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**HAD A
BUMP?**

Everyone in the village must regret that the Luncheon Club has had to close. As Mrs. Shirley Keir tells us, the Club was started and run by Mrs. Barron in the Village Hall on two days a week. The members and helpers of the Club, and indeed the whole village, express gratitude to both Mr. and Mrs. Barron for their efforts. Everyone must hope that a Club which provides such an essential service will not close down completely.

The letter last month from Peter Holt, commenting on the Parish Council report relating to rate demands, raises an important issue. Harbury News attempts to pursue a non-partisan line over all contentious issues, but judgement on these matters is not easy. Mrs. Ridgley's regular Parish Council column is a stimulating feature of the magazine which must be of interest to the whole community. Inevitably, she exercises judgement in deciding what to include, and if there is some critical judgement then - if it is relevant - we feel that also is valuable. Mr. Holt's letter also makes critical judgement about the rate demand, and we were pleased to publish that also, in the interests of a balanced discussion.

Many of you will be going away for holidays about this time, or maybe staying at home to enjoy the summer (we hope) in your own garden. We include again this time a few reminders for trips out - if you find somewhere within reasonable distance that you think others would enjoy, please let us know.

Now a less pleasant topic - we hear that a chain and a 'danger' sign fixed across the steps of the slide on the playing fields has been removed. The slide is UNSAFE - removal of the sign and chain could mean an unsuspecting child being injured.

Finally, congratulations to our Ladbroke representative for the magazine, Kate Liverton, on the birth of her daughter, Alice.

AUGUST 1981HARBURY DIARY

Sat. 1st.	Cystic Fibrosis Jumble Sale, Wight School.
Sun. 2nd.	8 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m. Sung Eucharist. 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Mon. 3rd.	7.30 p.m., Meditation Workshop in Church.

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- Tues. 4th. 8 p.m. Bible Study, 26 Binswood End.
Thurs. 6th. Transfiguration of our Lord. 9.45a.m.
Holy Eucharist.
Sun. 9th. 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10 a.m. Sung
Eucharist. 6.30p.m. Evensong.
Tues. 11th. Playing Fields Committee, Village Hall.
8 p.m. Prayer Group.
Sat. 15th. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
7.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist.
Sun. 16th. 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m. Sung
Eucharist. 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
PCC Bicycle Event - see article inside.
Tues. 18th. 8 p.m. Bible Study, 26 Binswood End.
Sun. 23rd. 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10 a.m. Sung
Eucharist with Holy Baptism. 6.30
Evensong.
Tues. 25th. 8 p.m. PCC Meeting in Wight School.
Thurs. 27th. Parish Council, 7.30 p.m., Village Hall.
Sat. 29th. Bishops Itchington Fete and Craft Fair
from 2 p.m. See advert.
Sun. 30th. 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10 a.m. Sung
Eucharist. 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Mon. 31st. Bank Holiday.

SEPTEMBER 1981.

- Tues. 1st. Horticultural Society, 8 p.m. Wight School.
Thurs. 3rd. Blood Donors, Village Hall.
Sat. 5th. Horticultural Show, Village Hall.
Start of Rugby season, v. Old Coventrians
Mon. 7th. School begins.
Tues. 8th. Scouts (Tuesday troop) restarts.
Playing Fields Committee, Village Hall.
Senior Citizens Committee, 8.30, V. Hall.
Wed. 9th. Scouts (Wednesday troop) restarts.
Thurs. 10th. Golden Age, 2.30 p.m., Village Hall.
Sat. 12th. Jumble Sale, Village Hall.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

(We have omitted those we assume do not meet in Aug.)

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

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30a.m. Sundays.

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

JOGGING, from Foodmart, 8 p.m. every Monday.
 BINGO, Village Hall, 8 p.m. every Monday.
 YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 8 - 10 p.m. Wednesdays.
 BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2p.m., 2nd & 4th Wednesday.
 POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. every Friday.
 CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30p.m. every Friday.

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THE VICAR' LETTER

My dear friends,

An unexpectedly large number of people came to the meditation workshop in Church on Monday, 6th July. This was very encouraging. Those who came seem to have appreciated it, and they asked for a 'follow up' in a month's time. So there will be another of these meetings in Church on Monday 3rd August, at 7 p.m., at which all will be welcome. Those who are coming are asked in the meantime to meditate on the 11th chapter of S. Mark's Gospel. I am sure that one of the great needs of the Church at the present time is growth in Mental Prayer.

The Bell Fund Raising Day was a great success. It provided delicious meals in pleasant surroundings for a large number of people, and resulted in nearly £200 for the Bell Fund - which takes us well over the half-way point. Perhaps the last half will be the more difficult, and we shall appreciate any donations. How wonderful it will be to have eight bells!

I end this letter with a parable. A man came upon a small boy crying, and stopped to ask him what was the matter. After some delay, and with considerable difficulty, he found out that he was lost. "I want my daddy", he said. The man knew nothing about the father, but he did what he could to comfort the boy. He bought him some sweets, and these stopped the crying - but only for a minute or two. "I want my daddy", he kept on saying. A woman came along, and she did her best, but with little success. "I

want my daddy", he said over and over again. So it went on until the father appeared. Then all was well and proper attention could be given to the sweets - which are no substitute for, but a pleasant addition to, a father. "I want my Father" is the cry of every human soul, whether it is realised or not. "My soul is athirst for God", said the Psalmist, and so is every man's soul, for God has made us that way. "Thou has made us for Thyself, O God", said Saint Augustine, "and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee." The sweet things that the world offer us are no substitute for God, and can find their place only when we are with our Father.

