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For Ladbroke Services see inside.

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It's Carnival time - a whole week of events leading up to the big day on Saturday 9th June when the Carnival & Fête will provide a day of interest and entertainment starting with the procession which moves off at 1.30pm; the Fête starts at 2pm and in the evening there is the Carnival Dance in the Village Hall.

Those ladies who may have been trying to telephone for hair appointments with Cathy Craig will be pleased to know that the incorrect 'phone number on her advertisement on the inner pages has now been corrected to 612326. Our apologies to Cathy.

How sad it is to report the sudden death of Dave Williams at the age of 37. Because of his effervescent personality it seems almost everyone in the village either knew him personally or at least knew of him. Dave was very keen on sport, particularly football, and in recent years gave a lot of his time to coaching junior players. We shall all miss his smiling, friendly face and we extend our deep and sincere sympathy to Anita and the children, Jamie and Duncan.

### HARBURY DIARY

#### JUNE

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| Sat  | 2nd | Car Treasure Hunt (50p per car) Leaves V Hall<br>Car Park from 2pm onwards.<br>Rugby Club BAR-B-Q Dance at V. Hall.  |
| Sun  | 3rd | <u>WHIT SUNDAY</u> 9am Family Communion, followed<br>by Parish Breakfast at V. Hall (NB no 8am or 10am<br>Service today) 6.30pm Evensong and Procession.<br>Carnival Tennis Tournament and Children's Sports<br>at Playing Fields in afternoon.<br>NO CRUSADERS.<br>Cricket away at Steeple Aston. |
| Mon  | 4th | School Begins<br>Carnival Bingo at Village Hall  |
| Tues | 5th | <u>WI Milk Marketing Demonstration &amp; Fabric Sale</u> ,<br>7.30pm at Village Hall<br>Motor Cycle Club, 8pm at Wight School.<br>Bible Study, 8pm, Vicarage.<br>Labour Party Public Meeting, 8.30pm, School   |
| Wed  | 6th | MU Garden Meeting and Bring & Buy, 2.30pm at<br>Old Timbers, Ivy Lane.   |

- Wed 6th Carnival Pyjama Jog  
Youth Club Disco and Crowning of Carnival Queen  
at the Village Hall.
- Thurs 7th EURO-ELECTIONS at Village Hall  
Harbury Society Final Carnival Mystery Tour (Adults  
30p, Children 20p starts at Wight School 7 to 8pm -  
(not as stated in Carnival programme)  
WI Meeting; please note - enter Farley Room by the  
back door - not main Village Hall entrance.
- Sat 9th GRAND ANNUAL CARNIVAL AND FÊTE  
Procession leaves Sutcliffe Pastures at 1.30pm  
OFFICIAL OPENING AT 2pm. 2.40pm Official Open-  
ing of Children's Play Fort by Lady Watherston.  
Carnival Dance 8pm to 12 in V. Hall - Dancing to  
GINGERBREAD, Tickets £1.50 (including Gammon Supper)
- Sun 10th Trinity Sunday. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Procession  
and Sung Eucharist (Football Club), 6-30pm Evensong  
and Procession.  
Crusaders Begins.
- Mon 11th ST BARNABAS. PCC 8pm Wight School.
- Tues 12th Harbury Friends 8pm, School, Summer Fashions by  
Kendalls.  
Prayer Group, 8pm, 15 Wagstaffe Close.  
Village Hall Cte, 8pm, V. Hall  
Recreation Grounds Cte., V. Hall
- Thurs 14th CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI (Thanksgiving for the  
Institution of HOLY COMMUNION) 7am & 9.45am  
Holy Eucharist.  
Golden Age, 2-30pm, V. Hall.
- Sat 16th SCHOOL SPONSORED WALK
- Sun 17th First Sunday after Trinity. 8am Holy Eucharist  
10am Sung Eucharist (Fathers & Children) 6.30 Evensong.
- Tues 19th Tuffy Club, 2.30pm, V. Hall.  
Senior Citizens Cte, 8pm V. Hall.  
Motor Cycle Club, 8pm, Wight School
- Wed 20th School Junior Sports, Recreation Ground.
- Thurs 21st Golden Age, 2.30pm, V. Hall.
- Fri 22nd BLOOD DONORS at V. Hall, 1pm to 10pm  
Harbury School - Occasional Day's Holiday.
- Sat 23rd Horticultural Society trip to Wellesbourne National  
Vegetable Research Station
- Sun 24th Birthday of St. John Baptist. 8am Holy Eucharist,  
10am Procession & Sung Eucharist, 6.30 Evensong &  
Procession.

- Sun 24th Bike Ride, 10am from Club Car Park.  
 Harbury Society M40 Walk, 10.30am from Rt L Bend  
 on Chesterton Road.  
 Footpath Walk, 2.30pm from V. Hall.  
 Cricket at Home to WCC.
- Tues 26th Young Wives, 2.30pm, V. Hall.
- Wed 27th Senior Citizens Outing by coach to Oxford and by launch  
 down the Thames to Abingdon for tea. Coach leaves  
 Deppers at 12.30pm & Harbury V. Hall at 12.45pm.
- Thurs 28th Golden Age, 2.30pm, V. Hall.  
 Parish Council, 7.30pm, V. Hall.
- Fri 29th SS Peter & Paul, 7.30am and 10.15am Holy Eucharist.
- Sat 30th PCC 50/50 AUCTION SALE at V. Hall, 10am viewing;  
 2.30pm Sale.

JULY Conservatives' "Tramps' Supper & Disco" - see advert

Sun 1st Third Sunday after Trinity. 8am Holy Eucharist,  
 10am Sung Eucharist, 11.30am Children's & Family  
 Service, 6.30pm Royal Show Service at Stoneleigh -  
 coach leaves Bullring at 5.15pm.

Tues 3rd Open Evening at SOUTHAM School

Wed 4th M.U.

School Infants Sports, School Field.

Thurs 5th WI, 7.45pm, V. Hall.

Fri 6th Southam School Occasional Day's Holiday.

Sun 8th Cricket away to Napton

Mon 9th BULKY REFUSE COLLECTION this week.

YOU MUST RING STRATFORD 67575 for service.

RUBBISH - collection day in Harbury is now FRIDAY, not Monday.

Yes - we know they didn't come at all last week, but complaints  
 should go to Stratford 67575, ext. 239 - not to us!

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 - 10 every Tuesday.

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  
CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday  
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FOR INCLUSION PLEASE TO LINDA RIDGLEY, tel. 612792.  
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For WIGHT SCHOOL bookings, Mrs. Windsor, 612504.

### THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

As I write this we have just celebrated Ascension Day - that great festival of the Church which is so sadly neglected by some Church people and in some parishes. Here we had six services during the day, culminating in the Procession and Parish Family Sung Eucharist at 7.30 p.m., - a glorious service attended by a large congregation and followed by a supper and social evening in the "Crown". I would like to pay tribute to our bell-ringers who came and rang at 6.30 in the morning for one of the early services, as well as for the evening Eucharist. They are a keen and devoted band.

