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With this issue we are moving into our 5th year of publication. We once again record with gratitude the support given to Harbury & Ladbroke News by our advertisers without which we would be unable to produce the magazine on anything like its present scale. We look forward to the continuing interest of our readers and the various village organisations and hope that this will be reflected in the submission of further regular articles to the 'News'. Items of news, criticism, advice or just general interest are always welcome - including of course any 'gossip' for inclusion in Kaleidoscope.

We are always particularly interested to hear from newcomers to the village and there have been a lot of comings and goings in the village in recent months. We would be especially pleased to receive items on topics we have not covered previously - many of you must have hobbies or interests (or even jobs!) which the rest of us would find fascinating - please let us know about them.

HARBURY DIARY

APRIL

- Wed 5th MU Branch Meeting, OldTimbers, 2.30 p.m.
PCC in Wight School, 8 p.m.
- Thurs 6th WI. Mrs Burdett talks on Flower Arranging, V.Hall,
Men's Group, 9 Farley Avenue, 7.45 p.m. 7.45pm.
- Fri 7th Labour Party AGM, 19 Farm Street, 8.00 p.m.
Theatre Group's performance of Shaw's
"PYGMALION", Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
- Sat 8th "PYGMALION", Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
- Sun 9th 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist (Youth
Club), 6.30pm Evensong.
- Mon 10th School Begins.
- Tues 11th Nursery School Begins.
Harbury Friends, Jackie of Southam - Spring Floral
Decoration, 8pm at School.
Senior Citizens Benefit Cttee, 8pm, V. Hall.
Motor Cycle Club, 8pm Bull Ring Garage.
- Thurs 13th Golden Age, 2.30pm at Village Hall.
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AT VILLAGE HALL.
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tatives on the Parish, District & County Councils.

- Fri 14th PTA Square Dance, 8 - 1am at School.
- Sat 15th Jumble Sale at Village Hall to raise funds for publishing Harbury Guide, 11 a.m.
- **CATHEDRAL CHOIR in Church at 7.45 p.m.**
- Sun 16th Additional Curates Society Sunday. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
- Tues 18th Tufty Club, 2.30pm at Village Hall
Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 8.00 p.m.
- Wed 19th Labour Party Meeting, 8pm in School. Councillor Phillip Blundell will lead a discussion on Race Relations.
- Thurs 20th Theatre Group AGM, 8pm at Club.
- Sun 23rd St George's Day. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
- Tues 25th Young Wives talk by Policewoman, 2pm, V. Hall.
AGM of V. Hall Cttee, 8pm at V. Hall.
All Representatives please attend.
Motor Cycle Club, 8pm, Wight School.
- Wed 26th Quiz Nite at The Club, 'The intellectual and Comic highlight of the PTA year', 8.00pm onwards.
- Thurs 27th MU Quiet Day at Offchurch
Golden Age, 2.30pm at Village Hall.
Parish Council, 7.30pm at Village Hall
- Sat 29th P.C.C. SPRING FAIR, 2.30pm, V. Hall.
- Sun 30th 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Harbury Bike Ride, 10am from Club. Evensong.
Harbury Footpath Walk, 2.30pm, V. Hall.
- MAY
- Mon 1st May Day. Occasional Day School Holiday.
- Wed 3rd School Photographs, 1.30 p.m.
MU Branch Meeting, Old Timbers, Ivy Lane, 2.30pm
- Thurs 4th Ascension Day Communion, followed by Social at The Crown.
WI, VCO Resolutions, 7.45pm, V. Hall.
- Sat 6th Liberal Jumble Sale, V. Hall, 10.15am to 12 Noon.
- Sun 7th Union Sunday. Parents' Service for Crusaders.
- Mon 8th Bulky Refuse Collection. **You must phone Stratford 67575 ext 239 for service.
- Tues 9th Harbury Friends, 8pm, School. Mrs Maria Stringer talks on Peg Dolls.
Motor Cycle Club, 8pm, Wight School.
- Sat 13th League of Pity Party P.M.

