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It was almost predictable that one of the sunniest days of this so-called summer should herald the start of that well-known winter sport - football.

For many people, wintery weather will be the lingering memory of this year's holidays, and, with that in mind, we thought in the next issue we would include a story of this year's most miserable holiday, with the aim of raising a few smiles out of the gloom. If you think your holiday qualifies for consideration, please tell us about it. Letters should reach the Editor's office, 23 Mill Street, by 25th September.

Harbury & Ladbroke News subscriptions will be due from 1st October, and it has been possible to keep the cost for the next 12 months at this year's figure of 80p. We are sure you will agree that, at approximately 7p a month at the yearly rate, the News represents good value, and we hope we can rely on your continuing support. The distributors will be asking for your subscription when they deliver the October issue.

HARBURY DIARY

SEPTEMBER

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| Sun. 3rd | 8a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10a.m. Sung Eucharist,
11.30a.m. Children's and Family Service,
6.30p.m. Evensong.
L'ton Olympic Gymnastics Club Display, Pump
Room Gardens (part of 'Sport for All' Day). |
| Mon. 4th | Toddler Group commences at Wight School. |
| Tues. 5th | School and Playgroup begin. Whist Drive, V.Hall.
Scouts, Scout Hut, 7.30p.m. PCC, 8p.m. |
| Thurs. 7th | W.I., Miss Samson on '1976 Olympics', 7.45p.m.,
Village Hall. |
| Sat. 9th | HORTICULTURAL SHOW, Village Hall from 2p.m.
Scouts Water Weekend on River Avon, St. Nicholas
Park, Warwick (by Sea Scout hut) from 10a.m.
Organ Recital by Ian Little, 7.45p.m. in Church. |
| Sun. 10th | 8a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10a.m. Sung Eucharist &
visit of <u>The Lord Bishop of Coventry</u> , 6.30p.m.
Evensong.
Cricket at Cement Works v. Steeple Aston.
Scouts Water Weekend. |

- Mon. 11th BULKY REFUSE COLLECTION. You must ring Stratford 67575, ext. 239.
Guides and Gymnastics begin.
- Tues. 12th Harbury Friends, School, 8p.m.
Bible Study, Vicarage, 8p.m.
Senior Citizens Committee, Village Hall, 8p.m.
Motor Cycle Club, Wight School, 8pm.
- Thurs. 14th Golden Age Club, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
Enrolment Evening, Southam Evening Centre.
- Fri. 15th Football Club Dance, Disco and 'Harmony'; bar; tickets £1; Village Hall.
ACS Cheese & Wine and Bring & Buy, 23 Mill Street, 8p.m., tickets 60p.
- Sat. 16th Shoe Sale, Wight School, from 9.30a.m.
Harbury Society trip to Winchcombe (see this month's H. Soc. report for details).
NSPCC Children's Disco (8 to 16 yrs.), Village Hall, 7.30 to 10.30p.m., admission 30p.
- Sun. 17th 8a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10a.m. Sung Eucharist (Theatre Group), 6.30p.m. Evensong.
Cricket at the Cement Works v. Kenilworth.
- Mon. 18th Upholstery class starts, Wight School, 2-4p.m.
- Tues. 19th Pilgrimage to Walsingham (until Thursday).
Tufty Club, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
Dressmaking class starts, School, 7.30p.m.
Village Hall Committee, Village Hall, 8p.m.
Harbury & Ladbroke News Distributors' get-together, the Crown, 8p.m.
- Wed. 20th PTA 'Any Questions' at School, 8p.m.
Archdeaconry Jubilee Service, Leamington.
- Thurs. 21st Ladies' Keep Fit starts, School, 7.30p.m.
Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30p.m.
- Fri. 22nd Netball Club 'Seconds' Sale, Wight School, 8p.m.
Conservatives' Jumble Sale, V. Hall, 7.30p.m.
- Sun. 24th 8a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10a.m. Sung Eucharist (Ringers), 6.30p.m. Evensong.
Bike Ride, 10a.m. from Club Car Park.
Footpath Walk, 2.30p.m. from Village Hall.
- Tues 26th Young Wives, 2p.m., Village Hall.
Motorcycle Club, 8p.m., Wight School.

