

# HARBURY AND LADBROKE NEWS

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The two main events in the village last month were the annual flower and vegetable show and the sponsored walk/ride/run in aid of the Myton Hospice Appeal. Both events, which are reported in more detail inside, were well supported and show yet again examples of the diverse activities which go on in the village.

A very successful social evening was held at The Shake-speare on 23rd September as a 'thank you' to all the distributors who make sure you receive your magazine every month. They are a vital part of the team so please be kind to them when they call to collect your £1.20 subscription for next year's "News" - any time now!

It's good to see that resurfacing of the tennis courts has been completed. At the request of the Parish Council the Tennis Club are now responsible for the management of the courts and more details including charges will be included in next month's issue.

The P.C.C. Bonfire is to be held on Saturday 1st November. This is always a most enjoyable community family occasion, so please come along and support. Details are on the slip enclosed.

# HARBURY DIARY

October 1980		
Sun	5th	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity. Harvest Thanksgiving
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8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Procession & Sung Eucharist with Gift Service, 6.30pm Evensong and Procession.

Tues 7th Senior Citizens Benefit Cttee, 8pm, V. Hall.

Horticultural Soc., 8pm, Wight School

Prayer Group, 8pm, Colbourne House, Ufton.

Wed. 8th Youth Club Disco, 8 - 10 pm, V. Hall.

Thurs 9th Golden Age, 2.30pm, V. Hall.

Fri 10th Village Hall Cabaret & Dance, 9 - 1 am, Tickets £2 (including food) from V. Hall Cttee.

Sat 11th Liberals Jumble Sale, 10.15am, V. Hall.

Sun 12th Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.

All Saints All Sorts, 7.45pm, 11 Constance Drive Sun 12th (planning Youth Service & Hallowe'en Party). Theatre Group panto auditions, 6.30pm, Wight Mon 13th School, Playing Fields Cttee at V. Hall. Tues 14th Harbury Friends, 8pm at School Bible Study, 8pm, Woodston, 443 Tachbrook Rd., Whitnash. Tear Fund Film Show, Work is Love made Visible Wed 15th 8pm, 11 Constance Drive. W.I. Harvest Supper at V. Hall. Fri 17th St. Luke. Holy Eucharist 9.45am. Choirs' Sat 18th Festival in Coventry Cathedral, 5.30pm. Twentieth Sunday after Trinity. 8am Holy Eucharis Sun 19th 10am Sung Eucharist-Hospital Sunday (Doctors and Nurses), 6.30pm Evensong. Scout Jamboree of the Air, 10am - 5pm in the Scout Hut. All Welcome. Labour Party Meeting, 8pm, Wight School. Mon 20th Bernard Davies talks on Education Cuts. All members welcome. Tufty Club, 2.15pm, Wight School. Tues 21st Prayer Group, 8pm. PTA AGM, 8pm, School. Wed 22nd PCC. 8pm. Wight School. Thurs 23rd Parish Council meets, 7.30pm, V. Hall. Golden Age, 2.30pm, V. Hall. Fri 24th Half Term holiday begins. Youth Club Disco, 8 - 10.30pm, V. Hall Sat 25th Golden Age Sale of Work, 2.30pm, V. Hall. Sun 26th Clocks back one hour. Twenty first Sunday after Trinity, 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist, 3.30pm Evensong. All Saints All Sorts, 7pm, 11 Constance Drive (please note two changes of time) No Playgroup this week. Mon 27th Young Wives, 2.30pm, V. Hall. Tues 28th Harbury Society talk on Folksongs at Shakespeare Inn begins 7.15pm. V. Hall Cttee, 8pm, V. Hall.

Tues 28th Bible Study, 8pm, The Cottage, Windmill Hill Farm, Chesterton. All Sorts' Hallowe'en Party. 31st Fri

NOVEMBER

All Saints Day. Patronal Festival. Holy Eucharist Sat lst at 7.30am & 9.45am. Tennis Jumble Sale, llam Wight School. PCC Bonfire at Playing Fields, 6pm.

Patronal Festival. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Sung Sun 2nd Eucharist, 3.30pm Evensong, 6.30pm Youth

Service - Speaker the Rev. Mike Langrish. Senior Citizens Benefit Cttee, 8pm, V. Hall. Tues 4th Horticultural Society, 8pm, Wight School. Prayer Group, 8pm.

M.U., 2.30pm, Old Timbers, Ivy Lane -Wed 5th Mrs. Backhouse on visit to Australia. W.I., 7.45pm, V. Hall - AGM, VCO. Men's Group, 7.45pm, Church House, Harbury. Thurs 6th

NSPCC Christmas Card Sale, Raffle & Coffee at Fri 7th The Rylands, Dovehouse Lane, 10-12 noon and 6.30pm to 8pm. All Welcome. Football Club Presentation Disco, V. Hall. WARNACT Jumble Sale at Wight School. 8th

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

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, V. Hall, 11.30am every Sunday. ALL SAINTS' ALL SORTS, 7.45pm, 11 Constance Drive, alternate Sundays.

UPHOLSTERY, Wight School, 2 - 4pm every Monday(NotOct 27th) GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm every Monday. GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 5.30(5-8yrs.), 6.45(over 9yrs.) every Monday.

Sat

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(lst troop), Wed(2nd troopy YOUTH CLUB COFFEE BAR, V.Hall, 7.30-10 p.m. Tuesday 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., Thursdays. GOLDEN AGE, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m., 2nd & 4thThursdays 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,

Catholic Renewal in the Church of England is one of the things we hear about these days, and there has certainly been a spiritual revival in many parishes. That there has been something of this in our own parish during the past twelve months is indicated by (among other things) these three facts: (1) the increased and increasing numbers of regular worshippers at our Parish Eucharist at 10 o'clock on Sunday mornings, (2) the large number of Confirmation candidates (including a record number of adults) which we had this year, and (3) the number of first confessions which have been made. Let us thank God for the work of the Holy Spirit, and let us pray that He may increase our devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ and our own zeal for His Kingdom.