Sun 14th Whit Sunday. Parish Breakfast.

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

CRUSADERS, Village Hall, 2.30pm every Sunday.

BINGO, Village Hall, 8.00pm every Monday.

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.00pm every Monday.

BROWNIES, Village Hall, 6.15pm every Tuesday.

YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 8.00pm every Wednesday.

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

Special appointments every 3rd Monday.

PARISH COUNCIL, V. Hall, 7.30pm 4th Thursday.

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CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

FOOTPATH ASSOC., V. Hall, 2.30pm last Sunday

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

This is being written before Easter and consequently I am unable to give any account of the Festival. Looking back, I am greatly cheered by the large and increasing numbers who come to the Parish Eucharist at 10 a.m. on Sundays. This is splendid. What of Holy Week? On each of these first three days (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) we have had both a morning and an evening Eucharist, but the attendance at them has been very small, and this is disappointing. On the other hand, there was a large attendance at the devotional service of preparation for Easter Communion which I had on the Tuesday evening for young people who have been confirmed in recent years, and it is encouraging that we have such a good number of keen young communicants.

Looking forward, I would mention that this year the Feast of the Annunciation (a special day for members of the Mothers' Union) is being observed on Monday April 3rd (transferred from March 25th) and there will be Holy Communion at both 7.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. A.C.S. Sunday will be on April 16th, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on

Tuesday April 18th, and the Spring Fair on Saturday April 29th.

It is a long time since Mr. Webb, or any members of his family, lived in Harbury, but his body was brought back to our Church for the funeral service and to Harbury cemetery for burial. We commend him to God's loving care and we pray for those who are bereaved.

Among gifts to the Church we gratefully acknowledge a Lenten offering of £100 from a person who wishes to remain anonymous.

The whole month of April is this year in Eastertide. We are to lift up our hearts to the joy of the Risen Christ, and something of the Resurrection glory should be manifested in our lives day by day.

With every blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

F.R. Mackley.

Funeral Service

March 7th William Charles Webb, 2 Summerton Road,

Whitnash, aged 84 years.

From the Churchwardens

The Spring Fair is fast approaching and, as you have already been warned, marauding hordes of PCC members and supporters will be descending on all quarters of the village collecting cakes, tins bottles, handicrafts, white elephants and anything else you can spare. It's really wonderful the way in which the whole village joins together in supporting such events and we are deeply grateful for this.

On Ascension Day, Thursday, 4th May, we are having our second evening Communion Service followed by a Social get-together at the Crown with a Ploughman's supper. The first one we had on All Saints' Day was a great success and we look forward to a similarly happy occasion to celebrate the glorious festival of the Ascension.

Once again, the Church looked really lovely for Easter and we are most grateful to all those who gave flowers and who helped to arrange them so beautifully. Some of the flowers were bought with money donated in memory of Miss Cleaver, a former PCC secretary, who died during the year. £21 was given in all in her memory, so we shall long continue to enjoy fresh flowers at the major festivals and to remember her.

LADBROKE NEWS

Services etc. for April & early May, 1978

Sunday, 2nd April, LOW SUNDAY (Easter I) 8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Matins, 3pm Holy Baptism.

Wednesday, 5th April, 8.00pm, Meeting of Alibone Trustees at the Old Rectory.

Thursday, 6th April, 7.45pm, Men's Group meets at Harbury.

Sunday, 9th April EASTER II, 11am Holy Communion with Hymns and Sermon, 6.30pm Evensong.

Monday, 10th April, Annual Parochial General Meeting in the School at 7.30pm preceded by Annual Vestry for Election of Churchwardens..... PLEASE COME.

Wednesday, 12th April, Women's Fellowship in School, 3.30pm, Speaker, Mr. Warren - Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Sunday, 16th April, EASTER III, 8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Matins.

