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For Ladbroke Services see inside.

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With your magazine this month comes a FREE GIFT - with the compliments of Harbury Church. It is the new edition of the Harbury Directory, containing all sorts of useful information about the village and its facilities. Extra copies are available on request from Diana Holt, 15 Wagstaffe Close, telephone 612790, and we hope you will find this Directory helpful.

Elsewhere in the magazine is an important request from the Headmaster of Harbury School - if you have young children do please read it and contact the school if it applies to you.

HARBURY DIARY

MARCH

- Sun. 5th MOTHERING SUNDAY. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10a.m. Sung Eucharist(Mothers & Children)with Mothering Sunday cards. NO 11.15a.m. Family Service today. 4p.m. Evensong.
- Tues. 7th Meeting to form local Horticultural Society, 7.30pm. at Wight School. All welcome.
- Wed. 8th Holy Communion, 7.30p.m.
Theatre Group meeting, the Club, 8p.m.
- Thurs. 9th Golden Age, 2.30p.m. at Village Hall.
Children's Lent Service, Church, 6.30p.m.
Crusaders' Arts & Crafts Evening.
- Sat. 11th Music at the Club.
- Sun. 12th PASSION SUNDAY. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10a.m. Sung Eucharist(Harbury Friends), 4p.m. Evensong.
- Tues. 14th Prayer Group, 8p.m., 15 Wagstaffe Close.
Harbury Friends AGM & Beetle Drive, 8p.m. at the School.
Motor Cycle Club, 8p.m., Wight School.
- Wed. 15th PTA, talk on life in Middle/Combined School, 8p.m. in the School Hall.
- Thurs. 16th W.I. Jumble Sale, Village Hall.
2.30p.m. MU Deanery Festival Service, Long Itchington.
Children's Lent Service, Church, 6.30p.m.

- 'Toad of Toad Hall' (Lower Juniors' production),
School, 7p.m.
Deanery Synod, Welfare Centre, Southam, 7.45p.m.
- Fri. 17th 'Toad of Toad Hall' as above.
Southam School PTA Dance, 9-1, tickets from school
or Jerry Parker, 10 Penelope Close.
- Sat. 18th NSPCC Children's Disco, Village Hall, for 8-16 year
olds. 7.30-10.30. Tickets 30p.
Stan and the Rustlers at the Club.
- Sun. 19th PALM SUNDAY. 8a.m. Palms and Holy Eucharist,
10a.m. Palms and Palm Procession with Sung
Eucharist(Ballet School), 6.30p.m. Evensong.
- Mon. 20th Last Gymnastics of term.
- Tues. 21st Tufty Club, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
6.30p.m, Preparation Service for Easter Communion
especially for young communicants.
Harbury Society AGM and talk by Charles Lines on
'Unknown Warwickshire', 7.45p.m., the Club.
8p.m. Bible Studies at the Vicarage.
- Wed. 22nd School breaks up.
7.30p.m. 'God so loved the world', a Deanery
Choral Service for Choirs and Congregations, in
Southam Parish Church.
- Thurs. 23rd Maundy Thursday, service times to be announced.
Golden Age, 2.30p.m. at the Village Hall.
Parish Council, 7.30p.m. at the Village Hall.
- Fri. 24th Good Friday, service times to be announced but
will include the Three Hour service, 12-3p.m.
- Sat. 25th Farrier's Forge at the Club.
- Sun. 26th EASTER DAY, 8a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10a.m.
Procession and Sung Eucharist(PCC), 6.30p.m.
Evensong, procession and Te Deum.
Bicycle Ride, 10a.m. from Club Carpark.
Footpath Walk, 2.30p.m. from Village Hall.
- Mon. 27th Easter Monday, Charity Dance in aid of Cystic
Fibrosis and Cancer Research, Village Hall, 9-1,
'Purple Porridge', tickets £1 from Geoff Healey.
- Tues. 28th Motor Cycle Club, 8p.m. Wight School.

APRIL

- Sun. 2nd Low Sunday, 8a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10a.m. Sung Eucharist(Harbury Club), 6.30p.m. Evensong.
- Tues. 4th Harbury News Committee, 15 Wagstaffe Close, 8.30.
- Wed. 5th MU Discussion Meeting, Old Timbers, 2.30p.m.
- Thurs. 6th W.I., Mrs. Burdett on Flower Arranging, 7.45 in the Village Hall.
- Fri. 7th Theatre Group's performance of Shaw's play 'PYGMALION', at the Village Hall
- Sat. 8th 'PYGMALION'do.....
- Sun. 9th 8a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10a.m. Sung Eucharist (Youth Club), 6.30p.m. Evensong.
- Mon. 10th School starts.
- Tues. 11th Golden Age, 2.30p.m. Village Hall.
Harbury Friends, 8p.m. at the School.
- Thurs. 13th Annual Parish Meeting, 7.30p.m. Village Hall.
- Sat. 15th Jumble Sale, Village Hall, to raise funds to publish the Guide to Harbury.
Cathedral Choir in Harbury Church(see 'Bar Lines')
- 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, 6.30p.m. every Friday.
- FOOTPATH ASSOC., Village Hall, 2.30p.m. last Sunday.
- BICYCLE RIDE, from Club carpark, 10a.m. last Sunday.
- ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.
DATES FOR INCLUSION PLEASE TO LINDA RIDGLEY, tel. 612792, or SARA BENNETT, tel. 612618.