We now look forward to Pentecost or Whitsunday, - the festival of God the Holy Ghost. This is a festival which means much to me personally, as I am a member, and at present hold the office of Superior, of the Society of the Holy Ghost, - a society of celibate priests. On this day we are having our 9 a.m. Family Communion followed by Parish breakfast in the Village Hall.

Other big festivals in June are Trinity Sunday (June 10th), Corpus et Sanguis Christi - the festival of the Blessed Sacrament (Thursday June 14th), the Birthday of s. John Baptist (Sunday June 24th), and St. Peter and St. Paul (Friday June 29th).

The "Songs of Praise" service in the evening of Sunday May 13th was greatly appreciated by the big congregation and we thank Mr. Nordon and the Windmill Singers and our own Church choir for all that they did.

At the annual Vestry on April 25th, Mr. H. M. Windsor and Miss V. C. Aggett were re-elected churchwardens. We thank them for their splendid work over past years, and we offer them our congratulations and best wishes for the coming year.

We miss Mrs. Startin from the village. She has now taken up permanent residence in Guys Nursing Home, 26 Warwick

New Road, Leamington, where she will be pleased to continue to receive visits from her friends from time to time.

With every blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

F.R. Mackley.

### HOLY BAPTISM

May 13th Kirsty Jane Taylor, 13 Pineham Avenue

May 20th Suzanne Jane Hanson, 11a Leicester Close

May 20th Edward James Taylor, Fields Farm, Kineton Road,

May 20th Caroline Jane Taylor       "       "       "       Southam.

May 20th Jessica Taylor               "       "       "       "

### CONFIRMATION

May 10th (In Cubbington Parish Church) Kevin Andrew Dealtry,  
19 Frances Road.

### HOLY MATRIMONY

May 5th Anthony John Dilworth to Madeleine Eve Nicholls.

### From the Churchwardens

May has seen a number of particularly pleasant happenings. We welcomed members of the Cathedral congregation to Evensong and entertained them to coffee afterwards. A large congregation sang with gusto at the Songs of Praise and enjoyed the items from the Windmill Singers and our own Church choir. Ascension Day was marked by the school service and by the evening Communion followed by a social evening at the Crown.

The big event of the coming month is the Fifty-Fifty Auction which is already producing a great deal of interest. Don't miss it! On the following day, we once again take part in the Royal Show Service at which the Archbishop of Canterbury will be the preacher.

We often mention the prayer group, to commend it, but it's not only those who come to the group who see answered prayer. We heard the other day of a mum who discovered when she went out to her car with her own children and a friend whom she was going to run home, that she had left everything switched on. In fear and trepidation, she tried the starter and got no response. "I know" said one of the little girls sitting in the back "Let's say a little prayer". And they did. Mum, with probably less confidence than the girls felt, tried again and the car started.



## FIFTY/FIFTY AUCTION

Throughout the month of June, lots for sale at the parish Church's Fifty-Fifty Auction will be accumulating at the houses of our collectors throughout the village. Then, on Saturday, June 30th at 2.30pm precisely, the hammer will fall on our first sale.

The insert in this copy of Harbury and Ladbroke News will tell you the name of your nearest collector; they will be pleased to accept your lot or lots, and explain the auction rules to you.

Please notice one change - we shall be pleased to accept cheques, SUPPORTED BY A VALID BANKER'S CARD.

An auction is a great social event, and live entertainment. Tea will be served throughout the viewing, and the sale. So come along, and swell the numbers! JNS.

## BICYCLE RACE '79

The PCC will again be organising the bicycle event first held last year.

Provisionally, the date will be Sunday August 19th and entries will be divided into classes and will be open to all over 8 years of age, including Mums & Dads - of whom several took part last year.

As well as age classes it is hoped to run a team contest as well. So get those bicycles oiled and instead of jogging, get pedalling! JBM.

## CRUSADERS

On April 29th we (the Communications Group) decided to have an opinion poll. It wasn't a normal poll, with the conservatives, labour and liberal. It was the Leaders in the Old Testament. The leaders we chose were Adam, Eve, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Saul, David, Solomon, Samson and Elijah. Samson came top of the poll with 12 votes, Noah came next with 10. The only woman, Eve, unfortunately had no votes.

On Saturday 5th May some Crusaders went to Ufton Nature Reserve. Luckily it had stopped raining by half past 2. When we got there Mrs. Call gave us a card with things to find. It was fun because it was very boggy and we kept on stepping in it. When Anna, Jennie, Karen and I got back we had to wait for the others. Then we had a drink and biscuit from Mrs. Catt. Then we rode home.

The Music Group have been working hard. The recorders,



flutes and clarinets provide a good accompaniment for our singing and the choir give us a good lead, especially when we try new hymns.

by VICKY HARRISON and HAYLEY GREEN.

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### LADBROKE NEWS

#### SERVICES ETC. FOR JUNE & EARLY JULY, 1979

Sunday, 3rd JUNE. Whitsunday (Pentecost) 8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Matins followed by short celebration of Holy Communion.

Wednesday, 6th June. 3.30pm, Women's Fellowship in School

Sunday, 10th June. Trinity Sunday. 11am Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon. 6.30pm Evensong.

Thursday, 14th June. Corpus Christi. 7.45pm Deanery Synod at St. James' School, Southam.

Sunday 17th June. Trinity I. (Octave of Corpus Christi)  
8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Matins.

Sunday 24th June. Nativity of St. John Baptist (Trinity II) 11am Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon, 6.30pm Evensong.

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

Friday 6th July, 5.0pm Holy Matrimony.

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

Monday 9th July, 4-5pm Final meeting of School Governors  
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 School.

Wednesday 13th June. 2.0pm School Sports in the Grounds of Ladbroke Hall.

Men's Group at Harbury, Thursday 7th June at 7.45pm.

Annual Meeting on Thursday 5th July at 7.45pm.

ALTAR FLOWERS. June 3rd Mrs. Emus, June 10th Mrs.

Sheasby, June 17th Mrs. Webster, June 24th Mrs. P.

Barnett, July 1st Mrs. Parker, July 8th Mrs. Winkfield.

#### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At our last meeting we were pleased to welcome Nurse Kohler who gave us a very interesting talk on the possible accidents that could occur in our homes.

We look forward to the flower arrangement demonstration which Mrs. Emus has kindly arranged for us in the School on June 6th.

C. H.

### Sick Persons

I am glad to report that Elizabeth Comfort is home and well, that Mr. Henry Brookes is about to be discharged from hospital and that Mrs. Fell's stay there seems likely to end before you read this. During the past few weeks little Joseph Edward Comfort has made steady progress. Continue to remember in your prayers the friends and relatives of our members who are sick.....by name if you can.....if you don't know, God does! I wonder sometimes if a few of you would like to meet for an hour....weekly, or fortnightly or even monthly...to intercede for the sick and the distressed in mind...and to remember friends and kin departed.

G.R.F.

### W.I. News

Mr. Palmer of Marton Museum gave a most interesting talk, amply illustrated with items from the museum, which we hope to visit sometime during the Summer.

