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We are, of course, delighted to report that the Harbury & Ladbroke News has been chosen as winner of the Diocesan Parish Magazine Competition. You may remember that, when we entered the previous competition a couple of years ago, we were placed second - so we are improving!

We would like to stress the point that the success of the magazine is very much due to the large number of people who regularly write articles for us, and also to those who help us in many other ways. A special mention is due here of Pearl Edwards, who distributes the whole of the Ladbroke circulation. To all of our helpers - hearty congratulations!

As a result of our winning the Diocesan competition, we go forward to the National final, due to be judged in June.

With some diffidence, we print here Mike Bloxham's picture of your Editorial Team about to start work on this issue. From left to right: Gary Picken, Diana Holt, Ray Hoare, John Moore and Sharon Hancock.



At the Harbury & Ladbroke News AGM held on 30th January we were sorry to lose the services of Graham Faulkner as distribution manager, and we thank him for the hard and

efficient work he has put in during the last 3 years. We are pleased to welcome Graham Gee, who has kindly taken up the position, and who is already becoming familiar with the job. The other members of the committee remain as last year - The Vicar, Vivienne Aggett, Anne Moore, Gladys Hutchins, Linda Ridgley, Victoria Macgowan, Pat Flower and Peter Holt. Peter is at present busy persuading local businesses to renew their advertising in the magazine. It is worth remembering that the advertisers contribute rather more than half the total production costs of our magazine, and we therefore ask you to patronise them whenever possible.

Congratulations to former editor Chris Blunt and his wife Ann on the birth of their son, James.

HARBURY DIARY

MARCH 1979

- Sun. 4th 1st Sunday in Lent. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m. Sung Eucharist(Young Wives). 11.30a.m. Childrens and Family Service. 4p.m. Evensong.
- Mon. 5th Hunt meets, Old New Inn, 12 noon.
- Tues. 6th Junior Youth Club Coffee Evening, 7p.m. - 10p.m., Windmill Room, V.Hall.
Horticultural Soc. AGM and talk by H. Ashworth, 7.30p.m., the Club.
Deanery Lenten Discussion, 'Race and the Christian' with Canon Peter Berry, St. James School, Southam, 7.45p.m.
- Wed. 7th M.U., with speaker from WRVS, 2.30p.m., Old Timbers, Ivy Lane.
Evening Eucharist with hymns & address, 7.30p.m.
- Sat. 10th NSPCC 'Collections & Crafts Day', 2-5p.m., V.Hall
- Sun. 11th 2nd Sunday in Lent. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m. Sung Eucharist(newly confirmed). 4p.m. Evensong
- Mon. 12th Harbury School Open Evening.
- Tues. 13th Junior Youth Club Coffee Evening, 7p.m. - 10p.m., Windmill Room, V.Hall.
Deanery Lenten Discussion, 'Abortion and the Christian' with 'Life', St.James School, Southam, 7.45p.m.
Harbury Society AGM, 8p.m., the Crown.
Harbury Friends AGM & Beetle Drive, 8p.m. at the School.

Motor Cycle Club meeting.

PCC meeting, Wight School, 8p.m.

Wed. 14th Evening Eucharist with hymns & address, 7.30p.m.
PTA, on Audio-Visual Teaching Aids, School, 8p.m.

Thurs. 15th Golden Age Club, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.

Fri. 16th Football Club Cabaret Evening, Village Hall.

Sat. 17th Summertime - clocks go forward!

Rugby Club Country & Western Dance, V. Hall.

Sun. 18th 3rd Sunday in Lent. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m.
Sung Eucharist(Horticultural Society). 6.30p.m.
Evensong.

Mon. 19th Harbury School Open Evening.

Tues. 20th M.U. Deanery Festival Service, Harbury Church,
2.30p.m.

Tufty Club, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.

Deanery Lenten Discussion, St. James School,
Southam, 7.45p.m.

Village Hall Committee, 8p.m, V. Hall.

Wed. 21st Evening Eucharist with hymns & address, 7.30pm.
Third year parents' evening, Southam School.

Thurs. 22nd The Annunciation. 9.30a.m. Holy Eucharist.
Parish Council meeting, 7.30p.m., V. Hall.

