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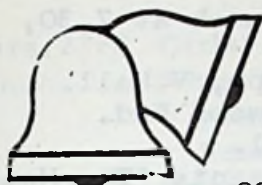


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JULY 1981

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We offer our loyal greetings to Prince Charles and Lady Diana on the occasion of their wedding on July 29. The wedding has created great interest throughout the country, and we are sure that everyone will join in wishing the Royal couple every happiness for their future life together.

The Carnival this year was very successful, and P.C. Percival did not require a Thames Police Launch after all! The Carnival Committee, and all the organisations who supported their efforts, deserve considerable congratulations. There is no doubt that Harbury has a bigger and better Carnival than many large towns, and the community involvement is a vital part of our village life. We include a full report with pictures inside.

Last year the Open Gardens Day was an incredible success, and attracted visitors from all over the Midlands. This year the Open Day is on July 18th, and we look forward to another fine day - and for some of us a rather humbling experience. How do they do it?

Every parent in Harbury must be looking forward enthusiastically to the summer holidays, and the fun of keeping the children occupied for all those weeks! Over the years we've given lots of ideas for places to visit, and another suggestion is included this month. We do hope that all our readers manage to have a good break, with fine weather.

HARBURY DIARY

JULY 1981

- Sat. 4th Religious Instruction for Catholic Children, Wight School.
Junior Theatre Workshop, 2pm, Wight School.
- Sun. 5th 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m. Sung Eucharist. 3.30p.m. Evensong (said).
6.30p.m. Royal Show Service at Nat. Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh. Coach leaves Bullring, Harbury, at 5p.m.

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Mon. 6th Meditation Workshop in Church at 7.30,
led by the Vicar.

Tues. 7th Village Hall Committee, 8pm, V.Hall.
Bible Study, 8pm, 26 Binswood End.

Thurs. 9th Golden Age, 2.30pm, V.Hall.
Harbury Theatre Group presents 'The House
on the Cliff' - see advert.

Fri. 10th All Sorts' Camp (until the 12th)
Harbury Theatre Group presents 'The House
on the Cliff' - see advert.

Sat. 11th Religious Instruction for Catholic
Children, Wight School.

Harbury Theatre Group presents 'The House
on the Hill' - see advert.

Sun. 12th 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m. Sung
Eucharist. 6.30p.m. Evensong.

Tues. 14th Bell Ringers' Fund Raising Day - see article
inside.

Playing Fields Committee, Village Hall.

Prayer Group, 8p.m.

Senior Citizens' Cttee., 8.30p.m., V.Hall.

Wed. 15th Golden Age Outing to the Peak District -
see article.

Thurs. 16th Girls' Club at Village Hall.

8pm 'The War Game', Village Hall. (No
under 16s admitted)

Fri. 17th PTA Sports Cavalcade - see article.

Sat. 18th Religious Instruction for Catholic Children,
Wight School (last session before summer
break)

Open Gardens Day - see article.

Sun. 19th 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m. Sung Eucharist.
6.30p.m. Evensong.

Family Cycle Ride, from Church, 2.15.

Tues. 21st School Open Evening.

Tufty Club, 2.15, Wight School.

Bible Study.

Wed. 22nd S. Mary Magdalen. 7.30a.m. Holy Eucharist.
Dancing Classes start at Wight School,
4p.m. to 7.15p.m.

Thurs. 23rd Dancing Classes, Wight School, 4-7.45.
Golden Age, 2.30p.m., V. Hall.

- Thurs. 23rd Girls' Club, Village Hall.
 cont. Whist Drive, 8p.m. in the Village Hall -
 admission 50p, in aid of the Senior Citizens'
 Benefit Association.
- Fri. 24th School, Toddlers' and Playschool break up.
- Sat. 25th S. James the Apostle: 7.30a.m. Holy Eucharist.
- Sun. 26th ALL ARTICLES FOR AUGUST HARBURY AND
 LADBROKE NEWS BY TODAY, PLEASE.
 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m. Sung Eucharist.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- Tues. 28th Village Hall Committee, 8p.m., Village Hall.
 Prayer Group, 8 p.m.
- Wed. 29th Dancing Classes, Wight School, 4-7.15p.m.
- Thurs. 30th Dancing Classes, Wight School, 4-7.45p.m.
- AUGUST
- Sun. 2nd 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10 a.m. Sung Eucharist.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

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

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, V. Hall, 11.30 a.m. every Sunday.

