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We are sad to have to record the death of Tom Holder, who died after being knocked down by a car a few yards from his home in Mill Street on 13th January. Tom was very actively involved in the Senior Citizens' Benefit Association, and a very popular figure both in the village and at Automotive Products where he worked. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Holder and their son Malcolm.

The A.G.M. of Harbury & Ladbroke News was held on 25th January, when it was reported that we are in pretty good shape, and circulation is rising. We are pleased to welcome Ray Hoare to the Editorial team, in addition to Diana Holt, Sharon Hancock, Gary Picken and John Moore who becomes Chairman of the Committee and therefore an 'ex officio' editor. Peter Holt (advertising) and Graham Faulkner (distribution) both agreed to continue with these tasks, as did treasurer Anne Moore - to everyone's great relief - we know we're very lucky to have three such able people on our side!

Another able and knowledgeable man we welcome to our ranks this month is Mr. W. F. Lines, who has kindly agreed to write regular gardening articles for us. Many of you will know Mr. Lines as a long-established Harburian and an expert gardener, and we look forward to learning many tips from him in the coming months.

FEBRUARYHARBURY DIARY

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| Sun 5th   | 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m. Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism and Confirmation by Bishop John McKie, followed by coffee in the Village Hall. (NO Family Service today). 4p.m. Evensong. |
| Mon 6th   | Prayer Group, 8p.m., Bellever, Ivy Lane.<br>Village Guide Sub-Committee, 8p.m.  |
| Tues 7th  | SHROVE TUESDAY<br>Harbury Friends, 8p.m., School  |
| Wed 8th   | ASH WEDNESDAY<br>Holy Communion at 7.30a.m. and 7.30p.m.  |
| Thurs 9th | Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.<br>Children's Lent Service, 6.30p.m. in Church.   |

- Fri 10th Conservative Branch AGM, 8.30p. m., Wight School  
Southam Round Table Dance, Village Hall.
- Sat 11th Organ Recital in Church by Ian Little, 7.45p. m.  
Paula & The Sunrise at the Club.
- Sun 12th FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT.  
8am. Holy Eucharist. 10a. m. Sung Eucharist(the  
Toddler Group). 4p. m Evensong.
- Tues 14th Motor Cycle Club, 8p.m., Wight School.
- Wed 15th School breaks up. 7.30p.m. Holy Communion.
- Thurs 16th Children's Lent Service in Church, 6.30p. m.  
Crusaders' Junior Disco, 7.30p.m , Wight School.
- Fri 17th Cricket Club Buffet & Disco.
- Sat 18th Stan and the Rustlers at the Club.
- Sun 19th SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT. 8am. Holy Eucharist.  
10a. m Sung Eucharist (the newly confirmed).  
4p. m. Evensong.
- Mon 20th Gymnastics Half Term.
- Tues 21st Back to School. Tufty Club, 2.30p.m., V. Hall.  
Harbury Society talk by WARNACT, 8p. m , Club  
Village Hall Committee, 8p. m., Village Hall - all  
representatives to attend please.
- Wed 22nd Holy Communion, 7.30p. m.
- Thurs 23rd Golden Age, 2.30p m., Village Hall.  
Children's Lent Service in Church, 6.30p. m.  
Parish Council, 7.30p.m., Village Hall.  
Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary Office Sung in  
Church at 8p. m.
- Sat 25th Church Spring Cleaning Morning.  
Brownie/Guide Thinking Day at Village Hall, 2.30  
to 4.30p. m.  
Profusion Road Show at the Club.  
PTA Cheese & Wine Disco at 8p. m. at the School.
- Sun 26th 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m Sung Eucharist.  
4p. m. Evensong. Bike Ride from Club Car Park  
at 10a.m. Footpath Walk from Village Hall, 2.30.
- Tues 28th Young Wives discussion, 2p. m. Village Hall.  
Motor Cycle Club, 8p.m., Wight School.  
Bible Study, 8p. m., Vicarage.

