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By the time this issue reaches you we will be well into Eastertide. Let us hope that April brings with it more Spring-like weather to encourage us all to get out and start all those jobs which Winter supposedly prevented us from starting!

Those of you who have been up to the playing fields recently will hopefully have noticed the improvements which have been carried out. The new swings, climbing frame and 'sputnik' roundabout have been provided by the Recreation Ground Committee, for the under 5's, and as usual erected by a small band of willing volunteers. The trees which were planted by the middle classes of Harbury School will provide a very attractive screen to the car park IF THEY ARE GIVEN A CHANCE.

David Wright of 9 Manor Orchard, whose long distance running was mentioned last time, came 18th out of 64 runners in the Warwickshire Inter-area championships at Coleshill - Well done David!

Doreen Bell, one of our magazine distributors, has been involved in a motor accident and was detained in hospital. We do wish her, and Jenny and Nicola Evans, who were also injured, a very speedy recovery.

This issue commences our 7th year of publication. Our demon advertising manager, Peter Holt, has once again sold all the advertising space - a tremendous effort. Thank you Peter!

HARBURY DIARY

APRIL 1980

Sat	5th	Scouts Job Week begins. Scouts clean cars in Wight School all day. (Contact G. Goodchild 613290, or R. Wilkins 612583 if you have a job to be done).
Sun	6th	<u>Easter Sunday</u> . 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Procession and Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong and Procession
Mon	7th	Bank Holiday Monday.
Tues	8th	Playing Fields Cttee meeting, Village Hall. No Harbury Friends meeting. (Held 1st April instead). No Prayer Group or Bible Study this week.
Wed	9th	<u>All Saints'</u> All Sorts visit to Whitechapel Mission, London Youth Club Disco, Village Hall.
Thurs	10th	Cricket Club AGM, Dog Inn, 8pm.
Fri	11th	Harbury School Wye Valley Trip leaves. Sale of clothing in V. Hall, p.m.

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- Fri 11th Beetle Drive in aid of Scout Funds, 7pm, Wight School.
- Sun 13th Low Sunday. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Procession and Sung Eucharist, 6.20pm Evensong & Procession. Youth Club London Trip.
All Saints' All Sorts, 19 Farm Street, 7.45pm.
- Tues 15th Tufty Club, 2.15pm, Wight School.
Christian Education Movement - Talk on Authority, Morality & Christianity - Michael Hinton, 7.30pm, Dale St. Methodist Church, Leamington.
- Wed 16th All Saints' All Sorts visit to Whitechapel Mission.
- Thurs 17th Theatre Group presents 'REBECCA', Village Hall.
- Fri 18th " " " 'REBECCA', Village Hall.
- Sat 19th " " " 'REBECCA', Village Hall.
Theatre Group Workshop, 2.30pm, V. Hall.
- Sun 20th Second Sunday after Easter. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
- Mon 21st School starts.
Toddler Group begins.
Labour Party open meeting - 'The Cuts', 8.30pm, Wight School.
- Tues 22nd Playgroup starts.
Young Wives, 2pm, Village Hall.
Harbury Soc. talk by Lyndon Cave, 8pm, Crown Inn.
Prayer Group, 8pm, The Flat, Harbury House.
Village Hall AGM, Village Hall.
Senior Citizens Cttee, 8pm, V. Hall.
- Wed 23rd Coffee Morning at 9 Farley Ave, 10.30am (see p.26)
Age Concern 'Pop-In Parlour' discussion, 7.30pm, School.
- Thurs 24th Parish Council, 7.30pm, V. Hall.
Golden Age Birthday Party, V. Hall, afternoon.
- Fri 25th W.I. outing to Black Horse, Marton, 8pm.
- Sat 26th CHURCH SPRING FAIR: 2.30 p.m., Village Hall.
Theatre Group Youth Workshop, 2.30 - 4pm, Wight School.
- Sun 27th Third Sunday after Easter. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
All Saints' All Sorts, 7.45pm, 15 Wagstaffe Close.
- Tues 29th Bible Study, 8pm, Windmill Hill Farm Cottage, Chesterton.
- Wed 30th Church A.G.M., 8pm, Wight School, All Welcome.
A.C.S. Festival, St. Mary Magdalen's, Coventry 7.30pm

Wed 30th Disco and Carnival Queen Judging at Youth Club,
in Village Hall.

MAY

Thurs 1st W.I., 7.45pm, V. Hall, Resolutions with the V.C.O.
Sat 3rd Youth Theatre Workshop, 2.30pm, Wight School.
Sun 4th PONY SHOW at Recreation Grounds.
Cricket - First match of season.
Mon 5th May Day Bank Holiday.
Tues 6th Prayer Group, 8pm, 15 Wagstaffe Close.
Horticultural Soc., 8pm, talk by Peter Turner on
Herbs in Wight School.
Wed 7th PTA Artificial Respiration/First Aid Demonstration,
8pm, School.

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

CRUSADERS, Village Hall, 2.30pm every Sunday.

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm every Monday

UPHOLSTERY CLASS, 2pm, Wight School every Monday.

GYMNASTICS, Harbury School Hall, 5.30(5 to 8 yrs),
6.45(over 9 yrs) every Monday.

JOGGING, from Foodmart, 8pm every Monday.

BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.

PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings.

TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, Mon.am & Wed. pm.

(NB, children don't actually have to be toddling to be welcome!)

BROWNIES, Village Hall, 6.15pm every Tuesday.

DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 5.30-7.45 Tuesdays
4-7.15 Wednesdays, 4.45-7.45 Thursdays.

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm Tues. (1st troop), Wed. (2nd troop)

BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2pm 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

WEIGHTAWAY, Wight School, Thursday evenings.

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

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.

Dates for inclusion PLEASE to Linda Ridgley, tel. 612792.

For Village Hall bookings, ring Mr. Knight, tel. 613315.

For Wight School bookings, ring Mrs. Windsor, tel. 612504.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

The number of communicants at our 10 o'clock Parish Eucharist on Sunday mornings has now grown so large (for which we are profoundly thankful) that it is highly desirable that, where there is not a second priest present, I should have the help of a layman in administering the chalice; otherwise the administering takes an unduly long time. In response to the unanimous request of the Parochial Church Council and myself the Bishop has granted permission to Mr. Ken Hughes, Mr. Ke Docherty and Mr. John Stringer to assist with the administration of the Sacrament in this parish and he expresses his gratitude to these gentlemen for their willingness to undertake this ministry.

This letter is being written before Holy Week and Easter but the whole of April falls within Eastertide, and we shall be rejoicing in the Resurrection throughout the month. One of the successful events of Lent has been the series of Wednesday evening services in a different Church in the Rural Deanery each week. They have been well attended and well worth while.