Fri. 23rd PTA Square Dance, caller, Major Domoney; School.
Conservatives Wine & Paté Party; see advert.

Sun. 25th 4th Sunday in Lent. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m.
Sung Eucharist(mothers & children) with the
giving of Mothering Sunday cards. 6.30 Evensong.

Bike Ride from Club Car Park, 10a.m.

Footpath Walk from Village Hall, 2.30p.m.

Tues. 27th Young Wives, 2p.m. Village Hall.

Motor Cycle Club, 8p.m., Wight School.

Deanery Lenten Discussion, 'Euthanasia and the
Christian' with Dr. Robert Payne and Rev.
T. Knight, St. James School, Southam.

Wed. 28th Evening Eucharist with hymns & address, 7.30.

Thurs. 29th Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.

Fri. 30th Cricket Club disco, 9-1, Farley Room, V. Hall.

APRIL

Sun. 1st 5th Sunday in Lent. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m.
Sung Eucharist. 11.30, Children's & Family
Service. 6.30p.m. Evensong.

- Tues. 3rd. W.I. Open Meeting, Hair Demonstration by Stephen Morley, 7.45p.m., Village Hall.
 Horticultural Society, talk by A. Rawlings on 'Bees in the Garden', the Club, 7.30p.m.
 Deanery Lenten Discussion, 'Moral Rearmament and the Christian' with Conrad Hunt, Vice-Captain, W.Indies Cricket team), St. James School, Southam, 7.45p.m.
- Wed. 4th M. U. with Mrs. Rogers on Community Nursing, Old Timbers, Ivy Lane, 2.30p.m.
 Evening Eucharist with hymns & address, 7.30.
 Quiz Nite at the Club with the PTA, 8p.m.
- Thurs. 5th Men's Group meeting, 7.45p.m.
 Theatre Group production - 'She Stoops to Conquer' - Village Hall. See advert.
- Fri. 6th School breaks up.
 'She Stoops to Conquer', as Thursday.
- Sat. 7th 'She Stoops to Conquer', as Thursday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

JOGGING, meet outside Foodmart, 8p.m. every Tuesday.

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

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

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

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

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

What a pleasant surprise it was to hear that the Harbury and Ladbroke News had been awarded the first prize in the competition for the best parish magazine in the Diocese of Coventry! The money prize is £75, but of course the honour

of it is much greater than that, and our publication can now go forward to the national parish magazine competition to be held in June!

By the time that this is in your hands, we shall already be in the season of Lent. May I remind you that, in addition to the Sunday services, we have in our Church the full round of Daily services throughout the week? Mattins (the Prayer Book Office of 'Morning Prayer') and Evensong (the Prayer Book Office of 'Evening Prayer') are said daily, and the Holy Eucharist is celebrated daily at times announced beforehand. Might not more use be made of these during Lent? As something 'special' for Lent, we are having an Evening Eucharist with hymns and a short address at 7.30p. m. on all the Wednesdays. Then, may I draw your attention to the Deanery Lenten Studies and Discussions to be held on Tuesdays at 7.45p. m. at St. James School, Tollgate Road, Southam? Details of these will be found in the Harbury Diary in this magazine.

The 4th Sunday in Lent (25th March) is also known as 'Mothering Sunday', and at the 10a. m. Sung Eucharist special cards will be given to the children, for them to present to their mothers. We shall specially welcome whole families, as well as others.

British Summer Time begins on 18th March, so on that Sunday Evensong (which has been at 4p. m. during the winter) reverts to its old time of 6.30p. m.

As most Harbury people probably know already, a large part of our Churchyard's old and famous chestnut tree, which for generations has provided the children of the village with conkers, split off and came crashing to the ground, fortunately without doing any damage. The remaining part has been examined, and declared unsafe, and so will have to be felled. It will be missed by many, but we hope to plant another one in its place. Mike Bloxham's picture over the page shows the fallen section lying among the headstones.

