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This issue of Harbury and Ladbroke News was planned to be earlier than usual, in order that it should be distributed before the Parish Council elections on 3rd May. However, the date of these elections has been changed, and voting for new Parish Councillors now takes place on Thursday, 24th May.

Last month, we invited all those standing for election to the Parish Council to submit a short article (for publication in this issue) stating their aims, for the benefit of electors, and we publish inside all the articles we received.

Sadly, only three nominations were received for the three seats on the District Council, and accordingly the candidates have been elected unopposed. They are Mr. John Drinkwater of Harbury, Mr. John Sharpe of Lighthorne, and Mr. Stuart Macauley of Bishops Itchington.

After such a long winter, it is a relief to think that Carnival time is only a few weeks away. Inside, there are details of the activities which will be taking place - there are many for you to take part in.

HARBURY DIARY

APRIL

- Sat. 28th Harbury Cricket Club v. Post Office at Cement Works.
 Sun. 29th Second after Easter. 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m.
 Sung Eucharist. (Harbury Friends). 6.30 p.m.
 Evensong.
 Harbury Bike Ride, 10 a.m. from Club car park.
 Footpath Walk, 2.30 p.m. from Village Hall.

MAY

- Tues. 1st Horticultural Society, 7.30 p.m. at the Club; Dr.
 Stan Finch on Garden Pests.
 MU and CEMS Festival Service, Cathedral, 7.45p.m.
 (Coach leaves Bullring at 6.15 p.m.).
 Wed. 2nd MU, 2.30p.m., Old Timbers, Ivy Lane; discussion.
 Youth Club, 8 p.m. in the Village Hall.
 Thurs. 3rd GENERAL ELECTION - Polling at Village Hall.
 W.I. (Resolutions for AGM), 7.45p.m., Farley Room.
 Men's Group, Lullington Lodge, Dovehouse Lane,
 7.45 p.m.
 Sat. 5th Crusaders' visit to Nature Reserve; meet at 2.30p.m.
 at 1 Vicarage Lane.

- Sun. 6th Third after Easter. 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m.
Sung Eucharist (Harbury Society). 11.30 a.m.,
Children's & Family Service. 6.30 p.m. visit
of members of Cathedral congregation to
Evensong.
Harbury PONY SHOW on Recreation Ground.
Cricket v. Napton at Cement Works.
- Mon. 7th May Day Bank Holiday; School occasional day holiday.
- Tues. 8th Harbury Friends, 8 p.m. at the School.
Bible Study, 8 p.m. at the Vicarage.
Playing Fields Committee, Village Hall.
Motor Cycle Club, 8 p.m., Wight School.
- Wed. 9th PTA, 8 p.m. at School; 'Middle School Science'.
Village Hall Committee, 8 p.m., Village Hall.
- Thurs. 10th Golden Age, 2.30 p.m., Village Hall.
Confirmation by Bishop McKie, Cubbington, 7.30 p.m.
- Sat. 12th League of Pity Party (members only), Village Hall.
- Sun. 13th Fourth after Easter. 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m.
Sung Eucharist (Local Govt.) 6.30 p.m. 'Songs
of Praise' with the Windmill Singers.
Cricket v. Flavells at Cement Works.
- Mon. 14th Bulky Refuse Collection this week, but you must ring
Stratford 67575.
- Tues. 15th Tufty Club, 2.30 p.m., Village Hall.
- Thurs. 17th Prayer Group, 8.30 p.m., 1 Manor Orchard.
- Sat. 19th Dancing Exams, 10a.m. to 3p.m., Village Hall.
- Sun. 20th Fifth after Easter. 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m.
Sung Eucharist (Playgroup). 6.30 p.m. Evensong
Cricket v. Radway, away.
- Mon. 21st Clinic, Village Hall.
- Tues. 22nd Young Wives, 2p.m., Village Hall.
Senior Citizens Committee, 8 p.m., Village Hall.
Motor Cycle Club, 8 p.m., Wight School.
- Wed. 23rd School Photographs, 1.30 p.m.
- Thurs. 24th ASCENSION DAY. Holy Eucharist, 7 a.m., 10.15a.m.
and 7.30 p.m. The evening Communion is Sung with
Procession, and will be followed by a Social Evening.
Children's Service, 9.30 a.m.
PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS - Polling at V. Hall.
Golden Age, 2.30 p.m., Village Hall.

Fri. 25th School Fete. School ends for half term.
 Sun. 27th ACS Sunday. 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10 a.m.
 Procession and Sung Eucharist (sermon for
 ACS by Canon Churchill). 6.30pm. Evensong.
 Bike Ride, 10 a.m. from Club car park.
 Footpath Walk, 2.30 p.m. from Village Hall.
 Crusaders' Union Sunday Service, 2.30 p.m.,
 Village Hall - all welcome.

Mon. 28th SPRING BANK HOLIDAY.

Thurs. 31st Parish Council Meeting, 7.30p.m., Village Hall.

JUNE

Fri. 1st Harbury Domino League Dance, Village Hall.

Sat. 2nd Car Treasure Hunt, 2p.m. from Village Hall -
 50p per car.

Rugby Club Dance & Bar-B-Q.

Sun. 3rd Whit Sunday. 9 a.m., Family Communion, followed
 by Parish Breakfast. (N.B. NO 8 a.m. or
 10 a.m. service today.) 6.30p.m. Evensong
 and Procession.

Tennis Tournament and Children's Sports.
 Cricket v. Steeple Aston, away.

Mon. 4th School begins.
 Carnival Bingo.

Tues. 5th W.I., 7.45 p.m., Village Hall. Cookery Demon-
 stration by Milk Marketing Board, followed
 by Fabric Sale.

Wed. 6th MU Garden Meeting & Bring and Buy, 2.30p.m.,
 Old Timbers, Ivy Lane.