May I draw your attention to the Church's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 30th April. Sidesmen and Parochial Church Council members will be elected for the next 12 months and there will be reports of various spheres of the Church's life over the past year. Do come along and help us make our plans for the future!

Our Spring Fair will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 26th April - please support this - our major fund-raising event for this year.

With every blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

F.R. Mackley.

HOLY BAPTISM

March 16th - Dawn Marie Eld, 77 Mill Street.

James Stephen Southam, 32 Farley Avenue.

From the Churchwardens

The annual vestry and annual church meeting take place on Wednesday 30th April in the Wight School. Anyone resident in the parish and over the age of 17 may attend the annual vest meeting and vote to elect the churchwardens. The annual

church meeting can be attended by anyone but only those on the electoral roll of the church may vote. We do warmly invite all those who come to our services to come to our annual meeting to help to elect the sidesmen and PCC and to make their views known about the life and worship of the church. The forms to be completed if you wish to be included on the electoral roll are on the table at the back of the church. We should welcome volunteers to serve as sidesmen (or should we say "sidespeople"? or on the P.C.C. Please do mention it to the Vicar or one of the churchwardens if you would be interested. It is important that the P.C.C. should know the view of the man (sorry, person!) in the pew so please make a special effort to attend this important meeting.

There was an interesting suggestion in a recent issue of the "Church Times". Mr. Shaw of Essex feels that committed Christians are too reticent about their faith so he has produced a tie in maroon, navy or bottle green with a repeat pattern of a gold cross. The ties are £1.95. The address is in the Church Times (the Vicar has a copy as has Vivienne Aggett). There is a 10% discount for orders of 10 or more. How about ordering from one of us and letting us put the discount to the Spring Fair?

SPRING FAIR '80

Spring Fair '80 is organised by the PCC of All Saints' Church, Harbury. We seek your support in two ways:-

Firstly, we would be most grateful if you would be generous enough to donate any of the following items - cakes, plants, tombola prizes, 'nearly new' items, 'white elephant' articles, sweets, second-hand books, used toys, handicrafts, tins. We hope to call at every house during the 10 days previous to the fair, but if you have items for collection please 'phone 612790 or 612427.

Secondly, we ask for your support on the day - Saturday, April 26th. Come and join in the fun and make this a successful day for Harbury Church.

Thank you in anticipation for your support and for the many offers of help we have already received. JBM.

PARKING

After our very well-attended Christmas services we received complaints from the police about cars parked along Church Street, making it impossible for the bus to get through. Please, if you come by car, park in Vicarage Lane or Crown Street. DMH.

ALL SAINTS' ALL SORTS

The All Saints' AllSorts Group is planning a trip to London to help at the White Chapel Mission for tramps and less fortunate people in need of food and a home for themselves and their families.

For this visit we will, of course, need money to cover expenses. The group have decided to offer our services to anyone who would like us to mow their lawns, or iron, or hang out their washing for them. This would be done after the Scout job week. We shall be sponsored for the hours of work and would also appreciate a donation from those whose work we do.

If you could support our group in some way we should be very much obliged. SAMANTHA WILKINSON.

LADBROKE NEWS

Services etc. for April and early May

Sunday 6th April. Easter Day. 8.30am Holy Communion,
11am Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon. 6.30pm
Evensong.

Wednesday 9th April. 3pm Women's Fellowship meets in
Village Hall. Speaker: Mr. Gary Lawson.

Thursday 10th April. 7.45pm Men's Group, Wilmcote Lodge,
Harbury.

Sunday 13th April. Easter I. 11am Holy Communion with
Hymns & Sermon. NO EVENSONG.

Sunday 20th April. Easter II. 8.30am Holy Communion,
11am Matins.

Monday 21st April. 7.30pm. P.C.C. meets in Church.

Friday 25th April. S. Mark E.M.

Sunday 27th April Easter III. 11am Holy Communion with
Hymns & Sermon. 6.30pm Evensong.

Thursday 1st May. SS Philip & James AA. 7.45pm Men's
Group at Harbury (Leamington House).

Sunday 4th May. Easter IV. 8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Matins.

Wednesday 7th May. 7.45pm Archdeacon's Visitation at Barfor

Sunday 11th May. Rogation Sunday. Easter V. 11am Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon. 6.15pm Evensong. Visit of
Wolverhampton friends.

Altar Flowers: April 6 & 13. Easter Lilies arranged by Mrs. Darkes; April 20th Mrs. Frost; April 27 Mrs. Timms; May 4 Mrs. Badman; May 11 Miss Junod.

Women's Fellowship: After service in Church taken by Canon Fishley, we enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Edwards who gave us a lovely tea, for which many thanks were expressed.

Our next meeting is on April 9th in the Village Hall when Mr. Gary Lawson will tell us something of his University Course in preparation for Holy Orders. If you care to bring a friend to this meeting you and they will be most welcome. CH.

We are sorry to hear that the Flower family will be leaving us shortly for Canada; we shall miss Pat's hard work as Electoral Roll Officer and the help they have all given to the Church. We wish them every happiness and success in their new sphere.

GRF.

Annual General Meeting: This took place on March 10th in the Village Hall. At the Vestry, Messrs. G.S. Hedge and D.C. Rutherford were re-elected Churchwardens: they with Mrs. Winkfield and Miss Banfield (representatives on the Deanery Synod) are ex-officio members of the P.C.C. The following were re-elected or elected by the meeting: Mrs. Hedge, Mrs. J. Barnett, Mrs. Flower, Mrs. Shaw, Miss J. Teverson, Miss V. Junod, Messrs. Badman, Griffin, Reeves, Chapple, Comfort, Parker, Clarke and Garner.

The Treasurer (Mr. J. Comfort) presented the accounts for 1979, which, owing to the cost of the boiler replacement, showed a slight fall in the balance in hand. The need for more covenanted subscriptions, whether paid annually or weekly was stressed. Canon Fishley (in the chair) expressed thanks to all those who had done so much in the service of the Church during the year.

Invalids: Brian Fell is making a good recovery after a serious operation. Mr. Hudson though much better in himself is not yet completely mobile.

Preliminary Notice: This year I celebrate fifty years of membership of the Prince of Wales Lodge in Wolverhampton and our friends of that company have expressed a wish to make one more visit to Ladbroke. So they will be joining us... and I hope this means all our regular congregation and any other friends who care to come.... on Sunday 11th May at 6.15 pm and afterwards

8.
by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford at the Old Rectory.
GRF.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Morgan on the arrival of Thomas William ... just in time to avoid the dangerous 29th of February. All good wishes to the three of them. GRF.

Extract from Register.

Holy Matrimony.

29th March, 1980. Michael Joseph Brady to Tracy Batchelor. Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Brady.