Thurs. 28th Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
 Theatre Group, 8p.m., Club.
 Sat. 30th CHURCH HARVEST SUPPER, Village Hall,
 7.30p.m. Tickets available soon.
 Coffee Morning in Southam for ratepayers to
 meet Cllrs. and District officials.

OCTOBER

Sun. 1st HARVEST THANKSGIVING. 8a.m. Holy
 Eucharist, 10a.m. Sung Eucharist with gifts
 (Farmers), 6.30p.m. Evensong.
 Tues. 3rd Horticultural Society, 7.30p.m. at the Club;
 speaker Mr. D. Wadsworth, Principal, Warks.
 College of Agriculture, Moreton Morrell.
 Thurs. 5th W.I., Mr. & Mrs. Spiers on 'Clocks through the
 Ages', 7.45p.m., Village Hall.
 Fri. 6th Blood Donors' Session, Village Hall.
 Sun. 8th Crusader Birthday Sunday Service, 2.30p.m.,
 Village Hall, speaker The Rev. Andrew Dow.

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(note new day)
 JOGGING, from Village Hall, 8p.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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N.B. A few seats still left for Golden Age afternoon trip to
 Evesham on 19th Sept. Contact Mrs. Knighton, 10 Wagstaffe
 Close, tel. 612707.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

We are looking forward to the first visit of our Diocesan Bishop, Bishop John Gibb, to Harbury on Sunday, 10th September, when he will celebrate and preach at our 10a. m. Parish Eucharist. I hope that all who can will come to welcome him, worship with him, hear his message, and meet him socially at coffee afterwards.

On Friday, 15th September, at 8p. m., there will be a Cheese & Wine Party (with a Bring and Buy Sale) at 23 Mill Street, in aid of the Additional Curates Society. Tickets at 60p may be obtained from Mrs. Anne Moore.

From Tuesday, 19th September to Thursday, 21st September, there will be a Diocesan mid-week Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Most of these pilgrimages have been weekend ones, and have sometimes been very crowded. This being a mid-week one will probably be quieter and less crowded. Further particulars may be obtained from me.

On Saturday, 30th September, there will be a regional Catholic Renewal Conference in St. James the Greater Church, Leicester, beginning at 10.30a. m. This is one of the regional conferences following on the great 'Catholic Renewal in the Church of England' Conference, which was held at Loughborough earlier in the year. The chief speaker will be the Revd. Richard Holloway, Rector of Old St. Pauls, Edinburgh, whose speech at the Loughborough Conference, we are told, brought tremendous inspiration.

Saturday, 30th September, will also be the day of our Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. Our guest speaker this year will be our Rural Dean, the Revd. T. Knight OBE, Rector of Southam, and the Harbury Theatre Group will be providing entertainment.

The following Sunday, 1st October, will be our Harvest Thanksgiving. The services will be at the usual times of 8a. m., 10a. m. and 6.30p. m., but, although it is the first Sunday in the month, there will be no family service at 11.30, as the Gift Service will be combined with the 10a. m. Parish Family Eucharist, when children (and any others) will be invited to bring up their gifts at the time of the Offertory.

Finally, may I remind you of four Feast Days which occur during September - the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the 8th, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the 14th, St. Matthew's Day on the 21st and St. Michael and All Angels on the 29th.

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

WANTED: TO COMMENCE DUTIES ON 1st JANUARY 1979,
ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER FOR HARBURY PARISH
CHURCH. APPLY TO THE VICAR FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

From the Churchwardens

In September we see the re-start of regular meetings of many organisations, and we resume the participation of village groups in the 10 o'clock Service on Sundays. We are just starting the list of organisations for the second time round, so it has taken eighteen months or more to get through all the groups in the village.

This autumn the Diocese of Coventry, of which we are part, celebrates its Jubilee with a number of special services and events. We have applied for tickets for the Diocesan Family Evening at Stoneleigh on 14th October, and for the Archdeaconry Jubilee Service on Wednesday evening, 20th September, in Leamington. Anyone who is interested in attending either of these events is invited to get in touch with the Vicar or one of the Churchwardens without delay. Our Parish Diocesan Jubilee Service will take place on the afternoon of Sunday, 22nd October, and full details will be included next month. We trust that the Harvest Supper and Thanksgiving Service on Saturday and Sunday, 30th September and 1st October will be as well supported as in past years. We look forward to welcoming the Rev. Tom Knight, our Rural Dean, as guest speaker at the Supper, at which there will also be an entertainment by the Theatre Group. Tickets will be on sale very soon.