With every blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

F. R. Mackley.

HOLY BAPTISM

July 5th. David John Birnie, 7 Church Terrace.

July 19th. Victoria Anne Southam, 32 Farley Avenue.

FUNERAL SERVICES

July 10th. Robert James Murphy, aged 78 years, of
13 Leycester Close.

July 16th. Peggy Doreen Whiteley, aged 51 years, of
26 Manor Orchard.

We mourn the loss of Mr. Murphy and of Mrs. Whiteley, and commend them to God's loving care, and we pray for those who are bereaved.

From the Churchwardens

It has been a great joy to welcome back to the village Chiara Rustici, who lived here for a year from 1979 to 1980. She and her mother are staying for 6 weeks, and are enjoying meeting old friends and making new ones. Mauro sends greetings to all his friends, and is sorry not to be visiting this time.

A good number from Harbury attended the Royal Show Service, which was much enjoyed, but alas the rain came down just as the sermon started. The Bishop of Carlisle, who was the preacher, continued manfully in spite of the flight of a considerable part of his congregation from the open into the stands, and -

even more distracting - the scramble of the band on to the back of the platform! It was lovely to have a boys' choir from Austria taking part in the Service and this made it a really international event.

When the All Sorts were camping in the New Forest, the party went to the Family Service at Brockenhurst and were greeted in the notices (it didn't come out quite as 'Harbury' but never mind!). Many Churches, especially in holiday areas, do make a point of mentioning the parishes from which visitors come, so if you go to Church while on holiday, please do pass on greetings from All Saints, Harbury.

17th SEPTEMBER 1981

THIS IS A RED LETTER DAY - the 25th anniversary of the Rev. Mackley's induction as Vicar of Harbury. Naturally, the Church plans to mark this special occasion with a service in Church, followed by a Ploughman's Supper in the Dog Inn. Tickets for the Supper will be on sale soon - do reserve the date now, and come and join us to pay tribute to Father Mackley for his care and ministry to the village.

LADBROKE NEWS

Services etc. for August and early September.

- Sunday, 2nd August. Trinity VII. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Matins.
- Sunday, 9th August. Trinity VIII. 11 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon. 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- Sunday, 16th August. Trinity IX. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Matins.
- Sunday, 23rd August. Trinity X. 11 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon. 6.30p.m. Evensong.
- Monday, 24th August. S. Bartholomew: A.
- Sunday, 30th August. Trinity XI. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Matins.
- Sunday, 6th September. Trinity XII. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Canon Churchill). 11 a.m. Matins (Canon Churchill).

Thursday, 10th September. 7.45 p.m., Deanery Synod at Southam.

Sunday, 13th September. Trinity XIII. 11 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon (Canon Churchill NO EVENSONG.

NOTE: Canon Fishley will be away on holiday from 1st to 15th September. Anyone needing the services of a priest should apply to the Churchwardens, or to the Rural Dean (Rev. T. Knight, tel. Southam 2413).

ALTAR FLOWERS

August 2nd, Mrs. Smith. August 9th, Mrs. Hayward. August 16th, Mrs. Hedge. August 23rd, Mrs. Teverson. August 30th, Mrs. Wall. September 6th, Mrs. Edwards. September 13th, Mrs. Durrant.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

I was pleased that most of the members were able to attend at my home for our last meeting. We spent a pleasant afternoon and as the weather was fine (!) we were able to enjoy a walk in the garden. I wish all members enjoyable holidays, and look forward to meeting again on 14th October. C.H.

EXTRACT FROM THE REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM - 26th July, 1981, Claire Bridget Reeves. (with the consent of the Rector of Southam).

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

At the July meeting, it was reported that the Architect was seeking estimates for renewing the South Aisle roof. Mr. Hedge expressed doubts about tiling as he thought the slope was insufficient. It was agreed to put this point to the Architect, and to consider any alternatives he might suggest. Matters were left in the hands of the Churchwardens and any sub-committee they wished to co-opt. Thanks were expressed to those who had undertaken care of portion of the Churchyard, and particularly to Mr. Garner for his work in organising it all.

The following dates were agreed:

Harvest Thanksgiving, October 4th.

Harvest Supper, October 9th in Ladbroke Village Hall.

Autumn Fair, November 28th in Ladbroke Village Hall.

It was agreed that Mr. Malcolm Tanner and friends be approached to provide entertainment at the Harvest Supper. (P.S. Mr. Tanner has accepted, and we are extremely grateful.) Next meeting of the PCC is on Monday, 12th October.

The Treasurer reported that income remained steady; the Council agreed that the Diocesan Quota should be paid by quarterly instalments. G.R.F.