What are some of the present needs of our Church?

I will mention two; (1) more members (men, women, boys and girls) in our choir, - any who are interested should see Mr. Nordon or myself either at the Choir practice at 6.30 on Friday evenings or at some other time, (2) more boys or men as Altar Servers both for Sundays and for the daily weekday Eucharist, - this is specially suitable for those who have previously been choir boys, - any who are interested should

see me.

Confirmation classes will be starting early in November. Any (children or adults) who would like to consider it should see me as soon as possible.

We congratulate our good friend Canon Fishley on celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on September 21st. We are glad that a number of our parishioners were able to go to his wonderful Eucharist of thanksgiving in Ladbroke Church on that evening.

Our best wishes go to two of our young people who are about to start their courses at University, - Gary Picken at Bristol and Ruth Wilne at Bath. May God guide and bless

them.

With the ending of British Summer Time on October 26th our Sunday Evensong will be in the afternoon instead of at 6.30 p.m. In previous years it has been at 4 p.m., but I wonder whether 3.30 p.m. would not be a better time. This would be possible now that there is no longer an afternoon class. Perhaps you will express an opinion as to whether you would prefer 3.30 or 4.0.

We mourn the loss of Mr. George Curry. May God granthim His rest and peace and may He comfort and guide

those who are bereaved.

October is the month of the Holy Angels. We think of the vast multitudes of the heavenly hosts of Angels in their wisdom and their power, in their gentleness and in their strength, and we ask them to be our comrades, to help us with their prayers and protection, to bring us to Jesus and to lift us up to God.

With every blessing,
Your sincere friendand Vicar,
F.R. Mackley.

# Holy Baptism

August 31st - Stephen Robert Ceney, 19 Leycester Close.

Peter James Cartwright Clarke, 27 Hickson Road

Bishops Itchington.

September 21st - Susan Gillam, 41 Deppers Bridge.

" 28th - Jonathan Keith Greasley, 39 South Parade.

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### Funeral Service

September 8th - George Robert Curry, 14 Sutcliffe Drive, aged 76 years.

# From the Churchwardens

No one who followed cricket a few years ago will ever forget the West Indian three-pronged attack of Worrall, Weekes and Walcot - the famous and, to their opponents deadly, three Ws. When the Vicar referred in a recent sermon to three Ws, one mind at least turned momentarily to cricket - admittedly a mind which is very easily turned to cricket! However, it soon became clear that it wasn't those three Ws he meant. He was referring to the life of the Church being made up of Witness, Work and Worship; all three Ws making an impression on the whole community which should be as memorable as the impression made by those other Ws. Witness includes the silent witness of the Church building and the witness of individuals and groups at work and at leisure. Work is made up of many different jobs both within the church and within the community and many share in the Worship of our church but reach out with their prayers to the whole village and as a reminder of this, the bells are rung. To throw in another W, all are Welcome to come and share in the Witness, Work and Worship of your church in Harbury.

We shall shortly be having our long-awaited new lighting and re-wiring in church and are most grateful for a grant of £1,000 from the Diocese towards the cost of this. It is anticipated that the work will take about four weeks. We plan to have a special service and official switching on but more details of that next month. Perhaps the special service should be at Evensong when we use the collect which starts "Lighten our darkness....."

We have a number of special services in the next few months and look forward to welcoming many people to all of them but we should particularly like to mention one which falls on that awkward Sunday of the weekend the Harbury News is published. At 6.30 on the day on which we celebrate our Patronal Festival, 2nd November (although All Saints'

Day is the previous day) we have the second of our services designed for young people and extend a warm invitation to all youth organisations and individual young people to share in this service.

### Christian Education Movement

"A Basis for R. E." is the title of a lecture to be given in Dale Street Methodist Church, Leamington Spa on Wednesday, 15th October at 7.30 p.m. The speaker will be Revd. Garth Read, the new director of the D. E.S. Regional R. E. Centre at Westhill College. He is an Australian who was at Westhill 5 years ago working with Michael Grimmitt on the 'Christians Today' project. On returning home he was seconded to the Curriculum Branch of the Queensland Department of Education working on their R. E. Curriculum Project Team. He has been Director of Westhill since April 1980.

# ALL SAINTS' ALL SORTS

We have re-started after the summer break and have decided to meet every time at the same place, Il Constance Drive and we're very grateful to Pam and David Clarke for letting us make their games room our headquarters. We're also delighted that Davidhas agreed to help with All Sorts. When the clocks go back on 26th October, we shall alter our meeting time to 7 p.m. and will go back to 7.45 in the spring when the clocks go on again.

We're planning a Hallowe'en party on 31st October and are also busy getting ready for the Young People's Service to which we warmly invite all young people in the village.

# TEAR FUND

At the Harvest Supper, Mrs. Kathleen Shortley of Kenilworth introduced Tear Fund to Harbury. She contributed this article on her theme:-

Unemployment seems to be the talking point at the moment. For the unemployed themselves it means loss, not only of earnings, but dignity and sometimes self-confidence. In this country the blow is cushioned to some extent by social security benefits. In some countries unemployment runs as high as 40 and 45% and there are no state benefits for the poor

families it affects.

The result is hunger and deprivation with no prospect of any significant change. Tear Fund is a Christian relief and development agency involved in helping people in desperate need. They do this in many ways. One of these is through Tearcraft, their marketing branch.

Handicrafts, made from local raw materials, using traditional skills are imported from producing groups, to be sold throughout the U.K. Assistance is given with working capital, workshops, equipment etc., and training in produc-

tion skills and administration.

The Craft is marketed here through a mail order catalogue and voluntary representatives. A shop called 'Juteronomy' selling Tearcraft has recently opened in

Warwick Road, Kenilworth.

