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It was encouraging to have a larger attendance at the Harbury Ladbroke News A.G.M. than in previous years. The committee reported a generally satisfactory state of affairs, and thanked all those without whose efforts the magazine would not appear each month. Retiring editor Ray Hoare was thanked - we are pleased that he will remain on the committee - and Ian Jackson was welcomed to the editorial team. Our advertisers make a major contribution to the finances of the magazine, and we are most grateful to them. The new advertising year starts with the April issue; if you know of potential advertisers please ask them to contact Peter Holt on 612790.

The local Liberals' idea of starting a bottle bank looks like good sense, with the waste we see all around nowadays. Geoff Muller (612410) is their Harbury contact.

We'd like to include next month some comments from a first-timer on what it's like to be a blood donor. Are you thinking of going along on 2nd February? Or will you, please? The Transfusion Service is always looking for new donors, and they'd welcome you with open arms at the Village Hall on that day, any time from 1.30 to 4, or from 5 to 6 p.m.

Mike Bloxham visited the Pop In Club with his camera recently. The ladies engrossed in their game are (from left) Mrs. Knighton, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Perry. New members are always welcome, 1.30 to 3.30 on Friday afternoons.



HARBURY DIARYFEBRUARY 1981

- Sun. 1st Fourth after Epiphany. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism. 3.30p.m. Evensong.
All Sorts Games Evening, 7p.m. 11 Constance Dr.
- Mon. 2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple. 9.45 am. and 7.30p.m., Holy Eucharist.
Confirmation Classes, 6.30p.m., Vicarage.
BLOOD DONORS, 2.30-4, 5-7p.m., Village Hall.
NO Bingo today.
- Tues. 3rd Horticultural Society, 8p.m., Wight School.
Confirmation Classes, 6.30p.m., Vicarage.
Bible Study, 8p.m., 26 Binswood End.
- Wed. 4th Mothers' Union, 2.30p.m., 1 Vicarage Lane. (NB. venue). Speaker, Mrs. C. Reid.
Confirmation Classes, Vicarage, 6.30p.m.
- Thurs. 5th W.I., 7.45p.m., Village Hall. Speaker, Mr. V. Nicholls - "Round the World on a Cargo Boat".
- Sat. 7th Religious instruction for Catholic children, 9.45 to 10.45a.m., Wight School.
Village Hall Committee Jumble Sale, 10a.m., V. Hall.
Craft Exhibition, 2p.m. to 4p.m., Wight School.
W.I. Dance at the Village Hall.
- Sun. 8th Fifth after Epiphany. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10am. Sung Eucharist. 3.30p.m. Evensong.
- Mon. 9th Confirmation Classes, 6.30 p.m., Vicarage.
- Tues. 10th Confirmation Classes, 6.30p.m., Vicarage.
Playing Fields Committee, 8p.m., Village Hall.
Prayer Group, 8 p.m. 15 Wagstaffe Close.
- Wed. 11th PTA, 8p.m., School. Speaker, Tim Sutton on "Books for Children".
Confirmation Classes, 6.30 p.m., Vicarage.
- Thurs. 12th Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
Girls' Club, Village Hall.
- Sat. 14th Religious instruction for Catholic children, 9.45a.m. to 10.45 a.m., Wight School.
Liberals' Jumble Sale, 10.15a.m. Farley Rm, V. Hall.
Youth Theatre Workshop, 2 to 5 p.m., Wight School.

- Sun. 15th Septuagesima. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m. Sung Eucharist. 3.30p.m. Evensong.
7p.m., All Sorts, 11 Constance Drive (Handbells)
- Mon. 16th School Open Evening.
Confirmation Classes, 6.30p.m., Vicarage.
- Tues. 17th Tufty Club, 2.15p.m., Wight School.
Confirmation Classes, 6.30p.m., Vicarage.
Bible Study, 8 p.m.
Harbury Society, talk on "Tourism - a Village" by Dr. Winnifriith, 7.45p.m., Shakespeare Inn.
- Wed. 18th School Open Evening.
Confirmation Classes, 6.30p.m., Vicarage.
- Thurs. 19th Girls' Club at Village Hall.
Coffee Morning, 14 Sutcliffe Drive, 10.30 to 12, in aid of Myton Hospice Appeal.
Parish Council, 7.30p.m., Village Hall.
- Fri. 20th School, Toddlers Group & Playgroup break up.
- Sat. 21st Stage Up in Village Hall.
Youth Theatre Workshop, 2-5p.m., Wight School.
Windmill Singers' Concert in Harbury Church at 8 p.m. (see advertisement)
ALL ARTICLES TO EDITORS FOR MARCH HARBURY AND LADBROKE NEWS BY TODAY.
- Sun. 22nd Sexagesima. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m. Sung Eucharist. 3.30p.m. Evensong.
- Mon. 23rd No Upholstery Classes today.
Confirmation Classes, 6.30p.m., Vicarage.
- Tues. 24th Young Wives, 2p.m., Village Hall.
Confirmation Classes, 6.30p.m., Vicarage.
NO Scouts Meeting today.
Village Hall Committee, 8p.m., Village Hall.
Prayer Group, 8 p.m.
Conservative AGM with Ploughman's Supper, 8p.m. at the Crown ('phone 612572 for tickets)
- Wed. 25th Confirmation Classes, 6.30p.m., Vicarage.
NO Scouts Meeting today.
Council for the Disabled Meeting, 8p.m., Wattons Lodge, Southam.
- Thurs. 26th Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
"Arms and the Man", Harbury Theatre Group. (see ad)

