

# HARBURY AND LADBROKE NEWS

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It is with great sadness that we record the death of Mrs. Enid Fishley, wife of Canon Fishley of Ladbroke to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

You may be excused for sometimes not realising that holiday time is here! Nevertheless, in spite of the weather, most of us will be having some sort of change from the normal routine during the coming month. As we did last year, we have included some memory joggers on the 'places to go' theme which we hope you might find useful.

For the more agile villager, we draw your attention to the PCC organised bicycle time trials on Sunday August 20th - an informal afternoon of sport.

\* Be sure to read in the Parish Council Report, about the proposed Village Tip.

### HARBURY DIARY

#### AUGUST

- Sun 6th Transfiguration of our Lord. Holy Eucharist 8am,  
Sung Eucharist 10am, Family Service 11.30am,  
Evensong 6.30pm.  
Cricket v Warwickshire County Council Away.
- Thurs 10th S. Lawrence. Holy Eucharist 9.45am.
- Sun 13th Holy Eucharist 8am, Sung Eucharist 10am, Evensong
- Tues 15th Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 6.30pm.  
Holy Eucharist 7.30am and 9.45am.  
Senior Citizens Benefit Cttee meet V. Hall, 8pm.  
Motor Cycle Club, 8pm, Wight School.
- Wed 16th Harbury News Cttee., 8.30pm, 23 Mill Street.
- Fri 18th Labour Party Meeting, 8-10pm, Farley Room, V. Hall  
Talk & discussion led by Chris Purnell.
- Sun 20th Holy Eucharist 8am, Sung Eucharist 10am, Evensong  
Cricket away at Flecknoe. 6.30pm.  
Bicycle Races, 3.15pm, Old New Inn.
- Thurs 24th Parish Council meet at V. Hall, 7.30pm Farley Room.  
S. Bartholomew. Holy Eucharist 9.45am.
- Sun 27th Holy Eucharist 8am, Sung Eucharist 10am, Evensong  
Cricket v Kinton at Cement Works. 6.30pm.
- Mon 28th Late Summer Bank Holiday.
- Tues 29th Motor Cycle Club, 8pm, Wight School.
- Wed 30th Prayer Meeting, 8pm, 15 Wagstaffe Close.

Thurs 31st Playgroup Trip to Wicksteed Park leaves Village Hall at 9.30am.

## SEPTEMBER

- Sun 3rd Holy Eucharist 8am, Sung Eucharist 10am, Children's & Family Service 11.30am, Evensong 6.30pm.  
Harbury Gymnastics Club in Display at Pump Room Gardens.
- Mon 4th Toddler Group begins.
- Tues 5th School & Playgroup Start.  
PCC Meeting, 8pm, Wight School
- Sat 9th Harbury Horticultural Show opens 2pm V. Hall.  
65 Classes. Refreshments, Raffle, Plant & Produce Stall.  
Organ Recital by Ian Little, 7.45pm in Church.
- Sun 10th Holy Eucharist 8am; 10am visit of Bishop of Coventry, Evensong 6.30pm.  
Cricket v Steeple Aston at Cement Works.
- Mon 11th \* Bulky Refuse Collection this week; but you must ring Stratford 67575 ext 239 to arrange collection.  
They don't come looking for Rubbish any more!  
Guides starts.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Hall Chapel, 10am 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  
JOGGING CLUB from V. Hall, 8.00pm every Tuesday  
YOUTH CLUB Village Hall, 8.00pm every Wednesday  
BABY CLINIC Village Hall, 2.00pm 2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
PARISH COUNCIL V. Hall, 7.30pm 4th Thursday  
SCOUTS Scout Hut, 7.30pm every Friday  
CHOIR PRACTICE Church, 6.30pm every Friday

\*\* N. B. No Golden Age Club meeting in August.

(No Guides, Brownies or Crusaders in August)

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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

August is a holiday month when many of you will probably be away for part of the time and when we shall probably be welcoming a number of visitors to Harbury. It is also a month which contains, in addition to the Sundays, one great Holy Day when all good Church people should endeavour to be present at the Holy Eucharist, viz. the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday August 15th, the day when the Church celebrates the falling asleep and the being taken up into Heaven of Our Lady, when Mary met her Son in Heaven. What must that meeting have been like between the perfect Son and the perfect Mother? She who had made a home for God when He came to His creation; what must the home He gave her be like? How right it is to commemorate that happy day when Jesus and Mary met in Heaven.

A Youth Weekend is being run at the Southam Youth Centre by the Revd. David Beardshaw, the Diocesan Youth Officer, from Saturday 9th September 10 a.m. to Sunday 10th September 3 p.m. for young people of 15 and over. We are invited to send 2 young people from this parish, but as some parishes may not be sending their quota there may be vacancies for more than two. It is a residential course and the cost is £2.75 but money can be found from a fund to help pay this. It so happens, of course, that Sunday September 10th is the day when the Bishop comes to our 10 am Parish Eucharist (his first visit to Harbury), and our young people will naturally wish to be present (and we shall wish them to be), but I gather that Sunday morning will be a fairly free time at the Weekend Course and that they can come over to Harbury for 2 hours or so without missing much. Further particulars from me.