LADBROKE NEWS

Services etc. for September and early October

Sun. 3rd Sept., Trinity XV, 8.30a.m., Holy Communion;
11a.m. Matins.

Sun. 10th Sept., Trinity XVI, 11a.m. Holy Communion with

Hymns (Canon Denney); 6.30p.m. Evensong(Mr. J. W. T. Rogers).

Sun. 17th Sept., Trinity XVII, 8.30a.m. Holy Communion (Rev. T. Rutherford), 11a.m. Matins (Mr. W. J. Grimes).

Sun. 24th Sept., Trinity XVIII, 11a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns; 6.30p.m. Evensong.

Fri. 29th Sept., St. Michael & All Angels. 7.30p.m. Harvest Supper in Ladbroke School.

Sun. 1st Oct., Harvest Thanksgiving, Trinity XIX. 8.30a.m., Holy Communion; 11a.m. Family Service, 6.30pm, Evensong.

Wed. 4th Oct., 7.30p.m. meeting of the Alibone Trustees at the Old Rectory.

Sun. 8th Oct., Trinity XX. 11am. Holy Communion with Hymns; 6.30p.m. Evensong.

Wed. 11th Oct., 3.30p.m. Women's Fellowship, Church.

Ladbroke Parochial Church Council meets in Church at 7.30 on Monday, 2nd October.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Sept. 3rd, Mrs. J. Barnett. Sept. 10th, Mrs. T. Barnett. Sept. 17th, Mrs. Colvin. Sept. 24th, Mrs. Catterall. Oct. 1st and 8th, Mrs. Darkes.

Harvest Supper. This, which I fear will be the last one to be held in the School, will be on Friday, 29th September at 7.30p.m. Tickets will be obtainable from the ladies of the Parochial Church Council; the convener is Mrs. June Barnett.

Holiday. I shall be away in Devon from 5th to 19th September, and the Rev. Tom Knight of Southam (Southam 2413) has kindly promised to 'stand by' during that period. G.R.F.

Tickets for Archdeaconry Service on 20th September at All Saints' Church, Leamington will be available on Sunday, 3rd September; will those who ordered them please collect then? G.R.F.

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I. The autumn meeting will be on 28th September, Thursday, at 7.30p.m. at the School. The title of the talk is "Sainsbury's Value for Money", and we expect to hear much about these products. Newcomers are most welcome.

At the last summer meeting Kate Todman was the volunteer for the make up expert from Boots. Members saw various creams and colours being applied, and were given cosmetic advice.

Great interest was shown in the proposed route for Ladbroke's by-pass, and members were asked to write to the Dept. of Transport, Birmingham, telling of their approval, as it was felt that this might indicate to the Dept. the strength of the village feeling on this matter.

As closure of the village school was only 12 months away, and no acceptable alternative meeting place had been suggested, Mrs. Norgate asked members if they thought a survey should be made of the old village hall to see if it could be brought up to minimum standard. At least 12 members offered their services and the president will raise this matter at the first meeting of the village amenity committee.

HARBURY SCOUTS

Troop meetings will now be held on Tuesdays, from 7.30 to 9p.m., commencing on 5th September. John Hancock will take over from John Knight as Scout Leader, while Graham Goodchild will be Group Scout Leader (i.e. in overall charge of Scouts and Cub Scouts). Our thanks to these and all other volunteers who will fill various roles as assistant leaders and instructors.

SCOUT COMMITTEE.

HARBURY SOCIETY

The Society is still struggling to produce a "Guide to Harbury" for sale at Christmas, but needs information on a variety of topics. If you think you can help with answers to any of the questions below, please contact the Secretary, Linda Ridgley, 7 Wagstaffe Close, tel. 612792.

The Society is to run an outing to Hayles Abbey, Winchcombe and Sudeley Castle. There are still places left on the coach for those who would like to make the trip (adults £1.95, children £1.25) on Saturday 16th September, but Wednesday 6th will be the last day for applications.

