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For Ladbroke Services see inside.

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HAD A BUMP?

If you think you've seen our athletic Dr. John Hancock pounding the roads just a little more than usual lately, it's because he was running in the London Marathon. This enormous mass participation event looked fantastic on the television but our eye-witness reports it was even better to be there - despite pouring rain. It was incredible to see so many people of all ages completing 26 miles, 385 yards, cheered on all the way by huge crowds. Over 3 hours separated first and last finishers and it seems it's never too late to start. John Hancock ran strongly all the way finishing in 2hrs. 41 mins. - well ahead of Jimmy Savile - but behind several ladies, including Joyce Smith, 40+, who recorded 2 hrs 29mins!

The 'joggers revolution' has now really hit the country - so how about getting into training and joining Harbury's own 'Fun Run' after the Carnival Sports in June?

There is a report elsewhere of the recent Confirmation service, but it was particularly notable for the large number of candidates. At a time when the Church is facing many challenges, this is an encouraging sign.

Mike Bloxham took the photograph below of Mrs. Doris Harvey admiring the daffodils in Chapel Street. There is certainly a touch of Spring in the air on some days - the cricket season and the return of the house martins aren't far away.



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- Fri. 3rd Cricket Club Disco, Village Hall.
- Sat. 4th Junior Theatre Workshop, 2-5, Wight School
- Sun. 5th FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (PASSION SUNDAY)
8am, Holy Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist,
6.30pm Evensong.
- Tues. 7th Wine & Cheese Evening at Vicarage, 7.30 p.m.
in aid of the BELL FUND.
Horticultural Society, 8pm, Wight School
NO Prayer Group or Bible Study this week.
- Wed. 8th Deanery Lenten Service, 7.45pm, Bishop's
Tachbrook Church.
- Thurs. 9th Golden Age, 2.30pm at Village Hall
Girls Club at Village Hall.
Whist Drive in V. Hall in aid of Senior Citizens
Ben. Assoc.
- Fri. 10th Playgroup breaks up.
Village Hall Under 15's Disco, V. Hall
Southam PTA Dance.
- Sat. 11th Harbury Society visit to Cesterton Woods, 11am
- Sun. 12th PALM SUNDAY. 8am Palms and Holy Eucharist,
10am Palms, Procession and Sung Eucharist,
11.30am Vivaldi's 'Gloria' in Church by Windmill
Singers & Dutch Orchestra, 6.30pm Evensong.
Tennis Club's American Tournament.
- Mon. 13th 7.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Tues. 14th School breaks up.
7.30am Holy Eucharist.
Bible Study, 8pm, 26 Binswood End.
Senior Citizens Benefit Assoc., V. Hall.
Playing Fields Cttee, V. Hall.
- Wed. 15th 7.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10.30 a.m. Conservative Easter Coffee Morning,
Edgeways, Vicarage Lane.
- Thurs. 16th MAUNDAY THURSDAY. Holy Eucharist 9.45am
& 7.30 pm.
Village Hall Whist Drive, 8pm, V. Hall.

Fri. 17th GOOD FRIDAY. 9am Mattins & Littany, 10 am
Stations of the Cross (for Children & others)
12 to 3pm The Three Hours, 7.30pm Evensong
& Address

Sat. 18th Start of Scouts' Job Week.

Sun. 19th EASTER DAY. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Procession
and Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong & Procession.

Mon. 20th Bank Holiday Monday.

Tues. 21st No Tufty Club today.

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

Thurs. 23rd Golden Age, 2.30pm, Village Hall.

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, V. Hall.

Sat. 25th Village Hall Jumble Sale, 10.30am, V. Hall.

Junior Theatre Workshop, 2-5, Wight School.

Sun. 26th LOW SUNDAY. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10 am Procession
and Sung Eucharist followed by Church A.G.M.

6.30pm Evensong and Procession.

ALL ARTICLES TO EDITORS FOR MAY HARBURY
AND LADBROKE NEWS BY TODAY.

Mon. 27th School and Playgroup begins.

Tues. 28th School Photos.

Village Hall AGM, 8pm, Village Hall.

Bible Study, 8 p.m.

Wed. 29th Carnival Queen judging at Youth Club.

'Pop-In' Centre outing to Dorsington Manor.

Thurs. 30th Mothers Union Festival Service, 2-30 pm in

Coventry Cathedral.

MAY

Fri. 1st Playgroup 'May Day Dance' to Farriers Forge,
Village Hall, 9pm-1am, £2 (supper included)
Labour Party Public Meeting, County Council
Candidate, Lena Dominelli, Wight School, 8-9pm.

Sat. 2nd Junior Theatre Workshop, 2-5, Wight School.

Sun. 3rd Pony Show.

Cricket Club - First match of the season.

Mon. 4th May Day Holiday.

Tues. 5th Prayer Group 8 p.m.

Wed. 6th M.U. meeting, 2.30pm, Old Timbers, Ivy Lane.

A.C.S. Festival Service, St. Mary Magdalen, Coventry,
7.30pm.

Thurs. 7th W.I. 7.45pm, V. Hall, Resolutions with V.C.O.

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Thurs. 7th County Council Elections.
Sat. 9th Race Night at Village Hall.

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

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

ALL SORTS, 7.45 p.m., 11 Constance Drive, alternate Sundays.

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30 p.m. every Monday.

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

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

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

PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings.

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

NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tues. 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, 7.45pm Tues(1st troop), Wed(2nd troop)

YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 8-10pm, Wednesdays.

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

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

VENTURE SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 8pm every Thursday.

POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.30 to 3.30pm every Friday.

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.

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

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

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

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

The great event of the past month in our parish has been the Confirmation and First Communion on March 1st of 15 of its young people (9 boys and 6 girls), together with a young lady whom Canon Fishley presented from Ladbroke making the number confirmed 16. We were very happy to welcome the new Bishop of Warwick (the Right Reverend Keith Arnold) on his first visit to Harbury. There was a very large congregation, including many godparents and

other relatives some of whom had travelled a long distance. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, through the laying on of the Bishop's hand after prayer for the Holy Spirit, the candidates received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit with His seven-fold gift to enable them to be faithful soldiers of Christ, and in the Sacrament of Holy Communion they fed upon, and are to continue to feed regularly upon, the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of Christ - the life of Christ Himself, Who was crucified, and rose again, and is now alive for ever more. Let us give thanks to God, and let us pray that they may have the grace of perseverance and continue faithful to the end.

Another great event of the past month has been the spring cleaning of the Church. What wonderful people you are to roll up in such large numbers with long ladders, brushes, dusters etc. and clean the Church so thoroughly right up to the highest points of the roof! And we must thank our regular cleaners for scrubbing the floors after the other cleaning was finished. Thank you all very much indeed.

The project for increasing our bells from a ring of six to a ring of eight seems to be going ahead well. A bell fund has been opened and any help will be appreciated. In this connection I would mention the wine and cheese evening at the Vicarage at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday April 7th.

I would like to call your attention both to the Prayer Group and the Bible Study Group which are held in different houses normally on alternate Tuesdays at 8 p.m. The next Bible Study one will be on the Tuesday in Holy Week (April 14th), and as we shall then be starting on another book of the Bible (Amos) it will be an appropriate occasion for new members to come.