Some time ago the Revd. John Eardley, the Diocesan Secretary and Adviser for Children's Work, gave a talk to the Deanery Synod about the "Quest Scheme", a scheme of training for young people which is in operation in a number of parishes, and he offered to come and talk to any Parochial Church Council about it. Our representative on the Deanery Synod were impressed, and our PCC are inviting him to come to a meeting. It may be a good and useful thing for Harbury.

We remember before God in prayer Edwin Bond, Charles Cleary and Marian Baker and also Mrs. Edith May Walton who



died at her daughter's home near Durham and Eliza Taylor, and we pray for those who mourn.

Our prayerful sympathy goes out to Canon Fishley in his bereavement, and we remember in our prayers his dear wife Enid.

With every blessing,  
Your sincere friend and Vicar,  
F.R. Mackley.

### Holy Baptism

July 9th - Paul Eric Fryer, 3 Farm Street.

July 16th - Mark Donald Newman, 19 Farley Avenue.

Paul William Newman, 19 Farley Avenue.

### Funeral Services

July 3rd - Edwin Bond, aged 88 years, Montgomery House.

July 12th - Cmdr. Charles Frederick Cleary, R.N.,  
The Paddock, Milford, Stafford.

July 26th - Marian Baker, aged 82 years, 28 Manor Road.

### From the Churchwardens

Coffee after the 10 a.m. Service has now become very much an accepted part of Church life and a regular rota is being drawn up. If you would like to go on the rota, please get in touch with Lynne Clarke, 1 Manor Orchard, 612882.

We look forward to welcoming our Bishop to the 10 am Service on Sunday, 10th September and hope that we shall have a full church to greet him on his first visit to the parish. Coffee will be served as usual at the end of the Service.

### CRUSADER SPORTS

On 8th July the Crusaders had a sports day. There were crusaders from all the classes, from minis to the Inters. There were various races - the bin and ball, flat race, skipping race, three-legged race, long jump, throwing the cricket ball and a leaders race. At half time we were all very thirsty as it was hot, so we all had a drink. The leaders' race was won by Mr. Catt. To finish off everybody who had a bicycle had a slow bicycle race. At the next Crusader meeting we all received a prize. HELEN KEIR.

### CHURCH SPRING FAIR

The final result of this Fair in April showed a profit of £409.51 - a really marvellous total. The money will be used for general Church expenses - new lighting is being planned at

present.

We are so grateful to all who helped with the Fair by making posters, contributing to the Handicraft Stall, serving teas, or in any other way. Thank you very much.  
DIANA HOLT and SARA BENNETT.

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### LADBROKE NEWS

#### Services etc. for August & early September

- Sun 6th August, Transfiguration of our Lord. (Trinity XI)  
8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Matins.
- Sun 13th August, Trinity XII. 11am Holy Communion with Hymns,  
6.30pm Evensong.
- Sun 20th August, Trinity XIII. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11am  
Matins.
- Sun 27th August, Trinity XIV. 11am Holy Communion with Hymns,  
6.30pm Evensong.
- Sun 3rd September, Trinity XV. 8.30am Holy Communion,  
11am Matins
- Sun 10th September, Trinity XVI. 11am Holy Communion with  
Hymns, 6.30pm Evensong.

#### Altar Flowers

Aug. 6 Mrs. Law; Aug 13 Mrs. Wall; Aug 20 Mrs. Edwards;  
Aug 27 Mrs. Durrant; Sept 3 Mrs. J. Barnett; Sept 10 Mrs. T.  
Barnett.

My dear Friends,

John, Jo, his wife, and I thank you all for your expressions of sympathy in our great loss. I am trying to reply to letters, but am not likely to complete the task for some weeks.

Next, may I say how beautiful the church looked for the funeral service, adorned with so many gifts of flowers. These I cannot acknowledge individually. But those who gave will share our thought that my wife had enjoyed making the church beautiful on great feasts over the years and would love to have it beautiful again.

Lastly, I have to acknowledge that the contributions at the service and since to the British Rheumatic and Arthritic Society amount to £75. Thank you all for this as for your other tributes of affection.

Yours very sincerely,  
G.R. Fishley.

Next, I want to say a word of thanks to the clergy and lay readers who helped so much by taking services during my wife's illness: The Revs. Nicholas Morgan, Tony Upton, and Canon Denney: Mr. J.W.T. Rogers and Mt. J.B. Poxon.

We extend our sympathies to Mrs. Frost and the family in the death of Mrs. Taylor: her latter years had been times of infirmity and suffering and she is now at peace.

We are glad to know that Mr. Brookes is back at home and making progress.