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

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

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

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

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

PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tues. 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.

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.

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

VENTURE SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 8p.m. every Thursday.

POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. every Friday.
CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30 p.m. every Friday.

ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.
Dates for inclusion PLEASE to Linda Ridgley, Tel. 612792.

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

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

The 'Fifty-Fifty' Auction on 6th June was a great success, both financially and socially. The final financial result is a marvellous £770 or thereabouts. Thanks are due to all who provided articles for sale, and to the members of the PCC who put in so much hard work, and especially to Mr. Bryan Harrison, our very efficient auctioneer.

It was a great joy to welcome the No. 15 Group of the Royal British Legion to Harbury Church for the service on the evening of Sunday 31st May. It was a splendid turn-out, and the Leamington Silver Band are to be congratulated on their playing.

We thank the Revd. David Beardshaw, the Diocesan Youth Officer, for kindly coming and giving the address at the Young People's Service which we had on the evening of Sunday, 14th June. It was taken largely by the young people themselves, and those who read did so remarkably well. It was rather disappointing, however, that so few young people came.

I celebrated a Requiem Eucharist for the late Revd. Walter Smith in the evening of Monday 15th June, and we are very grateful to P.C. Warwick (as we still think of him) for his address on the life and work of Fr. Smith.

Among the events of July I would like to draw your attention to two - (a) the Meditation Workshop in Church at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 6th July.

(b) Sea Sunday, 12th July, which we shall observe by remembering and praying for the seafarers on whom

this island depends, their families and the Church's ministry to them. This year the Mission to Seamen celebrates its 125th Anniversary. I would like to recommend the articles on this subject in the July 'Diary of the Diocese of Coventry'.

Congratulations to Mr. Allan Deakin of 6 Margaret Close on his being awarded the MBE in the recent Honours List.

With every blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

F. R. Mackley.

HOLY BAPTISM

June 28th, Matthew Jon Biddle, 40 Farley Avenue.

From the Churchwardens

It's always interesting, when away on holiday, to attend a different church, share in a different type of service, and meet other Christians. On a recent visit to a Church at which the preacher was an American Bishop, the sermon seemed particularly appropriate as a follow-up to our remarks in this column the month before last, when we looked at the book of Acts. The Bishop referred to a preacher who started his sermon by saying that he was going to preach about the 29th chapter of Acts. After the service, a puzzled member of the congregation pointed out that there were only 28 chapters in the book of Acts. "Ah", said the preacher, "but you and the Church of today are the 29th chapter, as the Acts of the Holy Spirit continue."

We promised more details of the family cycle ride (no, not the famous cycle time trials - they will be in August) on 19th July. This will be a gentle 5 or 6 mile ride for the whole family. The start will be from the Church at 2.15 p.m. Take a packed tea. A car will be going, so packets of tea, coats etc. can be carried for you. We shall be back in plenty of time for Evensong.

BELL FUND

Fund-raising for the bells is progressing well. A substantial contribution was raised when the ringers spent the

Spring Bank Holiday digging out and laying a patio. We have received a number of donations, and these, together with a grant from the Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, will enable us to reach the half-way mark.

On the strength of this we have placed the order, subject to the granting of a faculty, so it will soon be too late for inscriptions on the two new bells, so if you are considering a donation, please let us have it soon. It costs £50 to have your name, or a relative's name, inscribed on the bell. We hope to have the project completed before the end of the year.

Please support our fund-raising day on 14th July. We should be most grateful for cakes or produce to sell, and draw prizes. The advertisement at the back gives details.

Thank you to everyone who has already given a donation, or helped in other ways.

LADBROKE NEWS

Services etc. for July and early August

Sunday 5th July. Trinity III. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

11a.m. Matins, Mr. J. B. Poxon.

Wed. 8th July. 3p.m., Women's Fellowship at Briarwood,
Windmill Lane.

Sunday 12th July. Trinity IV. 11 a.m. Holy Communion with
Hymns and Sermon. 6.30p.m. Evensong.

Mon. 13th July. 7.30 p.m. PCC in Church.

Sunday 19th July. Trinity V. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
11a.m. Matins.