## MARCH

- Wed 1st MU, talk on Labrador, speaker Mrs. Sparshott, 2.30  
at Old Timbers, Ivy Lane. Holy Communion, 7.30p.m.
- Thurs. 2nd Blood Donors, afternoon & early evening, V. Hall.  
Children's Lent Service in Church, 6.30p.m.  
WI, Mr. Lafford talks on Fun Fairs, 7.45, V. Hall.  
Men's Group, 7.45p.m., The Rylands, Dovehouse La.
- Sat 4th Panda 3 at the Club  
Rugby Club Disco, Village Hall
- Sun 5th MOTHERING SUNDAY. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10a.m.  
Sung Eucharist (mothers and children). NO 11.15  
Family Service today. 4p.m. Evensong.
- Wed 8th Holy Communion, 7.30p.m.
- Thurs 9th Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2p.m. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

Special appointments every 3rd Monday.

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

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

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30 every Friday.

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

BICYCLE RIDE, from Club Car Park, 10a.m. last Sunday

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### THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

The first Sunday in February will see the Confirmation and First Communion of thirteen of our young people at 10a.m. I hope that there will be a big congregation to encourage them and welcome them as communicants. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the Village Hall, and an opportunity to meet Bishop McKie socially once again. There will be no



11.15a.m. Service on this Sunday.

The following Wednesday (Feb. 8th) will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Holy Communion will be celebrated at both 7.30a.m. and 7.30p.m. On all the Wednesdays of Lent there will be a Eucharist at 7.30p.m. which, I hope, will meet the needs of a number of people for an additional Lenten service. On all the other weekdays, of course, the Eucharist is at 7.30a.m., except on Thursdays when it is at 9.45a.m.

The "Children's Special" will be in Church on the Thursdays of Lent at 6.30p.m. beginning on February 9th.

I would like to draw your attention to the A.C.S. boxes which are now on the table inside Church. If you take one for Lent, please write your name and address on the paper provided and return the box to Mrs. Anne Moore, 23 Mill Street, at Easter. Mrs. Moore has now taken over the post of our parish secretary for A.C.S. (Additional Curates Society), and we are fortunate in having Canon Churchill, who is Diocesan Secretary, living in the parish. A.C.S. is a Home Mission, and England is now a missionary field. One thing it does is, by means of grants, to enable populous parishes to have additional assistant curates which they could not otherwise afford, and another is to foster vocations to the Ministry. On the Church door, for example, you can see a notice about a 'Conference on Christian Vocation and Priesthood', for young men aged 15 to 21, from 31st March to 2nd April, at S. Stephen's House, Oxford, organised and subsidised by A.C.S. (further particulars from the parish clergy). We are this year keeping 16th April as an A.C.S. Sunday.

We mourn the passing of Mr. Frank Walton, who for so many years was the standard bearer of the local branch of the Royal British Legion.

The tragic death of Mr. Thomas Holder was a shock to the village. He was a good friend to many, and was particularly active in the Senior Citizens' Benefit Association.

Mr. Taylor, who was living in Warwick, was the father of Mrs. Boardman of Western House, and had reached a remarkable age.

Miss Cleaver, who went to Cumbria  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years ago, had lived most of her life in Harbury, and had done a tremendous amount for the Church and the village. She had been our PCC

Secretary and a Sidesman, and President of the W.I. A skilled woodworker, she made and gave several articles now in the Church, including the bookcase for the prayer books and hymn books.

May God grant to them an increase of refreshment, light and peace in His nearer Presence, and to those who are bereaved His comfort and guidance.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

F. R. Mackley.

### Holy Baptism

Jan. 15th. Naomi Clare Williams, 30 Manor Orchard.

Joanne Merrick, 63 Campion Road, Leamington Spa.

### Holy Matrimony

December 30th. James Hampton to Jennifer Mary Critchley.

### Funeral Services

January 5th. Frank Charles Walton, 36 Frances Road, aged 84 years.

January 19th. Thomas Victor Holder, 24 Mill Street, aged 57 years.

January 20th. James William Francis Taylor, Western House, aged 90 years.

January 23rd. Doris Annie Cleaver, Aviemore, Foxfield Road, Broughton in Furness, Cumbria, aged 75 years.

