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Children from classes 7 & 8 were recently taken to the Wye Valley for a week during the Easter holidays. The children had a great time and were well looked after. We are truly fortunate to have a school staff willing to devote a considerable amount of their own time to our children.

The Church Spring Fair held on April 26th was a great success and proves yet again how generous Harbury people are.

Most people will be familiar with Joe Bamford's excellent drawings of parts of the village, although these post cards and maps have not been available for some time. However, Lindop's and Taylor's have had a new printing done and they will be available from both these establishments.

The Age Concern "Pop-In" Centre has now started on Friday afternoons in the Village Hall - see inside for details.

HARBURY DIARY

MAY 1980

Sun	4th	Fourth Sunday after Easter. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong PONY SHOW on Recreation Grounds. First Cricket Match of the season.
Mon	5th	May Day Bank Holiday.
Tues	6th	Horticultural Soc. talk at Wight School - Peter Turner on HERBS.
Wed	7th	Prayer Group, 8pm, 15 Wagstaffe Close. PTA First Aid and Artificial Respiration Demonstration, School, 8pm. Mothers Union, 2.30pm, <u>25 South Parade.</u>
Thurs	8th	Golden Age, 2.30pm, Village Hall
Fri	9th	Beetle Drive (in aid of Scout Funds), Scout Hut, 7 pm.
Sat	10th	Bayard Dancing Academy Examinations in V. Hall.
Sun	11th	Fifth Sunday after Easter. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong, 7.45pm, All Sorts, 19 Farm Street.
Tues	13th	Playing Fields Cttee, V. Hall. (Young Wives, 2pm Harbury Friends, 8pm, School. V. Hall.*
Thurs	15th	Bible Study, 8pm, 443 Tachbrook Rd., Whitnash. <u>Ascension Day.</u> 7am Holy Eucharist, 10.15am Holy Eucharist, 7.30pm Procession & Sung Eucharist, followed by Social Evening at the Crown.

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Thurs 15th Annual Parish Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

Fri 16th Youth Club Disco in Village Hall.

Sat 17th NSPCC Under 10's Party at Wight School, 3.30-5pm
Harbury Conservative Assoc. Jumble Sale, 10.30am,
V. Hall.

Sun 18th Sunday after Ascension. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am
Procession & Sung Eucharist, (Preacher Rev. John
Eardley), 6.30pm Youth Service (followed by coffee)
11.30 Start of Diocesan Children's Project Annual
Walk from Wight School.

2.30pm, Parents' Sunday Service, V. Hall.

Mon 19th Canon Churchill's Eucharist of Thanksgiving at
Wilmcote.

Harbury Labour Party General Meeting, 8pm at
19 Farm Street.

Tues 20th Tufty Club in Wight School, 2.30pm.

Senior Citizens Cttee, 8pm, V. Hall.

8pm, Prayer Group, The Flat, Harbury House.

Thurs 22nd Deanery Eucharist at Radford Semele.

Golden Age, 2.30pm, V. Hall.

Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm, V. Hall.

Fri 23rd SCHOOL FETE. School Breaks Up.

Harbury Dominoes Presentation Dance in V. Hall.

Sun 25th Whit Sunday Pentecost. 9am Family Communion
(followed by Parish Breakfast in V. Hall).

N.B. No 8am or 10am Services on this Sunday only.

6.30pm Evensong and Procession.

No meeting of All Sorts this week.

Mon 26th Spring Bank Holiday.

Tues 27th Village Hall Cttee, 8pm, V. Hall

No Bible Study or Prayer Group this week.

Sat 31st Jumble Sale in Village Hall.

JUNE

Sun 1st Trinity Sunday. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Proces-
sion & Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong & Procession
7.45pm All Sorts, Field House, The Pound.

Mon 2nd School begins.

Tues 3rd 8pm Bible Study, 16 Dovehouse Lane.

Thurs 5th W.I. 7.45pm, V. Hall, Film by Dr. McWhinney on
Houses & Gardens.

- Fri 6th Scouts AGM and Sherry Party, V. Hall, 7.45pm.
 Sat 7th NSPCC Chain of Pennies at Wight School.
 Rugby Club Barbecue with Steel Band and Disco at
 Rugby Club. Tickets £5 each (inc Food) from Sue
 Andrews, Harbury House.
 Sun 8th Sports Afternoon at Playing Fields.
 Mon 9th Carnival Bingo
 Novelty Race by Harbury Joggers.
 Tues 10th WI, 8pm, V. Hall, Cookery Dem. by Gas Board.
 All welcome.
 Wed 11th Youth Club Disco.
 Thurs 12th Golden Age, 2.30pm, V. Hall.
Positively the very last and final Harbury Society
 MYSTERY TOUR leaves post box, Church St, 7.30 to
 Sat 14th CARNIVAL DAY 8pm.
 Carnival Dance in Village Hall to Likely Lads.

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

~~SUNDAY AFTERNOON CLASS~~
 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 bewelcome
 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.
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

First, I feel that I must congratulate Mr. Nordon and the Windmill Singers on their rendering of Stainer's "Crucifixion" in Church on Good Friday evening. It was first rate. The collection was given to the Myton Hamlet Hospice Trust Appeal.

On Easter Day the Church was beautifully decorated, the services were full of the spirit of great joy, and there was a record number of communicants. I would like to express my thanks for your very generous Easter Offering - which was also a record.

Now we look forward to Ascension Day (Thursday May 15th. when there will be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. and a Procession and Sung Eucharist at 7.30 p.m. followed by supper at the "Crown".

On the following Sunday (May 18th) a group of young people of the Diocese of Coventry will be making Harbury the starting point and the finishing point of a walk they are doing. They will begin by attending our Parish Sung Eucharist at 10am and after the walk they will be having a special Youth Service in our Church at 6.30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

On Whitsunday (May 25th) there will be a Family Communion at 9 a.m. which for this Sunday will replace both the 8 a.m. and the 10 a.m. Eucharists and will be followed by a Parish Breakfast in the Village Hall.

Our Spring Fair has just taken place. The stalls were loaded with attractive goods, there was plenty of good entertainment and the Hall was packed with people. The amount of enthusiastic co-operation both from individuals and from the various organisations in Harbury on occasions like this is really marvellous.

