Secretary (612412) M.G. Bishop Treasurer

(612759), S. Finch - P.R.O. (612305)

The season has opened most hopefully, Kevin Bloxham finding the target so successfully with 2 hat tricks for the first team. Honours are even in the reserves and we wish well to two of our younger players in their forthcoming studies away - Ian Taylor at Bristol and Andy Hopkins at Dagenham.

Congratulations to Sue and Gilbert.

*Forthcoming Event: Harbury Conservatives will be holding a Wine and Paté Party on Sat 12th Nov. More details in next issue

HARBURY BADMINTON CLUB

The badminton season has come round again and we are in full swing. We're looking forward to a challenging season with the 1st team hoping to maintain its position in the 2nd division and the newly promoted 2nd team hoping to do well in the 3rd division.

Most of our last year's members are still around with the exception of certain ladies who are spending the season

producing future badminton players.

Although there were no club nights during the summer many members were in evidence at the Harbury Fete where we raised £75 on the bottle stall as well-as helping with the

teas. The Junior club was well attended throughout the summer. In fact it seemed as though half the young people of the village were flooding to the Village Hall on a Tuesday evening. Enthusiasm is such that we have entered a team in the newly formed local Junior league. During the winter Junior club will meet on Wednesdays 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

With the new season now three games old, each team has recorded one victory apiece. The lst XV opened their account brightly with a good win over Coventrians, who are our opponents in the second round of the Warwickshire knock out Cup, but have not shone so well in the last two weeks. The 2nd XV recorded their first win last week with a thumping 58 - 12 win over Rugby St. Andrews. The 3rd XV opened their season with a good win but have come second in the last two weeks.

Positions of ar Played Won Lost Drawn Points for Pts Agst 1st XV 3 1 2 - 31 51 2 - 31 51 2 - 31 40

2nd XV 3 1 2 - 72 40 3rd XV 3 1 2 - 57 77 Dont forget any prospective players are welcome -

training on Wednesday evenings at 7.00 p.m. meet village hall.

The Club is running a Dance on Saturday October 29th

at the Village Hall. Tickets at 90p will be on sale in the next week or so and will be available from: Kier MacDonald (613129) Dave Andrews (612528); Ian Holroyd (Southam 4234); George Mann (613388) and Linda Ridgley (612792). JERRY BIRKBECK.



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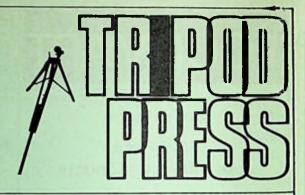
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HARBURY JUBILEE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

Thanks to Danny Killian, the club now has its own motor cycle on permanent loan. Well no, it doesn't actually go at the moment but we have every intention of putting that right!

At our September 20th meeting, amongst other things, we examined the engine and found out roughly how it worked and decided that a quarter of an inch play was too much for a big end bearing. We have the frame etc. now and at our October 4th meeting we will decide how we are going to get our 175 cc C Z back in good shape for some off road trials-type activity.

On October 18th we hope to see and hear about a supercharged Porsche engined drag racing bike, whilst on November lst we shall have one or two trials bikes to look over, and hear about motor cycle trialling. On the topic of trials, Leamington Victory will be holding a trial on Boxing Morning at which we

hope to be represented - we may even get our CZ there.

Later in the winter we will run a film show - probably in

the Village Hall.

If you are interested in motor cycles or in helping, do come along - 8 pm Wight School, every other Tuesday. J. B. M.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

We are a happy and contented group whose membership is growing week by week, and I feel sure I can say we keep up a good standard for a village group. We have only one small problem - at times we find it difficult to cover our expenses, but we hear a whisper in the village that some people can't understand why it costs us anything at all, "After all, you are

an amateur group".