On 10th October Mr. Taylor will give an illustrated talk on Country Houses; no venue yet but we will try to find somewhere with alcoholic refreshment available, and on 17th Nov.

we are holding a Cheese and Wine Party. There will be a Film Show in December and a Social in January.

Questions. When did the village have piped water? When did it have a piped sewerage system installed? When did the Mill finally close down? When did the Co-op amalgamate with Rugby? When did the Dog burn down? When did the Station close? When was Harbury Hall built? What was the Bull Ring Farm built for? When was the Co-op started, and any information on its early years, and the Bustin brothers, and Non-Conformism? LINDA RIDGLEY.

WARWICK CASTLE ARCHIVES APPEAL

There are to be three fund-raising events in the next few months. The first is a talk by Dr. A. L. Rowse on 'Shakespeare's Dark Lady', in the Guy Nelson Hall, Warwick School, Myton Road, Warwick, on Thursday 28th Sept, 8p.m. For the second venture, Captain and Mrs. C. B. Fetherston-Dilke will open their home, Maxstoke Castle, a remarkably preserved 14th Century castle near Coleshill, on Saturday 30th September, from 11a.m. to 6p.m. The turning to the castle, which is not normally open to the public, will be signposted. Visitors should turn right from the A47 Coleshill to Shustoke road just before Shustoke. Finally, John Julius Norwich will talk on 'Palladian Architecture in England and in Italy' on Wednesday, 11th October, at 8p.m. in the Guy Nelson Hall at Warwick School. An admission fee of £1 will be payable for each of these events, and the proceeds will go to the Warwick Castle Archives Appeal.

HARBURY FRIENDS

As the name implies, our organisation was formed principally to bring ladies of the village together for friendship and interesting meetings. We meet at the School on the second Tuesday of each month, and at our next meeting, on 12th September, we have a gentleman from Southorns' Shoes to talk to us on the history of this long-established shop. Please come along and join us then - new members will be made very welcome.

LADIES' NETBALL CLUB

Once again we are nearing the start of the netball season, and here's hoping it will be as successful as the last. We have recently resumed our Thursday night practice at the Wight School at 7.15p.m. so, ladies, if you have nothing better to do on a Thursday evening you know where to come. We promise you an entertaining evening. Never mind if you haven't played since your school days - the majority of us hadn't!

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those people who have supported our fund raising events, the most recent being our jumble sale which was successful. Our next event is on Friday, 22nd September, when we are having a sale of new clothing (seconds) from a well-known store. This will be held at the Wight School at 8p.m., so please make a note in your diaries.

We look forward to seeing you at our next practice evening.

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

The AGM, held at the Village Club, was opened by Mick Bishop, stressing the difficulties of raising sufficient money to run three teams this year. The members re-elected Bill Stevens as Chairman, Mick Bishop as Treasurer, and Les Sollis as Match Secretary. Ken Wynne, who has always served the club well, offered his resignation, as he is now commuting to Saudi Arabia, and Stan Finch was elected as Club Secretary. A further 10 members were elected to assist in the general running of the Club, and in organising special events such as dances. Our next dance, open to everyone, is on Friday, 15th September, at the Village Hall, and tickets are available from Gary Lowe, tel. 612269, and from the local public houses.

In the coming season, the teams will be selected on Saturday by Dave Wallington and on Sunday by Les Sollis, Dave Wallington (1st) and Gary Lowe (2nd). Anyone interested in playing or assisting in any way should contact either Bill Stevens, 39 Manor Road, or Les Sollis, 35 Farm Street.

Finally, the Committee recorded its thanks to all who support the Club financially through the Tote, and also those people, led by Reg Bloxham and Les Montgomery, who turn out to watch even in the harshest conditions. STAN FINCH.

THE BICYCLE EVENT

Harbury Church Council organised a light hearted 'sort-of-bicycle-time-trial' on Sunday, 20th August. Thirty nine riders took part in what proved to be a very competitive event on a warm and sunny afternoon. A 5-mile route included some private road - by kind permission of Mr. L. B. Thwaites - and passed through Chesterton village, up the hill by the windmill and back to the start/finish area at the Old New Inn.