Sunday, 23rd April EASTER IV (St. George M.) 11am Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon, 6.30pm Evensong.

Sunday, 30th April, EASTER V (Rogation), 8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Matins.

Monday, 1st May, SS. Philip & James.

Thursday, 4th May, ASCENSION DAY, 9am Children's Eucharist, 7.30pm Holy Communion.

Sunday, 7th May, Sunday after Ascension, 8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Matins.

Thursday, 11th May, Men's Group at Harbury, 7.45pm.

Wednesday, 10th May, Women's Fellowship, 3.30pm in School - Speaker: Rev. R.T. Murray.

Archdeacon's Visitation at Shipston on Stour.

Sunday, 14th May, WHITSUNDAY, 11am Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon, 6.30pm Evensong.

Altar Flowers: Mar. 26 & Apr. 2 Mrs. Darkes: Apr. 9 Mrs. Frost:

Apr. 16 Mrs. Timms: Apr. 23 Mrs. Smith: Apr. 30 Mrs.

Faulkner; May 7 Miss Junod: May 14 Mrs. Brown.

Extract from the Registers

Christian Burial: 3rd March, 1978, Evelyn Summerton.

The number of those attending the funeral service of Mrs. Summerton showed the deep affection and respect in which she was held by many friends. She was always ready to help in any good cause and to lend a helping hand to a neighbour in difficulty. She was generous towards her church (and many

other objects of charity) and in her will made a bequest of £25 for the use of the Church. We acknowledge this with gratitude and with the many who will miss her we pray 'May she rest in peace'.
G.R.F.

FOUND. A gold signet ring was found in Ladbroke Church on 5th March and handed in to Southam Police Station. The owner should apply there.

The Annual Parochial General Meeting will be held in the School on Monday 10th April at 7.30pm to elect churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council and sidesmen, to consider the new electoral roll, reports and accounts. All those on the Electoral Roll are eligible to attend. So, come and hear an account of our stewardship!

We are glad to know that Mr. Summerton is out of hospital and making progress.

Women's Fellowship. It was pleasing to see so many members at our March meeting to hear the interesting talk given by Mrs. Winkfield. We now look forward to April 12th when Mr. Warren will give a talk on behalf of the Institution to provide Guide Dogs for the Blind. Please bring any interested friends.
C.H.

The Mothering Sunday service produced a capacity-filled church with the school children contributing tuneful songs. Our 'Rector' and the Rev. Peter Watherston handed out posies to the children for their mothers, and the strength of family life and of God's family was stressed in the thought-provoking address by the Rev. Watherston.

Ladbroke J. & I. School held an Open Afternoon when Mrs. Hancock, a former headmistress, presented the prizes. The parents saw the children's work, and enjoyed tea-time scones they had made.

At the Parish Council's March meeting all Councillors and the clerk were present.

The erroneous 'no through road' sign has been removed from Windmill Lane.

The question of whether Ladbroke should press to be a conservation area is to be put to the Annual General Parish Meeting on 16th May so all householders can air their views then.

A Post Office letter box is to be affixed to a telegraph pole in Harbury Road - We hope at the School Lane End.

Councillor Seden has complained about the state of the verges in Radbourne Lane and the Water Authority is investigating.

S.M. 90 - Mr. Vallis says the Divisional Engineer will look at the path with regard to making it up.

Stockton tip is closed.

The 30 m.p.h. speed limits are to be extended.

The Parish rates will be put on the village notice board.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Thursday May 16th at 8.0pm. The Parish Councillors will meet together at 6.45pm that night. All suggestions and ideas for a village meeting place once the school has closed are needed for this vital general meeting. I. B.

W.I. News: Mr. Dax gave an interesting and informative talk on wine making at our March meeting.

On April 27th the Milk Marketing Board will be giving a cookery demonstration. This is an open meeting - both sexes please! There is to be a Group Meeting at Napton on 8th May.