So let me put the record straight. We don't feel we can reasonably charge more than 50p a head at the present time, for a normal production. Yet our audiences at the moment are very low. For the last play I think we totalled 110 for the three nights, and cleared about £52. Out of that we had to pay the village hall rent, royalties to the author can be as much as £10 per night, and paint and wallpaper to decorate the set, and that doesn't count the cost of rehearsal rooms when we need them, cost of play books and sometimes costumes, all of which are usually financed out of the individuals own pockets. The expenses for the last play came to approx. £47 - £5 profit! However, we only need one spotlight bulb to blow - at £8.50

each and we would have made a loss! We are not looking for charity or sympathy, just under-

standing - because there is an easy solution. We feel there are roughly 200 people in the village we can count on as supporters. So if every one of you, who last time thought of coming, but didn't, made the effort next time, I am sure we could give you a good evening's entertainment.

We would be happy and hope you would be happy. KEITH HAYES. See you there.

HARBURY SOCIETY

The Harbury Society held a successful evening of Slide Lectures at the Village Club on Tuesday 20th September.

The Garden History Slide Lecture, 'A History of Gardening in Britain' traced the evolution of garden design

from Roman times to the present day.

The second lecture 'Trees in the Warwickshire Landscape highlighted the pressing need to replant the countryside, and ended with a request for donations to the WCC Plant a Tree for Jubilee scheme.

The Secretary announced that Harbury's Jubilee tree seemed to be surviving, and that over 70 trees are to be planted along the approach roads to the village, in the Playing Fields and at the bottom of Temple Hill.

The Society has asked the Parish Council to consider whether Harbury should have a Conservation Area and members

were urged to attend the Parish Council meetings.

There are still a few seats left on the coach trip to Westonbirt Arboretum and Chedworth Roman Villa on Saturday 22nd October, 10.30am from the Village Hall. Seats are £1.90 for adults, children half price. You will need a packed lunch and wellies! Anyone interested contact Linda Ridgley -7 Wagstaffe Close, 612792.

The next meeting of the Harbury Society will be on Tuesday 8th November, 8pm at the Village Club, when Mr.D. Palliser will talk on the Making of the English Landscape in the Midlands. LINDA RIDGLEY.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS

The first event organised by this new committee was a rip-roaring success. The school hall was packed with youngsters, many attending their first-ever "Disco", and all had a marvellous evening. The C.F. Trust benefited to the tune of £22, and a repeat evening is planned for December. D. H.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT TRUST COMMITTEE

At a packed meeting with a well above average turn-out, Midge Keen expressed everyone's shock and distress at the death of Mrs. Ceney, who had been a regular supporter of the Village Hall.

The meeting continued with a long catalogue of the repairs completed and those still outstanding, but the larger part of the meeting was taken up in discussion of the Petition passed on to the Village Hall Committee by the Parish Council. This petition stated that: -

"We the undersigned are opposed to any further encroachment into the village by the Rugby Football Club and that any further extension to the Village Hall to be financed by and for the benefit of the village as a whole".

Appended to it was a note that: -

"The general consensus of opinion supports the need for an overall plan, in respect of facilities for sport and recreation with the needs of all sections of the community in mind and supported by the rates".

Mrs. Keen, the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, emphasised that the Committee would have considered proposals to extend the Hall, from any organisation willing to give financial

assistance to improve Village Hall facilities.

Graham Shurvington, for the Rugby Club, made the point that any Rugby Club built extension to the Hall would remain the property of the Village Hall and ended by refuting the suggestion that the Rugby Club could not compete with other, larger Clubs. He said Harbury Rugby Club did compete - on the field and frequently WON!

Mr. Purdie moved that Mr. Brant be invited to the next meeting on 18th October, 8 pm at the Village Hall, and this was approved. Ken Clarke, Treasurer, proposed that the following

points were published in the Harbury News:-

The Village Hall Committee consider that the action taken by Mr. Brant in presenting a petition to the Parish Council concerning a matter which has still to be discussed by the V. Hall Cte. to be most reprehensible.

The Village Hall Committee consider that the Rugby Club are one of the most considerate and co-operative users of the Hall, and that any complaints that have been received by the V. Hall Cte. and notified to the Rugby Club have been promptly and courteously dealt with to the entire satisfaction of the Cte.