People are at the heart of Tearcraft's ministry. They are working with those groups who have a specifically Christian basis, with leaders who are concerned for people's material and spiritual needs. When you buy Tearcraft you can be confident a fair wage has been paid to the producers. More than that, you can be sure you are helping the developing world to be a better place for the people who make the handicrafts.

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# LADBROKE NEWS

Services etc. for October and early November 1980

Friday, 3rd October. 7.30pm Harvest Supper in Village Hall. Tickets. Adults £1.25, Children 50p.

Sunday, 5th Oct. Harvest Thanksgiving (Trinity XVIII)

8.30am Holy Communion, llam Family Service and Children's Gifts, 6.30pm Evensong.

Wednesday, 8th Oct. 3.0 pm Women's Fellowship at Briar-wood.

Sunday, 12th Oct. Trinity XIX. llam Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon. NO EVENSONG.

Monday, 13th Oct. 7.30 p.m. P.C.C. meets in Church. Tuesday, 14th Oct. 7.30 p.m. Alibone Charity Trustees meet at the Old Rectory.

Saturday, 18th Oct. S. Luke E.

Sunday, 19th Oct. Trinity XX. 8.30am Holy Communion, llam Matins.

Sunday, 26th Oct. Trinity XXI. llam Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon, 3.30 pm Holy Baptism followed by short Evensong. Note change of time.

Tuesday, 28th Oct. SS. SIMON & JUDE. AA.

Saturday, 1st Nov. ALL SAINTS.

Sunday, 2nd Nov. In the Octave of All Saints (Trinity XXII)
Patronal Festival. 8.30am Holy Communion,
llam Matins.

Thursday, 6th Nov. 7.45pm, Men's Group at Church House, Harbury.

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

10.50am Remembrance Service followed by short

Matins. 3.30pm Holy Communion with Hymns.

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

Altar Flowers: Oct 5 & 12 Mrs. Darkes, Oct. 19 Mrs. Ross, Oct. 26 Mrs. Henderson, Nov. 2 Mrs. Garman, Nov 9 & 16 Miss Hensman.

Women's Fellowship. I am looking forward to seeing you all at Briarwood on Wednesday, 8th October at 3.0 p.m. C.H.

Confirmation. Any candidates for Confirmation should get in touch with me at once (if not sooner!), please.

G.R.F.

St. Matthew's Day, 1980. I should like to express my thanks to all those, from near and far, who by their support and their prayers made this an unforgettable occasion for me. Especially I am grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Rutherfordfor their hospitality and to the ladies who helped with refreshments, to the Archdeacon of Warwick, the Rural Dean and Rev. R. T. Murray....but I cannot detail all.

G.R.F.

Churchyard. Our thanks to those who carried out the 'blitz' on the North side.... in which the Teverson family were prominent, and to Christopher and Mark for their care of the South Side.

Congratulations to Christopher Veel off to the University of Leeds and Mark Wilson to Bristol Polytechnic. Well done, both of you.

G.R.F.

Welcome. to Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw who have come to The Old Well House and to Mrs. Goodacre who has made the journey from Southam to live at Whyalla. We hope they will be very happy among us.

### Village Hall News

Well, there's a nip in the air that tells us autumn is here, but we managed to have a super barbecue at the Village Hall as a final summer fling. I think the Village Hall Committee chose one of the driest nights we've had this month, and if you did feel chilly there were a couple of the best barbecue braziers I've ever seen to keep warm by, as well as a bar through which to warm the inner man. After a bit of practice most of us managed to produce a well cooked meal and afterwards we joined in the guitar playing and singing. A very enjoyable evening. Many thanks to all those who helped to make it such a success.

M. W.

A Harvest Auction of vegetables, flowers, pickles, jams, cakes etc. was held on 27th Sept. Ken Bull as Ladbroke's own "Charlie Phillips", charmed and cajoled the bidders to a useful sum for the Village Hall. Most thanks, however, goes to those who donated produce and, of course, to those who bought it.

On 23rd August, Rhys Wilson gave a Contemporary Folk Concert at Southam Community Hall in aid of Ladbroke Village Hall. The evening was a great success and after all expenses, a useful profit was made - thank you Rhys.

Owing to lack of enthusiasm the Wheelbarrow Race was unfortunately cancelled. Where were all you able-bodied men?

Peter West and David Monk have been on a diet - had you noticed? They very kindly allowed themselves to be weighed in public in order that we could ask for sponsors - 5p per pound lost was the usual amount people were willing to pay, and again, this all helps towards funds. Thank you Pete and Dave.

Money is not all that is needed! Please give an hour or so of your time to help us get the roof in good order. Dave Wilson or Pete Williamson will be round at the Village Hall every first and third Saturday in the month. We look forward to seeing you.

M. B.

A Country and Western evening will be held in November at the Village Hall. Keep a look out for the posters.

There will be a Bonfire Party in Farm Yard,
Ladbroke by kind permission of Tom Sheasby on Sat. 8th Nov.
Tickets available shortly. Foodand drink will be on sale.
Please bring your own fireworks but these will be let off by a special team in a fenced-off area for safety. Any wood or other combustible material for the fire will be gratefully received in the meantime.

W.I. We had quite a good turn out on September 14th for our Sponsored Walk to Harbury. All the sponsorship money hasn't yet come in, but it looks as though we'll have about £50 to go towards Christmas Parcels for pensioners. Well done!

Instead of a fashion show on 25th September we had a very good cookery demonstration given by Meriel Williamson. She showed us a varied menu, from the sublime to the ordinary, and afterwards the dishes she had cooked were raffled with the proceeds going to our Sunshine Fund.

The next meeting is on 23rd October when we will be electing next year's Committee members and officers.

M. W.

Karen and Mike would like to thank all those who helped with the "Woodlands Show" last month. The £35 they made will be divided between the National Equine Research Station at Newmarket and the Jimmy Savile Stoke Mandeville Appeal. DEVIL'S BRIDGE

Our main school trip this year, for the fourth years, was organised by Mr. Chapman and Mr. Stuart with help from Mrs. Barr and Mrs. Dufresne.