### From the Churchwardens

Having run a creche on Sunday mornings for three months, it has been decided that there has not been sufficient use made of it to justify continuing this service. However, should further demand arise later, consideration will be given to resuming the creche. We would emphasise that parents are very welcome to bring small children and babies to the 10a. m. (or indeed any other) Service, and we are greatly encouraged that a number of parents regularly do this. From Sunday, 12th Feb. we shall be serving coffee in Church after the 10a. m. service, and hope many will stay for refreshment and a chat. Coffee will not generally be served on the first Sunday in the month, when we have a family service at 11.15. However, there will be no family service on 5th February, the day of the Confirmation (when coffee will be in Village Hall), or on 5th March, when we shall have a Mothering Sunday Family Communion at 10a. m., which will be followed by coffee.



The Church Annual Vestry and Annual Parochial Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 18th April. There will be more details of this in the next issue, but please make a note of the date now. The electoral roll is being revised this year, and all those on the electoral roll already and those wishing to be placed on the roll will have to complete a form. Copies of the form are on the table in Church. One of the items in the report on the previous year's activities will be the encouraging news that the number of communicants increased by 32% last year over the previous year, and was in fact the highest for very many years.

The first meeting of the prayer group proved a stimulating and valuable time of quiet meditation and intercession, and it is hoped that many more of our congregation will share in the next meeting on 6th February. Items for prayer will be welcomed and should be entered in the book in Church or handed to Sara Bennett.

### CRUSADERS

In Harbury Crusaders we have started a new interest group called the communications group. We keep the class log book and produce a 'Crus News' which is a newsletter which comes out three times a year. For this letter and the photographs we put in it we need some money, so we are having a Disco for the under 16s at the Wight School on 16th February from 7.30 to 10p.m. The tickets can be obtained from any person who is in the communications group and it will cost 20p per ticket.

SARAH WRIGHT.

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### LADBROKE NEWS

Services for February and early March

Sun. 5th Feb. QUINQUAGESIMA. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion, 11a.m. Family Service.

Wed. 8th Feb. ASH WEDNESDAY. 9a.m. Children's Eucharist, 3.30p.m. Women's Fellowship in Church. 7.30p.m. Holy Communion.

Sun. 12th Feb. LENT I. 11a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns, 3.30p.m. Evensong.

Sun. 19th Feb. LENT II. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion. 11a.m. Matins.



Sun. 26th Feb. LENT III. 11a.m Holy Communion with Hymns.  
3.30p.m. Evensong.

Thurs. 2nd March. 7.45p.m., Men's Group at Harbury.

Sun. 5th March. MOTHERING SUNDAY (LENT IV). 8.30a.m.

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

ECUMENICAL MOTHERING DAY SERVICE,

Preacher Rev. P. Watherston.

Wed. 8th March. 3.30p.m. Women's Fellowship in School.

Sun. 12th March. PASSION SUNDAY (LENT V). 11a.m. Holy

Communion with Hymns (the Rev. T. Knight,

O.B.E., R.D.). 3.30p.m. Evensong, (Mr.

J. W. T. Rogers).

### Women's Fellowship

Owing to illness and inclement weather a number of our members were unable to be present at our first meeting of the year. Mrs. Edwards reported that our funds were in good shape and was thanked for her work of Treasurer. Suggestions were put forward for future meetings; Feb. 8th, 3.30p.m., service in Church followed by tea at the School. March 8th, meeting in School, speaker Mrs. Winkfield.

### Ladbroke C.E. School

I regret to have to say that the Secretary of State for Education and Science has accepted the scheme put forward by the County last May, and this involves the closure of Ladbroke and Ufton Schools. The Managers had put in an objection, but the Secretary of State has not accepted it. There is nothing more the Managers can do. The scheme put forward by the County involves the building of a new one-form entry Church of England Aided School at Southam for pupils aged 5 to 8. If children in that age group went there they would, I think, get transport provided. The children between 8 and 12 would go to the Southam Middle School or, possibly, to the Harbury Combined School.

Some time before the Ladbroke School closes in July 1979, the County Authorities will consult parents as to the schools to which they wish their children to go. They will only provide transport for children under 8, and only to the school chosen by the majority of parents. I propose to summon a parents' meeting later in the term and to ask the Area Education Officer

to attend to answer any questions. Meanwhile, please accept the above explanations as mine and not official from Warwick; though they are the result of past experience of what happens when schools are closed.