Four separate classes(8-11 yrs; 12-15 yrs; over 16yrs(men); and Ladies) competed on both straight time-taken, and also on a cunning handicap basis. The handicap was meant to produce all the riders in each class at the finish at the same time. This was not quite achieved but we did see some good large groups of very determined youngsters pedalling for all they were worth into the village.

Thanks are due to Mr. Mann for the use of the Old New Inn car park, Mr. Thwaites as mentioned above, the many helpers who marshalled the route, dealt with entries and timing, and dispensed squash at the finish. Special thanks to Hunts' Stores, Lindop's Drug Store, the Shakespeare Inn and Taylor's 'top shop' for donating prizes. And thanks to the riders for supporting us and making it such an enjoyable afternoon. We might do it again next year!

Results: 8 - 11 years : Fastest time and 1st on handicap, Michael Wheatley (21mins.0.5 secs.). Second fastest and equal 2nd on handicap, Peter Millington (21mins.25secs.). Equal 2nd on handicap, Michael Winter (25mins.45secs.). Third fastest, Peter Catt(24mins.05secs.). Best Girl, Michelle Coupe (33mins.25secs.)

12 - 15 years: Fastest time, Andrew Hunt (20mins.05secs.). Second fastest and 1st on handicap, Peter Edwards(21m.09s.) 2nd on handicap, Steven Home (24mins.53secs.).

Third fastest and 3rd on handicap, Simon Timperley(23m.45s)

Ladies: First, Marian Millington (23mins.35secs.)

Second, Muriel Coupe (28mins.15secs.).

Over 16: Fastest time and 1st on handicap, Dick Picken(17m05)

Second fastest and 3rd on handicap, Charles Catt(18m.50sec.)

2nd on handicap, David Winter (21mins.50secs.)

Third fastest, Peter Holt (20mins.05secs.).

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HARBURY JOGGING CLUB

The 'jogs' have settled to a regular pattern; most of the ladies now run for 5 minutes, walk for 3, run for 5 and so on, and the men usually run round the course set for the evening at full stretch - in this way the needs of all are met. The male/female ratio at the moment is approx. 1 to 4, so if any more men would care to come along to the 'jogs' they would be most welcome.

A balance is kept of running on roads and across field footpaths, the latter being avoided when wet.

Within 2/3 weeks of writing this, we shall have had a meeting to decide when to hold the 'jogs' during the autumn and winter. Sunday afternoon seems likely to suit most people - perhaps about 3.30p.m., starting from the Village Hall as usual.

If anyone would like details of the jog for any week - time, place etc. - please do not hesitate to 'phone me on Harbury 612688.

CHRIS LING.

HARBURY JUBILEE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

At our Tuesday evening meeting on 15th August we went, thanks to Mr. Davies, down to 'our' trials field, and held a short event. This enabled a dozen or so riders to have several attempts at a trials section, first one way and then the opposite. There was also the opportunity for some impromptu practice up in the wooded area where our more serious trials sections are sited.

Winner of the 'official' part of the evening was Jeremy Hunt, who dropped only 4 points. Second was Richard Wright (7), and third was Nigel Sheasby (10).

Next meeting, 8p.m., 12th Sept., Wight School.

JBM.

THEATRE GROUP

Rehearsals are now well under way for the entertainment we have been asked to provide at the Church Harvest Supper on 30th September. We have chosen "All's Well That Ends As You Like It" which, as you might guess, is a spoof Shakespeare, and should provide plenty of laughs to shake down your supper!

Also in rehearsal is our next production - 'Children's Day', a comedy by Keith Waterhouse and Willis Hall. This will be

staged in the Village Hall on Friday and Saturday, 17th and 18th November.

Our grateful thanks to those kind people who have given us curtains, dresses, props etc. - and please keep them coming!

JNS.

YOUNG WIVES

We concluded another successful year with a Cheese and Wine Garden Party at 25 South Parade. Unfortunately, the weather was not suitable for wandering in the garden, but those present nevertheless voted it a good evening. In addition to the refreshment we had a showing of the Harbury Jubilee Film by Mr. Harry Windsor.