- 3. In spite of many appeals at Annual General Meetings and through the Harbury News, Village organisations in general would appear to have no desire to be involved in the management of the Village Hall, and the Committee note that a representative of the Rugby Club is always present at Committee meetings. The Committee therefore feel that if the inhabitants of the village are dis-satisfied with the conduct of the management, they should themselves take a more active interest.
 - 4. Copies of this resolution to be sent to the Parish Council and the Harbury News. LINDA RIDGLEY.

HELP WANTED

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help in the organising and running of the Southam & District Physically Handicapped Club.

Meetings are fortnightly on Monday afternoons, 2.00 to

4.00 p.m. at the Southam Youth Centre.

If you are interested in the welfare of the handicapped, perhaps you could help us to organise outings etc., or help with handicrafts. Transport can be arranged.

If you would like to help please contact Mrs. C. Taylor, Social Services Department, Tel no: Southam 2881 between 9.00-10.00 a.m. or Mrs. V. Smith, Tel no: Southam 3005 between 4.00-6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

PARISH COUNCIL

This session we had vintage drollery from Cllr Atkins:commenting on the STWA's reply to Depper's Sewage Petition,
"It's not the Quality of the Effluent that's troubling Deppers it's the Odour"; on Morton's dangerous entrance on Harbury
Lane he spoke "as one who's spent some time in the ditch";
reporting that Sackville, developers at Butt Lane, thought the
PC's lighting proposals would - "rival Heathrow"; relaying a
complaint of a Binswood End resident who didn't like where
the PC had put its lamp standard; and his assertion, during
debate on parking hazards at Binswood End, that the problem
decreased in winter - he was convinced the cars hibernated!

Trees. Cllr Wilkins reported the Parish will receive 74 trees from WCC's free tree scheme, and that the Beech in

the Burial Grounds may be dying.

Rates. Cllr Ellis recently closely questioned District Councillors and officials and assertained the total rates revenue per ½ year to be £6 million (excluding installment

payers). The £900,000 outstanding (mainly domestic) is an improvement.

Refuse. Cllr Ellis was missed by the Large Rubbish Collection. He called Cllr Drinkwater for satisfaction and

advises other sufferers to do likewise.

Bus Concessions. Whilst concerned that OAP's pay full fare, the amount of help the PC could give is small (max £1.50 per ½ funded by 1p rates rise) and Cllr Ellis urged lobbying of MP's and local Cllrs.

Highways. Another site meeting will be held to discuss

traffic hazards at Binswood End.

Lighting. Cllr Atkins is negotiating for WCC to take over the lighting function (subject to safeguards). The Binswood End

lighting scheme is being implemented.

Planning. Mortgage applications brought the state of 13 Farm Street to the attention of the Environmental Health Officer who wants to declare it unfit with the threat of demolition if improvements are not made.

Other Bodies. Cllr Gurden reported the Village Hall Committee discussed the Petition but as yet the Rugby Club had

made no application to extend the Hall.

Next Agenda. Conservation Areas will be discussed.

Next Meeting. Thursday 27 October, 7.30pm, at V. Hall
LINDA RIDGLEY.

MOTHER'S WONDERBLEST?

If you read this magazine regularly you'll know I'm not too hot on gardening. And two of the goldfish died, so I won't get an "O" level for aquaculture either. Well, on the basis that everybody's good at <u>something</u>, I thought, "This is it - I'm about to become the Noel Coward of the crusty cob, the Niki Lauda of the loaf roll - the JOAN BAKEWELL of bread!!"

So I mixed the yeast, sugar and water, and waited...

NOTHING. No bubbles - nothing. So I stirred it harder, put it
in a warmer place, and waited. And waited. So I threw that lot
away, started again, and this time - hurrah! bubbles! So I
mixed and I kneaded, and I left to rise and I kneaded - I kneaded
until my knead became a desperate compulsion.