G. R. Fishley, Chairman of the Managers

We extend our deep sympathy to Mrs. Presland and to Mr. and Mrs. Timms in the loss of Mr. Presland. He had settled very happily among us and will be greatly missed. G.R.F.

#### Extract from the Registers

Holy Baptism. 8th January, 1978, Simon Anthony Peel.

Funeral. 26th January, 1978, Leslie Presland, followed by cremation.

#### W.I.

At the meeting on 26th January, Mr. Stephen Morley of "Hair Care" gave us the thorough basics of the three C's - Cut, Condition and Curl. On February 23rd there will be a talk by Mr. Thorpe, a local Vet.

Stop Press: A JUMBLE SALE will be held at 10.30a.m. on Saturday, 4th February - jumble collection point is Mrs. Bennett, Woodlands, Ladbroke.

A Whist Drive is to be held after Easter. Plans are to be considered for outings - organised but not paid for by W.I. I.B.

#### Ladbroke Parish Council

On 11th January, all Councillors were present, plus several members of the public.

Jubilee Trees - plans sent to statutory undertakers.

Post Office - Official closure on 31st January. The post box is to be re-sited and the Post Office asked to affix a stamp machine. Suggested that a presentation to the Post Mistress, Mrs. Offord, should be made, and Cllr. Badman to start collecting.

Fire Fighting - Cllr. Badman gave report on village meeting.

The Smorfitt Footpath - new owner has agreed to let the path be levelled over and hardcore and gravel be laid. Legal formalities to go through first.

Parish Rate - .9p rate precept to be asked for.

Parish District Council elections to take place in 1979.

Next meeting - Tuesday 14th February at 7.30p m. I.B.



### Ladbroke Parish Church

Complete revision of the Electoral Roll takes place this year. Forms will be circulated soon so please do join in and fill them up and encourage new members please.

We are delighted that Mrs. Offord has come through her recent operation successfully, and wish her a full and speedy recovery.

P.S.F.

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### HARBURY SCHOOL

This term we welcome Mrs. Catherine Eastaff who joins the teaching staff in place of Mrs. Taylor.

After a wait of over 3 years we have at last been able to obtain some swimming time in Leamington Swimming Pool, so the top two year groups now go to Leamington every Tuesday morning. This is both cheaper and more convenient, for it is important that the older children have experience in deep water as well as our own pool.

Any parents or friends who have visited the school this term will have noticed that we have lost a number of shrubs from our immediate surroundings, and that quite a large area of turf is being removed from the field near the swimming pool. The turf is coming from an area which is designated as an extra playground, and the shrubs have been removed from those areas which will be affected by extensions to the buildings. Both turf and shrubs which have been removed will be used for other educational establishments.

As Easter is early this year, the Spring term is very short. The lower Juniors' have started practising for their "Toad of Toad Hall" musical, which will be put on at the end of term.

N.C. OLIVER.

### P.T.A.

First I must apologise for giving you the wrong date for the Cheese, Wine & Disco. The correct date is Saturday, 25th February, 8p.m. to midnight, in the School Hall. Tickets are 75p each including food. Secondly, the date for Quiz Night is different from that shown in the PTA membership diary. It appears that our original date clashed with the domino league in the Club, so we have changed our date to April 26th.

We had a fascinating evening on 25th January, discussing the merits of 'health foods'. Because of the interest shown, a cookery demonstration, using organic and non-refined ingredients, is to be arranged - details later.

As Harbury School is soon to be a Middle/Combined School, you will certainly find our meeting on 15th March of interest, as it deals with this subject and the problems likely to be faced by both pupils and staff.

ANNE MEGENEY. Secretary.

### FIRST HARBURY SCOUTS

The troop has resumed meetings after Christmas, and has welcomed Simon Woodward and Andrew Holt who have just come up from the Cubs. This brings the troop to full strength of twenty-four.

The programme is concentrating particularly on pioneering and will shortly be recommencing canoeing in preparation for the summer camp. This will be held from 12th to 26th August at Newbridge, on the River Thames near Witney.