Southam Market - In response to the W.I.'s request, Spook Erections have kindly arranged a pick-up point at the Bell Inn at 10.15am every Tuesday. Approx time of return 11.40am. The service is free and Craven Arms is the return point.

A letter from the G.P.O. regretted that a mobile P.O. calling at Ladbroke once a week was not a 'viable proposition'. Members expressed dissatisfaction.

The 'Knit In' for the Arthritis Fund has so far collected £36.21. £8.49 from a Pandora Party was donated to the Village Hall Fund. Dorothy Wright and Mary Fell's Jumble Sale raised over £50 for Ladbroke Village Hall Funds.

There will be a Garden Fête on 7th July at Ladbroke School in aid of the Pensioners Christmas Party. Stalls, Bowling for the Pig etc. Great fun for all!

The next meeting is on June 28th at 7.30pm in the School. Mr. Charles Lines will talk about 'Inn Signs'. The competition is - most items in a matchbox.

The Red Cross collection totalled £24.37.

Coventry Kidney Unit Appeal - Mr. Laurie Green, who uses a dialysis machine, gave an informative talk on kidney treatment, and the sum of £38.33 was raised at a Coffee Morning. Thanks



are due to all helpers and supporters. The main raffle prize, donated by Mrs. Poole, was won by Mrs. Edwards. I.B.

### Village Hall

Progress continues, improvements to both interior and exterior. The incredible amount of work done by 24 volunteers that Saturday in March catalysed its renewal. The volunteers were Mr. & Mrs. Allington, Mr. & Mrs. Bennett, W. & A. Bennett, Mr. Dupree, Mrs. M. Fell, Mrs. Flower, Mr. & Mrs. Grant, Mr. Hall, Mr. & Mrs. Hart, Mr. Hedge, Mr. & Mrs. Jerome, Mr. & Mrs. Norgate, Mr. T. Sheasby, Mr. & Mrs. Tagg, Mrs. B. Williamson and Mrs. Wright. If you have any spare crockery, cutlery, glassware, tables, chairs, cupboards - in fact anything that you think will come in useful in refurnishing the Hall, please let us know. Mr. P. Williamson, Southam 4344 or Mrs. I. Bennett, Southam 2860.

Ladbroke Village Hall Committee have been offered the balances in Lloyds Bank, Southam, of the now defunct Sports Club (£20) and the Cricket Club (£19.57) by Mr. K. Hayward the only official of the clubs who has returned recently to Ladbroke. If there are any objections by former members, would they please contact Mr. P. Williamson, The Forge, Banbury Rd, Ladbroke

### Parish Council Meeting.

Cllrs. Badman, Sheasby and Williamson were present.

£9.70 was collected for Cancer Research at the Village Meeting held to resolve the future of the hall.

It has been noticed that the stream is showing signs of pollution. Severn Trent are to be asked to investigate.

Conservation area. Mr. Raike advises presentation of the case to the District Council.

It was agreed that £160 be given to Village Hall funds. If you have bulky refuse you wish collected, please 'phone Stratford 67575 or 29307 for the weeks beginning June 2nd, Sept. 3rd and Nov. 5th.

Householders in the vicinity of the 'Bad Bend' are to be asked to note details of accidents there to help the villagers' case in presenting the need for the by-pass.

Elections to the Parish Council on 24th May were uncontested. Messrs. F. Badman, T. Sheasby and Mrs. B. Williamson are already members. Mrs. C. Jerome and Mr. G. Timms are newly elected. Messrs. T. Barnett and F. Seden, after many good years of service, have retired.

## Ladbroke Conservatives

The Jumble Sale made £103 nett. and we do thank everyone who helped or contributed to this very successful event.

## Ladbroke School

Sports Day is to be held on Wednesday 13th June at 2 p.m. in the grounds of Ladbroke Hall, with refreshments in school afterwards. Village friends as well as parents are most welcome. Our LEAVERS SERVICE, the LAST ONE, is on Sunday 15th July in Church at 3.30pm followed by tea in School. Any former pupils who would like to come are most welcome. Please let Miss Harris know by 2nd July.

## The Parochial Church Council

Officers elected: Mr. G. Hedge Vice-Chairman, Miss V. Junod Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Comfort Hon. Treasurer and Mrs. P. Flowe Electoral Roll Officer and Harbury News Correspondent. All were warmly thanked for their work over the past year.

The Rector suggested encouraging more covenants and support in general forms, not just finance, would be welcomed. Churchyard maintenance was discussed. Chris Veal, Mark Wilson and Mrs. Winkfield are taking responsibility for this, so please come to their help. A new boiler has been installed at a cost of £652.32. Mention was also made of increasing the insurance of the Duchess Dudley Church Plate and notification had been received that old Parish Registers (Marriage, Births and deaths) more than 100 years old should be lodged with the County Record Office.

Ladbroke Hall is willing for its grounds to be used by the church for a fair and/or garden party or other fund-raising event.

Future dates: Harvest Supper 5th October in the renovated Village Hall; Harvest Thanksgiving Service in Church 7th October  
Christmas Fair in the Village Hall.

The next meeting will be on Monday July 9th in Church at 7.30pm

P.S.F.

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## ADDITIONAL CURATES SOCIETY



Many thanks to everyone who helped to raise £35 by taking an A.C.S. box into their home for LENT. This money is much needed to further the cause of ACS -that of helping to provide more priests so that the Church can survive.

A.M.



## HARBURY SCHOOL FÊTE

Because of the uncertain weather, most of the activity at this year's Fête took place in the School Hall. There were a great many stalls and sideshows - cakes, white elephant, plants, lucky dip, tombola etc., and a large bouncy inflatable, which was very popular.

In connection with the Fête two competitions had been held in School, a Cake Competition and an Art Competition with the theme, "International Year of the Child". In the Cake Competition winners in the different school years were David Archer, Annalie Hoare, Andrew Clifford, Jane Archer, Vicky Ridgley, Lynn Jackson and Rachel Lambert. Winners in the Art Competition were Sarah Gee, Lynsey Spencer, Eloise Joyce, Christopher Ottewill, Michelle Crossan, Caroline Healey and Launa Rolf.

All these winners were presented with their prizes at the Fête, as were the winners for "Marbles in a Plant Pot" (Andrew Hagan), "Buried Treasure" (Katie Tanner), "Sweets in a Jar" (C. Romero), "Name the Doll" (Cathy Bleslock) "Buttons on Apron" (Mrs. M. Barnes & Mrs. S. Keir).

It really was a marvellous event, and the children and staff had clearly put an enormous amount of thought and effort into its planning.

The culmination of the afternoon was the announcing of the Raffle winners by Mr. Oliver - a mammoth task in itself as there were 16 names to be read out above the excited noise from the very large number of people present.

The lucky winners were Mrs. Church, Mrs. King, Deborah Cooke, Elaine Ashton, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Crossan, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Northey, Miss Nurser, Mrs. Smith, Heather Whitelaw, Josephine Gascoyne, Mrs. Eastaff, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Rainbow and Nicola Harper.

Congratulations to all these winners - and to all involved in this very successful day, which made around £200 for School Funds.

D.M.H.