A trip to Ragley Hall is arranged for 21st May at 1.0pm. Spare seats are available - contact Mrs. J. Norgate. Members are advised to attend the AGM of the Parish Council on May 16th to discuss the future regarding a village Hall.

Welcome to three new members - Mesdames Bignell, Collins and Pritchett.

The Bring and Buy Stall raised over £5 thanks to the generosity of Mesdames Presland and Timms.

HARBURY SCHOOL

Building Extensions at Harbury School.

If everything goes according to schedule a start will have been made on the extensions by the beginning of next term. In the interests of safety, I would be glad if all children would please use the Park Lane entrance while contractors' vehicles are around the Back Lane gate.

Infant Admissions to Harbury School.

Owing to quite a sudden influx of infant age children into school recently, we have had to postpone the full-time admission of 'rising five' children for the Summer term. These children will instead receive part-time education for next term and be admitted to school full time as from next September. We hope that this is only a temporary measure and that

we shall be able to pursue our normal policy of admissions as from September. We adopt this policy of admitting 'rising fives' to help both the children and their parents and we wish to continue this, but the effects of education cuts are really beginning to be felt as far as staffing is concerned, and because the statutory age for admission to school is the beginning of the term after a child's fifth birthday, no account is taken of 'rising fives' when our staffing quota is worked out. We are sure that parents will understand the difficulties of the situation.

N.C.O.

"TOAD OF TOAD HALL"



Our picture shows (l. to r.) Karl Lindon ("Mole"), Ian Percival ("Rat"), Matthew Checkley ("Badger") and Simon Boraston ("Toad"), and part of the excellent setting for the Lower Juniors' recent production of "Toad of Toad Hall". As in all the school plays, the children knew their lines well, were dressed superbly and performed with skill and enthusiasm. The hall was packed with appreciative parents and friends - so many, in fact that it was difficult for everyone to have a good view of the stage. These wonderful school productions really do deserve better staging so that

every child can be properly seen - how marvellous it would be if a way round this problem could be found! Congratulations to all the staff and children involved in providing two such enjoyable evenings.

D.M.H.

ADVENTURE IN THE DEEP

On Thursday March 9th classes 7 and 8 went on a trip to the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry. On Wednesday March 8th classes 9 and 10 went.

We boarded the coach at 1.00pm and set off.

When we arrived at the Belgrade we got out and lined up and went in. When we were in a voice said, "Would Mr. Henderson report to the sick bay". Then it said, "Would all schools report to the main air-locks". These were the entrances to the passenger area (as we were the passengers of the ship). We went through our emergency drill when the red lights came on. Then the Captain came out and welcomed us to the Bathyscape or deep-sea-submarine Cousteau. We fastened our imaginary seat belts and we were off.

When we were about 3,000 m. down Mr. Carr became ill. The Dr. said that he needed air, but our stewardesses said he needed water, then we found that he had got gills. All this time we were surfacing. When Mr. Carr recovered we went down again but we were too close to the wall of the sea and we got stuck on a ledge and we had to lean over to port so that Mr. Carr could mend ballast tanks 5.6 and 7. When we were free we went down at a terrific speed. Mr. Henderson, who had spent a lot of money on the Bathyscape, wanted to take samples of some metal he saw in the sides, but it was too unsafe. All went well until we got past the bottom. We were worried. Then Mr. Carr told us we had nothing to fear, the hands that were taking us down would see that we did not come to any harm. When we reached the bottom a man dressed in green came in and he told us that we were in Atlantis and that he was king.

The Atlantians could not breathe so they would have to bring a machine on. Then it was the interval. After the interval there was a machine on stage.

Voices of Atlantians told us of their poverty. Henderson did something very wrong, he tried to kill an Atlantian and he was put in prison for that, but he escaped and took to a small sub and escaped. Then the king told us of what humans were doing to his friends the whales and polluting his water.

On the way back up we hit Henderson's boat and it sank.