One confession I have to make; I have in the past said that I did not think the long discussed Ladbroke Bye-pass would ever be built. But it now appears that there is a distinct possibility that its construction will begin in 1980. Never have I been more pleased to be told that I was wrong! Don't forget.....Harvest Supper Friday 29th September at 7.30pm in the School.

Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 1st October.

G.R.F.

#### Ladbroke (C of E) Junior & Infant School

Some 30 parents attended a meeting on 5th July to hear Mr. Collinson, the Area Education Officer, outline the intentions of the education authorities consequent on the closure of the school in July 1979. He gave a brief resumé on the re-organisation of the schools within the Southam area from September 1979 and how those children at Ladbroke would be integrated in this structure.

Southam Schools were being re-modelled into a First School, Middle School, and Senior School from the present Infants, Junior and Senior Schools. Interchange between the schools would be at the ages of 8-plus and 12-plus instead of the current age of 7-plus and 11-plus. St. James School for children up to 7-plus and those of 8-plus would be accommodated at the present Southam Middle School. A special concession was being made for those of 11-plus who would go straight to the Senior School, rather than be submitted to an additional change from the Middle School at 12-plus.

Parents would have the option of sending their children to other schools than those mentioned above but application would have to be made to the appropriate Head Teachers to ascertain whether there were any spare places. The Education authority would neither guarantee places at these schools



nor assist in the provision of transport. However, for those children at Ladbroke at the time of closure, transport would be provided from Ladbroke to the new Southam St. James, and Middle Schools. Children going on to the Senior School direct would not be guaranteed transport assistance outside those currently applicable. Arrangements for children in the outlying areas such as Deppers Bridge and Bishops Itchington will depend on routing of transport at the time.

Other events in July included a visit to Ragley Hall which was great fun, the adventure playground being quite a favourite game.

The School Open Afternoon was held on July 12th and parents and friends were able to see just what variety of work the pupils covered in the school year.

On Sunday 16th July the School Leavers Service was held in Church. Part of the Service was conducted by the children and in the absence of Canon Fishley, the Rev. Morgan presented the leaving gifts of prayer books to Helen Sheasby and Mark Warner.

#### Ladbroke Church

The funeral service of Mrs. Enid Fishley was held at All Saints Church, Ladbroke, on Tuesday 18th July. Canon Fishley, his son and daughter-in-law were supported by a church brim full of mourners and filled with flower tributes from many dear friends. The Archdeacon together with a number of the local Deanery Clergy gathered for the service. The Rev. Canon R. Murray, formerly Rector of Southam Parish Church, gave the address in which he brought out the truly courageous stand that "Nim" had made to overcome the adversity of crippling illness, wonderfully backed by "Ben". Mrs. Fishley always had thought for others. She had a bright nature and a very strong faith and now her new life has begun of unfettered freedom.

#### The Parochial Church Council

At the recent meeting Mr. G. Hedge took the chair in the absence of Canon Fishley. The Harvest Festival Supper would be held in the village school for the last time on Friday 29th September. Mrs. J. Barnett and Mrs. C. Hedge would be making the necessary arrangements nearer the date. The Archdeacon had given his assurance that the PCC was competent to authorise the secular use of the church. Mr. J.V. Comfort has been appointed Treasurer in place of Mr. P.D. Brown. It was

agreed to visit all newcomers to the village and tell them of the church and its activities.

Mr. Rutherford brought under discussion the Parish's contribution to the present and future incumbents. It would be necessary to contribute far more to the incumbent's expenses to augment the basic stipend to attract a man of the calibre desired. The Church's relationship with the wider village community was discussed and more varied activities to encourage membership was recommended. Among thoughts on this were a choir group, pop music, a nativity play and various social events.

#### The Parish Council

It met on 18th July. All Councillors and five members of the public were present. The chairman, Francis Badman, suggested a letter of condolence be sent to Canon Fishley and it was decided to send a donation to the charity dealing with research into arthritis.

The police feel that Bridge Lane is not suitable for heavy traffic and asks residents to report any heavy lorries taking short cuts.

Waymarkers for the footpaths are to be provided by the County and the Council is applying for them. Cllr. Seden says the naming of the streets ought to be a first priority - the Clerk is instructed to write to Stratford for an urgent reply to an unanswered letter.

Tom Sheasby proposed and Betty Williamson seconded that Ladbroke apply for Conservation areas in the village.

Those extended 30 m.p.h. signs on the A 423 appeared then disappeared so it is hoped they will soon reappear permanently.

The Great Topic of the evening was the recent announcement of the By-Pass Line for the A 423 trunk road by the Department of Road Transport to which it offers no alternatives or objections. However, Cllrs Seden and Barnett abstained when a vote was taken supporting the ministry's proposals. Cllr. Seden stated that he was sending an alternative plan to the Ministry. It was felt by Cllrs. Badman, Sheasby and Williamson that the Solidarity of the village had won through and great relief was expressed that the fearful build-up of traffic around the bottle neck bend, given goodwill, could be diverted in the near future in accordance with the Ministry's



proposals and a letter is to be sent stating this and supporting the By-Pass.