## HARBURY P.T.A.

Firstly, thank you to all those parents who, at rather short notice, kindly sponsored the PTA team who entered the Southam & District Round Table Chariot Race. The team, consisting of Mary Rolf, Pauline Macdonald, Chris Wilkins and myself, attempted to make a wheelchair look like a throne and went dressed as the Queens of hearts, spades, clubs & diamonds.

The aim was to push and pull the chariot over the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile course, stopping at various hostelryes to consume 16 half pints in total (we were presented with beer, squash, coke and lemonade - the latter was the hardest to down quickly!) We thought 17 mins, 17 seconds was quite commendable until we learnt that the winning men's team (consuming 21 half pints) completed in  $8\frac{1}{2}$  mins. Never mind, perhaps everybody ought to start training now for next year. Altogether we raised about £33 (half to P. T. A. funds and half to local charities).

We shall also be grateful to all those who sponsor the children when they walk. The money this year will probably be put towards Audio-Video Equipment (which will considerably facilitate the teachers' use of the television) - but please do not feel under any obligation to contribute - the children are asked to approach only immediate friends and family and not to knock on doors.

Looking forward to July - please make a note of Thursday 12th (not Friday 13th! as originally planned) for the Mums' & Dads' Sports Cavalcade which will be along "It's a Knockout" lines and definitely "just for fun" for both participants and spectators. Details will be circulated after half term - don't be afraid to volunteer as either a competitor or marshall (no former experience necessary!)

R. G. O.

### CONCERTED EFFORT!



Robin Taylor, David Andrews, Stephen Luke & Adrian Thomas putting their heads together, making notes for a project on houses



## SOUTHAM SCHOOL

Earlier this year a number of toys and teaching aids for handicapped children were entered for the National Westminster Bank Project Respond Competition in Coventry. This is an annual event designed to encourage schools to solve social problems.

15 girls from last year's 3.W.1. from visited Broad Park School for mentally handicapped children in Coventry. It was decided that items such as toy cots & tactile boards were needed, and these were designed and made during craft lessons.

Whilst the girls did not win one of the major prizes, the judges thought that considering the age of the girls, and the rest of the competitors were sixth formers, the excellent standard of their work deserved special recognition and they were awarded a £20 prize.

In March, the school play "Hobson's Choice" was performed on 3 consecutive evenings. It was produced by Miss Doubleday and Mrs. Bradley, and well attended by appreciative audiences. The cast were Stephen Hayward, Beverley Hughes, Steven Green, Janene Cox, Linda Jeffs, Rory O'Kelly, Frazer Mead, Colin McQuistan, Kevin Dealtry and Beverley Powell.

Pupils of the school performed in a music concert on May 15th. There was no admission charge, but a collection raised £36 towards a musical instrument.

The Under 14 netball team finished top of the Mid-Warwickshire Schools League and won the Colt International Tournament. The team was P. Wallington (captain), L. Gulliver, A. Haig, J. Short, S. French, D. Home, J. Lloyd, S. Gascoyne and D. Grove.

In the Mid-Warwickshire Schools Basketball Championships the Under 15 won the knock-out cup in their age group. Teams were Under 15 - Kevin Hooker, John Thornley, Tim Warr, Paul Gulliver, Kevin Currell, Simon Lockyer and Edward Collett. Under 13 Neil Andrews, Alistair Graham, Mark Calcutt, Mark Dagnall, Brian Phillips, Richard Jeffries, Keith Barr, Richard Hughes & Adrian Mann.

During the Easter term the school was visited by Conrad Hunte, the West Indian test cricketer.

Mr. Hunte took a lively Assembly and provided cricketers with some net practice.

During the holidays, parties from the school went ski-ing in Italy and on an Art Trip to Amsterdam and Paris.

On both occasions the pupils proved themselves a credit to the school.

### CHILDREN'S CHARITY CONCERT

Several Harbury children were involved in the recent concert at the Spa Centre, organised by the Soroptomists for the International Year of the Child. It was a superb display of the talents of many local children, singing, dancing and playing instruments. There were Guides from Kenilworth and Warwick, Irish dancers from the Connelly School, items from Emscote Lawn, Warwick Prep School, Trinity School and Myton School, and music from Holy Trinity Girls' Choir and the Milverton Centre Woodwind Band. Also 'on the bill' was Spencer Hicks, a diminutive dancer fresh from his success on "Opportunity Knocks" !!

If the financial success was as great as the pleasure given to the audience, then this concert will have made a generous contribution to the Year of the Child. DMH.

### MUSIC FESTIVAL

On May 9th & 10th, thirty six of Harbury's fourth year children took part in the Southam & District Schools' 1st Music Festival, held at Southam School. Nine schools were involved in the Festival, which included massed singing and instrumental items from individual schools and associated music groups. Harbury's individual contribution was by a group of eighteen recorder players who gave a lively and much appreciated rendering of "Beguine" and "Hoe Down" by Brian Bonsor. The massed choir sang five 3-part songs arranged by Kenneth Pont, and "Pilgrim", a new musical morality with percussion and narrator by Michael Hurd. This was not easy for the children to sing, especially as it also involved movements and gestures with the puritan hats which every child made and wore - all 250-plus of them! The result was a credit to the hard-working children and to Mr. David Jones (County Music Advisor) who conducted these massed items.

### MUSIC SUCCESSES

D.J.B.

At the Easter exam session the results were:

Practical: Diane Home - Grade 1 - Pass, Helen Keir - Grade 3 Distinction, Caron Lucas - Grade 3 - Pass, Amanda Welsh - Grade 5 - Pass.

Theory: Rachel Thomas - Grade 2 - Pass. The above are all pupils of M.J. Coope (Tel: 612556)



# HARBURY CARNIVAL AND FÊTE - 9th JUNE, 1979

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Harbury's big day is almost with us again and let us hope the weather is kind. The carnival programme is now on sale. Programme sellers will be calling at your house in the next few days. The programme contains all the details about Carnival Week - so don't miss out, be sure to buy one. Carnival pens and badges are obtainable from committee members. Carnival Dance - Tickets are also available now, price £1.50. Dancing will be to "GINGERBREAD", and the price includes supper.

This is always a very enjoyable day which involves the whole village so please support as many of the events as you can. All funds raised are used to benefit YOU. The Village Hall and Playing Field Trusts will be using this year's funds to develop a "kiddies" play area, and to finance the much needed Storage extension in the village hall.

Please note that on the evening of Monday 4th June, "Steptoe & Son" will be calling to collect bric a brac, unwanted household items and furniture. This stall is always a good fund raiser, so do have a look to see what you can throw out.

Offers of help would still be welcomed for the carnival Fete. Stallholders do appreciate a break in the afternoon, and the refreshment ladies also welcome a "breather". If you can spare

an hour, do offer your help. Please contact Rod Baldwin if you would like to help with a stall, and Jean Cox (612693) or Brenda Thomas (612737) if you can help with the refreshments. p.s. Don't miss the Harbury News Stall - your chance to "hit back" at the Editors - and that's too good to miss!!

