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We are sure that those of you who bought our "News Extra" at the Carnival will have appreciated the hard work involved in producing it so quickly - it contained the decisions of the judges about the Carnival Floats, and was printed and on sale before the procession reached the Recreation Ground! This achievement was due to a very large extent to the co-operation of Joyce and Harry Windsor who put one thousand copies through the duplicator. We are extremely grateful to them.

The Carnival was as usual, a great success as Mike Bloxham's pictures in the centre of this issue illustrate. (Copies of these and other photos may be purchased from Mike at 21 Mill Street).

Congratulations to the Faulkner and Brunton families on their new arrivals. Regular readers will know that Graham Faulkner was until this year our distribution manager and that Tony Brunton is a regular contributor to the 'News' with his articles about the Horticultural Society.

With the ever increasing cost of travel, it occurred to us that people may be interested in sharing transport - particularly to the main centres such as Warwick, Leamington and Coventry. If you would like to take part in such an arrangement please let us know. If there is sufficient interest we will try and arrange something.

HARBURY DIARY

JULY

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| Sun | 1st | Third Sunday after Trinity. 8am Holy Eucharist, 11.30am Children's & Family Service, 6.30pm - <u>Royal Show Service at Stoneleigh</u> - Coach leaves Bullring at 5.15pm. |
| | | Cricket at Home to Flecknoe |
| Tues | 3rd | Open Evening at Southam School
Youth Club Coffee Bar at Village Hall. |
| Wed | 4th | Mother's Union AGM, 2.30pm, Old Timbers, Ivy Lane. |
| Thurs | 5th | W.I. 7.45pm, V. Hall, Mrs. Pearson gives a Spinning Demonstration.
AGM of Church Men's Group, 7.45pm, Wilmcote Lodge. |
| Fri | 6th | Southam School Occasional Day's Holiday. |

- Fri 6th Prayer Group, 8pm, Windmill Hill Farm Cottage,
Chesterton,
- Sun 8th Fourth Sunday after Trinity. 8am Holy Eucharist,
10am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
Cricket away at Napton.
- Mon 9th Bulky Refuse Collection. You MUST ring Stratford
67575 for collection.
- Tues 10th Harbury Friends Treasure Hunt, 7.15pm V. Hall
Car Park.
Youth Club Coffee Bar at V. Hall.
Playing Fields Cttee at V. Hall.
- Wed 11th 8pm - Meeting of School Governors.
- Thurs 12th Golden Age, 2.30pm, Village Hall.
Youth Club Coffee Bar at V. Hall.
Parent/Teachers Sports Cavalcade on School Playing
Fields, 7 to 9 pm.
- Fri 13th Harbury Theatre Group Play, V. Hall, 8pm.
- Sat 14th Horticultural Society Open Gardens.
Cricket at Home to Ryton.
Harbury Theatre Group Play, V. Hall, 8pm.
- Sun 15th Fifth Sunday after Trinity. 8am Holy Eucharist,
10am Sung Eucharist (Nursery School), 6.30pm
Evensong.
Harbury Society Village Walk begins 11am Old New Inn
Green.
- Tues 17th No Tufty Club
Youth Club Coffee Bar at V. Hall.
Senior Citizens Cttee at V. Hall.
- Thurs 19th Youth Club Coffee Bar at V. Hall.
8pm, Supper at 15 Wagstaffe Close to meet CMS
Missionaries, Richard and Jane Smith.
Football Club AGM, Club, 8pm.
Beetle Drive, 7.30pm
- Fri 20th School Ends.
- Sat 21st Netball Club Jumble Sale, 10.30am, V. Hall.
Scout Summer Camp (Until 28th July at Kingsbury
Water Park, nr Tamworth).
- Sun 22nd Sixth Sunday after Trinity. 8am Holy Eucharist,
10am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
Cricket at Home to Banbury.
- Tues 24th Young Wives, 2pm, V. Hall.
Youth Club Coffee Bar, Village Hall.

Wed 25th S. James (Apostle) 7.30am Holy Eucharist
 NSPCC Sports Afternoon, 2pm, Playing Fields.
 Thurs 26th Golden Age, 2.30pm, Village Hall.
 Youth Club Coffee Bar, Village Hall.
 Sun 29th 7th Sunday after Trinity. 8am Holy Eucharist,
 10am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
 Cricket away to Post Office.
 Bike Ride, 10am Club Car Park.
 Footpath Walk, 2.30pm, Village Hall.
 Tues 31st Youth Club Coffee Bar, Village Hall.

AUGUST

Thurs 2nd No W.I. Meeting.
 Youth Club Coffee Bar, Village Hall.
 Sun 5th 8th Sunday after Trinity. 8am Holy Eucharist,
 10am Sung Eucharist, 11.30am Children's &
 Family Service, 6.30pm Evensong.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Hall Chapel, 10am
 every Sunday.

CRUSADERS, Village Hall, 2.30pm every Sunday.

GUIDES Scout Hut, 7pm every Monday

BINGO Village Hall, 8pm every Monday

BROWNIES Village Hall, 6.15pm every Tuesday

YOUTH CLUB COFFEE EVENING, Rugby Club Rooms in V. Hall
 7 - 10pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.30pm every Tuesday (1st troop)

JOGGING, meet outside Foodmart 8pm every Tuesday

BABY CLINIC, V. Hall, 2pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.30pm every Wednesday (2nd troop)

YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 8pm every Wednesday

PARISH COUNCIL, Village Hall, 7.30pm, 4th Thursday

GOLDEN AGE, Village Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Thursdays

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday

TENNIS, Recreation Ground, 10am every Sunday.

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

Among recent gifts to the Church we acknowledge £100
 from Mrs. Sollis of 35 Farm Street, towards the cost of

repairing the Church roof (a work shortly to be put in hand) in memory of her husband Tony. Mr. Sollis took a great interest in the fabric of the Church and, as a builder, did a great deal of work for it himself. We also acknowledge an anonymous gift of a new fair white linen cloth for the High Altar as a thank offering. This is made of the best linen and has the five traditional crosses handworked on it.

On Sunday, July 1st, Evensong will be said at 4 p.m. instead of sung at 6.30pm as we shall be going once more to the Service of Thanksgiving at 6.30 p.m. on the Royal Show Ground. Our choir will be one of those leading the singing. The service will be conducted by the Bishop of Coventry and the preacher will be the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Donald Coggan, who, as you probably know, is shortly retiring. A large coach will be leaving Harbury Bull Ring at 5.15 p.m. and I hope that a good number from this village will take advantage of it.

Richard and Jane Smith, our C.M.S. Link Missionaries, will be visiting the School on Thursday afternoon, July 12th, but their evening visit, when Mr. and Mrs. Holt invite parishioners to meet them at 15 Wagstaffe Close, at 8 p.m., has now been postponed to the following Thursday (July 19th).

For some considerable time we have been without a sacristan. Would any lady (or any small group of persons) like to volunteer for this work of looking after the vestments, frontals and Altar vessels?