Congratulations to Canon Churchill who will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood on Monday 19th May.

Canon Churchill invites friends from Harbury to join him in a solemn Eucharist of Thanksgiving at 7.30 p.m. in St. Andrew's, Wilmcote, where for so long he was Vicar, and in a reception afterwards. Anyone who would like a lift in one of the cars that are going should ask.

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

HOLY BAPTISM

April 6th - Mark John Avery, Eastbury House, Hall Lane.
Nicola Dawn Boote, 4 Binswood End.

April 20th - Richard Andrew Roberts, 38 Temple End.

April 27th - Mark Anthony Jones, 90 Linley Rd., Southam.
(by permission of the Rector of Southam).

From the Churchwardens

We owe a great debt of gratitude to all those who shared in the very successful Spring Fair. The magnificent result of £500 shows how wonderfully it was supported. We do thank all those who helped in any way.

May is a month packed with Church and Village activity. We invite all those who helped at, or attended the Spring Fair to make a special effort to share in at least one of the Services during the month. You will be made most welcome. Sunday 18th May is a real day for young people. At the 10 o'clock Communion we shall welcome young people from all over the Diocese as well, of course as our own congregation of all ages. The preacher will be the Rev. John Eardley, the Diocesan Adviser on Children's work. After coffee the annual diocesan sponsored walk in aid of the Children's Holiday Project will start from the Wight School. Offers of help with marshalling and cars would be appreciated.

In the evening of the same day, the Service at 6.30 p.m. will be designed by and for young people. All the youth organisations will be receiving invitations to participate.

In Harbury Church we are great believers in eating together! There are two opportunities for this during May. On Ascension Day, Thursday 15th May, we have an evening Communion Service at 7.30 which is followed by a supper and social evening at the Crown. On Whit Sunday, 25th May, we join together for the 9 am Family Communion followed by Breakfast in the Village Hall. We do warmly invite all to join us. It would be lovely to see the Church and Village Hall as full for the Service and breakfast as the Hall was for the Spring Fair! Yes, we really mean it. Do come.

V.C.A.

All Sorts' Visit to Whitechapel Mission, East London.

As you may know, the 'All Sorts' have recently been collecting old clothes for London's destitutes. We decided to go and see how our efforts were being put to use. We borrowed a minibus on two successive Wednesdays during the Easter holidays and in two groups of twelve, we set off on our intrepid journey to East London. The first group, on April 9th, were led by George Aldehouse, and the second by Viv Agett. Our experiences proved to be very similar arriving at Whitechapel at about 4.30 p.m. We were shown the appalling conditions in which the men and women sleep, in derelict buildings and under bridges. We were then shown round the Mission itself by Bob, the dedicated organiser. They have a small sick bay where the sick can stay, provided they shower and shave every day. They also have their own small church. Every evening, at about 5.15 p.m. they open the doors to London's down and outs. The numbers vary from about fifty when we were there, to 150 on a Sunday. They have a short service and then are provided with as much hot food, tea and bread as they want and every Thursday morning can be reclothed if necessary.

We found the men and women to be real characters and very friendly. However, this liveliness is marred by the fact that they fall to the bottle or drugs, but as they cannot afford recognised spirits, they drink meths, turps and surgical spirit.

Bob is helped by Graham who, while in Dartmoor prison for armed robbery, "Saw the light" and now enthusiastically helps wherever he is needed, which includes being a barber. They are planning a trip to Brighton and are hoping to take most of the destitutes, where they will be given roast turkey and a cream tea.

It was eye-opening day, greatly enjoyed by the members of both groups. Despite all our efforts Whitechapel is still desperately short of MEN'S clothes. Can you help?

H. H. and R. H.

Crusaders

After much prayerful thought, the Crusader Leaders feel that the time has come for the village class to cease its affiliation with the Crusaders' Union, the national body, and to become more completely a village organisation with its

affiliation to the local church. Children of all denominations (or none) will continue to be welcome and the class will continue in the same place, at the same time and with the same sort of teaching and activities.

A letter has gone out to all parents informing them of the change. Suggestions for a new name and badge design will be welcomed.

On Sunday May 18th we will be having Parent's Sunday, when we shall be showing a Hoppity Dog cartoon, based on the parables. Everyone will be welcome to this special afternoon meeting which starts at 2.30 p.m.

SPRING FAIR

The All Saints Church Spring Fair held on Saturday April 26th, attracted a large number of supporters for this, the major fund raising event of the year.

The Fair featured all the usual popular stalls - cakes, tombola, white elephant, etc. plus a disco and even (sign of the times), a computer game.

Our grateful thanks go to the very many people who organised and helped at the stalls and all those who so generously gave produce, tins, prizes and so on, which provided such an abundant variety for supporters to buy or win.

Those who won the raffle prizes were: Dr. Hancock (£5 Co-op Voucher), Mrs. Lee, Manor Orchard (Blanket), Mrs. Overton Pineham Ave. (Wine), Mrs. Adams, Farm Street (Chocolates), Mrs. Revitt, Frances Road (Wine) and Mr. Walters, Leamington (stationery).

The Fair raised some £500 in total - a much needed boost to Church funds - thank you to all who came along.

JBM.

Spring Fair Competition

As there were several all-correct entries, the tie-breaker was used and the winner on the clue was Norma Haines of 37 South Parade whose clue was "Selling point for a guard dog" to which the answer is BERKESWELL. Runner up was Alan Barr of 3 Honiwell Close. His clue was "Kitchen Gadget? Cheers!" to which the answer is Towcester. Congratulations to the winners and to all those who had all-correct entries and thanks to those who bought forms and entered. The answers are displayed on the noticeboard in Church.

LADBROKE NEWSServices etc. for May and early June

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

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

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

Wednesday 14th May. 3 pm Women's Fellowship in V. Hall.

Thursday 15th May. Ascension Day. 7.30 pm Holy Communion.

Sunday 18th May. Sunday after Ascension. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11 am Matins, 3.0 pm Holy Baptism.

Thursday 22nd May. Deanery Eucharist at Radford Semele.

Sunday 25th May. Whitsunday. 8.30 am Holy Communion,
11 am Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon,
NO EVENSONG.