Youth Club Disco and Crowning of Carnival Queen.

Thurs. 7th EUROPEAN ELECTIONS - Polling at Village Hall.
 Positively the final Harbury Society Mystery Tour.
 W.I., 7.45p.m., Farley Room: Mr. Collet, ex-
 Mayor of Rugby, on his year in office.

Sat. 9th GRAND HARBURY CARNIVAL AND FETE.
 Carnival Dance.

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

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

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

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

BROWNIES, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m. every Tuesday.
YOUTH CLUB COFFEE EVENING, Rugby Club Rooms in
Village Hall, 7 - 10 every Tuesday.

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.30 p.m. every Tuesday (1st troop)
JOGGING, meet outside Foodmart, 8 p.m. every Tuesday.
BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2p.m., 2nd & 4th Wednesday.
SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.30 p.m. every Wednesday (2nd troop)
YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 8 p.m. every Wednesday.
PARISH COUNCIL, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. 4th Thursday.
CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30 p.m. every Friday.
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

Easter Day was a bright and happy time, with big congregations, a beautifully decorated Church, and an increase over previous Easters in the number of Communicants. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your very generous Easter offerings.

On Sunday evening, 6th May, members of the congregation of Coventry Cathedral will be visiting us, and attending our Evensong at 6.30 p.m. I hope that a good number of you will come to welcome them once more.

On the following Sunday, 13th May, at 6.30 p.m., we shall be having a 'Songs of Praise' service, to which the Windmill Singers (numbering about 40) will be coming, in addition to our Church Choir. Nearly all of the hymns will be well-known ones for the whole congregation to sing, though our own Church Choir will be singing one special one on their own. The office of Evensong will be said on this day at 4 p.m.

Sunday, 27th May, we shall be keeping as our 'Additional Curates' Society Sunday'. We are fortunate in having the Diocesan Secretary of this Society, Canon Churchill, living in this Parish, and he will be preaching for ACS at our 10a.m. Parish Eucharist. As, however, he is at present engaged in helping parishes which are without a parish priest, he will

not be able to be with us until nearly the end of the service, so on this Sunday morning the sermon will be at the end of the service instead of immediately after the Gospel.

I would also like to draw your attention to the ACS May Festival which will take the form of a Solemn Eucharist (with a sermon by the Bishop of Aston) in St. John the Baptist's Church, Coventry, at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 9th May. It will be followed by a Cheese and Wine Party for which tickets (60p) may be obtained from Mrs. Anne Moore, Canon Churchill or myself.

Ascension Day (Thursday, 24th May) is of course a Holy Day of Obligation, and there will be three celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, at 7 a.m., 10.15 a.m., and 7.30 p.m. (Sung with Procession). The evening one will, we hope, be followed by a Social and Supper in the Crown Inn, as it was last year.

June 3rd will be Pentecost, or Whit Sunday, when we shall have the Family Eucharist at 9 a.m., followed by the Parish Breakfast in the Village Hall.

May I ask your prayers for the young man whom I hope to present for Confirmation at the Confirmation Service by Bishop McKie in Cubbington Church on Thursday, 10th May, at 7.30 p.m.?

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

HOLY BAPTISM

March 25th Jennifer Susan Dormer, 12 Park Lane.
April 1st Elizabeth Anne Williams, 30 Manor Orchard.
April 8th Adrian Charles Sapsworth Griffith, The Larches,
South Parade.
April 15th Kathryn Elizabeth Heritage, 11 Hicks Close,
Woodloes Park, Warwick.

HOLY MATRIMONY

April 21st Stephen Roy Jenkins to Sonia Clare Winterbottom.

FUNERAL SERVICE

April 11th Cyril Arthur Borton, aged 71 years, of 16 Pineham Avenue.

From the Churchwardens

By the time you read this, we shall have had our Annual Church Vestry (at which the current Churchwardens may or may not have been re-elected), and our Annual Church Meeting. The past year has seen a steady growth in the number of communicants, and the fellowship of having coffee together after the 10 o'clock service has become an established and appreciated part of Church life.

We look forward to welcoming members of the Cathedral congregation to Evensong on 6th May. During the summer months a small group of them visit village churches, and share in their worship. We have enjoyed meeting them in past years, and hope they enjoy their visits to us.

We are, in this parish, great believers in eating together as well as worshipping together! Two opportunities for doing both are rapidly approaching. On Ascension Day, 24th May, we celebrate the fact that our Lord is risen, ascended and glorified, with an evening Eucharist, followed by a Social gathering at the Crown. On Whitsunday, 3rd June, we have our 9 o'clock Eucharist, at which members of both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. congregations join in fellowship at the service, and at breakfast in the Village Hall afterwards.

Every parish needs a strong core of prayer and Bible study, and we are indeed fortunate in having daily worship in Church and monthly gatherings for Bible study and prayer, and we would warmly invite others to join us. The dates are in the diary, and don't feel that because the groups meet in private houses you should wait for an invitation. This is your invitation. Please do come.

NO JUMBLE PLEASE! A 'FIFTY-FIFTY' AUCTION

If All Saints' Church - your Parish Church - hadn't held three fund-raising events last year which together raised nearly £800, then it would have been in a very serious position indeed. Costs are rising all the time; light and heat alone will be up by an estimated one-third this year.

So, as an unusual money-raiser this year, the Church is holding a 'Fifty-Fifty Auction', to help meet its ever-increasing bills. And you can help - you may benefit in cash - you may get a 'bargain' - whether you are a Church member or not.

The idea is simple. Throughout the month of June, you can bring items for auction to collection points around the village. After viewing through the morning, we shall auction the goods in the village hall on the afternoon of Saturday, 30th June, starting at 2.30 p.m. An experienced, professional auctioneer will be giving his services, to ensure that we get a fair price for your 'lots'. And that price will be split fifty-fifty between you, the vendor, and the Church funds. Of course, with really valuable items you could put a reserve price on your lot if you really wanted to; and you could simply donate an item to be auctioned entirely for Church funds if you chose.