- Fri. 27th "Arms and the Man", by Harbury Theatre Group,
Village Hall, 8 p.m. (see advert)
- Sat. 28th Youth Theatre Workshop, 2 to 5 p.m., Wight School
"Arms and the Man", by Harbury Theatre Group,
Village Hall, 8p.m. (see advert)

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- Sun. 1st Quinquagesima. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m.
Sung Eucharist with CONFIRMATION BY THE
BISHOP OF WARWICK. 3.30p.m. Evensong.
All Sorts, 7p.m., 11 Constance Drive. Speaker,
Rev. Andrew Dow. All young people welcome,
especially those recently confirmed.
- Mon. 2nd NO Upholstery Classes today.
- Tues. 3rd Children/Adult Sponsored Pancake Race/Coffee
Morning/Bring & Buy, in aid of Action Research
for the Crippled Child, 10.15 am., Wight School.
(Supply own pancake and pan!)
- Scouts Pancake Racing, 8p.m., Scout Hut.
Bible Study, 8 p.m.
- Wed. 4th Mothers' Union, 2.30p.m. Old Timbers, Ivy Lane.
NO Scouts meeting today.
- Thurs. 5th W.I. Open Meeting - Bamix Demonstration - 7.45
in the Village Hall.
- Fri. 6th Labour Party Annual General Meeting.
- ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Hall Chapel, 10a.m.
every Sunday.
- HARBURY ADVENTURERS, V. Hall, 11.30a.m. every Sunday.
- ALL SORTS, 7.45p.m., 11 Constance Drive, alternate Sundays.
- UPHOLSTERY, Wight School, 2 - 4 p.m. every Monday.
- 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, 8 p.m. every Monday.
- BINGO, Village Hall, 8 p.m. every Monday.
- PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings.
- TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, Mon.a.m. & Wed. p.m.
- NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, 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, 7.45 p.m. Tues(1st troop), Wed (2nd troop)
 YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 8 - 10 p.m., Wednesdays.
 BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2p.m., 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.
 WEIGHTAWAY, Wight School, 8 p.m. Wednesdays
 GOLDEN AGE, Village Hall, 2.30p.m., 2nd & 4th Thursdays.
 VENTURE SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 8 p.m. every Thursday.
 POP - IN, Village Hall, 1.30 to 3.30p.m. every Friday.
 CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30p.m. every Friday.
 THEATRE WORKSHOP, Wight School, 2 to 5, alternate Saturdays.
 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,

We are looking forward to the Confirmation on 1st March. For several years now we have been very fortunate in having a Confirmation in our own Church every year, each time in the course of our 10 a.m. Parish Family Sung Eucharist on Quinquagesima (as I still like to call the Sunday next before Lent). It is so again this year. The newly confirmed will also, of course, be making their first Communions at the same service. This time we shall be welcoming the new Suffragan Bishop of Warwick, the Right Reverend Keith Arnold, on his first visit to us. Let us thank God for these keen young people, and let us pray that they may make a good preparation for their Confirmation, and that they may persevere faithfully afterwards.

On Saturday February 21st, at 8 p.m., the Windmill Singers will be giving a concert in our Church in aid of the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust. Tickets (£1, or 60p for children) are available from members of the Windmill Singers.

On Wednesday 18th March, at 11 a.m., there will be a service of Thanksgiving in Coventry Cathedral on the occasion of the Centenary of the Church of England Children's Society.

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The preacher will be the Lord Bishop of Coventry. I do hope that some of us will be able to go, and if you let me know in good time beforehand, seats can be reserved for us in the Cathedral.

I would also draw your attention to the Annual Festival of the Additional Curates Society, on Wednesday May 6th, at 7.30 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalen's, Coventry. This advance notice is given in order that we may try to keep the evening free

The work in connection with the new lighting system in our Church has now been completed (or almost completed). Many people have remarked what a great improvement it is.

In last month's Harbury & Ladbroke News I mentioned the loss of Mrs. Riman. Since then we have had four more deaths in the village - Mr. Raymond Tidmarsh, Mr. Eric Moore, Mr. James Whitehead, and Mrs. Vera Wheatley. We commend them to God's loving care, and we pray for those who are bereaved.

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 4th. The special Lenten services and meetings (Deanery and Parochial) will be announced in Church, and in the March Harbury & Ladbroke News. In the meantime we should be thinking about making our Lenten Rule. Our Rule should not be so strict that it is almost impossible to keep it, but at the same time it ought to be sufficiently smart to provide us with an element of mortification, and whatever you do, do it all simply for the love of our Lord, to lay it and yourself, as it were, at His feet.

With every blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

F. R. Mackley.

FUNERAL SERVICES

December 29th, Mary Beatrice Riman, 29 Frances Road, aged 60 years.

January 8th, Raymond Richard Tidmarsh, 25 Bush Heath Lane, aged 65 years.

January 12th, Eric Charles Moore, 61 Mill Street, aged 59 years.

January 26th, Vera Emiline Wheatley, 29 Vicarage Lane, aged 85 years.

January 26th, James Farmer Whitehead, 4 Heber Drive, aged 87 years.