*****Don't forget the Church SPRING FAIR,
Sat. 29th April, in the Village Hall*****

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

"To my God, a heart of flame;

"To my neighbour, a heart of love;

"To myself, a heart of steel."

This quotation (from St. Augustine) was used by Bishop McKie in his address at the Confirmation on 5th February. I commend it, not only to the newly confirmed, but to all of us, and not only during Lent but at all other times too. May we be aflame with devotion to God, have a genuine and loving care for our neighbour, and maintain a steely self-discipline towards ourselves, including a firmness in keeping our Rule of Life concerning our religious duties (not always easy when there are so many distractions).

The Confirmation was a very happy occasion. It was a wonderful experience to have the complete 3-fold act of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion) all in one service.

We express our thanks and appreciation to all those who helped with the great Spring Clean in Church on Saturday, 25th February, and also to Mrs. Sollis and Mrs. Jennings for keeping the Church so beautifully clean throughout the year.

We mourn the passing of Mr. Jennings, who was a devoted husband and father and grandpa. He was a regular worshipper in Church, and a great help in many ways. He used to transport our Harvest produce to St. Anne's Children's Home in Leamington. He was on duty at the First Aid post on the Royal Show Ground, and has given instruction in First Aid to the Girl Guides and other groups. May God grant eternal rest to him, and comfort to those who are bereaved.

Passiontide and Easter will soon be here. I hope that everyone will try to make good use of the services during Holy Week and especially on Good Friday. At Easter all who have been confirmed should make their Communion after due preparation. A list of times before Easter when absolution may be received (i.e. when forgiveness may be received in God's own appointed sacramental way) will be found on the notice board inside Church, and of course the clergy are always willing to give instruction or help about confession. On Easter morning we shall be singing an Easter Communion

Hymn written by our friend the Revd. Tony Upton.

Our Diocesan Bishop (Bishop John Gibbs) will, all well, be visiting us for our Parish Eucharist at 10a. m. on September 10th. This is still some time ahead, but we are looking forward to it.

A happy Easter.

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

Holy Baptism

Feb. 5th Rebecca Wright, 'Aitnarf', The Beeches.

Sarah Wright, 'Aitnarf', the Beeches.

Feb. 26th Colin Rowell, 69 Mayfield Road, Southam.

Confirmation

Feb. 5th Richard Lowe, 4 Vicarage Lane.

Ian Lowe, 4 Vicarage Lane

Tracey White, 7 Dickens Road

and the young people photographed after the service

by R. W. Tennant:



Back Row, 1 to r, Canon Churchill, Kevin Green, Robert Hughes, Rebecca Wright, Sarah Wright, Sarah Walters, Jacqueline Upton, The Vicar. Front Row, 1 to r, Britt Ingram, Louise Healey, Bishop McKie, Alison Baldwin and Joanne Cowper.

Funeral Service and Holy Burial

March 1st. Eric Smith Jennings, 1 Farm Street, aged 70yrs.

From the Churchwardens

Coffee after the 10a. m. Service has been very much appreciated, especially on the particularly cold days. We're grateful to all those who have volunteered to make and serve coffee, and should appreciate offers of help for the next couple of months.

The Confirmation was a happy occasion and it has been good to see most of the newly confirmed young people in Church week by week.

We are most grateful to those stalwarts who turned up to help with the spring cleaning day, and suffered hair full of black cobwebs, eyes and noses full of dust and, in one case, glass in the knee! However, it's done now and the walls and windows are now shining clean - well clean - for another year.

Details of the Easter services are to be found in the Diary, and we look forward to a joyous season.

The Church Annual Meeting is on Tuesday, 18th April. This is in fact two meetings, the first is known as the Easter Vestry and its main purpose is to elect the two Churchwardens. This is followed by the annual church meeting which receives the annual accounts, various reports on the year's work, and worship, and at which the PCC and sidesmen are elected. All residents in the parish over the age of 17 are entitled to come and vote at the Easter Vestry, but only those on the electoral roll may vote at the annual church meeting. As we mentioned last month, the roll is now being revised and all those who are now on the roll will have to fill in a form of application to be entered on the roll, as will newcomers to the roll. Forms are available at the back of the church, and these should be completed by 10th March.

LADBROKE NEWS

Services, etc. for March and early April, 1978

Sunday, 5th March, MOTHERING SUNDAY(Lent IV), 8.30a.m.

Holy Communion, 11a.m. Matins, 3.30p.m. Ecumenical
Mothering Day Family Service, preacher Rev. Peter
Watherston.

Wednesday, 8th March, 3.30p.m., Women's Fellowship in
School, speaker Mrs. Winkfield.