Congratulations to Stephen Hunt and Bryan Thomas on achieving their Scout Standard, and to Anthony Jones and Robert Hughes who have been confirmed as Assistant Patrol Leaders. We still urgently require Leaders to assist with the troop - John Knight will be pleased to hear from anybody interested, on 612029.

### MOTHERS' UNION

At the MU meeting in January, the Reverend Tom Knight, Rector of Southam, gave an interesting and informative talk about his life in Singapore, with the help of excellent colour slides and several amusing anecdotes. Members were able to imagine just how fascinating (if somewhat different!) life is on the other side of the world.

On Friday, 13th January, MU members held their Christmas Supper Party at the home of Mrs. Hogben, who had worked extremely hard to prepare a really delicious meal which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. ANNE MOORE.

### CORN DOLLIES

A 6-week course of corn dolly making will begin at Harbury School on Wed. 15th February, at 7.30p.m. The course will be taken by Mrs. Dronfield - do come along and learn about this interesting craft, which is not as hard as it looks.



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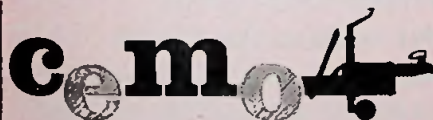
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Although it's early days yet, we already have some kind people making things for the handicrafts stall. If you are willing to make something for this stall, or if you have any bits of material or old tights (for stuffing toys etc.), do please get in touch with Annette Hughes. She lives at Leamington House, next door to the Post Office, her telephone number is 612273, and she will be delighted to hear from you.

If you are willing to help in any other way, Sara Bennett (612618) or Diana Holt (612790), are the ones to get in touch with, and they will be pleased to receive offers of (almost!) any kind!

Thank you for your interest - see you on the 29th! D.HOLT.

## BADMINTON CLUB

The Club is as lively as ever, with a full programme of matches and active club nights. The two mixed teams are having fluctuating fortunes, both being near the middle of their respective leagues. The men's and ladies' team is faring better, having only lost one match. Most marriage-breaking match of the season was the 2nd team match at Henley which ended up with the participants arriving home at 2a.m. on an icy night.

On the social front, a good time was had by all at a tournament before Christmas; the standard of play was much enhanced by food and wine. The trophy was won after an exciting final by Brian Meecham and Barbara Wilson. Several members had a lively evening at a Barn Dance organised by the local league committee, and a larger party intend going to the AP Badminton Dance in April.

The junior section is still flourishing, sessions now being held 6-8p.m. on Wednesdays and 10-12 noon on Sundays. Some of the juniors are also participating in matches with varying degrees of success. The Wednesday sessions are almost too popular, with about 20 youngsters fighting for court time. Any ideas for fitting another court in the Hall welcomed! K.P.

## HARBURY ALBION

I am afraid I have not much to report this month, as both teams' progress is very slow and we just hope for better things to come.

I would like to thank all those who supported at the New Year Dance, and also thank Mr. & Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Boneham, L. Sollis, M. Perry and all those who made it a success. I would welcome anyone, young or older, who is interested in joining the Football Committee, as we are pushed for helpers at the moment. Thank you.

BILL STEVENS. Tel: 612145.

## LADIES' NETBALL CLUB

With half the season gone, the A side is doing very well, having lost only one of their 12 matches. The B team, although less successful, have been enjoying themselves. Both sides would appreciate more support at their home matches, which are played at the Wight School. Watch the paper shop window for dates.

Practices are held at Kineton High School on Thursdays, and any 'girls' interested in coming to these, or playing for the club, should ring Mrs. Anne Badger on 613186.

CAROL GRINNELL, Hon. Sec.

## HARBURY JUBILEE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

We had a full house at our Film Show in January. Films included road racing, drag racing, a land speed record attempt, and the MotoCross Grand Prix at Hawkestone Park. Thanks are due to Messrs. Burmah Castrol, Girling and Goodyear for the films. Thank you to all who so generously provided raffle prizes, and to Hunts Stores who organised the refreshment supplies. Also to our ladies who did a brisk trade in Coke, crisps etc., and those who helped to clear up afterwards. An enjoyable evening, which we shall repeat towards the end of the year. We now have some cash available so that we can finish off the CZ.

