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| <b>HARBURY</b>          | Holy Communion | : 8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m. (Sung)    |
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|                         | Family Service | : 11.15 a.m. — First Sunday       |

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Those of you who were concerned about the possibility of the tip at Ufton will be relieved to know that planning permission for this was not granted. How refreshing to know that those in authority are concerned for our environment, and that they apparently took notice of the very many letters of protest they received!

If your immediate environment (i. e. garden, garage, spare room) is cluttered with burnable rubbish, don't forget that Harbury PCC's bonfire builders need lots of stuff for the bonfire on 4th November. See enclosed slip for details.

This is the first issue of a new subscription year, so please welcome your distributor kindly when he or she knocks at your door for your annual subscription. We are very pleased to have been able to keep the cost down to last year's figure of 80p, and hope you continue to enjoy reading about what goes on in the parishes of Harbury and Ladbroke.

### HARBURY DIARY

#### OCTOBER

- Sun. 1st HARVEST THANKSGIVING. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist.  
10a.m. Sung Eucharist with gifts (Scouts & Guides Church Parade). 6.30p.m. Evensong.  
Rugby Club v Stoke O.B. (2nd round, Warks. Knock-out Cup), kick-off 2.15p.m.
- Mon. 2nd Upholstery classes begin, Wight School, 2-4p.m.
- Tues. 3rd Theatre Group Meeting, Wight School, 8p.m.
- Wed. 4th Youth Club Open Evening for 12-16yr. olds, 8-10p.m., Village Hall.
- Thurs. 5th W.I., 7.45p.m., Village Hall ('Clocks through the Ages' by Mr. & Mrs. Spiers).
- Fri. 6th Blood Donors' session in Village Hall.
- Sat. 7th Round Table's Clay Pigeon Shoot, Pineham Farm.
- Sun. 8th 8a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10a.m. Sung Eucharist (Men's Group), 6.30p.m. Evensong.  
Crusaders' Birthday Sunday, 2.30p.m., Village Hall - speaker Rev. Andrew Dow.
- Tues. 10th Corn Dollies, first class, School, 7.30p.m.  
Senior Citizens' Committee, V. Hall at 8p.m.  
Motorcycle Club, Wight School at 8p.m.



- Tues. 10th cont. Harbury Society, 8p.m. in the Crown ('Country Houses' by Mr. Taylor).  
Harbury Friends, 8p.m. in the School.
- Wed. 11th Bible Study, 8p.m. in the Vicarage.  
Youth Club Open Evening (as Wed. 4th)
- Thurs. 12th Golden Age, 2.30p.m. in the Village Hall.  
Brownies' Swimming Gala.
- Fri. 13th PTA Supper Dance, 9-1a.m. in the Village Hall.
- Sat. 14th Diocesan Family Evening, 5-9p.m., Stoneleigh.  
Crusaders' Jumble Sale, 11a.m., Village Hall.
- Sun. 15th 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m. Sung Eucharist (Doctors & Nurses). 6.30p.m. Evensong.
- Tues. 17th Tufty Club, 2.30p.m. Village Hall.  
Rev. John Eardley talks to PCC on the 'Quest' scheme for young people, 8p.m., Wight School.
- Wed. 18th Harbury & Ladbroke News Committee meeting, 8.30p.m., 23 Mill Street.  
Village Hall Committee, 8p.m., Village Hall.  
Youth Club Open Evening (as Wed. 4th)
- Thurs. 19th Warks. Hunt, Barn Dance, Village Hall.
- Fri. 20th MU Diocesan Rally on 'Family Life'. Coach to Coventry leaves at 6.15 p.m. (Details from Mrs. Clarke, 1 Vicarage Lane.)  
W.I. Harvest Supper, Village Hall.
- Sun. 22nd 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m. Special Family Sung Eucharist to celebrate Diocesan Jubilee. 6.30p.m. Evensong.  
3p.m. Diocesan Jubilee Service, Coventry Cathedral.
- Tues. 24th Young Wives, 2p.m. in the Village Hall.  
Brownies' Pandora Party, Village Hall.  
Jogging Club meeting, 8 p.m. in the Crown.  
Motorcycle Club, 8p.m. in the Wight School.
- Wed. 25th Playgroup AGM, 2p.m. in the Wight School.  
PTA AGM, 8p.m. in the School.
- Thurs. 26th Golden Age, 2.30p.m. in the Village Hall.  
Parish Council meeting, 7.30p.m., Village Hall
- Fri. 27th School breaks up - Playgroup half term.
- Sat. 28th Golden Age Sale of Work, 2.30p.m., Village Hall  
Clocks back 1 hour tonight.

- un. 29th 8a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10a.m. Sung Eucharist.  
 4p.m. Evensong (note change to winter time).  
 No Crusaders today.  
 10a.m., Bike Ride from Club Car Park.  
 2.30p.m., Footpath Walk from Village Hall.
- Mon. 30th Half term for gymnastics.