We have been unsuccessful in replacing Mr. and Mrs. Bamford, who looked after the children while our meetings were in progress. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month, in the Village Hall at 2p.m., and we are in great need of 2 or 3 kind souls to keep approx. 25 pre-school children happy for 1 hour only. Toys and games are provided. Please contact me at the above address if you think you can help us.

Eileen Sherlock has taken over as Secretary on the resignation of Sara Bennett, and Norma Taylor is now our Programme Secretary. We start our new year on 26th September, when we hope to welcome both old and new members. S.KEIR.

ADULT LITERACY

The Adult Literacy class starts again at Southam High School on Monday, 18th September, from 7.30 to 9p.m. The class, which is run on a very friendly and informal basis, is designed to help adults who have problems with reading, spelling and basic English. Some of our students have been attending the class for almost 3 years, and range from those who could not read or write at all, to those who need help with spelling and basic English in order to further their careers.

Tuition is usually on a one to one basis. I am fortunate in being helped by a number of voluntary tutors, some of them trained teachers, who have attended courses at the Adult Literacy Centre at Mid-Warwickshire College of Further Education.

Anyone who is interested in attending the class or in



becoming a voluntary tutor, should either contact me or Mrs. Sheila Cooper, Adult Literacy Co-ordinator, Adult Education Office, Mid-Warwickshire College of Further Education, Warwick New Road, Leamington Spa, telephone Leamington 26766. MARY THOMPSON(Harbury 612050).

BASIC MATHS CLASS

A weekly evening class will be starting at Southam High School on Wednesday, 20th September, for people who have any difficulty with numbers. This could be anything from scoring darts in a pub to working out the number of rolls of wallpaper or passing a maths test for a job.

If anyone is interested in either being helped or being a helper, please 'phone me on 612583. SUE WILKINS.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, August 1978

FUN for me as the Chairman announced they would "Pass On to the Burial Grounds", which they all agreed were looking good.

EXCITEMENT when Geoff Wright confiscated a ball which had been hitting the Village Hall windows throughout the meeting. John Hancock promised the offending practice goal would soon be moved elsewhere.

Some SATISFACTION for Cllr. Ellis that Stratford DC are trying to make WCC provide OAPs with Free Bus Passes, and considerable ANNOYANCE that the Butte Lane developers appear not to have paid the Road Bond. Will this mean the road won't be adopted and NO lights?

EXASPERATION from Sharon Hancock that she can't finish the Emergency Plans folder. Information on Deppers is still outstanding, and Mrs. Catterall was again absent.

FURY by all and sundry at noise caused by the use of the Village Hall car park and Recreation Ground by motorcyclists. CONCERN over Planning Applications for the TIP. There had been many objections, and Cllr. Drinkwater will report to the PC on the DC's deliberations.

TREPIDATION on the part of Dennis Atkins (who got it in the neck last time) over the reaction of Binswood End residents to the erection of further lamp standards. Sympathetically his colleagues gave him the task of informing the householders!

GRATITUDE for Dr. Hancock's work on the Recreation Grounds Committee, and SORROW at his resignation, but PLEASURE at his acceptance of the Leadership of Scouts. PUBLICITY for: the Rates Rebates scheme which too few are taking up, (poster in the Library, and information from the Treasurer's Dept., 14 Rother Street, Stratford 67575, ext. 272); for Mrs. Grace Buckle, District Cllr., who, although leaving the area, will continue to represent the Parish (write to her at Malvern, Village Green, Bainbridge, Leyburn, N.Yorks., Tel. Bainbridge (09695)425); and for Mrs. Pogmore, Chairman of Stratford DC, who is holding a Coffee Morning at Southam on 30th September when rate-payers can see Officials and District Cllrs. (Don't miss this opportunity to tell them exactly what you think of them!) SECRECY over Parish finances again as the public were excluded.

Come and see YOUR Parish Council at work next month - 7.30p.m., 21st September, in the Farley Room of the Village Hall. Make your choice for next Spring's elections.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

PROFILE - MRS. WHEATLEY & MRS. LOWE

Our picture shows Mrs. Irene Lowe(left) and Mrs. Vera Wheatley, of Vicarage Lane, who are twins, and will be 83 in December. Although they are now almost completely confined to wheelchairs, they are both very alert and friendly, and fascinating to talk to.