It would also be a splendid thing if we could form a team of Altar servers - both men and boys. I would be pleased to see any who are interested.

We commend Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Lowe into God's loving care, and we pray for those who are bereaved.

I would like to thank our Parochial Church Council very much indeed for the surprise Birthday Party they gave me at the conclusion of the P. C. C. meeting on June 11th. I was both surprised and very moved by it.

With every blessing,

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

HOLY BAPTISM

June 3rd Lisa Jane Birnie, 7 Church Terrace

June 3rd Clare Elizabeth Jackson, 12 Pineham Avenue

June 17th Victoria Annis Hayes, Hill Cottage, 2 Farm Street.

HOLY MATRIMONY

June 23rd Robert John Bench to Fiona Deakin

June 23rd Ian James Mitchell to Jennifer Mary Haine.

FUNERAL SERVICES

June 14th Elsie Irene Baker, aged 60 years, of 32 South Parade.

June 25th Irene Amy Ethel Lowe, aged 83 years, of 31 Vicarage Lane.

From the Churchwardens

We look forward to welcoming Richard and Jane Smith, our C.M.S. Link Missionaries in Nigeria, to the Parish during the month. They will be visiting the school and will also be speaking about their work at an informal supper at Diana and Peter Holt's, 15 Wagstaffe Close on 19th July. We hope that Richard and Jane will also be joining us at a meeting of the Prayer Group.

We plan to start a bookstall in Church very shortly and hope that this will provide a service not only to our own church members but to the whole village. We shall have reasonably priced Christian books for adults and a range of children's books - just the job for that almost forgotten birthday!

No doubt there will be visitors in the village during the coming weeks. We shall welcome them warmly to our services and assure them that all those who are members of their own Church are welcome to share fully in the Communion Service.

During the latter half of July and the whole of August members of the congregation and visitors will be taking part in the 10 a.m. Service by reading the Epistle and Intercessions and by carrying up the Bread and Wine and Water. Visitors - and indeed residents - who would like to share in the Service in this way are invited to tell the Vicar or one of the Churchwardens.

CRUSADERS

Union Sunday Service

After Mr. Clarke's introduction, we sang 'He who would valiant be', and then had the collection during which the recorder group played a tune. We then said a short prayer thanking God for our parents, and the money that had been given in the collection.

Then the presentations were given out; first the Minis, 4 metal badges for 10 Sundays, 2 story books for 25 Sundays and for the Juniors there were 3 anorak badges for 25 Sundays and 2 "Good News for Modern Man" books for 50 Sundays.

We then had the notices after which the Minis sang a song.

Then we all sang "Oh Sinner Man"; after that the whole class split up into groups - the puzzle corner group, the communications group, and the choir. The parents were allowed to walk around and watch us.

Then we rejoined the class and Mr. Clarke read us a passage about the things in the Crusader Badge.

Next we sang "Lord Jesus Christ" and then had a toffee quiz - each teaching group - lower minis, upper minis, lower juniors, middle juniors, upper juniors and inters. The parents also joined in the fun. After that we sang the Crusader chorus, and then we went home after a very enjoyable afternoon.

VICKY HARRISON..

Nature Walk

On Saturday 23rd June, Mr. and Mrs. Catt took about ten of us from Crusaders to a nature reserve down Station Road. We all had a list of wild flowers which we had to look out for. We had to tick off the things we found. The nature reserve is full of rabbits. We thought we could smell a fox. We saw some rabbit fur and plenty of grass to sit on to have a drink and a biscuit which Mrs. Catt brought for us. When we were going home we had to find some more wild flowers. It was a lovely afternoon.

KIMBERLEY DAVIS (aged 8)

LADBROKE NEWS

SERVICES ETC. FOR JULY & EARLY AUGUST

Sunday, 1st July, Trinity III. 8.30am Holy Communion,
11am Matins, 2.30pm Holy Baptism.

Thursday, 5th July, 7.45pm, AGM of Men's Group, Wilmcote
Lodge.

Friday, 6th July, 5.0pm Holy Matrimony.

Saturday, 7th July, 12.30pm Holy Matrimony.

Sunday, 8th July, Trinity IV. 11am Holy Communion with Hymns
and Sermon, 6.30pm Evensong.

Monday, 9th July, 4-5pm FINAL meeting of Ladbroke School
Managers.
7.30pm Parochial Church Council meets in Church.

Sunday, 15th July, Trinity V. 8.30am Holy Communion,
11am Matins, 3.30pm FINAL Leavers' Service for
Ladbroke C.E. School.

Sunday 22nd July, S. Mary Magdalen (Trinity VI). 11am Holy
Communion with Hymns & Sermon, 6.30pm Evensong.

Wednesday, 25th July, S. James A.M.

Sunday 29th July, Trinity VII, 8.30am Holy Communion,
11am Matins.

Sunday, 5th August, Trinity VIII, 8.30am Holy Communion,
11am Matins.

Monday, 6th August, Transfiguration of our Lord.

Sunday 12th August, Trinity IX, 11am Holy Communion with
Hymns & Sermon, 6.30pm Evensong.

ALTAR FLOWERS. July 1st Mrs. Parker, July 8th Mrs.
Winkfield, July 15th Mrs. Handscombe, July 22nd
Mrs. White, July 29th Mrs. Fell, August 5th Mrs. Law,
August 12th Mrs. Hayward.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The members who were able to be with us at our June meeting spent a very pleasant afternoon when Mrs. Emus kindly gave us an interesting talk on Flower arranging and showed us a number of lovely arrangements. Our thanks to Mrs. Emus. We have no meeting arranged in July but I hope to see all our members on August 23rd when Mrs. Muriel Brown has kindly invited us to visit her and take tea at Sundial House, Alveston. Transport will be arranged. C.H.

WELCOME MEETING.

Miss Junod with the help of the lady members of the P.C.C. and congregation, gave a very pleasant meeting for some of the new-comers to the village at her home on the evening of May 30th. The members of the P.C.C. were delighted to have the opportunity of getting acquainted with them and the 'Rector' expressed the pleasure and gratitude of all present.

CHURCHYARD

Christopher Veel and Mark Wilson have made a very good job of the section east of the path up to the Farm Yard boundary. They are the only ones so far who have felt able to undertake full responsibility for a section. The Teverson and Winkfield families have given a good deal of help to the west and have promised to do what they can. But their farming and business calls preclude them at present from taking full responsibility for any one section. What we still need is two pairs or squads

.....one to take the section west of the path and tower, and the other to clear the main gangway and open parts to the north of the church. What about it? Is this YOUR opportunity to give of your time?

G. R. F.

LADBROKE SCHOOL SPORTS

Once more the residents of Ladbroke Hall kindly allowed the use of their grounds and the spectators were delighted with the venue. We were also glad to see members of the W.I. and their guests from the Central Hospital. All went very well until the large black cloud threw rain upon us and forced the postponement of the last two or three events. (Some parents breathed a sigh of relief??) But we all adjourned to the School for tea and cakes....and our thanks to the School staff for a happy afternoon.