On Palm Sunday (April 12th) there will be the blessing and distribution of Palm Crosses before both the 8 a.m. and the 10 a.m. Eucharists. After the latter service, at 11.30 a.m., the Windmill Singers and the Heemstede Chamber Orchestra from the Netherlands will combine to present Vivaldi's "Gloria". There will be Evensong and Sermon at 6.30 p.m.

On Good Friday (April 17th) Mattins, Litany and the Anti-Communion will be said at 9 a.m., there will be a simplified "Stations of the Cross" at 10 a.m. (suitable for children); the "Three Hours' Devotion" from 12.0 to 3.0; and Evensong (with Choir) and an Address at 7.30 p.m.

Easter is, of course, a time when all who have been confirmed should receive Communion. I would be pleased to give Communion in their own homes during Easter week to any who are housebound if asked to do so. A list of times before Easter when confessions can be heard will be found on the notice board inside Church, or, if none of those is convenient, an appointment can be made.

The meeting for the election of Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Church on Low Sunday (April 26th) at 11.15 a.m. (immediately after the 10 a.m. Parish Eucharist).

We mourn the loss of Mrs. Rabey who has done so much good work in the village and district. We remember her before God, and we pray for those who are bereaved.

Wishing you Easter joy,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
F. R. Mackley.

CONFIRMATION - MARCH 1st



(Photograph by R. Tennant)

Confirmation Candidates pictured on previous page:-

Martin Richard Bunting, Peter James Catt, Andrew John Holt, Deane Michael Ingram, Stephen Paul Luke, Peter John Millington, Stephen Mark Padbury, Jonathan Richard Walters, Peter Dominic Whitehouse, Alison Dodds, Hayley Lucinda Green, Victoria Louise Harrison, Helen Emma Keir, Gail Constance Moore, Samantha Helen Celia Wilkinson.

HOLY BAPTISM

February 28th, Alison Dodds, 41 South Parade.

March 22nd, Helen Louise Davis, 53 Mill Street.

HOLY MATRIMONY

March 21st, Keith Michael Viner to Karen Elaine Wynne.

FUNERAL SERVICE

March 2nd, Gladys Rabey, 3 Margaret Close.

From the Churchwardens

Very many thanks to all those who came and shared in the Church spring-clean. We did appreciate the help of so many of our members and friends, some of whom nobly laoured all day. Included among our helpers was one member of the congregation who came into the Church during the afternoon and was immediately pressed into service, first to stand on the bottom of a ladder and later to mount up and do some wall sweeping. After about an hour of hard work he descended from the ladder and said rather diffidently, 'I'm sorry, I hope you don't mind, but I really think I should be going now. I really only called in to borrow a book.' We are most grateful to Colin Such for the loan of two of his extra long ladders. They were a tremendous help and enabled us to get on much faster in the morning when the bulk of the work was ladder work - very much a case of high churchmen in the morning! A special word of thanks to the ladies who cleaned the floor after the spring-cleaners had finished.

Elsewhere in this issue appear the 'Thoughts of a Church Spring-Cleaner' and this very clearly draws the parallel

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between the physical spring cleaning of a building and an annual spring-cleaning of our lives and souls.

A number of people seem to have been doing something special for Lent this year and although one of our members said she was quite sure Lent was longer this year, I think most of those who have imposed on themselves some kind of Lenten discipline are finding it a help in strengthening faith and maybe in establishing habits of devotional reading or attending mid-week services. Certainly a number of organisations will benefit from money given as a result of things given up for Lent.

We look forward to the great season of Easter and wish you the joy of the risen Lord.

On the Sunday after Easter, 26th April, the Church Annual Meeting will follow the 10 o'clock Service. This should ensure a rather larger attendance than usual and we hope that many people will stay for the meeting to hear reports on the year's activities, to elect the Churchwardens (at the annual vestry meeting) and the PCC at the Church Annual meeting.

On Sunday, March 29th, to mark his 41 years of winding the Church clock every day, Tom Hauley was presented by the Vicar, on behalf of the Parish, with the very latest in timepieces - coupled with a stereo radio. His devotion to ensuring that the Church clock was always correct is much appreciated and an example to us in accepting a commitment.

CHURCH BELLS

The two church bells, which have been given to us from the redundant church at Winderton and were exhibited in church on March 8th, have been taken to the Bell Foundry at Loughborough for re-casting and tuning. It is hoped to arrange a visit to the Foundry to see the bells when they are being tuned, at some time in the near future - details of this will be announced in church. We now require the cash! Donations however small will be welcome - please contact the Vicar or Churchwardens.

ALL SORTS

The Youth Service on March 8th wasn't as well attended as usual but those who were there enjoyed the

service and the talk by the Rev. Graham Pestridge. There were some slides of Tear Fund work afterwards and the collection was for Tear Fund.

The next Youth Service is on Sunday, 14th June. Book it now.

We enjoyed the talk by Andrew Dow at our meeting on 1st March. We DID get trains and membership! A Harbury quiz provided an interesting and brain-teasing evening at a later meeting and we look forward to some outdoor activities now the evenings are lighter.

LADBROKE NEWS

Services etc. for April and early May

Sunday, 5th April - Lent V (Passion Sunday) 8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Matins.

Monday, 6th April. 7.30pm, P.C.C. in Church.

Wednesday, 8th April. 3.0pm Women's Fellowship at 2 School Lane by invitation of Mrs. Fell.

7.45 pm Deanery Lenton Service at Bishop's Tachbrook
Speaker: Mr. R. H. G. Suggett.

Sunday, 12th April - LENT VI (Palm Sunday) 11am Holy Communion with Hymns, Distribution of Palms. 6.30pm Evensong.

Wednesday, 15th April, 7.45pm, Deanery Musical Service at Southam.

Thursday, 16th April - MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7.30pm
Holy Communion.

Friday, 17th April - GOOD FRIDAY - 2pm, Holy Hour.

Saturday, 18th April - 2pm - Church Decoration.

Sunday, 19th April - EASTER DAY - 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion, 11am Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon, 6.30 pm Evensong. Easter Day is a day of general Communion.

Will those who are unable to be at Church on that day please get in touch with Canon Fishley (Kenilworth 58567) who will be glad to arrange Home Communion for them.

Sunday, 26th April - LOW SUNDAY (Easter I) 11am Short Matins followed by Holy Communion. NO EVENSONG.

Sunday, 3rd May - EASTER II - 8.30am Holy Communion, 11 am Matins.

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Thursday, 7th May, 7.45pm, Men's Group at Harbury.

Sunday, 10th May, - EASTER III - 11am Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon, 6.30 pm Evensong.

Wednesday, 13th May, 3.0 pm, Women's Fellowship at The Old Rectory House by invitation of Mrs. Emus.

Altar Flowers - April 19 & 26 (Easter Lilies) Mrs. Darkes:
May 3 Mrs. Frost: May 10 Miss Junod.

Easter Lilies - Those who wish to give lilies in memory of departed relatives and friends are asked to notify Mrs. Rutherford or Canon Fishley by Palm Sunday at the latest. It is difficult to estimate the cost of Arum Lilies but a subscription of 50p per flower is suggested.

G.R.F.

Thanks - Since last month we have received from Mr. Rhys Wilson the singer and Mrs. M. Bull the organiser, the sum of £50 proceeds of the Concert held in Southam. The P.C.C. have expressed their gratitude to both for all their help.