## NOVEMBER

- Wed. 1st ALL SAINTS' DAY PATRONAL FESTIVAL,  
 7.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 7.30p.m., Procession  
 and Sung Eucharist, followed by supper at  
 the Crown.
- Thurs. 2nd All Souls' Day Requiems, 7.30a.m. and 9.45a.m.  
 W.I. AGM (speaker, VCO), 7.45p.m., Village Hall.
- Sat. 4th PCC BONFIRE PARTY, Recreation Ground.
- Sun. 5th PATRONAL FESTIVAL SUNDAY; 8a.m. Holy  
 Eucharist, 10a.m. Procession and Sung  
 Eucharist, 11.30a.m. Children's and Family  
 Service, 4p.m. Evensong and Procession.

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

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

TENNIS, Recreation Ground, 10a.m. every Sunday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30p.m. every Friday.

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A prayer for times of stress: "God grant me the  
 serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage  
 to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the  
 difference."



## THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

What a joy it was to have our Father in God, the Bishop of Coventry, to celebrate and preach at our Parish Eucharist on Sunday, 10th Sept., and afterwards to mix with, and talk with, members of the congregation! We are indeed grateful to him for sparing time to come, in his very busy life, and for his inspiring message. Here he is pictured with me outside the Church after the service.



We are now in the course of celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of the Diocese of Coventry. Some of us were able to go to the Archdeaconry Eucharist in All Saints', Leamington Spa, on 20th September, and some will be going to the Diocesan Family Evening at Stoneleigh National Agricultural Centre on 14th October. A full list of the central events will be found in the Jubilee edition of the Diocesan Diary. Our own Parish Diocesan Jubilee Service will be on 22nd October.

In the Jubilee celebrations emphasis is being put on the importance of the family. It is a great joy to me that so many whole families now come regularly to the Parish Eucharist, but I wish that still more would do so. I have recently been reading Georgina Battiscombe's "Reluctant Pioneer", which is the life of that great Church woman, Elizabeth Wordsworth, who was the first Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. In a description of the childhood of Elizabeth and her brothers and sisters, we read, "These children did not have religion forced upon them; they grew up to it just as naturally as a farmer's child grows up to a love

and understanding of crops and animals, a soldier's child to a pride in regimental tradition, a musician's child to a knowledge and appreciation of good music. Religion had been all around them from their birth, taken as much for granted as the air they breathed." How splendid it would be if that were a true description of more families today!

The Revd. J. B. Eardley (Secretary and Adviser for Children's Work in the Diocese) will be coming to talk to the Parochial Church Council about the "Quest" scheme for young people, on Tuesday, 17th October, in the Wight School.

We are to have a Confirmation in our Church at 10a.m. on Sunday, 25th February (Quinquagesima), 1979. Although the preparation classes will not be starting until about the middle of November, I would like any (both young people and adults) who wish to consider Confirmation to see me as soon as possible. There will be a class (or 'get-together') for those who were confirmed at the last Confirmation, on Tuesday, 24th October, at 6.30p.m. in the Vicarage.

Please note that when Summer Time ends (i.e. on 29th October), our Sunday Evensong will be at 4p.m., instead of 6.30p.m.

We are looking forward to our Patronal Festival. On All Saints' Day (1st November) the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7.30 a.m. (Said) and at 7.30p.m. (Sung, with Procession, and followed by a social evening). The Festival will, of course, be kept up on the following Sunday.

With every blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

F. R. Mackley.

### Holy Baptism

September 10th; Duncan Edward Nealon, 3 The Beeches.

Kathryn Anne Hall, 25 Farm Street.

Natalie Edwina Grundy, 25 Farley Avenue.

### Holy Matrimony

September 6th: Richard Charles Bradley to Sally-Ann Wall.

September 23rd: Andrew James Cartwright Clarke to

Isobel Dianne Tennant.

David John Atherton to Joan Pratt.



### From the Churchwardens

The weekend of publication will also be our Harvest weekend, and already it seems that there will be a record attendance at the Harvest Supper. We trust that the same will be true of the Harvest Thanksgiving Services. In spite of the capricious weather earlier in the year, it has been a good harvest, and there is much to give thanks for.

The Diocese of Coventry, in celebration of its 60 years of existence, has arranged many different events, some of which are mentioned in the Vicar's letter. Of particular interest may be the exhibition of memories of the past 60 years, in Holy Trinity Church, Coventry, from 14th to 22nd October, and it will be open all day.

Our own Parish celebration of the Jubilee will be a special Family Communion Service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 22nd October, at which we shall use special prayers and readings which will be used at Services throughout the Diocese on the same morning. All local organisations are being invited to our Service, and we look forward to a real village celebration. As on each Sunday morning, coffee will be served at the end of the service.

### CRUSADERS' CAMP REUNION, 1978

On 9th September we went on a camp re-union. It was a Crusaders' camp. We went on a nature walk and we found a steep hill where we ran down, and played a few games, but the two ladies (Mrs. Catt and Mrs. Clarke) stayed at the top. Then we ran up the hill and had our lunch. After lunch we went swimming at Stratford baths. It was jolly good fun and we all enjoyed ourselves. LOUISE UPTON.