The next bulky refuse collection will be in the week beginning 4th September so please phone into Stratford.

The Parish Council meets again on 19th September at 7.30 p.m. in the School.

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### HARBURY SCHOOL

Quite an eventful term, and a very interesting one still to come! Once extensions and alterations to the buildings are complete we shall look forward to an interesting and exciting time as we run up to reorganisation.

An appointment has been made for a peripatetic teacher of French for the future Middle and Combined schools in the area and the fourth year Junior children only will have three periods of French per week. As from September 1979 the French course will be open to the top two age groups.

Mrs. A. Brady has been appointed as a part-time teacher for Science and Art and Craft in the top three classes. It is hoped also that some of the maths and all the science for the top three classes will be taken in half-groups. This is something we are all looking forward to with great interest.

The Children's Sponsored Walk has realised a total of £630 - an absolutely incredible effort and well beyond my expectations. This is well in excess of the total needed for our share of the Hall curtains and we really are most grateful to everybody who contributed to this RECORD BREAKER!

N. C. OLIVER.

### P.T.A. SPORTS CAVALCADE

On the evening of Friday July 7th there was great excitement on the school field as representatives of six teams of fit (!) and agile parents and teachers joined in healthy competition for the P.T.A. sports cavalcade. Cheers and other signs of encouragement (!) were to be heard ringing around the village as the teams competed in netball, six-a-side football and six-a-side hockey. The evening was organised on a points basis, and when tortured limbs could stand no more and the event drew to a close the winners were found to be 'Carol's Antibodies' a group formed by Mrs. Carol Grinnell. They were presented with prize-winning bottles of champagne (!).

Hot-dogs and minerals were served all evening by P.T.A. committee members. It was an evening when a great number of people enjoyed themselves either spectating or competing, and our thanks are due to lots of people who helped to make the event such a success.

N. C. O.

### MISS ANGELA SIMMONS

As everybody must know by now, Miss Simmons is getting married! Hers must be one of the most publicised weddings of the year, displacing Princess Caroline of Monaco and Christina Onassis, Prince Charles and any other hopeful rivals! On August 28th at 3.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, Cublington, Miss Angela Simmons becomes Mrs. Angela Goldsbrough and I have it the highest possible authority that it would give her the greatest possible pleasure if this news should leak out and cause some of her class and their parents to congregate outside to wave, throw confetti, and wish her well, so if you want to show her your delight, do go along. Mr. Goldsbrough, Bob, is a civil engineer originally from Yorkshire, and they will be living in Bishops Tachbrook after the wedding which is handy both for their work and Miss Simmons' family who live locally. Miss Simmons has been at Harbury School since 1974 and although her subject at College was Biology, she is happiest teaching the infants and finds Harbury a lovely place to work in; which is fortunate for all we parents with children in her class who could not be more content! I should declare an interest in that Emily was in Miss Simmons' class, and next term Anna will be, but my only complaint so far is that I've had to live up to standards set by her, in that every instruction at home is met with "Oh but Miss Simmons says....." !! Perhaps Mr. Goldsbrough will give her the odd bad mood or criticise her cooking occasionally just to prove to the children that it's not just their mothers who sulk now and then!! I have spoken to nobody in Harbury who hasn't expressed their warmest wishes and highest praise for Miss Simmons, and all the kids obviously love her, so we all wish her the happiest of days on August 28th, and a long, happy life as Mrs. Goldsbrough, and we look forward to welcoming her back next term and hope she will be patient while we all get used to the new name!

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.



## HARBURY SURGERY

For some time we have been considering an appointment system at Harbury. It has advantages and disadvantages. At the moment some patients can wait, during a busy surgery, an hour or more to see a doctor. An appointment system would cut out this wait, but would also mean that non-urgent cases sometimes did not get seen at the first available surgery. There would be time set aside at the end of each surgery for non-appointment patients with conditions that needed attention at once.

We believe that with good will on both sides an appointment system would benefit everyone. Please let us have your views, either directly or in writing, so that we know whether to proceed.

B.D. WILNE & J.L. HANCOCK.

## SCOUTS

A Scout Troop has four main requirements for survival. A group of keen boys, adequate equipment, a support committee to provide the finance and, most essential, enthusiastic leaders.

Harbury has the Scouts. The troop is reasonable well equipped, and the committee is there to do the fund raising and assist with general management. Unfortunately John & Elizabeth Knight have had to resign as leaders. They have kept the troop running for the last year and without them the troop will have to close UNLESS; unless we find new leaders. Ideally we need a Scout Leader, at least two assistants, and a Group Scout Leader to take care of the administration. Experience is not essential because advice and assistance are available.

This is a village of nearly three thousand people yet, so far, we have had little response to our appeals for help. Surely there must, somewhere, be the men who care enough about our young people to stop the troop from closing.