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday, 14th July, and as usual all members were present. The main talking point of the evening was the fatal accident on the Ladbroke bend on 30th June, which necessitated the main road through the village being closed from about 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Great concern was felt at what could have happened if the lorry had been carrying an inflammable cargo, or if traffic had been coming from the other direction. The Council had received a letter from Mr. Emus, whose garden had suffered considerable damage, stating his concern at the situation.

Although the Council has been continually active in pressing for the village bypass for many years, the accident does mean that they will now renew their efforts on our behalf. They have written to the Department of the Environment asking that the Bypass be made a priority in order to prevent further tragedies, and they are also seeking advice and help from our County Councillors. Meanwhile, it was suggested that the 'dangerous bend' sign needed to be moved further back to give drivers more warning, and that the police should be asked to make a check on the speed of vehicles entering the bend from the Southam direction.

Regarding the Spinney on the A423, the Council has been advised to ask for the law to be enforced and the protected trees to be replanted.

Mr. G. Timms has volunteered to protect the village seats with teak oil, now they have had a chance to dry out!

The next meeting of Ladbroke Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 8th September, at 7.30 p.m.

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Barbecue that was advertised for August has now been postponed until Saturday, 6th September. It will be a cook-it-yourself Barbecue in the grounds of the Village Hall, with Musical Entertainment. Tickets are £1.50 from committee members, and this price includes food. Children are free, and hot dogs will be on sale. The site at the back of the Hall has to be cleared before the Barbecue - all volunteers please contact Dave Wilson, tel. Southam 2131.

FINALLY.....

The population of Ladbroke has increased by one! Alice Rose Liverton was born on 21st July, weighing in at 7lbs.

HARBURY SCHOOL

Yet another school year seems to have flown past and, as usual, the past summer term has been spotlighted by Sports Days, class outings to a very varied selection of interesting places, our busy swimming programme - in fact a whole host of events which we remember!

The whole school has been working on an 'Out and About' theme for the latter half of the term, and the work done on this theme will have been seen at our Open Evening. I am sure that everyone who came along will have been fascinated both by the standard and variety of the work on display.

We had a slight faulty start to the swimming season when, soon after we had opened, we found some

of the younger children were being affected by small cuts on the bottom of their toes. The cause of this was most difficult to establish, so eventually the pool was completely emptied, and we found that a small build-up of calcium was starting on the bottom. This was obviously due to the hard Harbury water. It was removed by use of a solution of acid, and there has been no more trouble. It makes one wonder what our insides are like! I do not recommend the same treatment, however!

Again our Sponsored Walk appears to have been very successful. Not quite so many children walked this year, but the total will be approximately £500. We do thank most sincerely all the children who walked, plus their very many sponsors.

The end of term also sees the retirement of Mrs. Alison Hunt from the teaching staff, after teaching at Harbury School for 11 years. I know that there are many people in the community who have cause to be grateful to Mrs. Hunt, and we extend our warmest wishes to her for the future.

We also say 'Bon Voyage' to all the children who leave us this year, plus a sincere 'welcome' to those who join us in September. "We'll meet again" on Monday, 7th September.

NCO:

SCHOOL SPORT

The summer holidays bring a close to a successful term's sport for Harbury School. The cricket team completed their league fixtures undefeated, narrowly losing by 7 runs in a final against Priorsfield. The results are listed below: Matthew Checkley was selected to play for the Warwickshire Under 13 Cricket Team.

Radford 30 all out. Harbury 45 for 2. (Matthew Checkley 20 not out)

Brookhurst 66 for 4. Harbury 80 for 3. (Matthew Checkley 36 not out)

St. Joseph's 43 for 2. Harbury 68 for 4 (A. Barrett 18)

Clinton 65 for 3. Harbury 65 all out (Matthew Checkley 25)

FINAL: Priorsfield 61 for 3. Harbury 54 for 4. (S. Padbury 25 not out)

Athletics-wise, Harbury came 5th in the Small Schools section in the Area Championships, with the following children going on to represent the Central Area in the Warwickshire Championships: ADRIAN THOMAS (800m). DEBBIE KEIR (150m). JENNY CHIMES (High Jump). MICHELLE CROSSAN, REBECCA BURNHAM, JAMES HAYER, CRAIG KNOWLES (55m hurdles).

A 'mixed age' girls' team failed by the narrowest of margins - $\frac{1}{2}$ a point after 36 events - to win a 'Superstars' event held to celebrate the opening of the Southam Town Junior Sports Club.

The Swimming Progress Cup this year was jointly awarded to Samantha Appleton and Ashley Lucas. The following gained survival awards - Gold Awards - Ashley Lucas, Penny Ottewill, Adrian Thomas, Edward Wood. Silver Awards - Stephen Padbury, Richard Peake, David Megeney. Bronze Awards - David Megeney, Bruce Carter. Stage III - Karen Tyler, Kim Davis, Jenny Chimes, Tony Bastin, Stuart Simcock, Stephen Hancock, Sarah Burnham. I. STUART:

HARBURY P.T.A. NEWS

Our Sports Cavalcade on Friday 17th July was well attended and the weather stayed fine, despite our M.C. for the evening, ATV weatherman Sam Glassey, arriving complete with large umbrella!