And then - I baked it. Well, it smelt gorgeous. I got all farmer's wife, contented, rosy-cheeked and motherly with the smell of it. And it sounded hollow when I banged the bottom (I think - er, what does hollow actually sound like?) But, alas,

I'll never know what it tasted like - you see, I blunted two bread knives trying to cut a slice, and my husband said we couldn't afford any more knives and please could he have a slice of Ryvita?

Oh well - maybe if I tried corn dollies.....?

D. M. H.

PROFILE - CHARLIE KEELING

Those of us who think we spend a fair bit of time on village activities would do well to consider what Charles Keeling has done for Harbury over the years. Born in Tottenham, brought up by Dr. Barnardo's and sent by them to a farm in Offchurch, he eventually came to Harbury in 1932 to start his own carpentry and joinery business. While serving with the army in Iceland during the war, he found, tucked



inside a knitted balaclava helmet sent in a stores package from England, the name and address of a girl in Rugby. In the best romantic tradition, he sought her out, and she has been his wife since 1942. After the war Mr. Keeling built up his business, and in 1950 he undertook the mammoth task of constructing a set of sails for the Chesterton windmill.

Mr. Keeling belonged to the Harbury Horticultural Society and the Pig Club, but his involvement in village life really started with the formation of a committee to organise Harbury's Coronation celebrations. He was the secretary of this committee, and also the first secretary of the Village Hall Committee, which was born out of the frustrations of trying to plan the celebrations without a large hall in which to hold them. £11,000 of the £15,000 needed for the hall was raised before the hall was built, from dances, fetes etc. Mr. Keeling's expertise as a carpenter led to the hall having the laminated roof trusses which give it the great height so useful for badminton.

A member of the Parish Council for 15 years, Mr. Keeling was its Chairman for 6 years, and his wife Eva was also active in local life, being on the PTAs of both Harbury

and Southam schools, and a keen member of the W.I. drama group. Mr. Keeling was also interested in drama, and is in fact about to stage a 'come-back' in 'Scrooge' this Christmas in Harbury and Southam churches.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Keeling feel that Harbury should not grow any bigger than it is now, but they are delighted that the village hall is so well used, and that Harbury's social life is being so actively carried on by today's younger villagers.

Charlie Keeling still does carpentering and, while his wife does beautiful knitting, he pursues his hobbies of model windmills and steam engines. He seems to me to be a truly contented man.

DIANA HOLT.

OCTOBER VEGETABLE GARDEN

Although the days are now 'drawing in' rather rapidly there is still some work requiring attention in the vegetable garden.

Continue to plant out cabbages and cauliflowers for spring cutting, also plant out winter lettuce in unheated frames, both before the middle of the month. Thin frame sown winter lettuce.

Celery and leeks should be earthed up for the last time this month; also blanch endives by placing a pot or suitable covering over them. Continue to protect cauliflower curds as they develop. Tie onions into ropes and hang in a dry store as soon as they ripen.

Hoe between all crops that will stand during the winter. Remove spent crops and especially brassica stumps after harvesting - cabbage and sprouts harvested throughout the month as and when they are ready. Cut down asparagus plants to near ground level and mound up soil particularly where it is heavy to assist drainage.

A supply of young mint shoots is usually very welcome at Christmas. These can be obtained by lifting a few roots now; lay them thinly on a light compost spread in deep seed trays, cover with one of compost and place in a warm greenhouse. Any temperature over 50°F will secure growth; keep trays just moist, then water more freely when shoots appear.

Those of you who have now decided that all the 'money saving'??, 'back breaking'!! hours spent in pursuit of fresh vegetables have been worth it, can this month double dig some more grassland in readiness for an extra potato crop next year.

SUE HETT.