We left school at around 10 o'clock and arrived at our

chalets in Devils Bridge about 3.30 p.m.

After unloading our coach, Mr. Chapman separated four boys to be the leaders of the boys' chalets and four girls to lead the girls' chalets. We chose which chalets we were to be in ourselves, and organised our own beds.

Before our first meal at the centre we walked down into Devil's Bridge, and discovered how small it really was,

just a hotel, a post office and a few bungalows.

Our first day's walk took us to Ysptty Cynfyn church. Here are the graves of the first recorded quads, who along with their father, a brother and sister all died of Typhoid or Debility within two weeks of each other.

Mr. Chapman had organised the trip so that we would

walk one day and ride in a coach the next.

On Sunday we visited a lead mine which is now a museum, and Nant-y-Moch reservoir which is part of Rheidol Valley hydro electric scheme. The next day we walked to the power station and visitors centre and two women explained the system. In my opinion the best day was Tuesday when we visited the Centre of Alternative Technology where we saw methods to save the earth's energy resources.

Mostly we behaved well, but on Tuesday night a midnight gathering was discovered by Mr. Stuart, but no resent-

ment was held against him!

In all, we enjoyed the week in Wales, between the 12th and 19th of September.

STEPHEN LUKE.

# HARBURY P.T.A.

Congratulations to the Hottentots (Linda Ridgley, Sharon Hancock, Betty Knappe and Steve Checkley) on winning the P. T. A. Quiz Night Challenge Shield, and commiserations to the runners-up, the Theatre Group, and thank you to the other teams ("Club", Venture Scouts, W.I. & P.T.A.) and to Jim Chapple, the questionmaster for an enjoyable and informative evening.

We hope that all who attended the SupperDance evening

enjoyedit and felt that it was value for money (the evening is intended as a thank you from the retiring committee to P.T.A. members and friends for their support over the last year.)

Which brings us to the A.G.M., to be held on Wednesday 22nd October, 8.0 pm in the School Hall. Please can nominations for next year's committee and anything that members would like to be discussed at the meeting be submitted to Mr. Oliver or any other committee member by Monday 13th October. We hope at the meeting to display items purchased with the money raised by the P.T.A. (and also perhaps show a video tape recording).

With reference to fund raising, the sponsored walk raised £640 (a screen, overhead projector, slide projector, table tennis table and other items to be purchased as soon as possible). And the winners of the "100 Club" draw for September were Mr. & Mrs. J. Moore. If you'rea P.T.A. member and would like to be a member of the 100 Club, details can be gained from either Mr. R. Lymn (tel. 613266) or Mr. K. Holding (613330).

## Ist HARBURY SCOUT GROUP

On Sunday 19th October from 10 a.m. - 5.0 p.m. you are invited to the scout but at the Wight School to take part in the annual 'Scout Jamboree on the Air'. We are very lucky to be able to call on the services of Vic Peake - a radio 'ham' to run this event. He will be leading a group of boys, whom he has taught, in making as many contacts as possible, by radio, with other scouts round the world. It will be an interesting and unpredictable day - the skies the limit as they say! During the day drinks will be served and an exhibition of camp photographs and camp cooking 'apparatus' will be on display.

Future events include a 'scouting challenge' against Bishops Itchington; a weekend hike in the Cotswolds in November and last but mot least phase II of the hut extension - the

superstructure!

# YOUTH CLUB

JOHN HANCOCK.

Youth Club has now restarted and is open to anyone who wouldlike to attend, who is over 12.

Coffee Bar is on Tuesdays from 7.30 -10 p.m. and

Activities are on Wednesdays from 8 - 10 p.m.

We have Discos booked this month on Wed. 8 Oct., 8 - 10 p.m. and on FRIDAY 24 Oct. 8 - 10.30 p.m., and hope these will be well supported.

Weather permitting, we also hope to have another

midnight hike, probably on a Saturday night.

J.T.T.

# TENNIS CLUB

Our first season reached a sudden end with the welcome arrival of the court re-surfacing machines. No longer will we be able to blame the uneven surface and occasional pot-hole for a missed shot! However, by the time this article is published the work should be completed and we hope to have resumed Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning sessions. Play will be free to all members at these times but tennis balls will not be provided during the winter.

All members should now have received notices concerning the A.G.M. to be held at Harbury Village Club on Tuesday October 7th, at 7.30 p.m. Any person wishing to know more about the tennis club or considering joining next

year will be very welcome.

As you are probably aware, at the request of the Parish Council, the tennis club is now assuming responsibility for the management of the courts and our financial commitment to the Parish Council will be considerably increased in 1981. To enable subscriptions to be maintained at a reasonable level, we are considering various fund raising activities for the year. The first of these will be a jumble sale in the Wight School, on Saturday 1st November. If you are willing to help with the collection, sorting or selling of jumble, please let me, or any committee member, know as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you have any ideas for future events (especially if you are interested in running them!) the committee would like to hear from you!

DI PARKIN (612451)

# HARBURY GYMNASTICS GROUP

Some of you may have read the recent article in the Leamington Courier about the Leamington Gymnastic Club of

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which the Harbury Group is part.

Harbury is playing a significant part in the success of the main club, five girls from the village now being members of the Olympic Group, which trains at Campion School.

Two of these girls, Gail Davis and Amanda Goodchild, are among the eleven girls from Learnington selected for the Warwickshire Squad. Amanda is also one of the two Learnington girls selected for the West Midlands squad.

During the last twelve months the club has purchased a training beam and spring board for use at Harbury, extending the training that can be provided in the village.

An Open Evening is being held in the School Gymnasium on Monday 20th October at 6.30 p.m. Why not come along and see the girls at work?

### YOUNG WIVES

Last month we enjoyed a very interesting talk, by Mrs. Mackie, on caring for our children's teeth. Our next meeting will be held during half-term week on Tuesday 28th October, and all children will be most welcome.