Welcome... rather belated, I fear, to Mr. and Mrs. Chaplin and Samantha who have come to Rectory Farm House.... a return home to Mrs. Chaplin who was christened at Ladbroke ... and a big thank you for the magnificent repair and cleaning job done by Mr. Chaplin to our Church flower stands. GRF.

Village Hall: Only with a great deal of concerted effort can the building and repair work be finished by early May; volunteers for "work-ins" between now and then are urgently required:- contact any committee member if you can spare 2/3 hours to give us a hand. There will be a painting session on Wednesday April 9th, 9.30 to 12.30. Do join us complete with your own paint brush.

Wanted - Tablecloths, any size, cutlery and crockery.

Many thanks to Mrs. Pearl Edwards for electric kettle.

In the meantime, we have arranged a "Gala Fund-raising Event" to officially open the village hall. It will be held in the hall on Friday evening May 30th, and will be an evening of entertainment featuring local personalities and starring Reg Dixon, Ladbroke's own celebrity.

Further details in the next issue of this magazine. Tickets will be on sale (from committee members) after Easter @ £1.50 per head; advance bookings are high, so contact a committee member as soon as possible to book your seat.

G.T. and I.B.

W.I. News. At the meeting on March 27th a talk was given by Wisewoods on embroidery illustrated by superbly stitched samples. Mrs. Tredgold voiced the enthusiastic interest of the members when she thanked the speaker. The competition of 'An Edible Necklace' was won by Mrs. Emus.

Our jumble sale is at the Youth Centre, Southam on April 26th. As our Treasurer has expressed concern over our

low bank balance, please support us by donating jumble, white⁹ elephant items, books etc. and cakes. Collectors for jumble:- Mrs. M. Fell and Mrs. I. Bennett. Collector for cakes:- Mrs. M. Williamson.

There are some spare seats for our Trip to Windsor on April 20th, price £2, leaving the school at 9.00 approx. Contact Mrs. Heather Tredgold, Southam 3002.

Next Meeting: Thursday April 24th. Speaker: Miss Sarah Bowker. Miss Bowker is a splendid speaker who has led a most interesting life. The W.I. would like to extend an open invitation to villagers for this meeting so if you would like to spend an entertaining evening please join us at 8 o'clock.

The competition will be "The Prettiest Decorated Easter Egg"

I. B.

Ladbroke Recipe Book: Because the initial response has been slow the closing date has been extended to April 30th. Send your favourite recipes to Mrs. Gwynne Badman. Please support this project which is in aid of the Village Hall Fund.

I. B.

St. James C. E. First School Coffee Morning:

Mrs. Fielden, the headmistress of the school was delighted to inform parents that £80 was raised for the Church of England Children's Society at a coffee morning held in the school on Sat. 22nd March. This was a marvellous effort and many thanks for all the contributions which helped to make it such a success.

Don't forget that all contributions to the Harbury & Ladbroke News coming from Ladbroke are very gratefully received by Mif Warr (tel. Southam 3600).

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. The Parish Council met on 5th March under the Chairmanship of Francis Badman with Betty Williamson, Chris Jerome and Geoff Timms in attendance. Apologies were received from Tom Sheasby.

By-Pass - A letter has been received from the Department of the Environment saying that hopefully the compulsory purchase of the land will commence in the autumn.

Francis Badman attended the Warwickshire Association of Parish Councillors Course and thought it was very worthwhile.

The decision was made to send a letter of complaint regarding the poor quality of the road repairs which had been

effected in Windmill Lane following damage by heavy lorries.

A grant of £25 has been made towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

Date of next meeting: 16th April in the Village Hall.

Advance Warning of Annual Parish Meeting. It is hoped that all villagers will be able to attend this meeting at 8 o'clock on 14th May in the Village Hall. This is the only time when everyone has an opportunity to listen to the annual reports of the Parish Council, Women's Institute and Village Hall Committee.

Services for the Mentally Handicapped. A meeting about services for mentally handicapped people was held in Southam on 18th March. As a result a quarterly newsletter was proposed; to be circulated within the Southam area. If you were not invited to the meeting but would like a copy of the newsletter when it comes out, please give your name and address to Mrs. Williams, 3 Springs Crescent, Southam. (tel. Southam 2570).

M. W.

HARBURY SCHOOL

Like everybody else in the community we in school are looking forward to some Summer sunshine after the Easter holiday, and so we are not sorry to see the end of the Spring Term with its attendant coughs and colds and other maladies.

A party of 40 children from classes 7 and 8 will spend a week in the Wye Valley accompanied by three members of staff exploring the whole area. We all hope that they enjoy fine weather and look forward to their reports when they return.

As many of you will know, Mrs. Eastaff has been absent due to illness for most of the time since September. It seems very likely that she will be back with us from the beginning of next term, and it is the wish of all of us that she makes a complete recovery.

I should like to record our very sincere thanks to Mrs. Sue Wilkins who has taken over Mrs. Eastaff's class with great success.

Tree Planting: Under the guidance of Keith Higginson, of Warwickshire's equivalent of the Forest Rangers, and Jerry Birkbeck of the County Planning Department, the fourth year's planted twenty-seven saplings in the village playing field on

Thursday 20th March. They are to be found along the edge of the car-park and near the ditch by the cricket square, consisting of whitebeam, field maple, chestnut and wild cherry.

The fourth years will be responsible for maintenance until September, when the new fourth years will take over for a year. It is hoped that each top class over the years will be able to take a personal interest in "our" trees, watching them mature and helping to protect them for the benefit of all.

Wildlife Club Picture Competition: A selection of pictures by winners and runners-up is on display in the village library until the start of the summer term, along with some geometric patterns provided by Mr. Thorburn's class.

Sponsored Marrow-Growing Competition: In association with the Warwickshire Nature Conservation Trust, about 200 children from the school will be trying to grow the biggest marrow, in a money-raising competition which will benefit both the school and Warnact. Each child is looking for sponsorship, so we would be grateful for your help if you are approached. Three seeds have been issued to everyone taking part, which hopefully will result in the growing of 600 marrow plants in the village this year. I wonder if any enterprising individual will publish a "marrow recipes" booklet?!

We have just heard from Warwickshire County Council that School Milk ceases in Warwickshire as from the beginning of next term.

Two dates for your diary:-

1. School Fete - Friday May 23rd.
2. School Sponsored Walk - Saturday June 21st.

Easter Bonnet & Egg Competition

On the morning of Thursday March 27th there was a most impressive Easter Bonnet Parade in the School by the young ladies in the First School classes. There were many ingenious and colourful creations on view which won merited applause from the audience.

The boys had been asked to decorate a boiled egg, and here again we saw a wonderful variety of ideas. Mr. Oliver and Mrs. King, who had the unenviable task of judging, awarded prizes to the following:- Easter Bonnets - Class 1 - Hannah Burnham; Class 2 - Jemima Bennett; Class 3 - Kirsty Allan; Class 4 - Suzanne Barr; Class 5 - Gail Davis.