Sunday 1st June. Trinity Sunday. 8.30 am Holy Communion
11 am Matins or Family Service.

Thursday 5th June. Corpus Christi.

Sunday 8th June. Trinity I. (in octave of Corpus Christi)
11 am Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon
6.30 pm Evensong.

Altar Flowers: May 4 Mrs. Badman; May 11 Miss Junod;
May 18 Mrs. Sheasby; May 25 & June 1 Mrs. Emus;
June 8 Mrs. Webster.

Women's Fellowship: We were glad to welcome Mr. Gary Lawson at our last meeting. The members present very much enjoyed his informative talk about the preparations undertaken by candidates before entering Holy Orders.

Our next meeting will again be held in the Village Hall (on May 14th at 3.0 pm when the speaker will be Nurse Kohler)

C.H.

The Myton Hamlet Hospice. As some of you know, the Bishop of Coventry is a keen supporter of the proposal to equip a Hospice at Warwick for the terminally ill. One of our Harbury friends ran a coffee morning in aid of funds last month and had some help from Ladbroke.....but I wonder if someone in Ladbroke would be prepared to undertake something similar in our own village. Incidentally, in case you had not heard, all the collections at the Deanery Lenten Services were given to the Hospice Fund.

G.R.F.

Some people pricked up their ears on Sunday 20th April when the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer asked us to intercede for 'Church Cleaners and Flower Arrangers'. A timely reminder not only of our duty to pray for all our fellow church workers but also of the need to express our sincere thanks for all that these particular 'behind the scenes' workers contribute to our worship. Again and again I hear from visitors "This church is well cared for"... .. and it is! Thank you, cleaners and flower arrangers and donors.

G. R. F.

Prayers for the sick: Sunday by Sunday at the Eucharist we pray for the sick.... some of them members of our own parish and acquaintance, some friends and acquaintances of mine or of other people in the parish. How do we pray for them during the week? Of those known to us we can make a mental picture as we lift them up to the Lord: for the others perhaps we say an 'Our Father' or some short prayer on behalf of that person by name. But the important thing is that we remember day by day those sufferers who are one with us in Christ and seek His mercy on them.

Remember then..... Edward John Hudson, Howard Sutton, Lawrence Brazel. Remember too the bereaved: the relatives of Jack Williams; Harold Butler; the wife of Fred Humphries.

G. R. F.

W.I. News. At the meeting in April our speaker was Miss Sarah Bowket who gave her talk the title "Life begins at Sixty". After taking an early retirement Miss Bowket worked for voluntary organisations in India and Africa and she illustrated her chat with slides of the people and places in these countries. Members were most interested and found the evening very entertaining.

Our delegate to the A.G.M. is Mrs. Margery Vaughan.

The Southam Group meeting will be held in the school, Long Itchington on June 19th. There will be a Fashion Show by Walter Hibberd (tickets 50p).

The competition of 'A Decorated Egg' was won by Mrs. Vaughan, and the raffle was won by Mrs. M. Fell.

Next meeting May 22nd - Resolutions - Plus a short talk by Mrs. Betty Winkfield on her sojourn at Denman College.
Competition - A piece of old or antique silver.

Our thanks to all those who contributed and helped with our

very successful Jumble Sale in Southam on April 26th. Your efforts have been well rewarded and over £100 was made.

An advance notice about the W.I. meeting on 26th June. Just to remind you that we are going on a trip to Lighthorne Herbs that evening and if you are interested in going please will you let us know in good time or you may be disappointed.

I. B.

Village Hall: The grand opening night of the village hall will be on May 30th and will see the culmination of much hard work by members of the Village Hall Committee over the last eighteen months.

The Committee would like to say thank you to all villagers who have helped so far and give a gentle reminder that there is still plenty of work left; any volunteers please contact Dave Wilson or Pete Williamson.

Tickets for the grand opening night are £1.50 all seats, and will be on sale from May 1st from committee members. The show, which features Reg Dixon supported by various (and surprising) performances from other Ladbrokeians, begins at 7.30 p.m.

G.T.

HARBURY SCHOOL TRIP TO THE WYE VALLEY

On Friday 11th April, Mr. & Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Buck and Mrs. Wallington took most of Class 8 and some of Class 7 to the Wye Valley. We stayed at the Priory Youth Guest House, Llandogo. The boys slept in an adjoining cottage and the girls in the main house. We stayed there for a week and went for lots of walks and visited many different places. We all kept diaries of our visit.

The weather was good the whole week. It rained on Sunday the 13th but it didn't matter because we were underground at Clearwell where we went down an ancient Iron Mine.

Some of us enjoyed most the visit to St. Fagan's the Welsh Folk Museum in Cardiff.

One day we walked to Tintern Abbey and back which was a very long walk, and we were all exhausted when we went to bed.

Another day we walked to Whitebrook and met Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. King who had driven down to visit us.

We had an exciting torchlight walk through Cuckoo woods, and on the last night a barbecue.

Every morning we had to tidy our rooms, and Mr. Chapman gave our rooms marks.

At the end of the week he announced that the boys in Room 5 had the most and they got a puzzle book each. They were Philip Riman, Simon Clifford, Tony Bastin, Martin Dufresne, Nicholas Menges and Edward Russell.

On Friday 18th April we travelled back to Harbury after a super holiday.

ANNA CATT, TRACY GULLIVER and SIMON CLIFFORD (Class 8).

RUGBY

Harbury School Mini Rugby Team ended a successful season by winning the Bourne Challenge Shield in the Central Warwickshire J 12 Mini Rugby Festival held at L. R. F. C. Moorefields on 31st March.

In appalling weather conditions which made the handling of a ball very difficult Harbury qualified for the final by beating Lillington 18-6, Telford 12-0 and Milverton 18-0. In a hard fought final Harbury overcame Priorsfield, Kenilworth by 12 pts. to 6 pts.



The team and try scorers were:- Robert Parker (2 tries),

Stephen Hancock, Stephen Luke, Craig Simpson (3 tries), Adrian Thomas, Mark Lee (capt) (3 tries), Edward Wood, Stephen Padbury (2 tries), David Andrews, Res.... Chris Warden and Chris Millington.