From the Churchwardens

Since we've not had our amplification system in all that long, and since one of our mikes got switched off on a recent Sunday, it was particularly appropriate to read in the Church Times of a Bishop who was celebrating a Series 3 Communion recently. As he stood to start the Service, he tapped the mike and finding it dead said, "There's something wrong with this". The large congregation, seeing his lips move and hearing a distant murmur, responded enthusiastically, "And also with you".

We trust there will be nothing wrong with our mikes when the new Bishop of Warwick visits us on 1st March for the Confirmation. We look forward to welcoming him on this, his first visit to the Parish, and we're delighted that once again we have a good number of young people making a public confession of their faith and entering into full membership of our Church.

It's been good to welcome a number of newcomers to the village into our fellowship recently, and we do hope they will feel really at home among us.

May we take this opportunity of reminding you of our Prayer Group and Bible Study, which take place on alternate Tuesdays. Both are vital for growth, both as individual Christians and as a Christian Church, and we do warmly invite anyone to join us. Venues are normally given in the Diary, but if we slip up a phone call to the Vicar (612377) or Vivienne Aggett (612711) will tell you where the next one is. Don't feel hesitant about coming if you don't know the person at whose house it's being held; we're a friendly lot, and our discussions are lively.

We have several books on prayer and Bible Study, both in our Church lending library and for sale on our bookstall. Do have a look at them. We're grateful to Sheila Jackson for taking over the running of the bookstall; she will be pleased to obtain any particular titles you would like.

ALL SAINTS' ALL SORTS

We started again after Christmas with a planning session at which we made out our provisional programme up to the middle of July.

On Sunday 18th January we had a display of hobbies, including miniature bottles, tapestry, and first day covers, and then we had a balloon debate in which Dr. Edward Jenner (alias Catie Jackson) survived. Forthcoming attractions include

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a games evening, a go at handbell ringing, some visits, and, we hope, a weekend camp in July.

On the day of the Confirmation, we've invited the Rev. Andrew Dow from Leamington to come and speak. We very much hope that all those who've been confirmed that day will come, and also some of those who've been confirmed in the past few years. Andrew Dow asked what we wanted him to talk about. Viv suggested "membership", but everyone else said "trains", so come along and hear which he's chosen - maybe a bit of each.

THE ADDITIONAL CURATES' SOCIETY



Once again I invite you to support the work of ACS by using a special Lent box for your Lent savings. The boxes are to be found in Church or can be obtained from our Parish Secretary, Mrs. Anne Moore.

The work of ACS is as necessary as ever in helping towards the stipends and expenses of curates, in the fostering of vocations for the priesthood, and bursaries for those in preparation for the Ministry especially through the Aston Scheme.

Last year was a record year of giving in our parish, and also throughout the country, so I ask you to give of your best for this work during Lent and even beyond.

Our Diocesan Festival at Coventry is on May 6th, at 7.30pm, and I do hope this year Harbury will support it.

With many thanks for your prayers and support.

ROY CHURCHILL, Diocesan Secretary.

CHRISTIAN AID

HELP! Do you have the time to spare to organise Christian Aid this year? It's not a difficult task, just one needing someone to contact the collectors and receive the money. Sadly, if no-one can take this on there will not be a collection this year. If you would like to find out precisely what is entailed, please ring Harbury 613414.

LADBROKE NEWS

Services etc. for February and early March, 1981

Sunday 1st February, Epiphany IV, (Eve of Candlemass). 8.30a.m.
Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Family Service.

Monday 2nd February, Candlemass.

Thursday, 5th February, 7.45 p.m., Men's Group at Harbury.

Saturday, 7th February, Institution of the Rev. Canon C. P. K.
Barnes as Vicar of Priors Marson, Priors Hardwick
& Wormleighton, 3 p.m. at Priors Marston.

Sunday, 8th February, Epiphany V, 11 a.m. Holy Communion with
Hymns & Sermon. 3.30 p.m. Evensong.

Wednesday, 11th February, Women's Fellowship at Hall Farm, 3pm.

Sunday, 15th February, Septuagesima, 8.30a.m. Holy Communion,
11 a.m. Matins.

Sunday, 22nd February, Sexagesima, 11 a.m. Holy Communion
with Hymns & Sermon. 3.30 p.m. Evensong.

Sunday, 1st March, Quinquagesima (S. David). 8.30 a.m. Holy
Communion. 11 a.m. Matins.

Wednesday, 4th March, Ash Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Holy
Communion.

Thursday, 5th March, Men's Group at Harbury, 7.45 p.m.

Sunday, 8th March, Lent I, 11 a.m. Holy Communion with
Hymns & Sermon. 3.30 p.m. Evensong.

Monday, 9th March, Parochial Church Council, 7.30 in Church.

Wednesday, 11th March, Women's Fellowship in Church, and
afterwards at 4 Bridge Lane.

Altar Flowers

February 1st, Miss Banfield. February 8th, Miss Banfield.

February 15th, Mrs. Veel. February 22nd & March 1st, Mrs. Shaw.

Women's Fellowship

Our thanks to Mrs. Barnett for a very pleasant meeting at
Woodlands in January; and this time it did NOT snow! We were
able to arrange dates and places for the year. In February,
Mrs. Winkfield has kindly invited us to Hall Farm and then we
can talk over possibilities of speakers for future meetings.
We were glad to hear that Mrs. White is making good progress,
and we were pleased to welcome Mrs. Venn Dunn as a new
member.

C.H.

Parochial Church Council

Owing to the failure of the Church heating, Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford kindly invited us to the Old Rectory, and made us so comfortable that the meeting lasted longer than usual!