### SCOUT & CUB A.G.M.

This year's Scout and Cub AGM was held in very different circumstances to 1978. The Scout troop is no longer threatened with closure, but has expanded to such a degree that a second troop plus a venture unit have now been formed. A vigorous recruiting campaign produced a number of new leaders, who not only kept the Troop running but also made it very successful. Our thanks to John Hancock, Mick Chick, John Ridgley and Joe Van Hoorebeek, also to Bob Wilkins who is leader of the new Venture Unit.

The many parents and friends who attended the meeting heard reports on last year's activities, and plans for the future. A very busy Wally Williams, District Commissioner for Leamington, was present for part of the meeting, presenting the Group Scout Leader, Graham Goodchild, with his Wood Badge.

The Group has purchased a considerable amount of new equipment to enable them to widen their range of activities. This year's project will be to build extensions on to the Scout Hut, and this will involve considerable fund raising. A lot of help will be needed from parents and friends so please, will anyone who can help at events, bake or make items for our Autumn Bazaar, contact Sue Jones - tel. 613261, or Pat Taylor tel. 613335.

The existing committee were re-elected and the following officers will serve for a further year. Chairman: Ken Hughes; Treasurer: John Hunt; and Secretary: Sue Jones.

After the business side of the meeting parents were entertained by the Cubs, and were also able to see the new Venture Unit equipment, and a Scout patrol camp in action. Refreshments were provided, using an altar fire, and a rabbit was cooked in a mud oven. Those who sampled this were of the opinion that all Mums should take up this method of cooking - well it would save cleaning the cooker!! At least we know that our sons won't starve when they go on this year's summer camp to



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## Kingsbury Water Park in July!

The existing cub pack is full and there is still a long waiting list. Unfortunately the Group does not have enough leaders to form a second pack. So please could we have a few volunteers who would be prepared to help; it is not essential for Leaders to attend every meeting. t)

## SCOUT JOB WEEK

Thanks to everyone who offered a job under our new scheme this year. I believe all the jobs, except one, were completed; we hope satisfactorily. Thankyou also to those members of the public who 'loaned' their cars and shoes for cleaning by the scouts and cub scouts respectively! The week raised £91.25 which compares with £76 in 1978 and £51 in 1977. This money will go a long way towards paying the capitation fees (the fees the scouts must pay annually to headquarters). J.L.H.

## YOUTH CLUB

Coffee evenings are now quite well established and will continue on most Tuesdays throughout the Summer. Providing it is fine there will be a Rounders game on Tuesday June 5th and from July 12th we intend to run the coffee bar on Thursday evenings as well. We have a small team of adult helpers to run these evenings but some extra help would be most welcome - please ring either 613205 or 612565 if you could help on occasional Tuesday or Thursday evenings.

## HARBURY JUBILEE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

After three rounds, the 1979 Championship remains very close; Richard Wright, last year's winner, has moved into the lead on 33 points, overtaking Christopher Buck on 32, and Ivor Matthews on 30. In the Junior class William Bennett leads Carl Fawson by 2 points.

We shall, once again, be appearing at Harbury Carnival, with a competitive event held over artificial obstacles in the main arena. It is anticipated that we will be using equipment borrowed from the organisers of the Town & Country Festival, and it promises to be a spectacular event.

Club night at the Wight School on 5th June will feature a slide show by two intrepid club members who braved the icy weather to attend the Scottish Six Days Trial earlier this month.

J.B.

## BALLET AND TAP EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

All 38 candidates were successful in the recent ballet and tap examinations of the Dance and Drama Academy held in Harbury.

The results are as follows:-

Introduction to Ballet: Louise O'Toole, Julie Gosling, Sarah Jackson, Andrea Mann, Kate Ann Jerome, Emma Thomas, Rachel Youd, Charlotte Odey and Sarah Bingham.

Preliminary Ballet: Karen Hoare, Joanne Hall, Gail David, Rachel Hingley, and Louise Wright.

Prep. Tap: Kate Ann Jerome, Emma Thomas, Andrea Mann, Charlotte Woodward, Rachel Youd and Briony Parkin.

Grade One Tap: Michelle Coupe, Hanna Plastow, Gillian Dodds, Mandy Millar, Fiona Clarke, Ian Bench, Joanne Hall, Emma Finch, Leonie Carter, Gail Davis, Eloise Joyce, Sonia Taylor, Rachel Hingley, Louise Wright, Tracey Cox, Caroline Hingley, Rebecca Jessup, Tina Collins, Alison Cox, Louise Cooke, Lucy Jessup, Julie Dobbie, Zoe Smith, Michelle Cox, Charlotte Hibberd, Jeanette Robson and Allison Payne.

Out of the 47 exams taken, 14 pupils were Commended, 28 passed with Honours Plus and 5 passed with Honours.

All are students of the Bayard Academy, Harbury.

## HARBURY & DISTRICT N.S.P.C.C.

Our Junior branch, the League of Pity, held their annual Party at the Village Hall on May 12th, at which the 99 members were presented with their awards for the savings they had achieved during the past year. The total amount saved by the children was £172, an absolutely marvellous figure which even outstrips 1978's record total of £100. The children were thanked by our League Secretary, Mrs. Sue Wilkins, and told of a letter from headquarters in London praising their tremendous achievement. The awards were presented by Mr. Mark Thorburn and we would all, children and grown-ups alike, like to thank him, and also we are most grateful to Mr. Fred Hutchins who provided the disco music for us - they both helped to make it a splendid afternoon and we do appreciate their coming on Cup Final afternoon especially!

We have lots of things planned for our members this year including another of our popular Sports afternoons in the summer (open to non-members) to be advertised later, and also a sponsored colouring competition. The children them-



selves also raise money individually to boost their savings, and work very hard whilst having a lot of fun, so if you are interested in joining the League, membership details can be obtained from Mrs. Wilkins at 3 Neales Close. VICTORIA MACGOWAN  
(Hon. Sec., Harbury & District)

### CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH TRUST

Attendance at the Easter Monday dance was disappointing, possibly due to the fact that there were three dances booked for that week for different organisations. The sum of £60 was raised and divided equally between C.F. and Cancer Research.

Leamington Country & Western Club held a very enjoyable Charity Evening on 19th April, which raised £50 for our funds, so many thanks to them.

Thank you also to Alison Baldwin, Tonia Southam and Tina McMahon, who earned £2.50 during the school holidays which they donated to C.F. It is nice to see that young people care about raising money for children less fortunate than themselves!

BARBARA ANDREWS (Secretary).

### TENNIS

Further to the article in last month's issue, the cost of booking a court is now 30 (THIRTY) pence per hour and not 20 pence. This charge is still very reasonable when compared with those for other public courts in the area. One other omission from the previous article - children of school age can use the courts free of charge. Please remember that anyone who has booked takes priority when it comes to using the courts.

RHH.

### HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

The Netball season has now finished and both the 'A' and 'B' teams have done very well, finishing 3rd in their respective divisions. A combination of bad weather and injuries made this season unforgettable, let's hope next year will be more memorable, but for different reasons.

On 21st July we are hoping to have a jumble sale at the Village Hall. Please phone 612742 if you have any jumble you can let us have.