Sunday, 12th March. PASSION SUNDAY(Lent V), 11a.m. Holy Communion, with Hymns and Sermon(the Rev. T. Knight, O.B.E., R.D.), 3.30p.m. Evensong(Mr. J.W.T. Rogers).

Thurs. 16th March, 7.45p.m. Deanery Synod at Southam.

Sunday, 19th March, PALM SUNDAY(Lent VI), 8.30a.m. Holy Communion, 11a.m. Family Service with Procession and Distribution of Palms.

Wed. 22nd March, SPY WEDNESDAY, 7.30p.m. Deanery Service at Southam.

Thurs. 23rd March, MAUNDY THURSDAY, 7.30p.m. Holy Communion.

Friday 24th March, GOOD FRIDAY, 2p.m. The Holy Hour.

Sat. 25th March, 2p.m. Church decoration.

Sunday, 26th March, EASTER DAY, 8.30a.m. Holy Communion, 11a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns, 6.30p.m. Evensong.

Sunday, 2nd April, LOW SUNDAY(Easter I), 8.30a.m. Holy Communion, 11a.m. Matins.

Sunday, 9th April, Easter II, 11a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns, 6.30p.m. Evensong.

Men's Group at Harbury, Thursday 6th April at 7.45 p.m.

Altar Flowers: 26th March... arranged by Mrs. Darkes.

Easter Lilies: We hope members of the congregation will, as in the past, contribute flowers in memory of departed friends and relations. It is suggested that contributions should be either in money as soon as possible and handed to Mrs. Rutherford, or if it is preferred to give actual flowers it would greatly help Mrs. Darkes if she could be told by 17th March what flowers she might expect.

Extracts from the Registers

Holy Baptism: 25th February, 1978, Charles Crispin Watherston.

Funeral: 10th February, 1978, Kate Rosalind Hunt, followed by interment at Harbury.

Miss Hunt was a resident of Ladbroke for many years and will be greatly missed by those who knew her. A regular member of our congregation, and a communicant, she suffered greatly from arthritis and from two hip operations which were not successful. We were all sorry when health forced her to give up Tollgate Cottage and go into a Nursing Home in Leamington, but she maintained a great interest in Ladbroke to the end. Here may I express our thanks to her family who made a gift of £20 to Church funds in her memory.

G.R.F.

Women's Fellowship: After Communion in Church on Ash Wednesday, tea was provided by Mrs. Winkfield at Hall Farm. Unfortunately illness prevented the attendance of a number of members, and the weather was not helpful either! Our next meeting, on 8th March at the School, will be addressed by Mrs. Winkfield. In April, on Wednesday 12th, Mr. Warren will speak about Guide Dogs for the Blind. This will be an open meeting so come and bring a friend. C.H.

New Electoral Roll: Annual General Meeting: Mrs. Flower would be glad to have all electoral roll forms returned as soon as possible. The Annual Meeting will take place in April - the PCC will decide the exact date at the next meeting. We are glad to hear that both Mrs. Offord and Mrs. Dickson are home from hospital, and wish them speedy and full recovery.

Parish Council: meeting on St. Valentine's Night.

The Ladbroke - Welsh Road Green Lane - procedures continue at official level to remove obstacles to this useful roadway.

At present Stratford DC appear not prepared to designate Ladbroke a conservation area. Further approaches and efforts are to be made by our Councillors.

Ladbroke Junior & Infant (C of E) School - much concern was expressed at the formal notice of closure of Ladbroke School scheduled for July 1979. It was felt to be a great loss to the locality generally.

Village Hall? In view of the future withdrawal of the school premises, Cllrs. felt it must be put to the village whether we are to have a village hall. Facts are to be collected and put to the general meeting of village.

A check up was carried out on all footpath markers. One at Macklin Corner SM 33A was missing. Mention was made of certain village footpaths being obstructed and it was agreed such information was helpful to the Parish Council who want all paths fully open and walked regularly.

Ladbroke will enter the Best Kept Village Competition again this year.

A request by Cllr. Badman for restricted access to cars and light vehicles for Bridge Lane because of repeated burst water mains and damaged verges, the road surface being too light and lane too narrow for heavy vehicle traffic.

Next meeting: Tues. 14th March, 7.30p.m., Ladbroke School.

W.I. News: on February 23rd our speaker was the Vet, Mr. Thorpe, who showed colour slides of his magnificent 'horse' surgery and laboratory at Wellesbourne. Our next meeting will be on 16th March at 7.30p.m. The Jumble Sale raised £35.20, and another is to be held in June. Will members please think of this when Spring Cleaning. Jumble can be stored with Mrs. Jill Norgate or Mrs. I. Bennett. Hatton Hospital would be pleased if the W.I. would offer an afternoon of tea and talk to 8 or 9 of their patients. A date will be arranged later in the summer; venue Mrs. Norgate's. A Whist Drive will be held after Easter - watch for posters. A group is going to the Regent Hotel, Leamington, on 21st March, for the 'Bridal Evening'.

Mrs. G. Miles has kindly agreed to give a Coffee Evening in aid of funds sometime in May. We welcome yet another new member, Mrs. Townsend. A word game competition was won by Mrs. Bennett, who also won the raffle!