G. R. F.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held at 7.0 pm on 30th May in Ladbroke School. Francis Badman was elected Chairman, Tom Sheasby Vice-Chairman and the other councillors present were Betty Williamson and Chris Jerome with the Clerk, Meryl Williamson.

It was stated that Stratford proposed to become a Borough Council.

Fluoridation - the Severn Trent Water Board will only add fluoride where the Area Health Authority requests it. A majority must be shown in favour and the local Community Health Councils are the channels for protest by the general public - so write to them if you do not wish general fluoridation of the water supply.

Ladbroke By-Pass - there is official confirmation that the Dept. of Transport will go ahead with the next statutory procedure (published in the Courier on June 15th) the East route is ON. A 1p rate precept is declared, increase in electricity charges responsible for the increase.

Refuse collection - change of day to Thurs. or Fri.

Green Lane - Mrs. D. Wrycroft, under Section 124, was served notice on 28th February and this has expired after 28 days. Warwick C.C. will open up the lane, its highways division doing the work, and bill her.

Next meeting on 3rd July at 7.30pm in the School

P. S. F.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 30th May in Ladbroke School. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Francis Badman gave his Chairman's report, stating it had

been a pleasure to serve Ladbroke during the year, and thanked the supporting council. Welcome and congratulations to Mrs. Christine Jerome, a new councillor. He greeted County Councillor J. Spenser White and District Cllrs Fitchett (Now Mayor of Southam) and Connolly warmly. This would be the last meeting in the Village School of the A.G.M.

£172.31 was given to the Village Hall, Alibone Trust money. £9.70 collected for the Imperial Cancer Fund.

Warwickshire Structure plan - Bishops Itchington involved so we must keep a wary eye on developments. Courtesy letters - Ladbroke will send out notices to near neighbours of planning applications. Conservation area - N.C.B. activities have made it urgent to review this. Coal Board - exploration to the South of Coventry, there is a meeting in Leamington Spa of local parish councils on 6th June.

Street Name Plates are up. By-pass approved, soon to be published and Spring 1981 for completion. Stratford D.C. congratulated the Parish Council on reasoned decisions on planning applications. Of the two retiring councillors - there is recognition of many years of devoted and valuable service. Tom Barnett attended his first meeting on 30th May 1952 - a 27 year term, and Frederick Seden 27th May 1955 - a 24 year term. He was Chairman Dec 1963 to May 1976 and on Southam R.D.C. for 30 years, being Chairman 1971-1974 when it ceased to exist. Grateful thanks was given to both these gentlemen for their devoted service.

Cllr. Fitchett stated that conservation will not stop good development. The retention of spinneys and woods a very important part of village structure. It is possible to make the whole village a conservation area and planning of houses would not permit sprawling over the area.

Canon G.R. Fishley, our Rector, gave the School report. He stated that numbers had decreased leading up to closure, there being now 30 on roll. There is real regret at the loss of the school. Sunday July 15th at 3.30pm in Church there will be the final Leavers Service and it is hoped all villagers with some connection with the School will come - and to the tea afterwards. Thanks was given to the Rector for the many years service he has given to the village school.

Mr. Rutherford reported that Mr. Peter Williamson had replaced Philip Brown as Trustee on the Alibone Charity.

The grass keep new policy is successful and the policy is to apply the income judiciously between donations to charitable recipients and a proportion to keep land in good condition.

Mrs. Bennett, President of the W.I., stated that there were 34 members and many interesting speakers and visits had been arranged. A good number of fundraising events had been carried out successfully with various charities benefiting. The Joseph Arch ward at Hatton Hospital had been adopted.

Mr. P. Williamson, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, formed on March 28th this year when it was decided to re-open the village hall. It is to be made into a usable state for P.C.C., Parish Council Meetings, W.I. and Women's Fellowship etc. Rewiring and reglazing of the building is being carried out. Public meetings will need some form of toilet and kitchen facilities. Plumbing in the near future. Aim is to make building properly usable in the shortest possible time. Not eligible for normal grants so an application to the Lottery Fund is being made, Cllr. Fitchett sponsoring the appeal. Many Saturdays, morning and afternoon, there are work parties. Hopefully many villagers will respond by helping some Saturdays.

County Cllr. White stated that the East Route of the By-pass is ON and notices to be published soon with building starting in 1980. The 26% county rate rise is due to the County Council losing 15 million pounds in rate support grant during the last four years. A resolution at the local Conservative Long Itchington meeting sent the Stratford Division calls upon Mrs. Thatcher to restore the rural rate support grant. Mr. White was thanked for his assistance during the past year.

Cllr Connolly stated that he would help Ladbroke in any way possible and congratulated the Chairman on his fine report.

A vote of thanks to the Parish Council for all their good work was moved from the floor. P.S.F.

W.I. A fete in aid of the Pensioners Christmas Party will be held in Ladbroke School on Saturday 7th July at 2.30 p.m. There will be a Tombola, raffle, stalls and games. Cakes, produce and tombola prizes needed please.

Summer Outing will be on August 19th to West Midlands Safari Park.

The free bus service to the Southam Tuesday Market has been cancelled for lack of support. Next meeting - 26th July at 7.30pm at The Woodlands (our President's home).

I.B.

Village Hall. The work party on Saturday 23rd June was poorly attended. Those present were Tim Allington, Richard and Irene Bennett, Mary Fell, George Griffin, Clive Hart, Malcolm Norgate, Dave Wilson and the newcomer to Bridge Cottage. Many more are needed please.

I. B.

HARBURY SCHOOL NEWS

Next year, Harbury School becomes a combined First and Middle School with the children staying on until they are 12+. Extra Staff are therefore required and we are pleased to report the appointment of Mr. Ian Stuart who will take next year's Class 10. Mr. Stuart comes to us from Bognor Regis and will have special responsibility for Boys' Games and Middle School Mathematics.

We also welcome Mrs. E. M. Blair who will take next year's Class 6 and comes to us from Whitnash Combined School.

We have slightly altered our admission policy so that all children who are 5 by March 31st come to school full time in September and the remainder are admitted full time in January.

The following pupils recently received their certificates from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music:-

Fiona Medcalf - Flute Grade III - Pass with distinction

Gail Moore - Flute Grade III - Pass with distinction

Lynn Stanbridge - Clarinet Grade III - Pass with merit

Trudi Wallington - Clarinet Grade III - Pass.

The children are all taught by Mrs. Philippa Whitaker of the County Music Staff.

Don't forget to come along and support the PTA Sports Cavalcade at School on 12th July at 7 pm. It promises to be a hilarious evening.

