

# HARBURY AND LADBROKE NEWS

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As Autumn comes upon us, so the diary of events seems to become more and more full.

This weekend sees the annual P.C.C. Bonfire and Firework party - a firm favourite with the majority of village families.

The Remembrance Day Service followed by the procession to the War Memorial will be held on November 9th.

The Parish Breakfast is on 30th November. On this day there are no Services at 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. - instead both congregations meet for worship at 9 a.m., and then breakfast together in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to join in this act of fellowship.

Thank you for continuing to support Harbury & Ladbrooke News. Graham Gee, our Distribution Manager, tells us that the new subscriptions are well up to standard - the Magazine is delivered direct to around 90% of the homes in the two villages.



Harbury's Master Craftsman, Brian Woodward of Manor Orchard, at work on his latest commission - a replica of a statue which stands in the centre of Brussels, Belgium.

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- Tues 4th Senior Citizens Cttee, 8pm, V. Hall.  
Horticultural Society, 8pm, Wight School -  
Joe Elliott 'Alpine Gardening'.  
Prayer Group, 8pm, 15 Wagstaffe Close.
- Wed 5th M. U., 2.30pm, Old Timbers, Ivy Lane -  
Mrs. Backhouse on her visit to Australia.  
Weightaway, 8pm, Wight School.
- Thurs 6th W. I., 7.45pm, V. Hall - AGM with VCO.  
Men's Group, 7.45pm, 19 The Beeches.
- Fri 7th NSPCC Christmas Card Sale, Raffle & Coffee  
at The Rylands, Dovehouse Lane, 10 - 12 noon &  
6.30 to 8.30 pm. All Welcome.  
Football Club Presentation Disco, V. Hall -  
Tickets £1.50 (including supper)
- Sat 8th WARNACT Sale of Christmas Gifts/Coffee  
Morning, 10 - 12noon in Wight School.  
Scouts & Guides Bazaar, 2 pm, Village Hall.  
Youth Theatre Workshop, 3pm, Wight School.
- Sun 9th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. 8am Holy Eucharist,  
10am Remembrance Service, 3.30pm Sung  
Eucharist, 4.30pm Evensong (said).  
'All Sorts', 7pm, 11 Constance Drive.
- Tues 11th First Confirmation Class (in Vicarage) 6.30pm.  
Bible Study, 8pm, 1 Vicarage Lane.  
Harbury Friends, 8pm, School - Bamix Dem.  
Playing Fields Cttee., V. Hall.
- Wed 12th Weightaway, 8pm, Wight School.  
Youth Club Treasure Hunt.
- Thurs 13th Golden Age, 2.30pm, V. Hall.
- Fri 14th Southam PTA Dance.  
Harbury 'Pop-In' Bring & Buy, 1.30 - 3.30 pm,  
V. Hall.
- Sat 15th Stage Up in Village Hall.  
Religious Instruction for Catholic Children,  
10.0 - 10.45am in Wight School.
- Sun 16th Twenty fourth Sunday after Trinity. 8am Holy  
Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist, 3.30 Evensong
- Mon 17th Labour Party Meeting, 8pm, 32 Mill Street.



- Tues 18th Tufty Club, 2.15pm, Wight School.  
 "Help the Aged" clothes collection, 6-8pm in Church.  
 Confirmation Class (in Vicarage), 6.30pm.
- Wed 19th Harbury Society talk by Dr. Allan on the History of  
 the County Museum, 8pm, School Hall. All Welcome.  
 Admission 10p.  
 "Help the Aged" clothes collection, 6-8pm in Church.  
 Youth Club Disco, 8pm, Village Hall.
- Thurs 20th "TIME & TIME AGAIN" - see advert.
- Fri 21st "TIME & TIME AGAIN" - see advert.
- Sat 22nd Religious Instruction for Catholic children,  
 10.0 - 10.45 am in Wight School.  
 Christmas Art & Craft Sale, The Old Mill House, 2pm.  
 Theatre Group Open Day, 3-5pm ) see advert.  
 "TIME & TIME AGAIN" )  
 PTA Square Dance in School Hall - with Major Domoney  
 Scouts Week-end Camp.  
 Youth Club - midnight hike.
- Sun 23rd Sunday next before Advent. 8am Holy Eucharist,  
 10am Sung Eucharist, 3.30pm Evensong.  
 Scouts Week-end Camp.  
 'All Sorts', 7pm, 11 Constance Drive.
- Tues 25th Young Wives, 2pm, V. Hall.  
 Confirmation Class (in Vicarage) 6.30pm.  
 Bible Study, 8pm, 443 Tachbrook Road, Whitnash.  
 Senior Citizens Cttee, V. Hall.  
 Village Hall Cttee, 8pm, V. Hall.
- Wed 26th Harbury News Cttee, 8.30pm, 23 Mill St.  
 Weightaway, 8pm, Wight School.
- Thurs 27th Parish Council, 7.30pm, V. Hall.  
 Golden Age, 2.30pm, V. Hall.
- Fri 28th RSPCA Coffee Morning, 10.30 - noon, Wissett Lodge.  
 Youth Club Disco - Village Hall, 8 - 10.30pm.
- Sat 29th Religious Instruction for Catholic children,  
 10.0 - 10.45 am in Wight School.
- Sun 30th First Sunday in Advent. 9am Family Eucharist  
 followed by breakfast in V. Hall. 3.30pm Evensong.  
N.B. No 8am or 10am service for this Sunday only.

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# DECEMBER

Tues	2nd	Senior Citizens Cttee, V. Hall Horticultural Society, 8pm, Wight School, P.B.I. Quiz & Slides. Bible Study, 8pm, Colbourne House, Ufton.
Wed	3rd	Weightaway, 8pm, Wight School.
Thurs	4th	W.I. Christmas Party, V. Hall.
Fri.	5th	Occasional Day School Holiday.
Sat	6th	Christmas Fayre in V. Hall - 2 pm.

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

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, V. Hall, 11.30am every Sunday.

ALL SAINTS' ALLSORTS, 7.45pm, 11 Constance Drive,  
alternate Sundays.

UPHOLSTERY, Wight School, 2 - 4pm every Monday

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm every Monday.

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

JOGGING, from Foodmart, 8 p.m. every Monday.

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

PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings.

TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, Mon a.m. & Wed p.m.

NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday mornings

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

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

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

YOUTH CLUB COFFEE BAR, V. Hall, 7.30-10 p.m. Tuesdays

YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 8-10 p.m. Wednesdays.

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

WEIGHTAWAY, Wight School, 8 p.m., Wednesdays (note char

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

POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.30 - 3.30 p.m. every Friday.