With 6 teams competing in fancy dress, the topical 'Royal Wedding' team amassed the most points (possibly aided by some patriotic umpiring!) They were closely followed by the doctors, patients and strange looking nurses from 'Harbury General'. The children's 'Wurzle Gummidge/Aunt Sally' team carried off the fancy dress prize.

Thanks to the hard-worked umpires, scorers, refreshment vendors, all the teams and all who turned out to cheer!

Our next social event after the summer break will be the Annual Quiz Night on Wednesday 23rd September, at the Village Club, when the 'Hottentots' will bid to retain their trophy. Anyone wishing to enter a team of 4 in this general knowledge quiz, please contact Chris Wilkins, whose telephone number

is 612506.

Mike Bloxham's picture, below, shows the 'Harbury General' team at the Sports Cavalcade'. C.W.



SOUTHAM SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

When comprehensive reorganisation extended the range of ability at Southam School, there were naturally parents who expressed concern: The recent Open Evening must inevitably have helped to lay much of that concern to rest: There was plenty of evidence of dedicated teaching, of motivated children at all ability levels, and of a caring school: The number of parents and friends who attended showed an interested and supportive community.

The standard of work was generally high, and the range was wide and certainly stimulating: Some exhibits were outstanding: For example, the art and needlework departments had produced some really fine work which showed talent and maturity. The basic subjects showed attention to detail and high standards: Amongst others the geography display was particularly good in its presentation and quality:

It was pleasant to see plenty of children involved in sporting activities, though a few fathers seemed keen on 'taking the cakes' in the home economics rooms. A notable exhibition was the children's book written by Sally Thornley and illustrated by Susan Clark.

The excitement of the evening, the professional approach of the staff, and the interest and motivation of the pupils, cannot obscure sobering conclusions for the parents who attended. One conclusion must be to wonder how the education cuts will gradually reduce the quality of provision; the other must be to question why we seem unable to provide jobs which can capitalise on the enthusiasm and talents of our children. I.T.J.

HARBURY PLAYGROUPS' SUMMER PICNIC

On Tuesday, 7th July, the Burton Dassett Hills were invaded by a great many of Harbury's pre-school children with their mothers and helpers from the nursery school, playgroups and the Mother & Toddler club. The weather could not have been better, the ice cream van arrived on cue, and we had a lovely day. Many thanks to all those who helped with transport. Here are some comments from children....

"The cars came to playgroup and we all squashed in and we went to the Burton Dassett Hills. We went up hills and flew kites and played with balls. Our mummies had a sunbathe and got red noses! We put down rugs and had a picnic; we ate oranges, apples, penguin biscuits, buns, sandwiches, snaps, hoola hoops, crisps, Ryvita, white sherbet, chocolate biscuits, lemon cake and salad! We climbed to the top of the hills and 'flew' down; we played with aeroplanes and climbed the rocks. A sheep dog came to round up the sheep, and we saw some sheep with their wool off. The ice cream van came and some of us had ice cream feet."

CELIA NEILL.

1st HARBURY SCOUT TROOP

The session before the summer holidays has been one of growth, both in numbers and pursuits. Three



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RESCUE SERVICE

evenings were spent in the school pool, culminating in a water games evening won by the Wednesday troop. By the time this article is being read, summer camp will be over, and a report will appear in the next copy of Harbury & Ladbroke News. I must thank Alan Webb who has taken over responsibility for canoe activities. He has attended a course to brush up his technique, and embarked (sorry about the pun!) on refurbishing our stock of canoes. To supplement these we have borrowed eight craft from Ken Tulley, a British Canoe Union Coach from Barby, near Rugby.

Tuesday troop's badge tally includes: Scout Standard gained by Martin Bunting and Peter Catt, and Advanced Scout Standard gained by Colin Hughes and Dominic Winter. J.L.H.

HARBURY VENTURE UNIT

As mentioned at the AGM of the Harbury Scouts, the unit is keeping up with the times and is now a truly unisex group. Almost straight away the fairer sex started to show their form, and congratulations must go to Helen Taylor and Louisa Hoyles who have successfully auditioned for the WAGS gang show. This carries an added bonus as the show is this year being taken to Dallas, U.S.A.

The activities have once again come out of doors with the coming of summer (?) weather. Unfortunately, owing to our great British weather a punting evening on the Avon had to be cancelled, but hopefully we will still get a chance to go. Future activities include canoeing, a visit to a brewery, and also membership of a video club is being discussed. ARH:

MOTHER AND BABY GROUP

We meet on the first Monday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Clinic, Pendyke Street, Southam. Mrs. Hari, a Southam Health Visitor, is always there and is prepared to lead discussions or give talks, arrange speakers or films on any topics we wish, relevant to the health of ourselves and our families. Do come, bring your baby and your toddler if you wish. The next two meetings are on 3rd August and 7th September. If you have space in your car or on the other hand no

transport at all, contact me, Vicky Tanner, 613507.
Perhaps if we show enough support we could get our own group functioning in the village? VT.

JUNIOR TENNIS

The organised Junior Sessions finished on Friday, 24th July, with a drawn-partners tournament. The winners were James and Charles Mayer. Second were Mark Streeter and Martin Dufresne, and third were Phillip Ryman and Ian MacDonald. Well done!