# HARBURY W.I.

A busy time of the year with the Produce Show on 20th September, P.T.A. Quiz on 24th September, Autumn Council Meeting on 2nd October, Michaelmas Fair at Spa Centre on 9th October and W.I. Harvest Supper on 17th October.

Mrs. Burdett would be grateful for any help with the Churchyard Survey.

We have chosen St. Andrews in Guernsey as our W.I. twin.

Mrs. E. Zonik and Mrs. L. Hayes are displaying their work in the County Craft Exhibition at Leamington Art Gallery, and Mrs. B. Cox and Mrs. M. Catt have been chosen to go to Denman College next year.

Mrs. Thompson thanked Mrs. L. Watkins for opening her home for the recent Jimmy Savile Appeal coffee evening, and Mrs. G. Carter for her excellent organisation of the trip

to Broughton Castle which everybody thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr. R. Ellis whisked us away by film on a Safari holiday in Kenya and we saw the beautiful animals, not to mention the superb accommodation and scenery en route.

The W.I. Produce Show proved very successful with

156 entries and Mrs. Clifton won the cup with 18 points.

Mrs. M. Thompson read the judges comments on all the various sections of entries. Overall they were of excellent standard, but they were disappointed at the lack of entries in the handicraft section.

Very many thanks to the Committee and helpers who worked very hard to make the show a success - and to the

public who supported. us.

JEANNE BEAUMONT (612278)

# GOLDEN AGE

Our annual Handicraft Sale will be in the Village Hall on Saturday, 25th October, from 2.30 p.m. There will be plenty of lovely things to buy - this is NOT a jumble sale, but a sale of items, mainly made by our members, which could solve your Christmas present problems! Among the stalls will be Cakes, Plants and Preserves, Second-hand clothing, Fancy Goods and White Elephant. We have lots of talented members, so come along and see the lovely things they ve made!

Proceeds go towards providing a Christmas party for our members, so your support will be greatly appreciated.

L. KNIGHTON (612707)

# BOOKS

While sunning ourselves on the beach (or sheltering under an umbrella!) several of us have read some particularly good books this summer. They are all available from our village library, and we think you might enjoy them.

"Dear Me" by Peter Ustinov. Born in London in 1921, this brilliant man has achieved fame as an actor, playwright, director, designer and story-teller. His autobiography explores his origins - he's part-Russian, part-French, and part quite a lot besides! - recounts his fascinating career

and his three marriages, and details his compassionate concern for world problems. It is a very, very funny book, full of uproarious tales of the famous people he's met. but it is controversial and thought-provoking too. Do read it -I'm sure you'll enjoy it! D. M. H.

"Down the Hatch", "We Saw the Sea", "Never Go to Sea", "Good Enough for Nelson". If your reading verges on the humorous (what you read, not how, of course!), then these titles and others in the series by John Winton about the very likeable character Captain Robert Bollinger Badger D.S.C. R.N., - known throughout the Navy as "The Artful Bodger" are a must for your reading list. Whilst some of the stories (all fiction) are set against a sea-faring background, others are firmly on dry land, such as the day he takes over the Navy's Public Relations Department, determined to improve the "image" of the modern Navy ( see "Never Go to Sea"). All the books have that indefinable flow that makes you want to read the next page. You could find yourself finishing a book at one sitting, so make sure you get several at once! P.J.H.

## VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Village Hall Committee faced up to the problems of hiring the Hall for parties. It decided that after the disturbances in May, when, to quote Tim Percival, some of the young people acted like animals, no bookings would be taken for parties for anyone who was not a resident of Harbury. Bookings for parties for village children would only be accepted if made by the parents, who had to agree to be present at the Hall to ensure that no damage was done.

The Committee agreed to adopt the Model Hiring Agreement for Village Halls which was recommended by the Warwickshire Rural Community Council. The hire charges for the Hall would rise on October 1st (Booking Secretary Dick Picken of Fox Cottage, Chapel Street has all the details).

Peggy Middleton agreed to look after the Village Hall cutlery, and she will hire it out at a rate of £2 per hundred items. If used in the Village Hall, the cutlery is free of charge but in either case a deposit of £10 is required and

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50p per item is charged for lost cutlery,

The Committee has severe financial problems this winter, even though it has the prospect of increased revenue from the hiring of the Hall, Electricity charges continue to mount and repairs are astronomical. It has just cost £70 to have the fire extinguishers refilled and replaced. (Who empties them?) New doors for the extension will cost many hundreds of pounds, broken windows have to be mended, dead sockets repaired and faulty lights replaced. On top of all that comes the news that the Village Hall extension roof leaks and that nothing short of stripping it all off and reroofing will solve the problem. The Parish Council has generously offered to set aside a yearly sum for maintenance but it could take years to amass the capital for a new roof. In semi-despair Sue Andrews asked "Should I order a load of buckets for this winter?"

The only cheerful news at the meeting was that the Warwickshire County Council had agreed to supply the Village Hall with free trees for its grounds.

L.R.

# HARBURY SOCIETY

First the news. We are actively working on two projects at the moment - the Pump and the Guide.

The Pump. You remember it stood by the War Memorial on Pump Green in Crown Street. It rotted and fell down. Thanks largely to the energy and persistance of Neville Ellis the Society has offered to undertake to replace it. An anonymous benefactor has offered to pay for the work and we have purchased an Elm trunk which has been cut at the sawmill and now stands in Neville Ellis's farmyard at Sharmer Farm, waiting for volunteers to finish it. Unfortunately we did not feel competent to make a working pump but then the original did not work!

The Guide. The draft is finished and we are waiting for news of whether we qualify for a Grant towards the printing costs. Even if we are successful we can only expect half the costs to be paid by the Carnegie UK Trust and we will have to raise several hundred pounds. Any bright ideas for fund raising will be most gratefully received.