Sunday 26th July. Trinity VI. 11 a.m. Holy Communion with
Hymns and Sermon. 3.30 p.m. Holy Baptism.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.

Sunday 2nd Aug.. Trinity VII. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Matins.

Sunday 9th August. Trinity VIII. 11a.m. Holy Communion
with Hymns and Sermon. 6.30p.m. Evensong.

Sunday 16th August. Trinity IX. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Matins.

ALTAR FLOWERS July 5th, Mrs. Shaw. July 12th, Mrs. Parker. July 19th, Mrs. Winkfield. July 26th, Mrs. White. August 2nd, Mrs. Smith. August 9th, Mrs. Hayward. August 16th, Mrs. Hedge.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Our last meeting, held at Church Cottage, was a very enjoyable one, thanks to the hospitality of Miss Hensman and Miss Conlon. We were also pleased to see again Mrs. Brown who was able to be with us. I hope as many members as possible will be able to be at Briarwood in Windmill Lane on 8th July. C. H.

CHURCHYARD We are very grateful to those who have undertaken care of various sections. At the time of writing there remains one part on the north side still 'unadopted'. Please let us have a 'Full House'. G. R. F.

WELCOME PARTY This was a very happy occasion, enabling PCC members to get acquainted with the Laidler family, Mrs. Goodacre and Mrs. Allman, and we are all grateful to Miss Junod for her hospitality. G. R. F.

PARISH COUNCIL A meeting of the Ladbroke P. C. was held on 9th June, and all members of the Council were present, plus one member of the public! - don't forget that all villagers are welcome to attend. Matters under discussion this month included a decision to approach the Boundary Commission to apply for Ladbroke to become a single member ward.

Mr. David Biggin, who runs the 'tea van' in the layby has been refused permission to stay there as the County Council sees it as a commercial undertaking in rural countryside, and considers that such extensive parking is not safe on a trunk road.

The P. C. have written to the County Council because the bridge in School Lane has silted up. It has not been cleared since 1970.

The W. I. book 'Rural Warwickshire Survey in 1976' has

been shown to the Council and it is interesting to note that the Spinney on the A423 which has now been demolished was noted as being particularly fine!

Finally, the Parish Council were surprised at the lack of local interest in the Royal Wedding, and would welcome some festivities organised by the village.

The date of the next meeting has not yet been decided.

TEA AFTERNOON IN AID OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, Ladbroke

A large proportion of the village gathered in 'Woodlands' on the afternoon of 17th June, and even though the sun refused to shine everyone enjoyed the marvellous stalls, refreshments and, of course, the garden. Mrs. Emus and Mrs. Bennett would like to thank all those who generously contributed, helped, bought and gave the raffle prizes. The Good News is that £122 was raised - a really tremendous effort. Canon Fishley and the Parochial Church Council would like to thank those who organised this successful event.

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL The Birthday Dance on 6th June was nearly a disaster as the group which had been booked disbanded without letting the Committee know! However, luckily a replacement group was arranged at the last minute and everyone agreed that they were most professional, if at times difficult to dance to! The highlight of the evening was of course the cutting of the cake made in the shape of the Village Hall by Mick Todman. It was such a clever replica that it seemed a shame to eat it!

Don't forget the Barbeque planned for August. K. L.

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Watkin from Harbury to our June meeting. Mrs. Davis described her very full but enjoyable day as our delegate at the A. G. M. The business part of the A. G. M. was rather long as there were 10 resolutions to be debated. The speaker, Mr. Roy Strong, Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, talked about 'Our Heritage'. However, Mrs. Davis felt his speech was a little out of date, as he stressed the importance of recording our heritage, and seemed unaware that the W.I. had complete

both the Doomsday and the Tombstone Surveys.

Our speaker, Mr. Eric Roberts, gave a most interesting and informative talk entitled 'Making Noises at the BBC'. He was an experienced free-lance broadcaster, and gave away many of the backroom sound-effect secrets of the BBC; listening to Afternoon Theatre on Radio 4 will never be the same again!

The July meeting (on Thursday 23rd at 7.30) will be our usual garden party, held at Woodlands by kind permission of Mrs. I. Bennett. This will be an open meeting, so everyone is welcome. Other local W.I. groups have been invited, so please come along and make some new friends. There will be a bottle stall and tombola to help raise funds for our Institute. Any contributions for these to Mrs. Emus, please, and don't forget to bring a plate of food. M. V. W.