It was reported that the final profit from the Autumn Fair reached £320 and all those who helped were thanked for this fine result. The Carol Singers had divided their collection, sending £10 to the Race Relations Project and £30 to Helen Ley House for sufferers from multiple sclerosis.

The sub-committee who had considered the subject of insurance recommended seeking Fire Cover for £408,000, at a premium cost of £208, and this was agreed.

Tickets for the concert arranged by Mr. Rhys Wilson on behalf of the Fabric Fund were distributed for sale, and Mr. Wilson was thanked for his help.

The Treasurer gave a draft summary of accounts, which showed a loss on the year due to extensive repair bills and the absence of large donations or legacies. In view of the fact that the Diocesan Quota will be £1,476 in 1981, there was considerable discussion of ways and means. A sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Hedge, Rutherford, Comfort, Clarke and Garner, with Miss Junod, was appointed to consider proposals and bring them to the next meeting, which was fixed for Monday, 9th March. The Annual Parochial Meeting would be held in the Village Hall on Monday, 23rd March, at 7.30 p.m.

Arrangements for services in Lent were discussed, and it was agreed to continue the Mothering Sunday Ecumenical Service, and to look into the possibility of a Good Friday evening service. Lenten Savings Boxes would be for the Church Missionary Society.

Miss Junod volunteered to give a welcome party to new inhabitants of the village in May.

G. R. F.

Village Hall News

The Village Hall Committee held a Jumble Sale in aid of funds on Saturday 24th January. Despite there being not quite as much jumble as usual, they made a £46.50 profit. Thanks are due to all those who donated cakes for the cake stall, and to everyone who came along to help.

The next event in Ladbroke Village Hall is a "Valentine Hop" on Saturday, 14th February. Dancing will again be to the Birmingham group "Chug-a-Lug", and the bar will be open until 11.45 p.m. Tickets are £2 from Committee members.

There is still plenty to be done to keep the Village Hall in a good state of repair, and if anyone would like to help please contact either Dave Wilson or Pete Williamson.

Women's Institute

Our speaker at the January meeting was Mrs. Tilt. Her talk on Personal Horoscopes was very aptly entitled "Do you know your real self?" We now not only know ourselves but the personalities of the many members and visitors present were also revealed! An extremely interesting and entertaining evening. Mrs. Jerome won the competition.

A rummage sale will be held on Tuesday, 17th March, at the Welfare Centre (opposite the Doctor's Surgery) in Southam, at 10 a.m. Any Jumble, please, to Mrs. Emus, The Old Rectory, Ladbroke.

Mrs. Norgate, Ladbroke House, will be holding a Tupperware Party at her home on Wednesday, 11th February, at 8.30 p.m. Proceeds towards the visit to Ladbroke in the summer by patients of Hatton Hospital.

The next meeting will be held in Ladbroke Village Hall on Thursday, 26th February, at 7.20 p.m., when the theme of our speaker, Mrs. Barnes-Hughes, will be "On the Road with Vogue". The competition is "Your Prettiest Headsquare or Scarf".
J.F.

Parish Council

The January meeting was held on the 20th, with all members present plus one member of the public. (NB - members of the village are always welcome at these meetings!)

A map of the proposed Ladbroke Conservation Area has been sent to the Council by Mr. Standing, Chief Planning Officer of Stratford U.D.C. Public participation will be called for later.

It was decided at the meeting that the Silver Jubilee Trees will be planted by the spring. Planning permission for Mr. Haywood and Mr. Brockbank's applications has been refused.

Ladbroke has again been entered for the Best Kept Village Competition. Inspections will be held in May and June. Would all villagers like to make a real effort this year?

The next Ladbroke Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 24th February, in the Village Hall.

Geoff and Sue Tagg and family, of Windmill Lane, have moved to the village of Melbourn in Cambridgeshire. Owing to a rather unexpected removal date, they were unable to say goodbye personally to a lot of their friends in the village, and they would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye through the magazine. I should like to thank Geoff for all his work for the Village Hall, and to wish them all happiness in their new home.

Finally.....the Women's Fellowship have devised a new scheme for raising funds in aid of All Saints Church, Ladbroke. They will be pleased to take orders for any Knitting that you may like done. You supply the wool and the pattern, and they will do the rest! Terms are negotiable. If you would like to take advantage of this excellent idea, please telephone Mrs. Winkfield at Southam 2234.

KATE LIVERTON.

HARBURY P.T.A.

The first meeting of the 1981 PTA promises to be an interesting evening. Mr. Tim Sutton and some members of staff will be presenting a talk and demonstration on the subject of "Books for Children". Members and non-members alike will be most welcome, on Wednesday 11th February, at 8 p.m. in the School Hall.

The winner of the 100 Club for January was Mrs. Crossan of Pineham Avenue.

1981 programmes are now on sale (40p). If there is anybody who would like to join the PTA who has not belonged before, please contact Chris Wilkins, 612506, or Bob Holding, 613330.

C.W.

1st HARBURY SCOUTS

First an apology to all those who came to our jumble sale at 10.30a.m. on January 10th. Harbury News publicity said 10.30, but leaflets through the doors said 10 a.m. I still think those who came late had some bargains, and the H.Q. fund benefited to the tune of £100. Thank you.

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FITTING ROOM

Summer Camp this year will be from Saturday 25th July to Saturday 1st August, and will take place near Alcester. Camp leaders will be John Ridgley and Alan Webb who hopes to re-vitalise the canoeing section. A further Cotswold Way weekend is planned for May.