Please don't forget to patronise the 'Bring and Buy' stall - bring anything at all that's portable. I. B.

Ladbroke Conservatives: The AGM was held on 10th February. This meeting elected Mr. T. Archutowski Chairman, Mr. D. Rutherford Vice-Chairman, Mrs. P. Williamson Secretary, and Mrs. L. Carleton Treasurer, with the Committee as before. This had been a successful year financially, and Mr. Devine thanked members for their good efforts. He made mention of European and the General Election. Mr. Elkerton, Southam Area Chairman, was also present.

There will be a Jumble Sale on Saturday, 1st April, at the Youth Centre, Southam, at 10a.m. P.S.F.

CRUSADERS

On 16th February the Harbury Crusader Communications Group had a Disco to entertain members and to raise money to pay for our newsletters. It was very successful - we raised £11. We had a lot on sale - Frazzles, crisps (different flavours), Coke, lemonade and orange. We are very grateful to Mr. Holt for bringing his 'Traffic Light' Disco, and for keeping things going. We had a competition and a visitor won the Easter egg that was the prize. Because the Disco was so good, we are going to have another one soon.

COLIN HUGHES.

BAR LINES

First, my apologies for the late postponement of Ian Little's Organ Recital last month; it will now take place later in the year and details will be announced in 'The News'. However, the visit of the Cathedral Choir will definitely take place on Saturday, 15th April, at 7.45p.m. Full details will be announced in the next issue.

There have been several recruits to the choir this month, and we welcome Helen Kelly, Alison Baldwin, Katie Tanner, David Wright, Jamie Williams and Dean Ingram. I hope that they will be admitted at Easter. Robert Hughes has been appointed Deputy Head Chorister.

We are now preparing music for Holy Week and Easter. If you are near Church on Fridays between 6.30 and 7.30p.m., please drop in to see how hard the choir works. You will be very welcome.

MICHAEL BARNES.

HARBURY SCHOOL - IMPORTANT NOTICE

I need to know as soon as possible of all children who will be entering school in SEPTEMBER 1979 (i.e. born between 1.9.74 and 31.8.75). The reason I must know now is because staffing and extensions to the school are being reviewed at present, and a clear idea of numbers at September 1979 may enable me to request extra staff and/or buildings to cope with those numbers.

It is in the interests of us all, therefore, that I ask you to let the School know of all children in the category outlined at the earliest opportunity. Please ring Mrs. King (612656) and give her details.

N.C.OLIVER, Headmaster.

P.T.A.

As in previous years the Cheese & Wine Disco was a sell-out, and at 75p a ticket it was certainly value for money.

Most parents will know that our school is soon to become a Middle/Combined School. This means more than a change of title, and so we have invited two Headmasters from middle/combined schools to come along and talk about the effects of the change-over in their schools. If you want to know more, come to school at 8p.m. on Wednesday, 15th March.

Don't forget Quiz Night on 26th April in the Harbury Club. There is no charge to watch, and all are welcome. This is a light-hearted quiz strictly for fun, so come and have a drink at the bar and cheer on our brave contestants. A Square Dance will be held in the School Hall on 14th April; tickets at 50p will be on sale soon.

For PTA membership, contact me or the School.

ANNE MEGENEY, Secretary. (612745).

YOUTH CLUB

The village Youth Club has been running for well over 10 years and during that time the membership has increased steadily to a point where now it is at its highest ever. Although it is fairly well attended each week, we are still in need of members especially from Harbury, as the majority are coming from Bishop's Itchington.

Those who attend the Youth Club are always willing to help organise different activities such as Badminton, Table Tennis, and Ice Skating. If people would come along and join and give us all the support we need there would be the possibility of extra activities such as swimming.

At the moment we are seeking ideas on how to raise money for more records, table tennis balls and shuttlecocks, so if you feel you have a good suggestion please forward it to the Youth Club. We still need more support, so why not come along on a Wednesday night at 8p.m. It's only 10p, and in the near future we are hoping to have a regular Disco.

LINDA GREEN.

SCOUTS

We extend congratulations to Bob Small and Gary Picken who have gained their Venture Scout awards, which were presented to them by County Commissioner Gordon Richards when he recently visited the Midland Oak Venture Unit. The award is second only to the Queen's Scout Award, three of which were presented to other members of the Unit at the same ceremony. Good progress has been made with badge work, and we are delighted that Andy Hunt, Colin McQuistan and Dave Clarke have earned the Advanced Scout Standard.

Despite recent cold weather, the boys have participated in outdoor activities, including a Cooking Evening. Sausages, dampers, twists and pancakes were cooked with varying degrees of success. However, Scouts' appetites being what

they are, everything was consumed!

On 26th February the Cub Scouts and Scouts were joined by the Midland Oak Venture Unit at Church Parade in Harbury Church. Cub colours were carried by Craig Simpson, Scout colours by Bill Suttie, and Venture Scout colours by Gary Picken. The epistle was read by Guide Jackie Upton, and intercessions were lead by scout Andrew Winter.