This month, I have to record the deaths of more of our parishioners - Mrs. Anderton, Mrs. Aldhouse, Mrs. Peggy Davies, Mrs. Isham, and Mrs. Robinson of Harbury Hall. We remember them at the Altar and in our prayers, and we pray that God will comfort and guide those who are bereaved.

May this Lent be for all of us a time when we 'grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ'.

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



CONFIRMATION

Feb. 25th Darren William Butler, 16 Frances Road.
Jeremy Giles Watts, 15 Honiwell Close.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Feb. 5th Jessie Anderton, aged 80 years, 22 Sutcliffe Drive.
Feb. 9th Gwendoline Eva Ellen Aldhouse, aged 72 years,
14 Farm Street.
Feb. 19th Margaret Eleanor Davies, aged 56 years, 22
Farley Avenue.
Feb. 22nd Josephine May Isham, aged 54 years, 33 Vicarage
Lane.

From the Churchwardens

The Harbury & Ladbroke News really is in the news these days.
Not only has it won the Diocesan competition for parish

magazines, but had a paragraph devoted to it in the Church Times. Our magazine's fame has obviously spread as one of us was greeted in Church House, Westminster, during the week by a Clergyman who asked, "What are you going to do with your £75, then?".

We welcome Darren Butler and Jeremy Watts, who were confirmed recently, as full members of our Church, and hope that they will be made very welcome and strengthened and upheld by those of us who are already members.

There has been much discussion in the General Synod of the Church about the revised text of the Series Three Communion Service, and the deliberations will continue at the next Synod in July. If any of our members would like to borrow a copy of the revised service, Vivienne Aggett has a copy. The revision includes many alternatives which does make the service somewhat complicated to follow, but does provide a wide choice to suit local needs and theological differences.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our special Lent services on Wednesday evenings, at the Prayer Group on Tuesday, 6th March at John and Sara Bennett's home (Colbourne House, Ufton), and at the Bible Study on Tuesday, 20th March at the Vicarage.

LADBROKE NEWS

Services etc. for March and early April

Sunday, 4th March. Lent I. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion.
11a.m. Matins.

Tuesday, 6th March. Deanery Lent Discussion Group, 7.45pm,
St. James School, Southam ('Race & the Christian').

Sunday 11th March. Lent II. 11am Holy Communion with Hymns
and Sermon. 3.30p.m. Evensong.

Tuesday, 13th March. Deanery Lent Group, St. James School,
Southam, 7.45. ('Abortion & the Christian').

Wednesday, 14th March. 3.30p.m., Women's Fellowship in
Church. Village Meeting in School.

Thursday, 15th March. 7.45p.m. Deanery Synod, St. James
School, Southam.

Sunday, 18th March. Lent III. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion.
11a.m. Matins.

Monday, 19th March. 7.30p.m. PCC meets at the Old Well
House (by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Flower).

Tuesday, 20th March. 7.45p.m. Deanery Discussion Group at St. James School, Southam.

Sunday, 25th March. Mid Lent, or Mothering Sunday. 11am. Holy Communion with Hymns. 3.30p.m. Mothering Sunday service.

Tuesday, 27th March. Deanery Discussion Group at St. James School, Southam. 'Euthanasia & the Christian'. 7.45.

Sunday, 1st April. Lent V (Passion Sunday). 8.30a.m. Holy Communion. 11a.m. Holy Baptism and short Family Service.

Monday, 2nd April. 4.05p.m. Ladbroke School Managers meet. 7.30p.m., Annual Vestry & Annual Parochial General Meeting in the School.

Tuesday, 3rd April. 7.45p.m., Deanery Discussion Group at St. James School, Southam. 'Moral Re-armament and the Christian'.

Wednesday, 4th April. 3.30p.m. Women's Fellowship, School.

Thursday, 5th April. 7.45p.m., Men's Group at Harbury.

Sunday, 8th April. Lent VI (Palm Sunday). 11am. Holy Communion with Hymns. Distribution of Palms. 6.30p.m. Evensong.

Wednesday, 11th April. 7.45p.m. Combined Choirs of Southam Deanery and Churches sing 'The Crucifixion' at Southam Church.

Maundy Thursday, 12th April, 7.30p.m. Holy Communion.