They were trying to put over to us the damage people are doing to animals and plant life of the ocean.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the adventure and came away wearing tags to prove that we were citizens of Atlantis.

PETER CATT.

P.T.A.

We have two social events during April. A Square Dance in School on 14th April 8.00pm - midnight, tickets 50p each from School or Committee Members, and Quiz Night at the Working Men's Club, on 26th April 8.00pm onwards, all welcome free of charge. Quiz Night has been a lot of fun in previous years, so please try to support this event. A lively audience seems to spur our contestants on, or maybe it's the bar!

On May 10th Mr. D. Richards will talk on Middle School Science and how this subject will be tackled in Harbury.

Many people have asked me if we are going to hold a Barbeque this year. At the moment I cannot give a definite answer because we are 'barnless'. Mr. Hiatt, who has kindly loaned his barn in previous years, has run into problems and is not yet able to say if his barn will be available this year.

ANNE MEGENEY (Sec.)

MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE '78

I thought the most hazardous part of the journey would be between Harbury and Leamington, but then I didn't know our plane was to be turned back to Gatwick airport, greeted by six fire engines! On our second attempt we arrived in Naples and boarded Uganda; our cruise had begun.

The next day we visited the famous volcano Vesuvius, and also the town it destroyed in 79 A.D., Pompeii.

After a day at sea we arrived in Syracuse in Sicily where we saw an old Greek town. We were then at sea for two days during which time we had quite a few lessons and other interesting activities. On Tuesday 7th March we arrived at Alexandria, Egypt, and went by coach to Cairo. From there we saw pyramids at Memphis and Gizeh.

After another day at sea we arrived at Haifa and went on a tour of Jericho, Bethlehem and Jerusalem in Israel. This was, in my opinion, the highlight of the cruise.

In two days time we arrived at Heraklion in Crete and saw the palace of Knossos. Our trip was rounded off with a visit to Venice from where we returned home.

D.C.

YOUTH CLUB

Again this year we are organising the contest for the Carnival Queen and her two attendants. This contest will be in the Village Hall on a Wednesday Evening in the near future.

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HARBURY JUBILEE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

The CZ is now a runner, thanks in particular to Danny Killian and John Buck, and several members have had a try on it. The next job is to change to a 21" front wheel and possibly further reduce the gearing.

We were pleased to have Dave Holyoake at our mid-March meeting talking about Motocross which was very interesting. On Tuesday April 11th we are taking up Mr. Holyoake's offer of a practical evening at his Bull Ring Garage (Note - Bull Ring Garage not Wight School).

We shall be having another Training Trial in the very near future (weather permitting) - check with members for the date.

TENNIS

J. B. M.

The new season will be with us shortly and let us hope that the weather will allow the maximum possible use of the courts.

It would be nice to have some new faces on the Committee - most of the originals are getting somewhat wrinkled after five years in office! Anyone who is interested, including of course any newcomers to the village, should contact Ray Hoare at 39 Mill Street, Tel. 612486.

Coaching - Pauline Brown has kindly agreed to do coaching again this year and six sessions for juniors have been provisionally arranged for Mondays and Thursdays starting on 8th May - the course to last three weeks. Anyone interested should contact Mrs. Anita Williams, 2 Farley Avenue, Tel. 612842. A follow-on course for adults will be arranged if there is sufficient demand and anyone interested in this should contact Mrs. Sheila Scott, 25 Binswood End, Tel. 612637. Places for both courses will be limited - first come first served!

A Beer and Wine Tournament is being arranged for 4th June as part of the Carnival Week celebrations. The previous tournaments have been very successful and have mysteriously produced strokes not in any coaching repertoire! Entries will have to be limited so watch out for further announcements and put your name down early.

Is anyone, including those who haven't played much or who, like the writer, are constantly rusty, interested in Sunday morning tennis on a regular friendly basis? If you are then please come to the courts starting on Sunday 9th April at 10am.