Decorated Eggs - Class 1 - Samuel Butler; Class 2 - Daniel Russell; Class 3 - Gary Overton; Class 4 - Roger Dufresne; Class - Paul Turner.

P.T.A.

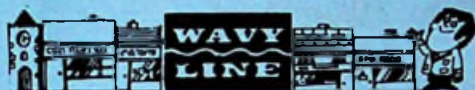
According to comments, it appears that the Cheese & Wine Disco was a great success, with ample food (though perhaps next year we ought to order more wine!) and excellent decorations. I can't, as yet, report on the profit, but members may be interested to know that the last square dance made approx £50. Recently, shelving for first school books has been purchased and erected; and the V.T.R. and colour T.V. rental and insurance have been paid. Future equipment needed by the school are an up-to-date strip and slide projector, camera and screen for the hall. This is why members will be being canvassed to see if they would like to join a Club, whose aim is to provide a regular income for the PTA with the chance to win money from each monthly draw. At present there are only just 70 PTA member-families, which is well down on previous years so please would anybody who would like to join (only 20p including programme) contact John Lapraik, 11 Wagstaffe Close, Tel- 612814, or the school.

While on the same train of thought, if you'd like to know the County's future policy on educational cuts and know how they will effect our children, there is a Public Meeting on Thursday 24th April at 8 pm at Binswood Hall, Binswood Ave., L/Spa, when Councillor Michael Hammon, the Chairman of the Council Policy and Resources Committee (which decides on the distribution of resources within the council's various departments) will be the speaker, and there will be as much time as possible for questions.

Looking forward: as in previous years, the PTA has been asked to run a stall at the Spring Fair - it'll probably be the Clown one, so any volunteers to help for say half-an-hour please contact me (Rosemary Ottewill, 43 Mill St., tel. 613402). The next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday 7th May, when Mr. Robins, from the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, will give a talk about Artificial Respiration and First Aid, with a chance to practice mouth to mouth resuscitation on a rubber dummy. With Sunday morning swimming sessions in mind, it is essential

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that all who are prepared to supervise these sessions, try to attend this meeting. Talking of swimming, it is hoped that the County will, in the Spring, undertake the redecoration of the exterior doors and window frames of the changing rooms, but we shall probably be asking for volunteers to help redecorate the interiors. "Swimming and hot sunny days" - What a lovely thought!

R. G. O.

SOUTHAM SCHOOL PLAY - NOAH

On 13th and 14th March, pupils of Southam School performed Andre Obey's play "Noah" in the School Hall. The play, though often performed by schools, is by no means an easy one, and it was imaginatively produced by Mrs. Doubleday, and Mr. Minton.

The central role of Noah was played by Rodney Olds who on the first night, probably because of nerves, tended to speak too fast. Nevertheless he conveyed well the essential loneliness of the character. As his rebellious son Ham, Colin Hughes gave an excellent performance. Howard Phillips and Richard Collett ably played Noah's younger sons Shem and Japheth. Helen Shawcross as Mrs. Noah, was most effective in portraying a woman trying to keep the peace between her husband and son. There were good performances too from Caroline Parker, Debbie Hoffman and Caroline Tudor as the three girls taken on board the Ark. Assorted animals appeared in excellent costumes made by Mr. Lewis and the Art Department. All in all a very enjoyable evening and thanks are due to everyone involved.

M. S. H.

SOUTHAM MUSIC CENTRE CONCERT

Those of us who ventured over to Southam School on the cold evening of 20th March were well rewarded. The first half of the evening consisted of short items by the Music Centre orchestra and by various school groups. It was a great pleasure to see such young instrumentalists playing together with such confidence and enjoyment. Harbury were represented by the Recorder Group, trained by Mrs. Buck. They played quite beautifully, and I especially enjoyed 'Pastime with Good Company' written by Henry VIII.

The second half consisted of the children's opera 'All The King's Men' by Richard Rodney Bennett. This was a spectacular production with a large cast. The action takes place outside

the city of Gloucester in the year 1643, when the Roundhead held city was attacked by the Royalists. A choir of children from Bishops Itchington Combined School, Southam Middle School and St. Mary's R. C. School played the people of Gloucester. The costumes and set were super, and the children obviously enjoyed the modern but tuneful music.

The story revolves around the construction of a siege-engine to bridge the river Severn. It was the brainchild of Dr. Chillingworth, (well played by David Brown) and nicknamed the 'Humpty-Dumpty'. As we know from the rhyme, it failed, the Royalists retreated, and the performance ended with the drummer-boy, touchingly played by Mark Brown, singing of the futility of war.

This was a delightful evening, and obviously the result of a lot of hard work. M.S.H.

Note: All children of Southam School, and the First and Middle Schools in the Southam area, are invited to join activities at the centre. These are:-

Monday - Orchestra, First School Workshop,
String Tuition, Brass Tuition.

Tuesday - Recorder ensemble, Guitar tuition.

Wednesday - Woodwind tuition.

Thursday - Middle School Workshop.

Activities are held at Southam School from 4.15-5.30. The Director is Mr. P.W. Dover, Head of Music at Southam School. Enrolment for the summer term is in the week beginning 28th April.

YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club will be making another trip to Solihull Ice Rink on Tues 1st April. 53 members are taking part - we may have to make this a regular activity!

There will be 2 discos this month. Wed. 9th and 30th.

We have booked a Friday Disco for May 16th. This will be for Members and accompanied friends only, and will be from 8 - 11 pm.

The Youth Club will be organising a Day Trip to London on Sunday 27th April. The cost will be £3 including entrance to the Tower of London. Places are limited to 30, so please pay your £1 deposit as soon as possible.

There will be no coffee bar on Easter Tuesday 8th April,

but as usual on April 15th.

J.T.T.

HARBURY CARNIVAL QUEEN 1980

The annual Carnival Queen contest will be held on Wednesday 30th April, during the Youth Club Disco at the Village Hall.

Please let Mrs. Taylor know if you are going to take part.
1st prize £10, 2 runners-up £5 each.

Carnival Week, 7th - 14th June

Events arranged so far are as follows:-

Sat 7th June - NSPCC Chain of Pennies.

Rugby Club Barbecue.

Sun 8th June - Sports Afternoon.

Mon 9th June - Carnival Bingo

Novelty Race by Harbury Joggers.

Tues 10th June - W.I. Cookery Demonstration by the Gas Board.

Wed 11th June - Youth Club Disco

Sat. 14th June CARNIVAL & FETE.

Dance, featuring "The Likely Lads".

Please try and support as many of these events as you can and make Carnival Week a success.

Funds raised during Saturday's Carnival and Fete are used to benefit the community in Harbury, through the Village Hall and Recreation Ground committees - so do support us.