HARBURY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

As Harbury's ace reporters, we had the exciting experience of attending the Annual School Sports of Harbury School, held in blazing sunshine. At first the school children crowded on to the Village Hall playing field. There were ropes joined in squares so that each year of the children was separate so that it was easier for the races. The first race was a flat race for each house, and for each year of the juniors. Then came the sack race which was a lot of hard work but enjoyable and sometimes funny. Next came the skipping races which were good, but the funny part about it was the boys couldn't

skip very well and they got rather tangled up. After that came the three-legged race which was extremely well raced. Then came the mixed relay, potato race, which were both team events. After came the big relay which started with the first year people, 2nd yr., 3rd yr., 4th yr., boys and girls. While all these races were being held there was cheering and shouting for their own house colours even with the sun so hot on their heads. As the afternoon wore on people got hotter and hotter and many people got suntanned. Then it was time to announce the final points: Dickens - 197, Farrow - 204, Morris - 198, Watts - 198. So Farrow won. The cups were then given out by Mrs. Watts, who presented them to first year juniors boys - Mark Evans, Girls - Victoria Sarson; 2nd year boys - Craig Knowles, girls - Rebecca Burnham; 3rd year boys - Stephen Luke, girls - Julie Langley; 4th year boys - Christopher Warden, girls - Sharon Andrews.

This year we were able to include races for parents, and we are very grateful to all the Mums and Dads who volunteered.

The results were:- Mums' Flat Race - 1st Mrs. Vicky Tanner, 2nd Mrs. Di Evans, 3rd Mrs. Thelma Gulliver. Mums' Ball & Spoon Race - 1st Mrs. Jean Halliday, 2nd Mrs. Pauline Smith, 3rd Mrs. Linda Archer. Dads' Flat Race - 1st Mr. David Boraston, 2nd Mr. David Andrews, 3rd Mr. Terry Church.

KAREN CUMMING & HELEN KELLY.

SPONSORED WALK

On Saturday June 16th, the sun shone at last for our PTA



Children's Sponsored Walk. This has become quite a village event now, and it was most encouraging to see so many parents accompanying their children.

The walk was well supported and although it is too early yet to know what the final result will be, I am sure it will be another splendid total. We should like to thank all those who took part or who sponsored the children.

N. C. O.

"CRICKET"

Matthew Checkley (aged 10) has recently heard that he has been selected for the Warwickshire under 11's Cricket team. Congratulations Matthew!

His enthusiasm is evident from this extract from his report of an under 11's match (Coventry area v. Birmingham area) held at Studley:

Coventry area was in first. The openers were R. Bostock and M. Checkley. Bostock was to face first - he ran one. The bowler was fast and now Checkley was to face. The ball bounced well on the rather hard pitch and it was a modest ball high in the air. Checkley did a shot off the back foot down to the boundary for four. Checkley faced the last 4 balls with a straight bat scoring only two off them. The second over and Bostock to face. He played the first ball down. The bowler ran up for the second ball of the second over, it was an out swinger to the left hander, Bostock swung at it but missed and was out. He walked back to the pavilion disappointed. Checkley went on to bat for about 5 overs, making a total of 12. He was run out from a brilliant throw from mid-off.

by MATTHEW CHECKLEY (Class 9)

1st HARBURY SCOUT TROOP

Hard work, both before and on Carnival day, by John Ridgley (the 'Incredible Hulk'), Jo van Hoorebeek and a band of Scouts produced an excellent aerial runway. At 5p per go it proved one of the bargain rides of the afternoon and raised £8.09 for carnival funds.

Seven scouts represented the troop at the District Sports. Despite their sterling efforts we could not hope to match troops who managed to get lads for every event. However, Harbury's flag was kept flying high by the performance of our Venture Unit. We did better at six-a-side football, getting to the quarter final in the Leamington District competition held at Newbold Comyn on Sunday 17th June. We might have done even

better if it had not been for the 'Out of Oxfordshire' night hike staged on Friday/Saturday (15th/16th June). Starting at various points in North Oxfordshire, parties of four or five scouts made their way by footpaths, where possible, through checkpoints at Avon Dassett and at the beacon on the Burton Hills before converging on the Scout Hut. Thanks to Colin Mac Quistan for manning the checkpoint at the beacon and laying on a welcome cuppa for the lads. I hope they sleep more soundly at summer camp (Kingsbury Water Park, 21st - 28th July) than they did that Saturday morning; I, at least, need more than 1½ hours - but the dawn chorus is beautiful!

J. L. H.

HARBURY VENTURE UNIT

The unit is continuing to grow in numbers and strength. Members are at present planning their summer camp to be held in the Lake District. Recent activities have included walking through the Northern half of Warwickshire using footpaths - the southern section to complete the North-South traverse is planned for mid-July; a night compass exercise; "rock" climbing on the climbing wall at the Rugby Sports Centre, and assisting at the Carnival Sports.

The Unit's strength and teamwork paid off at the District Scout Sports where they won five of the seven events on the day. The team only failed to win overall by one point because members were unable to attend for mid-week field events. They are determined to bring back the trophy to Harbury next year.

Completion of C.S.E., 'O' and 'A' level exams will mark the start of a year aimed at Venture Award, Queen Scout and Duke of Edinburgh Award challenges. Activities already taking shape at the planning stage are sailing, mountain walking and climbing and the running of a training weekend for Patrol leaders of the Scout troop.

Congratulations to Bob Small and Gary Picken whose success in gaining the Queen's Scout Award (while members of the Midland Oak Venture Unit) will be celebrated on 20th July.

Meetings are at 7.45 on Thursdays, usually at the Scout Hut. New members, both sexes, aged 16 to 20 are welcome to come along.

R. E. W.

YOUTH CLUB

Coffee evenings are on Tuesdays and - starting mid-July - Thursdays as well, at the village hall. Weather permitting it is also hoped to have outdoor activities. A trip to one of the nearby

Sports Centres will be organised in the near future.
Come and join in - all are welcome.

CARNIVAL '79

Thanks to a great deal of hard work by very many people, Harbury's 1979 Carnival was a tremendous success. The weather was kind, and about 1,000 people came to enjoy the many stalls, sideshows and entertainments, eat doughnuts and hot dogs, and generally have a great day out.

Several events had been held during Carnival Week, as well as all those organised for the day itself, and the winners of the competitive events are given below. Sadly, the Car Treasure Hunt - planned most skilfully by Ted Coupe - was not well supported, perhaps in part due to the petrol shortage, but entries were plentiful for the Children's Sports, the Mystery Tour and the Pyjama Jog.

Results were as follows:

Car Treasure Hunt - 1st, the Holt family; 2nd, the Buck family;
3rd, the Knight family.

Children's Sports - see separate article.

Mystery Tour - see separate article.

Decorated Floats - 1st, Leycester Close Community of Friends
(Olde Sweete Shoppe); 2nd, W.I. (Hell's Angels' Mums);
3rd, Guides (International Year of the Child).

Decorated Floats (trade) - 1st, the Shakespeare (Inn-Side Story);
2nd Bull Ring Garage (Fairies); 3rd, Dovehouse Autos
(Spares).