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

THEATRE WORKSHOP, Wight School, 2 - 5 pm every Sat.

ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.

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

For Village Hall bookings, ring Mr. Picken, tel. 612778.

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



## THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

The month of November opens with the glorious festival of All Saints - our Patronal Festival. Although it falls this year on a Saturday, I hope that all who can will try to be present at one of the Eucharists. The following day will be our Patronal Festival Sunday and we shall have a festal Procession both before the 10 a.m. Eucharist and after the 3.30 p.m. Evensong. In addition to the usual Sunday services, there will be on this day a special Youth Service at 6.30 p.m. to which all youth organisations and other young people are specially invited and at which any others will be welcome. The address will be given by the Revd. Michael Langrish, Chaplain to Rugby School.

The following day (Monday November 3rd) we shall observe as the Commemoration of All Souls, and on this day (and indeed on all the Mondays of November) the Eucharist will be a Requiem for the faithful departed.

The next Sunday (November 9th) will be Remembrance Sunday, when we shall have our special Remembrance Service at 10 a.m. attended by the members of the British Legion with their Standard, and by uniformed organisations. At the conclusion of the service in Church we shall proceed (weather permitting) to the War Memorial in Crown Street for the reading of the names of the fallen, the laying of the wreath, the sounding of the Last Post, the Two Minutes' Silence at 11 a.m. and the sounding of the Reveillé. The Parish Family Sung Eucharist on this Sunday will be at 3.30 p.m. (There will also of course be a Eucharist at 8 a.m.), and the Office of Evensong will be said at 4.30 p.m.

Please note that Evensong on Sundays (with the exception of Remembrance Sunday) is now at 3.30 p.m.

The first Confirmation Class will be on Tuesday November 11th, at 6.30 p.m. in the Vicarage. If any would-be candidate finds Tuesdays at 6.30 impossible, please let me know. I can always arrange another day or time for anyone who needs it.

I would like to draw your attention to the "Help the Aged" Appeal on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 18th and 19th. Good used clothing (other than shoes) and blankets may

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be brought to the Church at any time on those days (someone will definitely be there to receive gifts between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. each day). They are sent to needy elderly people in the poor countries.

St. Anne's Church of England Children's Society Home in Leamington wish to thank our parishioners for the produce from our Harvest Thanksgiving. I would also like to thank those who sorted it out, conveyed it in their cars to the Home, and tidied up the Church so well afterwards.

It was good to have doctors, nurses, pharmacists and others specially connected with the ministry of healing taking an active part in our Parish Eucharist on Hospital Sunday (October 19th). We specially thank Dr. Avery for his talk on Myton Hospice.

We mourn the loss of Mr. Albert Henry Compton, and pray that God may grant him His rest and peace and may comfort and guide his widow and family.

November 30th will be the First Sunday in Advent, the day when we have our Family Communion at 9.0 a.m. followed by a Parish Breakfast in the Village Hall.

With every blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

F.R. Mackley.

### Holy Baptism

October 5th - Helen Louise Roden, 35 Mill Street.

### Funeral Service

October 20th - Albert Henry Compton, 3 Crown Close,  
aged 76 years

### From the Churchwardens

It is very exciting to see the start of the work on the re-wiring of the Church, and the installation of the new lighting system. We are delighted that the Rev. Tom Knight, Rector of Southam and our Rural Dean, will be sharing in our 9 a.m. Service and Parish Breakfast and will be dedicating the lighting system and preaching at the Service. In our calendar, the traditional "stir-up" Sunday is to be followed by "switch-on" Sunday! We very much hope that some of those involved in the electrical work will be sharing in the



Service and that the Church (and the Village Hall afterwards) will be full to give thanks to God for the lighting and to celebrate the season of Advent.

For a recent sermon, the Vicar chose 3 Ms and threw out a challenge to the churchwardens to find a fourth so here goes! The three originals were related to St. Paul's teaching. The Man (Christ Jesus), the Message (of good news) and the Moment (now being the time to hear the message and accept the Man).

A recurring theme in Paul's letters is freedom from the slavery of sin. In Romans we have "Who will free me from my slavery to this deadly lower nature? Thank God! It has been done by Jesus Christ our Lord. He has set me free". In Galatians 5 "So Christ has made us free. Now make sure that you stay free and don't get tied up again in the chains of slavery", and there are many others. You're probably wondering where that fourth M comes in (though I'm sure the Vicar will be there already!) Manumission - the freeing of slaves. Sometimes slaves were granted manumission - freedom from slavery - for long and faithful service or for a great act of service to a master or a member of his family. Freedom was sometimes purchased.

So - the Man brings his Message of Manumission at this Moment. We can be free from misery and sin NOW.

### Christian Education Movement

"The Spectrum of Commitment in R. E." is the title of a lecture to be given in Dale Street Methodist Church, Leamington Spa on Tuesday 25th November at 7.30 p.m. The speaker will be Bob Jackson, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Arts Education at the University of Warwick. He will be focussing on the current debate about commitment in R. E., fuelled not least by Edward Hulmes' recent book 'Commitment and Neutrality in R. E.' As part of his contribution to the discussion, Bob Jackson will be showing the film-strip 'Coventry's Square Mile'.

### "WORK IS LOVE MADE VISIBLE"

This was the title of a sound strip shown by Mrs. Kathleen Shortley to illustrate the work of the Tear Fund. We saw people - who in many cases would otherwise be without

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work, money, food or hope - being taught to use their skills and the available raw materials to make beautiful articles for sale. From bookmarks to blankets, pictures to ponchos, handbags to hammocks - the range is vast, and the Tear Fund ensures that the goods are efficiently marketed for a realistic price. The vital work goes on in many countries including Haiti, Sri Lanka, Philippines and Bangladesh - all under the slogan "Doing it all in Jesus' name".

Harbury Church is very concerned that being Christian means caring for all God's family, and to this end is supporting the Tear Fund's work. A combined Tearcraft and Tupperware party will be held at 15 Wagstaffe Close on Monday 8th Dec. - all proceeds to the Tear Fund - and we hope you will support this worthy cause.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC R.I.

I shall be starting a class of religious instruction for Roman Catholic children on Saturday November 15th at the Wight School. Assuming that support for this is maintained, I will continue every Saturday during term time from 10 am until 10.45 am.

Anyone who is interested can contact me at Harbury 613503 or come along and see me on a Saturday morning.

JILL CADOGAN.

### EXCERPTS FROM THE DIOCESAN DIARY

The Alternative Services Book - the culmination of some 25 years of liturgical revision - provides a range of services in contemporary language as alternatives to the 1622 Book of Common Prayer. It is to be published on November 10th.