And what do we want for auction? Antiques, books, bric-a-brac, china, glass, domestic and household goods, pots and pans, linen and bedding, small items of furniture, unwanted presents, and 'nearly-new' goods of all kinds. Anything, in fact, that is in good condition, that you have no use for, and that will fetch a reasonable price. No clothes, please, or items of very small value - and NO JUMBLE! Why clutter your house and garage when you could realise 'hard cash' for unwanted items?

The Auction itself will be a lively and enjoyable afternoon, of course. Come along and try your hand at bidding, or relax with a cup of tea while others try to get the better of our lively auctioneer. You might get 'just the thing!' All sales must be cash, though - no cheques please. So raid your bank account and come along on Saturday, 30th June.

Watch for further information on the 'Fifty-Fifty Auction' on handbills or in the Harbury & Ladbroke News. Meantime, make a note of the date, and look out unwanted items you can take to your local collector.

J.N.S.

CHURCH CHOIR

Having now fully recovered from my illness, I feel the time has come to conduct a recruiting drive for new members to our choir.

Any boy or girl aged 9 upwards who would like to join the choir should come to the Church on any Friday evening at 6.30 p.m.

There have also been several adults (both men and ladies) who have indicated that they would be willing to come into the choir. If we were able to recruit a large number it would mean

that a rota could be organised, so that the demands on time would not be great. If any person has any thoughts on this, I would be pleased to hear from them. K.J.NORDON.

LADBROKE NEWS

SERVICES ETC. FOR MAY AND EARLY JUNE, 1979

Tuesday, 1st May, SS. Philip and James.

Thursday, 3rd May, Archdeacon's Visitation at Kington, 7.45.

Sunday, 6th May, Easter III. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Matins.

Wednesday, 9th May, Women's Fellowship in School, 3.30pm.

Thursday, 10th May, Men's Group at Harbury, 7.45 p.m.

Sunday, 13th May, Easter IV. 11 a.m. Holy Communion with
Hymns & Sermon. 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

Thursday, 17th May, 8 p.m. Informal Meeting of new Deanery
Synod.

Sunday, 20th May, Easter V. Rogation Sunday. 8.30 a.m.
Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Matins.

Thursday, 24th May. Ascension Day. 9 a.m. Children's
Eucharist. 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.

Sunday, 27th May. Sunday after Ascension. 11 a.m. Holy
Communion with Hymns & Sermon. 6.30 p.m.
Evensong.

Sunday, 3rd June, Whitsunday. (Pentecost). 8.30 a.m. Holy
Communion. 11 a.m. Matins followed by short
celebration of Holy Communion.

Wednesday, 6th June, 3.30 p.m. Women's Fellowship in
Ladbroke School.

Sunday, 10th June. Trinity Sunday. 11 a.m. Holy Communion
with Hymns & Sermon. 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

Thursday, 14th June. Corpus Christi. 7.45 p.m., Deanery
Synod at Southam.

Altar Flowers: May 6th, Mrs. Timms. May 13th, Miss Junod.
May 20th, Mrs. Faulkner. May 27th, Mrs. Smith. June 3rd,
Mrs. Emus. June 10th, Mrs. Sheasby.

Extract from the Registers:

Holy Baptism: 1st April, 1979. Emily Margaret Monk.

Women's Fellowship

As our last meeting coincided with the School Open Day and

Children's Easter Service, our members were pleased to accept the invitation from Miss Harris to join in the service, followed by a cup of tea and scones.

Mrs. Emus kindly agreed to postpone her Flower Arrangement Demonstration until our meeting on 6th June in the School. On May 9th, the speaker will be Nurse Kohler. C.H.

Easter

First of all, my thanks to those who gave so generously for the decoration of the Church, and to those who worked so hard on Easter Eve to adorn it. It was a happy feast, with bright weather and warmth after the long winter, and more communicants and larger congregations at 8.30 and 11. Only Evensong was rather sparse, but this in no way clouded a beautiful day. Thank you all for your support. G.R.F.

That Churchyard

Once again, I appeal for help; and help, please, from the younger generation. What would be ideal would be for some adult to undertake general supervision and keeping an eye on the machines, while two or three squads of younger people made themselves responsible for sections of the churchyard. Come on, please.....I've already had to start grass cutting at Kenilworth,.....and Ladbroke grass grows just as quick!! G.R.F.

Sick Persons

We remember by name all those who wish it....and privately any others known to us. Elizabeth Comfort has had a long and trying time.....now remember her and her tiny infant.....remember also Iris Aslett who has undergone a serious operation, and is making progress.

Annual Vestry & Parochial General Meeting

This was held on 2nd April in Ladbroke School. There was a splendid turn-out, more than two dozen being present. Messrs. Hedge and Rutherford were re-elected Churchwardens, and Canon Fishley, from the chair, expressed real gratitude to both for their fine help during the year. This concluded the Annual Vestry.

Miss Junod, secretary, read the minutes of the 1978 General Meeting, which were approved. Elected to the Deanery Synod for a five-year term of office, were Mrs. Betty Winkfield,

Miss Margaret Banfield and Mr. David Rutherford. There followed the election of the Parochial Church Council - of these ex officio are the two wardens and the three Deanery Synod members. The following 14 were elected: Messrs. Badman, Chapple, Comfort, Griffin, Hudson, Parker, Reeves; and M/s. June Barnett, Flower, Frost, Hedge, Junod, Morgan, Jeanette Teverson. Sidesmen, or sidespersons! - Mrs. J. Barnett and Mrs. Winkfield, Messrs. Darkes, Parker, Hudson and Reeves.