If you can help or would like further information please contact one of the following urgently:

Ken Hughes, Leamington House, Church St.	612273
John Small, 3 Wagstaffe Close	612843
John Hunt, 10 Farley Avenue	612931
Harry Windsor, 5 Park Lane	612504
Neville Mettrick, Ivy Cottage, Ivy Lane	612356.

## BROWNIE REVELS

On the 1st of July the Brownies went to Hunningham for the Brownie Revels. Brownies from all over the district came. We were planning to do most of the things outside but it was raining so we stayed inside. We all took a packed lunch. We made a mask because there was a competition for the best mask. The first thing we did was to sing some songs. Each Brownie pack had to sing a song and teach all the other packs. Then we had the competition for the masks, then we had lunch.

After lunch it stopped raining, so we went outside and we played some games. At the very end two Brownie packs were presented with a shield and a cup, because they won the most points.

CAROLINE HOLT.

## WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS AND SCATTER.....

Saturday, 30th September, is the date of this year's Harvest Supper, organised by the Church. Those of you who have been to previous suppers will remember how enjoyable these evenings always are.

There will be the usual delicious meal, a guest speaker and seasonal entertainment from several local people, including members of the Theatre Group.

Tickets will be on sale soon, but please book the date now.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service in Church will be on the following day, Sunday 1st October, at 10 a.m.

D. M. H.

## TENNIS

Although the weather has been far from ideal, it is good to see the courts in regular use. The coaching sessions were again well supported and thanks are due to Pauline Brown for running them so enthusiastically and to Anita Williams and Sheila Scott for making all the arrangements.

The Sunday morning friendly sessions have been very enjoyable but it would be nice to see a few more people. If you feel like coming along anytime between 10am and 12 noon (even if you can only spare half an hour or so in between getting the lunch ready!) you would be very welcome.

R. H.

## HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

Once again the football is nearly upon us, and let's hope we show some improvement on last season as we are running three teams this time - one on Saturday and two on



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Sunday, so I am afraid someone has got to work a little harder as we are only a small committee. I would like to see more youngsters on the committee and I hope to see more young ones in all the teams this time. I would like to thank Mr. Bishop for the hard work he put into the six-a-side football on Carnival Day, as many people don't realise what hard work goes into organising such an event. Also L. Sollis, M. Pritt, G. Bryes and G. Tabor for their help in getting the pitches ready and to the two gentlemen who lent the two tents for the day and to all those who helped with the six-a-side. I would like to thank the Fosse Garage for their donation towards the trophies.

Anyone interested in playing for the Club this season should contact me at 39 Manor Road, Harbury or any Committee or Club member.

BILL STEVENS.

#### HARBURY JOGGING CLUB

Subsequent to the inaugural meeting & discussion, 4 'jogs' have been held so far on Tuesday evenings commencing at 8 p.m. from the Village Hall - good natured affairs.

At the last meeting approx. 23 people took part; everyone went at their own pace on a circular route arriving back at the Village Hall after about 35 minutes, and thence adjourning to a local hostelry (to put back on not quite all the lost weight!)

My thanks to John Hancock for looking after the meetings whilst I was ill.

Any suggestions, queries etc. to me on Harbury 612688.

CHRIS LING.

#### HARBURY & DISTRICT NSPCC SPORTS AFTERNOON

Our first sports event was held at the Playing Fields on Wednesday, 26 July, and we were delighted at the large number of children who came along and generated so much enthusiasm that the grown-ups has as much fun as they did! We raised about £8 profit, which is a lot when you know it came from the 10p entrance fee charged and the drinks at 3p each! We had 28 races, each with heats beforehand, and awarded rosettes to the first three placings in each race, but at the end many children asked for more races and no one seemed willing to call a halt! We thank very much the mothers who helped, Chris Macgowan who obtained a megaphone and used it with great effect, and all the children who won and lost with good

grace and put our professional sportsmen to shame! It was a splendid afternoon and we shall certainly hold future sports events, so do look out for them and be sure you will have a lot of fun! A list of the race results will be posted in the Library for anyone who cares to see it.

VICTORIA MACGOWAN  
(Hon. Sec.)

### THEATRE GROUP

Another evening of plays over, and now we all know who the real Inspector Hound was, and how a one-legged football player kept his place with West Bromwich Albion..... Two very demanding plays, for both actors and audience; it would be so much easier to stage "Sailor Beware", "Hello Sailor", "Son of Sailor, Beware" and so on, until we all died of boredom. "When an organisation has sufficient resources to meet its needs, it is already in decline" says Parkinson.

The Theatre Group being very much alive, and lively, we need an extraordinary variety of odds and ends - lengths of electrical cable, short or long; electrical fittings and plugs; fancy items of furniture; costume, especially dated or period clothing; hats, formal or extravagant; ends of paint cans in any colour; and still more old curtains and bedspreads.

Phone Beryl Checkley (612519) or Tony Knight (613315) for speedy collection; and book early for our Autumn Play.

J.N.S.

### GOOD ENTERTAINMENT FROM THEATRE GROUP

The evenings of July 14th and 15th saw the Harbury Theatre Group's excellent presentation of two Tom Stoppard plays, 'The real Inspector Hound' and 'After Magritte'.