Christian Aid - the Bishop commends the Christmas Appeal of Christian Aid to all Church people. There are so many in need of immediate material help.

St. Anne's C. of E. Children's Society Home, 6 Warwick New Road, Leamington Spa. Christmas Bazaar, Thursday December 4th, 10.30 am - 3.00 pm.

Change of address:- From Saturday, 15th Nov., Vivienne Aggett's address will be 26 Binswood End (Harbury 612711). Friends are invited to drop in any time, but especially between 6 and 10 pm on Friday 28th November.



## LADBROKE NEWS

### Services etc. for November and early December

Sunday, 2nd November. In the Octave of All Saints (Trinity XXII)

8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Matins.

Thursday, 6th November. 7.45pm Men's Group at Harbury  
(19 The Beeches).

Sunday, 9th Nov. Remembrance Sunday (Trinity XXIII).

10.50 am Act of Remembrance followed by Short Matins,

3.30pm Holy Communion with Hymns.

Wednesday 12th Nov., 3.0 pm Women's Fellowship in Church.

Sunday, 16th Nov. Trinity XXIV. 8.30am Holy Communion,  
11 am Matins.

Sunday, 23rd Nov. Sunday next before Advent. 11am Holy  
Communion with Hymns & Sermon, 3.30pm Evensong.

Saturday, 29th Nov. 3.0 pm GRAND AUTUMN FAIR in the  
Village Hall.....Our big Annual Effort....

Sunday, 30th Nov. Advent I. At 9.0am at Harbury... Parish  
Communion followed by Parish Breakfast to which Ladbroke  
friends are invited. 11 am at Ladbroke - Holy Communion  
with Hymns & Sermon.

Thursday, 4th Dec. Men's Group at Harbury (Leamington House)

Sunday, 7th Dec. Advent II. 8.30am Holy Communion,  
11 am Matins.

Sunday, 14th Dec. Advent III. 11 am Holy Communion with Hymns  
& Sermon, 3.30 pm Evensong.

Altar Flowers: Nov. 2 Mrs. Garman, Nov. 9 & 16 Miss  
Hensman, Nov. 23 Mrs. Garner.

### Extract from the Registers.

Christian Burial.

7th October, 1980. Wilfred Henry Ernest Brookes.

Women's Fellowship. I was pleased to welcome to my house  
members who were able to attend our October meeting; we  
were sorry the Rector was unable to be with us owing to an  
engagement in Coventry.

Our November meeting on Wednesday, 12th at 3.0 pm will  
be in Church: after the service Mrs. Emus has kindly invited  
us to tea at the Old Rectory House.

C. H.

Parochial Church Council. We were pleased to welcome representatives from Harbury at our last meeting. Various arrangements for the Autumn Fair were discussed. The reports on the meetings of the Deanery Synod shewed that the Diocesan Budget with its greatly increased quotas for 1981 was not likely to be amended. It was hoped that the criteria for assessment of potential would be published.

After some discussion it was decided to allot the special collections and donations in the same way as in 1979; next year, with the vastly increased quota, the whole matter would have to be reconsidered. With regard to the new Alternative Service Book, it was decided to continue the use of the Series II Communion Service for the present.

AUTUMN FAIR.....DON'T MISS THE DATE.....  
 SATURDAY, 29th NOVEMBER.....in THE VILLAGE HALL  
 THE TIME.....3.0 p.m.  
 GIFTS STALL.....GROCERIES & CAKES....RAFFLES  
 REFRESHMENTS....BOTTLE STALL.....SIDE SHOWS.  
 COME & HELP & ENJOY YOURSELVES.

Proceeds divided between Church Fabric and Repair Fund, The Church Army and LEPRO (Leprosy Relief).

Carol Singing: We should like this to go with a swing this year....therefore, will volunteers, adult and young folk, please meet for rehearsal at the Old Rectory (by invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Rutherford) on Wednesday, 17th December at 8.0 pm with a view to going the rounds of the village on Monday, 22nd December. Mrs. Winkfield (tel. 2234) will be glad to hear from volunteers.

Jim & Lottie Holden will be remembered as devoted members of our congregation when they lived at Deppers Bridge and Jim was our principal organist. So old friends (and particularly members of the Women's Fellowship) have banded together to send them a gift on the great occasion of their Diamond Wedding. Bless them both.

G. R. F.

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 Well, autumn is now well and truly here, and haven't the trees been spectacular this year? My son managed to collect 373 conkers from one tree last week - is that a



record? However, after Autumn comes Winter and I'm both sad and glad to have to tell you that I shall be out of the country for the next six months or year. I'm going to Singapore to help run a relief programme in Kampuchea where my husband is currently working. In my absence Kate Liverton has very kindly offered to collect the Ladbroke news, so in future would you please contact her at Bridge Cottage. The best of luck Kate, I hope you enjoy this job as much as I have - I also hope to be able to take over again when I return!

M.W.

### Village Hall News

On 8th November the annual bonfire will be held in Tom Sheasby's farmyard field. If you have any burnable items, please put them over the fence of the field. May we ask you not to open the gate or put anything over the fence which may be eaten by the animals at present in the field! Reminder - please bring along your own fireworks and these will be let off in a safe area. Refreshments will be available as usual!

On 29th November we are having a Country & Western evening in the Village Hall. Tickets will be available soon.

On 4th October Reg Dixon gave a Charity Show in the Grand Hall at Southam. It was a great success and Reg very kindly gave us a donation towards Village Hall funds. Thank you Reg - it is much appreciated.

M.B.

### W.I. News

At the A.G.M. the following officers were appointed: President: Mrs. Emus, Vice President: Mrs. Norgate, Secretary: Mrs. Hodge, Treasurer: Mrs. Vaughan, Competitions Officer: Mrs. Jerome, Tea Organiser: Mrs. Dunn, Raffle Organiser: Mrs. Ross, Speaker's Organiser: Mrs. Williamson.

As it was Mrs. Bennett's birthday and by way of saying 'thank you' for all the hard work she has done for the W.I., she was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a special cake.

We have decided to have a sponsored slim and had the first weigh-in at the meeting. We'll find out how we're doing at the next meeting when we're weighed again!

HARBURY SCHOOL

The First School celebrated Hallowe'en in a rather special way. The children brought pumpkins, marrows, swedes and turnip lanterns and paraded round the darkened hall. Mr. Oliver selected the five most original lanterns, for prizes. The lucky winners were Richard Appleton, Liam Morgan, Nicola Cadogan, Grant Edwards and Roger Dufresne. There was also a parade of beautifully dressed witches, wizards, monsters and 'a pumpkin'. The entertainment concluded with an hilarious apple bobbing contest between Mr. Stuart, Mr. Thorburn and a very reluctant Mr. Chapman. Mr. Oliver mysteriously disappeared during these proceedings!!!