WARWICKSHIRE SCHOOLS' EDUCATIONAL CRUISE

56 of us left Southam at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday 22nd March. $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours had been allowed for the coach journey to Gatwick in case a coach broke down; luckily that didn't happen to us. We left Gatwick on a Laker Airways DC10 and arrived in Venice at 7 pm and went straight to the P. & O. liner "Uganda", where we joined the remainder of the 900 children from Warwickshire. The next day we looked round Venice; it rained. In the evening the cruise started properly; we sailed down the Adriatic to Athens and Istanbul.

There were daily lessons and talks about the places we were going to see, we had to keep log books, but the ship did have places for games and a swimming pool.

In Istanbul the markets were very interesting, especially when we found we had to bargain and then found out they preferred English money. The teachers wouldn't let us go out by ourselves in Istanbul. The ship then took us to Izmir in Turkey where we had an overland trip and saw a whole street of people making and selling lace. After Izmir we went to Rhodes and then to Alexandria where we got up at 2.0 a.m. for a coach ride to Cairo and the Pyramids. The Pyramids and the Sphinx were a little dilapidated but they were very big and the sky was very blue.

After Alexandria the ship took us back to Athens where we went ashore and saw the Parthenon. From Athens we came home on a Boeing 707. It was 3.30 a.m. when we got to Southam.

We had had two weeks away. The teachers were very helpful; I hope they enjoyed a restful holiday afterwards.

ROWENA METTRICK.

MUSIC EXAM RESULTS

At the Easter session of music exams the results were:-
Practical - Grade 1: Karen Hoare (merit), Richard Buckler.
 Grade 4: Helen Keir, Caron Lucas.

Theory (Max 99) Grade 1 - Georgina Ball - 92 marks.
 They are all pupils of M. Jill Coope, 38 Sutcliffe Drive.

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SCOUTS



On 6th June a sherry party will be held to launch a programme of fund-raising for the extension to the Scout, Cub and Guide headquarters. Parents and supporters of the Scout and Guide movement are asked to reserve this date.

The Scout Group AGM will be incorporated into the party which will commence at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Mike Bloxham's photo shows cubs hard at work on their shoe-shine stand - one of the many activities undertaken by Scouts and Cubs during Scout Job Week.

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

The football season is drawing to a close, as tennis racquets and cricket bats emerge on to the scene at the playing fields, and only one league game remains for the first team on 30th April v Cubbington. The Reserves have played two games this month, v. Central Hospital (won 3-1, scorers I. Lowe, N. Humphreys and A. Young), and v Khalsa - the acknowledged 'strong men' of the Division - (lost 6-1, scorer Colin Sheasby). The most significant statement of the month on the approach to the game by Harbury Albion must surely come from a

REFEREE, who sent a letter to the local Football League organiser. He praised the sportsmanlike conduct of the two teams, and the fairness and neutrality of our two club linesmen during a game against Milton.

Harbury Albion, whose members do enjoy their football, arranged a friendly match on 27th April between 1st team and the reserves, which was won by the 1st team 3-1. Scorers for the 1st team were K. Bloxham 1 and M Perry 2, and for the Reserves C. Ingram 1. Three of the younger Club members deserve a mention for the footballing prowess they displayed in this game - David Bishop, Stephen Bell and Ian Lowe. A further friendly match is being arranged for 11th May with the Kingfisher Club of Bingley, Yorks, with whom former Harbury player Martin Rust ('Rusty') has connections.

At the recent Spring Fair, the Club made £12.50 profit for Church funds with their contributions of the Club Tote and Lucky Team Competition. The tote prize of £10 was won by Phil Williamson of Ladbroke, and the team drawn for the jar of chocolate footballs was Everton (No. 28). Any relevance between the winning team and the blue ribbon on the jar was purely co-incidental, and much rued by Club members who have positive allegiance to other Northern Clubs! The prize is available from New Stone House, 612305, if the holder of ticket no. 28 will get in touch. C.F.

HARBURY RUGBY CLUB - A TALL STORY

The Club is considering adding a few more inches to their posts. According to the Guinness Book of Records, the highest posts in Britain are at Edinburgh RFC - these are 52ft. tall. Our posts are 52ft. at the Clubhouse end, but as they could only dig down 3ft. the ones at the other end are 53ft. - certainly the highest in England. Add a few more inches and Mr. McWhirter will be amending the records once more!

HARBURY MINI RUGBY

End of season trophies (donated by John Knowles Office Services, Banbury) were presented by the Club Chairman, Graham Shurvinton, to the following players:-

Most Improved Player (1979/80 Season)

Under 8 - John Winchester Under 9 - Lee Abraham
Under 10 - Guy Pattinson Under 11 - Stephen Padbury
Under 12 - Ian Pullar

Outstanding Player of the Season

Under 8 - Dylan Adams Under 9 - Martin Padbury
Under 10 - Chris Gaggero Under 11 - David Andrews
Under 12 - Mark Lee

A strong Mini section has now been established at Harbury with 5 teams between the ages of 8 and 12.

Next season will see 15-a-side rugby football for the 12 and 13 year olds and anyone who wishes to join at these age groups should contact either Neville Lee (612566) or David Andrews (612528).

YOUNG WIVES

The April meeting was a well attended 'open' one, at which we had an entertaining demonstration by Bamix Foods. We were shown how to make various dishes using their whisk and other attachments, the audience being able to enjoy the results afterwards.

Because of the school half term, the next meeting will be 2 weeks earlier than usual - on May 13th at 2 p.m. M.H.C.

RECREATION GROUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Due to infirmity, indolence, general debilitation, and one or two better reasons, there are a number of vacancies on this committee.

Volunteers are asked, nay begged, to attend the Parish Council A.G.M. and make their presence known.

Fringe benefits include:-

1. Monthly meetings.
2. Work Parties, with congenial folk, and the possibility of having your picture printed in this august magazine - but only if you turn up on time.
3. Biennial knees up with the Chairman.

Duties include:

1. Raising money for facilities on Recreation Ground.
2. Advising Village Hall Committee on how such monies be spent.

KCH (Hon Sec.)

YOUTH CLUB

Regrettably our Sunday in London did not take place due to a lack of enthusiasm for sightseeing.

However, a small group of seniors will be going on a shopping expedition at Whit; so those wanting to go should see me.