Mrs. Flower, Electoral Roll Officer, stated there were 160 members on the electoral roll. 'The Rector' hoped that members would give support to the Church by attendance and other means. Miss Junod read the Annual Report on the proceedings of the PCC. There had been five meetings. Canon Fishley continued giving us pastoral care as Priest in Charge, and we mourned the passing of his beloved wife, Enid. Permission had been granted for the nave of the Church to be used for meetings as the school was closing. Diocesan Diamond Jubilee was celebrated. Minor Church maintenance was undertaken, and very recently the boiler had to be replaced at a cost of £800. Appreciation of Mrs. Pam Barnett and her family for the care of the Churchyard. Napton PCC kindly gave us choir gowns on permanent loan. With Garry Lawson away at university, a number of organists have given wonderful support for the services throughout the year. Our secretary was praised for her concise report.

Discussion ranged on how to tackle the upkeep of the Churchyard this year. A suggestion of dividing the area into four, with different people responsible. Someone is needed to master-mind this, and please, please, all offers of help, however brief, are needed - contact The Rector or Wardens for this. Mr. Hudson stated that he would always loan a mowing machine if required. Miss Junod can be contacted too. Mr. John Comfort presented the annual report of the financial affairs of the parish. Mr. Tim Shaw kindly audited the accounts. Monies from Mrs. Summerton's legacy and two years' income from the Alibone Trust helped the budget, but income from covenants was less, especially so by the loss of Sir David Watherson's substantial one. Comment on the

accuracy of the Harvest Supper Budget was made, and Mr. Comfort was thanked for a fine report.

Sadly, a large brass alms dish was taken from the Church - discovered when Miss Hensman and Miss Conlon were doing the brass cleaning. Our superb Duchess Dudley Plate remains in safe keeping at Warwick Museum, except on special occasions when it is put on the altar.

Those organising the flower and cleaning rotas were commended, as were all those who took part in these jobs.

Canon Fishley wished to thank the congregation in general, and those who attended this meeting, for their support. Attendance at the 8.30a.m. Communion had increased and maintained, averaging upper half of teens to 20. Evensong had not maintained well. Mrs. Davies deserved a special mention for her support at the organ.

It was stated at the meeting how much the Rector's presence was appreciated so regularly. Despite the bad weather, he came from Kenilworth to tend so carefully to our needs. PSF.

Ladbroke Village Hall Committee

A visit to London on 8th April was organised, when about 43 villagers had a most enjoyable day featuring a trip round the most famous tourist spots in central London by coach. As regards the Village Hall, efforts continue on most Saturdays to ensure the hall is ready for use when the school closes in July. Any help is always very welcome, and volunteers should contact Peter Williamson.

G.T.

Ladbroke Conservatives

Please note that, due to the General Election, the Jumble Sale will be held on 19th May at 10 a.m. at Southam Youth Centre (behind the Co-op).

W.I.

Mrs. Jill Norgate has kindly offered her home on 13th June for the reception of a party from Hatton Hospital. Members will supply tea and cakes, and it is hoped to take some of the more mobile patients on a tour of the village, watching the Ladbroke School sportsday in the afternoon. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 24th May - a discussion of resolutions for the AGM in June at the Royal Albert Hall. A VCO will be

present, and afterwards there will be a fun competition on 'Phobias'. The Spring Dinner Date at the Black Horse, Marton, early in April, was thoroughly enjoyed. I.B.

Village Hall Meeting

A good number attended this lively meeting. Mr. Badman was in the chair, and after a discussion on the tangible assets of the village hall, it was decided to go ahead and form a committee. Chairman, Mr. P. Williamson. Secretary, Mrs. I. Bennett. Treasurer, Mr. M. Tanner. Committee members, Mrs. Mary Fell, Mr. R. Griffin and Mr. G. Tagg. A newsheet and progress report would be delivered with the Banbury Cake.

The splendid clearing of the village hall the previous Saturday left the way clear for a structural estimate of repairs (Mr. Hedge offered to deal with this), and the costing of electrical work (Mr. Griffin will see to this). Mr. Hart and Mr. Faulkner generously offered to undertake the re-wiring work. It was decided to generate a work list with villagers offering their skills. Mrs. Flower suggested there be a signed list of persons present and this was done and will be kept with the records. Mr. Rutherford suggested opening a subscription list to promise to donate money should the village hall succeed. (Already the window repairs are in hand). A catalogue of existing items of equipment belonging to the hall is to be drawn up. Portable heaters will have to be bought for the hall's early use. Mr. Ken Hayward kindly offered to help with ground clearing and tree felling, and suggested a sewer could be installed by the thrust-bore system so the busy A423 would not be disrupted. Hopefully an early by-pass here would solve many problems. The Jumble Sale to raise funds will be held at 10.30 a.m. at Southam Youth Centre (behind the Co-op), and Dorothy Wright and Mary Fell are organising this. PSF.

Ladbroke Parish Council Meeting, March

All councillors were present, and the following points made: Planning Courtesy Letters - a letter from Mr. Standing, Chief Planning Officer, Stratford DC, stated that courtesy letters to near neighbours affected by planning applications would stop on 1st April, 1979. This decision was made by the full council

in spite of the unanimous request by the Southam area of Parish Councillors for them to continue. Ladbroke Parish Council deplored the action taken, and have stated that they will personally inform near-neighbours in any local applications. Enforcement Appeal - Poultry Farm. Mr. Trevor Cox, District Solicitor, Stratford RDC, wrote apologising for the delay in replying to their letter, and stating that a new asst. solicitor, Mr. Anderson, had been appointed and would be contacting them in due course.

Rates - the new rate notice is on the notice board.

By-Pass - The Clerk to the Council has been requested to write to the Dept. of Transport, asking if it would be possible to hold the Public Enquiry that is statutorily necessary in conjunction with the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday, 30th May at 8 p.m.