One final plea - WHEN YOU PLAY PLEASE PAY - either by booking at the newsagents or paying them or the following Committee members when you have played:- Sally Gascoyne, Wilton, Vicarage Lane: Anita Williams, 2 Farley Ave: Sheila Scott, 25 Binswood End: Frank Bunting, The Rylands, Dovehouse Lane: Ray Hoare, 39 Mill Street.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

R. H.



Pygmalion is nearly with us! As opening night approaches the whole of the Theatre Group is involved in a flurry of activity. Rehearsals have been going on for eight weeks or more but in the last two weeks the atmosphere gets very tense as everyone strives for that final polish. Elsewhere you can hear the sound of hammers and saws (as scenery is constructed) and sewing machines (as costumes are run up). Wigs have to be found and styled, the set has to be built and painted and all those hundreds of small props have to be found. (and all of course must suit the period). Believe me it's not an easy job putting on a play as complicated as this, but it's

all worth it in the end. Or it will be when you all flock to see us this week. In fact I believe the tickets are going very well so don't delay or you may well miss a very good play.

And finally, let me express our thanks to all those people who supplied us with curtains, some have been pressed into immediate use and all will come in useful some time or other. Don't Forget - Pygmalion - Thursday & Friday 7th & 8th April - tickets from the Co-op Butcher's.

The photo, taken at rehearsals, shows (l to r) Beryl as Mrs. Higgins, Chris Tovey as Col Pickering, Anne Megeney as Mrs. Eynesford-Hill, Tony Knight as Freddy and Janet Tovey as Eliza Doolittle.

KEITH HAYES.

HARBURY SOCIETY

At its recent AGM, Chairman Tim Millington reviewed the Society's successful year of meetings on conservation, local history etc., and Secretary Linda Ridgley reported an encouraging increase in membership and interesting plans for the future. These two officers were re-elected, along with David Winter (Vice-Chairman), and Bill Washington (Treasurer).

After the AGM, Mr. Charles Lines gave a talk on "Unknown Warwickshire", mentioning the fine moated Manor House at Baddesley Clinton, and other buildings and places of interest in the county.

HARBURY GUIDE

The preparation of material for the 'Harbury Guide' which Harbury & Ladbroke News together with Harbury Society are to produce, is well under way. It is hoped that publication will be in the late Summer.

If you have any photographs or articles of historical (or recent) interest about the village - and have not already been approached by the Guide Committee - please let a member of Harbury Society know or contact me at 23 Mill Street (612427).

The production of the Guide will be an expensive operation and in order to make a start at gathering funds, Harbury Society are organising a Jumble Sale to be held at the Village Hall on Saturday April 15th - commencing at 11 am. Please support us.

J. B. MOORE.

W.I.

At the March meeting letters of thanks for our hospitality at the Golden Jubilee Celebrations were read, and details of forthcoming attractions (of which there are many).

Our speaker was Mr. D. Lafford, a well known enthusiast of steam engines, fairs and carnivals. You may have followed behind him along the Radford Road on his steam engine en route to his many outings. He spoke about the origin of Fairs & Mops, and showed a film about old steam engines, colourful roundabouts (some handcarved and decorated in gold leaf by Italian craftsmen). We saw shots of Nottingham Goose and Barnum & Baileys fairs and early film shows, as well as the more modern roundabouts. It brought back happy memories of childhood to many of the audience.

JEANNE BEAUMONT.

MOTHERS UNION

On Thursday March 16th several members of the Harbury Branch of Mothers Union attended the Southam Deanery Festival Service at Long Itchington Church.

M.U. members and Vicars from all the villages in the Deanery took part in the service, and Mrs. Gibbs, wife of the Bishop of Coventry, gave an inspiring address in which she stressed the importance of family life and of sharing and celebrating together whenever possible.

After the service everyone was invited to tea in the Village Hall - prepared by the ladies of Long Itchington M. U. and greatly enjoyed by all.