Anyone wishing to attend our A.G.M. should come to the Village Hall on 20th June at 8pm.

Between now and the start of the next Netball season the teams are entering several tournaments, the last being the AP tournament, where we hope to complete a hat trick!

## HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

At the recent AGM the following were elected:

President: John Bromley, Chairman: Graham Shurvinton,  
Secretary: Jerry Birkbeck, Treasurer: Bill Clarke, Fixture  
Secretary: David Davies, Match Secretary: Charles Gath,  
Club Captain: Dyl Rogers, Vice Captain: Chris Miller, 2nd XV  
Captain: Ian Winchester, Vice Captain: George Mann, 3rd XV  
Captain: Chris Lecocq, Vice Captain: Chris Bean, 4th XV Captain:  
Malc Davy, Vice Captain: Paul Exton, Youth Captain: David  
Davies, Vice Captain: Darryl Hunter.

A coaching committee has been formed for the forthcoming season with Neville Lee as Chairman. Dave Andrews is organising mini-rugby on Sunday mornings at the new ground when the season commences - further details to be announced later.

On Saturday 19th May the Club held a successful Annual Dinner Dance at the De Montfort Hotel, Kenilworth with over 140 in attendance. The following trophies were awarded by Taffy Thomas (President elect of the Warwickshire RFU): Clubman of the Year: George Mann, Player of the Year: Rob Sanford, Presidents Award. Pete Wells; Highest Points Scorer 1st XV: Chris Miller, 2nd XV: Ian Winchester; 3rd XV Award: Til Talamini; Youth XV Award: David Davies; Most Promising Newcomer: David Davies; Harbury Cap for 250 games for the Club: Ian Winchester.

Working parties have been at the Clubhouse over the past few weekends - and hopefully all should be completed by late June.

The Opening Day Committee have furthered their progress and a programme should be available from Carnival Day. The official opening of the Club House will be on September 2nd 1979. Further details will be announced later. JERRY BIRKBECK  
(Hon. Secretary).

## HARBURY SOCIETY

The Final Appearance of the Harbury Society Mystery Tour is on Thursday 7 June, (Euro-Election Day!) beginning at the Mystery start where in Victorian times loyal Church of England members once worshipped! Look out for posters giving clues to the start.

On Sunday 24 June at 10.30am there will be a Field Walk along part of the M40 Route in Chesterton. It will begin at the right-angled bend near Harwoods House on the road from



Chesterton and will involve a tramp of about two miles across fields to Chesterton Woods and back.

There will be a Village Walk to look for black spots that will no doubt have spoiled our chances of winning this year's Best Kept Village Competition. It will take place on the morning of Sunday 15 July, which we hope will be dry, despite the fact that it is St. Swithen's Day.

In the early autumn, probably mid-September, we shall run a coach trip possibly to Snowhill Manor and Kiftsgate Gardens, although we are open to suggestions of other places to visit. Ring me (612792) with your ideas.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

### HARBURY W.I.

Voting of resolutions for the Albert Hall in June took place at the May meeting with Mrs. Cotterill as our V.C.O. for the evening.

Items discussed were the Group meeting at Stockton on 23rd May - speaker Mary Grant: The Carnival meeting with more help required on the float: A tea for some Hatton patients on 14th August: The Produce Show on 22nd September.

Our short play for Scene '80 will be performed at Myton School on Friday 19th Oct., and we would like support from members on the night.

There will be a tour of Burford in August.

The raffle proceeds will be donated to Mrs. Green's Kidney Appeal.

During Carnival Week WI has organised a Cookery Demonstration by the Milk Marketing Board, followed by a Fabric Fashion Show with material on sale. The evening is open to all the village - admission 25p - Tuesday 5th June, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Would members please note that our next meeting on 7th June will be in the Farley room and that entry is through the back door and not the front door, due to the main hall being used for voting.

JEANNE BEAUMONT.

### MOTHERS UNION

On May 1st, twelve Harbury members attended the Festival Service in Coventry Cathedral for MU and CEMS in the Diocese of Coventry. About 40 members from the Southam Deanery shared a coach for the trip to Coventry and the Cathedral was filled to capacity for this memorable service,

the whole theme of which was "ONE FAMILY: in the world, in the Church & in the home". The address was given by the Right Rev. Robert Darby, Bishop of Sherwood and Central Chaplain to M.U., providing much food for thought on the family theme.

Prayers were led by Bishop McKie, who that day was celebrating his 33rd anniversary as a Bishop, after which a cheque was presented by Mrs. Standing to Mrs. Backhouse, Diocesan President of MU. This money will help to finance her trip to the Worldwide Conference in Australia in July.

Our May meeting took the form of a discussion and future plans were made. A questionnaire was completed - giving everyone a chance to air their views on future policies for MU.

Judy Couchman's regular monthly letter was circulated. Although she now lives in Littlehampton, she still reads Harbury News avidly, and members are always pleased to receive her news too!

Mrs. Startin has now moved to live in Guys Nursing Home in Leamington, and Mrs. Neale, for many years treasurer of the Harbury Branch, has moved to Southam. We wish them both happiness in their new surroundings.

A Garden Meeting with "Bring & Buy" will be held in Mrs. Hogben's delightful garden on Wednesday June 6th from 2.30pm. AM.

### A Quiet Day

The Retreat House at Offchurch is owned by the Coventry Diocese, and is an old house in a beautiful setting where people can spend a few hours, or days, away from the hectic pace of everyday life. Different groups organise retreats for their members, and the one I attended was for MU members. The day was conducted by Rev. Marriott, Vicar of Long Itchington, and there were 18 MU members, including 8 from Harbury.

On our arrival at 10.30am, we went to the Chapel for a Communion Service, then we had coffee and a chance to meet each other. Then Rev. Marriott spoke about the value of quiet prayer and contemplation in a busy life. Two of the rooms were designated 'silent areas' where we could pray and meditate privately, while some ladies walked in the garden or discussed what the Vicar had said.

After a pleasant lunch we listened again to Mr. Marriott, had another quiet period, and finished the day with Evening Prayer.

I had gone along to this Retreat with very little idea of what



to expect, and found the day interesting, enjoyable and - above all - refreshing. To anyone who leads a busy life, and would welcome a chance to stop and think for a while, I recommend going to the Retreat House. I certainly enjoyed my visit.

DIANA HOLT.

### GOLDEN AGE



We recently held our Birthday Party in the Village Hall, and the picture shows the cutting of the cake, which was made by Mrs. Kelly and kindly donated by Mrs. Farley. Left to right are Miss Hiron (a founder member), Lady Watherston (President), Mrs. Farley, Mrs. Knighton (Treasurer) and Mrs. Sheasby (Secretary). The excellent entertainment at the Party was provided by Southam Darby and Joan Club.

Our monthly meetings are held at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month. We would be delighted to welcome new members at these meetings, and we also invite anyone interested to join us at the informal Whist Drives which are held at the same time on all other Thursday afternoons. Just come along - we shall be very pleased to see you.

On Tuesday, 17th July, we are planning a day trip to Skegness. If there are any spare places on the coach we shall be glad to welcome anyone who would like to join us. If you are interested, please contact me for details. L. Knighton, 612707.