Congratulations to Keith Barr and Simon Woodward on becoming patrol leaders. I must not forget a word of congratulations to Joe van Hoorebeck and his wife, Sue, who recently gave birth to a baby girl. Who knows where scouting will be when she grows up, but I am sure it will have a welcome for her. J. L. H.

YOUTH CLUB

It is disappointing that, due to the deplorable behaviour of some of the members, Judy Tildsley is unable to continue to organise the Tuesday evening coffee bar. If alternative arrangements can be made, it will resume at a later date.

The Wednesday Youth Club continues as usual, organised by Mrs. Taylor with assistance from Judy. J. B. M.

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

Since the last report both teams have picked up 4 points. A glance at the scoreboard (with apologies to Magnus Magnusson!) shows that the Reserves are still the 'strong men' of the League (supporting all above them!) but have the chance to go ahead of Old Hearts, and Harbury Res. have two games in hand. The 1st team are well placed in 6th position and with the side playing well at present they could have their best result in years. The 'Man of the Match' award continues to promote discussion in the Old New Inn following the game, and such was the praise for many individual performances after the splendid 4-0 win over Ford Social that the entire team was nominated! although Trevor Montague was eventually awarded the honour.

RESULTS

1st team: Played 11, Won 4, Drawn 3, Lost 3. Points 11.

4.1.81. Whittle Wanderers 4, Harbury 3. MOM A. Rogers.

11.1.81. Shipston 1, Harbury 4. MOM C. Sheasby

18.1.81. Harbury 2, Leek Wootton 3. MOM A. Young

25.1.81. Harbury 4, Ford Social 0. MOM T. Montague

Leading goalscorer in above matches, C. Coleman, 7.

Reserves: Played 12, Won 2, Drawn 0, Lost 10. Points 4.
 30.11.80. Ford Sports 3, Harbury 1. MOM I. Taylor.
 7.12.80. G.S.Sports 2, Harbury 1. MOM J. Luke.
 4.1.81. Harbury 2, Kestrel 4. MOM G. Humphreys.
 11.1.81. Harbury 4, Warwick University 1. MOM S. Finch.
 18.1.81. Old Hearts 2, Harbury 3. MOM J. Luke.
 Leading Goalscorer in above matches, J. Luke, 4.

There were no losers at the Boxing Day fixture, although the "Over 30s" did go down 8 - 1 to the "Under 30s" - so perhaps experience doesn't always pay! The interesting assortment of Over 30s (which prompted several spectators to quip that it might need to be billed as the Over 40s next year!) included villagers Terry Bell, Mick Bishop, Allan Deakin, Colin Ingram, Doug Green and Bob Reid, who all donned boots for the ONLY time in the season to demonstrate their footballing skills. The above mentioned 'novices' did all survive until the end of the game, and the rum punch kept the spectators warmed in parts that even another well-known drink could not reach!

The thanks of everyone in the Club are expressed to the splendid 'backroom' team who organise the weekly Tote, and so keep the Club a viable proposition - Drew Bloxham and his wife Jill, in conjunction with Chairman Bill Stevens - since their efforts are as important to the Club as the 22 players who turn out on the field of play. CHRIS FINCH.

HARBURY TABLE TENNIS CLUB

It is a long while since I reported on the activities of the Table Tennis Club, and this year we have two teams playing in the Leamington League. At the half-way stage in the season it is apparent that there is little to choose between Harbury A and Harbury B, and that they will both finish the season around the middle of Division 5. As most of the regular players are in their first season, this is a very creditable performance, and bodes well for the future.

Several of the players went to the Kenilworth Junior Tournament immediately after Christmas, and all acquitted themselves honourably. Russell Cooke, partnering a player from Stratford, won the doubles final against Matthew Checkley playing with Kenilworth's D. Adams.

The Club meets on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. in Harbury Combined School hall. One table is used for a league match, and the remaining two are available for practice. A number of the school players are club members, and it is obvious that several of them will be ready to tackle league table tennis by the time they leave Harbury School.

The Club needs to enter four league teams next year, in order to keep itself financially sound and maintain the playing standards. At present that looks a difficult target to achieve, but as a team comprises only four players an influx of two or three members would make a significant difference. If any of you are interested in playing table tennis, please contact me for information - experienced players particularly welcome.

RON STANBRIDGE, 612444.

BAYARD ACADEMY OF DANCING SPRING SHOW

In response to demand by parents and pupils of the school, we are presenting our spring show, entitled "The Princess and the Wizard", a musical adaptation of a children's story by Enid Blyton. All students are working hard to make this 'all singing', 'all dancing', 'all acting' show a success, ready for our opening night at Southam Community Centre on Friday, 27th March. Seats available 'in all parts' for this, and Saturday, 28th March. Proceeds to charity. Tickets available from Maggie Hoare, 39 Mill Street - Chris Wilkins, Orchard House, Hall Lane - Gill Carter, 2 Margaret Close - Jo Youd, 5 Honiwell Close - and Bayard Burford, 14 Park Lane.

HARBURY CARNIVAL 1981

A date to look forward to - SATURDAY 20th JUNE - when Harbury's Carnival Procession and Fete will take place.

We invite village clubs and societies to arrange a special event to celebrate the Carnival during the proceeding week.

If you have any suggestions regarding the Carnival, or if your club would like to offer to organise an event, please contact the Committee as soon as possible.