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE.

HARBURY SCOUTS

While you are reading this article scout job week will probably be under way (April 7th-12th). As well as the usual activities we will be asking you to sponsor scouts in 'Operation Clean-up'. This is a joint promotion by the Keep Britain Tidy Group and Kentucky Fried Chicken aimed at tidying up our environment. If you sponsor a scout he will then be engaged on your behalf in various clear-up jobs. These include litter picking, metal and oil waste collection (and sale), pond cleaning etc. Thank you in advance for your contribution. We hope you will also avail yourself of the shoe cleaning (cub scouts) and car wash (scouts); the dates of which were in the last edition of Harbury News.

JOHN HANCOCK.

The Venture Scouts, as well as assisting the scouts during Job Week, are doing their bit to solve the energy crisis. On the

first two Saturdays of April they will be running a waste oil depot behind the Wight School from 10am - 5pm. So drain your sump and take it along.

The Annual Southam Area Brownie and Guide Concert

On Friday 7th March, Harbury Mums & Dads ferried Brownies and Guides to Southam Community Centre for the Annual Southam Area Concert. Packs from Southam, Stockton, Napton, Bishops Itchington, Long Itchington and Harbury had prepared various items of 3-4 mins duration to entertain each other. The District Commissioner welcomed everyone and to a packed hall the concert began.

A colourful scene started the proceedings - canoes full of singing Indians paddled their way up river. Harbury Brownies followed, miming to the record "A mouse lived in a Windmill in Old Amsterdam" and all dressed as mice. Jenny Barr swayed and mimed the actions as the rest filled in the story, Wendy Ottewill dancing in clogs.

The remaining Brownie Packs mimed, danced and sang to take us up to the interval, when refreshments were served and the raffle prizes were drawn.

The Guide Packs entertained us during the second half. More self conscious but none the less entertaining, we watched a dancing troupe; Top of the Pops; a mime to the record "With her head tucked underneath her arm...."; and several impressions of well known artists. Harbury Pack brought the evening to a close with an "If I were not upon the stage" item. Amongst those we saw Max Bygraves (Sharon Andrews), St. Trinians (Louise Healey, Lynn Stanbridge, Josephine Gascoyne, Alison Dodds), The Nolans (Penny Johnson, Rachel Brown, Georgina Ball, Karen Tyler, Penelope Ottewill & Lynn Jackson), The Wurzles (Cathryn Griffin, Wendy Bloxham, Fiona Medcalf) and a superb Les Dawson (Caroline Holt) well padded and bespectacled, causing a well-earned laugh.

A most entertaining evening, marred for one guide perhaps: the last announcement asked for everyone to look in bags etc. - she'd lost her shoes in the crowd.

B.B.

PLAYGROUP

The committee would like to thank "Hunt's Stores" and "Country Fayre" for supplying the food for the dance in February. Their help and kindness was much appreciated.

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

Anyone scanning the Sports pages of the Leamington Courier recently, to discover the placings of our Harbury teams in the League tables, might be forgiven for thinking that the success they have read about in the Harbury News must refer to other teams!

On Friday March 21st, the 1st team were shown occupying 7th place in Division 2 with 9 points, whilst the Reserve team were in 10th place in Division 5, with 13 points, which might not indicate the most successful season. However, apart from the fact that all the 1st team points have not been shown (they have 15 points) the significance of the results is that the majority of points have been gained from matches played since the New Year.

The 1st team now have only 1 game left and the Reserve team have 2 matches in which to improve on their final placings. In the closing matches, nominations have been made for 'Player of the Year' and a trophy will be presented at the Annual Presentation Dance held later in the year. In recent weeks Alan Merrick, who has defended his goal capably for the 1st team, and Gordon Humphreys, who has shown definite promise, deserve commendation for their contributions. The regular goal scorers who appear below also deserve congratulations and it is to be hoped that they will all rejoin the Club at the START of next season, so that the village teams can attack in strength from the beginning instead of going out in a blaze of glory!

Results:

1st XI v. Shipston Sports won 1-0 (T. Sheasby)

Reserves v. Woodloes won 3-2 (G. Bryers, I. Lowe,
N. Humphreys)

Reserves v. Flavels won 4-0

(N. Humphreys, D. Raggett, A. Hopkins, C. Ingram)

1st XV v. G.S. Sports lost 1-0

Reserves v. Leamington Albion Lost 3-1 (N. Humphreys)

1st XV v. Milton won 4-0

(T. Sheasby, M. Perry, M. Pratt, G. Bryers)

The Club has laid its plans to provide a stall at the Spring Fair, organised by the Church, and one of the attractions will be the opportunity to win a cash prize - with lucky numbers made available through the Club Tote. This might also have the added

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bonus of encouraging other villagers to join in the weekly Tote which regularly pays out £18 for a 2½p stake!

C.F.

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

The Netball season is now nearly over but I think it is fair to say that both teams have thoroughly enjoyed it.

Despite the usual setbacks caused by injuries and illness, the 'A' team are still fighting hard for their Division title. The 'B' team are not so fortunate, but have managed to hold a mid-division position.

The results to date are:

	W	D.	L	Points
'A' team	16	0	1	30
'B' team	7	1	11	15

The season finishes on 26th April, but training will continue through most of the Summer. If anyone wishes to join the Club, please come along on any Wednesday evening, at 7 p.m. prompt. (Pitch at Wight School, behind Harbury Library) or contact Lynne Badger, 21 South Parade, Harbury 613186 concerning membership.

L.B.

MINI-RUGBY



Harbury's successful under 11 & 12 squad, winners on their last encounter of the season against Stratford R. F. C. by 30pts - 10.



The victorious under-8 team which defeated both Solihull & Stratford R. F. C. 's in their last two games of the season. (photos by Mike Bloxham).

HARBURY CRICKET - 1980 SEASON

With the recent tour of Australia by England just completed, it seems that cricket has not been far from our thoughts during the winter months. To all you cricketing enthusiasts both players and spectators, the new season is just round the corner.

The all weather net wicket at the playing fields will again provide the Club with our pre-season practice. The net will be erected over the Easter weekend and members are asked to join a party to erect the net and prepare the area for practice.

The first practice will take place at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 8th April. New members will be most welcome. For any information please contact either Rex Humphreys 612885 or Terry Bell 612565.

The opening match of the season will be on Sunday 4th May at 2.30pm.

The Cricket Club A.G.M. will take place at the Dog Inn at 8.30pm on 10th April 1980.