We have also received from our old friend, Mrs. Offord, a very generous 'Parting Gift'. This is the consummation of much (hitherto anonymous) giving during the time she was living among us. Our thanks go out to her.

Women's Fellowship - After the Communion service conducted by Canon Fishley, members present enjoyed the tea provided by Mrs. Edwards, for which many thanks were extended.

Our next meeting on April 8th will be at 2 School Lane by kind invitation of Mrs. Fell.

C.H.

Annual Vestry & Annual Parochial General Meeting.

These were held in the Village Hall on Monday, 23rd March. In spite of the 'mail-shot' the attendance was disappointing.

Mr. Hedge and Mr. Rutherford were re-elected Churchwardens: the representatives on the Deanery Synod remain, Mrs. Winkfield, Miss Banfield and Mr. Rutherford. The following were re-elected to the P.C.C.: Mr. F.L. Badman, Mrs. T.F. Barnett, Mr. M. Chapple, Mr. G.R. Clarke, Mr. J.V. Comfort, Mr. J.R. Garner, Mrs. Hedge, Miss V. Junod, Mr. B.J. Parker, Mr. G.H. Reeves, Mrs. C.S. Shaw, and they were given the power to co-opt. The sidesmen were re-appointed with the addition of Mr. Badman.

Mr. Clarke presented a copy of the Electoral Roll, now totalling 124. Miss Junod, as Secretary, gave a full report of the proceedings of the P. C. C. touching on Social events, celebrations of Canon Fishley's Jubilee etc. She made particular reference to the work of the sub-committee preparing for the Fund Raising Appeal which would be needed to preserve the Church for future generations. Mr. J. V. Comfort as Treasurer presented the audited accounts for 1980 which shewed an excess of expenditure over income of £500, due mainly to repairs. He also stressed the need for a Fund raising appeal in view of the increase in the Diocesan Quota, and need for repair work. Both reports were accepted and thanks expressed to the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Honorary Auditor (Mr. C. S. Shaw).

Canon Fishley also expressed his thanks to the Churchwardens and to all those whose valuable support had been given so generously. He noted that the Bishop had suspended presentation to the benefice for a further period of five years and that this would allow Canon Fishley to continue his 'interim pastoral care'. Canon Fishley had some doubts as to whether he would last five years more! He stressed that while he was happy to do what he could while he could, he was ready to withdraw if a better solution could be found.

LADBROKE DIARY

(This is now to become a regular feature - please contact Kate Liverton with contributions - at Bridge Cottage, tel: Southam 3341).

April 11th - "Chicken and Chips" Disco

April 25th - Conservative Association Jumble Sale

April 26th - W.I. Folk Dance

May 12th - Annual Parish Council meeting
plus Annual Parish meeting.

Ladbroke Village Hall News

The next event to be held in the hall, will be a "Chicken and Chips" Disco (for all age groups!) on Saturday April 11th. Tickets are £1.50 including food, and will be available from Committee members. There will also be a licensed bar.

Future events planned are:- a 1st Birthday Dance on

30th May, a "Cook it yourself" Barbecue on 22nd Aug., a Harvest Auction on 19th Sept., the Bonfire Night Party on 7th Nov., and a Children's Christmas Party on 5th December.

Ladbroke Conservative Association

There is to be a Jumble Sale on April 25th at 10 am at the Welfare Centre, Southam (opposite the Doctor's Surgery). If you have any jumble please bring it to "The Forge", Ladbroke by 16th April or ring 2379 or 4344 for collection. If anyone wishes to donate cakes or plants they will be welcome on 24th April or early on the 25th. P.J.W.

Ladbroke Parish Council

At the February meeting all councillors were present. The good news was that due to good husbandry, the local rate precept will be 2p less this year than last year.

A lot of discussion took place about the extensive tree felling to the south of the village on the Banbury Road. The appropriate council department has been alerted as, due to the Preservation Order covering this area, only dead or dying trees are authorised to be felled. There is some doubt if this law has been respected and the council hopes that broad leaf trees will be planted in an effort to reduce this scar on the local landscape.

The Council has been asked for its views on increasing the weight of heavy lorries to 44 tons. It is felt that bigger lorries do not necessarily mean fewer lorries and a letter has been sent to the Warwickshire Rural Community Council stating this point of view and also stressing that the Government must restore village bypasses first!

Finally, the Secretary of the Council, Mrs. M. Williamson, has sent yet another letter to the County Council about the Ladbroke Bypass, asking why the land has not yet been purchased and stressing the uncertainty for the landowners involved.... the saga continues.

There won't be the usual monthly meeting in April as the Annual Parish Council meeting takes place on Tuesday 12th May at 7pm in the Village Hall - to be followed by the annual Parish Meeting at 8 p.m. K.L.

N.B. Don't forget Mrs. Winkfield is still undertaking your knitting commissions in aid of Church funds.

Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I.

Mrs. Barnes-Hughes 'On the road with Yoga' at our February meeting was very entertaining. Mary Teverson won the competition and the raffle prize went to Chris Jerome.

The Jumble Sale at Southam on March 17th made a total of £60. In April the meeting will take the form of a Folk Dance, when Mr. Mason and the Rugby Folk Dance Group will join us. Stockton W.I. will join us on this occasion. Bring along a partner - we look forward to seeing you on the 26th.

J. FELL

HARBURY SCHOOL SPORTS

Rebecca Burnham and Adrian Thomas rounded off a successful Cross Country season with very creditable performances in the County Championships, they came 33rd and 22nd respectively.

The third years played their first ever mini-rugby game recording a 42-10 victory over St. Teresa's.

Another "first" was a Badminton match against Bishops Itchington with an 8 games to 1 result in Harbury's favour.

The Table Tennis team repeated their success over Southam with a 14-6 victory.

Finally, congratulations to Jamie Williams for his selection for the Central Area U12 Football Squad.

STOP PRESS: On Sunday, 29th March Harbury School's under 13 Mini Rugby Team won the Old Leamingtonians' Jubilee Trophy for Warwickshire Schools - a terrific performance! More details next month.

HARBURY P.T.A. NEWS

Unlike the Hare, our Mad March Disco made a slightly hesitant start but finished with a strong burst at the tape. Thanks for your support.

From Park Lane to Park Lane (Harbury to London)! Details will already have been sent from school regarding the

year's outing; a coach trip to London on Saturday, 13th June. A family opportunity to see the sights, visit museums, do some shopping and complete your day with a picnic in Hyde Park. Provided we can fill a coach or two (or three) the fare will be minimal.

The "100 Club" winner for March was Mrs. Ball of Manor Orchard.

R. J. H.

MAY DAY DANCE

Harbury Playgroup are holding their May Day Dance in the Village Hall on Friday 1st May. The festivities begin at 9.0 pm and continue to 1.00 am with the dance music provided by Farriers Forge.

Tickets cost £2 which includes Supper and can be obtained from: Janet Beaumont, 29 Neales Close and Celia Neill, Yew Trees, Mill Street.

Note: Apologies for the sudden change in type face.

Our trusty old typewriter decided to expire but, nothing daunted, we borrowed another from a good friend and carried on!

(Please don't shoot the typist - she did her best!)

PARENTS ANONYMOUS - LEAMINGTON/WARWICK

We are a voluntary Organisation run by parents to help other parents cope with the stresses of child-rearing.