J. COX.

HARBURY CONSERVATIVES

AGM with PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER will be held at the Crown at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 24th February. Please ring 612572 for tickets, but hurry - demand was enormous last year!

PJH.

THE WINDMILL SINGERS

On Saturday 21st February, at 8 p.m. in Harbury Church, the Windmill Singers will be presenting a concert in aid of the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust. The programme will include an interesting variety of songs, and a group of Harbury children - most of whom belong to the Milverton Music Centre - will be playing a selection from their repertoire.

Profits from this concert will be used by the Trust to keep churches in the Warwickshire and Coventry area in a good state of repair, and tickets are available from Mrs. Anne Moore, 23 Mill Street, Harbury.

C.H.I.L.D.S. SCANNER APPEAL

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group would like to thank all those who supported the coffee morning held at 1 Vicarage Lane in aid of the C.H.I.L.D.S. Scanner Fund. A cheque for £71 has been given to Ann Day to add to money she has already collected. Ann lives in Lighthorne, and her baby son William died from cancer just before Christmas. She is raising as much money as she can towards the £1 million needed for this special children's scanner, which is to be used at Birmingham Children's Hospital. J.C.

HARBURY W.I.

Mr. Capron gave us a very good start to the year, telling us about his "Forty Years in the Fire Service". We were also given some very good tips on fire prevention.

The next four months look like being very busy for Harbury; we are dancing to the Likely Lads on 7th February, visiting Elizabeth the Chef in March, being represented by Miss Lodge and Mrs. L. Watkin in the County Scrabble Competition, and by the Drama Group who are taking part in an Art Appreciation Evening in May.

Members are asked to take special note that the speaker for the February meeting will be Mr. V. Nicholls, with his talk "Round the World on a Cargo Boat", and not as shown on our programme. The Bamix Demonstration is postponed until later.

DAPHNE BRADLEY.

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Tickets from Philip Lindop, our village box office, from Theatre Group members, or at the door.

"Arms and the Man" will be produced at the Village Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 26th, 27th and 28th February, at 8 p.m. Don't miss it!

And incidentally, if you should have a pair of Victorian bloomers hanging in the loft, that we could use for Act Two, please let us know!

J.N.S.

ACTION RESEARCH FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILD

A group has now been formed in Harbury with the object of helping to raise funds, and generally supporting this very worthwhile cause.

The group hopes to achieve this object by holding various functions throughout the year, and invites anyone who would like to join to contact the secretary, Sue Daniels, telephone Harbury 612600, for details.

Our first event is outlined in the Diary for Tuesday, 3rd March.

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HARBURY SOCIETY

This month finds Hall Lane in upheaval over the development proposals for the Spinney (see the Parish Council report), and the Society is still pressing the County Council to explain its



reasons for felling the Chesterton Hill ash, which an independent expert has assured us could have been saved by remedial action.

Remember that in the Spring we shall be walking Chesterton Woods, where I hope commercial exploitation of the timber can be explained to us at first hand. There will, of course, be the spring flowers to see as well.

On February 17th, at 7.45 p.m. in the Lounge of the Shakespeare Inn, Dr. Winnifrith will be giving a talk entitled "Tourism - a Village", when he will show how tourists change the very places they seek to visit. Everyone is welcome to come along.

We still hope to hold a joint meeting with the Wellesbourne Society in March, but, also in that month, we have our AGM where we will have another talk of local interest. More details later.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

HARBURY LIBRARY

As from February 1st, library books borrowed by children will be liable to a fine of 6p per week or part of a week that the book is retained beyond 28 days. Fines for adult readers will increase to 12p. No fines are charged for Old Age Pensioners. Books are issued for 28 days, and can be renewed by telephone (613297) if you are unable to visit the Library.

I do hear regularly from Reg Champion, and he wishes to be remembered to all his friends in Harbury. S.K.

"PET FOR HIRE"

Have you ever tried operating a computer? A keyboard with a small screen above it - the whole thing measuring less than 2ft wide, deep and high - you type into it just like an ordinary typewriter, and the words appear on the screen instead of on a sheet of paper. The difference is that, if you type in the correct sentence, the computer will respond by answering your question, or carrying out your instructions, according to the way in which it has been programmed.

The above is my very simple description of using a computer, based solely on hiring Mike Meditzky's Commodore Pet for a couple of afternoons, and watching my computer-mad son at work on it. But when I managed to persuade him to let me 'have a go', I found it as fascinating as he does.

Mike has around 30 different programmes (including 'Space Invaders'), all with instructions which even I can follow. They are all games - mazes to negotiate, puzzles to solve, word games to try - and they range from simple ones for young children (and me!) to involved ones for the more experienced operator.

Although these programmes are light-hearted, they do give some idea of what a computer can do, and if you have a little knowledge you can invent your own programmes too.

So, if you have a spare afternoon, I recommend you to invite Mike's Pet round - it'll give you some fun, and also a chance to use a device which our grandchildren will probably take for granted, but which to us is still something rather special.

If you have a personal computer of your own, or if you want to find out more about computing, Mike would like to hear from you with a view to starting a Computer Club. His telephone number is 612886.