From this month's "Scouting" magazine, it is reported that the sale of 1,130,000 Jubilee cloth badges (worn by all members of the Scout Assoc.) is expected to raise £75,000, to be given to the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal.

Annual Job Week will be from 27th March to 1st April, and each boy will aim to raise at least £1.45. Of this, £1.25 is the membership subscription to Headquarters, and 20p the district capitation fee. Anything raised over this amount goes to Group Funds. We would like to thank everybody for their generous support in past years and hope we will receive similar help this year. It would be appreciated if we could be advised of the larger jobs in good time so that arrangements can be made.

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Rain and frost have effectively curtailed the appearance of Harbury's rugby teams on the local scene over the last few weeks. Indeed, the 1st XV have not been able to play since 11th January, whilst the 2nd XV have been the luckiest - only being out of action since mid-February. Nevertheless, we are hoping for better weather to get on and complete the rest of the season's programme.

The highlight of the season is the weekend of 29th/30th April, with a Welsh tour when the 1st XV play Welshpool at Newtown and the 2nd XV play Welshpool 2nds. The first game will be a needle match with the home team (Welshpool) anxious to avenge last season's 12-6 defeat by Harbury.

Records:	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>
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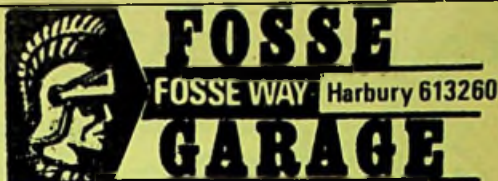
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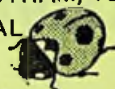
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THE HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

As close followers of this column will know, we are at present in the middle of rehearsals for PYGMALION, by George Bernard Shaw, and I am told that everything is going very well. It would appear to have everything going for it, and I feel sure it will be another very good production. The cast list must be one of the best ever, with Janet Tovey and David Greaves in the starring roles, Chris Tovey and our new discovery Tony Knight in close support, and a welcome return to the boards by Peter Shawcross, plus a host of other well-known Theatre Group names. All that and John Stringer producing - how can we fail?

It's quite a complicated production, involving a lot of people off stage as well as on, with some special set building to be undertaken and a mass of costumes to be found, altered, begged or borrowed. (See advert elsewhere if you have any old costumes that would help us out.) All in all, there are not many members who are not involved in some shape or form, and it's stretching our human resources to the limit. But it's all great fun. So if there is still anybody out there who would like to join our merry band please do come along - you will be very welcome.

Tickets for the play on 7th and 8th April will be available from Tony Knight at the Co-op Butchers, Carol Percival at the Police House, and Annette Hughes at Leamington House (next to the Post Office), or from any Theatre Group member.

KEITH HAYES.

HARBURY SOCIETY

Roger Smith of WARNACT gave an excellent talk to the Society in February on the work of the Trust, illustrated by slides of the birds, butterflies, plants and animals to be found around Harbury. He argued the need to preserve not just individual species but their whole habitat, explaining that this could also benefit man both spiritually in providing recreational activities such as bird watching, and materially by maintaining a good genetic mix.

The Trust believed that its purpose was best served by the purchase or lease of important areas to allow their management for the good of the wildlife they supported. Recent Government legislation had shown that there was concern that

urbanisation and intensive agriculture had restricted the areas available for wildlife, and Sites of Special Scientific Interest had been designated to preserve the habitat of the rarer species. The Harbury area was particularly richly endowed with sites at Ufton Fields, Harbury Spoil Bank, Ufton Woods and Harbury Quarries.

The Trust has recently purchased meadow land near Rugby which is rich in Veined Orchids. It is intended to continue to farm this land by traditional methods of grazing and mowing which will ensure that the orchids are maintained in their present abundance.

The Trust has a continuing need for new members, funds and practical help, and Mr. Smith urged all those present to consider joining WARNACT.

The talk was followed by a productive question and answer session, after which Tim Millington thanked Mr. Smith on behalf of the Society.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 21st March, at 7.45p.m. at the Club, when, following the AGM, Mr. Charles Lines will talk on 'Unknown Warwickshire'. All members are urged to attend the AGM - new committee members and new ideas are needed.

On Saturday 15th April there will be a JUMBLE SALE in the Village Hall. The purpose is to raise funds for the publication of the Village Guide, and all members are asked to save jumble, or donate a bottle to the bottle stall. Members will receive details of how they are expected to help make this a profitable venture, but anyone eager to help should ring Chris Finch, 612305, or Ess Picken, 613266.

LINDA RIDGLEY, 612792.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

At the meeting on 21st February a great deal of discussion took place about the proposed storage area to be built.

A number of organisations have expressed an interest and when the plans have been finalised and passed these groups will combine to meet the cost and share the storage facilities. If, when the work is complete, there is any space left, it is proposed that this will be rented out to other societies who perhaps need the space but haven't any funds to help build it. However, doubt was expressed that there will be much space not used.

If your organisation requires space, however small, please contact me at the number below so that when we go ahead with fund-raising I can let you know. Donations however small will be much appreciated and will give you some space.