Decorated Bicycles - 1st, Samantha Neill; 2nd, Michelle Coupe;
3rd, Simon Clifford.

Prams, etc. - 1st, the Playgroup; 2nd, Sally Thornley & Anne
Wood.

Fancy Dress, under fives - 1st, Nancy Gallagher (Welsh Lady);
2nd, Samantha & Sally Ellis (Buttons & Bows); 3rd,
Victoria Watts (Little Bo Peep).

Fancy Dress, fives to nines - 1st, Alaister Nealon (Clown);
2nd, Matthew & Jonathon Lupton (Petrol Pump);
3rd, Craig Knowles (Tin Man).

Fancy Dress, ten to seventeen - 1st, Josephine Gascoyne &
Lynn Stanbridge (Owl & Pussycat); 2nd, Adrian Thomas
(Scarecrow); 3rd Alison Baldwin, Tina McMahon &
Tonia Southam (St. Trinians).

Fancy Dress, adults - 1st, John Ridgley (The Incredible Hulk);



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Crowe, Daphne Bradley,
Bingham & John Hancock
7 competitors in the
s' fancy dress parade.



"Brownies
Ahoy"



Playgroup members
Jeremy Smith,
Christopher Chick,
Hannah Burnham
& Dawn Chambers.

All photos by Mike Bloxham (copies from 21 Mill Street).

2nd, Daphne Bradley & Pat Bingham (Hell's Angels' Mums);
3rd, Lee Crowe (City Gent).

Tug of War - Shar E. Punjab

Motorcycle Trial - 1st, Dick Wright; 2nd, John Bentley; 3rd,
Chris Buck; 4th, Willie Bennett.

Find the Treasure - Tracey Powell.

Sweets in a Jar - Teresa Savage

Name the large Dog - Doreen Harwood (Hector of Harbury)

Name the small Dog - Pat Summers (Caramel Cream)

Lucky Programme Draw - W. Nealon, 3 The Beeches

It's a Knockout - Joint 1st, PTA & Netball Club; 2nd, Cricket
Club; 3rd, Joggers.

Six-a-Side Football - 1st, Southam A; 2nd, F.C. Royal.

Clay Pigeon Shooting Cup - Nick Adams.

Extra entertainment was provided by the Drama Group's presentation of Sleeping Beauty, the Punch & Judy Show, the Pet Show and the Gymnastics. The Carnival was graced by the presence of its Queen, Deborah Middleton, and her attendants, Caroline Parker and Janette Such, and the official opening was performed by Lady Watherston, who also opened the new children's Fort. Radio One D.J. Simon Bates rode in the procession, was interviewed by Radio Warneford's Piers Mettrick, and signed autographs.

And, as if all this wasn't enough, the day ended with the traditional Carnival Dance in the Village Hall!!

With all these events, and many more far too numerous to mention, you don't need me to tell you that a lot of people have worked very hard over several months to give the Village such a wonderful Carnival. So, on behalf of us all, to all the organisers, I say Congratulations - and THANK YOU. DMH.

HARBURY CARNIVAL SPORTS

A fine afternoon contributed to another enjoyable sports day. In order to keep to a reasonable schedule, it was necessary to have very large entries in some events rather than run several heats, though in the slow bicycle race, a massive entry of nearly 40 meant that heats were essential to avoid chaos.

Apologies to those who could not hear the announcements - we had a very temperamental megaphone - and especially to the small children in the obstacle races who, having run, hopped, jumped and crawled, couldn't find an egg and spoon to finish

their race - sheer numbers again!

The women's 100 metres and men's 400 metres races were not held due to lack of interest, but there was a turnout of 23 for the start of the cross-country event, run for the first time. This, although advertised at 2 miles to encourage entries, was actually about $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles, and involved almost as much stile crossing as running. It was billed as an adults race, but the children who insisted on running proved themselves more than equal to the task, with only one retirement. This must now become an annual event. Notable were the irrepressible Picken family, who took 1st, 2nd and 10th places, and the youngsters Jonathon Garman, and David Wright (both 11) who finished 3rd and 4th and eight year old Sean Butler who finished in 8th place. Congratulations to all, especially the children, for their enthusiasm.

Thanks to all who helped marshalling, recording and selling refreshments - we made a small profit for carnival funds - the scouts for the tent and the Venture Unit for help before and on the day.

I still have one child's unclaimed blue nylon anorak, which can be claimed by calling at 3 Neale's Close. R. E. W.

RESULTS

Flat Race (under 5's) 1st Julia Brant
2nd Helen Warner
3rd Martin Taylor
5/6 years 1st David Garman
2nd Steven Thompson
3rd Dale Summers
7/8 years 1st Duncan Williams
2nd Tim Harrison
3rd Gale Davis
9/10 years 1st Matthew Garman
2nd David Andrews
3rd Adrian Thomas
13/15 girls 1st Teresa Wallington
2nd Lisa Williams
3rd Kim Wilkins
13/15 boys 1st Robert Parker
2nd David Andrews
3rd Russell Cotter
Note: No results recorded for boys & girls
11/12 yrs.

Slow Bicycle Race
1st - Michael Wheatley
2nd - Sharon Andrews
3rd - Robert Parker
Obstacle Races
under 5's 1st - Martin Taylor
2nd - Sally-Ann Ellis
3rd - (Christopher Chick
(Daniel Russell)
5/6 yrs. 1st - David Garman
2nd - Mark Hayes
3rd - Dale Summers
7/8 yrs. 1st - Daniel Hughes
2nd - Martin Padbury
3rd - Christopher Ottewill
9/10 yrs. 1st - Adrian Thomas
2nd - Adam Clifton
3rd - Matthew Garman
11/13 yrs. 1st - Robert Parker
2nd - Jonathan Garman
3rd - Peter Millington
100 Metres Men 1st - Andrew Hunt
2nd - Gary Picken
3rd - Mr. Brown

200 Metres
11/12 yrs. 1st - Steven Padbury
2nd - Peter Millington
3rd - Edward Wood
13/15 yrs girls 1st - Teresa Wallington
2nd - Lisa Williams
3rd - Kim Wilkins.