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Next the Events. What is the Society doing to involve you? Well, there will be a Social in the New Year - more details when I have found a Group.

We have invited Dr. Allan to be our quest speaker in

November, Geology is his subject.

For October I have a real treat for you. Highly recommended by none other than William Tyler the Folklore expert, comes Bob Bushaway, a folklore tutor at Birmingham University, who will give a talk at the Shakespeare Inn on Tuesday 28 October - on English Folksongs. He entitles the talk "A Nest of Song Birds" and will illustrate his talk with examples of Folksongs. We will make a prompt start at 7.15pm for Mr. Bushaway has to leave by 9 p.m. I advise you to come early in any case as space in the Shakespeare Lounge is limited.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

# PARISH COUNCIL, AUGUST

The strongest impression I was left with after this, my first ever Parish Council meeting, was that the councillors do alot more work, and a lot less waffling, than any other committee I know. In 2 hours they covered 33 topics, some in great depth and none carelessly, and I for one am happy

that our village affairs are in their hands.

Their complaint to Midland Red about the new bus service and its dangerous route along Farm Street resulted in a reply which basically said "Take it or leave it". Mrs. Ethel Sollis had written to say that she felt Harbury is lucky to have such a goodservice - much better than most villages - and that danger in Farm Street comes not from the buses but from thoughtless parking and lack of footpaths. Also received was a copy of a petition to Midland Red, signed by Colin Ingram and over 30 others, giving a series of reasons why Farm Street is unsuitable for a bus route. As further protests to Midland Red could well result in the extra service being withdrawn altogether, the Council decided that its best plan is to continue to look at all possible ways of making Farm Street safer, both at its junction with Mill Street and where there are no footpaths,

On the subject of Field Footpaths, the Council was unhappy about accepting £70in return for which the County

20. Council would no longer maintain the paths. Attempts will be made to persuade the County Council of its legal

obligation to do this maintenance, and only if these attempts

fail will the P.C. accept the "bribe".

Two contradictory letters had been received following the Council's expressions of concern about activities at Fosse Farm. The Police had said the heavy vehicles going in and out from the busy main road were "only a slight danger, not a real hazard", but the County Council had recommended an enforcement order because of "the great hazards" being caused. If no improvement is obvious within a month, the Council's "watching brief" will develop into more active action.

On the subject of the village's sporting facilities, work on re-surfacing the tennis courts will start in September, at a cost of £1,980, and rental for their pitches will be

increased to both the Rugby and Football Clubs.

Mike Ellis said that his forecasts on finances were proving accurate, and that - barring the unexpected - no problems should occur. An interest-free loan to the Scouts of £50 was approved and even news of a 9% increase in street lighting costs was received calmly. However, it was agreed that very regular checks be made to see that all lamps are working.

About 16 people are now on the waiting list for allotments, about 5 of which will become available soon, and the ornaments etc from the Burial Grounds Chapel have gone to the Church. Removal of the cloth from the altar revealed infestation in the woodwork, so the chapel timbers

will be checked.

Concern was expressed about manhole covers that levitate (by themselves or with the help of children?) and signposts that rotate (ditto). An approach will be made to the Gas Board about lack of warning lights on their holes in Sutcliffe Pastures, and the Council was pleased to report repairs in hand or completed to the rose garden seat, the village pump and the children's play equipment.

Permission was given to the Church to charge for entry to the Recreation Ground on the Bonfire & Fireworks Party evening (1st November), and interest was expressed in the proposed new light industrial development at the

Cement Works - about 20 small units hopefully bringing jobs to the area.

On the continuing topic of dogs and their end products, councillors felt things were a little better - "more dog owners seem to carry paper bags and shovels now". However there is still room for improvement, and a hard-hitting poster campaign was suggested. Mike Ellis said he'd give some thought to suitable wording. Even if Linda Ridgley is back from holiday and available to do next month's report, I think I may attend, just to hear which words he chooses! D.M.H.

# PARISH COUNCIL, SEPTEMBER

David; that is both your Parish Council personified, and David Winter in person; has threatened to take Goliath; that is the County Council; to the County Court for non-maintenance of field footpaths.

Cautious Accountant, Mike Ellis, wants to take the £75 WCC offers for repairs undertaken by the PC, but still hold the County responsible for maintenance! Deppers Representative, Ivy Catterall, complained that the footpath

to Bishops Itchington has still not been reinstated.

The County Council came in for a slating for not moving the village verges the promised four times this year and the District's motives in applying for Planning Permission for sites in Frances Road and Park Lane were impugned. District Cllr John Drinkwater assured Cllrs that the land would not be sold for private housing; it was to be used for

OAP's bungalows.

Your Clirs local knowledge was solicited by Warwick DC which wanted to know whether there was an 'established use' at Harbury Lane Auto Breakers' site. The answer that it has been used for industry since about 1948 means that the trading can continue. Fosse Farm, however, did not escape so lightly. Harbury and Radford PCs pressed Warwick DC to serve enforcement notices on the three separate businesses operating from the farm. Mike Ellis even complained that 'our very timid Police report that nothing untoward has happened there!.

People do get lost in Harbury and need street signs to help them. Sharon Hancock made a plea for name plates for Vicarage Lane, Queens Close and Butt Lane. Mike Ellis had the Council pondering over suitable wording for a sign which would make dog owners feel guilty and embarassed about letting their dogs foul the Playing Fields. David Winter reported encountering a woman who was excercising her dog, off its lead, in the Burial Grounds!

Work was progressing on the replacement Pump for the Green in Crown Street, and Neville Ellis hoped it might

be in place by Christmas.

Neville and Ralph Gurden judged the Allotments
Competition, placing Mr. Pratt first, Mrs. Mann second
and Mr. Boneham third. Ralph complained that 'there's
only a few there who know how to garden'. Six plots were
to be allocated to new tenants, and there were four neglected
plots. Ray Carter explained that "Lots of people don't
realise how big they are".

LINDA RIDGLEY.