At the moment the Hall is made very untidy with things not permanently in use. For example, if all boxes in the kitchen could be stowed away this area would be greatly improved.

SUE ANDREWS, 612528.

Future meetings: AGM, April 25th; Ordinary meetings, May 23rd, June 20th, July 18th, no meeting in August, September 19th.

HARBURY CLUB

The Village has a new family to greet. Have you met Barrie Knight and his wife Eileen yet? Barrie is the new Steward who started at the Club on 1st February. They have not been seen much out and about as all their spare time at the moment is spent cleaning and decorating the club cottage ready to move in early this month, together with their son Stephen.

They have already had an unlucky start through trying to do too much too soon. Eileen wrenched her knee on the fifth day here and was ordered to rest for a week, so Barrie had to struggle on without her. However, she is now fully recovered and as they get used to their surroundings they will gradually fill their place in the business and social life of the village. May they have a full and happy time here.

W.I.

As predicted, our Golden Jubilee celebrations were a great success. We were pleased to welcome our many guests; Mrs. Young, County Chairman, Mrs. Rawlings, Mrs. Boardman and Mrs. Price, County Officers, Mrs. Stewart, Authoress and Broadcaster, Mrs. Bindman, Authoress and Broadcaster, and Mrs. Hancox, a member of long standing who now lives at Bishop's Itchington. Included too were members of Ladbroke, Priors Marston, Long Itchington, Napton, Southam, Stockton and Ufton Institutes. The guest speaker, Mrs. Sheila Stewart, whose popular books are "Country Kate" and "Country Courtship", related many interesting and amusing happenings of life at the beginning of the century. Much of the information was told to her by Katie, a remarkable old lady who worked for her and who is still

alive. Examples of courtship, carved love spoons and lace makers' bobbins and china figurines were shown. Mrs. Zonik gave the vote of thanks.

We were complimented on the excellent and varied refreshments which were made by our members.

Mrs. Young congratulated Harbury on the occasion of its anniversary and the success of the evening. Finally, the evening was rounded off by the W.I. Drama Group, continuing the theme "Love and Courtship". Greatly enjoyed were the readings and singing, always so well performed. They were ably assisted by Mrs. Bindman who read two of her stories on Jewish life, and Mrs. Zonik read some hilariously funny poems. Our thanks to them all, especially Mrs. B. Checkley who "got it all together", and our thanks to Mr. Middleton and Mr. Atkins for their assistance.

The report cannot be closed without mentioning how sorry we were to hear of the death of Miss Cleaver. She was a very active member for many years, a past President and always very helpful to one and all. We have had some very happy times in her company. Our sincere condolences to her family.

JEANNE BEAUMONT, 612278.

LEYCESTER CLOSE COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS

On Saturday, 4th February a coach load of residents and friends from Leycester Close were entertained by a visit to the pantomime at Lockheed, and afterwards all enjoyed a tea-party to celebrate the 79th birthday of Mrs. Dolly Boneham, one of our very active senior citizens. The photograph shows Mrs.



Boneham, with some of her young friends, by her cottage door. She has lived in Harbury for 65 years, and takes a great interest, particularly in the many children who think of her as their very own "Auntie Dolly".

Many thanks to all concerned for making the afternoon such a great success.

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If you feel you would like to join us, we meet every Thursday, except school holidays, at 7p.m. in the Parish Rooms, Chapel Street, Bishop's Itchington. If you would like further information please contact either Mrs. Sue Critchley SRN.OND, (Superintendent), 47 Poplar Road, Bishop's Itchington, or Mrs. J. Whenham SRN (Divisional Officer) Tel. Harbury 612806, or Mrs. D. Buckler SRN (Nursing Officer), Tel Harbury 612147.

CANDID CAMERA?

Over the past few months Harry Windsor has been recording on cine film some events in Harbury, including last year's Carnival. He will be showing this Carnival film, among others, during the Church's SPRING FAIR - so do come along on Saturday, 29th April, and see if you can see yourself! There will also be lots of stalls and sideshows (thanks to the many organisations who have so kindly offered to run these for us), a display of dancing and acrobatics (thanks to Mrs. Burford and her pupils), and the final chance to enter a competition, entry forms for which will soon be on sale (thanks to Vivienne Aggett).

If you would like to help this Church event in any way, do please ring either of us, and your assistance will be warmly welcomed. Gifts for the handicrafts stall would be particularly appreciated, as would cakes, plants, sweets - in fact, anything you are kind enough to offer, we'll find a use for it! We shall be collecting house-to-house nearer the date, but if you have any particular items for us we would be

grateful to know beforehand.

Remember the date - Saturday, 29th April! Remember the place - the Village Hall! Remember the event - the Church's SPRING FAIR! And remember - you might discover that you were on Candid Camera!!

DIANA HOLT, 612790

SARA BENNETT, 612618.

N.S.P.C.C.