We have greatly enjoyed taking the sessions with such keen and enthusiastic members, and we hope they will get together and continue to play through the holidays.
P.D.

HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Harbury's senior Rugby sides open their season on Saturday 5th September with matches against Coventrians. Pre-season training takes place every Monday and Wednesday at 7 p.m., and any prospective member from 16 to 50+ is welcome! You will find the sessions enjoyable, and the social side is an important aspect as well. Whatever your aspirations, the Club can offer you the opportunity of playing at all levels from 1st XV to 4th XV.

Last season four members of the Club played for South Warwickshire Under 23, and two represented the full South Warwickshire side, whilst one player, Steve Byford, went on to make Rugby's 1st XV and is now training with Coventry.

At 4th team level, the Club provides true grass roots humour, sometimes akin to Michael Green, where the philosophy of captain John Knowles is to 'Run the ball at every opportunity' and above all to enjoy yourselves.

So if Saturday afternoons are normally a time when you doze in front of the telly, then perhaps you could be emulating those events that Frank Bough covers and Dickie Davies shouts about. So dust off your boots and enjoy yourself by supporting your local Club - Harbury.

JERRY BIRKBECK, Hon.
Secretary.

FAMILY CYCLE RIDE

The ride departed from the Church at around 2.30 on 19th July. The party consisted of 13 assorted adults and children mounted on a wide selection of bikes. We set out for Welsh Road lock on the Grand Union Canal - a distance of about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The entire party duly arrived with no-one losing their way! The writer then locked 5 bikes together, and placed the padlock key in his right-hand trouser pocket. A cheerful party set out in warm sunshine to inspect the locks at Bascote. On arriving at the locks a flock of three boats was seen descending the flight, and assistance with lock opening and shutting was rendered by some of the more energetic. The lock walls and side basins were then explored, and the highlight of the afternoon took place. The writer extracted his handkerchief from his right hand trouser pocket wherein he had placed the padlock key, and watched that key drop into the canal through some brambles.

An even more cheerful party returned to the Welsh Road to eat their picnic, while the writer borrowed one of the other bikes and returned to Harbury for lock-breaking tools. The lock succumbed to the ministrations of these tools very quickly, and then 12 returned to Harbury leaving the 13th to eat a peaceful picnic sheltering under the bridge, as by now it was raining. The writer then loaded up the picnic debris and followed in the wake of the dozen, just managing to arrive home before his back tyre became completely flat from a puncture!

Moral of the story - keep your hanky up your sleeve.

CHARLES CATT.

NATURE NOTES, JULY

July is the month of hot, sunny days, summer flowers and, for many living creatures, a time of plenty. Unfortunately, life has its less pleasant aspects. Young birds and animals provide a glut of food for predators; large hatches of insects make feeding easy for the insect eaters such as swallows, swifts, fish and bats.

However, this is one of the hardest times of the year for the thrush and blackbird that feed on

worms. To make matters more difficult, many birds start the annual moult during July. The essential process of renewing the now worn-out feathers uses additional energy at a time when food may be hard to find. I was reminded of this when I was brought a stunned kestrel that had flown into a fence. The bird was under-nourished, and in moult, and had stunned itself while catching a young starling. Kestrels normally feed on mice and voles which they catch in short grass, and I wondered whether the very long grass this year had made feeding difficult and forced the bird to catch young starling. Alternatively had the moulting of the wing feathers affected its ability to hover, and consequently its ability to hunt for mice.

Wild flowers have benefited from the wet spring and amongst the tall grasses there are some magnificent spikes of flowers in the roadside verges.

R. STANBRIDGE.

"THE GOOD HOUSEWIFE"

In 1924 Messrs. Fleming & Whitelaw held 'The Good Housewife Competition', which drew 30,000 entries on labour saving in the home. The company produced 'Preservene', which seems to be a soap in a bar or flakes, and the competition was clearly a forerunner of modern product promotion. The hints and ideas were published in a book which I found in a Newhaven Antiques Market, and many are useful even in 1981, or amusing or fascinating as a glimpse of everyday life in the 1920s.

There are 1340 individual contributions, and I hope you enjoy my selection, which will be published in this magazine as an occasional series. The publishers used the wording of the original entries, and I shall do the same, and will begin with just 3 to give you the flavour, all being numbered as they are in the book.

No. 32. WHEN BOILING MILK. You can save time and trouble by putting a large marble into the pan. The marble automatically stirs the milk and prevents it from burning.

No. 119. LEMONS. Heat lemons thoroughly before squeezing and you will get nearly double the juice.



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No. 222. TO CURE HICCOUGHS: Drink half a teaspoonful of vinegar and hold the hands above the head for a minute or two.

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

HARBURY W.I.

Please note - there will be a Cheese and Wine Party on Thursday, 20th August, starting at 7 p.m., at 11 The Beeches. MD.

HOW TO MAKE £1 INTO £1.50 (approximately)

If it is your aim to abolish all churches, read no further. If, however, you feel that the church is a valuable asset to the community - and there are few of us who are not glad to make use of it at times, if only for christenings, weddings, etc - then this is for you.