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### LADBROKE NEWS

Services, etc. for October and early November

Sunday, 1st October, HARVEST THANKSGIVING (Trinity XIX)

8.30a.m. Holy Communion; 11a.m. Family Service - children bring token gifts; 6.30p.m., Evensong.

Monday, 2nd October, 7.30p.m., PCC meets in Church.

Wednesday, 4th October, 7.30p.m., Alibone Charity Trustees meet at the Old Rectory.



Sunday, 8th October (Trinity XX), 11a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns, 6.30p.m. Evensong.

Wednesday, 11th October, 3.30p.m. Women's Fellowship in Church.

Saturday, 14th October, 5 - 9p.m., Diocesan Family Evening at Stoneleigh.

Sunday, 15th October (Trinity XXI), 8.30a.m. Holy Communion, 11a.m. Matins.

Sunday, 22nd October, (Trinity XXII), THANKSGIVING FOR DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THE DIOCESE.  
11a.m. Holy Communion. Special Service and Souvenir Forms. 3p.m. Jubilee Thanksgiving Service in Coventry Cathedral. NO Evensong.

Sunday, 29th October. (Trinity XXIII), Summer Time ends.  
8.30a.m. Holy Communion. 11a.m. Matins.

Wednesday, 1st November, All Saints' Day. 7.30p.m. Holy Communion.

Sunday, 5th November, (Trinity XXIV), in octave of All Saints. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion. 11a.m. Matins.

Wednesday, 8th November. 3.30p.m., Women's Fellowship in the School.

Sunday, 12th November (Trinity XXV), Remembrance Sunday.  
10.50 a.m., Remembrance, followed by Matins.  
3.30p.m., Holy Communion with Hymns.

#### Altar Flowers

Oct. 1 & 8 (Harvest) Mrs. Darkes. Oct. 15 Mrs. Winkfield.  
Oct. 22nd Mrs. Henderson. Oct. 29th Mrs. Emus. Nov. 5th  
Mrs. Ross. Nov. 12 & 19 (Remembrance) Miss Hensman.

#### Women's Fellowship

We begin our Autumn session with a service in Church on Wednesday, 11th October, at 3.30p.m., followed by a cup of tea at the School. No doubt we shall have some holiday experiences to share.

C.H.

#### Maintaining the Church

You will have seen or heard that the Church of England needs a bigger income to keep pace with inflation. Who doesn't? But whose income - from the pensioners like myself to the school child's pocket money - has not risen? How much has our giving to Church and Charity kept pace with our growth in income? Our Church now has a very large electoral roll; if everyone on that roll contributed a minimum of 20p per

week, our parish problems would be solved. There are those who by covenant or by weekly contribution give far more!GRF.  
Ladbroke School

Our Village School has begun its last academic year - a great pity that it will close in July 1979. Too late, people are realising that Big is not always Best, that small schools, while they may lack some amenities, have yet a great deal to offer. But there is some consolation in the knowledge that the new first school which the Church is building in Southam will not be very big, and will offer, we believe, the same family atmosphere as has been found in our own school. And let us count our blessings. Back in 1947, the County Education Authority published a 'Development Plan' which included the closure of Ladbroke C.E. School!! But it has lasted another 31 years! Even though in 1960 the number of pupils fell to 13, and closure again threatened. G.R.F.

Parish Council

The Council met on 20th September, with all members present plus 5 members of the public. Points discussed were:

1. SM90 footpath will be levelled fairly soon. Way-markers are available at the Council depot.
2. Street names are up - the rest to follow.
3. Conservation Area - letter from Mr. Swann asking why PCC changed its mind after decision made at AGM. Is conservation really necessary?, he asks. Letter to go in reply saying that conservation is required in view of future development in nearby areas.
4. The extended 30 m.p.h. signs are up.
5. Letter of thanks from Rheumatoid Arthritis Fund, for the donation of £10 in memory of Mrs. Fishley. Also a letter from the Rector.
6. Poultry Farm - a letter from Mr. Cox saying that the appeal has been lodged. There will be an inquiry locally, or by written representation.
7. Village Hall Trustees to be requested to board it up, and the foliage to be cut back.
8. Village Amenities Committee - Mr. Tagg is calling a meeting; Cllrs. Williamson, Sheasby and Badman are the PCC's representatives.
9. Stratford RDC has sent Mr. Cheetham surveying the accommodation, noise levels, pollution etc. in all houses



in the Village, but the PC was not informed of the visits. A letter is to be sent asking exactly the reason for the survey. A letter is to go to the Police, about cars parked on School Lane junction to A423, as these are causing hazards. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 25th October, in the School at 7.30 p.m.

W.I.

We meet at Ladbroke School on 26th October at 7.30p.m. It is the AGM, and a VCO will be present to help with the election of next year's officers. Please get your nominations in now for next year's committee. Do come and contribute to the social life of our tiny village by setting aside one evening a month to take part (always the 4th Thursday of every month). Please bring a friend too.