HALLOWE'EN SPELLS

Newt's eye, wing of bat,  
Tail of a snail, head of a rat.  
All these things make a lovely stew,  
All laid out especially for you.

-----  
by Alice Hodgson.

A bit of toad, a bit of rat,  
A tail of a snake, two whiskers of a cat,  
A bit of a bat and half a cat -  
Fancy that?

-----  
by Joanne Hall.

Half a pint of snake's blood and half a dozen logs,  
Flies' heads and spiders' toes and a dozen frogs.

A head of a bat and two whole rats,  
An ear of a cat, a shred of a mat.

Hocas, Pocas, Zim and Zam,  
Make this person turn into a ram.

-----  
by Karen Hoare.

AUTUMN TIME

Raining leaves falling down on to your head,  
Coloured orange, yellow, red and brown  
They make a hedgehog's bed.  
Leaves still on the trees look like a sunset sky,  
Nights come earlier so does bed "oh my!"



Berries on the hedges give the birds a treat,  
 Blackberries black and juicy taste so nice and sweet.  
 Squirrels make their Winter store of ripe Hazel nuts.  
 In Winter they'll forget where they hid them -  
 "tut, tut, tut, tut, tut."

The yellow flowing sea of corn is harvested in.  
 Children march down to the Church and Harvest songs  
 they sing.

Pleasant smells from the kitchen, Mothers making jam,  
 Woolly sheep in the fields are no longer lambs.  
 Autumn is a lovely time I think you must agree,  
 Because Autumn is so colourful and looks so pretty.  
 -----  
 by Paula Kelly.

### SPORTS

The School has made a very successful start in the sporting scene indicative of the hard work put in by the children in training and after school clubs.

The mini-rugby team have convincingly beaten Telford, Priorsfield and St. Teresa's scoring a total of 148 points against 18 points. Scorers are listed below:- Stephen Padbury (8 tries), Stephen Luke (5), Adrian Thomas (4), Edward Wood (3), Stephen Hancock (2), Graid Knowles (2), Tim Watts (1), Edward Russell (1), Teddy Taylor (1) and Adrian Thomas (14 conversions).

Each of the football teams have played one match. The U13 team beat Bishops Tachbrook 2-0 (David Andrews - 2 goals), the U12 team beat St. Antony's in the Central Warwicks Cup 4-1 (Craig Knowles 2, Jamie Williams 2). Finally, the U11 team had their first ever game and drew with Southam 3-3 (Timothy Tyler - 1, Martin Dufresne - 1, Tony Bastin - 1).

In the Central Warwickshire Cross Country League, the boys team have made a very creditable start and after 2 meets are 9th out of 22 schools with Adrian Thomas coming 7th and 5th respectively in fields upwards of 200 runners. Due to lack of interest from the young ladies in 3rd/4th year no girls team have yet taken part and the Harbury flag has been valiantly carried by Rebecca Burnham and Lorraine Andrews. Special mention must be made of Rebecca's performances, who as a third year running against girls a year older than herself,

has come 6th and 4th in fields of 150+ runners.

IAN STUART.

### HARBURY P.T.A.

The Harbury P.T.A. AGM took place at Harbury School on Wednesday 22nd October at 8 p.m.

New officers for the 1980/81 were elected as follows:-

Chairman - R.J. Holding, Treasurer - J. Lapraik,  
Secretary - Mrs. C.A. Wilkins. Other members:- Mrs. M. Brown, N. Chapman, C. Burnham, Mrs. M. Hoare, J. Kemsley, Mrs. N. Knight, C. Oliver, Mrs. R. Ottewill, J. Stringer, Mrs. M. Thompson and Mrs. S. Wilkins.

It was decided to increase the PTA subscription from 20p to 40p.

The meeting ended with a demonstration by Mark Thorburn who showed how the video tape recorder (rented by PTA funds) is used.

Also on show at the meeting were items recently purchased by PTA funds which included a music centre, microscope and film screen.

'100 Club' winner for October was Mrs. Johnson, Temple End.

The next social event will be a Square Dance to be held in the School Hall on Saturday November 22nd. C.A.W.

### YOUTH CLUB

Following the success of our Friday Night Disco, we have booked another for Friday Nov. 28th from 8 - 10.30pm.

We have a Wednesday Disco on 19th Nov. at 8 pm. Don't forget to keep these two dates free.

Weather permitting, we shall be holding a Treasure Hunt on Wednesday 12th, and a Midnight Hike on Saturday Nov. 22nd.

Youth Club needs your support on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, so come along and meet your friends, join in activities, watch television (when I remember it) or bring your homework if you like! We don't mind as long as you come!!

J. T.

p.s. We have a super new cassette player, but need you to provide the latest pops, so don't forget the tapes!!



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1st HARBURY SCOUT TROOP

On Sunday 19th October the hut was linked to Scouts around the world by radio. Vic Peake and his assistants, Martin Chapple & Andrew Winter broadcast their call signs and spoke to radio amateurs on the 'Jamboree on the Air' network. This annual event is always a great success. No links with Australia this year; the farthest being Zanesville, Ohio, U.S.A. (The home of Zane Grey, the writer of Westerns - did he get his name from the town or is the town named after him?) Perhaps the rain put off some visitors; if so, they missed some intriguing radio conversations. Thank you Vic, Martin and Andrew for your efforts.



Over the weekend of November 22nd/23rd the troop are hiking along the Cotswold hills. Day one will follow the Cotswold Way from Cleeve Common to Crickley Hill. We will camp at Grove Farm by permission of Mr. & Mrs. Garlick. Day two covers thirteen miles almost due east to Fossebridge where we hope transport will be waiting. A report in the next Harbury News.

J.L.H.

NIGHT-HIKE - 18th/19th OCT.

Why on earth would any sane person want to hike through the Warwickshire countryside in the middle of a cold, wet October night? We're still not quite sure. However most of the venture scouts taking part seemed to enjoy themselves, I think.

We left the start, near Offchurch, in 10 minute intervals. The object of the hike was to reach Harbury Scout H.Q. using map references and passing through a number of checkpoints, at one of which we had to erect a tent with the aid of only a

shaky torch (the torch wasn't shaky - just the hand that held it).

The route conveniently took us past the Red Lion at Hunningham. Strange that we were the only people sitting outside at 11.30 pm; everyone else was going home.