We man a Helpline on which callers can discuss their problems in confidence. This service is for anyone who feels depressed, anxious, guilty or violent about any young person. On 29th April we are opening our Drop-In Centre at 51 Tachbrook Street, Leamington where parents can have a cup of tea and discuss their worries with us, or it may be that meeting other parents with similar problems is enough. The Centre will open 9.30-12noon on Wednesdays, but appointments for private counselling can be made.

Leamington/Warwick Parents Anonymous have a professional back-up Committee who supply advice and support to the

group, which consists of a Paediatrician, a police inspector, two social workers and the group leader of the NSPCC Special Unit. However, the Volunteers are all non-professionals and the group is independent of any official organisation.

New Volunteers, of both sexes, are always needed. An essential qualification is that you must be a parent, we will train you for counselling. If you would like to find out more, please ring Harbury 612347.

If however, you would like to talk to someone about your worries, anonymously if you wish, please ring our Helpline, Leamington 27459, Monday - Friday, 7 - 10 pm.

No parent need feel alone!

Wendy Nealon
Secretary.

SOUTHAM SCHOOL

Rotary Scholars Lunch

The house head boys and girls, together with their house tutors, were invited again this term to the Southam Rotary Club Scholars' Luncheon at the Stoneythorpe Hotel.

The luncheon gave Steven Knight, Jackie Hill, David Teverson, Alastair Sansome-Smith, Lesley Furiss, Andrew Flower and Nicola Smales an opportunity to represent the school at an outside function. It also provided them with an opportunity of meeting people in industry and commerce on a social occasion.

The guest speaker was Mr. J. O'Mahony of British Leyland Technology, Gaydon.

Debating

The School Debating team of Dawn Teverson and Alastair Sansome-Smith attained 3rd place in this year's Rotary Inter Schools Debating Competition. This was a splendid achievement and both pupils spoke most eloquently throughout the competition.

Warwickshire Schools U19 Soccer

Darren Watson and Christopher Coleman were both selected this term to play for Warwickshire Schools Under 19 Team in matches against West Midlands and Shropshire.

Stockpiler

The school has again entered two teams in the national and local stockpiler competition. This competition is organised by the British Junior Chamber of Commerce. The results to date are encouraging but the final positions have not been confirmed.

SOUTHAM SCHOOL SUMMER CONCERT

A concert of vocal, instrumental and solo items - including a stage performance of "A Day in a Life" - will take place on Thursday 14th May at 7.15 in the School Hall.

("A day in a Life" is based on Solzhenitsyn's account of a real life prisoner in a Russian Work Camp in Siberia, and describes a typical day in the life of these prisoners.)

Tickets are available from Miss E. Rumary at the school, price 75p each. Proceeds from the Concert will be given to the "National Children's Homes" and there will be a small display in the School of their work. In view of this we hope you will give us your support.

P.W. Dover.

SOUTHAM FIRST SCHOOL/SOUTHAM PRE-SCHOOL

PLAYGROUP

Southam First School will be having a New Parents' evening on Thursday 21st May at 7.15 pm, for any parents in the Ladbroke/Deppers Bridge area who are considering sending their children to Southam First School. We look forward to meeting you.

Southam Pre-School Playgroup (on the premises of Southam First School, St. James Road) is now taking names for the 1981/2 sessions. The group runs morning and afternoon sessions, and is open to any child between 3 years and school age. They do not have to move on to Southam First School at five in order to attend the Playgroup. The Group Leaders are Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Dymond, and they can be contacted at the Playgroup or Mrs. Lawrence's telephone, Southam 3467.

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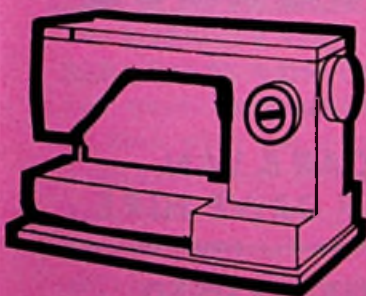
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HARBURY VENTURE SCOUT UNIT

The Unit made a good start to the year with a night hike to Burton Dassett hills. We started walking at 10 o'clock in sub-zero temperatures and reached the hills at about half past twelve. We slept after some hot soup and made a brisk walk back on the following morning.

A slide show later in January attracted several potential members, most of whom have returned to join in with our activities.

Mick Chick gave us a most interesting talk on emergency planning in Warwickshire and we followed this up at a subsequent meeting with a debate on Nuclear disarmament. The debate was a great success and members argued their views most vociferously. Other activities have included swimming, ice skating, ten-pin bowling and short hikes.

We have planned activities for about 3 months ahead and we hope to be able to carry out a varied programme.

If you are 15-20 years old and would be interested in joining the unit, please contact Bob Wilkins (612583) or John Jackson (612615).

J.A.J.

SCOUT JOB WEEK - 18th - 25th April

Here is your chance to get some long overdue jobs done and support your village Scout Group at the same time. I'm afraid the days of the old "Bob-a-Job" week passed years back, but we still want to work for reasonable payment.

Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venture Scouts will be looking for useful work of almost any type with a suitable payment, in line with the work done. This year, we are reverting to standard practice and calling, asking for work. However, if you have anything you particularly want doing, please contact any of the leaders. The Venture Unit, which includes some fairly hefty individuals these days, could tackle a variety of the heavier manual work, for example.

We have to make an annual contribution about now to the Scout Movement's National finances and this, at £3.60 for every Cub Scout, Scout, Venture Scout and leader, means we in Harbury need to raise over £400 this year to meet our dues - one price of success, perhaps!

Please help us and let us help you this Job Week.

R.E.W.

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

The Club has had mixed fortune in the few games played in March. After last month's glowing report in the 'Harbury News', the immediate effect was similar to the reports of Tony Butler (of B.R.M.B & Jasper Carrot fame!) in that both teams managed to lose disastrously on 1st March!

The feelings on that occasion were reflected in the reluctance of one 'Man of the Match' to accept his nomination! The reserves revived the spirits with a 3-1 against Talbot Apprentices with J. Luke receiving the M.O.M. award. If there was an award for 'Club Man of the Month', it would surely go to Trevor Betts who motored from Luton in appalling conditions on the strength that he had been chosen as reserve for the Reserve team - a salutary lesson for others picked as Reserves, especially since he scored to put Harbury in the lead. The Club concluded the month with a "friendly" match arranged between the 1st team and Reserves - and it was the latter team who gained the honours (and the bruises to prove it!)

C.F.

RUGBY CLUB

The club has generally had a disappointing season but there have been one or two high points since the Christmas period.

The first team has lost several games very closely which with greater commitment and fitness should have been won. This was partly due to lack of numbers at training and certainly a coach would, in this respect, be of value. A typical example was the match against Redditch in the Stratford flood-lit cup. In an exciting match Harbury led 18-12 but allowed Redditch to creep back in injury time to win 22-18.

An unfortunate injury to 2nd XV skipper Dave Holyaoke in the dying minutes highlighted a crop of injuries. Dave unfortunately dislocated his shoulder so Match Secretary, Dylan Rogers, has now assumed captaincy of the seconds. The thirds have had a string of poor results but appear to have turned the corner.

The fourths have done well this season with John Knowles, their skipper, playing his 250th game for the club against Atherstone, a match which Harbury won 13-4. Injuries and 'internationalists' have somewhat restricted the

4th's appearances.