This month we have a skating trip to Solihull. The cost is £1.20 now (the previous 2 trips were subsidised by the club). Places are limited to 50 so please pay soon for Tuesday May 20th.

We have a disco on Wed. 21st from 8 - 10 pm.

Also a disco on Friday 16th from 8 - 10.30pm. This will be for Youth Club members and accompanied friends only.

J.T.T.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. 12 - 17 MAY

Good news! Last year's collection of £160 was a record for Harbury. Thank you very much all who contributed distributed and collected. It's an especially remarkable record as Christian Aid Week comes after two other important collections; your generosity is very much appreciated. Please help us top last year's collection.

The money you give this year will be used to provide food and education for the itinerant cotton workers in Bolivia. These people are extremely ill-paid and the children have little or no schooling. Education would give them a better chance to find stable work than their parents ever had. Food is always necessary; no one can work or study adequately if undernourished.

Christian Aid helps in countries where there is no social security and where people's only hope of living is through the development of self-help programmes.

Without your generosity these people cannot begin to help themselves. Collectors will be coming to your homes as usual.

HARBURY CARNIVAL '80

By the time you read this report, Harbury will have chosen the Carnival Queen for the year - picture and report in the June issue of Harbury News and the local press.

Now it's appeal time:-

It's still not too late to offer to run a stall at the Carniva

Offers please to Denis Andrew (612301) or Midge Keen (612561).

Please turn out your attics for the Steptoe stall. 'Steptoe' and the Cart will be out collecting just before the Carnival.

Help is needed in the Village Hall kitchen on Carnival Day. If you could spare an hour in the morning or afternoon to help with the teas, please contact Jean Cox (612693).

Members of the Carnival Committee will be out and about soon, selling Carnival pens, programmes and Dance Tickets - your support please!

The Carnival Programme gives full details of Harbury Week events, and the Carnival Day programme. This year, there will be 5 lucky programme prizes of £5 each.

Carnival Day Events

We are pleased this year to welcome two new Bands to lead the procession, the Banbury Caledonian Pipe Band, and the Willenhall Church Lads and Girl Guides Corps of Drums. The procession will start a little earlier this year, at 1.15 p.m. This means that all floats will have to be in position earlier than in previous years by 12.15 p.m., ready for judging. The Fete opens at 2 p.m. The afternoon's programme features performances from the two bands, Display of Traction Engines, Fancy Dress competition, Clay Pigeon Shoot, Children's Pet Show, Punch and Judy, Mini Rugby Exhibition Match, Display by the Harbury Jubilee Motor Cycle Club and Tug of War competitions. We are extremely grateful to Pete Lambert for organising the Tug of War competition at two weights, and a local Novices competition for the Harbury Trophy.

For those not too weary, the Dance starts at 8.30 pm in the Village Hall, featuring 'The Likely Lads'. A supper is included in the price, £2 per ticket.

Thank you. CARNIVAL COMMITTEE.

HARBURY SOCIETY

As I'm sure everyone has now heard, our March talk by Mr. James Pickering on Aerial Archaeology was an outstanding success.

The meeting was well attended and the audience was treated to literally hundreds of slides illustrating Mr. Pickering's researches over the last 25 years. His major contribution to archaeology would seem to be the evidence he has provided

that settlement was far more widespread and the land far less densely wooded than was believed possible.

By far the most interesting slide however was one showing the remains of the Chesterton Mansion, floor plan, out buildings and walled garden in exceptional detail.

At the AGM the Chairman and Secretary, Tim Millington and Linda Ridgley, were re-elected. John Lapraik volunteered to be Treasurer and Neil Armstrong was elected Vice-Chairman. The following were elected to the Committee:- Pat Taylor, Dorothy Noden, George Kelsall, John Barnes, Rhian Kelsall, Ron Shelley, Dave Rolf, Pam Sperling, Jock Stobo, Estelle Picken, Chris Finch, David Winter, Eileen Barnes and Bill Washington.

There was considerable discussion about what could be done to replace the Village Pump and it was suggested that members might like to contribute towards the cost of replacement. The Committee is at present investigating the costs involved and I will give more details next month.

Finally, my perennial plea - Do make a supreme effort to tidy the Village for the Best Kept Village Competition. We came second in the county last year - the best we have ever done, though whether we are improving or the opposition is getting worse is difficult to say!

A little more effort and we can WIN! Be public spirited, mow the verge as well as your front lawn; take your dog out of the village to relieve itself; take your litter home and tell yourself Harbury is a pleasant place to live in and soon the rest of the County will acknowledge it as fact.

P.S. Two more of my perennials:- The Guide is nearly finished and the Very Last and Third FINAL MYSTERY TOUR leaves the Post Box in Church Street on Thursday 12 June at 7.30pm, (more details of this next month).

LINDA RIDGLEY.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

In her report to the AGM, Beryl Checkley, retiring Chairman, described a successful year with some fine productions, notably our first pantomime, and a lot of stage improvements, including the new curtains, sound systems and stage apron. She was pleased, as producer, to report the success of "Rebecca". The cast had received many congratulations,

but the back-stage staff were vital too, and she thanked all 19. of them, especially the youngstage crew, Helen Stubbs, Sarah Walters and Piers Mettrick.

Thanks were expressed to the retiring officers - Beryl, Tony Knight, Carol Percival and Keith Hayes - and the new officers were elected unopposed; Jim Haines, Chairman; Diana Holt, Vice-chairman; Anne Megeney, Secretary; and Robert Waterman, Treasurer. The Vicar has kindly accepted the Presidency of the Society once again. We look forward to a good year with this fine team.

Our programme is planned well ahead-and our next production on July 10, 11 and 12 will be a Francis Durbridge thriller, "Suddenly at Home" - not so much a "Who-dun-it?" as a "will-he-get-away-with-it?"

The Youth Workshop organised by Nick Watson has a staggering membership of 53; they are staging a mime pantomime at Christmas, when existing members will have priority in casting.

J.N.S.

"REBECCA"



'Rebecca', a romantic thriller, tells of an unpretentious young bride's first horrendous weeks at Manderley, an estate on the Cornish coast. A naive unwordly girl, well portrayed

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by Diana Holt, is in awe of the servants, especially the sinister Mrs. Danvers; she is patronised by her in-laws and overshadowed by the reputedly perfect Rebecca, Maxim de Winter's first wife who was mysteriously drowned.