Good Friday, 13th April. 2p.m. 'The Holy Hour'.

Saturday, Easter Eve. 2p.m., Church decoration.

Easter Sunday, 15th April (Day of General Communion). 8.30am. Holy Communion, 11a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns. 6.30p.m. Evensong.

NO ALTAR FLOWERS DURING LENT.

Women's Fellowship. We were pleased to welcome the Rev. R. Murray to our February meeting, who gave us an interesting talk on the history of our churches. We were sorry that, owing to the bad weather and illness, we were small in number. Our next meeting is in Church on 14th March, when we look forward to all our members being present. C.H.

Flowers for Easter. Those who wish to contribute towards lilies in memory of departed friends and relations are asked to hand their gifts to Mrs. Rutherford or to Canon Fishley

before April 8th. It is at present impossible to say what the cost of lilies will be.

G. R. F.

I am afraid that the atrocious weather has prevented my getting round to extend a welcome to newcomers. But among those whom I have not yet mentioned in this magazine are Mr. and Mrs. Colbeck, Mr. and Mrs. Monk and their infant daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hook, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw who have come to the Hall since I was last able to make a list; Mr. and Mrs. Duprez and their sons at High House, and Mr. and Mrs. Pawley, who have moved into the new bungalow adjoining Langford Cottage. To all of them may I say that I hope they will find the same happiness in Ladbroke as my wife and I had for sixteen years.

G. R. F.

Annual Vestry and Parochial General Meeting. 2nd April, in the School. Do come and hear an account of our stewardship of the Church during the past year, and to elect the Parochial Church Council, Churchwardens and Sidesmen....G. R. F.

Ladbroke School took part in the Family Service on Sunday, 4th February. There was a procession of Light - every child taking a lighted candle to the altar, having first walked around the Church. The candles remained on the altar throughout the service. The children enacted the presentation of Jesus in the temple, and the elderly Simeon was there to see the Christ Child before he died. All the children sang hymns at the chancel steps, carried out readings and accompanied on their recorders. Happily, the Church was filled to good capacity. It brought to mind the fine Christmas Carol Service at the end of last term, when the children again took a very active part, and £25 was the collection given in aid of the Holiday Fund for the Coventry Diocesan Summer Project 1979. Congratulations to our 'Rector' on the arrival of a second grandson.

Congratulations also to the Harbury and Ladbroke News Committee on coming first in the magazine competition. We are very proud of the magazine, and wish the organisers good luck now at national level.

P. S. F.

Parish Council. All the councillors and the clerk met at Ladbroke School on 20th February, and the following matters were discussed. Green Lane: Mrs. Dorothy Wrycroft of Upper Radbourne Farm is to be served notice to clear the obstruction. Fluoridation: The Council said it was regrettable

that people who paid for and drank water were not consulted or given the choice of deciding on this mass medication, and it was a pity other PCs had not expressed their opinions.

Notification in Planning Matters: Following the announcement in the Leamington Courier of the Stratford DC's decision to discontinue notifying neighbours about planning applications, there was a great deal of discussion about them at the Southam Area Meeting of the Warks. & West Midlands Metropolitan County Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils. Mr. Badman, Chairman of Ladbroke PC, proposed that this decision be reversed, and this proposal was unanimously agreed. A letter to Mr. Foy informs him of the decision. Money matters:

Parish Councillors were amazed to hear that, while Stratford itself would receive £75,990 for the maintenance and care of their own parks and recreation grounds, only £18,000 was scheduled for the whole of the rest of the District. It is to be noted that the population of Stratford is approx. 18,000, and that of the remaining District 81,000 approx. Also scheduled for 1979/80 was £163,560 for Stratford Swimming Pool upkeep. The income from the Pool is £64,000 p.a. The discrepancy is paid for by ratepayers, the majority of whom, because of the travelling involved, are unable to use the Swimming Pool. It is of interest to note that the Stratford town/parish rate is 0.5p, and that of Ladbroke is 1.0p. Conservation area: The Parish Council is to invite Mr. Tudor's successor, Mr. Raike, to inspect the village of Ladbroke and give advice on this.