The next checkpoint was known to be in a lay-by. How we came to turn left 20 yards before it we'll never know. The officials who heard our approaching voices were also mystified when 20 minutes later we had still not turned up.

The section along a wooded bridlepath will long be remembered. It was very dark, very wet and at this stage our torch decided that it had been overworked. The next obstacle was a cold, fast-flowing stream - We decided to go back. It is to be hoped that on future occasions the larger members of our team will remember that an ankle-deep puddle to them is knee-high to us!

We arrived at Hunningham and were taken back to the scout HQ by a leader. We had some watery soup made by Dave Clarke and at 5 am the first team arrived looking much fitter than we did.

The event was won by the teams of 12th Leamington. Our thanks to all the leaders who helped to arrange the hike.

VENTURE UNIT SECRETARY.

### HARBURY MEN'S SOCIETY 1980

Our meetings this year have, as usual, been held in members homes, where we have witnessed good fellowship, good humour and an interchange of information on a variety of fascinating topics.

We consider ourselves fortunate to have been able to listen to experts on the following subjects:

Religion in Industry; Stamps for Investment; Bee-keeping; Football Refereeing; Injuries to Children; The Balkan States, and Fly Fishing, and we beg the Editors' indulgence in expressing our appreciation to them all.

Meetings are held monthly, and anyone wishing to join us is assured of a warm welcome. Contact should be made through our Secretary, Mr. Reg. Harris on 612395.

All members join me in thanking our wives for their welcome and the excellent refreshment provided. This is a vital part of our gatherings, and much appreciated. We look forward to seeing them all at our Social on Jan. 13th.

K. C. H.



## SPONSORED EVENT FOR MYTON HOSPICE

Total raised £841.24 \*

Most money raised by children:-

Under 10 - Mark Wenham (Bishops Itchington) £16.25  
 10-12 - Sarah Bunting - £6.25  
 13-15 - Gillian O'Sullivan - £19.55

A small prize in the form of a Book Token will be awarded to each of these three children.

\*seven collections still to come in but most of these are expected to be fairly small so final figure may be around £850.

G.A.

### SOME OF US DON'T SAY ANYTHING AT ALL

But others say quite a lot. It just depends how we feel - 'how the Spirit moves us'. Like in any conversation, we speak if we've got something to say, and otherwise we just listen.

I'm talking about the regular prayer meetings held in Harbury, details of which are in the Diary. Now, I know praying during the week seems a bit strange (after all, religion's for Sundays, isn't it?) but it isn't always easy during an ordinary Church service to say what you're really feeling, whilst the informal atmosphere of the prayer group encourages this.

Before we begin to pray, we chat about people and circumstances we think we should remember in our prayers. These range from close friends and relatives who are ill or troubled, to foreign countries at war and Christians who are being persecuted for their faith. An increasing feature of our chats is our joy at the many prayers which we know have been answered - we have lots of examples of healings and solved problems which can be explained in no other way than by the grace of God.

Generally, there follows a period of quietness - 'Be still and know that I am God' - and then those who wish to, begin to put our thanks, praise and requests into words - not high-flown 'religious' words, of course, but our own words - things like "Please Lord, my mother is very ill - please make her well again".

"Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there shall I be in the midst of them" - the absolute reliability of this promise, and the marvellous feeling of fellowship which

praying together creates, means that everyone of us goes home feeling refreshed, and full of the Spirit.

If you have anything you'd like us to include in our prayers - do tell the Vicar or me, or write it down in the book on the table at the back of the Church. Or better still, take the plunge and come along to a prayer meeting yourself. We were all nervous the first time, so we'll know how you feel - and we also know that you, like us, will come to think of the Prayer Group as an important and comforting part of life. And remember, unless you want to you won't have to say anything at all - just listen. Please come - the Lord is always ready to welcome you - even on a weekday! DIANA HOLT.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

6th DECEMBER, 1980 - VILLAGE HALL - 2 p.m.

The Recreation Ground Advisory Committee has arranged the Christmas Fair for Saturday, 6th December in the Village Hall, so please make a note of the date.

It is hoped to provide the following Stalls and Sideshows for your entertainment, and everyone is invited to come along and support us in your usual, generous way:-

Raffle; Toys; Cakes; Teas; White Elephant; Bottle/Tin Tombola; Donuts; Hoop-la; Books; Christmas Wrappings; Wheel of Fortune; Sweets; Hand-made; Pontoon; Football Tote etc. It is also hoped that Santa will be in his Grotto.

House to House collections will be made during the week before the Fair when you are asked to donate bottles and tins for the Tombola Stall, and items for the White Elephant.

Thank you.

K. C. H.

### HARBURY FRIENDS

At the October meeting Mr. Robson, a Marton farmer, gave a fascinating talk accompanied by slides - on Butterflies and Moths. An amateur photographer in his 'spare time', he showed us many species of butterfly found locally in Harbury, Ufton and Stockton quarry. Twenty six varieties of butterfly had been recorded in Mid-Warwicks this summer. Mr. Robson went on to explain how the gradual disappearance of butterflies can affect the ecological structure of the Warwickshire countryside. A donation was made to WARNACT with which Mr.



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Robson is associated.

It was a disappointment to the committee who try to arrange more varied talks that so few members turned up. The Tuesday, November 11th meeting at the school at 8 pm will be a Bamix demonstration - do try and come.

MARGARET BARNES.

### NSPCC HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTION

We should like to thank all those who so kindly gave their time to collect for us recently in Harbury and the out-lying districts. The total raised is £307.10p; compared with last year's figure of £224.25 this is an excellent increase. I should however point out that Harbury and District includes Ladbroke, Ufton, Bishops Itchington, Lighthorne, Ashorne, Chesterton, Bascote and Bascote Heath. In Harbury alone £134.17 was collected, Bishops Itchington £92.17 which was excellent, Ladbroke £11.71 and Lighthorne (a new village) £28.92.

Our sincere thanks are also due to all of you who gave so generously to this worthy cause. We are extremely grateful.

Just a reminder of our Christmas Card Sale on Friday 7th November 10 am - 12 noon, & 6.30-8pm at The Rylands, Dovehouse Lane.

Also - a diary note for NSPCC & League of Pity members:- Friday, Dec. 19th - Carol Singing - Meet outside the Foodmart at 6.30 pm.

LIZ BUNTING (Hon. Sec.)

### CHRISTMAS ART & CRAFT SALE

There will be a sale of hand-made Christmas presents on Saturday, November 22nd at 2 o'clock at The Old Mill House. If you would like to contribute your own Art/Craft, please contact Mary Shelley, Harbury 612539.