Diana Holt showed all the increasing nervousness, anxiety and insecurity of the bride as, on one awful day, she is first tricked by the spiteful Mrs. Danvers into impersonating Rebecca and then discovers her husband stands in peril of being revealed as the murderer of his evil and unfaithful first wife.

Jim Haines succeeded in the most difficult task of playing Maxim de Winter plagued by fears of exposure but himself playing the part of the unjustly accused. The tension was wonderfully maintained throughout the twists and turns of the plot.

There was an exciting first appearance by Nick Watson as Jack Favell, the cad, who gave a very assured performance and excellent support especially from Trevor Grundy as Frank Crawley the estate manager 'a jolly good chap'; John Stringer as the smooth Chief Constable, Colonel Julyan; Keith Hayes as the haughty, stately stepping butler, Frith, and Annette Hughes and Steve Checkley as the Laceys, but the undoubted star of the show was Jill Tucker as the devilish Mrs. Danvers. Her appearance was ominous, her delivery menacing, slow and malevolent - a thoroughly nasty piece of work.

The whole cast gave a performance which kept a very mixed audience enthralled for nearly three hours and although it is boring to be always praising, there was little to criticise, except perhaps those doors! While the set as a whole was good, the fire lifelike, the beaded lampshades beautifully period, the main doors were obviously temperamental and the whole cast treated them with great respect. It added an unwanted tension to every entrance and exit! However, minor irritants apart, 'Rebecca' was another outstanding success for the Theatre Group, well acted, well staged and with excellent lighting and sound effects.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

P.S. from the Theatre Group: Thank you for your kind words Linda; it's obvious you came on the first night - by the second night the paint on the doors was DRY.!!

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SENIOR CITIZENS BENEFIT ASSOCIATION



Graham Shurvinton, Chairman of Harbury Rugby Club, opened the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association's collecting bottle at the Shakespeare Inn on Thursday 24th April. The amount collected was £76.80.

GOLDEN AGE

Two very enjoyable events this month - our Birthday Party, and the afternoon provided for us by Southam Lions. Mrs. Farley gave a lovely cake for our party, Mrs. Enefer did beautiful flower arrangements, and Mrs. Jones played the piano for us. The Lions really did us proud, and we are most grateful to them for the wonderful tea and entertainment they gave us.

L.K.

HARBURY W.I.

Included in April's meeting were congratulations to Mrs. Zonik and the W.I. Drama Group in winning an award in the Warwickshire area of the All England Drama Festival and to Mr. & Mrs. Savage on their recent Golden Wedding Anniversary. Due to voting at the Village Hall, next month's meeting will be at the Rugby Club.

Mr. Barby, Head of Fine Arts Dept. at Locke and England,

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spoke on antiques. He brought items of furniture, musical boxes, tea caddies, pottery, porcelain and samplers and pointed out the fine craftsmanship of the items and the attention to detail. Members brought along their own treasures and were very interested in Mr. Barby's interesting comments and answers to many questions.

A very popular subject - to be recommended to other societies.

JEANNE BEAUMONT.

W.I. Drama Group

"Roundabouts and Swings" for the W.I. drama group. After being shortlisted, we have not been chosen for the Regional Finals (where we are assured that not necessarily the best teams will appear, but those whose entries best balance the programme!!)

However, last month we entered our play "Out of Our Yesterdays" into the 1st round of the All England Theatre Festival at the Talisman Theatre, Kenilworth, and to our satisfaction won the Cup for the Best All Women Team.

If we hadn't previously opted out we should be going forward to the next round at Loughborough. We don't know whether we are glad or sorry!

POP-IN CENTRE

This new venture for Senior Citizens is getting under way on Friday May 2nd. The Centre will be open every Friday from 1.30 to 3.30 at the Village Hall - so why not 'pop-in' for a chat and a cup of tea. There is no charge and anyone who needs transport should contact Jenny Newman, 11 Manor Orchard, Tel. 612839.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

"Dogs in Harbury can't read, and nor can their owners!" declared Iory Davies at the March meeting.

The perennial problem of dogs being allowed to foul the footpaths and greens was being discussed and Neville Ellis had reminded colleagues that Radford erected signs prohibiting such anti-social behaviour.

The Old New Inn Green suffered particularly and the Green keeper (Tony Ceney) had had the most unpleasant surprise when mowing it for the first time this season (with his new mower). Mike Ellis said that maintaining the mower

after it had been used on the Green was a 'foul stinking job' and the Councillors wholeheartedly condemned villagers who were too lazy to take their pets out of the village for their exercise. The conscientious majority of dog owners were damned by the actions of the inconsiderate few, Sharon Hancock pointed out.

David Winter thought that the nuisance would not abate until the Council had prosecuted someone - however distasteful this course of action was, and 'Dogs' was added as an item for the Agenda of the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 15th May, 7.30.

Best Kept Village Competition: Councillors were no doubt spurred on by the proximity of the judging in the Best Kept Village Competition. Bruce Hannay proposed a Sub-Committee to report back on areas needing attention and this suggestion was lauded by Mike Ellis. Some items had already been attended to:- The Parish Council was most impressed with the repairs to the Old New Inn Green wall and thanked the landowner for his prompt action: the Rose Garden was to be pruned and tidied: Pound Green was reported to be recovering well from last year's damage and the Old New Inn Green seat was to be repaired although suitable materials were hard to obtain. Sharon Hancock grumbled that 'Vandal-proof means that when it's broken it's harder to repair' but David Winter defended the latest all steel seats, they were very good and had not been damaged. 'Mind you', he said, 'no-one sits on them, in winter it's too cold and in summer, too hot!' Mike Ellis thought it was time the Parish Council pressed the County to cut back the bank and set stones into the verge at the Hall Lane corner as Bollards had not been any use.