HARBURY SCHOOL

Cogges Manor Farm, Witney

On Thursday, 4th June, Class 11 went to Cogges Manor Farm, Witney, in Oxfordshire. We left school at 9.30 and arrived at the farm at 10.30. We were all given four questionnaires, and then we followed the Historical Trail. This led us round the farm giving us information about the places of interest such as the barns, stockyard, shelter shed and stables, which were the oldest building in the farmyard, built in 1600. We saw the granary, the Manor House, parts of which remain from the 13th century, the Medieval Barn, the Parish Church of St. Mary and the churchyard, the water meadows, and the Deserted Medieval Village.

Then we visited the dairy which has been used for 200 years, and filled in the questionnaire. After that we were split up and half of us visited the back kitchen which is the only room in the house which has its own water supply. Then we visited the main kitchen with its large iron range, high ceiling and stone floors. The kitchen is one of the oldest parts of the farmhouse, with windows you would probably see in an old Church. Then came the part of the day we had all been

waiting for - Dinner Time!

In the afternoon we were left to fill in our final questionnaire on the farmyard. We also took photographs of the farm equipment and buildings, sketched and gathered information about various things.

Then we paid a visit to the shop where we bought books and things to help us with our projects. After this we boarded the coach home, just missing the rain.

Our thanks to everyone who helped to make this a pleasant day for us all.

KATIE TANNER.

HARBURY P.T.A. NEWS

The Sports Cavalcade, which has now become a regular feature in the PTA's year, will be held on Friday evening, 17th July. The format will be slightly different this year, in that the events will be based on recognised games (cricket, hockey, rounders) but with some little variations to the rules!

We would like to hear from anyone wishing to act as a team member or marshall as soon as possible.

Sunday morning swimming has commenced for the summer term. Fully supervised, there will be a nominal charge of 10p per session.

'100' Club - the number 23 came out of the hat this month, and the prize was claimed by a certain Mr. Oliver of 7 Honiwell Close. This monthly draw for £20 will re-commence in September. Any PTA member wishing to participate should contact R. J. Holding on 613330.

R. J. H.

CARNIVAL SPORTS, Sunday 14th June

We were lucky this year to have a fine afternoon, not even the Cross-Country event having to suffer any rain. In all, over 100 children and adults took part in the events, and their enthusiasm, particularly from the 11 to 15 year olds who demanded their own 'fun' events, caused an extension of three-quarters of an hour on the afternoon schedule. One extra event was a 'Coca-Cola' Waiters' Race, modelled on the well-tried Beer Waiters' Race for men.

There were 30 finishers in the cross-country, of which special mentioned must be made of David Wright, who won,

ATHLETICS RESULTS

FLAT RACES

Under 5 years

1st Victoria Hayes
2nd Katy Brown
3rd Leah Wallington

5 to 6 years

1st Richard Mills
2nd Jeremy Hayes
3rd D. Russell/J. Brown

7 to 8 years

1st Gary Overton
2nd Simon Grinnell
3rd Shane Butler

100 METRES

9 to 10 years Boys

1st Robert Woodward
2nd Charles Mayer
3rd Sean Butler

11 to 12 years Boys

1st Stephen Padbury
2nd David Andrews
3rd Adrian Thomas

9 to 10 years Girls

1st Sally Barratt
2nd Sarah Burnham
3rd Lana Marsh

11 to 12 years Girls

1st Lindsey Oldhouse
2nd Lorraine Addison
3rd Rebecca Burnham

13 to 15 years Boys

1st Philip Langley
2nd Carl Wallington
3rd Darren Butler

13 to 15 years Girls

1st Launa Rolf
2nd Cheryl Jervis
3rd Sharon Andrews

Men 1st Andrew Hunt, 2nd David Brown, 3rd Andrew Winter.

Women 1st Launa Rolf, 2nd Carl Wallington (J), 3rd Cheryl Jervis.