Promised already are boxes of Christmas Crackers, soft toys, fun waste paper bins, embroidery, wooden toys and shelves. We should like as wide a variety of items as possible for people to look at and choose from.

Everyone welcome on 22nd November.

GOLDEN AGE

A big thank you to all who gave items for our Handicrafts Sale. There were some beautiful hand-made articles, delicious cakes & preserves, lovely plants and many things which made an excellent show, and produced a good profit - quite sufficient for our Christmas Party on 11th Dec.

Raffle prizes were won by Mrs. J. King, Mrs. A. Perry, Mrs. Macaulay, Miss Wallington and Hayley Green. The Sundae Glasses were won by pink ticket no. 16. This prize has not yet been claimed, so will the holder of this ticket please get in touch with me.

Again, my thanks to all our helpers, and all who supported the Sale.

Next meeting is Thursday 13th November.

L. KNIGHTON (612707).

HARBURY W.I.

Congratulations to Mrs. P. Shepherd on the birth of Katie and to Mrs. E. Zonik for her success at County level in the Denman Cup Competition - her work has now gone for judging at National level.

Mrs. Thompson thanked the team for participating in the recent P.T.A. Quiz, as always a light-hearted evening with saucy banter from the crowd and admirably won by the Hottentots.

Mrs. L. Watkins gave a very informative report on the recent Autumn Council meeting held at Alcester.

Mrs. Clifton was presented with the cup for being awarded most points at the W.I. Produce Show.

As has been stated before, we really do have some excellent programmes and October's was no exception. Our speaker was Mr. Taylor, a director of Birmingham Airport, who gave us most interesting information about the running of the airport, the amount of staff employed and the jobs they do to make the airport "tick". Although Birmingham will never be able to compete with the other big airports, due to the length of runway, it gives a very useful service to the area. Within the next ten years modernisation will take place and a direct link up with the N.E.C., together with completely new buildings and layout so that Mr. Taylor has no doubts about the success of the airport in future.

JEANNE BEAUMONT (612278).



THEATRE GROUP"THE SOUND OF A CRICKET BALL AND BAT IS HEARD"

Graham: "63 for 7! What a team! I ask you. The East Pendon Occasionals..... You can't get more occasional than 63 for 7!"

There isn't a cricket match actually on the stage during "Time and Time Again" - it takes place just off stage, as does the football match. But we promise there's plenty of good action for you to see in this, Harbury Theatre Group's next production. Tickets are selling fast for this very funny play - you'll be sorry if you miss it, so do see Philip Lindop for your tickets soon. Alternatively ring Carol Percival on 612175.

The play is on Thurs., Fri. and Sat., 20th, 21st and 22nd November - only about 3 weeks away - and Bernard, our gnome, is word-perfect already. (but then we got him from the Ideal Gnome Exhibition!)

D.M.H.

OPEN DAY, November 22nd, 3-5 p.m., Village Hall.

Come and get some idea of the background to the plays produced by the group.

From 3 pm there will be costume & make up demonstrations

From 3.30 the art of the producer will be demonstrated.

From 3.45 visits back stage and scenery problems will be covered.

At 4 pm refreshments will be available, and at 4.15 we present a playlet to demonstrate sound effects.

This will be followed by a stage lighting demonstration.

At 4.45 our Youth Drama Group will present an excerpt from the forthcoming 'mime' pantomime, "Jack & the Beanstalk". Tickets will be on sale for the Pantomime.

Save 30p off next year's plays by collecting vouchers to this value ABSOLUTELY FREE at the Open Day.

"JACK AND THE BEANSTALK"

This year's pantomime, being presented by the Youth Theatre Workshop, will have a cast of 30 to 40 youngsters, ranging in age from 5 to 15. They rehearse in the Wight School each Saturday from 2.30 - 5, and their enthusiasm is unbounded. This mime play is quite short (around one hour) but the cast pack in far more than 60 minutes' worth of energy and talent. Over 100 different costumes will be used, some superb special effects, and a tremendously exciting musical

sound-track.

How will Jack and his mother find the rent money? Who is the sinister circus ringmaster, and why is he eying Daisy in such a peculiar manner? See the multi-limbed master of the castle! Thrill to the epic sword fight between Jack and the Giant! Make a note of the dates of the Pantomime now - there's certain to be a huge demand for tickets.

D.M.H.

### LOFT NEWS

'Computerisation is to blame' - for all manner of failure, but on this occasion it explains why Loft members living in Harbury have not received their monthly magazine on a regular basis.

The theatre is computerising all membership details, so that this will 'aid distribution', but unfortunately, the local distributors who need the information are not in possession of all of the facts. There could be several members in Harbury who have felt neglected for some time, but a call to Harbury 612305 will soon rectify the matter.

The next production, "Abigail's Party", should be different, as it was evolved entirely by improvisation at a rehearsal and only later scripted by Mike Leigh for its premiere in 1977. There are not many places where you can get an evening's entertainment for a maximum of £1.50 (members £1.00), so note the dates, Nov. 19th - 29th and book seats for... "a lively comedy with tragic undertones".

CHRIS FINCH.

### HARBURY GYMNASTICS GROUP

On Monday 20th October parents and friends joined the gymnasts for an Open Evening. The two classes combined to demonstrate a warm up and typical evening's work out, from basic forward and backward rolls from the younger girls to handsprings and back flicks from the more senior girls, plus basic vault and beam work.

The Harbury girls have been working towards awards within the Sunday Times/B.A.G.A. scheme for gymnastics, in which gymnasts of all ages can take part and which is graded from the simplest level, Award 4, to a more advanced level Award 1. The girls began work on this scheme during



the summer term and Chief Coach, Simon Robinson, came to the Open Evening to present the girls with their Awards.

Grade 4 Certificates and badges were awarded to:-

Jenny Barr, Suzanne Barr, Rebecca Burnham, Sarah Burnham, Gail Davis, Ceri Edwards, Sarah Jane Knight, Joanne Hall, Jane Hancock, Analie Hoare, Karen Hoare, Karen Mancel, Briony Parkin, Joanne Phillips, Jenny Purnell, Vicky Ridgley, Debbie Simcock, Penelope Simcock, Dayle Summers, Kirsty Allan, Caroline Taylor. Grade II was awarded to Rachel Rainbow.

Congratulations to all and we hope that during the next twelve months many more Awards will be gained.

### HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

Harbury Albion started the season on a firm footing with 40 local players 'signing on', but unfortunately the strength in numbers has not helped the Reserve team to find success, losing all their eight games, although the First team have made a positive start, losing only one of six.