Village Hall: There is to be an open Village Meeting on Wed. 28th March, for villagers to decide on the village hall issue. It is hoped to give rough estimates on costs for restoration etc. Please come if you can - with the closing of the School in July there will be no public meeting place for village groups. Brushes, Buckets and Billhooks wanted, with owners attached, on Saturday, 24th March, at 10a.m. for OPERATION CLEAN UP at the old Village Hall, opposite The Bell Inn. Please make this a good turn out. Many hands make light work, and no doubt our Mr. Wiggins will be ready nearby to sell the exhausted work-force liquid stimulants!

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday, 27th March, at 7.30 p.m.

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1st HARBURY SCOUTS: HALF TERM HIKE

On Tuesday, 20th February, 1st Harbury Scouts had their first taste of Arctic exploration along the Knightley Way. The route runs from Badby to Green's Norton via some small villages in this rather uninhabited area of Northamptonshire; a total distance of about 12 miles.

Three groups were formed, with Andy Hunt, David Winter and Colin McQuistan as leaders. Andy's group set off at 7.30 from the Scout Hut, while the other groups set off at a more reasonable time of 8.30 a.m. Well equipped with survival bags and emergency rations, though stupidly without snow-shoes, we said our last goodbyes (?) to the driver, and ventured into Badby Post Office and the Village Stores to buy some extra supplies.

Eventually, we started down a narrow track, and proceeded through some woodland to our first stop, Fawsley Hall. Martin Thomas valiantly attempted to sketch and date it, and we set off again. After a mile the fog came down as thick as soup, and so we had to navigate off the hill with a compass bearing. All went fairly well and we reached Preston Capes. Onwards again, climbing up a steep hill, we reached the viewpoint of the walk, but unfortunately the visibility was only 30 metres or so. Then we waded through drifts on a snow-covered golf course, and, believe it or not, there was a golfer there!

When we reached Farthingstone, we were generously invited to have our lunch in the Church porch, where David's group and John Hancock joined us. With various grunts and groans, strips of Elastoplast were placed in strategic raw positions, and sopping wet socks were wrung out. The fog lifted, and we continued a very enjoyable walk via some superb villages and manor houses. When we found some very deep drifts, we dug a small snow-hole and buried John in it. However, he soon escaped!

When we reached Green's Norton, we met Andy's group, and we had no difficulty whiling away the last hour waiting for our transport in the form of John Ridgley, who was having an unsuccessful argument with a snowdrift near Priors Marston.

Thank you to John Ridgley, Mick Chick, David Winter, and specially John Hancock for organising the day. Congratulations to all who finished, and to the younger Scouts who turned out despite the weather.

A.J.W.

YOUTH CLUB

The Coffee Bar was opened in the Village Hall Rugby Club room on Thursday, 15th February, and was attended by approximately 30 teenagers. It will now be open every Tuesday night until further notice.

The football team has had a couple of training sessions under the direction of John Sheasby and Frank Robbins, who, with Bill Stevens, will be running the team.

Another Disco was held on Friday, 23rd February, and was a great success, with some 140 attending.

I would like to ask anyone who is willing to help in the running of the Youth Club to contact me as soon as possible - we have several jobs available! Tel. 612480, 5 South Parade.

M. BINGHAM, Cttee Chairman.

Harbury Carnival Queen Competition

The Annual Carnival Queen Competition will be held at the Youth Club on Wednesday, 11th April. Please contact Mrs. Taylor if you would like to enter. A prize of £10 will be given to the girl chosen as Queen, with £5 each for the two attendants. On the same night, the judges would like to hear from younger girls willing to march as Drum Majorettes in the Carnival Procession. If you are interested, please see Mrs. Taylor.