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### PLEASE READ THIS

You will see from this month's Village Hall Committee report, and from the Youth Club's report, that there is (a) a problem with regard to activities for teenagers in Harbury, and (b) considerable interest on the part of many to try to solve this problem.

The Parochial Church Council has decided to hold an OPEN MEETING in November, which we very much hope you will attend, to see what can be done. We hope that the Diocesan Youth Advisor will come along, and we will invite anyone else who might be able to advise us on the right way to provide the youngsters with what they want.

Do please telephone one of the numbers below if you are interested in any way at all, and we will give details of the date and venue of the open meeting in next month's issue.

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DMH.

### HARBURY SCHOOL

This has been quite an unusual start to term with the building alterations taking place all around us. The fact that we were able to start on time at all is largely due to our cleaning staff who, with some added help from about six other ladies, worked very hard for the week previous to the opening day of term. Our very sincere thanks are due to Mrs. D. Nockalls and her helpers.

There have been a number of difficulties which we have had to overcome, mainly to do with finding enough space, but these have not been unsurmountable. The two new class rooms are due to be ready at the end of this month, so we are hoping to move into them and be settled by half-term. The whole project is not due to finish until mid-December, so we all have to be patient. I am sure that it will be all worthwhile at the finish.

At the same time that we welcome Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Brady to the teaching staff, we also congratulate Mr. D. Richards who will be resigning his post as Deputy Head to take up the post of Headmaster of Stone Primary School in Gloucestershire. This is to take effect from January, so Mr. Richards will leave us at the end of this term.

Dates for your diary:

The School Harvest Festival will be on Friday, 29th Sept.  
There will be an occasional day's holiday on Friday, 1st Dec.  
The Infants' Christmas Concert will be on Thurs. 7th Dec.  
Top Juniors' Carol Concert in Church on Wed. 13th Dec.  
Carols Round the Village, Friday, 15th December.  
Infants' Christmas Party, Monday, 18th December.  
Juniors' Christmas Party, Tuesday, 19th December.  
Last day of term, Wednesday, 20th December.

N. C. OLIVER.

#### P.T.A.

The Annual Supper Dance is on Friday, 13th October, not October 6th, the Village Hall being the venue. Tickets at £2 each will soon be on sale to PTA members, each family limited to two tickets initially, and then on general sale from 1st October.

Our AGM is on Wednesday, 25th October, in the School at 8p.m. This year we shall be needing a new secretary and a new treasurer. If any parent would be willing to stand for election for one of these posts, or for the committee, I should be most grateful if you could either contact me or any other committee member.

We have booked up an extra Square Dance evening in the school on Friday, 17th November. Tickets will be 50p, and will be available later.

N. C. O.



## VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

New hiring charges for the Village Hall have been agreed. There are increases of between 10% and 15% in the main, but group bookings for village organisations have remained almost static.

| <u>MAIN HALL</u>                         | <u>LOCAL GROUPS</u>      |                      |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
|  | <u>Non-Profit Making</u> | <u>Profit Making</u> |
| Morning 8-1                              | £6                       | £10                  |
| Afternoon 1-6                            | £6                       | £10                  |
| Evening 6-12                             | £6                       | £10                  |
| <u>FARLEY ROOM</u>                       |                          |                      |
|  | £3                       | £6                   |
| <u>WINDMILL ROOM</u>                     | 50p                      | £1                   |
| <u>FOSSE ROOM</u>                        | 50p                      | £1                   |
| <u>WEDDINGS/PARTIES</u> (whole building) |                          |                      |
| Morning                                  | £6                       |                      |
| Afternoon                                | £15                      |                      |
| Evening                                  | £15 (£18 to 1a. m.)      |                      |
| <u>DANCES</u>                            |                          |                      |
| To Midnight                              | £28                      |                      |
| To 1 a. m.                               | £35                      |                      |
| <u>CHILDREN'S PARTIES</u>                | £3                       |                      |

(N. B. These are for local groups - rates for nonlocal groups are available on application to the Bookings Secretary.)

Various items are available for hire: Chairs, 3p. Tables, 10p. Large Tables, 15p. Cutlery, £2 per 100 items; losses charged at 30p each.

Peter Shawcross announced that he is moving house, and so the Village Hall will need a new Bookings Secretary. He offered the committee a pair of garage doors with which to patch up the storage shed. It has been vandalised to such an extent that it can no longer be secured. The Chairman had received several complaints that youths were congregating there and on one occasion the police had to be called out. Plans for the Storage Area have been passed and the Village Hall Committee has applied for grants to assist in its financing, but the results of the grant application will not be known until the new year, and until the Storage Area can be built the shed will have to remain.

Mr. Bingham suggested that a meeting be arranged so that interested parties could discuss providing more facilities for the youth of the village. Mrs. Keen announced that Barbara Bayliss, Youth Leader at Southam, was willing to help the Youth Club by providing talks and film shows.

In reply to enquiries she received from the public, the Chairman promised to purchase some new curtains for the north side of the Hall. The old ones had fallen to pieces when they were removed during the recent re-decorations.