KALEIDOSCOPE

I'm going to endorse Viv Aggett's plea for a blood donor to replace her since her illness makes her unable to continue, (Letters, September issue). I went for the first time when the last session was held and was very apprehensive. No. that's not true. I was petrified. I'm a negative blood group and carry a card in case of emergency, and have felt quiltily for years that I ought to be a donor, so I eventually plucked up courage and looked on it as a precaution (I might need it one day) like a deposit account - is that why it's called a blood bank?! - I'm quite unselfish really. Anyway, it was a doddle. Really! I had a 20 minute rest afterwards and that was an all time record for the longest anyone's ever made me stay still; I had a cup of tea and a chat with all the other virtuous donors and it's quite true that you meet the most unlikely people there - like me; a bit of an exclusive club. Of course the staff didn't find my Tony Hancock comments funny; when they took a pinprick sample I said "how many people have said is that it then? " and got the weary answer "Everyone". Still, after reading the list of diseases you're not supposed to have had, I felt considerably cheered and healthy, but I did wonder who on earth would admit to some of them anyway. Afterwards, drinking my tea, I felt quite marvellous and decided that the old blood-letting idea made a lot of sense if people felt so good afterwards, but someone pointed out I wasn't so much well as light-headed. It's not unpleasant, you don't have to see the blood, you feel very clever and it's only twice a year. Do at least think about it and maybe I'll see you there next time.....Quote of the month from the over-quoted Oscar Wilde: "A little sincerity is a dangerous thing, and a great deal of it is absolutely fatal." If he means those rude people who always proudly "speak my mind" employing much truth and no tact, I heartily agree with him! VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

S.O.S.

A group of Harbury residents feel there is a very real need for help for the elderly in the collection of chemists' prescriptions etc. and that help with lifts to local hospitals may by possible if sufficient help is forthcoming.

If you: - a) could help in this way, b) are in need of such help, c) Know anyone who needs or could offer such help, would you inform: - Grace Buckle (612415) or Yvonne Hancock (612724)

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

I little thought when I came to Nantwich to spend a week or two with our daughter Diana that I would not be returning to Harbury, in fact we had not the faintest idea that we would be leaving the village to live elsewhere. Nevertheless, that is how things have turned out, so I would like to say my goodbyes through the magazine, and so reach everyone concerned. The Harbury Magazine since its inception, has been my means of gleaning news which I would otherwise have missed, and we intend to continue to have it sent to us. Joe, of course, has been able to make his own farewells personally, meanwhile thanks to all those who have sent to me goodwill messages. We intend, D. V., to visit our old haunts in the not too distant future, when we may meet many of you again, so until then, God bless you all, Marjorie Bamford.

Dear Sir,

At the end of August we said goodbye to Sharon after her week's holiday with us. We had been a little apprehensive, before she came, as she was only six and a half and had not been away on her own before, but she settled down straightaway, we all liked her very much, and we enjoyed the week

she spent with us.

The reason for this letter is that Sharon's holiday was arranged by the W.R.V.S. under their Country Holiday scheme for children from Birmingham who would not otherwise have a holiday, and I wonder whether there are others in Harbury who would like to take part in this scheme next year, by giving a week of the six week summer holiday to entertaining a child. The children are really appreciative of quite small treats and obviously enjoy their holidays.

If you would like more details please write to, or telephone, Mrs. M. Young, The Orchard, Priors Marston, Rugby (Telephone Byfield 60287). Yours faithfully, C. Mary Catt.

Dear Editor.

Further to my suggestion of sowing a crop of mustard for green manure in the August Vegetable Garden, I have it on good authority that the seed can be obtained from Midland Shire Farmers of Stockton who will supply the 'small' gardener with a reasonably 'small' amount.

This information was very kindly supplied by a gentleman

who actually reads my articles! Many thanks to him.

SUE HETT.

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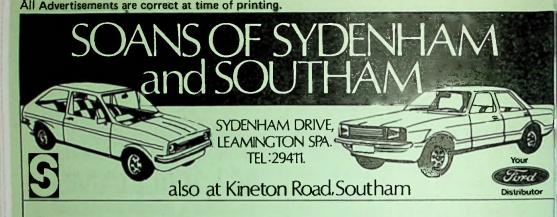
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