They were born in Church Terrace and were members of the Gascoigne family. Their father was a tailor, who used to run his

business from their home, and amongst his clients were members of the local gentry. Both sisters went to Harbury School and left when they were 14. Mrs. Lowe went into



domestic service in Northampton and received the sum of 14 shillings a month. Mrs. Wheatley stayed at home until she was 19, when she went to work as a sewing maid at Bilton Grange Boarding School near Rugby. She progressed to head sewing maid and, although wages were low, both sisters were treated very well by their respective employers. Mrs. Wheatley used to cycle to and from Rugby to work each week. The cycle was the only form of transport available to most people at that time, and both sisters used to cycle to Gaydon and other local places in their dance dresses for the "local hops". In Harbury, a "sixpenny hop" was held in a hall in Ivy Lane.

After Mrs. Lowe was married, she and her husband ran a fish and chip shop which at one time was in premises in Ivy Lane and for many years in Hall Lane on what is now the Club car park. The fish was brought by rail, fresh from Grimsby, and the train stopped at Harbury Station where the Great Western pub is today. The shop, which closed about 25 years ago, was very popular in the area as the next nearest was in Leamington.

Both ladies can remember dancing round the maypole on May Day in what was then a field (where the school is now), opposite the cemetery. They were both closely involved with the W.I. and Mothers' Union, and Mrs. Lowe used to do a lot of singing.

They each have 2 children living locally, and Mrs. Lowe's son Derek is the manager of the village Co-op. Their brother, Dudley Gascoigne, also lives in the village, and at 89 is claimed to be the oldest male resident (unless - as Esther Rantzen says - you know different!)

Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Wheatley are Harburians through and through, and would not have it any other way despite the changes the village has gone through in recent years. They are two really wonderful ladies, and we wish them many more years of happiness in the village which obviously means so much to them.

RAY HOARE.

HARBURY CONSERVATIVES

Our last Jumble Sale raised £73 - not £13 as stated last time. Thank you to everyone who helped, and we look forward to seeing you at the next Sale on 22nd September. PJH.

IN THE GARDEN

There is nothing much to sow or plant, but plenty to harvest in September.

Transplant seedlings of spring cabbage; your main crop of potatoes can now be lifted - just let them dry and then store in a cool place.

Raspberries want the old canes cut out, and the new canes fastened up. It is not too early to rough dig any ground which you wish to leave idle until the spring.

Blackcurrant bushes will need pruning, and earth up celery and leeks.

How nice it would be to have perhaps one Show Card to brighten up your sideboard - or better still one of our Cups - so why not enter the Show on 9th September. All exhibits to be staged by 10.45 a.m. Exhibitors in the junior classes are free.

W. F. LINES.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The show is now almost upon us, and we are hoping for a bumper entry. Don't forget to enter - it's no use on the day saying you could have done better than those that did! If you don't enter, come along on the day to see the very best produce of Harbury's gardens. Entries to Harold Wilkins, 1 Manor Road. The show opens to the public at 2p.m. on Saturday, 9th September.

The first meeting of the Autumn will be at the Village Club on 3rd October, when Derek Wadsworth, Head of Horticulture at Moreton Hall Agricultural College, will speak.

TONY BRUNTON.

EVENING CLASSES AT SOUTHAM ADULT CENTRE

Autumn courses start on Monday, 25th September, and after the half-term break, (from 30th October to 3rd Nov.); the spring term continuing on Tuesday, 8th January, 1979.

If you wish to attend one of the courses, the enrolment evening is being held on Thursday, 14th September from 7.30 to 9.30p.m. This is something of a shop window for interests rather than a registration operation. You may enrol by post (including your fee) if you are unable to attend the enrolment evening. Reserve lists are made for each full course. The fees are £5 for a 10 week course (£2.50 for Senior Citizens).

There are four courses being held in the village - upholstery, dressmaking, corn dollies and ladies' keep fit. You should enrol for these at the first class.

For further details see the leaflet available at the Library and at the Post Office.