The next meeting is at 8p.m. on 18th October, in the Farley Room at the Village Hall. LINDA RIDGLEY.

### 1st HARBURY SCOUTS

We have had three troop meetings since the summer break, and the scouts' attendance has been good. In fact, if we get many more recruits the 2nd Harbury Scouts will be more than a flight of fancy. Andrew Hunt (pictured right) and Stephen Bell (left) attended a training weekend for senior



boys at Warwick University recently. They were put through their paces at various strenuous activities, and by all accounts it was a weekend to remember.



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On Tuesday, 12th September, the troop held a 'wide game' the Dassett Hills. The boys enjoyed themselves storming and defending a 'radio station'. The presence of a 'decoy' station didn't fool them for long, and the defence was overrun. An ex-Harbury scout leader, David Keyte, now living in Northend, came to the rescue with a kettle from his loft when it was found that this essential bit of brewing equipment had been left in Harbury. Thank you, David, and thanks too for all the help Harbury Scouts are getting.

Bob Small is leaving us for studies in Sheffield, but we hope to see him during his vacations. Bob's enthusiasm for scouting and his knowledge of the 'game' will be missed. We wish him good luck in the north.

One appeal to finish; the boys have enjoyed pushing the 8th Leamington's trek cart round the village on various assignments. If anyone knows where a similar machine can be obtained, perhaps they would let the scouts know - we will pay the going rate for trek carts, of course! J.L.H.

#### SCOUT SUPPORT COMMITTEE

This year we will be paying £1.80 capitation fee for each of our Cubs, Scouts and Leaders, to the Leamington District. This will mean an outlay of over £100. We will shortly be taking orders for Christmas cards and gifts, so please support us. PAT TAYLOR.

#### RUGBY CLUB

Last season's success has not been carried through in the first three matches of this current season. The 1st XV opened with a victory over Coventrians, but lost the next two matches narrowly. The 2nd XV have won their last two games, whilst the 3rd XV have won one and lost two. The 4th XV start their campaign towards the end of September.

The Club entered the Warwickshire K.O. Cup for the first time in 5 years, and won their first round match over Warks. Police by 13-nil. The next round is on Sunday, 1st October, at Harbury at 2.15 p.m., v. Stoke Old Boys. Your support would be welcome.

Fund raising for the new club house is continuing earnestly, and we are hoping for a start date at the beginning of November. Thank you to all allotment holders for throwing back rugby balls on a Saturday afternoon! JERRY BIRKBECK.

## THEATRE GROUP



Here is our 'Rogues Gallery' of those involved in our next production. They are (top, left to right) Beryl Checkley, Rose Clarke, Keith Hayes, Peter Holt; (bottom, left to right) Tony Knight, Anne Megeney, Carol Percival and producer Peter Shawcross.

We've all experienced that training school for Urban Guerillas laughingly known as a children's party. Imagine, then, a mother throwing a birthday party for her offspring, only to have her estranged husband turn up unexpectedly; a situation not made any easier when the children's conjuror is also the solicitor handling the divorce, and has good reason to know the husband's new girlfriend.

How this hilarious tangle of confusions is light-heartedly sorted out is the plot of the play "Children's Day" by Keith Waterhouse and Willis Hall, authors of 'Billy Liar', 'The Long and the Short and the Tall', and some of the best of television comedy.

Don't miss "Children's Day" at the Village Hall on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th November.

You never see the party; you don't have to. You can imagine every ghastly hair-pulling, jelly-slinging minute. "Children's Day" tickets will be on sale soon. JNS.



### JOGGING CLUB

There will be a meeting at the Crown on Tuesday, 24th October, at 8 p.m. to decide when is the best time during the weekend to hold the jogs. At the time of writing, two jogs have been held on Sunday mornings, commencing at 11.15a.m., but have been somewhat poorly supported.

If people are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to express their opinion, please do not hesitate to 'phone - Harbury 612688.

CHRIS LING.

### HARBURY CONSERVATIVES

Thank you to all who helped at or supported our Jumble Sale, which raised approximately £47.

PJH.

### HARBURY JUBILEE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

As a result of the experience being gained in our own club events, Harbury riders are now taking part in competitive events throughout the county, including the Town and Country Festival at Stoneleigh.

By kind permission of Mr. Hiatt, a further round of the Club's trials championship took place at Ufton on 23rd Sept. The winner was Richard Wright, with 28 points lost, consolidating his lead in the championship. Second was Keith Jenkins (43 points), and third Nigel Buck (45 points).

The Club continues to be very active, with fortnightly meetings at the Wight School, and a competitive event almost every month. We are, however, interested in increasing our membership, particularly in the 12-14 year old age group, and we would like to hear from parents who could help organise events for younger riders.

### YOUTH CLUB

Due to the fact that our members have deserted us, we have decided to see if any of the 12 to 16 years age group would be interested in coming on a Wednesday evening from 8 - 10p.m. We shall be at the Village Hall on 4th, 11th and 18th October. IF NO-ONE IS INTERESTED, THE YOUTH CLUB WILL BE CLOSED DOWN, AS FROM WEDNESDAY, 18th OCTOBER.