200 Metres
13/15 yrs Boys 1st - Andrew Hunt
2nd - Stephen Hunt
3rd - David Wright
Sack Race 5/6 yrs 1st - Emma Finch
2nd - Rupert Netll
3rd - Wendy Kate Ottewill
7/8 yrs 1st - Amanda Goodchild
2nd - Maxwell Summers
3rd - Dylan Adams
9/10 yrs 1st - Christopher Millington
2nd - Edward Wood
3rd - Steven Padbury
Mens Novelty Race 1st - Andrew Hunt
2nd - ---
3rd - Steven Ball

Cross Country
Men 1st - Gary Picken
2nd - Dick Picken
3rd - Jonathan Garman
Women 1st - Gillian Picken
2nd - Sharon Andrews

3-legged Race
7/8 1st - Martin Padbury & Maxwell Summers
2nd - Nicholas Menges & Duncan Williams
3rd - Dylan Adams & David Smith
9/10 1st - Craig Knowles & Jason Roberts
2nd - David Andrews & Adrian Thomas
3rd - Vicky Ridgley & Rebecca Burnham
11/12 1st - Robert Parker & Sharon Andrews
2nd - Carl Wallington & Ian Kennedy
3rd - Nichola Hanson & Caroline Kennedy

HARBURY SOCIETY MYSTERY TOUR

The joint winners of this year's Harbury Society Mystery Tour, with $36\frac{1}{2}$ out of a possible 40 points were Dick and Ess Picken with David Winter third. In the Children's section Susannah Gascoyne was first with 34 points, her sister Josephine was second with 33, and Susan Allan was 3rd with $32\frac{1}{2}$ points.

Well over 100 took part, at least two thirds of them being children. Almost everyone knew that the Co-op Butcher lived at Duston, including Tony Knight who gamely participated in the Tour. Most people discovered that the house numbering in The Beeches is consecutive and not odd on one side and even on the other, and although I know that Chris Wright's house hasn't got a name plate I could not resist asking what it is called (Aitnarf or $8\frac{1}{2}$). There was some confusion over the cardinal points of the compass and which of the Old New Inn sign paintings represented spring and disgracefully few people remembered what type of tree the village planted to commemorate the Jubilee - it was a PLANE, not a Lime or a Hawthorn or a Chestnut. A PLANE.

It was not my intention to endanger lives by cluing one of the manhole covers but I do regret not seeing the competitors counting tree stumps or pacing round the Green in Park Lane. There were some very odd answers to question 22!

Finally - Question 25, Shakespeare's Birthday - as most people managed to ascertain is on 23 April. All good Harbury Society members should have known that if they had attended the last talk on Folklore and would also have been told that St George was English. Mr. Tyler insisting that he was reputed to have been born in Coventry. Malta indeed!

According to some of the answers, 23 April is also the birthday of the Ottewill children's Grandad, and it was suggested, Harold McMillan, Lord Nelson and Winston Churchill too, but I happen to know the last one is wrong because Winston Churchill was born on MY BIRTHDAY!

My thanks to Pat Taylor for her very great assistance and to all who took part and to the Shakespeare for feeding and entertaining us.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

Recently we carried an article about the Coventry Kidney Patients Appeal Fund and the work being done for it by Mrs.

Green of Deppers Bridge. Following this, Mrs. Green received many contributions and offers of help and she would like to thank Harbury News readers for their generous response.

LEYCESTER CLOSE COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS

After our success in winning 1st Prize for the second year running for a decorated float in the Carnival, we held a celebration party in Leycester Close for our Senior Citizens and children.

Despite the fact that everyone had been working very hard since early morning on the Float, there seemed no signs of flagging energy amongst the residents as they danced to 'Mad Mervs Disco' which as always was excellent. Dolly Boneham once again kindly distributed sweets to the children before they got too tired and went to bed. After a good sing-song of all the old favourites, a celebration drink from the 'trophy' was very welcome. Everyone agreed it was a great way to end a very successful day.

On 12th June, we held our AGM, and the following officers were elected for the next 12 months:-

Chairman - Gerald Stowe, 19 Leycester Close

Treasurer - Betty Knappe (612679)

Secretary - Marion Mac Varish (613364)

A vote of thanks was proposed to the retiring officers for their efforts over the past 12 months.

M. E. Mac V.

HARBURY R. F. C. MINI-RUGBY

As most villagers will know, the Rugby Club move to the Rugby Club move to their new Clubhouse on Middle Road in September.

They will be running a Junior Section starting with "Minis" at 8 years of age through to 12 year olds. Training and matches will take place on Sunday mornings.

The Junior Section will be run by Neville Lee who coached last season's successful Leamington Colts side. Dave Davies who is 1st Team Scrum Half and Captain of Harbury Colts XV and David Andrews who has trained the under 8's and under 9's at Southam for the last two seasons.

If you want your child to play at Harbury next season please contact Neville at Harbury 612536, Dave at Harbury 612206 or David Andrews at 612528 - as soon as possible, as arrangements have to be made early for next season.

FOOTBALL CLUB

At the end of another season, which did not produce any notable success (except qualification for the semi-final at the Harbury Carnival by the 6-a-side team), the Club is appealing for constructive help for the 1979/80 season.

The AGM of the Club will be held at 8 pm at the Village Club & Institute on Thursday 19th July, when all the present members are requested to attend to discuss the organisation of the teams for the coming season - including team selection 'signing-on' fees and match fees. Any newcomer to the village or teenager with an interest in football will be welcomed, as the Club will only improve its status with a fresh injection of talent, both on and off the football field.

The Club extends its thanks to all its officials for their continued efforts throughout last season, especially Bill Stevens our Chairman and Mick Bishop who made such a success of the organisation of the 6-a-side competition at the Carnival. Twenty teams competed for the trophies and in the Final, Southam triumphed over F.C. Royal to take the Winners Cups for the third consecutive year. STAN FINCH.

TENNIS

The Sunday morning 'open' tennis sessions have started again, so if you feel like a game just turn up from 10 am onwards.

RHH.

N.S.P.C.C. SPORTS

Following last year's success we will be holding a Sports Afternoon on Wednesday 25th July at the playing fields, starting at 2 pm. There will be a charge of 10p for all the races you want to enter. The sports are for anyone up to twelve years. Please bring your bikes, skipping ropes and space hoppers. The profits will go to the NSPCC - so do come along and join in.

SUE WILKINS

(League of Pity Sec.)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 1979

£164.44 was collected in Harbury and Deppers Bridge during Christian Aid Week this year, compared with £129 last year. Many thanks to all who contributed towards this very worthwhile cause. The money collected from the Leamington area this year will aid such projects as those of the Sudan Council of Churches - rebuilding schools, community buildings hospitals and churches, devastated by war.

GMS.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

"Ernie's Incredible Illucinations", and "The Dumb Waiter", two very different one-act comedy plays by the popular authors Alan Ayckbourn and Harold Pinter, will entertain you on Friday July 13th, and Saturday July 14th at 8.00pm. But this is a "double-double" bill. On Friday, for 75p (children and O.A.P.'s 30p), you will also have the pleasure of hearing the Windmill Singers with a delightful programme fresh from the Royal Show. Or on Saturday, you can enjoy the two plays with a licensed bar, pleasant supper and lively disco, all for £1.50. So take your choice! But, whatever you do, don't miss this opportunity of seeing two super plays. Tickets on sale from Theatre Group members, and "Duston", Tony Knight's house in the High Street.

New stage curtains are on their way; sound equipment is being updated; and, thanks to Doug Megeney, the stage trestles will soon be repaired.

JNS.