200 METRES

11-12 years Boys

1st Stephen Padbury
2nd David Andrews
3rd Adrian Thomas

11-12 years Girls

1st Lindsey Oldhouse
2nd Lorraine Addison
3rd Rebecca Burnham

13-15 years Boys

1st Darren Butler
2nd Peter Oldhouse
3rd P. Millington/D. Wright

13-15 years Girls

1st Cheryl Jervis
2nd Sharon Andrews
3rd Julie Langley

400 METRES(MEN) 1st Andrew Hunt, 2nd John Hancock, 3rd Dick Whatcote.

3-LEGGED RACE

7-8 years

1st Simon Grinnell/Martin Marsh
2nd Briony Parkin/Annie Hoare
3rd Steven Thompson/Stefan Adams

11-12 years Boys

1st Stephen Hancock/Chris Millington
2nd David Andrews/Stephen Padbury
3rd Carl Addison/Sean Butler

9-10 years

1st Tony Bastin/Martin Dufresne
2nd Martin Padbury/Robert Woodward
3rd Sarah Burnham/Sally Barratt

11-12 years Girls

1st Julie Langley/Lorraine Addison
2nd Rebecca Burnham/Lorraine Andrews
3rd Lynne Jackson/Tracey Gulliver

13-15 years

1st Launa Rolf/Cheryl Jervis
2nd Sharon Andrews/Jill Edwards
3rd Philip Langley/Carl Wallington

SACK RACE

Under 5 years

1st Lucy Thompson
2nd Katie Brown
3rd Victoria Hayes

5-6 years

1st Julie Brown
2nd Daniel Russell
3rd Lucie Parkin

7-8 years

1st Simon Grinnell
2nd Steven Thompson
3rd Stefan Adams

9-10 years

1st Sarah Burnham
2nd Deborah Simcock
3rd Tony Bastin

OBSTACLE RACE

Under 5 years

1st Leah Wallington
2nd Victoria Hayes
3rd Katie Brown

5-6 years

1st Richard Mills
& Jeremy Hayes
3rd Julie Brown

7-8 years

1st Steven Thompson
2nd Ross Bastin
3rd Mark Hayes
& Annie Hoare

9-10 years

1st Deborah Simcock
2nd Tony Bastin
3rd Martin Padbury
& Sally Barratt.

SLOW BICYCLE RACE

Under 10 years

1st Martin Padbury
2nd Jason Wilkins
3rd Charles Mayer

13-15 years

1st Peter Millington
2nd Alan Overton
3rd Carl Wallington

Under 13 years Girls

1st Rebecca Burnham
2nd Sharon Andrews
3rd Tracey Taylor

Under 13 years Boys

1st James Mayer
2nd Stephen Padbury
3rd Daniel Hughes

WAITERS' RACE

Men: 1st Kevin Hanson, 2nd Dick Whatcote.

11-12 years: 1st Carl Wallington, 2nd Cheryl Jervis.

WELLY WANGING

Under 9 years

Ross Bastin

10-13 years

Christopher Millington

13-15 years

Carl Wallington

15 PLUS

Dick Whatcote

CROSS COUNTRY

(with times given
in minutes)

1st David Wright	18.54
2nd Dave Andrews	20.40
3rd Bob Reid	21.10
4th Adrian Thomas	21.36
5th Richard Woodward	22.32
6th Darren Butler	23.32
7th Martin Padbury	23.40
8th Stephen Hancock	24.24
9th Alan Overton	24.28
10th David Andrews	24.30
11th Martin Dufresne	24.34
12th Tim Watts	25.29
13th James Mayer	26.00
14th Trevor Lines	26.05
15th Rebecca Burnham)	
Tracey Taylor)	27.35

16th Sean Butler	29.31
17th Helen Kelly	29.48
18th Michael Winter	30.00
19th Lorraine Andrews	30.23
20th Charles Mayer	30.56
21st Ross Bastin	30.58
22nd Tony Bastin	31.10
23rd Robert Woodward	31.24
24th Steven Thompson	31.42
25th Jason Wilkins	31.44
26th Sharon Andrews)	
Wendy-Kate Ottewill)	32.06
27th Sally Barratt	32.56
28th Lana Marsh	32.59

MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO
ALL THESE, AND TO THOSE WHO
TOOK PART BUT WERENOT
AMONG THE WINNERS

 ** H A R B U R Y **
 ** C A R N I V A L **
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Right: Gordon
 Astley from Mercia
 Sound crowns
 Carnival Queen
 Christina Sutton.



Below: Winners of
 the Decorated Float
 class, Harbury PTA
 with 'Butterfly Ball'
 - a most colourful
 and attractive entry.