Deppers: Mrs. Catterall reported that Deppers residents would "get up a petition" for a lay-by at the telephone box in Deppers. There had been two serious accidents there. The Councillors sympathised with her and had done their best to persuade the authorities that a lay-by was necessary, but to no avail. Mrs. Catterall felt aggrieved that the Parish Council had only promised £80 for play equipment in Deppers when Harbury was spending £749, but Mike Ellis explained that it was not Parish Council money from rates but cash raised by the Recreation Grounds Committee and that this Committee had also offered Deppers £80. Mrs. Catterall

did not think that £160 would buy anything for the Playing Field but Bruce Hannay assured her that a good set of two swings could be obtained for £140. 'We don't mind having a couple of swings' said Mrs. Catterall (graciously!).

Harbury Playing Fields Committee reported that the trees round the car park had been planted and that a Tennis Club had been formed and would have the use of the Courts four times a week. It was decided that a Fair would not be permitted to use the fields but the Pony Show would take place there on May 4th and the Carnival on 14th June. The new play equipment had been erected. It was solely for the use of the UNDER FIVES and Bruce Hannay pleaded for publicity of this fact and also that everyone was made aware the Sputnik was supposed to be 5° out of true! The Playing Fields Cttee was able to reassure Mike Ellis, who was concerned about Public Liability Insurance, that the equipment was inspected at least once a week by suitable qualified members of the Cttee.

Most of the Planning Applications and approvals were of minor note but the Council was most perturbed that Stratford had recommended for Approval the application to build a new house and garage at Holland House and had recommended for rejection the application to build a bungalow in the grounds of Church House. This was exactly the opposite of the Parish Council's recommendations and they demanded a site meeting for both these plots.

Midland Red had made most of the changes which the Parish Council had suggested to the proposed new timetable. School buses would be timed to connect in Leamington; Hospital visitors would be able to reach the Warneford and Warwick Hospitals and the route of the 555 would be changed, but there had been no information on the promised Cheap Day Returns and newspaper reports suggested that Midland Red fares were to rise. Bruce Hannay said "We're running up the down escalator."

Next Meeting Thursday 22 May, 7.30pm, Farley Room, V. Hall
LINDA RIDGLEY.

WHAT'S ON

If you like the popular music of the thirties and forties, then there are a couple of treats in store for you at the Spa Centre this month. On Sunday May 18th there is a concert by

the Syd Lawrence Orchestra who recreate the Glenn Miller Sound, and on May 30th, a visit from the Pasadena Roof Orchestra. If country music is more your scene, the Hillsiders perform on May 10th.

The Coventry Theatre seems to be catering for the young in May. All the stars of 'Tiswas' are in a live show on Sunday May 11th - half price for the under 14s. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs is on from 28th to 31st May inclusive.

Warwick University Arts Centre have the Ballet Rambert from 6th - 10th May. They are Britain's foremost modern Dance company.

The recent West End success 'Bodies' is showing from the 20th - 24th May. This play is beautifully written, and both funny and sad, and is well worth a visit. It is followed from June 3rd - 7th by another West End success, 'Whose Life is it Anyway?', a thought-provoking study of a man paralysed in a road accident, starring the well-known Simon Ward.

Booking: Spa Centre - 9/34418, Coventry Theatre 97/23141/2.

Arts Centre - 97/51226 or Gould's Bookshop, Warwick or L'ton.

M.S.H.

IN THE GARDEN

May is a busy month for sowing and planting out. The season is about 3 weeks late, consequently there is so much to do in a short time, and as the ground is dry and hard it is difficult to get a good seed bed, but with a little watering it is surprising how the ground settles down. Finish planting potatoes and then plant carrots, spinach, beetroot, peas, Broad Beans, turnips and swedes. Also plant out Brussels sprouts and early cauliflower. At the end of the month, plant Dwarf French Beans and Runner Beans, and sow under cloches ridge cucumbers and marrows for follow-on crops. Continue to sow lettuce, Spring onions, globe beetroot and radish. At the end of the month plant out sweetcorn and outdoor tomatoes in a sheltered part of the garden.

Should the weather keep dry, water raspberry canes, blackcurrants and goosberry plants. Transplant Alpine strawberries, keep hoeing between rows but not too near the roots of plants.

W.F. LINES.

HARBURY HORTICURAL SOCIETY

The society was entertained at the April meeting by Mr.

Charles Lines, who gave an interesting illustrated talk on 'Gardens of the National Trust', although this did stretch to similar gardens in Europe and the U.S.A.

The last indoor meeting of this season will be on May 6th at the Wight School at 8 p.m. when the speaker will be Mr. P.G. Turner of Lighthorne Herbs who hopefully will be bringing plants to sell. Also it is hoped that members will bring along any surplus plants, seedlings etc. which can be sold to benefit the Society.

A coach trip is being arranged for Saturday June 28 to Oxford, ostensibly to see the University Botanic Garden, but of course we will be able to go our own ways when there. The cost is £1.75 per person and the coach will leave Harbury at 9.00 am. Further details and bookings on Harbury 612191 or 33, South Parade.

TONY BRUNTON.

Dates for later: Harbury Walkabout - July 12, 2.00 - 7.00 pm.
Flower Show - September 13.

PROFILE - CANON G.R. FISHLEY



Canon Fishley was born in 1904 in Devon, but mainly brought up in Cornwall where his father was a station master on the South Western Railway. Not surprisingly when asked about his hobbies he admits to being something of a railway enthusiast!

His parents were practising Anglicans, and he had a conventional Christian upbringing but in adolescence he experienced doubts and declined to be confirmed.

He was educated at grammar school in Bodmin and from there went to the then University College of Exeter, where he read English and French. While in Exeter he re-discovered his Christian

faith and was confirmed. At this time he began to feel called to the priesthood, but in those different days there were no grants to see him through theological college. The urgent necessity was to find a job, no easy task in the unemployment ridden years after the First World War.

He found a post as a schoolmaster at the Royal Wolverhampton School, a boarding school where he lived in 'all found' at the princely salary of £90 per annum.

The school chaplain encouraged him in his desire to be ordained and he undertook a part time course of study. The school governors allowed him to spend two summer terms at the Wells Theological College and he was ordained Deacon in 1929 and Priest in 1930.

He became Chaplain of the Royal Wolverhampton School in 1929 and also continued to teach. In 1937 he became Headmaster of the newly opened Junior School and by the end of the school year he had proposed to and been accepted by Matron! They both resigned, married and began a new life in Lancashire.