SOUTHAM SOCIAL SERVICES

Southam Social Services are a group of people whose job it is to help you with the little problems as well as the big ones. We provide many services and have many tasks, but an often-forgotten part is that we are available to answer queries of any nature. Sometimes we cannot help, but we are there to put you in touch with people who can, to offer advice, to listen to what's bothering you, and to help through the often confusing muddle of benefits, services and agencies. If you have a query, or something that you have been worrying about, such as an aged relative, a marital problem, help for the physically or mentally handicapped, concern for a child, or a range of other problems, but do not know who to ask, you can see a social worker at the Memorial Hall, Bishop's Itchington, on Thursdays between 2.15 and 3.15 p.m., or at our Southam Office, the Council Offices, Coventry Road, Southam, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. or 4 and 5.30p.m., or you can ring Southam 2881 at the above times.

HARBURY'S MAIN POST BOX

The main village post box in Church Street was built in about 1947 by the late Mr. Arthur Ceney, a jobbing builder, and his assistant the late Mr. Jack West. Mr. Ceney lived and carried on his business, at Oakleigh (now Old Timbers) in Ivy Lane. The post box came to be built when the Post Office was still



at the newsagents' shop in Mill Street. In those days the box was in the side wall, and letters were hand-stamped "Harbury". One weekend the Post Office was transferred to the W.I. hut (now gone), which stood near the village club. There GPO staff from Leamington ran the post office for about a week.

From the hut in Crown Street the Post Office moved to its present home at Taylors' Stores, Church Street, and so a post box was ordered.

Upon its completion, Mr. Ceney would have probably quoted his famous saying - "That's a flipping good job, Jack".

MIKE BLOXHAM.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW, 1853

With the Horticultural Society's show about to take place on 9th September, we thought it might be interesting to look back at some of the rules laid down by the Harbury Cottage Improvement, Garden and Floricultural Assoc., established in 1853, for their annual show.

Some of the prizes on offer were 2shillings for the 4 best roses (cut) and 1shilling for the 6 best carrots. School children could win 1shilling for the best garden, 6d. for the best garland of wild flowers, and 1s. 6d. for the best specimens of fruit. The then Vicar awarded 10s. for the neatest working man's cottage (such cottage to have been lime-washed in the course of the year); 7s. 6d. for the best cultivated and neatest kept garden or allotment; 5s. for the cleanest pig and sty (if kept a proper distance from a dwelling house); 10s. for the parents who have kept their children the longest and most regular at school; and other prizes for children for needlework, school attendance and regular contributions to the savings bank.

At the end of the list is a stern warning:

"It must be understood that the Vicar's prizes are only offered to respectable characters who attend a place of worship, who frequent no public house, and who are guilty of no other degrading habits.

Preference will be given to those who contract no debts, who accept of no parochial relief or other

charity, who are depositors in a savings bank, building society or other kindred institution, who can read and write, and who eschew the wasteful and dirty habit of smoking".

Rest assured that the present day Horticultural Society does not include those conditions in the rules for its show this year!!

DMH.

CORRESPONDENCE

To Harbury and Ladbroke News:

"....it would be so much easier to stage "Sailor Beware". "Hello Sailor", "Son of Sailor Beware" and so on, until we all died of boredom."

It is with regret that we read such abrasive remarks made by a member of the Theatre Group in last month's issue, particularly about plays which were performed by the same drama group a few years ago, i. e. "Sailor Beware" and "Watch it Sailor". These productions, incidentally, were played to packed audiences with little resources and less sophisticated means to hand than the same group operate with today.

How sad to find a present member of the Theatre Group so obviously insensitive to other people's feelings particularly those who enjoyed taking part in these two successful plays and also endeavour to insult the intelligence of the audience who thoroughly enjoyed the performances at the time.

It is hoped that in future, the Theatre Group members will refrain from such smugness and self praise - this can only suggest an unhealthy sign - and leave any comments on their present efforts to the person who usually reports on their performances in the "News" and who always gives such great credit to them as a Theatre Group.

TONY CENEY, ANN BADGER, DI LAWLER, BERYL SHEASBY, LINDA AND REX SMITH, ANN AND MIKE · THOMPSON, JANET THORNLEY.

(As a relative newcomer to the village, I was not aware that these plays had actually been produced by the Theatre

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