Inflation is hitting everyone, not the least the church which does not benefit from any cost of living rises however small, but has to depend on the offerings of parishioners to meet her running expenses. Don't believe people who say all churches are rich - our estimated deficit at All Saints, Harbury, for 1981 is £900, and this has to be met by fund-raising events such as a Spring Fair or 50/50 Auction, or by increased offerings.

Obviously, the most satisfactory method of helping the church is by regular offerings, and the best way of doing this, if you pay tax at the Standard rate, is by taking out a covenant. This means that you pay only what you have decided to give but the church can claim back the tax that you will have already paid. Hence, for every £1 you give the church receives approximately £1.50, depending on the current tax rate. It is as easy as that. Covenants are taken out for a period of 4 years, and can be paid annually, quarterly, monthly or weekly, by cheque or banker's order - whichever method suits you best. Don't worry about whether you may not be able to pay in 2 years' time, since in extenuating circumstances covenants can be waived - and if you are unfortunate enough to die during the term of your covenant, your family won't be expected to

carry on the payments.

So if you already give regularly to the church - or even if you do not but would not like to see the church fall into ruin - please give serious consideration to the idea of covenanting, and either pick up a form from the table in church, or telephone Diana Holt (612790) or me (613214), and we shall be pleased to provide you with any details, advice or help that we can. Remember - the church needs a regular income, and every penny helps.

SALLY STRINGER:

ACTION RESEARCH FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILD



The Harbury Branch of Action Research are going a long way to raise money in 1981 - all the way round Britain! In a Cortina supplied by Soans of Leamington, Phil Groves, Laurence Redfern and Neil Roden (pictured above) will drive round the mainland coast from 5th to 12th September, and a competition has been organised to estimate their total mileage. There

are fabulous prizes in a £2,000 prize fund, and entry to the competition costs only 10p. Winners will be announced at a Celebration Reception for the drivers at Soans on 12th September.

Group members are rightly proud of the fact that all costs of promoting the competition, including the massive prize fund, have been met by commercial sponsorship - every 10p entry goes directly to research, and no part of it is used to finance their fund-raising venture.

If you would like to help prevent the suffering caused through crippling by entering the competition, please contact any branch member, or Ann Roden or Dorothy Groves (35 or 37 Mill Street respectively), from whom tickets are also available for the Reception on 12th September.

DG.

THE OPEN GARDENS DAY

On 18th July I was privileged, as a newcomer to Harbury, to take part in the Annual Walkabout. Without exception, all the gardens had something special to offer, each one reflecting the particular interests of their creators.

Some were walled, some had the advantage of Harbury's unique position in being able to combine their gardens with a magnificent view across the well-ordered countryside, for which we must thank the local farmers, and some were kitchen gardens with their wonderful selection of vegetables.

I was particularly impressed by the great variety of plants grown in the open and under glass. One conservatory had a wonderful show of geraniums of all colours and variety. Some gardens had specialised in 'old fashioned' flowers, while another was a veritable arboretum.

I am sure that all those who took part in the walk would like to thank those who so generously opened their gardens to the public, not forgetting those who tirelessly set to, providing teas and a much-needed rest. It all combined to make a most enjoyable day.

I.M.DREVER.

FOUND - at the tennis courts. A Harbury Scout Sweatshirt, size 32". Claim from 'Skip', 32 Mill Street.

'THE HOUSE ON THE CLIFF'

Harbury Theatre Group produced an evening of splendid entertainment. The play starts very slowly, and the cast clearly found it difficult to cope with a rather dead script. The poor beginning of the play may well explain why it has never had a professional showing.

Nevertheless, Diana Holt as the young widow and Carol Percival as her crippled stepdaughter set the scene of a fraught and tense relationship following the death of a husband and father. Margaret Morrison gave a touch of menace as the maid. The arrival of a new nurse, Beryl Checkley, in a lively portrayal of a well-written part, injected new life and humour into the play, and from that moment it never looked back. The mystery revolved round two doctors (Keith Hayes and Trevor Grundy), who acted completely to keep the truth from the audience until the final scene. The emergence of Keith Hayes from a hole in the ground must rank amongst the most exciting dramatic moments in the history of the village hall.

The denouement had the audience - which must inevitably be used to a diet of contrived tension on television - sitting on the edge of their seats, and

almost shrieking with excitement and involvement:

Everyone concerned deserves congratulations for their part in this splendid production. I.J.

BICYCLE EVENT, 1981

ALL SAINTS' P.C.C. invites entries for the Bicycle Event on Sunday, 16th August, starting from the Old New Inn at 3.15 p.m. There will be classes for 8 year olds and above - including Mums and Dads.

This 'fun only' event will be held over a 5 mile course on quiet local roads, and there will - we hope - be nominal prizes donated by local benefactors.

In addition to the usual classes, the main event of the day will be a 2-lap (10 miles) event which will be run at the end of the programme.

Entries from individuals and teams from 2.30 p.m. on the day, please. JBM.

PLAYING FIELDS

As you may be aware, the Cabin Slide has been declared unsafe, so a large chain and 'danger' sign were placed on the steps to safeguard children. I find it very sad to report that this chain was removed within days. Indeed it has not yet been found, and as it is needed as a future replacement for the swings it would be appreciated if it could be returned immediately. The missing chain has now been replaced on the steps with the old swing seat and chains, and the Committee are endeavouring to keep it in place until the slide has been repaired, hopefully by the middle of August. The junior slide has now been installed, though here again petty vandalism has led to a nut and washer having to be replaced, as they went missing overnight.