It would be good to think that this year the 1st team could make their mark in the 2nd Division at an early stage, instead of finding their team spirit rather late in the Season, as last year, when the need to haul themselves off the bottom became apparent.

At present, the Club members who select the teams face a constant dilemma whether to pick players on merit, or choose individuals on a rota basis, so that no one gets disillusioned by being left out of a game for several weeks. Each weekend, a maximum of 26 players is required, which leaves too many footballers on the sidelines hoping for a game.

The players who came out on top last season will receive their awards at the Annual Presentation Dance to be held on Fri. Nov. 7th at the Village Hall and will be announced in the next edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News. Tickets for £1.50 (which includes a substantial buffet) are available and support for the evening would be welcome from anyone in the village. Ring 612700, 612305 or 612412 for details.

CHRIS FINCH.

## HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

The 1980 Season started very well with five wins in a row but the remainder of the season was very much up and down with a total of only 10 wins in 28 games - 6 of them being drawn. To the cricketer and spectator alike the 1980 season will be remembered for the appalling weather following the Spring Bank Holiday.

On the bonus side there were some encouraging performances from the younger members of the side with special mention of David Hagan who not only scored the team's highest score of the season (67) but finished top of the bowling averages. Terry Bell again scored the most runs (294), closely followed by David Hagan (231) and Les Sollis (205).

Of the bowlers, once again Brian Wallington had the highest tally (37 wickets) with Ian Lowe, Rex Humphreys, David Grey and David Hagan all taking 20 or more.

The ladies worked hard all season and are to be congratulated for the quality of the teas.

The sound of leather on willow has departed and I should like to wish both cricketer and spectator a good winter. See you all again when the sun shines in the Spring of 1981.

R. V. C. H.

## TENNIS

If the attendance at the Tennis Club's first annual meeting is any guide, then its continued success next season is guaranteed. The only Committee change was Tom Smith replacing Rosemary Ottewill who is continuing with her responsibility for junior coaching.

The Club Treasurer, Andy Parkin, gave a detailed report and explained the management and financial implications resulting from arrangements made with the Parish Council over the resurfacing of the courts. It is hoped that a subscription (agreed at £8, or £15 for husband & wife membership for 1981) plus income from money raising events will enable the Club's financial target to be achieved. The booking fee for public use of the courts will be 50 pence per hour from 1st April 1981. This will also apply to club members who want to play outside club sessions which initially at least are to remain the same as this season i.e. Tuesday & Thursday evenings, Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings.

As the Club is now firmly established, it is intended



to make provision for Junior membership (9 -17 years).  
 A sub-committee is to be set up in the new year to consider the detailed arrangements and further details will be included in future issues of this magazine. D.P.

### HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL - OCTOBER 1980

In the opinion of your Parish Council and the Headmaster of Southam School, the School Buses are dangerously overcrowded, but the County has pointed out that it is legal to allow children to sit three on a seat. "Legal, but not safe!" said Sharon Hancock. The PC is to complain that the children are not being carried safely to school. The problem was alleviated last year as there was no intake at Southam, but now the buses are packed and many have to stand because the children are too big to sit three to a seat.

Midland Red warned that alteration to the bus route through Harbury would "reduce the penetration" of the service, but in response to a petition from the residents of Farm Street, and the representations of the Divisional Engineer (who objects to the right turn from Farm Street into Mill Street), they have produced three alternative routes, one of which has double decker buses going down Manor Orchard and Heber Drive! The PC pointed out that this folly resulted from Midland Red's refusal to hold a site meeting. The PC debated whether to hold a Public Meeting to discuss the proposals or to circulate a questionnaire to parishioners, but eventually they agreed to support an alternative route suggested by Ralph Gurden which brought buses into the village along Butte Lane and South Parade and out again down South Parade and Bush Heath Lane.

Bush Heath Lane and Butte Lane; do you know one from the other? Well what about Bush Heath Road? It seems that from Vicarage Lane to the junction with Bush Heath Lane, Butte Lane has been known as Bush Heath Road - very confusing. The PC is to erect signs here and on the new estate at Butte Lane (after ascertaining the correct name from records held by the County Council), to help visitors find their way round the village. As Sharon Hancock pointed out, Harbury is a very confusing village for strangers and the confusion is compounded by vandals who keep breaking the direction signs, especially the one outside the Foodmart.

Cllr Mike Ellis, 'fed up of dealing with bureaucracy',

insisted that the PC wrote one final letter to the WCC holding the County responsible for any injury or damage that occurs when the bank at the corner of Mill Street and Farm Street finally collapses. The WCC has refused to build a retaining wall despite PC protests that the subsidence is due to their road widening and the vibrations caused by passing traffic.

A Sub-Cttee is to be set up to liaise with the Village Hall Cttee in an attempt to solve the financial and repair problems of the Hall.

Harbury Ladies Netball Club requested that they be allowed to use the Tennis Courts for their Home matches. Whilst the PC were basically in favour, they were anxious not to invalidate the guarantee they received when the Courts were resurfaced. The Courts would be repaired free of charge if any defect became apparent within the first twelve months, but only if the Courts were used exclusively for Tennis. The PC is to attempt to get the guarantee extended to include the use of the Courts for Netball.

Signs will be erected on the Playing Field exhorting dog owners not to allow their animals to foul the area.

Next Meeting 27 November 7.30pm.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

### IN THE GARDEN

With scarcely anything to sow or plant, November is the time for digging and spring cleaning - don't wait until Spring! Potatoes need more regular sorting this year than I have ever known. Dig wherever you can if the soil is fit to work. Dig in farmyard manure or compost where next year's peas and beans, onions and leeks, celery and spinach are to grow. Take the yellowing leaves off Brussels Sprouts. Fallen leaves off fruit trees may be diseased and are best burnt. If you have a sheltered part of the garden you could plant a row of Broad Beans.

If you have any winter lettuce growing outside, don't put the cloches on too early as it makes them too tender when the hard weather does arrive.

The Secretary would like to see more competition in the Chrysanths section, so be sure to take care of your Chrysanth plants and keep them frost free.

W.F. LINES.



## HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The winter meetings got off to a good start on October 7th with a talk on hardy shrubs by Peter Watts of Clows Garden Centre, Leamington. Clows have also generously offered a 10% discount to members producing a current membership card.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4 November when the speaker will be the noted Alpine specialist from Moreton in Marsh, Joe Elliott.

We hope to arrange discount seed orders with two firms this winter, Dobies and Suttons. Please see me for catalogues and order forms.

TONY BRUNTON.

### WHAT'S ON

#### Warwick University Arts Centre

4th-8th Nov. 'Please Shine Down on Me' a comedy play about marital infidelity by Olwen Wymark.