The cast of both plays portrayed the rather odd characters most convincingly and put over the brisk comedy very well indeed.

The first play 'The real Inspector Hound', was unusually set both on the stage and in the auditorium of a theatre. Two theatre critics - John Stringer and Peter Shawcross - gradually became involved in the 'who-dunnit' on stage. Diane Smith played a consistent Mrs. Drudge the Char Lady, linking the odd goings-on of Lady Cynthia - Anne Megeney, Felicity - Pat Sarson, Simon - Tony Knight & Magnus (plus others) - Steve Checkley.

'After Magritte' was less complicated but equally funny;



opening with Mother - Diana Holt - lying on an ironing board (subsequently, in a more normal posture, she was to give rousing performances on a Tuba!), and Harris - Jim Haines - standing on a table wearing waders. Annette Hughes as Thelma and Tony Knight as the policeman confused the determined Inspector Foot played by David Greaves.

A very good evening well up to the standard now expected of Harbury Theatre Group. J. B. M.

### RECORD BREAKER CARNIVAL

Our 1978 Carnival produced a record-breaking profit of £900. This will be divided between the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committees. Our grateful thanks are extended to all those who helped and supported this event and helped to produce such a super result.

I accidentally missed out of the results report last month the details of the 'Guess the Weight of the Cake' Contest run by Harbury Play Group. The winner was Mrs. Mavis Taylor, who guessed nearest to the weight of 6lbs 2½oz. Our great thanks to Linda Plastow for making the cake.

Ideas for next year's Carnival (June 9th 1979) are very welcome to the Village Hall or Recreation Ground Committees.

PETER J. HOLT.

### EASTER MONDAY CHARITY DANCE

At long, long last we write to advise you of the result of our Charity Dance held at the Village Hall on Easter Monday. After an evening enjoyed by most, if not all, of a "full house", we are delighted to report that a profit of £140.20 was realised. This has been distributed as follows:-

Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust	£70.10
The Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children	£35.05
Marie Curie Memorial Foundation	£35.05

Our thanks go to all who helped in any way, those who donated raffle prizes and all of you who came on the night or made it such a success.

We hope to see you all there again next year.

The Baldwins, Healeys, Ingrams and Uptons.

## GOLDEN AGE

Our trip to Weymouth was very successful, with no empty seats on the 53-seater coach! We left Harbury at 8am, stopped for a coffee break at Marlborough for  $\frac{3}{4}$  hr., and arrived at Weymouth at about 1 p.m. We had followed a route through beautiful scenery, and had really enjoyed the journey. We all went our separate ways then, shopping and sightseeing, and luckily the weather was fairly kind to us. We returned to the village at 10.30, and everyone agreed that it had been a really good day out.

LUCY KNIGHTON.

## HARBURY W.I.

A lot of activity since last month's meeting.

We provided refreshments for the Open Gardens Walk-about.

Again the Fashion Show by 'Lizzie' of Leamington was very popular and the models, mustered from Harbury made an informal and friendly evening. The raffle was a £5 voucher to be spent at 'Lizzies'.

We were delighted to have been awarded 3rd prize in the Carnival for our effort "The Harbury Loafers". It was great fun too.

The Teddy Bear Stall made a bumper profit of £50.

The Avacado Demonstration followed by a China Stall sale attracted a full and interested audience. We have already been approached as to when we are having another such evening.

The speaker this month was Mr. Payne showing us his films of his visit to the Holy Land. Fascinating to see all the places mentioned in the Bible, a lot of the landscape hardly changing over the centuries. It was especially interesting to the writer, whose daughter and friends are on a 2 months visit, living on a kibbutz in Israel.

JEANNE BEAUMONT.

## HARBURY RECREATION GROUND

After the very successful annual carnival and other fund raising events the playing fields committee are endeavouring to complete several current projects. On August 19th, thanks to Chris Macgowan, we hope to level the surrounds of the all-weather cricket surface in the top field. You may have noticed that the back netting and base are now in place so we haven't far to go.



Also on the 19th we are cutting a slice out of the mound in preparation for construction of a fort which we hope the children are going to enjoy. Another proposition is some form of aerial ropeway running down the left arm (allotment side) of the mound.

If you have any suggestions for improvements or additions to the playing fields do not hesitate to contact myself or any committee member.

JOHN HANCOCK.

#### VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Stratford District is innocent OK? admitted Sue Andrews at the Village Hall meeting. They had sent a form for the collection of the Village Hall refuse, but had addressed it to her husband who had thrown it away. She retrieved the form, smoothed it out and completed it. In the meanwhile, both the Chairman and Treasurer had received further copies.

Once again the Committee had been confused by letters from the Local Authorities. Applications for Grant aid for the building of the storage room had elicited replies which merely passed the buck from the Warwickshire Rural Community Council to the County Council, to the Department of Education and Science and to Stratford District Council. Mr. Tudor of the WRCC had volunteered to explain the procedure further and the Secretary gratefully accepted the suggestion that she contact him.