Parish Council - voting for councillors will take place on 24th May. Anyone wishing to stand for Ladbroke Parish Council may obtain the necessary documents from Mrs. Williamson.

Dates to remember - Annual Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday 30th May at 7 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting, Wednesday 30th May at 7.30 p.m.

I. B.

HARBURY SCHOOL P.T.A. QUIZ NIGHT

"Just because you drink - doesn't mean you're evil", the Shakespeare Inn team insisted after its victory over the W.I. in the final round of the PTA Quiz Night at the Club.

Quiz Master Jim Chapple asked some viciously difficult questions of the 6 teams, although he insisted they were easier than in previous years. It no doubt would help to be on the wrong side of 40, and a Brummie, because nobody knew that the Blues (Birmingham City) were the first to take part in European Cup Football (in the Fairs Cities Cup in the 1950s), and only Jeanne Beaumont - inexcusably overlooked by all the teams - could answer the music questions on the Swing Era. She answered with great enthusiasm, her eyes aglow with fond memories of the golden days of the forties, whilst the teams and their attendant hecklers were too perplexed to make fun of 'One O'Clock Jump' or 'The Woodchoppers' Ball'.

Jim frowns on levity, but surely it must have been the

PIANO that 'Humph' asked to be played again in Casablanca? And, of course, the wager in Pygmalion was (as Chris Finch suggested) struck between Rex Harrison and Wilfred Hyde White!!

Chris further blotted her copy book by correcting Jim's pronunciation, but she did learn that one addresses a Bench of Magistrates as "Yours Worships", and you never know when you might need that!

Jim Chapple did an excellent job keeping order, and providing the dozens of questions. For those actually interested in the score, the PTA beat the Rugby Club; the W.I. beat the Hottentots; the Club beat the Shakespeare. In the replay, the Hottentots beat the Rugby Club, but were beaten by the Shakespeare. In the semi-final the Shakespeare beat the PTA, and were triumphant over the WI in the last round to emerge the winners.

L. RIDGLEY.

"THE WIZARD OF OZ"

This performance, as enacted by the Lower Juniors at Harbury School under the expert guidance of Mark Thorburn, was a delight to watch. The principal characters all did well, but special mention must be made of Victoria Sarson who, as Dorothy, had the major role; Philip Riman who, at very short notice, became the substitute wizard, and Nicola Jervis who performed superbly as the witch. The scenery, supplemented by all the children as colourfully dressed munchkins, was very effective, and thanks are due to everyone involved for a very enjoyable show.

SOUTHAM SCHOOL

Many congratulations to Southam School PTA on the birth of their magazine, "The Crier", in March. As Mr. Skinner, the headmaster, says in the first edition of the magazine, communication with parents in a school the size of Southam School is a problem, and the magazine will obviously be a very useful vehicle in helping to overcome this. We wish the magazine every success.

R. H. H.

Places to Go: With the approach of Summer, the News hopes to include in a future issue our annual article about places of interest. We should be pleased to hear from you with details of any places you feel could be included.

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SCOUTS' CAR WASH DURING 'JOB WEEK'



Right to left: Simon Woodward, Peter Millington, Craig Simpson, Gautam Mehra, Mark Taylor, Martin Shawcross, David Wright, Gavin Spencer.

Whilst the Scouts were washing cars, the Cubs ran a shoe-shine service.

Details of amounts raised will be given next month.

YOUTH CLUB

We have been messed about this month with some meetings having to be cancelled, but we have had a couple of discos, one being the Carnival Queen selection night and the other the Easter disco, which were both successful.

There will be a Public Meeting in the Farley Room on Tuesday, 15th May at 8 p.m. regarding the Youth Club, and everyone is welcome, especially parents and those willing to lend a hand.

M. B. Cttee Chairman.

"THE MISTAKES OF A NIGHT"

That's the subtitle which Oliver Goldsmith chose for his play, better known as "She Stoops to Conquer", but it could hardly be less apt in describing the Harbury Theatre Group's production!

An ambitious choice, the Players nonetheless carried it off with great panache, managing to amuse an audience in 1979 with the same words spoken at Covent Garden in 1773 when this play was first performed - and that is truly a great achievement. Language alters, as do tastes in humour, but the Players performed with just the right touch of pantomime to appeal to a modern audience without betraying the original story.

All the performers deserve full credit, and especially when you realise how little rehearsal time and space is available, and how polished the production was. Tony Knight is an actor who beguiles his audience into enjoying it all as much as he does, and is effortlessly good. Annette Hughes was a perfect Mrs. Hardcastle, and brought credit to the costume and wig designers who triumphed with her outfit! Steve Checkley's landlord was a cameo I wished had been a longer part, and those with the long and taxing parts - Rev. Mackley, Isobel Russell, Diana Holt, Jim Haines and Keith Hayes - all contributed equally to the audience's enjoyment.

Each of the backstage people were talented and inventive in their contributions, and Peter Holt's sound effects are establishing a reputation he'll find it hard to live up to! John Stringer produced the play with imagination, and should feel glad he plucked up the courage to choose such a tour-de-force, and bring it off so successfully! VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

N.B. There is an exhibition of the magnificent costumes, made by Lin Hayes, at present in the Harbury library.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

"She Stoops to Conquer" was very kindly received by three well-filled houses, despite the hard village hall chairs; true devotees are bringing their own cushions!

Now we hope a jumble sale will raise money for new stage curtains - and there is work to be done on the stage trestles. Two one-act plays go into rehearsal shortly; new faces for these and our other activities are always welcome. J.N.S.

HARBURY JUBILEE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

Our next trial will be on Sunday, 29th April, at 2p.m. at Ladbroke Hill Farm, when we hope for a good turn-out. We should also have the Club's little Honda there for any younger

members who want to make a first attempt at riding on grass. It has now had its seating position lowered so that it is suitable for youngsters from about 9 years upwards.