Our next Training Trial will be soon - details from club members or 23 Mill Street - and Feb. 14th is the next Wight School meeting, at 8 p.m.



Mr. Holyoake, of the Bull Ring Garage, has very generously offered his workshop facilities and advice to the club for 'practical evenings' - a valuable facility for which we are grateful.

JBM.

### THEATRE GROUP

As far as we are concerned at the moment, I think it's a case of 'Somebody up there likes us'. Our production of 'A Christmas Carol' with the Windmill Singers was a resounding success, we had a marvellous Christmas Party thanks to Sally Stringer and Beryl Checkley, and our next play has already been cast and is in rehearsal.

Do you realise that we had a total audience of over 1,000 people for 'A Christmas Carol'? That's more than our last four plays put together! We appreciate that a good percentage of you might have come to see the Windmill Singers and not us, but thank you all for coming.

Our next play is to be Pygmalion, by Shaw, and you should have seen the crowd at the play reading! John and Sally's house was bursting at the seams. There were so many people, in fact, that we would have considered them a good audience a year ago! So make a date in your diary - 7th and 8th April. We have a very strong cast for this one and I can promise you it's going to be good.

KEITH HAYES.



Do you know of an adult who has difficulties with reading, writing, spelling or basic English? There are about 12 men and women attending a class at Southam School designed to help with these problems. The class,

which is held on a Monday evening from 7.30 to 9, is organised on a friendly and informal basis; the fee is 65p a term. It is run by two tutors who are assisted by a number of voluntary tutors - which means that each student has individual attention.

If anyone would like further details, please contact me or Mrs. Sheila Cooper, Adult Education Office, Mid-Warks. College of Further Education, Warwick New Road, Leamington Spa (tel: Leamington 26766). M. THOMPSON, Harbury 612050.

## WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY LIBRARY, Harbury Branch

I should like to draw your attention to the location of and services offered by the Harbury Branch Library. It is in the Wight School, High Street, and is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10.30a.m. to 1p.m., from 2p.m. to 5p.m., and from 5.30p.m. to 7p.m. There is a stock of about 7,000 books covering adult fiction and non-fiction, and a separate section for children, a small reference section, and a section devoted to local history, including the relevant volume of the Victoria County History of Warwickshire dealing with Harbury. The branch library can call on the resources of the whole county, and books not in stock can be obtained on request, and the staff will be happy to help you in any way possible. REG CHAMPION, Branch Librarian.

### W.I.

December and January were eventful months, with a visit to Buckingham Palace, a social evening with a talk on house plants, our cake stall at the Christmas Bazaar, an outing to Chesford Grange, a tea party at the Central Hospital, a Carol Service, a cosmetics demonstration and a cookery demonstration at Warwick! We congratulate Mrs. Davis on being appointed Southam Area Chairman of Home Economics - we already have Mrs. Middleton as Southam Area Group Convenor. We wish Mrs. D. Mosely and her husband every success in their new life in Cornwall. We are now making plans for our Diamond Jubilee celebrations in February, which will be a memorable evening. J. BEAUMONT.

### JANUARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This month Wagstaffe Close, en mass, went to the PC meeting and was impressed. (The seats are very hard.) Cunningly, their item was placed last so they saw deliberations on: Conservation areas - Final report in production. Skateboarding - no money for a run, though Denis Howell said it's here to stay, "look at his effect on the drought" (Cllr. Hancock). Fun Fairs - an amenity for the young, PC inform Mrs. Keir who complained of 'noise pollution'. They must balance all interests and the June Fair is not yet confirmed. Electoral Procedure changes incensed Cllr. Ellis. Electing one District Cllr. every year, instead of all three every three



years, wasted money. Cllr. Wright proposed discussing changes at the Area PCs Meeting. District Auditor suggested reviewing Burial Charges but Sub-Cttee opposed this. Doubling charges raised little extra income, said Cllr. Hancock, and Cllr. Wilkins argued OAPs would be worst hit.