"HAPPY FEET"

This dancing display by the students of the Bayard Academy, given over two evenings, must be one of the most successful performances seen in the village, if the sell-out audiences on both nights are any guide! The dancers were aged from 3 to 12, and they all had a number of routines to remember, which they did with apparent ease and enjoyment. The music provided by Messrs. Burford and Cox was exceptionally good, as were the lighting and the marvellous costumes, my own favourite being the exquisite can-can dresses, and Mrs. Burford must be rightly proud of her pupils, and happy with the success of the show, which was given in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust. All the children were so good that they all deserve special mention, like the boys - especially in the James Bond scenes - who were excellent, the young lady who led the singing at the end with such confidence and style, pretty Charlotte Woodward who made an appealing Goldilocks, Amanda Goodchild, a natural gymnast who performed with



grace and skill; Caroline Hingley, a superb 'Burlington Bertie' with obvious talent; and a tiny show-stopper named Miss Victoria Penrice - she was the wee anarchist who wore her hairband round her chin - who is a natural eccentric, and will be a big star if she doesn't fall off the stage or sabotage the scenery!!

Congratulations to Mrs. Burford, and now we're all looking forward to her next production! VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH TRUST

Grateful thanks to Bayard and Keith Burford for organising the very successful dancing displays by the children from their Bayard Dancing Academy, which raised £165 for CF funds. Everyone seemed to enjoy the shows and, I am sure, appreciated the hard work and patience over several weeks of rehearsals. Thank you also to all the mums for the really lovely costumes and help with dressing etc., and to everyone who helped in any way to make the evenings so successful.

Thank you also to Mrs. Pam Middleton, who raised £7 from a Pandora Party recently. B.ANDREWS. Secretary.

HARBURY PONY SHOW

The 3rd Annual Pony Show will be held on Sunday, 6th May. We would like to thank everyone who has so generously sponsored us in the past two years. Without such help we could not continue.

Each year the Pony Show gives a donation towards the Recreation Grounds. We would also like to give a donation to Harbury Football Club for the use of the football field.

Anyone who would like to sponsor the Pony Show, please contact Jan Stott at The Gamecock, tel. Harbury 612374.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

The Cabaret at the Village Hall Committee's Cheese and Wine Party included the revelation by Tony Knight that an Australian wine, Chateau Wogga Wogga Blue, had a bouquet "like a kangaroo's armpit". The Theatre Group is untiring in its search for culture.

So to "She Stoops to Conquer", interestingly subtitled "The Mistakes of A. Knight....." Rehearsals proceed apace, and so does the manufacture of thirty-nine period costumes and a variety of wigs.

Thanks for kind offers of dressers and stags' horns - happily accepted. Watch for displays in the library, connected with the play.

Tickets on sale soon!

J.N.S.

HARBURY SOCIETY

First, as they say, the good news: Mr. William Tyler has agreed to be our speaker for April. Those of you who heard him on his last visit will know that he is an excellent speaker, knowledgeable and extremely entertaining. We expect a full house at the Crown on 23rd April at 8p.m. to hear him speak on 'Further Aspects of Warwickshire Folklore'.

Second, the bad news: We also expect a good turn out for the AGM, on 13th March at 8p.m. at the Crown. You must come! It is an opportunity for all members to make their views known, give their ideas for future events, and propose new committee members.

The February meeting, addressed by Mr. Dunkley, was well attended, and his talk well received. He was a pioneer of the Canals Amenity Movement, and had a fund of knowledge about the canal network in the Midlands. L. RIDGLEY.

HARBURY FRIENDS

The speaker at our February meeting was Viv Aggett, who told us about her very interesting job as Community Service Co-ordinator. Her work involves helping unemployed young people by trying to find them jobs for periods of up to a year in community service such as schools, old peoples' homes etc. We are holding our AGM on 13th March at the School, and the meeting will be followed by a Beetle Drive. We look forward to seeing you then.

M.J.H.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our recent dance was very successful, and at the February meeting Mrs. Thompson thanked all members and husbands for their help. Another dance has been booked for next February - we like to give you plenty of notice!! The Spring Council meeting on 15th March was announced, when there will be a Cherry Cake Competition. At the County Day on 14th May there will be competitions for cushion-making, baking bread, photography and posters, and we are hoping to enter.

Mrs. Bradley gave her report on the Mini Consultative Council she attended on our behalf, and Mrs. Middleton reported on the Drama Group's progress with our entry for Scene '80, and information about dresses required for the play. Dates of the forthcoming Coffee Morning and Evening, Skittles and Theatre Evenings, and the Produce Show (22nd September) were given.