Now that the lighter evenings are coming, we shall be making a start at getting our Carnival display team organised, and our next Tuesday evening meeting will be on 8th May at 8 p.m. in the Wight School. J.B.M.

TENNIS

It is good to see the courts now in regular use, but may I make the annual plea - WHEN YOU PLAY PLEASE PAY. The cost is still only 20p per court per hour, and payment can be made either when you book the court (at the Newsagent) or after you have played (either to the Newsagent or Ray Hoare, 39 Mill Street). The income is used to pay for repairs, some of which will have to be carried out shortly.

As some of you will have noticed, the 'winter net' was rendered useless by an act of vandalism - let us all do what we can to see that this does not happen to the nets put up for the new season. Carnival Week Tournament: A mixed American Tournament (beer and wine) will be held on Sunday, 3rd June, as a prelude to the Carnival Week celebrations. This is intended to be a light-hearted event, and entries will have to be limited. Anyone interested should contact Ray Hoare on 612486. The entry fee will be £1.50, to cover refreshments! R.H.H.

HARBURY BADMINTON CLUB

The Club has just finished its 1978/9 season, with a mixed record of results. The 1st team, playing in Division 2a of the Leamington District League, came only 6th, but the 2nd team managed to finish 3rd in Division 3b. In the Mens' and Ladies' Leagues there are only two divisions, and we did better here, coming 2nd in Division 2. This year the Leagues were divided in a complicated pyramid system, but next year they will revert to a straight division system. It remains to be seen which divisions the teams will end up in after the various promotions and relegations! Our Junior Section, run by Mal Eaton and Liz Bunting, had a very good season, and finished top of the Junior League.

On the social side, we are shortly going to the third annual Leamington District Badminton Dinner Dance, and a fortnight later we are holding our own club dinner. In past years we have organised a Tombola for Carnival Day, but this year we

are running an 'It's a Knockout' type competition. It will be held in the main arena on Carnival Day, and all support for the teams taking part will be welcome! ANNE TASKER,

Secretary. Harbury 613273.

MOTHERS' UNION

The speaker at the March meeting was Mrs. Kate Rogers, a retired district nurse, who gave a very interesting talk on her career spanning 43 years - 29 of which were spent in Coventry. She gave a brief resumé of her training period, which covered all aspects of nursing from fever training through to general nursing & midwifery - based in Liverpool, Derby, London, Birmingham and Worcester, before settling as a district nurse in Kenilworth during the blitz, when the regular form of transport for a district nurse was a bicycle.

At that time people were required to pay 2d. a week as a contribution which then entitled them to call on the services of the district nurse. All this changed in 1948 when district nursing was taken under the control of the National Health Service, but continued to provide an invaluable service to the community, visiting the elderly and infirm, and reporting back to the doctor.

Mrs. Rogers feels that, with re-organisation in 1974, much of the personal contact between doctor, nurse and patient was lost. However, there are still many of these wonderful, cheery ladies carrying on their work making the lives of the housebound a little less lonely, whilst attending to their medical needs - and always watching for any changes of condition of which the doctor should be informed.

Another point Mrs. Rogers stressed was that there are many 'back-up' services available to patients and their relatives. For instance, if a bed is not entirely suitable, a more comfortable one can often be obtained from the Dept. of Health and Social Security, but doctors and nurses are not thought-readers, so people must not be afraid to ask for help - of any kind. This is something everyone should feel entitled to do.

We are indebted to Mrs. Rogers for an informative and enjoyable afternoon.

A.M.

W.I.

At our Open Meeting in April, Mr. Stephen Morley gave a demonstration and talk on hair care.

Mrs. Davies reported on the Spring Council Meeting. Mrs. Zonik said play rehearsals were progressing for our entry in Scene 80, and requested members to make artificial flowers for the stage set. The dresses were in the capable hands of Mrs. Keeling, Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Hayley. Mrs. Barrett submitted her poster for County Day. Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Bloxham will bake bread, and Mrs. Brant and Mrs. Davies will be making a cushion on our behalf.

Our thanks to Mrs. Cowan for holding a clothing party and donating the commission to W.I.

Final arrangements for the Skittles Evening were made. A special mention this month for Mrs. Neale, a member of W.I. since 1939, who will shortly be residing in Southam. We wish her good luck and hope to see her at future functions.

JEANNE BEAUMONT.

HARBURY FRIENDS

At our April meeting we were given a demonstration and interesting talk on the history of macrame by Mrs. Rosemary Ottewill, who also brought along various lengths of rope so that our members were able to try their hands at this fascinating craft. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8th May, at 8 p.m. in the Junior School, when the manageress of Kendalls, Leamington, will be bringing a selection of fashions to tempt us all for our Spring and Summer outfits. Old and new members are always welcome.

P.S.

HARBURY SOCIETY

Where does "Positively the Final Mystery Tour" begin? Well, that's your first question. Look out for posters around the village giving details. All I will reveal is that it takes place, weather permitting, on the evening of Thursday, 7th June, and sends you sniffing like bloodhounds round the village to look for clues.

Answers, and an explanation of the answers(!) will be on show at the Mystery destination, where refreshments, both comestible and quenching, will be available.

Adults (30p) and children (20p) are welcome, but young ones will need lots of help. The winners will be announced at the Carnival, where the prizes will be awarded. L. RIDGLEY.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE A.G.M.

The committee and officers were all re-elected. In her report the Chairman, Midge Keen, thanked Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Sollis for running the profitable Bingo sessions, and also Sue Andrews (secretary), Ken Clarke (treasurer) and Peter Shawcross (retiring bookings secretary) for all they had done for the Hall over the years. She welcomed Mr. Andrews, the new bookings secretary.

As always, costs were rising, and revenue will decrease when the Rugby Club leaves. Some re-decoration had been completed, and the remainder will be undertaken in 1980. It was a great disappointment that the building of the storage area could not go ahead because grants had been delayed.