He became Chaplain at the Winwick Mental Hospital, a large institution with 2,000 patients. He and his bride had a house in the grounds. In 1939, just before the outbreak of war their son John was born. Sadly soon afterwards his wife developed arthritis and was never again to enjoy good health.

The war saw part of the Winwick hospital taken over by the forces and Canon Fishley became a part time Forces Chaplain as well as his work with the mentally ill. In 1946 he and his wife felt like a change of scene, and they moved to Birmingham to another mental hospital, Highcroft Hall.

In 1950, he was given the opportunity to become Vicar of Hunningham with Wappenbury and Weston-under-Wetherley. This offered a complete change after 12 years work with the mentally ill. He spent a happy ten years there running three parishes doing at least one service in each church every Sunday, and as many as seven services in all on Festival Sundays.

Soon after his arrival in the Coventry Diocese he was asked to assist the Diocesan Director of Religious Education as an Inspector of church schools. His teaching experience was of course of great value and in 1957 he became Diocesan Director.

This job, combined with the running of three parishes, proved extremely taxing, so in 1960 he became Rector of

Ladbroke. He and his wife spent 16 happy years in the village, and he took a particular interest in the small church school, now sadly, closed. He retired as Director of Religious Education in 1971, and 'retired' as Rector of Ladbroke in 1976. However, until Harbury and Ladbroke parishes are combined under one Vicar he remains Priest-in-Charge, and is still known affectionately in the village as the 'Rector'.

He travels from his cosy bungalow in Kenilworth to take the services and whenever else he is needed.

The loss of his wife in 1978 was a great blow but he has great joy in his son John. John, who is a Cambridge science graduate, is now second master at Repton, and is married with two delightful small sons, John David and Simon Mark.

He says that when he is no longer needed at Ladbroke he will retire properly - he may even have the time at last to indulge his interest in trains. MSH.

LEYCESTER CLOSE COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS

April saw some very successful fund-raising events in Leycester Close:- On 10th April Hilda Stephens kindly held a Coffee Evening which was very well attended and through the Raffle & Bring & Buy raised the sum of £13.20.

On 16th April, Betty Knappe organised a very enjoyable Whist Drive which was attended by 16 people. The Prizes were kindly donated and were won by Mr. & Mrs. Mac Varish (1st Lady & 1st Gent) and Mr. & Mrs. Durrant (2nd Lady & 2nd Gent) - definitely not 'fixed' !! The amount raised was £7.20.

Frank Robbins organised a Games Tournament on 27th April, consisting of Darts, Cribbage, and Dominoes. Owing to wet weather, we had to move indoors and our thanks go to Mrs. Robbins, Mrs. Knappe and Mrs. Rowell for putting up with people tramping in and out all afternoon. Tournament winners were: Darts - Frank Robbins; Cribbage - Linda Reid; Dominoes - Philip Boote. Again the Raffle and Prizes were donated and a total of £18.20 was raised.

Our thanks go to everyone who supported these events and helped to raise a grand total of £38.60.

M. E. MacV.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Friends,

May I take this opportunity to thank all the people for their generosity to the self denial appeal for the Salvation Army. I would also like to thank them for their concern over my accident and apologise to those to whom I generally take the S/A papers, as my car was written off and at the moment I am without one. Thank you for the opportunity to use the columns of the Harbury News. God Bless you all for your efforts.

Yours sincerely,

Walter Marshall.

Dear Sirs,

I would like to thank all who gave so generously to the work of A.C.S. in the Lent boxes. Your donations amounted to £90 which is a wonderful result for which we are very grateful. The work of our Society is still needed and, although we have not got so many curates these days, the cost of training them, and paying them when they are ordained, goes up each year, so all that you can give is well spent. Every penny that you give is used for the work for which the Society exists, as ALL expenses are met from our investments and legacies. Thank you very much.

Yours faithfully,

Roy Churchill, Diocesan Secretary, A.C.S.

Dear Sirs,

I would like to thank all the kind people of Harbury, Ladbroke Priors Marston, Priors Hardwick, Wilmcote - and even so far afield as Torquay - who so generously supported the Coffee Morning for the Myton Hamlet Hospice appeal. Your wonderful response resulted in the splendid sum of £70 for this most worthy cause, and I feel sure many people in future years will be grateful to you for the comfort their stay will bring them.

My thanks to all the willing helpers, without whom this morning would not have been possible. Yours faithfully,

Esme Churchill.

Dear Sirs,

I write to thank you so much for publishing, and Miss Avril Premier for writing, the excellent profile of my dear father, Mr. Fred Sprawson, in the April number of your magazine.

I am immensely proud of my dear father. Although, as you

say, not all of the villagers recognise him, he is really extremely sociable, and is to be found most days knocking back pints in the Old New Inn, where he will be delighted to extend a warm welcome to any of your readers who like to treat him to one (or more).

He is also extremely active, particularly at playing a full part at the 'Old Tyme Dances' held in the Village Hall.

He is also the great gardening expert of Harbury, from whom all other gardeners derive whatever knowledge they have. There occur in your magazine the names of many gardening experts, but I can assure you that - had it not been for my father - none of these gentlemen would know the difference between a cucumber and a cauliflower!

I am looking forward to coming to Harbury for the famous Bicycle Event, and am confident that my father will carry off the First Prize. How proud of him I shall be!

I am also immensely proud of my dear husband, Syd. The high standard of behaviour of the residents of Ladbroke is widely recognised, and this high standard is the outcome of the canings, the floggings and the wallopings which my husband administered to them in school while he was Schoolmaster there. Indeed it was he who changed them from a village of savages to a village of people of such high standards that they were deemed worthy to be associated to the 'Harbury News'. As a reward for his success at Ladbroke, my husband was appointed to his present high position of Headmaster of the leading Girls' School in England - a finishing school for girls known as 'St. Trinian's Academy for Girls, Banbury'. Here he is doing a similar work, converting the wild wenches of Banbury into presentable young ladies, some of whom have already almost come up to the high standard of the young ladies of Harbury.

Finally, I would like to congratulate you on your excellent 'Harbury and Ladbroke News', which I regard as a Beacon of Truth shining in a land of lies and falsehood.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Alcock (nee Sprawson).

N. B. This subject is now closed, until next April 1st!

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