## VILLAGE HALL

Mrs. Keen explained that the expenses of the Village Hall were continuing to rise. The Electricity bill for the winter quarter was over £480 and the Performing Rights Society demanded nearly £60 for the coming year's licence. It was agreed that the Committee should ask the Recreation Grounds Advisory Committee to pay for its use of Committee rooms in the Hall in future. The Chairman was pleased to tell the Cttee that the outstanding hire fees had now been paid by the Youth Club.

The use of the Hall as a Polling Station, in the recent General Election had caused problems and the Returning Officer had registered a complaint. Although Stratford District Council had not specified that it wanted the exclusive use of the Hall when the booking had been made, the Returning Officer was not happy to share the Hall with the WI and Football Club. It was agreed that if in future the Hall was booked for another Election and the District Council wanted undisturbed use of the facility then it should be charged in the region of £75, the cost of the hire of the whole Hall for the day.

Mr. Bingham asked if, when the Rugby Club quitted the Village Hall, the Youth Club could make a permanent booking of one of the rooms. He suggested the Changing Room might be the most suitable.

Mrs. Sollis wrote requesting that the charges to the Theatre Group for the hire of the Hall be re-examined, for they were far too low. It was agreed to do this at the next meeting.

Various repairs had been effected and Community Industries were to build the new storage area. It was agreed to advertise in the Harbury News for a replacement for the decrepit Village Hall motor mower.

Next meeting 12 June 8pm in the Farley Room, Village Hall.  
LINDA RIDGLEY.

## HARBURY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

In his Annual Report Iory Davies stressed the Council's concern that dogs were being allowed to foul the pavements and Playing Fields, and he advised the incoming Council to consider prosecuting offenders. Careless parking of cars worried both the Chairman and John Drinkwater who pinpointed Binswood End, Church Street and Church Terrace/Hall Lane as 'Black Spots'.

Speaking on Planning John Drinkwater reminded parishioners



of the PC's success in the matters of the Manor Orchard Sewers and the proposed Tip. He was pleased that the PC's recommendations to Stratford DC were generally heeded, and announced that the Council would notify immediate neighbours of planning applications.

Dennis Atkins, who retires from the PC, presented the Lighting Report and suggested further adoption of the successful policy of converting to 80w mercury lamps, as at Deppers and Farm Street, for it brought an improvement in lighting and a reduction in running costs.

Harold Wilkins, who also retires (after 33 years), complimented Allotments tenants on their high standard of husbandry. Five plots had been allocated and the Waiting List was down to five.

Sharon Hancock said the Cemetery Caretaker had worked hard to keep the Burial Grounds tidy through a difficult first year. The Chapel was to be deconsecrated and Burial Charges were not to be raised. There had been eight burials during the year.

Mike Ellis, who was complimented on his handling of the PC Finances by Geoff Wright (the previous Chairman), explained that the 1p rise in the PC rate meant only 40p a year increase to the average householder. Although there had been an unexpected surplus of £600 (because of the difficulty of estimating the budget 6 months in advance) the rise had been necessary to ensure that the incoming Council inherited healthy finances.

Dr. Allan, Ken Hughes, Bruce Hey, Linda Hayes, David Clarke and Keith Thompson were re-elected to the Recreation Grounds Committee. Ralph Gurden urged everyone to give more support to the Village Hall, which would have difficulty making up the £500 a year loss in revenue resulting from the imminent departure of the Rugby Club. Unless there were more help with fund raising the hire charges of the Hall might have to be raised for costs were high.

Harbury Charities had given Christmas gifts to the elderly (John Jorges Charity) and donations to the Scouts' Group (Wagstaffe Trust).

Questions to the District Councillors included a plea from Mr. Hutchins that parking at the Surgery was controlled and a request from Councillor Wilkins for the reason for the rise in Council House rents when the Housing Dept. had a surplus of £28,000.

Questions to the County Councillor, Major Kettle, were predictably on the 26% County Rate rise. Nine per cent of the rise was directly attributable to the loss of the Government Rate Support Grant which now went to the higher spending urban District Councils. 1½% was caused by the reinstatement, at public request, of the cuts made in previous years. Another 1½% was for incremental rises in Local Government Officers' salaries. 1% went to maintain services such as those for old people's homes and 13% was to cover inflation.

Having painted such a gloomy picture, Major Kettle ended with happier news that Harbury School would have its staffing increased from 12.2 to 14.3 when it became a Combined School in September.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

### HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS, MAY 24th 1979

Those elected to the 9 Harbury Seats were:-

John Drinkwater - 248 votes, Iory Davies - 247 votes, Ralph Gurden - 234 votes, Bruce Hannay 224 votes, Sharon Hancock - 215 votes, Mike Ellis - 207 votes, Mick Brant - 182 votes, David Winter - 162 votes, Neville Ellis - 141 votes. James Turner (134 votes) was unelected. No one was nominated for the Deppers Bridge seat. The number of voters was only 307, a turnout of only 18.7%.

The total votes cast were 1994 for the ten candidates. When compared with the last Parish Council Election where 3764 votes were cast for 12 candidates, a drop of 47% in voting is shown.

How can over 81% of the 1642 electorate not bother to vote for the Parish Council? Although no polling cards were sent out we did publish the voting date in last month's Harbury News and there were notices on the Village notice boards. It is interesting to note that one candidate - Bruce Hannay - who in his own words is "little known in the village" came 4th in the poll, due to personally canvassing most of the village!

PJH.

### "WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT JUNE 7th?"

We take part in the first ever Election of an International Parliament. We will be electing 81 Euro-M. P.s for a 5 year term in the Parliament of the "Common Market".

The organisation of the European Economic Community (Common Market) is controlled by 3 bodies. There is the COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. This comprises of Government ministers from the 9 member countries. This body authorises the decisions of the EEC. The COMMISSION consists of 13



commissioners, who are responsible to the European Community rather than to any of the member states. Its task is to draw up policies and proposals and to implement them once the Council of Ministers has decided on them.

The European Parliament, to which we are electing members on June 7th, has 3 main tasks. 1. To tell the Council of Ministers what it thinks of the Commissions proposed policies (The Parliament has 12 committees who help the Commission formulate policies and who also initiate policies through the Commission).

2. With the Council of Ministers, to hammer out the Community budget. The Parliament has power to reject the budget as a whole, if it doesn't get agreement with the Ministers.

3. To exert some political control over the Council and Commission. The Parliament can dismiss the 13 commissioners, who are appointed by the member state governments.

The decisions taken by the Parliament, Commission and Council of Ministers affect many things that touch our everyday lives e.g. the prices of some foods in our shops, the price the farmer gets from his farm output, the help available from the various funds in financing new industrial enterprises and creating jobs.

Use your democratic Right and VOTE on June 7th at Harbury Village Hall from 7am to 10pm.

### PLACES TO GO

Our family recently visited the Guilsborough Grange Bird and Pet Park, and I would certainly recommend it for a pleasant day out.

The Park is well-maintained, the animals apparently healthy and well cared for, and the welcome given to visitors is friendly. There is plenty of room to wander around or picnic, and the range of animals is wide - from small pets, through lots of birds, to lions.