HARBURY FRIENDS

Our speaker for June was Mary Thompson, organiser and tutor at the Southam Adult Literacy centre. Mary told us how the scheme was started and of the way the tutors, mostly voluntary, help those who have difficulty reading or writing.

A very interesting talk on a very worthwhile subject - thank you Mary.

On July 10th we have our treasure hunt which always proves to be an entertaining evening.

MOTHERS UNION

As always, the weather was unkind for our Garden Meeting so - apart from a quick stroll round Gladys Hogben's lovely garden - we spent most of the afternoon in doors. However, there we enjoyed Gladys's delicious cakes, so all was not lost!

We were pleased to welcome a new member, Mrs. Monk from Ladbroke, as well as very many old friends.

Our AGM will be held on 4th July, and we shall be very pleased to welcome anyone who would care to join us then.

DMH.

HARBURY W.I.

At the June meeting reports were given on County Day by Mrs. Bradley. The very successful Group Meeting at Stockton was organised by Mrs. Middleton, who also attended

the Youth Club Committee meeting on our behalf.

Mrs. Barrett is entering the map competition run by County House.

Next Year's programmes were read.

The Skittles evening was a great success. All arrangements have been made for the evening Burford trip on August 9th. with refreshments at the Bury Barn.

A Treasure Hunt has been organised by Mrs. Ellis on Tuesday 17th July, finishing with Cheese & Wine at her house.

The Milk Marketing Board Demonstration and Fabric Fashion Show organised for Carnival Week, although a very enjoyable 25 pence worth, lost a £20 deposit due to lack of support - 75 plus was the required attendance stated by the MMB.

Mr. Collett, a former Mayor of Rugby, spoke of his numerous activities in office during Jubilee Year. Out of 365, he was only at home on 6 evenings! JEANNE BEAUMONT.

W.I. Carnival Meeting

Pasturised milk left in a warm kitchen did not go SOUR, it went BAD, Mrs. McNelly, the local Dairy Produce Advisor for the Milk Marketing Board, told the WI at their Carnival Meeting. She was giving a demonstration of cooking with dairy products, and whilst preparing the dishes (Cream of Carrot Soup, Home-made Meusli, Cheesy Chicken, Creme Framboise & Cheesecake) she gave information and hints on the use of dairy products.

Untreated milk contained natural bacteria and could be used for making cottage cheese and scones, but other types of milk that went off should be thrown away! There were seven types of milk on sale: Pasturised (silver top), Homogenised (red top), Channel Island (gold), Untreated (green), Untreated Channel Island (green & gold), Sterilised (crown cap) and Long Life (in cartons). Once Long Life milk was opened it would deteriorate in the same way as other milk.

Milk could easily be soured by the addition of lemon juice, which would cause it to separate. The yoghurt bacillus had a similar effect when added to warmed skimmed milk, and rennet - an enzyme - converted milk sugars to acids, so producing junket. Rennet was also used to separate the curds in Cheddar cheese.

Cheddar was perhaps the best known of the British Cheeses but Mrs. McNelly reminded the audience that there were eight others; Cheshire, Lancashire, Caerphilly, Derby, Double

Gloucester, Leicester, Sage Derby and the king of the British cheeses, Stilton.

A useful hint to make cream go further was to add a tablespoonful of milk or 2 tablespoons of top of the milk to double cream before whipping. Cream for whipping should be very cold and should never be whipped with an electric or rotary whisk. Once whipped, cream could successfully be frozen. Whipped egg white folded into whipped cream not only increased bulk but together with a little sugar and vanilla produced delicious Chantilly Cream.

The five appetising dishes Mrs. McNelly demonstrated were raffled amongst the audience, and after a break for coffee Wessex Fabrics gave a fashion show of clothes made up in a range of their materials. Julie, Sue, Doreen, Jean and Lynn modelled the garments and the fabrics were later displayed for sale.

L.R.

GOLDEN AGE

Please note that our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month (not just on the 2nd one, as stated last month). Our meetings in July, therefore, are on 12th and 26th, and we shall be pleased to welcome both old and new members then.

Our outing to Skegness is on Tuesday, 17th July, leaving the Village Hall at 8 a. m.

There will be no meetings during August. L. KNIGHTON.

PARISH COUNCIL

Having apportioned the Sub-Committee seats, the Parish Council got down to business with the new Councillors gently flexing their muscles.

David Winter (Burial Grounds, Highways and Planning) gave notice of his intention to safeguard the footpath network by requesting that Footpaths be a special item on the Agenda. He thought that some people did not realise that a footpath existed along Mill Lane beyond the first stile and it was suggested that the footpath sign could be repositioned. He later pointed out that trees and road signs in Bush Heath Lane had been vandalised and he and Sharon Hancock were instrumental in persuading the Council to restore the Parish Pump (which has rotted at the base). They also highlighted the absurdity of the Air Ministry reply on low-flying aircraft which stated that planes would not 'fly lower than the regulations required!

Sharon further reminded the Councillors of the recent air crash which narrowly avoided a school.

Neville Ellis (Allotments and Playing Fields) recalled that the Coal Board was to hold a meeting to announce the results of its recent exploratory borings. His interest in local history showed through when he insisted that the Clerk should have a copy of the Enclosure Award and his experience as a farmer caused him to suggest that the proposed new Allotment rent (making plots about £3 per annum) was a trifle high. The Chairman is to negotiate with the Warwickshire County Council.

Bruce Hannay (Burial Grounds & Highways) was able to give professional advice on Highways, explaining that the retaining wall the Parish Council had requested for the Mill Street/Farm Street junction would be a costly undertaking. The WCC had refused to build the wall, claiming that it was the responsibility of the landowner, but the Parish Council believe that Mrs. Jennings's garden has been undercut by road works and that therefore the County is liable. Bruce expressed concern that the School Bus Stop at the Old New Inn Green would reduce visibility at the Farm Street junction.

Mick Brant (Lighting, Finance and Playing Fields) had a relatively quiet time, but his turn will come when Mike Ellis is present and can be quizzed on the first two topics. The Playing Fields were discussed, and it was announced that the Play Equipment had been painted despite the sabotage attempts of the village children who had stolen two WET PAINT notices! The Goal posts had been moved but football was still being played against the Village Hall fence. Bruce Hannay reported that cricket coaching was in progress and the Playing Fields Cttee was worried about the amount of broken glass on the fields and was to look into the possibility of laying rubber surrounds to the Play Equipment following the accident to Tony Ceney's daughter.

According to the Clerk, poor Tony's been having difficulty getting petrol for the Parish Council's mowing machines. Ray also reminded Cllrs that nothing had been done to drain the Penelope Close lake and it had been "Wellies again this week" up there.

The Parish Council was worried about the change in refuse collection and in particular the use of plastic sacks. "Would they fit the existing holders?" Cllr Hancock wanted to know.

She was disappointed in the turnout for the Parish Council

elections but everyone agreed that the change in date and the lack of Polling Cards contributed to the low poll.