# SPONSORED EVENT FOR MYTON HOSPICE



A "triathlon" (walking, running and cycling) was held in Harbury recently to raise money for the Myton Hospice Appeal Fund. The weather was mainly dry and sunny, but with a spell of drizzle in mid-afternoon, and the strong westerly wind made conditions difficult. Nevertheless, some remarkable distances were covered, notably no less than 17 circuits (almost 17 miles) by walker Karen Hoare, aged 9: and in the 10-12 age group, Tracey Gulliver completed 10 miles.

Among the adults, walker Gordon Bennett completed over 15 miles, runner John Hancock did  $22\frac{1}{2}$  miles and Charles Catt on his bicycle completed an amazing 77 miles. There were 70 participants altogether, of which 34 were children under 16.

The organisers are very grateful for the considerable amount of help they received, which made this such a successful event. and special mention must be made of the Venture Scouts, to whom we are most grateful.

We estimate that the amount raised will be in excess of £500 - a large proportion of which is certain to come from the 201 sponsors supporting Dr. Sadiq Kahn from Warwick Hospital. We hope to have exact details for next month's magazine.

Very many thanks to everyone who supported me for the cycle ride in aid of the Myton Hospice. Your generosity enabled me to hand over \$70 - £10 per circuit.

VIV AGGETT.

# HARBURY THEATRE GROUP'S FREE OFFER!

"Time and Time Again", a hilarious comedy by Alan Ayckbourn, is the Group's next production. The cast is a small one, just 3 men and 2 women. But the scenery builders will need to be very numerous (and very inventive) as half the stage must represent the conservatory of a suburban house, while the other half is the garden - complete with garden pond!!

I'm told that rehearsals are progressing well - when the cast can stoplaughing at Alan Ayckbourn's marvellous humour! This is the first Harbury play to be produced by Nick Watson (who you will remember as the abullient Sam in our last offering, 'Suddenly at Home'), and he is introducing a few new ideas which we're confident will ensure another successful production for the Group.

The play will be at the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Thursday 20th, Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd November, and tickets are on sale at the Drug Store, Chapel Street, or

telephone Carol Percival, 612175.

On the afternoon of the Saturday there will be a unique opportunity for you to see "behind the scenes" at an OPEN DAY in the Village Hall before the last night of "Time and Time Again". Theatre Group members will be presenting a programme including costume and make-up demonstrations, the art of producing, stage and scenery construction, sound and lighting effects etc. during the afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m.

Free Vouchers giving a discount of 30p off the cost of full price tickets for future plays will be given away during the afternoon. For further details contact Peter Holt. -

telephone 612790.

# YOUTH THEATRE WORKSHOP

# IT'S PANTO TIME!

Jack and his Magic Beanstalk will provide the ideal start to the Christmas festivities this year. His story will be told in mime to the accompaniment of music by the likes of Mike Oldfield, Beethoven, Dukas, Sky and the Beatles.

But first we need a cast. We are therefore holding a very informal audition at the Wight School on Monday 13th October at 6.30 p.m. If you would like a part, please bring along one of your favourite books and prepare a short mime on the subject of either a walk in the forest or the flight of the bumble bee. We are looking for a cast of about 40, aged 6-15 years, including a number of dancers. Scenery painters and property makers are also needed.

Please come along, with your parents, on Monday Oct. 13th to hear=what it's all about. If you can't make it but would like to help out, please contact me on 613242.

NICK WATSON.

D.M.H.

Vegetables are never cheap during the winter and early spring months, so anything you can store, freeze or preserve will go along way to relieving the household budget.

This year potatoes should be sorted more often

than usual owing to the wet season.

Soft fruits such as gooseberries, black, red and white currants and blackberries can be planted from the end of October. The earlier they are planted the better chance they will have the following season. Divide and plant rhubarb. Spring cabbages should be planted out. Bulb onions must have free ventilation in store. Most people's Japanese Onions are now up in full so be sure to keep hoeing between the rows so as to keep the small weeds in check. It is a good idea to make a note of all the questions that you wish to ask at our meeting on Tuesday Oct. 7th.

Don't be disheartened because some of your seeds did not grow as well as expected. To be truthful, a number of mine were very poor plants and I think this was due not to the seed but the cold ground as some planted at least a month later easily passed those that were planted earlier.

W.F. LINES.

# HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The annual Flower Show at the Village Hall on September 13th was very successful with entries again up on last year. So many people helped to put on the show that it is impossible to mention them all individually but our thanks go to the ladies who made the teas, the judges, those who spent hours erecting and dismantling staging or just helping, Hunts' Stores, Mugglestons and Philip Lindop for donating raffle prizes and most of all the entrants without whom there wouldn't be a show. Please come back next year.

For the record, the winners of the main cups, so ably

presented by Mrs. Barnes and Sue Ellis were:-

Harold Wilkins Challenge Cup for most points in show:
Harold Wilkins

Farley Cup - Vegetables: Harold Wilkins Courier Cup - Flowers: Harold Wilkins

Brunton Challeng Cup - Flower Arranging: Mrs. P. Hancock

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All Saints Cup - Fruit: Ian Crute
Daniel Challenge Trophy - Home Produce: Mrs. V. Card
Fred Lines Cup - Children up to ll yrs.: Hayley Green
Finch Challenge Cup - Children ll - 15 yrs: Karen Cumming

Also presented was the Parish Council Allotments Cup. the winner of which was Mr. J. Pratt.

Our winter meetings start at the Wight School on Tuesday October 7th at 8.00pm when the speaker will be from Clows Garden Centre, Warwick on the subject of hardy shrubs. It is anticipated that plants will also be for sale.

TONY BRUNTON.



Barbara Andrews - pictured with her entry for the Flower Show.

(Photo by Mike Bloxham to whom Harbury News expresses grateful thanks for his prompt and reliable service - on all occasions.)