We would like to thank everyone who came to our Coffee Morning on 23rd February, and helped us to raise £19! We have a lot happening this year, our next event being a Disco for the 8 - 16 year olds on Saturday, 18th March, at the Village Hall, from 7.30 to 10.30. As well as a disco, we have a live band called Dead Beat, which Pete Hutchins plays in, and he was our first League recruit way back in 1972! There will be a hot supper and refreshments will be on sale all the evening. Tickets are 30p from Pete Hutchins, 6 Farley Ave., Sue Wilkins, 3 Neales Close, or me at 17 Manor Orchard.

There is still time for new members to join the League before our Annual Party in May, at which we hope to have a very exciting TV star to present the badges, but we can't tell you who he is yet! New members should see Sue Wilkins for details, membership form etc., and we are planning several events this year to be put on by the Leaguers themselves.

VICTORIA MACGOWAN,

Hon. Secretary, Harbury and District.

SIMNEL CAKES

This is the time of the year when these cakes are traditionally baked - originally specially for Mothering Sunday (the one day of the year when girls in service were allowed home, and took a cake as gift for their mothers), and in more modern times for Easter. Legend has it that the name comes from "Simon" and "Nell", who quarrelled over the method of making the cake, whether it should be boiled or baked, so they made two cakes, one by each method, and stuck them together, and the resulting recipe was named after them. But the more likely origin is that the name comes from the Latin "simila", the fine wheaten flour from which the cakes were made, or from the related Old French word "siminel", meaning "fine bread".

Simmels were enjoyed as long ago as 1042, when Edward

the Confessor promised 100 of the cakes to convents he visited, and there were three quite different ones - the Shrewsbury Simnel (rich and dark, with a thick hard crust of almond paste and decorations of candied fruits and marzipan flowers); the Devizes Simnel (star-shaped, without a crust); and the Bury Simnel, the original recipe for which (according to "Good Things in England", Florence White, 1933) was :

Flour, $2\frac{1}{2}$ lb; Butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb; Lard, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb; Sugar, $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb;
Salts of Ammonia, 1oz; Almonds, $\frac{3}{4}$ lb; a few Bitter
Almonds; Currants, 4lb; Nutmeg, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz; Candied
Lemon Peel, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb; Cinnamon, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz; Eggs, 5;
a little Milk.

The tradition of decorating the cakes with marzipan balls has developed as the cakes have been made more for Easter - there should always be eleven balls, to represent the Disciples, without the traitor Judas.

SH and DMH.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL, February meeting

All Councillors were present except Mrs. Catterall. After initial formalities, Cllr. Drinkwater reported on the Area Parish Councils meeting at Fenny Compton. Concern had been expressed at the meeting regarding the poor visibility on roads last summer, due to the reduced mowing of verges.

Mike Ellis' exhortation "not to sit on our little Bumski's (honest!) but to do something to get a Greenkeeper" (he didn't say what) lured Geoff Wright into an uncharacteristically impolite declaration that "a WOMAN could do it". £2 per hour was bandied about as the rate, but only one application had been received. Cllr. Ellis was able to give full rein to his emotions on the Wagstaffe Close School entrance issue, ridiculing the WCC assertion that cars would not deliver children to the gate and complaining that the planning of the School had ignored PC, Managers' and parents' views. Geoff Wright pointed out that the WCC letter, which Mr. Oliver read out, showed the Authority recognised the danger of the present entrance. In a rural area many children arrived at school by car, and proper provision should be made for cars off Park Lane, and a site meeting held.

The whole PC was enraged at Sackville Developments' attempt to throw lighting costs on the Parish. They determined not to give in, although receiving little assistance from Stratford or Warwick, and will investigate ways of levying special lighting rates on purchasers.

The lighting experiment in Farm Street was a qualified success, no one liking the sodium lamp but all agreeing that the mercury gave out more light, so Deppers and Farm Street will be converted to the new mercury lamps.

Further items of note: Harbury has entered for the Best Kept Village Competition; the Annual Parish Meeting on 13th April will discuss Conservation Areas; Mrs. Watts asked for salt for Sutcliffe Pastures where motorists were marooned in icy weather; the Recreation Ground Committee want to extend the hard play area for netball and skateboarding, to build a fort in the adventure playground, and to give financial help to the Village Hall for storage room; Geoff Wright wanted to use a second-hand Parking Meter to collect tennis court fees (does this mean yellow lines round the court?).

Next meeting, 23rd March, 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

PROFILE - DAVID HOLYOAKE

David Holyoake and his wife Christine took over the Bull Ring Garage last November and although they still live in Warwick they hope to move here soon. David is as unusual as he is ambitious in his plans for the Garage, because he hopes to turn it into a social meeting place for people to drop in and talk about cars, bikes, or anything else, and, far from the modern hateful trend towards specialisation, David would like to fill the place, as he puts it, "of the old village blacksmith, where local farmers would bring in implements to repair, and anyone could ask us to help with mending or making tools etc."

Of course, cars still feature largely in garage life, and David has already built a new body shop, and he teaches car maintenance as well as being skilled in the restoration of vintage cars. His career has also included being a noted motor cycle racer, mostly in motocross, with a stack of cups and medals; bikes are clearly his passion in life! He has hopes of extending the Garage with facilities for bikes including doing

MOTs as he already does with cars. He is keen to get involved with the village motor cycle club, particularly helping with stripping down and working on the actual machines as well as outings to races and showing films.