The Fire Report on the Hall recommended minor changes and these will be implemented. Pc Percival sent word that he was concerned that parents were booking the Hall for their children's teenage parties and then not being present themselves. As parents were not there to exercise control over the children he was worried that there might be panic in the event of fire or that the young people might be tempted to take drink into the Hall. It was agreed that the Booking Secretary, Peter Shawcross, would inform him when any booking was made for a teenage party.

Mr. Bingham had been unable to contact the Youth Club organisers about the unpaid hiring fees for the Hall. It was noted that the Village Club now ran Discos, initially on a Wednesday night, but when they were informed that this was the night of the Youth Club they had changed to Monday night. Mr. Harris reported that the Parochial Church Council was anxious that more should be done for the youth of the village and the

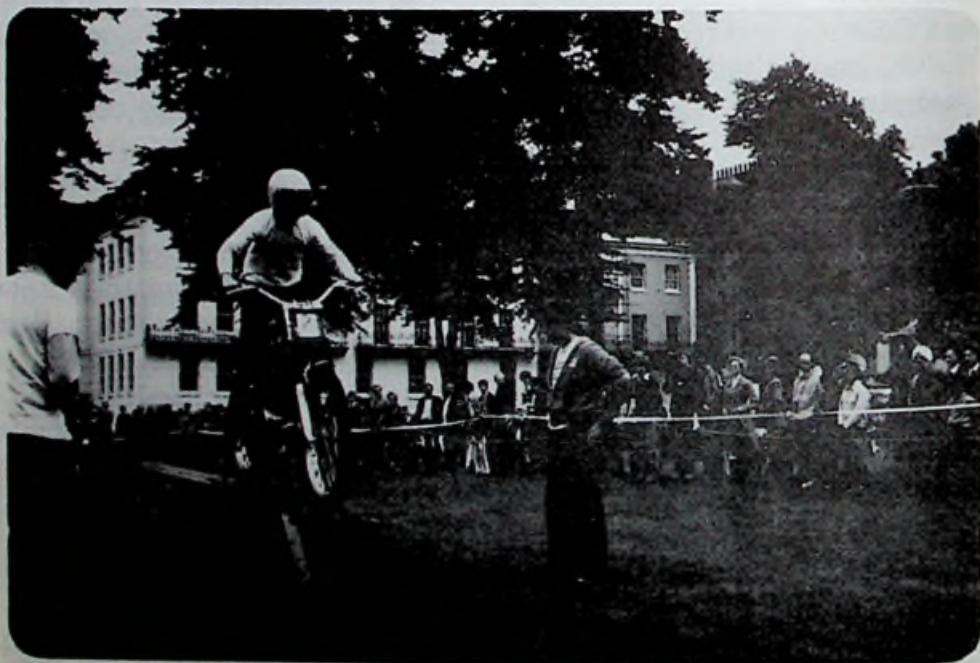
topic will be pursued at the next meeting on September 19, when the insurance for the Flower Show Cups will also be on the agenda.

The Committee then adjourned to the Main Hall to decide upon a colour scheme for the redecoration which will take place in August. The end walls could not be too dark or the Hall would appear too small. They could not be too light or the Badminton players would lose sight of the shuttlecock. Dark brown would not show the wooden beams to advantage but light brown would quickly become finger-marked. Cllr. Ralph Gurden stuck our for red and purple but was overruled in favour of brown with brown contrast. The question of whether the perforated hardboard sound baffles on the end wall should be picked out in darker brown was unresolved.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

#### HARBURY JUBILEE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

July has proved to be a very active month for the club, starting with the display team's appearance at Leamington Carnival, where all the riders performed very creditably over a difficult course of artificial obstacles.



STEVE BUCKLE on the "SEE-SAW"



Despite atrocious weather, a successful trial was held at Ladbroke Hill on 23rd July, by kind permission of Mr. Roger Peel. The event was won by Richard Wright, with Nigel Buck second, and John Bentley third.

After four events this year, a clear pattern has emerged in the Junior Championship: First Richard Wright 60 pts; second Nigel Buck 48 pts; third William Bennett 15 points. The unofficial Senior Championship however is much closer with Christopher Buck 46 pts, Dave Holyoake 45 pts, and John Bentley 33 pts.

Alternate Tuesday evening meetings will continue through August, the next is on the 15th - 8pm Wight School. A. J. B.

#### HARBURY CONSERVATIVE JUMBLE SALE

£13 was made at our Jumble Sale on July 1st held at Temple House (by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Lambert).

Despite odd showers, lots of bargains were grabbed by customers and we were left with enough materials to run another Jumble Sale (watch for the date!) Our thanks to all those who helped in any way. CONSERVATIVE COMMITTEE.

#### HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING JULY 1978

John Hancock risked a rupture moving the Mini-goal from the rear of the Village Hall only to find at the Parish Council meeting that it had been replaced. After a battle of wills Cllr. Geoff Wright succeeded in persuading the youths playing football against the fence to remove the goal. Dr. Hancock explained the Recreation Ground Advisory Committee's plans for the mini-fort.

Although Harbury had only been placed third in the Southern Area of the Best Kept Village Competition the Parish Council was pleased with the condition of its Greens and agreed to Tony Ceney's request for a trailer to carry the small mower to the Pound.

The Chairman arranged with the Vicar for a ceremony to de-consecrate the Burial Grounds Chapel and the hangings and altar would go to the Church. Cllr Wright pointed out that the Chapel would probably then be Rated.

The PC is to ask for further details of the new system of reclaiming double rating from the DC ( it suspects a motive other than tidy accounting) and a further appeal will be made

for concessionary bus passes for O.A.P.s for as Cllr Hancock pointed out, ours is the only DC in Warwickshire not to run such a scheme. Advice will also be sought over the failure of developers at Butte Lane to provide street lighting.

The main excitement came on the subject of the TIP at Bull Ring Farm. An application had been tendered by Harbury Fields Waste Disposal Limited for Planning Permission to tip one million cubic metres of Household Waste, Builders Rubbish and Factory Waste on 45 acres to the NW of Bull Ring Farm. Access to the TIP would be via the Ufton Lane past Flax Hill (which need not exclude the lorries from the village) and would be for any number of vehicles, up to 32 tons. The estimated life of the TIP was 25 years and Mr. Peter Joyce of Northfields had calculated that this represented 160-200 cu metres per day or 27 Skip-lorries every working day for 25 years.

Mr. Harrison was concerned about the TIP's effect on the wildlife in the Nature Reserve; Mr. Bennett of the old Rose smallholding thought smells, rats and seagulls, not to mention smoke, would waft into the village and Mr. David Barden spoke of hedges and verges being killed by the spray thrown up from the wheels of lorries using the tip.

Cllr Ellis was all for briefing counsel, and sending letters of protest to the County and Major Kettle. Cllr. Wright urged caution in the wording of a letter of objection, stressing that the PC must ensure that all its facts were correct and that it did not object to only one aspect of the application but covered every angle.

Cllr. Drinkwater reported that Ufton was also greatly concerned and that although objections should reach the District Planning Officer at 5 Tyler Street, Stratford, before 4th August the matter was unlikely to be discussed by the District Council before their September meeting. It was the number of individual objections that was considered so everyone who felt strongly about the application should write.

Discussion was on the whole reasoned and low-key both on the part of the PC and the public present but there was nevertheless a great concern to preserve the ecology of the Cutting, Reserve and lanes and to protect the health and safety of villagers.



Further matters concerning the Burial Grounds were discussed in private session.

Next Meeting August 24th, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

### IN THE GARDEN

This is often a holiday month and the garden is neglected. Try to find a friend who will at least keep the crops picked and put in the deep freeze until you return.

SOWING. Looking forward to next year, sow cabbages (Suttons April) and Japanese Onion seeds about the middle of the month, also rooted cuttings of strawberries.

Some vegetables will be past their peak but new ones coming along are Sweet Corn, Onions, French Beans, Runner Beans, Peas, Cauliflower, Cabbage, Carrots, Turnips and Cultivated Blackberries, a sowing of all the year round lettuce and also radish.

By now you should be looking forward to the Show on Sept. 9th. There are classes for all ages and cups for most of the classes. It is open to all Harbury residents and members of the Society. Don't be one of those people who when asked what they are going to show, say "Oh I haven't got any show produce worthy of competition". Look around your gardens and you will be surprised at what you can do, and I know the ladies of Harbury can cook.

W. F. LINES.

### HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Plans are now well in hand for the show on September 9th, schedules are now available and there must be at least one class that tempts you. Contact Harold Wilkins, 1 Manor Road, for entry forms or if you are prepared to help out on the day.

A programme of talks etc. for the Autumn and Winter months has now been arranged together with other schemes which will be announced at the first meeting on October 3rd. More details in Harbury News later.

TONY BRUNTON.

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Coventry Museum - Jordan Well, Sun 2-5, other days 10-6.  
Warwick Museum - Market Place, Warwick.  
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Chedworth Roman Villa on the Fosse Way near Fosse Bridge.  
Hailes Abbey near Winchcombe. Ruined Abbey and museum.  
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Kinwarton Dove House. 14th Century - near Alcester.  
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### BEEES BRING HOME SUCCESS!

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. John Home of 23 Frances Road who won seven awards, and a reserve award in the Royal Agricultural Society's bronze medal, in the honey and honey products exhibition at the Royal Show.

### THE UNION FETE

In response to the Harbury Society's appeal for information on various local topics, we received an interesting note from Mr. A.C. Over about this Fete, which was organised by the local branch of the Transport & General Workers' Union,

of which Mr. Over's father was the secretary.

Mr. Over's letter has been passed to those compiling the Harbury Village Guide.

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