A.M.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society was officially formed at an open meeting in the Wight School on March 7th 1978.

A committee has been elected to guide the Society through the coming year and meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month.

A Show for members will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday September 9th and entry details should be available shortly.

A programme of activities has been arranged and the first on April 4th at the Village Club in Crown Street at 7.30 pm will be a talk by Mr. S. Finch on vegetable growing and the work of the National Vegetable Research Station at

Wellesbourne. Further details from the Chairman, Mr. W.F. Lines, 16 Binswood End or the Secretary, A.L. Brunt, 33 South Parade, and we thank the Club Committee for allowing us to use their premises.

IN THE GARDEN

North or South, April is the most heartening month of the gardening year. In March after a vicious winter it can be hard to believe that anything will ever grow again.

In April we can see that it will. Weather permitting finish planting Broad Beans also plant an early Pea (Feltham First) or (Early Onward). Shallots can still be planted, Onion Sets also. It is advisable to plant a small row of lettuce, radish, spring onions, also globe beetroot, carrots, turnips, parsnips, leeks and swedes.

At the end of the month sow marrows and courgettes in a heated greenhouse, and main crop potatoes any time now. Early potatoes, if planted out, should be covered with cloches

W.F. LINES.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL - March meeting

Why does Deppers' grass grow more slowly than Harbury's? Cllr Wright asked Chairman Davies, who wanted Deppers Playing Field mowed six times to Harbury's ten! The answer was 'fertiliser'! Len Wallington is to be Cemetery Caretaker, Alf Over will tidy the Rose Garden, Tony Ceney will mow the Greens and the WCC will care for the Playing Fields at a reduced rate, having omitted to charge for their services for the past three years, due to a 'clerical error'.

Considerable discussion took place on where to put the Sutcliffe Estate's salt; the alleged untidiness of the Engineering Works, and WCC's refusal to proceed with widening Chapel Street; Sackville Properties' ominous silence over its responsibility for providing Estate Lighting; and the Severn Trent Water Authority's direct billing of consumers. This last antagonised Cllr Ellis who saw it as unnecessary duplication of clerical work with both the Rates Dept and SWTA sending out demands, but he and the remainder of the PC made no comment on the announcement that Bulky Refuse Collection would take place only at two monthly intervals, on 8 May; 10 July; 11 Sept and 13 Nov.

There was genuine concern that Mrs. Jennings' garden in Farm Street was in danger of falling into Mill Street because of undercutting by road widening. The proposed changes in the School entrances were discussed, and Pc Percival explained that after the first day of term the Mill Street entrance would be closed and ALL children would have to use Park Lane. Cllr Wright suggested that as the WCC already had men on site there would be little extra cost involved in providing proper vehicular entrance at Park Lane. A site meeting was finally to be arranged with WC Cllr Rupert Kettle at the beginning of term and Cllr Wright was sure that Wagstaff Close residents would be at the Annual Parish Meeting on 13th April to let Major Kettle know their views.

On the subject of the Annual Parish Meeting Cllr Ellis was unhappy at having to provide figures for the Financial Report before the financial year had ended, it involved some guess work but there would be increases in the costs of Green Playing Field and Cemetery maintenance and the rate for the Parish would rise from 1p to 1.5p (the first increase since decimalisation in 1971!) Cllr Wright suggested Tennis Court charges be increased to cover their maintenance costs, and it was resolved to call a meeting of the Recreation Ground & Tennis Committees to formulate proposals to put before the Annual Parish Meeting.

Four members of the Public were present; Cllrs Wilkins and Atkins sent apologies. All other members of the council were present.

Next PC meeting 27 April, 7.30pm at Village Hall.

Annual Parish Meeting 13 April, 7.30pm at Village Hall.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

HARBURY and DISTRICT LIBERALS

Harbury Liberals and friends have recently returned from another highly successful winter trip abroad. This year took them back to the north coast of Majorca to repeat the joys of last year's venture.