DIANA HOLT.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Sydenham traffic lights' tail-back has reached Harbury! Councillors complained bitterly of being held up in the rush hour, as far back as the Fosse. Mike Ellis said the County was supposed to be 'employing people to solve these problems', but that the lights were 'a fiasco'. The same could be said for the problems with the new bus routes. So you think you've finally got them sorted out? Tough! they're to change again. Not the old service (now numbered 553) but the Sunday and evening one. Going to Leamington it will be the 554, and run down Bush Heath Lane, Park Lane, Chapel Street, Hall Lane and to Ufton. Midland Red say they will let you know when!

Mrs. Catterall asked for hardstanding in Deppers where the school children wait for the bus, but Iory Davies said the problem mud would dry up when the weather did! The PC has taken on field footpath maintenance from the County. It can claim up to £75 a year to replace broken stiles and footbridges. Work on the Hall Lane corner hasn't been much help, the verge has been carved up yet again and the PC now wants double yellow lines by the Hall wall. The County still say they're not responsible if the retaining wall in Mill Street falls into the

road, but they will do something about it - when funds allow!

The Gas Board dug up Binswood End Green believing it had informed the owner. Trouble is, they told the District Council. Now every statutory body is to have a plan showing the Parish lands. Should the PC inform the Coal Board, too, a wit wondered? Everyone who helped replace the Village Pump was given formal thanks, and there was recognition of the very generous anonymous donation which allowed the scheme to be undertaken.

Motorcyclists have been cutting up rough on the Playing Fields, practising their skills, but a word from P. C. Percival has put a stop to it. Can he now anchor the wandering goalposts? Netball has had the go-ahead for the Tennis area, now that the contractor has extended his guarantee for the resurfaced courts.

The school children have 'voted with their feet', Sharon Hancock declared, explaining that meals numbers had dropped to 50 at Harbury School. Mr. Oliver was disappointed and dissatisfied with the standard of the frozen meals.

Anthony Robinson allowed the Spinney to remain as scrub-land, and turned a blind eye to children using it as a play area, but following his death his brother-in-law has applied for permission to build 6 detached houses and garages on the spinney and adjacent land. There is much local objection to this scheme, and a dozen residents lobbied the PC saying the Spinney should be kept as a Children's Play Area; a reserve for wildlife; and that they just did not want any more houses built in Hall Lane. For their part, the PC tried to make it clear that they had no powers in the matter.

With regard to planning, it is only because Stratford District Council is enlightened enough to seek advice at the grass roots that our Parish Council has any influence at all. The Councillors are invited to comment on all applications in our area, and do so conscientiously, but decisions can go against them. The Stratford Council is not the ultimate

authority. The County can 'call in' planning applications of certain types and add its five pennyworth, as can the Department of the Environment. Finally, if the applicant is dissatisfied, he can appeal to the Minister of the Environment who, as in the case of the Farm Street/Honiwell Close development, can go against the views of PC, DC and CC, the local residents, and the Structure Plan which he himself approved!

Government decisions (local and national) are taken by your elected representatives (councillors and MPs), advised by the paid officials according to a narrow set of rules, regulations and legal requirements. In the case of planning, this means that the local authority produces a Structure Plan which says, "This is how Warwickshire ought to develop; housing would be best confined to these areas; industry is needed there; this is an area of special amenity value and should be protected", and so on. But they then have to wait for applications from the private sector to build houses and factories, to see if they are the right type in the right place. If not, the council has the power to refuse the application. There are certain other accepted grounds for refusing permission - if the access to the land is poor or dangerous; if the sewerage or water capacity is inadequate; and in some cases if the development is not in character with the surroundings. Therefore, anyone objecting to a development should bear in mind that the fact that he will lose a magnificent view is irrelevant, but if the access to the new houses is narrow he has grounds for complaining of the danger to traffic. Therefore, in all cases, personal considerations were of minor consequence, but public safety was a major concern when assessing planning applications. As John Drinkwater said, 'Stress sewerage strongly'. Finally, Iory Davies pointed out that, although the public was accustomed to using the Spinney for recreation, it was in fact PRIVATE property, The Harbury Hall estate is now up for sale. Land with planning permission can have a value up to a hundred times that of agricultural land; if the present owner does not apply for planning permission and increase the value of the estate, then subsequent owners most certainly will.

Did you know that Stratford District Council has ordered 20,000 plastic dustbins? Bruce Hannay seems to think this is sinister. Be warned!

LINDA RIDGLEY.

TO STRATFORD OR NOT TO STRATFORD.....

.....that is the question! Does Stratford-on-Avon District Council spend too much of the rates attracting tourists to Stratford, and not enough on the other towns and villages for which it has responsibility? There is strong feeling in Southam that this is the case, and a campaign is underway to sever connections with Stratford, and make Southam part of the Rugby District instead. Cllr. John Drinkwater, who represents us on the Stratford District Council, is not in favour of Harbury taking the same stance. "I really don't feel we would be any better off with Rugby, or with Warwick", he told me. Places nearer to Rugby, such as Stockton, Priors Marston, etc., might benefit from a change, but not Harbury. He has heard villages who are represented on the Rugby D.C. complaining about lack of interest by other councillors, just as Southam is grumbling about Stratford, so maybe the choice is 'the devil or the deep blue sea'.

Cllr. Drinkwater will be attending the quarterly meeting of Parish Councils in the Southam area on 11th February, when this issue is certain to be discussed, so if you feel strongly, why not put your views to him before then? His address is 10 The Beeches, telephone 612423, and - as our elected representative - I'm sure he'll be interested to hear your opinion.

DMH.