On Tuesday, 3rd April, Stephen Morley, the well-known Leamington hairdresser, will be giving a talk and demonstration, and this evening is open to all in the village. Admission for visitors is 10p.

Mr. Harker from Dewhursts was the speaker at the last meeting, and he talked on various cuts of meat and best buys for immediate use and for the deep freeze. Mrs. Bloxham won the raffle, and a unanimous vote of thanks was given for Ralph Gurden's efforts to keep Treen's Hill clear of ice and snow during the treacherous weather. JEANNE BEAUMONT.

GOLDEN AGE

Each year all the Golden Age Clubs in the area hold Whist Drives, when teams compete for a cup given by Southam Rotary Club. Harbury's "A" team has successfully played in four eliminating rounds, beating Southam in the semi-final at

the Stoneythorpe Hotel, and they now go on to meet Stockton in the Grand Final, which is to be played at Southam School on 12th March.

Harbury's team consists of Mrs. Sheasby, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Rabey, Mrs. Bayliss and Mrs. Knighton. It will be an exciting final, when members of all the teams who have taken part will be present, and we wish our team good luck in their attempt to bring the cup home to Harbury!

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL: FEB. MEETING

Bits of Harbury's past likely to disappear soon include the Churchyard horse-chestnut, Vicarage Lane setts, Childyke's remains and the Manor House stone wall. The setts will probably be replaced with concrete kerbs, following Mr. Kelsall's request that kerb level be raised to stop vehicles driving over the grass. The verge in Church Terrace/Hall Lane is also being damaged in the same way. The Council believes it is due to the large number of cars being parked, and asked PC Percival to ensure that Bull Ring Garage did not obstruct the highway. He maintains that he has no authority to prevent parking in a one-way street, and that heavy vehicles still run over the grass when no cars are parked. There were also complaints that the Fosse Garage Towing Truck was dangerously parked on Middle Road, and that cars were on the footpath at Deppers Bridge.

The Council agreed to Mrs. Catterall's request for further contract mowing of Deppers' playing fields, but deliberated for some time on the Cemetery Caretaker's request for a hedge trimmer, finally deciding to hire one when necessary.

Mr. Greenaway at the Manor told the Council that the overhanging ivy in Park Lane would be cut back when the weather improved, and asked that they ensure that children, who are damaging his stone wall, do not wait for their buses on the narrow pavement outside his home.

The Churchyard horse-chestnut was declared dangerous by the County Land Agent's forester. Mr. Thompson, of the Playing Fields Committee, asked that the play equipment be repaired and renovated, promised the goalposts would be secured, and announced that a mystery guest personality would officially declare the Play Fort open at the Carnival.

The Childyke remains may disappear because there has been a Planning Application for a house down by the railway

at the bottom of Mill Lane. The Council did not approve of this extension to the village. The District Council has decided to allow renovation of Rose Cottage, Binswood End. There were no objections to Lady Watherston's application to convert the barn at Harbury House into a dwelling. The Council passed on to the Village Hall Committee a request from the Group Scout Leader that the land occupied by the Village Hall Store should be made over to the Scouts for their new headquarters.

Enlightenment on lighting legislation came at last from WCC, who explained that developers are only forced to provide lights on roads not previously adopted. As the Butte Lane developer had agreed to put two lights in the cul-de-sac, he could not be compelled to do more.

After the Clerk had announced that he had entered Harbury for the Best Kept Village Competition, Cllr. Mrs. Hancock complained about the disgraceful condition of the footpaths, verges and greens in the village. Owners must not allow dogs to foul public open spaces, but it was agreed that, for the Bye-Laws to have any force, prosecutions would have to be made.

The District Council has at last found documents which show that Manor Orchard's sewers have been adopted, although not, they say, those which run under private land. *

Finally, the good news for OAPs is that, following pressure from the Parish Council, the District Council has agreed to improve the insulation of the old people's bungalows in Frances Road, and Midland Red is to consider operating a concessionary bus fare scheme in this area.