They are hoping to gather a party together to visit Ironbridge (Shropshire) on 20th May and anyone interested in joining them would be welcome. Please contact Pat and Geoff Fuller, Harbury 612410, Geoff and Grace Buckle, Harbury 612415 or Francis Badman, Southam 2187 for further details.

PAT FULLER (Hon. Sec.)

HARBURY AND DISTRICT BRANCH LABOUR PARTY.

On Wednesday 15th March we held a joint meeting with Radford Semele Labour Party. Discussion took place around the subject of "The Labour Party in Rural Areas". The next joint meeting with Radford will be on Wednesday 19th April at 8.0 pm in Harbury School. Councillor Phillip Blundell (Mayor Elect of Rugby) will lead a discussion on Race Relations.

J. L. H.

MAD MARCH



March gave the good old English art of conversation, or rather its principal component, a shot in the arm by producing virtually all possible combinations of weather and wind, sunshine, ice, rain and snow within a matter of days. Surely only England could give the scene captured above by Mike Bloxham which had virtually cleared by lunchtime on the same day and would you believe a day or so later people were out cutting their lawns almost willing summer to arrive. Even the writer entered into the competitive spirit and uncovered a rather reluctant mower. The problem is, having encouraged the grass to grow how can I get it to stop? The one advantage of snow is that it makes all gardens look the same - I might even open mine to the public this year if it snows on the right day!

R. H.

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL CHOIR TO SING IN HARBURY

The Choir of Coventry Cathedral will give a concert in Harbury Parish Church at 7.45 p.m. on Saturday April 15 1978.

The programme will be drawn from Church Music of the Seventeenth Century and will be conducted by Ian Little, Director of Music at Coventry and accompanied by the Cathedral's assistant organist.

Admission will be by programme, obtainable at the door price 50p (Students and senior citizens - 25p). Any profit will be divided between the David Lepine Memorial Fund and our own Choir Fund.

The concert, arranged with the co-operation of the Friends of Coventry Cathedral, will be a unique occasion in the musical life of Harbury. We are very lucky to have been selected for one of the Choir's rare outings into the Diocese and I hope many people will take the opportunity to hear this world famous sound.

MICHAEL BARNES.

KALEIDOSCOPE

Welcome to Janet and Terry Russell who, with Daniel (3) and Ruth (7 months) have moved from Chepstow to 20 Manor Orchard. No, they haven't moved in with the Webbs (Kaleidoscope Feb.) - I apologise to both families, the Webbs are at No. 18! Terry is an Auditor, although in Chepstow he and Janet ran a 42-seater pub and restaurant. If you've already visited the usual local sights, a new exhibition at Ragley Hall might appeal to you: from April 25th to end of August you can see the largest collection in the world of replica crown jewels from monarchies foreign and British, ancient and new; an apparently stunning display. Judging by the number of letters we get, the subject of dog dirt is a perennial annoyance in the village. Last month's letter pointed out the responsibility of the owners rather than the dogs, which is right and we ought also to acknowledge the majority of dog owners who are responsible and enjoy their pets without inflicting them on the rest of us. However, the offending people will not be deterred by general criticism or black looks, and I'll start the ball rolling by saying that if the large black dog who may generally be found patrolling the petrol pumps in Mill Street, fouls my front lawn just once more, I shall be forced to take somewhat drastic action!

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday April 13th - Village Hall - 7.30pm

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to question your Parish Councillors and state your views.

HARBURY GYMKHANA MAY 21st

To be held on Harbury Recreation Ground. Several
Classes - mainly for 16 yrs. and under.

All details from Janet Stott, The Gamecock (612374)

HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB

April 8th - Group at Club..... April 15th - Black Fleck Group

April 22 - Return Gardan Phillips Disco

April 29 - Group at Club..... May 6th - Farriers Forge

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