Admission is 70p for adults, 40p for OAPs and 35p for children, and the Park is open from 11am to 6pm every day until 29th October. Dogs are allowed on leads, and the car park is free. The Park is about 18 miles from Harbury - go via Daventry and West Haddon, and then follow the signs to Guilsborough.

DIANA HOLT.

## EATING OUT

Everybody likes eating out even if, for most of us, it has to be limited to just the special occasion like an anniversary or birthday. With this in mind, we thought that, provided sufficient interest and information is forthcoming from you our readers, we would include information about 'eating places' in the area which have impressed you. It is not intended that this should be in competition with the Egon Ronay Guide, but rather a complimentary list, with local emphasis, of pubs, restaurants etc. which could be consulted when considering where to eat. We look forward to hearing from you.

## 'LOFT EXTRA'

Did you know that only 16 people in Harbury take full advantage of the facilities offered by the Loft Theatre?

The cost of membership (£3/couple £2/individual), entitles members to pay only 50p per play, provides a monthly news bulletin about the current production and offers invitations to see touring Ballet & Opera companies (at party rates) as well as productions at other local theatres such as R.S.C. and Belgrade.

Any member may also offer his/her services in various interesting backstage activities e.g. scenery, costume - or even display individual thespian prowess by 'treading the boards' if they so wish! The Loft presents 10 plays each year and Sept. 1979 will see the 100th production on the main stage of the 'new' theatre.

Although in a recent FOCUS article, a Loft member wrote "mention amateur drama - and the reactions vary from a sour grin indicative of mild disapproval - to the apoplectic fit of one R.S.C. actor" the productions at the Loft can be recommended as thoroughly professional.

Membership for the new season begins 1st May and anyone interested in joining should contact the Box Office 9/26341. C.F.

## HARBURY & DISTRICT LABOUR PARTY

Following the recent Parliamentary and Parish Council elections, come the first ever direct elections to the European Parliament. Election Day is June 7th. Despite the valiant efforts of the Harbury News, many of you must still be doubtful about what powers Euro-MPs will have and how decisions made by the European Parliament will affect our lives.



Dennis Hunt, the Labour Party Candidate for this Constituency (called Midlands Central) will address a public meeting at the School on Tuesday 5th June at 8.30pm, and will explain Labour's policies. Why not come along and find out what the European elections are all about, and put your point of view. Everyone is welcome.

GRAHAM FAULKNER  
Secretary.

### HARBURY CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

We should like to thank everyone who helped in the General Election campaign.

Please note we are holding a "Tramps Supper & Disco" (music to all tastes) at Peter and Jean Reed's Farm in Ufton on Saturday June 30th - details in our advertisement at the end of the magazine.

PETER HOLT.

### IN THE GARDEN

June is usually a month when you can look forward to the results of your early planting, but this time it will be the end of the month before you will be rewarded with much produce from your garden.

Now is the time to plant out of doors your Runner Beans French Dwarf Beans, Swedes, Beetroot, Carrots, Spinach and a small row of lettuce and radish. It is also time to think which winter greens you like best so you can obtain the plants from some of the local growers. If you have the room, there is a large selection such as Brussels Sprouts, Purple Sprouting, January King Savoy Cabbage, winter Cauliflower and Leeks. A quick growing summer cabbage such as Golden Acre or Hispy if planted now will be ready by the end of August.

Ridge Cucumbers, Courgettes and Marrows etc. can be planted out under cloches. And don't forget your plants and produce for the Show on Sept 8th.

The Harbury Garden Walkabout on Saturday July 14th is a wonderful opportunity to see what can be produced in our local gardens, when you consider you can see 22 gardens all different for the small amount of 50p.

W.F. LINES.

### HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

With meetings now finished for the summer attention is focused on two main events - the Garden Walkabout on July 14 and the Show on September 8. There will be 22 gardens open for the Walkabout and tickets will be available shortly from me, local shops or any other committee member. Please support your

fellow villagers who bravely open their gardens for close inspection. The Show schedule is progressing and details will be available at a later date.

There are a few seats left on the coach to Clacks Farm on September 15th price £1.20 or 60p children - plus admission.

TONY BRUNTON - 612191 (33 South Parade).

### HARBURY PONY SHOW 1979

The third Pony Show held on May 6th was the biggest yet, with amazing numbers of horses, riders, and their transport on the playing fields. The weather threatened, but managed to stay fine, and the organisation was excellent.

Unfortunately the gymkhana results are not available. However, the first two in each jumping event are given below:  
Novice Horses: 1. M. Farmer - Brandy Boots, 2. A. Humphreys - Tarji. Open Jumping: 1. M. Farmer - Brandy Boots, 2. A. Humphreys - Tarji. 12.2 Jumping: 1. S. Dick - Sinton Pickles, 2. M. Wooton - Norman III. 13.2: 1. N. Sarson - Plum Duff, 2. J. Salt on Flora III. 14.2: 1. S. Dick - Tiger in the Tank, 2. N. Sarson - Plum Duff. Best Turn Out: 1. C. Gallagher - Black Jack, 2. J. Vaughan Jones - Veronica. Fancy Dress: 1. M. Hadley - Hamish, 2. C. Gallagher - Black Jack. Handy Pony: 1. R. Hadden on Flicka, 2. A. Charley - Townfields Imperial. Chase-me-Charlie: 1. A. Humphreys - Twister, 2nd equal D. White - Star, R. Fish - Lancelot, M. O'Brien - Carley, K. West - Pernod.

From the gross profit of £143.08 the following donations have been made:- £20 to the Playing Fields; £20 to the Football Club; £10 to J.M. Brook. This leaves a net profit of £93.08.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

I find it impossible to adequately express my thanks for the kindness which so many people have shown to me since Dave's death. It has been a great comfort to know the warmth and affection in which he was held and although I realise there will be many difficult days ahead, I know there could be no nicer place than Harbury for the boys and I to be.

I would like to thank particularly all those who gave to the collection organised in the village. It was a wonderful gesture and came as a great surprise to me. Thank you all again so very much. Yours sincerely, Anita Williams.



Dear Editors,

May I take this opportunity to thank those residents of Harbury who voted for me in the recent Parish Council Elections.

W.B. BRANT.

Dear Sirs,

I would like to thank all the Harbury residents who voted for me in the Election, and I hope to justify the confidence they have placed in me.

BRUCE HANNAY.

Dear Editors,

I would like to suggest a way of overcoming the problem of dogs fouling the footpaths etc. They always go to the same place, but if you put some pepper down this will discourage them. I put some pepper down under my window and the dogs never came there again.

A.C. OVER.

#### ACCOMODATION WANTED

Gina and Mauro Rustici and Chiara (whom ~~may~~ will remember spent the summer before last in Harbury) are looking for furnished, self-contained accomodation for a year from the end of August and would love to live in Harbury. They would be very careful tenants. In the first instance, please get in touch with Vivienne Aggett, The Cottage, Windmill Hill Farm, Chesterton, Telephone: 612711.

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#### WANTED:

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