Vacancy for Cemetery and Greenkeeper is to be 'more aggressively advertised', possibly as 3 separate posts now the PC has examined the tasks. 'The previous standard will probably have to be reduced.' PC nightmare - developers renaging on street light provision - after three reminders the Butt Lane developer indicated he'd only provide two of the seven lamps. A site meeting and legal advice is sought, but as Cllr. Atkins said, 'What can you do - we are faced with a man who uses a Duplicate Book for his letters.'

Upgrading lighting in Farm Street and Deppers is cheaper than adding lamps, and Cllr. Atkins is arranging sample improvement. The PC provides Footway, not Road lighting, though estates are so good the rest seems poor, and Cllr. Hancock wondered if poor lighting contributed to the Mill St. fatality. Wagstaffe Close's petition argued closing the Mill St. entrance of the school to children, and opening a gate in Wagstaffe Cl., merely transferred the danger for residents and users alike, for the Close was long and narrow with only one footpath. The PC was sensible of the dangers. Cllr. Ellis thought absurd the Education Dept. belief that parents won't drive down the Close, when repeated requests from Mr. Oliver failed to prevent motorists using Back Lane. The Chairman said they ignored the advice of the School Managers who foresaw the dangers when the school was built. Cllr. Wright suggested the problem wouldn't be solved until a new vehicular access and car park was created off Park Lane. He proposed a site meeting at 8.45a.m. on a wet morning when Education Officials might more fully appreciate the problem.

Next meeting, Thurs. 23rd Feb. at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Annual Parish Meeting, April 13th in the Village Hall.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

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If anyone would be interested in forming a HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, Mr. Lines would be prepared to organise it. The aims would be general initially. Contact Mr. Lines at No.16 Binswood End, tel: 612651.

## HARBURY SOCIETY

Social at the Crown Inn: Once again our apologies to those who were unable to get tickets for this most popular event. The New Modern Idiot Grunt Band was an experience indeed! It has apparently been termed Punk Folk, but whether it is Folk's answer to Punk or Punk's reply to Folk was not made clear - although I suspect the latter is more likely. Be that as it may, they (all two of them) were interesting to say the least, and the two best-received songs of the evening were undoubtedly the ballad 'Curly' and the very clever 'Desert Rock' (and I ran and Iran and Iran). My thanks to everyone who kept them in beer, and I am sorry to report that we were unable to discover the name of the many-horned instrument they played - we believe it to be unique.

Prizes were won by Mr. Edwards, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Hunt and Mr. Stobo, and £18 was raised for Society funds.

The next event will be on Tuesday 21st February at 8p.m. when there will be a talk on the work of Warnact at the Village Club in the annex of the main room. All are welcome.

The AGM and a talk on local history will be in March, there will be a field walk in May, and positively the last Mystery Tour will take place in early June.

It is possible that the Parish Council will require help (at short notice) in planting all the trees it will receive under the Warks. County Council Free Tree Scheme. If anyone is willing to help will they contact the Secretary of the Harbury Society, Linda Ridgley, 7 Wagstaffe Close, Harbury 612792, or the Clerk to the Parish Council at 2 Margaret Close. LR.

## HARBURY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

At the January meeting of the Village Hall Committee it was agreed to invite all representatives of village organisations to attend the February meeting (at 8p.m. on Tuesday, 21st February at the Village Hall) to discuss the financing and building of a storage room at the Hall.

## IN THE GARDEN

Having had two difficult seasons for gardening, I think we should look forward to a better year in 1978. Stop and think; what did I do wrong and also what did I do right.

If you have a greenhouse or cold frame, then you should



wash down all the glass and woodwork with Jeyes Fluid, and also treat the soil with Jeyes Fluid, but only at the strength given in the instructions.

For early rhubarb, cover with an old dustbin or wooden box, as this is one of the earliest fruits.

Broad beans can be planted at the end of the month, weather permitting, and also shallots.

Do not plant when the ground is wet. Raspberry canes should be tied up to prevent wind damage, and roses should be cut down to at least within a foot of the ground.

Spring cabbage require a sprinkling of fertilizer around the plants either Sulphate of Ammonia or Growmore. To produce early potatoes (Pentland Javelin or Arron Pilot) place same in a seed box either in peat or compost and they will form roots and can be transplanted at a later date.