The Youth Club Organisers.

## HARBURY SOCIETY

The outing to Winchcombe had to be cancelled because there was little support, but it is hoped that the next event will prove more popular. On Tuesday, 10th October at 8p.m. Mr. Taylor will give an illustrated talk on Country Houses. The venue for this will be the Crown Inn, so do come along to what we confidently expect to be a most pleasant evening.

In November (provisionally the 24th) we are holding a Cheese & Wine Party. Members will receive full notification in due course. There will be a film show in December, and a social in January.

The Society has been approached with the suggestion that members might care to help at an Open Day at Chesterton Windmill. It has been some time since the mill was officially open to the public, and there may well be those who have not been inside and would enjoy assisting the visitors to mount the staircase, and who could explain the workings of the mill. I hope to have more details for the meeting on 10th October.

In case you are wondering what has happened to the Village Guide - we are still compiling it! There is a possibility that it will be published by Christmas but there is such a wealth of detail (all of which must be verified) that the launch date may have to be postponed. My thanks to all those who answered the questions in the last issue. L. RIDGLEY.

### W.I.

At our September meeting the guest was Miss Jean Samson, who spoke of her experiences with the Equestrian Team at the Montreal Olympics. Her involvement was with the Dressage Team, and the preparations, starting a year before, were many: selection of horses and riders, kitting out, vaccinations, passports, transport - an enormous task. Accommodation was excellent, security strict, and weather foul! Princess Anne was in the company, and in the same quarters as the other members of the team. Although very hard work, Miss Samson would not have missed the experience for anything.

In July, members enjoyed an evening river trip at Stratford aboard 'Gigi' (her maiden voyage, no less!), and in August we entertained some patients from Central Hospital. Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Burford who provided music for this.

We were delighted to hear of the arrival of Richard to the



Hanney household.

Warks. Federation of Women's Institutes are holding a Michaelmas Fair at the Spa Centre on Wednesday, 11th Oct., from 10.45 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., where fresh produce, cakes, sweets, jams etc. will be on sale, plus raffle, tombola and white elephants. Bring your family & friends! J. BEAUMONT.

#### GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Our trip to Evesham last month was a great success, and we hope all who came enjoyed the afternoon.

On Saturday, 28th October, we are holding our HANDICRAFT SALE OF WORK in the Village Hall. As well as handicrafts, there will be jumble, white elephants, bottles, toys, babies' and children's clothes, cakes, teas etc., plus a raffle for a most beautiful large dressed doll - just right to delight any little girl at Christmas!

Do please support this event, which we hope will raise funds towards our Christmas Party. We feel sure you will find something worth coming for! L. KNIGHTON.

#### HARBURY N.S.P.C.C.

On 16th September we held a second Disco, after many requests from those who enjoyed our first in March. More than 100 children came, and we took £70 before expenses, so it was a success for both the children and the NSPCC! We do warmly thank Frank Bunting and Bob Wilkins for their help, and the children for coming.

Our 'busy season' begins now with our annual Collection in October, and I do urge you to support us and give as generously as you always do. The NSPCC relies entirely on public finance and without you we wouldn't be able to help the thousands of children whose lives you may well be saving. We have 40 collectors now, and are very grateful for all their help.

On Friday, 10th November, there will be a Coffee Morning and a Coffee Evening at 17 Manor Orchard, where our NSPCC Christmas cards will be on sale. We have a new one which Helen Bradley has designed specially for us again, and donates annually to us, and many others to choose from. We retain a high percentage from these sales and by buying the cards you are supporting us and not the manufacturer!

We shall also be Carol Singing in December, and will post details of this and the Coffee Morning and Evening, in the village later on.

Mike Yarwood has kindly agreed to make our Christmas Appeal this year, and will be on ITV on 10th December, between 6.30 and 7p.m., so I hope you'll be watching, and in the meantime, from Sally Merryweather, Liz Bunting, Sue Wilkins, Pat Mettrick, Janet Hodgson and myself, thank you for your support this year, which has enabled us to rescue so many babies and children who, but for you, would be names on the same list as that headed by Maria Colwell.

VICTORIA MACGOWAN, Hon. Sec., Harbury & District.

#### LEAGUE OF PITY

The Jumble Sale held at Phoenix House, High Street, on Wednesday, 28th August, raised £18. We would like to thank everyone who supported us.

SIMON BORASTON,  
RICHARD & HELEN STUBBS, SARAH & JONATHAN WALTERS.

#### PARISH COUNCIL

In the continuing saga of the street lights on the Butte Lane estate, the Council are enlisting the help of the County Engineer.

The Council recently objected to the private development at the Old Telephone Exchange, which had been earmarked for completion of Crown Close. Cllr. Drinkwater explained that the DC were 'gazumped' when negotiating to buy the land.

There have been many complaints about the behaviour of youths around the Village Hall and the shed. The noise and bad language have distressed several residents in the area, and fear that 'some residents will be driven to violence' was expressed. The Chairman and Cllr. Drinkwater will consult with the local Police.