"Someone's looking over my shoulder!" The Playgroup float.

Below, Harbury Town Crier, Alf Over, with scrolls and bell.



These (and many other) superb photos of the Carnival were taken by Mike Bloxham, Rose Cottage, 21 Mill Street, Harbury, from whom copies are available.



Above, the Brownies' float, "World of Sport".

Below, back to the Twenties with the Shakespeare's
'Speakeasy'.





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The Carnival winners were as follows:

Lucky Programmes: Mr. J. Bewick of Bishops Itchington;
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Brain, 1 The Green, Chesterton; J. Turner, 11 Church
Terrace; and N. Robb, Westbury House, Mill Street.

Decorated Floats: 1st PTA
2nd Girls' Club
3rd Youth Club

Decorated Trade 1st The Old New Inn
Floats: 2nd The Shakespeare
3rd Dovehouse Autos

Decorated Pram: 1st Analie Hoare, Briony Parkin and
Lucie Parkin.

Fancy Dress :

Under 5 - 1st Laurel & Hardy (Mark and Jane Van Hooerebeek)
2nd Popeye (James Stringer)
3rd Flower Girl (Helen Winter)

5 - 7 yrs. 1st Atishoo (Craig Petch)
2nd King Edward (Jeremy Hayes)
3rd Clown (William Stringer)

8 - 10 yrs. 1st Mrs. Thatcher's Cuts (Adrian Taylor)
2nd Superman (Paul Lewin)
3rd King & Queen of Hearts (Sarah Burnham
and Jane Hancock)

11-17 yrs. 1st Ostrich (David Megeney)
2nd Prince Charming (Louise Healey and
Helen Keir)
3rd Bottle of Coca-Cola (Caroline Holt)

Adults 1st Wonderwoman (Doug Megeney)
2nd Slave & Master (Linda Ridgley and Martin
Perry)
3rd Disgusted of Park Lane (Gordon Bennett)

Dog Show: 1st Jet with Josie Worrall
2nd Bruce with Lorraine Andrews
3rd Lady with Terry-Marie Bond

Clay Pigeon Shoot:

Trophy Winner, Mr. Ken Burden of 5 Dickens
Road.

MORRIS DANCING

WE MADE IT! although for many different reasons it seemed at times that we might not be sufficiently prepared for the Carnival. Initially, there was illness, then school trips and holidays, so that the girls in the troupe hardly ever practised with the same partner in the same place. THEN we discovered that we were performing in the Main Arena, and so the dance was modified from a processional dance (which would have meant we progressed into the dim distance beyond the football field!), and FINALLY there were the SHAKERS!!

It was no mean trick to transform 50 metres of dowelling, 50 yards of ribbon, 120 packets of crepe paper (thanks to the Co-Op) and 84 bells into the orange and white shakers with which the girls performed. It was a splendid combined effort by all concerned, but special thanks are due to Nicky who provided invaluable assistance throughout, Linda who painstakingly cut out all the skirts, all the Mums and one Dad who turned up for the initial 'shaker making' sessions, and Janet Kelly, Norma Taylor and Philippa Dufresne who eventually

put it all together in a recognisable form on the Friday of Carnival week!

The girls in the troupe certainly did their very best on the day, and everyone of them was worth all the effort which had been put in on their behalf.

We are undoubtedly the only troupe of its type in the area, and it would be encouraging to think that our first effort has generated enough interest for the continuation of a Village tradition unknown outside the north-west of England.

The troupe has been invited to dance in September at a Fete, and practices will recommence in the autumn term with new, more complicated routines.

Congratulations and thanks to all concerned!

C.F.

HARBURY SOCIETY

I've no comment to make on the Mystery Tour (Chris Finch reports elsewhere) - no comment at all. I mean, it was so DIFFICULT! Anagrams, and, even worse, anagrams in FRENCH! And most people got more points than me. Seriously, thanks to Chris and Ess for running the event, but can I help next time instead of taking part?

On 17th September at the Village Hall we are showing the film "Whatever happened to the Countryside". Admission is free so do come along and bring your friends. There will be refreshments afterwards.