Harold Wilkins has now retired from the Council but is not forgotten. Stratford District Council replied to his question on the need to rewire Harbury Council Houses, explaining that the previous work had only added spurs to the existing wiring and that now all would be replaced.

Mrs. Watts too, who joined the spectators, was persuaded to stay on as Parish Council representative on the Board of School Governors and was roped in to be a judge in the Allotments competition along with Ralph Gurden 'who's always been interested in greengrocery' (Iory Davies).

PLACES TO GO

Here are a few further ideas for places to visit:-

Battlefield of Bosworth - Open every afternoon.

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Follow A5 towards Hinckley - take A444 and follow signs to the battlefield and Sutton Cheney.

Spetchley Park - beautiful gardens covering some 30 acres, reputed to be amongst the finest in the country. Many rare trees, shrubs and plants. The park also contains red and fallow deer.

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Compton Wynyates - Beautiful tudor house and gardens. Situated between Banbury, Stratford and Shipston on Stour. Open 2-6pm Tuesdays to Saturdays, 11am-6pm Sundays and bank holidays.

Severn Valley Railway - (Biggest standard gauge steam railway) Beautiful 12½ mile run between Bridgnorth and Bewdley. Stopp off for a picnic or river walk. Pub with food available. Steam trains run every weekend until October. Further information obtainable from Bewdley 403816.

Silverstone - British Grand Prix - Sat 14th July.

A HOLIDAY ON THE 'CUT'

'Messing about in a boat' is an appealing idea for many of us, and since we have lived so near to the centre of the canal network, we have been attracted by the richness of their history. The development of the canals for leisure use has rescued them from near dereliction into an attractive amenity.

We postponed taking a canal holiday until our children could swim and were old enough to help with working the boat and the locks. This Easter, with our son and daughter aged 9 and 8, and their grandparents, we set out for Middlewich in Cheshire from where we had hired a 6 berth narrow boat.

Outside the boat was a riot of traditional canal decoration - inside fitted with all modern conveniences. The main cabin contained a cooker, sink unit, fridge, plenty of cupboard space, and a dining area which converted into a double bed. Another cabin contained more cupboards, and 4 bunks. Between the cabins was the bathroom with toilet, washbasin and shower. (The latter proved to be rather unpredictable and produced some interesting language from my father-in-law as he was alternately frozen and scalded).

The boatyard staff rapidly showed us how the boat worked and took us through the first lock. Soon we were off on our own and learning the hard way how to steer a 48ft boat through a narrow bridge at some cost to the paintwork. We soon became fairly expert at working the locks and fortunately my son's enthusiasm for leaping off the boat and rushing up the towpath armed with a windlass to set the lock did not wane in the course of the week.

One problem was our tendency to run aground due to a combination of lack of skill and inadequate dredging of the banks. We were provided with a heavy wooden pole painted bright pink which was usually enough to push us off. On one memorable occasion the boat went aground again on the other side. I clambered up to the road carrying the heavy pole over my shoulder. No doubt the drivers on the busy A5 to whom the canal was invisible wondered what on earth I was doing.

Our travels took us from the Middlewich branch of the Shropshire Union along part of the Trent and Mersey and then up the Llongollen Canal to Trevor. This took us through some beautiful country, and we visited some interesting villages when we stopped for the night. The last part took us over the spectac-

ular Pont Y Cyssyllte Aqueduct designed by Thomas Telford. It takes the canal over the River Dee, and was completed in 1805. As we negotiated the 7'10" wide canal we were 126ft above the river. The views were marvellous and it was an experience we shall all remember.

After visiting Llangollen on the 'bus (the canal is no longer navigable all the way), we retraced our route to Middlewich.

We thoroughly enjoyed our week afloat. We found it a relaxing but not lazy holiday. Our only complaint was the lack of canalside pubs - the Welsh influence I suppose! MSH.

IN THE GARDEN

July is a rewarding month although it is a late season. You should be able to dig a few early potatoes and strawberries are ripening - also raspberries. You have now pulled the best of your rhubarb and made it into jam or chutney also put some in the deep freeze. You can still plant lettuce, beetroot, swedes, turnips, radish, Chinese cabbage and all your winter greens.

Your potatoes need earthing up and be sure to keep hoeing to keep the weeds under control.

I shall look forward to seeing the Harbury residents in the Harbury Garden Walkabout. Such an opportunity should not be missed; and don't forget THE SHOW on Sept 8th.

W. F. LINES.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Tickets are now available for the Garden Walkabout on July 14th.

The number of classes in the Flower Show on September 8th has been increased and there should be something for everyone. Schedules are now available but even if you don't enter, remember the date to see the best of Harbury's produce.

TONY BRUNTON.

Strawberry Snatcher Netted

"Two ripe strawberries are ready for picking - they'd be just right for tea", thought Miss Hiron of Yewtrees, Mill St.

But, on taking a second look, she discovered both had gone! Then a neighbour saw a small white Pekinese dog slinking away with a very red mouth! Nicky, Miss Hiron's pet dog, was later apprehended!

M. B.

A TYPIST'S LAMENT

(br "The Joys of Producing the Harbury & Ladbroke News")

Oh no! I don't believe it, it's typing day again.
It's washday too, but that's no use, it's pouring down with rain.
So, on with the blinkers, get to work -
No time for coffee, no time to shirk!

I heard those editors late last night -
Adding on pages with great delight.
"Thirty two! - Hey, that's a bit much" -
(I might be complaining in Double Dutch!)

"Let's buy a typewriter", Oh what fun!
I didn't realise just what we'd done.
Poor old typewriter bought for a song,
Five years later, still going strong.

I typed all day and into the night -
Please, please make everything fit in just right!
They've worked it out on the calculator -
so of course it will fit (sooner or later).

Add a bit here, chop a bit there,
Carry on typing - don't despair.
There'll be room for that photo, I suppose -
I'm sure he won't mind if I cut off his nose!

Now it's gone to the printers - sigh with relief,
"Stapling's on Friday", says the chief.
It's surprising how many friends you can lose
Saying "Come round on Friday, we're stapling the News".

Saturday morning it's distribution -
(So many folks make their contribution.)
"Get these delivered as fast as you can" -
That's the plea from the editor-man.

Then it's Sunday and all is done.
Let's say once more, "Oh isn't it fun?"
Just wait for that 'phone call - it can't be long -
"Do you REALISE - you've spelt my name wrong?" !!!

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

May I please, via the Harbury & Ladbroke News, pass on my grateful thanks to all Liberal Workers who have helped with the Parliamentary and European Elections.

Many have already received acknowledgement from the Liberal Candidates, but Liberal parents and Liberal friends can be very persuasive, and I know there have been many others who have delivered election material for James Taylor and Val Davies.

It has been a long and very testing time for workers, and voters, and although Liberals have been disappointed with the results, we very much live to fight another day.

Yours faithfully,

Geoff Fuller.

(Chairman, Harbury Liberal Assoc.)

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