As I mentioned in my report to the Parish Council cars illegally driving on the fields have become an increasing problem, and it might be of interest to the owners of the cars seen there recently that efforts are being made to ascertain their identity so that appropriate measures can be taken.

Finally, with the summer holidays upon us, may I appeal to everyone to try and keep the playing fields tidy. EJC.

GOLDEN AGE

Our trip to the Peak District was a great success - the magnificent views were a mixture of Switzerland and Scotland, with lovely sunshine too. The 52 seat coach was full, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. Our ordinary meetings restart on 10th Sept LK

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Committee is still plagued by repair problems - the roof leaks, the outside doors are rotting, and plans to fill in the lobby to the changing rooms entrance will cost several hundred pounds. Even while the meeting was in progress further expense was incurred as youths playing football broke a drainpipe and guttering.

There were complaints about the state of the showers, but bookings show that no-one was paying for the use of the changing room, so blame was difficult to apportion. That did not stop members making guesses as to the identity of the culprits. The Chairman thanked everyone who had helped to keep the Hall in order whilst there had been no caretaker, and announced that Mrs. Helen Pratt had been appointed from 1st July.

'Bing' Bingham was waiting for advice on a less slippery polish for the main hall floor, and Sue Andrews agreed to undertake to buy a new weight for the badminton net.

Bing said that profits from the Carnival would be less than last year - a severe blow to the committee which depends on its half to cover the cost of the winter electricity bill. The fund-raising committee is to hold a Jumble Sale on 12th September, and a Race Night in the autumn.

Finally, a mystery to be solved: Who removes the Village Hall teapot from the kitchen? It has to be retrieved from the Wight School! L.RIDGLEY.

A FEW REMINDERS FOR PLACES TO GO

Guilsborough Grange Pet Park. The World of Shakespeare (formerly the Heritage Theatre), Stratford. Stratford Swimming Pool. Battlefield of Bosworth. Spetchley Park. Compton Wynyates. Severn Valley Railway. Silverstone. Bibury Trout Farm. St. Michael's Church, Stanway House, and Shenborrow Hill Camp, all in the Cotswolds.

HARBURY SOCIETY

Humble Bee Cottages have been saved from demolition! The Department of the Environment has agreed to list them as Grade Two and the District Council will be asked to change the Demolition Order to a Closing Order. This means that they cannot be occupied but they do not have to be destroyed.

Another Planning Application is being considered by the District Council on the Spinney. This is still for a number of houses to be built on the spinney and adjacent land, but it offers part of the spinney to the Parish Council as recreational land.

If you look about you with a speculator's eye as you walk about the village, you will discover that there are still a number of large plots of land that could conceivably be developed for housing, and it is surprising how many houses can be squeezed on to what appears to quite a small area. The problem of high density infilling will be with us for many years yet.

In September, at the Village Hall, we are showing a film on another aspect of the destruction of the rural way of life. 'Whatever happened to the countryside' is an attempt to show how the land, and land use, has changed over the last decade or so, and what can be done to preserve some of the flora and fauna it supported. Admission is free, so do come along and bring your friends - 17th September, at the Village Hall.

L. RIDGLEY.

IN THE GARDEN

This is often a holiday month, and the garden is neglected. Try to find a friend who will at least keep crops picked, both to avoid waste and to induce the plants to go on producing until you return. Looking forward to next year, sow cabbage for spring. Also your Japanese Onion seed should be sown between 10th and 25th August to get good germination. When sowing lettuce, I should recommend All The Year Round. Radish can still be sown. Now is the time to cut out the old raspberry canes, and tie the new ones against the winter storms. Also, strawberry beds need a lot of attention, and plant out new plants.

There is no doubt that the Harbury Walkabout was a great success, and it is presumed that many of us gained a considerable amount of ideas from seeing such excellent gardens.

W. F. LINES.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The recent Garden Walkabout was again very successful, with more visitors than ever attracted to Harbury, confirming what we already know - that we have a village to be proud of. Our thanks go out to everyone who was involved in however small a way without you the event would have been poorer. The proceeds were considerably up on last year, and we have been able to make large donations to both the Church and the Council for the Disabled. Ideas are already forming for next year, and any comments or suggestions would be very welcome.

The next event is the Flower Show on September 5th. Schedules and entry forms will be available shortly from Harold Wilkins, 1 Manor Road, and we are looking forward once again to a bumper entry.

TONY BRUNTON.

COUNCIL FOR DISABLED

GRAND FETE - SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER - 2 p.m.

This will be held on Southam Recreation Ground, and full details will be in next month's magazine. Offers from anyone who is willing to run a stall are still needed. If you can help, please contact Mrs. Pat Taylor, 9 Heber Drive (613335), or Rosemary Ottewill, 43 Mill Street (613402). Thank you.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

My family and I would like to thank the many kind people who expressed their sympathy in word and deed at our recent bereavement. Your kindness was greatly appreciated, and was most comforting.

LAURA OLIVER.