Mrs. Sollis reminded the committee that documents relating to the early years of the Hall were still being stored in a cupboard in the kitchen, and Ken Clarke said he had discovered that the storage shed (which the committee proposed to replace with a brick-built storage area) had cost only 10/- to erect!

He said in his finance report for the year that income had risen, but so had costs, especially the Rates. The loss of the Rugby Club revenue would have to be made up, and it was vital that people used the Hall and paid for its use. (There was still a considerable sum outstanding from the Wednesday Youth Club hirings).

A complaint was received from the WI that the Youth Club members had disrupted a recent meeting. Mr. Bingham said that the children had tried to keep as quiet as possible, and that he had not felt it fair to cancel the Tuesday meeting as other meetings that week had been postponed to make way for the Theatre Group production. He appealed for more adult help with the Tuesday Youth Club.

It was agreed in principle that the Committee should produce a list of conditions, to be signed by all who booked rooms in the Hall, and that a deposit against damage might have to be paid.

L.R.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL

Trees were a major problem this month. Local farmers complained that some of the Council's trees, planted by the Scouts, prevented them hedging and ditching properly. It was resolved to ask WCC for advice. A new twist to the tale of

the Frances Road maple tree, which residents wanted removing as it blocked light from the street lamp. The PC asked for it to be lopped, but this brought no improvement, so the Lighting Committee proposed that a new lamp be erected in the cul-de-sac. Now Stratford DC has felled the tree, just as the new light has been fitted! The DC will re-plant, but claim the PC asked for the tree to be felled. "We asked for it to be trimmed - not ANNIHILATED!" said Dennis Atkins.

His humour will be missing from the next meeting, as he is retiring. So are Mrs. Watts, Geoff Wright, and Harold Wilkins who has served the community for 32 years. The Parish Council elections will take place on Thursday, 24th May. There are no District Council elections as only John Drinkwater, John Sharpe and Stuart Macauley were nominated for the 3 seats.

On Planning, the Council had no objections to the extension of 20 Pineham Avenue, or the alterations to 6, 7 and 8 Church Terrace. There was agreement with the DC's refusal for a bungalow on the site of the Childyke cottages, but surprise at that for a new access into the Dovehouse.

The Chairman agreed to approach the owner of the cars now permanently parked at the Playing Fields, and ask for their removal. Iory Davies would also ensure that the boat and building materials at present on Binswood End Green were removed. Concern was expressed at the damage contractors had inflicted on the Pound and the Pump Green.

Iory Davies reported that the School Managers and staff were anxious that class sizes be reduced. There was no sign of the predicted decrease in admissions, and the School will become 'combined' in September, with a staff of 14. French will begin to be taught then. All children who were 5 by 31st March, 1980, would be admitted in September, and those who are 5 by 31st August, 1980, in January.

The next meeting of the NEW Council is 31st May (7.30p.m. in the Village Hall). Do come along to see the new councillors at work. I shall miss this Council - it worked hard and conscientiously at what is, after all, a thankless task. I appreciated it, but I doubt that's any consolation!!

LINDA RIDGLEY.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Following our invitation last month, of the eleven candidates who it is understood will be standing for election to the Parish Council on Thursday, 24th May, election statements have been received from 8, and these are reproduced below:

W. B. Brant (Mick). I have lived in the village for 14 years, served on the Recreation Ground and Carnival Committees, the Annual Bonfire, 'Steptoe Stall', etc. I have only the interests of the village at heart.

John Drinkwater. I should like to take this opportunity, mainly for the benefit of the many newcomers to the village, to introduce myself. For the past 20 years I have been a resident of Harbury, and for the greater part of that time I have been a member of Harbury Parish Council.

My main interest has been in the work of the Planning and Highways Sub-Committees of the Council.

Three years ago I was elected as one of your members to the Stratford-on-Avon District Council. During that time I have attended every meeting of the various committees on which I serve, and have liaised regularly with the Parish Council on all matters of mutual interest, and will endeavour to continue to do so in the future.

I shall be only too happy to assist in any problems concerning either the Parish or District Council.

M. J. I. Ellis. Michael John Irving Ellis, Chartered Accountant, has lived in Harbury since 1965. Married with a family of four. Joint Managing Director and Chief Executive of a small group of companies operating in Coventry and Leamington, employing 130 people, covering the automotive distributive trade, including exports.

Standing for a third term of three years as a member of the Parish Council as an independent. Private voting inclination: Conservative. Believes that as far as possible politics should not directly enter Parish Council affairs.

If re-elected, will continue to pursue and try to obtain positive decisions in matters affecting the Parish.

Neville Ellis. Aged 47, married with two children.

I was born in Cubbington, come from a farming family, and have farmed for the last 15 years at Sharmer Farm, Fosse Way. I am interested in village life, and especially in creating a good relationship between farmers and the community in general. I am chairman of the Warwick branch of the National Farmers' Union.

Having lived on the edge of Warwick and Leamington I understand the pressures which sometimes occur between town and country dwellers. I am sure that most electors realise that access to the countryside has been granted by statute for them to enjoy the amenities, whilst on the other hand, they must appreciate that farms are a place of work. With this in mind, I offer my services to the villagers of Harbury.

Sharon Hancock. I have lived in Harbury for nine years, and have served as a Parish Councillor for the last three years. I am a doctor, working part-time in the Community Health Service. I have two children aged 9 and 8 at the village school, of which I am a Parish Council Representative Governor. If elected to serve a further term on the Council, my main objectives would be (a) to protect the rural character of the village.

(b) to continue to press for concessionary 'bus fares for pensioners.

(c) to encourage the recent moves to provide better facilities for the village teenagers.

Bruce Hannay. I am 30 years old, a Chartered Civil Engineer, married, with a son aged 11 months, and I have lived at 7 South Parade for the last 9 years.