WHAT'S ON

For all local music lovers, the opening of the Concert Hall at the Arts Centre is a great event. Unfortunately, you had to be pretty quick off the mark to get tickets for the Inaugural Season of concerts. If you want to go there in the future, get on the mailing list. Write to the Box Office, University Arts Centre, Coventry, for an application form.

English National Opera North are at the Coventry Theatre. They perform in English, and the programme includes "The Tales of Hoffman" by Offenbach, "The Merry Widow" by Lehar, and Puccini's "La Boheme". They're on from the 10th to the 14th February, and children and students are half price.

The Royal Ballet Company is visiting the Royal Shakespeare Theatre from 9th to 14th February, with a programme including "Giselle" and "The Taming of the Shrew".

There are two very funny plays at the Belgrade Theatre. If you missed Harbury Theatre Group's production, you can see Alan Ayckbourn's witty and wise "Time and Time Again" from 29th January to 14th February. This is followed by the West End hit "Middle Age Spread", with two well-known television actors, Trevor Bannister and Frank Windsor.

If you like Country and Western music, George Hamilton IV is at the Spa Centre on 7th February. But if old-fashioned pop is more your style, "Showaddywaddy" are at the Coventry Theatre on 27th February.

Booking - Coventry Theatre, 97-23141/2
 Royal Shakespeare, 993-297129
 Belgrade Theatre, 97- 20205
 Spa Centre, 9-34418

S.H.

PROFILE - JILL TUCKER



Do you remember the formidable Mrs. Danvers in the Harbury production of "Rebecca"? Well, she's really a very nice and interesting lady! Jill Tucker moved here after her husband died, to be near her daughter Annette Hughes, son-in-law Ken, and their 4 children, and through her involvement with the Theatre Group and the Church she has found her niche in Harbury life. The Tuckers lived in Suffolk for almost 30 years, for the first 10 of which Jill's husband kept bees.

He found this a fascinating occupation, and their large old van was often to be found on the Suffolk lanes after dark, transporting the hives to fruit growers' farms so that the bees could pollinate the fruit and increase the yield. Bees then gave way to chickens - 16,000 at one time - very hard work, says Jill, particularly in the rather isolated 'clay lump' cottage in which they lived, and which they extended and altered to become an attractive home.

All this hard work was a far cry from life before moving to Suffolk, for they'd lived for 14 years in India where her husband was with the 8th King George's Own Light Cavalry, and she'd been almost the archetype British Raj wife, her life full of dances, polo tournaments (her husband was a first class player), tennis and riding, and her housework done by a squad of servants. Not that it was all plain sailing - horrifying tales of 5-day flights in a sea plane (landing for re-fuelling every 3 hours) and of 6-day train journeys in temperatures of 100°+ (with a large tin bath of ice in the compartment to keep them cool) - both these ventures without her husband but with two small children - showed that a British Army Officer's wife in war time has to be made of stern stuff!

How did this small, elegant, feminine lady cope, I wondered? Her education, - boarding school from the age of 8, and then finishing school in Switzerland - did not, she says, really prepare her for a career. A girl was expected to marry, so a career was simply not considered. Pressed for an unfulfilled ambition, Jill says maybe she'd have liked to act - a cousin at RADA had a big influence on her teenage years, and she's acted with amateur groups throughout her life whenever she's had the opportunity. With the talent she displayed in "Rebecca", and which we'll be seeing again this month in "Arms and the Man", I'm sure she'd have made a success of an acting career. But then, she seems to have made a success of all the periods in her life, not least this one, in which she's settled happily into our community, does regular voluntary driving for Hatton patients, and has become a friend to many, both young and old. DIANA HOLT.

IN THE GARDEN

We were delighted to receive the following letter from our gardening correspondent, Mr. Lines, currently enjoying the sun in New Zealand -

I am now sitting in the shade at my daughter's home at Whenuapai, outside Auckland, on 10th January, and considering which fruit to pick first. I have decided on grapefruit for breakfast, lemons for a cold drink, or the fruit of the lemonade tree as a refresher, or I shall have either a nectarine or

a peach, as the grapes are not ready. For after dinner I shall have either strawberries and cream or boysenberries. The weather has been very hot ever since we arrived. We shall be touring the South Island at the end of the month.

I am still thinking about what you can do in Harbury. In spring our enthusiasm is for planting. Now our attention should turn to shaping our outdoor living space - with the cost of traditional summer activities increasing we are all attracted to the idea of staying at home in a pleasing outdoor environment. If well considered, this area will be used more than any other part of the house during the warmest months of the year. For this reason it warrants a great deal of thought at the planning stage. Let's consider the area as a special outside room serving many functions. Materials used in construction should be limited in number, either those already used in the house or those blending well. The most exciting 'building' material you have is what you decide to plant. Try to choose an aspect which will enjoy sun from midday to sunset - evening sun is more important than morning. In all cases endeavour to provide privacy from neighbours and the street.

Wishing a happy New Year to Harbury News readers, and to members of the Horticultural Society. W.F. LINES.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The January meeting was addressed by Mr. Les Jones of the Dahlia Society, and was most interesting. It is hoped that the knowledge imparted will result in even better dahlias at the September Show.

The next meeting will be at the Wight School on February 3rd at 8 p.m., when the speaker will be from Notcutts Garden Centre at Solihull. The subject will be garden landscaping, and the talk will include colour slides. It is also hoped that plants will be available to buy.

We are now thinking about the 1981 Garden Walkabout, and would be pleased to hear from any gardeners who feel that they would like to open their gardens this year.

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