Players of any age between 16 & 50 of any ability are welcome at the Club - training on Wednesdays - but if you fancy a run out during the last few weeks of the season, please contact Graham Shurvinton on L'Spa 23392.

JUNIOR COLTS.

The Junior Colts have been frustrated by the weather with six games cancelled. The Club has purchased a new strip for these lads, more players are required and any player under 16 (Sept. 1980) would be welcome. Please ring Jerry Birkbeck - (L/Spa 24053) or Dave Andrews (Harbury 613528).

J. B.

Harbury 'Mini' and 'Junior' Rugby

With little training and no match practice during the month of March, due to rather soggy ground conditions, Harbury came out against Earlsdon in their final fixture of the month and really blew the cobwebs away. Not a single point was conceded in the five Mini games! Under 8's won 8-0, U9's won 24-0, U10's drew 0-0, U11's won 44-0 and U12's won 36-0.

At the same time, the Junior Colts side returned from their match at Coventry Saracens as victors by 20 points to Nil, giving Harbury a day to remember with a total of 132 for, nil against!

Mike Bloxham took this photo of this season's 'Mini' side prior to the match.



HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

It is with some trepidation that I mention cricket as seems synonymous with wet weather in this fair isle of ours. With one of the wettest winters I can remember almost at its end, perhaps as we approach the new season the cumulo-nimbus will be replaced by the cumulus.

We all enjoy our cricket but we do feel that a reduction in the team's average age would not be unwelcome. Any aspiring or experienced cricketer, young or not so young, will be most welcome.

It is intended to hold practice in the soccer field to the rear of the Village Hall. An all weather strip has been laid but it is to be extended this spring to a full length all weather wicket.

Harbury Cricket Club play on the Blue Circle Cement Works ground near Bishops Itchington. It is situated in pleasant surroundings and is ideal for cricket players or supporters with young families. Offspring can wander at will with little fear of danger.

Teas, at moderate prices, can be obtained at the pavilion or alternatively - why not picnic?

The majority of the fixtures are played on Sundays and the opening match is on May 3rd.

R. V. C. H.

HARBURY TABLE TENNIS CLUB

As we near the end of the season it seems that the A & B sides will confirm the expectations of the early part of the season by finishing near the middle of Division 5. At the moment it is likely that the B team will finish a few points above the A side. However, each team has 3 more matches to play so the outcome is not yet settled. Russell Cooke, Gordon Humphries and Graham Machell have formed the backbone of the B side and have all improved in standard throughout the season. The A side has been selected from 4 players due to John Luke's absence from the team for several weeks while working away from Harbury. Mark Taylor played in John's absences and brought considerable enthusiasm to the team and earned himself a regular spot playing the doubles with Lynn Stanbridge. Matthew Checkley, the other team member, has had a very good first season of league table-tennis and should

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do well in the Junior Schools Championships.

Apart from the club championships and the selection of next season's teams, there will be no play after the Easter holiday.

RON STANBRIDGE.

TENNIS

The new season starts in April and the Club's activities will officially begin with an American Tournament on Sunday 12th April. Full details of this and other general club information will be circulated to members in due course.

If anyone is interested in joining the club they should contact Di Parkin, the Hon. Secretary, on 612451. The membership fee is £8, or £15 for combined husband/wife membership and this includes the provision of balls. The club is run on a friendly, informal basis and players of all standards are welcome. As the courts have been re-surfaced, we are looking forward to a particularly enjoyable season.

The times when the courts are available for the exclusive use of the club are set out below:-

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| Tuesday & Thursday evenings | 6.30-9 p.m. |
| Saturday afternoons | 2.00-5 p.m. |
| Sunday mornings | 10.00-1 p.m. |

At all other times they are available for general play (apart from the occasional netball match) at a cost of 50 pence per hour per court, which must be paid either at the time of booking at Krayems Newsagent (NOT BY PHONE PLEASE) or afterwards to any of the Committee members listed below:-

Tom Smith, Di & Andy Parkin, Phillipa Dufresne, Sid Newman and Ray Hoare.

It is intended to form a Junior Section within the club for children aged 9 and upwards and this will cost £2 per season. Coaching will start on Monday 27th April:

Beginners 6.15 - 7.15 pm More advanced 7.15 - 8.15 pm
6 sessions (cost depending on numbers) Names to either

Phillipa Dufresne (612286) or Rosemary Ottewill (613402)

Continuing from the above, supervised junior sessions will be organised on Tues. and Thurs. evenings: 4.15-5.15 (beginners) 5.15-6.15 (more advanced). More details next month.

Finally, in order to preserve the surface of the courts, would all players please wear proper tennis shoes.

RHH

HARBURY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Committee has organised a disco for the "Under 15" age group on Friday April 10th. Tickets are available from Mr. Bingham, 5 South Parade, Mrs. Keen, 21 Sutcliffe Drive Mrs. Middleton, 11 Neales Close or Mrs. Andrews, Harbury House.

There is also a Whist Drive on April 16th for the older age group of the village. There are some very good prizes for the winners of this, and the Committee would like to thank the people who have donated them.

We are also holding a jumble sale on Saturday April 25th at 10.30 a.m. If you have any jumble, please contact Sue Andrews (612528) or Midge Keen (612561) or Mrs. Bingham (612480) or any other committee member.

Our A.G.M. this year is on Tuesday April 28th in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. According to the Trust Deed all members of the public are entitled to attend and so the committee would welcome anyone who would like to come along.

SUE ANDREWS.

I. Y. D. P.

These initials stand for the International Year of Disabled People, and to mark this there will be a concert of "Sounding Brass and Voices" in Coventry Cathedral on 1st May. Taking part are the Coventry City Salvation Army Band, Coventry Phoenix Male Voice Choir and members of the University of Warwick Choral Society. The varied programme should suit all tastes, and tickets (£1.50, or 50p for senior citizens, children and disabled people) are available from the Cathedral Bookshop or from Action Research for the Crippled Child, 6a New Street, Warwick, tel. Warwick 43536.

THE WINDMILL SINGERS

The Windmill Singers, many of whose members live in Harbury, are hosting, during the week-end 10/12th April, the Heemstede Chamber Orchestra from Holland. They are to join forces for a concert in Holy Trinity Church, L'ton Spa on Saturday, 11th April at 8 p.m.

The Heemstede Chamber Orchestra is 35 strong and has a wide repertoire. Their conductor, Iman Soeteman, studied at the conservatoire of Amsterdam and is a professional

musician. He conducted the Netherlands Wind Ensemble at the 1979 Edinburgh Festival. The programme for the concert in Leamington Spa on 11th April comprises Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik", Salieri "Concerto for Flute and Oboe" in which the soloists will be two sisters who have both studied at the Sweelinck Conservatory in Amsterdam. This will be followed by Haydn's 'Symphony No. 93'. In the second half of the performance the choir and orchestra will combine to perform Vivaldi's 'Gloria', a particularly popular work among choral societies. The soprano soloists will be Rosalind Roberts and Christine Lockwood, and the organist Peter Fairhurst of Holy Trinity Church.

Tickets for the concert are £1 (O.A.P. & Children 60p) and may be obtained from Anne Moore, 23 Mill Street, Harbury

On Sunday, 12th April, All Saints' Church, Harbury will be the venue for a repeat performance of the Vivaldi 'Gloria' at 11.30 a.m. following the Palm Sunday Communion Service.