The atmosphere at the Garage is friendly and busy - David's wife and the lads working for him are all equally enthusiastic and put in long hours getting the business up to the standard David wants. During the firemen's strike David and his lads offered their services as our emergency crew, having all the necessary equipment and training now required by law for Garage employees. It was a gesture made without fuss or publicity, and I reckon it's an indication of David's sincerity in wanting the Bull Ring Garage to be "like the blacksmith" - really a place for the village to look to for help in a variety of ways as well as being modern and well-equipped for today's motoring customers!

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.



IN THE GARDEN

At the time of writing this article the ground is too hard to do any planting or digging. We have now encountered the real British winter, but knowing the Harbury gardeners I know they are equal to the delayed tasks ahead. In 1947 a lot of planting did not take place until May, and yet the Harvest of vegetables and flowers finished at the usual time.

Spray honeysuckle at the end of March, and again ten days later, as this will kill the greenfly and prevent any danger to bees at a later date.

Start French Dwarf Beans in a heated greenhouse or on the window sill in not less than 5in. pots; these can be planted out still in the pots in the second week in May.

Be sure to come to the meeting at the Wight School on Tuesday, 7th March, at 7.30p.m. W.F.LINES.

KALEIDOSCOPE

Goodness, this winter seems to go on for ever doesn't it? I'm sure we're not the only family with enough separate doses of flu in two months to last us at least two years! Roll on the Spring, for once I must admit I'll even suffer spiders and wasps for a few warm sunny days! The way my luck's running we'll have swarms now to qualify as the 8th plague in Egypt!..... Episode 290 in the Gas Board-versus-Macgowans popular soap opera sees the arrival of the Cavalry in the form of the wonderful Gas Consumers' Council, who succeeded in getting us reconnected! We now have heating, glorious hot water and lifelong respect for the Council; however, having been proved right gives us great satisfaction but doesn't pay the bills, so watch for Episode 291 in which we see who actually pays, in our continuing saga of everyday country folk and the WMGB!..... Here's a useful tip from a girl who's a bit bashful so I won't reveal her name; she, like many, likes coffee mornings but not coffee, so she takes her own teabag and can then enjoy a cuppa and be sociable! Alas, when she handed it to me recently I mistakenly thought it her contribution to a "bring and buy" and politely asked her how much she thought it was worth!..... Quote of the month has a local flavour: "One has no great hopes from Birmingham. I always say there is something direful in the sound". Well, even Jane Austen couldn't be right all the time; I feel a bit like that about Scunthorpe, but who knows?.....

VICTORIA MACGOWAN

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

The pavements in our village are a disgrace - the same old problem - dog dirt.

I have two young children and walking in the village is more of a nightmare than a pleasure.

Surely the time has come for us to take more drastic action against the offenders - not the dogs, THE DOG OWNERS. Many put their dogs out for the day, and others

walk doggy on a lead, away from their own roads and gardens, and let them foul somebody else's. If you own a dog you should let it foul YOUR garden, then it can be cleaned up and disposed of there and then - BY YOU.

P. GRIFFIN.

(Hear! hear! - Chairman.)

Dear Editors,

On behalf of the members of the Golden Age Club, I would like to thank all those who avail themselves of the services of Mr. Watts, the chiropodist, for the very welcome donations they made to the funds of the club. We are always grateful for any outside contributions to help us keep solvent and provide the amenities for social enjoyment.

Thank you very much.

L. KNIGHTON.

Dear Harbury News,

Horticultural Society

The interest in forming a Harbury Horticultural Society has been more than I expected; consequently I have arranged an open meeting on Tuesday, 7th March, at 7.30p.m., to be held in the Wight School. The object of the Society will be to help the householders growing vegetables and flowers, and hold a small show in September for members only, and other benefits will be given at the meeting.

W. F. LINES.

Have you started spring cleaning yet?

Harbury Theatre Group urgently require your old curtains, plain or floral, any colour, length or width, for costumes in their forthcoming production - "Pygmalion" by G. B. Shaw.

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Please contact Chairman, Mrs. Keen, 612561.

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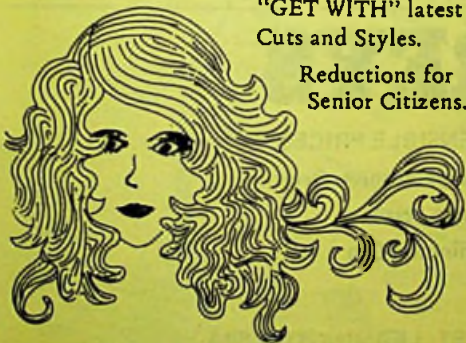
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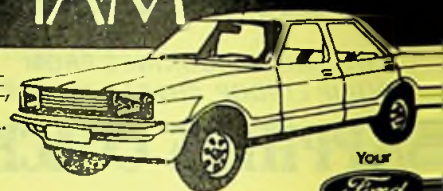
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