There were complaints at the 'unfortunate' use of the term 'secret session' to describe the Council's withdrawal into committee to discuss sensitive matters which behaviour prompted the local Labour Party to write requesting details of the discussions.

"People matter more than trees", said Cllr. Mrs. Watts, as she asked for the Frances Road tree which shades the lamp by the Old People's Bungalows to be felled. The quick-thinking Cllr. Atkins suggested moving the lamp!



Mrs. Catterall announced that Deppers Bridge was pleased with its new lights, but wanted the playing field mowed more frequently as 'the sheep won't be on it this winter, and there were 15 children there this weekend'. 'And, of course, children don't eat as much as sheep, pointed out Geoff Wright!

To allay Mike Ellis's fears of a 'catastrophe' striking an under-insured Harbury, the PC Public Liability cover will go up to £1 million, and at his suggestion John Drinkwater will endeavour to persuade the District Engineer to replace the Mill Street lay-by reflectors, and undertake other maintenance work still outstanding and so make the roads safe. Mrs. Watts was delighted to report that due to her efforts the weeds, which had appeared on the estate roads, had now been removed.

Ivy Lane residents told the Parish Council their road was too narrow for continuous 2-way traffic; suffered increased use by heavy lorries and by motor cycles as a race circuit; and had poor visibility at South Parade. They suggested the road could be either widened, made one way, made Access Only, or made a cul-de-sac, but they petitioned the PC to make it one way towards the Dog Inn. Mrs. Beaumont spoke against the proposal, fearing that traffic speeds would increase. Mrs. Spencer declared it was unsafe as there had been several accidents, and Roger Lupton thought the best option from the residents' point of view would be a cul-de-sac. Geoff Wright agreed there was a problem, but if the road was one way then other areas would suffer increased traffic at equally hazardous points, and there was always the worry that children would cycle the wrong way up the lane to the recreation ground. A cul-de-sac or improved junction were better alternatives, but the residents would have to sacrifice some of their land for a turning circle or vision splays at South Parade.

The PC would put the proposals to the proper authorities, but they pointed out that they had NO POWERS in the matter. Cllr. Ellis insisted that the County Engineer must be persuaded to meet the residents, and the Chairman warned that the negotiations would undoubtedly take a long time.

Next meeting: 26th October, 7.30, Village Hall. L. RIDGLEY.

## PROFILE - VIVIENNE AGGETT

There are few parishes which can boast a lady churchwarden, and I am prepared to hazard a guess that there is only one parish whose lady churchwarden once spoke for 9 hours, non-stop, for charity. If my guess is correct, then the parish of Harbury stands alone! Vivienne Aggett brings to her work in this parish a wealth of experience of charity and youth work, and a deep personal faith which she describes as 'a personal relationship with Christ which has given me help and guidance throughout my life'.



She was born in Teignmouth in Devon. Her father was Chairman of the Magistrates, and both parents were involved with the local Liberals, so it was natural that she should develop an interest in community affairs from an early age. Cricket and fencing were early interests too, and she still turns out to bat, and gives cricket coaching, when the opportunity presents itself.

After University and a spell in the family printing business, Vivienne went to work in London for the 'Commonwealth (then "Colonial") and Continental Church Society', thereby starting the charity work which has been until recently her life. She spent 4 years in Birmingham as a Youth Organiser for the NSPCC, having always been keen on working with young people through the Girl Guides, Youth Clubs etc., particularly within the framework of the Church. From Birmingham she went to Bath and Wells as Diocesan Organiser for the Girls' Friendly Society, and she moved to Chesterton in 1967 when she joined Action Research for the Crippled Child, first as a Youth Organiser and later as Midland Regional Controller in Warwick.



She finds herself more involved and settled here than anywhere she has lived, and, like many people, is continually impressed by the way in which all ages, social classes, 'locals' and newcomers intermingle so well in Harbury.

Her main activities in the village centre round the Church - as well as being churchwarden, she started the Parish Breakfasts which are now such an important feature of Church life, and she revived the Harvest Supper which had not been held for many years. She was a prime mover in the setting up of the Bible Study Group, and is a regular attender at the monthly prayer meetings. She was a founder member of the local Crusaders, is a Trustee of the Harbury Charities, once stood for the County Council (as an Independent) and is on the County Youth Service Development Council. The Theatre Group and the Harbury Liberal Branch take up her spare time(!) - of which she has even less at present as she commutes every day to Worcester. However, she will shortly be taking up a position with the Education Department in Warwick, which should give her a little more time for 'extra-mural' activities.

Although not a supporter of 'Women's Lib', Vivienne believes strongly that women should not automatically be expected to do 'women's work'. I think she would more happily wield a spanner than a darning needle. She very much hopes that the Church of England will soon permit the ordination of women - in fact her plans for retirement at the age of 60 include being ordained herself!

If a deep Christian commitment, an interest in and concern for those around her, and an enthusiastic and friendly personality are suitable attributes, then she must surely be an ideal candidate.