S.S.

THE PRINCESS & THE WIZARD

Many weeks of preparation went into this most entertaining and colourful performance by the Bayard Dancing Academy held at the Southam Community Centre on March 27th & 28th.

The acting and dancing were excellent and although it is difficult to single out any one theme, the very youngest members singing 'Me and My Teddy Bear' were really delightful and their angelic faces caught the imagination of the audience.

With an age range of 3 - 14, it was obviously no easy task to put together this production, but as usual Bayard and Keith Burford came up trumps. At the end of Saturday's performance Bayard was presented with a bouquet which her sterling efforts and patience had richly deserved.

MJH.

HARBURY SOCIETY

Saturday 11th April at 11am is the next date for your diary. Then we are to be shown round Chesterton Woods and can see the Spring flowers. Cars should be parked on the old road, off the Banbury Road, which is now inside the Wood. Anyone needing transport to Chesterton Wood should contact me on 612792.

Major Kettle has replied that he shares our concern at the felling of the Chesterton Ash Tree - 'a wicked act' he called it. The County Engineer will in future receive reports on protected trees from the County Land Agent before he undertakes any work. The County Engineer has now written to us claiming the Chesterton tree was felled in mistake for one on the Banbury Road, yet we know from the County Planning Officer that this is not so. However, hounding the culprit will not bring back the tree and we have at least had assurances that make a repetition unlikely. The incident does show that vigilance is very important. The Chesterton Ash Tree was singled out by Warwickshire County Council for the special protection of its FIRST Tree Preservation Order, yet it was 'felled in error'.

We hope to show the film 'Whatever happened to the Countryside?' in May, and Chris Finch, fired with enthusiasm is training a troupe of Morris Dancers to put on a display at the Carnival on our behalf. The Mystery Tour will also 'happen' as usual in June!

LINDA RIDGLEY.

ANNE DAY SCANNER APPEAL

The Coffee Morning on Wednesday March 11th raised £21 for the funds. Many, many thanks to those who braved the inclement weather and supported the day so generously and helped so much. I hope everyone who came enjoyed the day as much as I did. Thank you.

Raffle prize winners: Mrs. L. Watkin, Mrs. N. Knight, Mrs. L. Spencer and Mrs. S. Hancock.

Guess weight of cake winner: (21b 4oz.) Mrs. L. Watkin

Guess name of duck: (Edgar) Mrs. J. Smilde. L.P.

WHAT'S ON

There's a variety of music and entertainment at the Spa Centre this month. Joe Loss and his orchestra are in concert on Sunday 12th April. Ladbroke's Reg Dixon appears in 'Golden Stars of Variety' on Easter Saturday, and on 21st April there's a Country Music Cavalcade.

Mary O'Malley's West End hit 'Once a Catholic' is at the Coventry Theatre from 6th - 11th April. It's not one to take the children to. Take them instead to Sadlers Wells Royal Ballet

from April 27th - 2nd May.

Harbury School's Mark Thorburn is back on the boards in the Priory Theatre's production of Alan Ayckbourne's 'Bedroom Farce'. Don't be put off by the title - it's safe for all the family and one of the funniest plays I've ever seen. Tickets are selling very well already. The play is on from 8th - 16th May.

Booking: Spa Centre 9/34418, Coventry Theatre 97/23141
Priory Theatre 9/52682.

MSH.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

The house stands alone overhanging the cliffs. Far below the sea crashes relentlessly upon the rocks. This old house with its secret passages makes an eerie setting for the mysterious events which take place in our next production, "The House on the Cliff" by George Batson.

According to Anne Megeney who is producing the play, it has a good story, one to really get your teeth in to. Don't miss it, make a note in your diary - Play, Village Hall, 9/10/11 July.

"ARMS & THE MAN"

This amusing play on the glamorisation of war, has something to say about master/servant and man/woman relationships, showing as it progresses that the 'natural order' is not necessarily so.

Sally Stringer, in her first starring role, was assured and convincing as Raina, the young girl compromised by Captain Bluntschli, the seemingly phlegmatic Swiss mercenary, played by Keith Hayes. Jill Tucker as her mother Catherine was at her best as the provincial snob showing off her position and her 'library'. Steve Checkley was a splendidly bumbling Major Petkoff, the totally bemused father who misses the significance of almost everything that goes on around him, and Nick Watson was his usual self-confident self as the fiancé, Major Saranoff, the hot-headed cavalry officer. Robert Waterman was the perfect servant Nicola, humble yet wily, seeing his 'betters' as potential customers for his planned shop and Carol Percival played the servant-girl, Louka, who eventually contrives to 'catch' Major Saranoff.

The part of Louka was an important one for it is through

the servant-girl that Shaw projects much of the message that a servant/woman is the equal of a master/man, and her entanglement with Major Saranoff counterpoints the affair of Raina and Captain Bluntschli.

As well as good acting, the production, by Jim Haines, had good sound effects, interesting scenery and dashing costumes. In all it was an entertaining and enjoyable evening, thought-provoking, but not too disconcerting, the ideal recipe for a satisfied audience.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

JUNIOR THEATRE WORKSHOP

The Group still meets in the Wight School most Saturday afternoons, at 2 p.m. although our number is considerably reduced since the Pantomime. However, the remaining members seem very dedicated, and are showing a lot of acting talent. Working with a smaller group has made it possible for us to practise aspects of theatre which were impossible with our former numbers.

Characterisation has been studied in greater depth and we made good use of the stage being up for the last play, by hiring the hall for the afternoon, and practised stage movement and voice projection. So highly do we regard the talent of these youngsters that we would like to produce a play with them, although finding the right material is proving difficult.

We could do with a few more boys! How about it lads, it's a great way to spend Saturday afternoons and the present session goes on until June, so there is still time to join. Please check in the diary for the dates, there are some Saturdays when there will be no Workshop.

ANNE MEGENEY & CAROL PERCIVAL

MICHAEL ADOOR TRUST FUND

On Saturday 28th March the Ottewill and Tyler children organised some stalls and games. Sweets, books, comics, crafts and gifts were on the stalls. Games included darts, knocking over the tins, name the Chicken (Chubby) and peas in a pot (367). There was also a raffle and drinks and ice creams were on sale. Altogether £13 was made for the Michael Adoor Trust Fund.

PENELOPE OTTEWILL & KAREN TYLER

The annual competition will be held on Wednesday April 29th, during the Youth Club meeting.

If you would like to enter, please see Mrs. Taylor, Youth Club. The winner will receive £10 and dance tickets, and the two runners-up £5 each.

The Carnival Queen will be kept very busy on Carnival Day, riding in the procession through the village, helping to judge the Fancy Dress competition, and presenting prizes.

We hope that other organisations in the village will ask the Carnival Queen to their events in the coming year, to open meetings or present prizes, as she will be our village representative.

HARBURY CARNIVAL

Plans are progressing well for Carnival Week, and the actual day events. We are hoping to keep all the family entertained during the afternoon, with many displays and competitions.

Many organisations will by now have received letters from the committee asking for help in staging an event or running a stall this year. Please return the tear-off slips as soon as possible. If you have not received a letter but would like to offer your services this year, please contact Dennis Andrews, The Bungalow, Hall Lane, or Peggy Middleton, 11 Neales Close.