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

At an open meeting held at the Crown on 12th March, it was decided to go ahead with the formation of a Tennis Club in the village. The initial response has been very encouraging and

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the Club looks like starting up with a membership of between 40 and 50. The Recreation Ground Committee has agreed that the Club can have the exclusive use of the courts as follows:-

Tuesdays - 6.30 - 9.30 pm

Thursdays - 6.30 - 9.30 pm

Saturday afternoons - 2 - 5 pm

Sunday mornings - 10 - 1

At all other times the courts will be available for general play using the existing booking arrangements - i.e. through Krayem's Newsagent.

Junior Coaching

Pauline Dixon has once again agreed to coach youngsters (9+) starting Monday 28th April for six consecutive Monday evenings. Numbers will have to be limited and if your children are interested please contact Di Parkin (Harbury 612451).

R. H. H.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Committee was rather hurt not to have been informed of Meals on Wheels' plans to prepare dinners in the Hall, but everything has now been settled amicably; the Meals on Wheels helpers will try not to interfere with the Nursery School, which takes place in the Hall at the same time, and the local authority will pay extra towards the cost of the electricity the new service consumes.

The Committee had been pleasantly surprised and at the same time somewhat embarrassed by the response to its appeal for a new Booking Secretary. Chairman Midge Keen said that usually someone had to be forced to do the job but this time four people had volunteered. Tony Knight of Duston, High St., Harbury would take over from April 1 1980 and she thanked everyone who had offered to do the job.

The Youth Leader apologised for the noise coming from the Youth Club Coffee Bar being held in the adjoining rooms. She said that she sometimes found it difficult to subdue the children when there were meetings taking place next door and asked if she might move the dartboard into the far room. This would, she thought, cut down on the disturbance.

Tim Percival announced that the Fire Officer had no objection to the Theatre Licence limit being raised to 220 people for a single performance.

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The extension to the Hall is nearing completion and the rubble on the car park is to be removed. The Village Hall is to purchase a new motor mower and the floor of the Hall will be varnished in the summer, bookings permitting. There are plans for the Village Hall to hold dances of its own once again, at least on a trial basis.

The Annual Meeting of the Village Hall Management Trust takes place on 22 April.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

The new equipment for the fives and under has now been erected and will be completed ready for use as quickly as we can. The three items, a pair of baby swings, the sputnik roundabout and igloo climbing frame represent an investment of some £800. This was raised through Carnival and Christmas Fair proceeds.



I am very grateful to all involved in the working parties of 22nd/23rd March for their hard work and good humour! - We hope that the equipment will be well used by those for whom it is intended, i.e. THE FIVES AND UNDER, and respected by everyone else.

The Committee are very grateful to Mr. Oliver, Mr. Chapman and the children from the School who have planted the trees on

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the Recreation Ground, adjoining the Car Park and Cricket Wicket. The trees were supplied by Warwickshire County Council via Jerry Birkbeck, who also assisted with the planting. It was a cold, unpleasant day and everyone did an excellent job of planting!

We wish the Tennis Club every success in their inaugural season. It will be good to see frequent, regular use of the Courts.

KEITH THOMPSON

CARNIVAL '80

Has your organisation been asked to run a stall? If so, please let me know what you're planning to do as soon as you have decided. Thank you.

DENIS ANDREWS (612301).

CAN YOU HELP THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB ?

We would be grateful for an offer of some kind of entertainment at our Birthday Party on the afternoon of Thursday 24th April. Anything would do - singing, music, a talk - just something our members would enjoy, for about an hour from 3 o'clock onwards. If you can help, please get in touch with me.

At our February meeting, Mr. Marshall gave us a very interesting slide show about the work of the Salvation Army.

In March we visited the Drop-In Centre in Southam, to give members an idea of what the Harbury Centre will be like (see next article). We had a very pleasant afternoon, and three of our members (Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Enefer and Mrs. Hinds) won prizes in the raffle!

Our next meeting will be a "Bamix Fresh Food Demonstration" on 10th April, and then the Birthday Party on the 24th.

L. KNIGHTON (612707).

A "POP-IN PARLOUR" FOR HARBURY

Age Concern are proposing to start up a centre to provide social and welfare services for elderly people in Harbury. The plan is to have a centre where people can "pop in" as they please, to have a chat with friends, play games or take their knitting and enjoy the company of others. Light refreshments will be available. There will be no subscription, and the centre would be open to all retired or disabled people in the area.

Mr. Denis Russell, the honorary organising secretary

for Age Concern Warwickshire, said "The Centre is being organised under the auspices of Age Concern Southam Area, which is the local group operating in the Southam Social Services Area, which covers Harbury. The group already runs a very successful centre at Southam on two afternoons a week, which attracts an average attendance of sixty people. There is a very full programme of social activities, including outings and holidays. We hope a centre will be equally successful in Harbury."

It is proposed to open the Harbury Centre in the Village Hall on Friday afternoons, after the Luncheon Club which has about 20 members. It is hoped the lunch club members will stay and be joined by other people, particularly those who do not get out very often, or who may be lonely. Volunteers will be needed to run the centre, and to provide transport for those who may need it.

A public meeting will be held in Harbury School on Wednesday, 23rd April at 7.30 p.m. to explain the plans, and to recruit help with the hope of making a start on Friday, 25th April. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend the meeting, or to get in touch with Age Concern at Pageant House, 2 Jury Street, Warwick (Tel. 42140).

MOTHERS UNION

Mrs. Billingham, representing the Mothers Union's department of Social Concern, gave an inspiring and enlightening talk at our March meeting. She told us of the many aspects of her work - directly linked with St. Mary's Church in Leamington - where she may be called upon at any hour of the day (or night) to deal with all manner of problems. Her main asset, I am sure, is her friendly sympathetic nature with which she helps people to overcome, or come to terms with, the desperate circumstances they find themselves in.

It is reassuring to think that in this stressful modern world of our, there are still people like Mrs. Billingham who willingly give up their time to help others.

AM.

The Deanery Service held recently in Ufton Church was very well attended. The preacher was Rev. Alan Fermor, who spoke about the qualities all mothers should learn from the example of Mary, the mother of Jesus - Humility, tenderness and silent service. After the service the representatives from all the branches in the Southam Deanery were served with a delicious tea by the Ufton Branch.

DMH.

ADDITIONAL CURATES SOCIETY

May I draw your attention to an event on the last day of the month - Wednesday April 30th. It is the A.C.S. Festival for the diocese and will be celebrated at St. Mary Magdalen's, Coventry, this year. There is to be a solemn Eucharist at 7.30 pm at which the preacher will be the Rev. David Moore, the Vicar of St. Mary's Abbey Church, Nuneaton, and following the Eucharist there will be a Wine and Cheese Party for which there will be a charge of 75p. Tickets for the Wine and Cheese Party may be obtained from Canon Churchill, the Diocesan Secretary or from the Vicar or from Mrs. Anne Moore, the A.C.S. Parish Secretary (23 Mill Street, 612427).