DIANA HOLT.

### IN THE GARDEN

The gardener turns squirrel this month, wisely storing against the winter ahead. Roots are dug up and the healthy ones packed in sand or peat to keep their plumpness, potatoes also go into store, and apples and pears need particular care in handling and storing. These are tedious chores, but if you skimp on them your punishment will be shrivelled and rotten vegetables and fruit when you come to use them. Sow your winter peas and broad beans out of doors about the middle of the month, and plant out a few spring cabbage.

Earth up celery and leeks again. Any ground that you have dug up rough and don't wish to plant until spring, spread a good layer of farmyard manure on top. By now your Japanese onions should be showing through, so just keep the ground moist. Bring your outdoor tomatoes in to the warm, and they will ripen. Your Brussels sprouts may need a little support, and netting over to prevent pigeons eating them. Do come to the Horticultural Society meeting on 3rd October at Harbury Club. W. F. LINES.

### HARBURY FLOWER SHOW

The newly formed Horticultural Society held its first show on 9th September, and judging by the number of villagers who came to view the display it must be regarded as a very worthwhile venture. Notable successes were Mr. Crump's vegetables, Dr. Wilne's flowers, and Mr. Hauley's fruit, but in each of these sections Harold Wilkins reigned supreme by winning the 3 cups and the Amateur Gardening Ribbon for the best exhibit. Mrs. Wilkins also made the afternoon a family affair when she won the Daniel trophy for cakes and pastries. The best-kept allotment cup went to Mr. Jack Lee, while the Fred Lines cup for most points in the Junior Section, and the prize for the best named collection of wild flowers, were both won by Helen Keir.

Mike Bloxham's photograph shows (l to r) Harold Wilkins, W. F. Lines and the Vicar, admiring some of the exhibits. The Committee would like to record thanks to Mrs. Evetts, Mrs. Bishop, Mr. Ashworth and Rev. Mackley for judging the entries, John Wyatt for stewarding, Dot Boneham for helping with refreshments, and Kim, Joanne and Jane who spent the entire afternoon completing the winners' cards.



At the auction we made approximately £20. Unfortunately, I sold Mrs. Lowe's cakes, still on their plates. I would be grateful, therefore, if the lucky purchaser could return the



plates so that I can partially redeem myself.

At the end of the afternoon several people put forward good suggestions for future shows, and if anyone else would like to make further recommendations for inclusion next year, all comments will be duly considered. REMEMBER, next year YOUR ENTRY might be the WINNER! STAN FINCH.

### THE SOUTHAM & DISTRICT ROUND TABLE

On 7th October we are holding a Clay Pigeon Shoot at Pineham Farm. You are invited to come along to watch, play skittles, wang wellies or partake of beer, sandwiches etc. If you wish to shoot, the cost is £1 for 15 clays and the use of a gun; otherwise entrance is free. D.G.B.

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Southam and District Squadron operates from headquarters in Wattons Lane, off Park Lane, rear of Southam Church, and provides training for boys from 13 - flying, gliding etc. The squadron meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and instruction is given in many subjects associated with aircraft and the RAF. This year one cadet has attended RAF Gibraltar, 2 spent a week at RAF Wildenrath in Germany, and others joined annual camp at RAF Machrihanish, in the Mull of Kintyre. The CO, Flt. Lt. Donald Grantham, has a staff of instructors assisting him, but is always in need of experienced help. Anyone willing to give up one or two hours each week to instruct in such matters as radio (modern equipment installed), air navigation and aircraft engineering, especially ex RAF personnel, would be very welcome. If you are interested in supporting the Unit in this way, please either call at the HQ or ring Harbury 612202, or contact Flt. Lt. D. Grantham, 10 Piers Close, Warwick 47161. R.J. MACHELL.

### AT THE IBIS GALLERY

For art lovers the Ibis Gallery in Church Walk, Leamington (adjacent to the Parish Church) has been a welcome addition to the local scene. At present their exhibition consists of Israeli landscapes by Paul Bridgeman and animal studies by Joan Farley. Mrs. Farley, as many readers will know, lives in Farm St., and is an amazingly young 82 years, still very actively involved in making pictures. On show at the Gallery are some of her beautiful drawings of greyhounds and whippets. The exhibition is on until 7th October.

## "HARBURY TERRIERS"

Kim Clarke and Badger Stringer proudly announce the arrival of 10 healthy pups; born on 5th September. Five of them - 1 bitch and 4 dogs - are still in need of good homes, and will be ready to leave 'Mum' at half-term. What better time to introduce a 'little stranger' into your home? Visitors are very welcome - preferably early evenings, and seriously we do want to find these Harbury Terriers really good homes. Please apply to 1 Vicarage Lane, or phone Harbury 612406.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Readers,

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Anne Moore and all who helped and supported the Cheese and Wine Party which raised just over £40 for the work of the Additional Curates Society. ACS is most grateful for this help and interest.

Also, may I say a word of thanks to the PCC for their annual donation.

ROY CHURCHILL.

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