The Annual Parish Meeting is on 26th April, at 7.30 in the Village Hall, when parishioners have the opportunity of airing their grievances. The next Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday, 22nd March, 7.30 in the Village Hall. L. RIDGLEY.

* Manor Orchard sewers: this was based on a verbal statement by Cllr. Drinkwater. Subsequently it has become clear from a map produced by Stratford DC that the adopted public sewer only runs below part of the estate, missing the top half and cul-de-sac of Manor Orchard, the top half of Wagstaffe Close, and all of Knightlow Way. It therefore appears that there are still many unadopted sewers, and further clarification is being sought by Vic Lucas, Steve Chaplin and Peter Holt.

IN THE GARDEN

It is very pleasing to see a little ray of sunshine after this very cold and snowy two months, but don't be misled, as spring is not yet here. The ground is extremely cold, and it is only throwing money and labour away to plant any seeds until the end of the month. If you have a greenhouse, you can start a few lettuce in a box to plant in a cold frame or under cloches; also a few early cabbage seeds. If you haven't a greenhouse, why not try the latest in gardening by using the windowsill for starting small quantities of small seeds. Don't forget to cover rhubarb, and if any of your spring cabbage have survived then give them a small dressing round the plants of Nitro Chalk or Growmore. My spring cabbage have vanished. Don't plant your broad beans and early peas until the end of the month. For the smaller seeds such as carrots, beetroot etc. it is advisable to cover the ground with cloches at least a week before planting.

W. F. LINES.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The meeting in February was well attended, and those present heard an interesting talk by Martin Ford on soft fruits, the discussion afterwards being particularly useful. The March meeting is our first birthday, and our AGM, when members can give their views on the Society and how they want it to progress. There will also be a speaker - Mr. H. Ashworth, one of the judges at last year's show, will let us into the secret of preparing exhibits for showing. There are vacancies on the committee, and anyone interested should contact me, preferably before the meeting. Details of future outings are available from me too - June 23rd to the National Vegetable Research Station, and September 15 to Clacks Farm, of TV's Gardeners' World.

TONY BRUNTON. Sec. 612191.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

May we take this opportunity to thank Mr. Oliver and staff at Harbury School for their help and kindness shown to our grand-daughter Julia during her short stay with us during her mother's illness. It was greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Wyman.

Dear Neighbours,

We should like to say 'thank you' for your kind words of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes, received during our recent sad loss, and to let you know that your overwhelming generosity resulted in £30 being handed to Mr. Mason, treasurer of the Leamington Branch of Cancer Research.

Nick Davies and Judy, 22 Farley Avenue.

Dear Editors,

Over the years I have come to believe that there is an OGrady telling the mass media what to do, and preferably to do it in groups. The aim seems to be purely and simply to make one feel guilty of 'left out' if you don't conform to this pressure of doing the things which are good for you. There is something very psychological about people who do their jogging in groups, and in full view of the general public - they must be seen to be doing regular exercise. Surely it is much more beneficial to exercise the body a little every day of your life, from the early to the latter years. We need to take care of our bodies and use them as efficiently as the most well-maintained machines, but not by violently jogging around the countryside.

Your correspondent on this subject in your last issue is obviously in favour of groups being seen to do their exercising, and in fact tries to make us do the same by stating "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em". I have no intention of joining 'em, or any keep-fit class. No, I shall carry on as I have always done, exercising gently every day in the privacy of my home (the circulation can be improved enormously by running up & down the last 6 steps of your own staircase, and I would think this far safer than jogging around the countryside).

We are not all potential Olympic long distance runners, and we tend to inherit the bodies we have, and basically no amount of jogging will change what you are born with (we inherit heart disease as well). I hope my letter will encourage people to exercise rather like they clean their teeth (every day, three times a day), and to do this as a subconscious habit. It's cheaper than buying a tracksuit anyway.

JANET THORNLEY (over 40 - 36", 24", 37").

HARBURY CONSERVATIVES WINE & PATÉ PARTY: Friday, 23rd March, at 8 p.m., at Temple House, Temple End. Tickets 75p. inc. glass of wine, from Victoria House, Farm Street (612572). *Tombola*Auction*Bring/Buy*Raffle*etc.

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