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

A parade and Church Service will be held in Harbury on Sunday evening, May 31st.

The church service will be held in All Saints' Church at 6.30 p.m.

Members of the British Legion will parade through parts of Harbury, led by the Leamington Spa Silver Band, before and after the service - leaving the Village Hall at 6 p.m.

COMPUTER CLUB

Computers? O.K. so what can you do with them? If you don't already know, or if you do and just want to see a micro-computer in action, drop in on a Tuesday night at 8 (alternate Tuesdays for beginners and non-beginners). You'll see a

28.

PET and maybe a Tandy - the latter thanks to Mr. R. Bennett from Ladbroke. As the meetings are 'hosted' in different people's homes each week, contact Mike Meditzky (612886) for next venue.

MIKE MEDITZKY.

GOLDEN AGE

Although sadly we were beaten by Northend in the final of the "Round the Villages" Whist Competition, we thoroughly enjoyed the very pleasant evening.

All members were deeply sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Rabey - she did so much for the Club, and was a good friend to many, and she will be greatly missed.

I would be very grateful for offers of help to organise future events for our members. Although I am happy to continue as treasurer, help with the other aspects of running the Club (from a senior citizen or someone younger) would be welcome. L. KNIGHTON (10 Wagstaffe Close - 612707)

SENIOR CITIZENS BENEVOLENT FUND

Whist Drive to be held in Harbury Village Hall, April 9th at 7.45 p.m. in aid of the Senior Citizens Benevolent Fund. Anyone wishing to donate a prize or give a small item towards one, would be gratefully received and these can be left with Mrs. Carter at the Pop-In Club on a Friday or at my house, 5 Farm Street.

E. SOLLIS.

HARBURY POP-IN

Outing to Dorsington Manor, Bidford-on-Avon, Weds. 29th April. Coach departs Village Hall 11 a.m. returns 3pm. Cost: £1.85 p Coach plus admission. Anyone wishing to join this outing please telephone 612839.

HARBURY WOMENS INSTITUTE

Mr. Crowther from 'Bamix' gave Harbury a very interesting and amusing demonstration this month and quite a few members sampled the 'goodies' that he had prepared. Mrs. Middleton and Mrs. Smith won the raffle prizes. Earlier in the week 21 members visited Elizabeth the Chef. On March 10th, seven members are attending the Spring Council Meeting at the Spa Centre, when the speakers will

be Miss Hilda Jones, B.A., Principal of Denman College, and
Miss Molly Weir.

D. BRADLEY.

DOCTOR BARNARDO'S APPEAL

Harbury W.I., in conjunction with Young Wives and Harbury Friends, recently organised a house to house collection on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's.

A total of £113.12 was collected and I would like to thank everyone for their support.

MARY THOMPSON.

THOUGHTS OF A CHURCH SPRING-CLEANER

Oh, Jesus, I have polished
And dusted all around.
The cobwebs from the rafters
Came tumbling to the ground.
I swept in all the corners,
Cleaned all that I could see,
To make Your Church in Harbury
'A temple meet for Thee!.

I've cobwebs on my soul, Lord,
Affecting all I do.
They stop me passing on, Lord,
The love that comes from You.
If I could sweep them out, Lord,
My soul would then be clear
Your Loving Self to know, Lord,
Your loving words to hear.

Oh, give me strength to study
The real, the inner me;
My stains and imperfections
With clarity to see.
Then may I, with a will, Lord,
Spring-clean my inmost heart;
Give to my life, as Yours, Lord,
A truly clean, fresh start.

ANON.

(to be sung to the tune of 'O Jesus, I have promised' -
preferably to the 20th century version).

ACTION RESEARCH FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILD

Thank you all for your generous donations given during week commencing Feb. 9th in our house to house collection. We raised £111.22.

Our thanks also go to all the Children and Mums who entered our Sponsored Pancake Race and made £44.88, and to the people who attended the Brass & Flower Party which raised £17.10.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Certain minor mechanical mishaps caused by absence from the last meeting. I'm told it was an unusually exciting affair - Hot Air Balloons and Powered Hang Gliders on the Playing Fields; protesting parishioners and mumbling members. As a result of the mutterings there I was given a 'seat for the hard of hearing' so close to the Councillors that I think I have caught the Clerk's cold!

Sad to say Pc Percival and I were once again the only ones to hear the wealth of wit and the lambasting of Local Authorities. The new bus services was 'A shambles' (Sharon H.), 'a form of Russian Roulette to see if you can catch a bus' (Mike E.), 'Fourteen stops and no buses' (Ralph G.), 'BLANK astronomical fares' (Iory D.). Bruce Hannay reporting a light out on Sutcliffe Pastures - 'Have you got the number?' (SH) 'No! it was DARK!' 'How are you getting on with the Waymarking in the wet, David?' 'Not at all!'

Farcical dealings with the local authorities:- The County Engineer admitting he felled the Chesterton Ash 'in error', declared that it would have only been in its prime for another fifteen or twenty years! Tim Percival pointing out Hall Lane's double yellow lines could take months to appear, for last time the County ran out of paint! Sharon Hancock querying 'odd errors' in the Electoral Roll which has two people recorded twice at different addresses; under age children with voting rights; an elector who died over two years ago, and a family who left the village still listed in their old house together with the present owners! Laughable, but serious, for if you are not on the Roll, you can't vote!

Important items included the news that the application

to develop the Spinney has been withdrawn (other applications for development can still be submitted). Shopkeepers object to the 'Dog' market, but the Parish Councillors have no objections to Street Parties to celebrate the Royal Wedding as long as they involve the Council in no expenditure. The Rose Garden has been pruned by the Horticultural Society. The Goalposts are to be fixed again - this time with quick setting cement. The anti do fouling notices have arrived and Keith Thompson sought advice on where to put them. (Suggestions to the PC not the Harbury News, please!)

Bruce Hannay spent ages explaining how and why he wants the Sub-Committees changed (the Councillors looked singularly unenlightened at the end) and Mike Ellis spent even longer explaining away the embarrassing excess his cautious accounting policy had amassed. It resulted, he said, from a not so exorbitant Electricity Bill; lower interest charges; lower maintenance costs in the Cemetery and the full payment of Section 136 Relief (Double rating to you and me) both for this year and last. He is sweeping these windfalls into the reserves, but promises to explain all at the Annual Parish Meeting on 21 May, when all those Parish organisations needing funds for projects will be there to demand their share!

Next meeting 23 April, 7.30pm, V. Hall.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS - 7th May, 1981

The triennial elections for the County Council take place on 7th May. This is your opportunity to have a say in key local issues by using your vote on that day. The Polling Station will be housed in the Village Hall.

Remember the County Council has a wide range of functions which affect the every day life of all of us. These functions include education, social services, highways, planning, road safety, consumer protection and the police and fire service.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The A. G. M. on Tuesday March 3 was followed by a talk by Mr. Colin Ward of Warnact in which he advised how we can help by providing homes and food for wildlife in our gardens.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday April 7 at 8.00 pm at

the Wight School when there will be an illustrated talk on Water Gardening.

A vacancy has arisen on the committee and we would be pleased to hear from any member who would like to help run the society for a period.

This year's Garden Walkabout will be held on July 18 and we will shortly be compiling the list of gardens and would like to hear of any gardens which can be opened.