# PROFILE - DR. GORDON AVERY



Dr. Avery came to Harbury some four years ago after some years in the Solomon Islands, and he has a wife and a young family. He is fascinating to talk to, and it is impossible in a short profile to do more than skim the surface of his interests and opinions.

Seeing the effects on various communities of the lack of adequate health care, whilst serving in the Merchant Navy as a young man, he became convinced that his

future lay, not as a sea captain, but in the world of medicine. He was at one time a General Practitioner, but his overriding interest has always been in the wider field of community care - not just making us better when we're ill, but preventing us becoming ill in the first place.

So many of the health problems which beset us are preventable, but neither governments nor individuals really face up to these issues. Dr. Avery feels that the 'leisure revolution' should be catered for, with more facilities to encourage healthy pursuits like walking and cycling, and that Government should take seriously the task of health education, with a structured programme (as used notably in Scandinavia) pointing out the dangers of smoking, alcohol and stress, and the importance of seat belts, sensible diet, accident prevention and so on.

As District Community Physician for South Warwick-shire he is involved in the management and organisation of the hospital and clinic services in this area. Spending on healthin Britain is among the lowest per capita of any country in Europe, yet Dr. Avery believes that reducing waste and improving efficiency in the Health Service could cut costs considerably, whilst still providing the high standard of carethe NHS gives now.

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So often, many busy GPs don't have time to care, only to cure, and he sees a re-structuring - with more emphasis on advice and prevention - as a desirable future development.

He has recently instigated a survey on accidents among children, and cycling, horse-riding and rugby football come high on the list of common causes. Drinking and driving, and the wearing of seat belts, are issues about which he feels strongly. If they wish to get their licence back, convicted drunken drivers should undergo compulsory treatment, rather than be fined, and indeed he sees alcohol abuse leading as it can to family strife, violence, accidents and crime - as one of the most tragic aspects of life today. As for the wearing of seat belts, he reluctantly comes down on the side of compulsion. Persuasion only works for a limited number of people, and the nation cannot afford to go on 'picking up the pieces' when people bring about their own ill health or injury. Of course, smoking - "the biggest known preventable cause of illness in Britain today" - comes into this category too, and Dr. Avery feels the approach here should be especially to mothers who smoke, pointing out the harm they do their children, both directly by bringing up infants in a polluted atmosphere and indirectly by teaching them by example to smoke.

Dr. Avery knows that many of his views are controversial, but he sees his role in the front line of matters relevant to community health as an exciting and challenging one, encouraging people to question old ideas and introduce new positive ones where appropriate. Many problems concern him - far more than there's space for here. He believes in freedom of choice, not compulsion, but his sadness in the face of self-inflicted suffering leads him to put health education at the top of his list of priorities. He has no desire to be a 'spoilsport', stopping us from doing what we enjoy, but he knows that so many of our ills and accidents could be prevented, and his work could perhaps best be summed up by saying that he aims to promote the scince of survival.

D. M. H.

## WHAT'S ON

Autumn brings with a welcome revival in the Arts and entertainment world. Grand opera is ferociously expensive to stage and tours are rare, so we are lucky to have a season of opera at the Coventry Theatre. Full details from the Box Office or ring 97-23141.

The University of Warwick Arts Centre offers a wide

variety of concerts, drama, and films.

On Tuesday October 7th, you can sing the 'Messiah from Scratch' with the University Orchestra and Chorus and Conductor Roy Wales. It's at 7.30, and the charge of 50p includes hire of a score.

The Footsbarn Theatre Company have an unusual production of Hamlet in the Arts Centre Studio from 7th - 11th October. If you've always found Shakespeare too long and a bit boring this could be for you. The company have cut the play to two hours and present the play as travelling players with lots of music, mime and clowning.

On Monday 13th October there is a recital by the marvellous singer, Dame Janet Baker. The programme includes

songs by Handel, Schubert, Fauré and Vaughan Williams.

The legendary George Shearing is making the only Midland appearance of his current tour at the Guy Nelson Hall at Warwick School on 21st October. Tickets are available from the Royal Spa Centre.

Nostalgia has hit the Spa Centre. They present 'Showtime Memories' with the Learnington and Warwick Operatic Society, on 10th October, and 'Old Tyme Music Hall' with Sandy Powell on 31st October. 'Can you hear me Mother?!'

Spa Centre. 9-34418.
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M.S. H.

# HARBURY RIDER'S SUCCESS

Jackie Bloxham, Model Farm, Harbury, with her two horses "Nice Idea" and "Phoenix" have won the cupfor the highest points gained during the year at the Jephson Saddle Club. In senior show jumping classes they have won over 30

awards including a puissance.

"Nice Idea" has qualified for the West Midlands

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Championship, and "Phoenix" has her chance in the Jephson Championships (to be held at Stoneleigh) when she meets her stable companion who has also qualified.

# LORRAINE'S LIBRARY - HARBURY HOUSE

I am very glad to say my Library was a success over the summer holidays and has already raised £14 for NSPCC funds. I am continuing it on aWednesday evening after school, 4.30 p.m. until 5.30 p.m.

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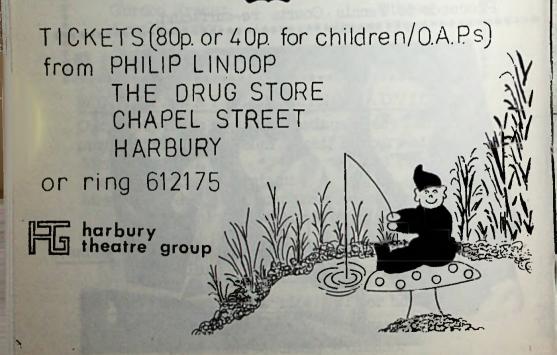


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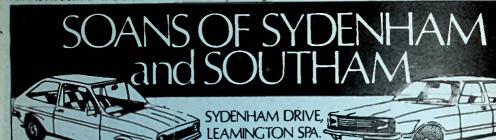
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