These A.C.S. Festivals are always very enjoyable and friendly gatherings, and it would be splendid if a good number went from Harbury.

HARBURY W.I.

Mrs. Davies reported on the Spring Council Meeting - Mrs. Bradley collected a certificate stating that we had been selected for possible inclusion at regional level with our Scene '80 entry. Mrs. Zonik has entered "Out of our Yesterdays" in the English Drama League - Warwickshire Area, to be performed at the Talisman Theatre, Kenilworth on Friday 21st March.

We are running a "Nearly New" stall at the Church Spring Fair in April, and an outing for members and friends has been arranged by Mrs. Carter to eat at the Black Horse, Marton on Friday, April 25th, 8-8.30pm, price £5. Those without transport to let Mrs. Thompson know.

A Gas Board Cookery Demonstration has been arranged for Carnival Week on Tuesday June 10th at the Village Hall and all readers are welcome.

Thanks to Mrs. D. Harridence for providing the Production Show schedules for Sept. 20th. Mrs. D. Bloxham won the raffle.

The speaker from St. John's Ambulance was Mr. Sykes assisted by Mrs. Adams. As requested he concentrated on mouth to mouth resuscitation and the various causes that lead to the need for this important service. Although mouth to mouth resuscitation has only come to the fore in the last 20 years, it was mentioned long ago in the Bible. Mr. Sykes quoted that 348,000 people were injured in the home, in factories

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on roads etc. last year and I am sure you will agree how thankful we are that we have such dedicated people in the St. John's Ambulance to help relieve some of the suffering.

JEANNE BEAUMONT.

HARBURY & DISTRICT LABOUR PARTY A.G.M.

The A.G.M. was very well attended on Monday evening 17th March. It was noted that we had had successful fund raising events over the past year and it was encouraging to find the membership steadily increasing in a Tory constituency. The result of the general election last May had been very disappointing for the party. However the present government's policies, particularly as they affected spending on local education and social services were now being felt by the community. The party determined to make a stand and fight these damaging cuts in every way possible.

The following officers were elected:- Chairman - Lena Dominelli; Secretary - Jill Winter; Treasurer - Mike Bloxham.
JANET THORNLEY (Retiring Chairman)

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Taking advantage of the massive wave of publicity arising from the Harbury Theatre Group's production of "Rebecca", the BBC is staging its own small-budget effort on Tuesday nights.

Tickets are now available for the up-market Daphne du Maurier stage adaptation to be presented on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 17th, 18th and 19th April at the Village Hall, price 75p adult, 35p senior citizens and children. Ask Theatre Group members or buy from Philip Lindop's - our village "Box Office". Please note that as this is a slightly longer play than usual, it will start each night at 7.45 p.m.

This splendid romantic thriller has a nameless heroine; and "Rebecca" of the title, never appears!"

All the officers are retiring at the next AGM; many, like Carol Percival, after long and much-appreciated service. Nominations for the AGM on April 25th, in writing to Beryl Checkley in advance. No proxy voting is permitted.

Our Summer play will be a Francis Durbridge thriller!

J.N.S.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH TRUST.

Our jumble sale on March 1st was a great success, raising £80. Grateful thanks to everyone who worked so hard, sorting and selling, and to those who gave the jumble. Special thanks to the ladies who made all the delicious cakes, which sold so quickly.

19th - 27th April is National C.F. Week and we shall be organising a collection around the village, calling once again on your generosity. If anyone would like to help out by collecting in their own street we would be most grateful. Contact me on 612857 to arrange permits etc.

BARBARA ANDREWS (Hon Sec.)

MYTON HAMLET HOSPICE TRUST APPEAL

Mrs. Churchill is holding a coffee morning with a Bring & Buy Sale in aid of the Myton Hamlet Hospice Trust Appeal on Wednesday 23rd April from 10.30 - 12 noon at Wilmcote Lodge, 9 Farley Avenue. Please support this very worthy cause with your presence or a gift.

DR. BARNARDO'S COLLECTION

Harbury W.I. in conjunction with Harbury Friends and Young Wives recently organised a house to house collection on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's. I am pleased to report that a total of £95 was collected and would like to thank all those who gave their support.

MARY THOMPSON.

WHAT'S ON

We don't often have a ballet company in the area, so why not go and see the London Festival Ballet in 'Sleeping Beauty' at the Coventry Theatre. It's an ideal ballet for children and it's on from April 22nd-26th. It's half price for under 18's, students and O.A.P.s, ring 97 51313 to book.

Also on at the Coventry Theatre soon:-

April 17th The Osmonds April 20th Jack Jones
May 13th Sky.

Booking by post, telephone 97-23141 for information.

The Spa Centre programme for April includes,

April 8th - Animal Kwackers (Children's show) 11am & 2.30p

April 13th - Ralph McTell in Concert. 7.45 p.m.

April 15th - Dame Naomi James 'Alone around the World'

7.45pm.

The box office is open 10am-5pm Mon-Sat. Tel 9-34418.

At Stratford, the 1980 season opens with 'As You Like It' on April 3rd. At 'The Other Place' the centenary of the birth of Sean O'Casey is celebrated with a production of 'Shadow of a Gunman' which opens on April 1st.

PARISH COUNCIL, February 1980

Our Parish Councillors are taking life so seriously, worrying themselves about what will happen if the NCB start mining here, protesting at the imposition of School Transport charges, commenting on the Planning Applications and improving Chapel Street's lighting. All very commendable no doubt, but not much fun! Will you bother to read it?

Let's begin with the Good News. The Pony Show's fixed for May 4th on the Playing Fields. To Mike Ellis's delight the Councillors chose relatively cheap replacement mowers, so now his margin's won't be squeezed so hard! It was brought to the Council's notice that disabled residents who require adaptation of their homes may be eligible for relief on their rates. If you think you may be eligible Pat Taylor of 9 Heber Drive has information about the scheme. The Well on Pump Green has been made safe and sound and the PC would like to replace the Pump. A Tennis Club, which will bring in extra revenue, is to be formed and the PC will resurface the Courts when absolutely necessary. Burial Grounds fees rise on April 1st, and did you know you can no longer have exclusive rights to a plot in perpetuity - only for 100 years? That's the law now.

Harbury's entered for the Best Kept Village Competition again (we were SECOND in the County last year!) Mike Ellis asked was it worth it! The PC would have to be more aggressive in getting black spots like Hall Lane Corner verge cleared up if Harbury was to win.

The seat on the Old New Inn Green had been broken and the wall was in a dangerous condition. The PC seeks to persuade the owner to repair it as soon as possible. The County Land Agent advises that the Ivy Lane Cherry Trees have been badly damaged by residents' pruning attempts and may die. The County will undertake remedial work which must include further pruning.

The problem of refuse being spread about the village on

Wednesdays when the bin bags are put out is exacerbated by scavenging dogs, so your Councillors ask, 'Please keep your dogs at home, especially on Wednesdays'!