TONY BRUNTON (612191)

NATURE NOTES

April is always the start of what we hope will be the "proper" Spring season. Early heralds of a new year of life such as Alder catkins, Snowdrops, Winter Aconite etc. are nearly over now and late March should have given us the first real sign of the advent of Summer. Early nesting Blackbirds are sitting on eggs during late March and many of the Harbury gardens will have either blackbirds or song thrush nesting in dense shrubs or hedges. Robin, House Sparrow, Dunnock (less accurately known as the Hedge Sparrow) and Starling will all build nests and lay eggs in the village during April. The first of the migrant birds to arrive for Summer will be Chiff Chaff and Willow Warbler and both will be heard singing along the edges of open woods on sunny days during the month.

Winter migrants, such as the three Siskin which were seen regularly near Wight School during February and March, will have flown North together with members of the thrush family which have wintered in England. Apart from Redwing and Fieldfare, large numbers of Song Thrush and Blackbird, probably coming from Northern Europe, have been in the area throughout the winter.

April is also the month of Primroses and Violets, the first of which are in flower along the hedge banks before the beginning of April. I am sure that I need not emphasise that wild flowers should not be selfishly picked but left to grow where all may enjoy their beauty.

RON STANBRIDGE.

HARBURY CONSERVATIVES

Our A. G. M., held at the Crown on Tuesday 24th Feb., was well attended. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Patrick Doyne, Area Chairman, Major Rupert Kettle, Chairman of the County Council, and Mr. John Devine, political agent.

Retiring Chairman, Peter Holt, reported on an excellent year, with several well-attended fund-raising events and the Branch's quota met in full. He was thanked for his hard work.

Election of Officers: Chairman - P. Towell, Treasurer - R. Smythe, Secretary - R. Wilson. The meeting was followed by an enjoyable ploughman's supper.

The new committee's first event is an Easter Coffee Morning on Wed. 15th April at Edgeways, Vicarage Lane, at 10.30 a.m.

R. WILSON (612572)

RECIPE - YORKY BACON & ONION PUDDING

Prompted by the recipe in last month's issue, Mr. Alf Over has sent us the following suggestion for a tasty savoury pudding:

Boil some chopped onions, and dice some cooked bacon. Make a good Yorkshire pudding batter (using 2 eggs) in the usual way, and before cooking distribute the onions and bacon evenly over the batter, then cook till well risen and golden brown. Serve with boiled potatoes mashed with a knob of butter, and what have you got - a Yorky Bacon & Onion Pudding!

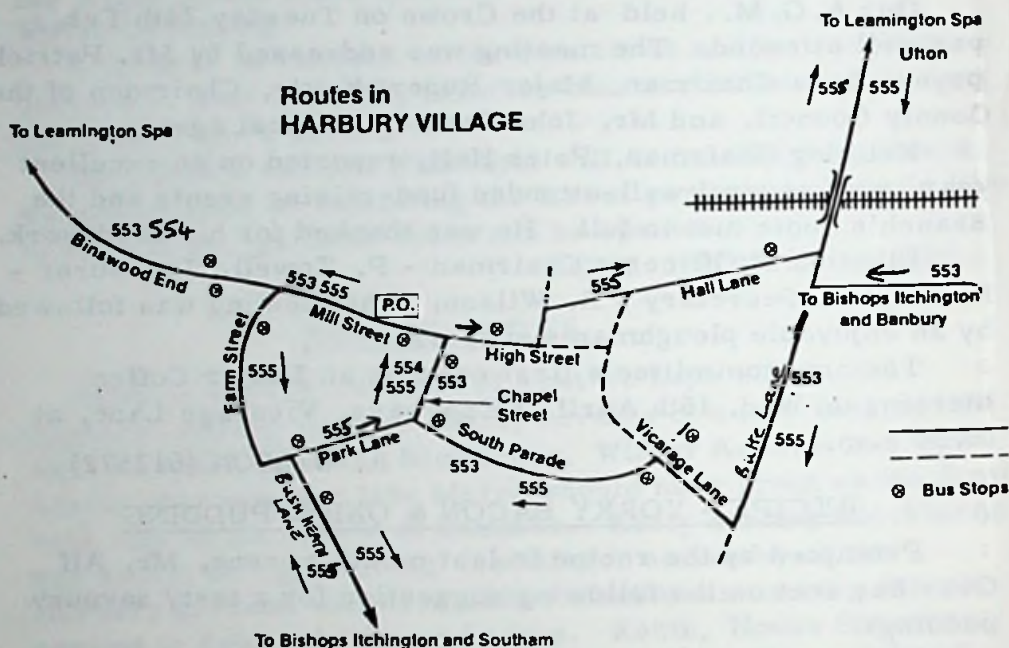
THANK YOU

The Harbury Ladies Netball Club would like to express their grateful thanks to Brian Wallington for so kindly giving his time to paint the lines on their new court.

LYNNE BADGER
Hon. Secretary.

Mrs. Broom wishes to thank Mr. Oliver, all the Staff and juniors of Harbury School for the beautiful vase and flowers presented on her retirement.

THE NEW BUS ROUTES - THE DETAILS



As from March 28th new bus routes and stops operate from Harbury to Leamington. The Leamington to Harbury routes and stops are unchanged. The present timetable (in both directions) remains in operation. The 555 from Bishops Itchington and Southam will now pass through the village via Bush Heath Lane, Park Lane, Chapel Street, High Street, Church Street, Hall Lane then to Upton.

The 553 & 554 from Bishops Itchington & Deppers Bridge will now pass through the village via Butte Lane, Vicarage Lane, South Parade, Chapel Street, Mill Street, Binswood End, to Leamington.

Bus numbers, routes and bus stops are marked on the map.

HARBURY SCOUT GROUP

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REPORT ON MATHS WORKSHOP - 1st APRIL, 1981

The Maths Workshop, held on Wednesday 1st April, provided an interesting opportunity for parents to see the problems that their children have to solve with today's Modern Maths. It all seems very strange, calculating in base 12, 14, 16 etc. for people whose mathematics education was based on the Imperial System of stones, pounds and ounces; pounds, shillings and pence. Of course in some ways Metrication has simplified calculations, but as yet the change-over is only partial and this still leads to confusion.

By 1982 volume will have gone metric, cubic centimetres and litres etc., and after 31 March 1984, time will also be decimalised (100 seconds to the minute; 100 minutes to the hour; 10 hours to the day; 10 days to the week; 3 weeks to the month and 10 months to the year), something Napoleon tried to introduce over a century and a half ago. It was a change that was resisted by the reactionary elements and it has taken a Common Market Directive to cause its implementation all over Europe. (Eire is an exception; Guinness will continue to come in pints, slowly; and as before an Irish mile will equal approximately three English miles).

The U.S.A., of course, will continue with its version of the Imperial System in weight, volume and time and this may cause some initial difficulties with such things as Trans-Atlantic telephone calls, but British Telecom has recently announced a new computerised system which will store up all outgoing calls automatically until the appropriate Eastern Standard Time. British callers will have their computer print-out replies forwarded to them by Second Class Mail.

In the completely decimal world of our children's future there will be no place for the fraction. All calculation will be possible using just the ten fingers of one's hands - to punch a computer keyboard.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

(An alternative report on the Maths Workshop follows next month)

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 1981

Your Labour Party Candidate, Lena Dominelli
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WEIGHTAWAY SLIMMING ADVICE

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