NB. Views expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the committee of the Harbury and Ladbrooke News.

Dear Editors,

With reference to the report by Linda Ridgley under the Harbury Society notes in your July issue, relevant to Humble Bee Cottages, Chesterton, I should like to bring the true facts before your readers.

There are 3 cottages on the site, nos. 1 and 2 being owned by Mr. F. Noden, of Chesterton, and no. 3 by Mr. A. Taylor of Harbury.

On 9th October 1979 notices were sent to the respective owners by the Stratford on Avon District Council, stating that in the opinion of the Environmental Health Officer, Mr. R. Hancock, the properties were sub-standard, and listing a number of items that required doing to bring them up to standard. As this was likely to be a very costly business, the owners rather naturally protested and quite rightly sought the assistance of their District Councillors.

A meeting was held at Stratford on Avon on 16th January, 1980, when the owners, together with Cllr. Sharp and myself, attended a special sub-committee to discuss the matter. Further to this meeting, a site meeting was convened for 3rd June, 1980, which Cllr. Sharp and myself attended.

Considerable correspondence is in my possession respecting this matter but despite every effort being made by your District Councillors, notification was received on 23rd March, 1981, that a Demolition Order was going to be issued.

After this had been received I had further conversations with the Environmental Health Officer to delay this matter still further, which fortunately he agreed to do. Mr. Hancock finally informed me in the latter part of June, 1981, that a Preservation Order had recently been made on all three cottages.

I can assure Linda Ridgley that, if it had not been for the efforts of your District Councillors over a long period, and the understanding of the position shown by the Environmental Health Officer, we should now be preserving a heap of bricks instead of the cottages which are still intact.

Your District Councillors do represent you more than 'in theory' as was suggested.

I will finish on a lighter note. In the earlier correspondence I received, the properties were referred to as 'Bumble Bee Cottages' until corrected.

JOHN B. DRINKWATER. District Councillor.

Dear Editors,

In order that Harbury is once again recognised as contributing to all that is progressive in Warks. I would draw your attention to the efforts of the 1st Harbury Cub Group and Girl Guides. A brief explanation is that a number of local children will be contributing to the Warwickshire Gang Show, 'WAGS', during 1981 and 1982. This takes on a new significance when examining the show's itinerary -

21st to 28th November, 1981 - 'Gang Show' at the Royal Spa Centre, Leamington.

February, 1982 - Royal Gala Performance at the Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford on Avon.

April, 1982 - 'Gang Show' performances in Dallas and Fort Worth, United States of America.

The show, with all its costumes, scenery, props and participants, will make 7 presentations of 'British Talent' on a 16 day tour. This is to coincide with the 75th anniversary of the Scouting Movement in the UK and the USA. The shows will be recorded by ATV and an American network, and presents a great opportunity to 'sell' Warwickshire to the Yanks.

Between now and April 1982 a number of fund-raising events will take place in the village under the heading 'WAGS 1982 - THE BEST OF BRITISH'. Please support the events, as a large number of young people will then be able to sample an experience of a lifetime. Also, any person who feels their company may benefit from advertising or sponsoring sections of this trans-atlantic venture should contact me for more details.

BOB TAYLOR, 17 Mill Street.

Dear Editors,

The BBC film, 'The War Game', made in the 1960s was shown recently in Harbury by LEND (Leamington for European Nuclear Disarmament). Its advertised time of 8 p.m. was delayed for 50 minutes while the audience of 60 was subjected to 3 policy speeches by members of LEND.

While the audience grew steadily more restive (wasn't it a film they had come to see) the policies and opinions of END (European Nuclear Disarmament - an organisation parallel to the CND and formed by left-winger Prof. E. P. Thompson) were expounded, and

met with very vocal disagreement after the film was shown. END's aim is unilateral nuclear disarmament and closer links with the Western European Nuclear Disarmament movement, which - it was revealed in the Daily Telegraph - has been infiltrated by supporters of the Soviet Government.

The vocal and displayed facts about Warwickshire's plans to deal with a nuclear emergency were criticised by members of LEND, and our County Planning Officer in charge of these plans was heard to comment upon the inaccuracies in their statements:

When the film was eventually shown, it did not meet up to its pre-publicity 'Horror Movie' image, dealing as it did mostly with the old (1960s) plans to evacuate the population in the event of a nuclear attack, and riot control with armed police. Both of these plans have been superseded with recommendations for the population to stay in their homes, and riot control has, as we all know, developed considerably during the last few years in Ireland.

The one thing the film did get over was that we would have survivors, and that we must plan to ensure that the survivors continue to survive. PETER HOLT:

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank everyone - colleagues, parents and especially the children - who helped to make my last day at Harbury School such a memorable one. I was deeply moved by the beautiful gifts and tokens of appreciation, into which had been put so much thought and care. The flowers were really lovely including the bunches of hedge parsley and coltsfoot gathered from the school field.

I shall mount the cards, many of which were made by the children, into a scrap book which I shall always treasure.

ALISON M. HUNT.

Dear Editors,

I would like to say thank you to all those kind people who gave me cakes and produce for my stall at the Garden Walkabout. How fortunate we are to live in a village like Harbury: when you ask for help it is given so willingly.

EDNA LINES.

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