Inspect your dahlia tubers. Purchase onion sets to plant out in March.

If you find you have backache or stiffness after gardening, then relax in a hot bath.

W. F. LINES.

### DOCTOR BILL ALLEN



Bill Allen has recently been appointed Curator of the Warwickshire Museum, based in the Market Place in Warwick. A native of Aberdeen, he gained his Doctorate in Geology at Edinburgh University, taking up a post at Glasgow University Museum, in charge of their mineral

collection. In 1972, with deep misgivings, he ventured south to take up the position of Assistant Curator of the Warwickshire Museum, and came to live in Harbury. He and his family (his wife Ann and daughters Victoria, Susan and Kirsty), are well settled in the village, which he feels could only be improved by moving it 300 miles northward!

Congratulations, Bill - we hope to cover some aspects of the work of the Museum in a later issue.

JBM.

## KALEIDOSCOPE

You may remember my saying recently that there was a mass exodus from Manor Orchard, and I'm happy to welcome two new families to redress the balance! In No. 20 are the Webbs from Whitnash; Jackie works for the County Council and Alan is a fireman; and in No. 19 the Cook family from Bletchley consists of Brian and Veronica with David, 6, Sarah, 3, plus 2 rabbits and 2 cats!.....Welcome also to David and Christine Holyoake, the new owners of the Bull Ring Garage, and watch for a feature in this magazine soon on David's exciting career to date and his plans for the garage....."Skateboarding is here to stay" seems the current slogan, and Harbury Recreation Ground Committee are examining various long and short term facilities, grants etc. Peter Holt would welcome suggestions both for this and other sports possibilities at the Playing Fields, so tell him your ideas. In the meantime the School playground is not in use again until March because of weather, and new skateboard owners are not waiting for the sunshine. I don't blame you either, but along with demonstrating your skating expertise could you throw in a bit of common sense please, and use the hard play area at the Playing Fields? It's unsupervised, so watch for little spectators, and if it's not ideal it is at least safe for the time being - a lot safer than Heber Drive or Farley Avenue which tend to get used by cars and pedestrians, both of which got there first!.....Is there anyone who could teach my left-handed 6 year old, Emily, to do simple tasks like tying laces, threading a needle etc., all impossible for her right-handed family to help with?!.....Many thanks for help and sympathy during our continuing seige against the Gas Board! After no heating or hot water for several weeks we've lost enthusiasm for "the simple life" although the bathing embargo hasn't exactly left the children distraught! We fight on though, frostbite permitting!.....Quote of the month from me to the WMGB: "The reasonable man adapts himself to the world: the unreasonable man persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man". Who said it? GBS of course!

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.



## CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

### DRAINS

Through your magazine, may I request 'someone' living in Deppers Bridge please to cease using the communal drainage system as a means of disposing of rubbish?

The main sewer runs at the rear of houses on the north side of the road and the branch from those dwellings on the south side connects in a manhole in my garden. Yesterday, by chance, I discovered one of my gulleys was about to discharge someone else's effluent over my footpath. Fortunately, the blockage was within reach of the drain rods kindly loaned by a helpful neighbour, and at the end of some 2 hours' revolting activities I was able to remove from the main sewer a bundle of odious rags larger than a football, and the flooding of my, and adjoining, property was averted. This was by no means an isolated incident as a number of blockages have occurred over the years when on numerous occasions the local Sanitary organisation has had to be called upon to rod the sewer. The manhole in my garden is shallow and therefore gives first indication of the pending crisis. Salvation at one time came speedily from the Maintenance personnel based in Southam, but now crucial time is lost as this succour has to journey from Stratford (no wonder the rates increase!)

As I never wish again to see the inside of an inspection chamber, may I appeal for the collaboration of the residents in the use of WCs, gulleys and drains for the purposes for which they were designed? CYRIL M. TOWNEND, A.R.I.B.A.

Dear Editors,

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all our friends and neighbours who helped us after our unintentional 'house warming' last week. At one time there must have been half a dozen washing machines going, all full of our washing.

I don't know what we would have done without their help.

CHRIS & MICK ROSS.

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