On the Planningfront there was great activity. Valley Homes' application to build a new house and garage at Holland House, Ivy Lane was dubbed 'an objectionable development' by David Winter, and the Council duly objected! The application to build a bungalow at Church House, Crown in the centre of the proposed conservation area was passed for as Sharon hancock said, 'there was no objection that could be made, which would hold water'. And on the same theme (holding water) the PC was most concerned at Shaun Neill's application to demolish outbuildings and the privy at Yew Trees, Mill Street. How would he manage in the meanwhile, they asked?

The Councillors were united in their condemnation of the imposition of School Transport charges, which has, of course, now been abandoned. LINDA RIDGLEY.

IN THE GARDEN

In March after a cold wet winter, it is hard to believe that anything will ever grow again. In April we can see that it will.

Start with the little and often sowing of lettuce, radish and Spring Onions.

Sow Broad Beans, early Peas, Beetroot, Turnips, Parsnips and Potatoes.

French Beans must be sown under cloches.

Runner Beans, Sweet Corn, Melons, Marrows and Courgettes to be started in a heated greenhouse.

Shallots and Onion Sets can now be planted out.

W.F. LINES.

HARBURY HORTICURAL SOCIETY

The Wight School was crowded on March 4th for the A.G.M. of the Society followed by an interesting talk on Plant Propagation by Mr. Harry Wragg of Warwick District Council.

The next meeting on April 1st at 8 pm will hear an illustrated talk by Mr. Charles Lines M.B.E. on "Gardens of the National Trust".

Unfortunately the date of the Flower Show has had to be changed and it is now September 13th. TONY BRUNTON.

Fred Sprawson is the last of a long line of Sprawsons who have lived in Harbury for centuries. Indeed, Fred himself has lived here for the best part of a century!

Born in 1902, in a little cottage (now demolished) in South Parade, he served in the Royal Artillery during the First World War and in the Home Guard in the Second. He married Hannah Hoxford of Temple End in 1920, when their first home was a small rented cottage at Childyke. He well remembers the severe winters of the 1930's when those cottages were snow-bound for days and he tells the tale of being wished "Good Evening" by what he swear's was the Miller's ghost, as he walked down Mill Lane late one night on his way home, as he admits, from the old Fox Inn.



Fred and Hannah had three sons, Harry, Joe and William, and a single daughter, Mary. Harry was killed in the Normandy landings and Bill was unfortunately knocked down by a tram in a Warwick pub in 1947. Mary married Sydney Alcock, Schoolmaster at Ladbrke and they later moved to Banbury.

Joe Sprawson followed his father into employment in the Cement Works where eventually Joe was promoted to Deputy Works Manager in 1951. When the works closed he was transferred to a southern quarry, but Fred remained in Harbury, having retired in 1967. Fred's greatest thrill was to have been photographed as one of the team that uncovered the ichthyosaur in the quarries in 1928; for a month or so, he says, they were all celebrities.

Both Fred and Hannah were active in village affairs, Fred being prime mover in the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, Harbury Branch, and Hannah a pillar and one time President of the Women's Institute. In his youth Fred took part in Pennyfarthing races round the village and won the leg of lamb from the greasy pole two years running at the village Fête. He was and still is

30. an enthusiastic gardener, at one time cultivating both his cottage garden and two allotments. Now he has given up all but a half plot, but still manages to grow more than enough vegetables for himself.

The family were rehoused in the late thirties into a council house in Pineham Avenue, where they spent many happy years, but on Hannah's death in 1971, Fred was moved into an old people's dwelling. Now that he is almost 78, Fred says that he doesn't get about as much as he used to, but he is out almost every day on his bicycle, he still cultivates his allotment and he plays a fair game of Crib at the Village Club.

Fred has seen many changes in Harbury in his time, some, he admits for the better, but he thinks it has altered so much that he feels he does not recognise the village and the villagers do not recognise him. Despite this his tall-stories are well-known in the Old New Inn, where he goes for the occasional pint, and, as he has threatened to enter this year's Bicycle Race (where he will undoubtedly be the oldest contestant) soon no-one will dare to deny his energetic existence.

AVRIL PREMIER. 1980

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Mrs. Ottewill,

Thank you and the Harbury School Parent/Teacher Association, most sincerely, for the £31.20 donation you made towards setting up a new Boys Town for tribal youngsters at Pannaikadu. Thanks to efforts in your area during the past six months, the target for purchasing an eleven acre site has been realised and we are now set to go ahead with the development.

Dr. and Mrs. Rees have been out here on holiday, recently and spent some of their time with us. It was a good occasion to formally inaugurate the Pannaikadu Boys Town. Unfortunately, I was not able to be present that day, but a stone was unveiled to commemorate the donors and the start of the project.

The ceremonies are now behind us and the hard work has now to be taken up on the site. Already two senior boys from this Boys Town are living at a village near Pannaikadu. Daily, with help from some tribal boys, they are beginning to clear the area and plant it up. Yesterday we sent up 60 guava

fruit tree seedlings which will join the 60 planted earlier to give us an acre of those fruit trees. Another sector is being planted with pineapples another with cardamon.

There is a tribal settlement of just ten families already living alongside the new site and we plan that their development along with that of the Boys Town will be taken up. We shall be able to offer medical facilities and employment and literacy aids right from the start.... and this should go a long way towards making them into a prosperous small community.

Thank you once again for your help. You have helped lay the base for a Boys Town of up to 80 boys and many a generation of youngsters will have reason to be grateful to you. On their behalf, a very real Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Joe Homan.

Dear Sirs,

I am a Roman Catholic with a daughter attending Harbury School and younger sons. I want to ensure that they receive a Catholic education and am prepared, with help, to start some form of "Sunday School".

I know of some parents who feel as I do and am sure there are others in the village who would also be interested. If anyone would like to telephone me (Harbury 613503) to discuss this further, I shall then be able to see if it would be worthwhile starting some kind of classes.

Jill Cadogan.

Harbury Theatre Group wishes to borrow the following for their production of 'Rebecca' on 17th, 18th & 19th April - a lady's black coat, men's suits (about 1930s vintage), tail suits, dinner suits and plus fours. If you can help, please contact Lin Hayes, Hessle Cottage, South Parade (613488).

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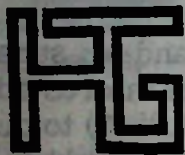
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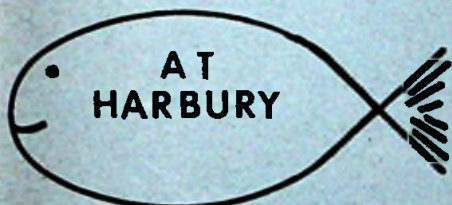
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