I am the Honorary Treasurer of the Harbury Carnival Committee and also the Harbury Recreation Grounds Advisory Committee. I offer myself for election to the Parish Council to provide a representative from the younger section of the community. I have no political affiliations, no preconceived theories, my only aim being to represent the users of the various village amenities.

If elected I would consider primarily the views of those Harbury

residents most directly affected by each issue, and I would hope to provide a positive and responsible contribution to Harbury Parish Council.

James L. Turner. I have had a home in Harbury for the past ten years and now I am able to spend more time here I am looking forward to being more involved in the affairs of the Parish. This is my first bid for the Parish Council. I served previously on the Northampton Borough Council where my special interests were Planning Control, Highways and Conservation Areas.

I am most concerned to ensure that Harbury preserves the character that makes it such an attractive village to live in. I think that the District and County Councils are back-peddalling on adopting conservation areas outside Stratford itself because of cost; and if this is delayed much longer the inner core of Harbury could be lost. I would also like to see more concern by Stratford in providing equivalent services for the outer Parishes that provide much of their revenue.

David Winter. I was educated at Bristol Cathedral School and took a Joint Honours Degree in French and Political Institutions at Keele University. At present I am Deputy Headmaster and Head of Hall at Trinity School, Warwick, and have lived in Harbury since 1967.

As a founder member, former Chairman and present Vice-Chairman of the Harbury Society, I take an active interest in the village, especially in conservation and planning. The Parish Council is consulted by the District Council on planning and development and, if elected, I should wish to play my part in carefully considering proposals which might affect the present character of the village.

We live in a very attractive part of England, yet access to the countryside is very limited. I feel strongly that our field footpaths and bridleways should be carefully preserved. As I regularly walk these rights of way I would be able to keep the Council informed about their condition.

HARBURY CARNIVAL WEEK - 2nd to 9th JUNE
HARBURY CARNIVAL DAY - Saturday, 9th June, 1979

Carnival Queen Contest: Our thanks to all the girls who entered the contest, and to the judges who must have been faced with a difficult choice. The 1979 Carnival Queen is Deborah Middleton, and her attendants are Caroline Parker and Janette Such, all of whom can be seen in this most attractive picture taken by Mike Bloxham:



Carnival Week Programme:

- Sat. 2nd June - 2 p.m. Car Treasure Hunt.
Evening, Rugby Club Dance & Barbecue.
- Sun. 3rd June - Tennis Tournament & Children's Sports.
- Mon. 4th June - Carnival Bingo.
- Tues. 5th June - W.I. Cookery Demonstration given by the
Milk Marketing Board, followed by a
fabric sale.
- Wed. 6th June - Youth Club disco.
Jogging Club Novelty Race.
- Thurs. 7th June - Harbury Society Mystery Tour.
- Sat. 9th June - Carnival Procession and Fete.
Evening, Carnival Dance.

Carnival Procession and Fancy Dress: We would like a good turn out for the procession and fancy dress. Classes and prizes are as follows: (there are no entry forms or fee):

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Richard Pitman, BBC Racing Commentator, was at the Old New Inn recently with his lovely wife, to open the Senior Citizens' collecting bottle. The bar was packed with 'regulars' who gossiped happily with Mr. Pitman about the local racing characters, whilst the Committee of the Senior Citizens' Benefit Association counted the cash. When the final pennies were counted, Tim Percival, Chairman of the Association, was able to announce a record total of £131.06½. The money, contributed by the patrons of the Old New Inn, would go towards

the Senior Citizens' Summer Coach trip, and the Christmas Party.

Two visiting Dutch entomologists who stumbled upon the celebrations at the Old New Inn no doubt returned to the Netherlands with glowing accounts of the friendliness



of the typical crowded British pub, and the excellence of the free food!!

Mike Bloxham's picture shows Richard Pitman opening the bottle, helped by his mother and his wife.

IN THE GARDEN

I keep getting asked what's going to happen this year, with everything so late, and my answer is in fact that it may be advantageous if people are forced to sow later. One might as well be patient, because until the soil warms up germination can't take place. Quick growth after germination is far better. The keen vegetable grower may well have young cabbage and cauliflower plants coming along under glass. Now is the time to plant these out, but be sure to put a few strands of black cotton over these to prevent the sparrows destroying them. You can now sow most vegetable seeds in the garden this month, but don't be too early with your runner beans and dwarf french beans.

Sweetcorn seed can now be started on the window sill or in the greenhouse, also melons to plant out in a cold frame later on. If you are growing tomatoes or cucumbers in Growbags, it is advisable to get them in the greenhouse so they can grad-

ually warm up ready for planting. Finish planting broad beans. Parsley is always useful - the best way to sow is to get a fine tilth on the border of your garden, sow the seed on top of the ground and cover with no more than $\frac{1}{4}$ " of fine soil. W.F. LINES.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

In 1940, when this country stood alone in defence of freedom we were always very happy to hear the sound of the RAF aeroplanes at whatever height they were flying. In the 1980s, it may well be that once again we will need to rely on the RAF, which regrettably can still be called "The Few".

I think, therefore, that the message should be "Stop Binding, Harbury", and "Keep on Flying, RAF".

J. A. CHAPPLE.

Dear Editors,

Through the Harbury and Ladbroke News, may I reply to the correspondence concerning dogs fouling footpaths, etc.

I do agree that there is a problem, but object to all dog owners being considered one and the same. There are many conscientious dog owners, like myself, who live in the village and who have been deeply offended by the accusations concerning the above. We feel that there are many answers to this problem, the major one being prosecution of owners who allow their dogs to roam freely. Alternatively, the Parish Council could provide facilities for dog walking, and exercising on and off the lead, whereas there are no such facilities at present.

LYNNE CLARKE.

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