7th Nov. The Albion Band, in an entertainment of poetry, dance and songs, called the Albion River Hymn. The River Thames is depicted in the writing of Kipling, Dickens, Virginia Woolf and Spike Milligan among others. The musicians include Steele Span singer Maddy Prior.

8th Nov. Concert by The University Chamber Orchestra and the London Chorale. A marvellous programme includes Bach's Magnificat and David Fanshawe's African Sanctus.

11th - 15th Nov. Philippe Genty Theatre Co. A sophisticated puppet show.

17th Nov. 'The Field of the Cloth of Gold' - French and English Music of around 1520, performed by Musica Antiqua.

18th-22nd Nov. 'Dangerous Corner', J.B. Priestley's famous play, performed by the Cambridge Theatre Co.

Booking - phone 97/51226, or at John Gould's Bookshops, Leamington or Warwick.

#### Spa Centre

3rd-8th Nov. Gilbert & Sullivan's 'The Yeoman of the Guard' performed by the Leamington Spa Opera Group.

11th Nov. London Ballet Theatre - excerpts from 'Peter & The Wolf', and other ballets. Matinee and evening performance.

30th Nov. 'Los Paraguayos' performing South American folk music.

Booking - phone 9/ 34418.

Coventry Theatre

3rd-8th Nov. Now's your chance to see what all the fuss was about - Peter O'Toole and the Old Vic Co. in 'Macbeth', also 'The Merchant of Venice'.

11th-16th Nov. Welsh National Opera Co. Programme for week includes 'Tosca', 'Eugene Onegin' and 'The Cunning Little Vixen'.  
Booking - phone 97/23141-2.

BOOKSHELF

Where tastes in reading are concerned, one man's meat is certainly another man's poison, but here are a few examples of my 'meat' which might help to pass the long winter evenings ahead.

Television has been blamed for the decline in reading, but sometimes its productions send people back to the original book. A good example is Vera Brittain's Autobiography - 'Testament of Youth'. The superb television production led to the book's appearance in paperback and it is a bestseller. I first read it when I was fifteen, and on re-reading it, still find it a moving account of a doomed generation. The First World War made Vera Brittain a pacifist, and she tells the story of her struggle for peace in the twenties and thirties, in 'Testament of Experience'. The book also provides a fascinating insight into the childhood of her famous daughter, Shirley Willaims.

War is also the subject of the American writer Herman Wouk's two giant novels, 'The Winds of War' and 'War and Remembrance'. A carefully researched factual account of the Second World War froms the background of a fictional story. I found both of these books almost impossible to put down, even though the story they tell is a tragic and sometimes horrific one. They are both now out in paperback.  
M. S. H.

WEIGHTAWAY

Lost in Harbury - 780lbs. and nobody wants to find them again!

This total has been lost over the past twelve months by the ladies attending the Weightaway classes in the Wight School under the kindly but strict eye of Mrs. Annette Green. At the moment I can only contribute a mere 11 lbs. but I am trying to make it 1 stone before the end of the month.



Should anyone wish to help add to the 'load total', why not come and join us each Wednesday (please note change of day) at 8 o'clock for a weigh-in and very instructive chat with no obligation to join..... You'll probably recognise a few familiar shapes!

"A Would-be Wraith".

### CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

I felt I must write to say how disappointing it was to see so few Harbury people at the excellent Cabaret & Dance organised recently to help the funds of the Village Hall. We all rely on the Hall to be there for our various events - we expect it to be clean and well-maintained and we are only too ready to complain if we think the charges are too high. But we are, it seems, much less ready to support its fund-raising efforts. This was a very good value evening, with a popular group and professional entertainment of a high standard, but there were so few village people there, I wondered if I'd gone to the wrong place by mistake!! I feel we should consider very carefully how lost we would be without our Village Hall, and we should all pull our weight to help the small committee which has to bear the burden of maintaining this facility.

Yours sincerely,

Lin Hayes.

Dear Editors,

Recent issues of the Harbury News have mentioned various forms of entertainment in Leamington at the Spa Centre and also the Loft Theatre. Sometimes transport is difficult in the evenings and Catteralls of Southam are prepared to provide a service should there be sufficient demand. Recently I joined a small party organised by them and the door to door service was much appreciated.

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Yours,

K.M. Robinson (Mrs.)

### CORRECTION

Mr. Manners was placed second in the allotment competition - reported in last month's P.C. report.

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Mr. A.C. Over writes to us to express his concern on two topics:-

The Farm Street junction with Mill Street where, although it is better than it used to be, the likelihood of an accident occurring is increased now that buses are using it.

Village Vandalism - a distressing activity carried out, presumably, by children who have not been taught to respect other people's and public property. Especially upsetting are acts of vandalism in the cemetery.

Coincidentally, Mike Bloxham sent us this photo of an ash tree destroyed along Park Lane - what satisfaction can this have given?



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See Theatre Group article.

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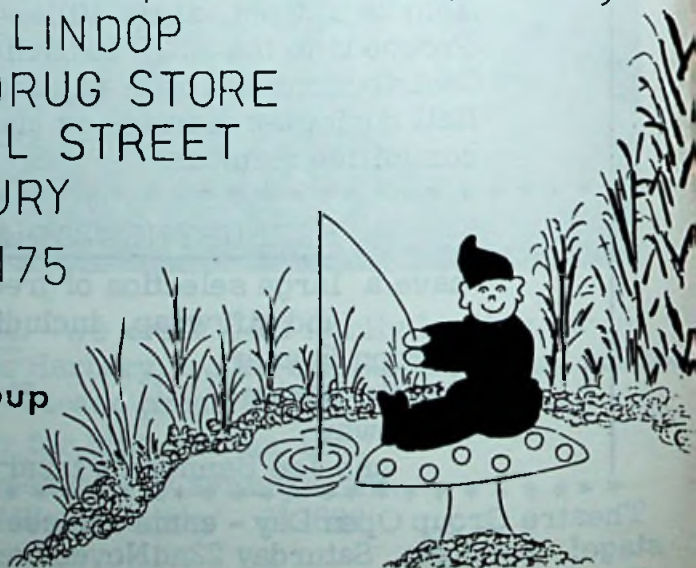
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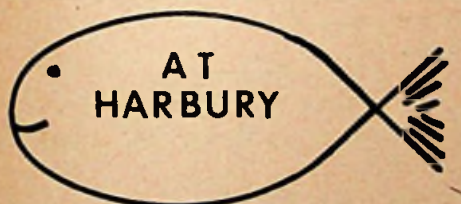
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