A cynical and ungenerous aspect of the policy of our elected representatives on the District Council is at present being illustrated by the disgraceful affair of Humble Bee Cottages. These cottages are mediaeval remnants of the OLD Chesterton Manor, and date from approximately 1550. They are timber framed and retain many features of historic importance. They have been unoccupied for ages, stand over half a mile from the nearest road, and have no 'services', yet Stratford District Council has seen fit to serve a demolition Order on the owners. The Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, which is actively trying to persuade the Department of the Environment to 'list' the buildings and save them from extinction, states that Stratford has a policy of destroying unoccupied substandard properties to prevent them being taken over by squatters who would then have to be rehoused

by the local authority. This Parliament requires councils to house the homeless, and SDC discharges its duty by pulling down sturdy unaltered historic buildings. The Harbury Society asks you, is this how you want your Councillors to act? If not, tell them so! They represent you - in theory.

To be completely fair to the District Council, they do first give the owners the opportunity to improve the dwellings, but since this entails raising ceiling heights, increasing window space, enlarging staircases, laying on services etc., the character of the building is irreparably destroyed and at great cost to an owner who probably had no immediate plans for the property.

In Harbury the Old Fox Inn in Chapel Street had to be pulled down because of the intransigence of the local authority. Kia Ora in Temple End was subject to a Closing Order, and many other old cottages have had to be modernised in such a way that their character and charm has been obliterated.

Demolition of buildings is dramatic and obvious, but gradual and unsympathetic change slips past almost unnoticed. Did we appreciate the beauty of the old tile roof on the Old New Inn? Probably not, but now the new roof - weathertight no doubt - seems so featureless, dull and sad.

If you want to see Humble Bee Cottages before it's too late, they lie on the footpath that runs from Beggars Lane to Chesterton Church, to the west side of the site of the 'newer' Chesterton Manor.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

1st HARBURY SCOUT GROUP

A. G. M.

Prize winners in our Grand Prize Draw were as follows:

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| 1st Mrs. Ceney(2414): Portable b/w T. V. | |
| 2nd C. Dixon(169): Hair Dryer | 3rd S. Checkley(1706)AA Book |
| 4th Mrs. Grinnell(1903):Pyrexware | 5th Mrs. Taylor(354)Tupperware |
| 6th P. Adams(2409): Sweatshirt | 7thB. Smith(3243):Perfume |
| 8th J. Spriggs(2152): Chocolates | 9thD. Austin(1199): Soap |
| 10thMrs. Grinnell(1904)Egg Cup | 11thM. Pallot(1526): Pegs |
| 12th Gascoyne(1153):Dish Mop | 13thOverton(1692):Marbles |

Many thanks to all supporters of this event - congratulations to he winners and commiserations to the losers(your turn next year)



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All these winners were drawn at our A. G. M. held at the Scout Hut on 5th June. The following were re-elected as officers - Chairman, Ken Hughes. Secretary, Sue Jones. Treasurer, John Hunt. Reports of the year's activities were given by Scout, Cub and Guide leaders, and Mike Pallott was introduced to the group as the new Group Scout Leader. Was it mere coincidence that he and his family live at 31 Manor Orchard - previously occupied by Graham Goodchild, our G. S. L. until his move to Hampshire!

The evening was rounded off by demonstrations of activities by Scouts and Cubs.

J. L. H.

HARBURY FRIENDS

Our speaker in June, Mrs. Wilson from Napton, spoke about the Restoration of Montgomery Canal, in which she became involved in 1969. The Canal had been closed in 1936 and had fallen into disrepair. Volunteers undertook to restore it and were helped by a grant of £ $\frac{1}{4}$ million, donated by the Variety Club of Great Britain, for benefit of the environment in Wales. This enabled over a five year period the total restoration of 7 miles of canal and the purchase of a boat for the use of handicapped children.

Mrs. Wilson's talk illustrated with slides the development of the canals from their industrial origins to present day leisure use. Particular attention was drawn to the gracious and decorative canalside architecture which even included stables for the horse-drawn narrow boats of yesteryear.

Our July meeting is a trip to Solihull Ice Rink. A coach leaves the Village Hall on Thursday 16th July at 7 p.m. Names to Margaret Barnes, Harbury 612010, during the first week of July, please.

GOLDEN AGE

Wednesday, 15th July - this is the date for the day's tour around the Peak District. We shall make a stop at Matlock. The coach leaves the Village Hall at 10 a.m. ANYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US for this trip - the cost is £2 per head. We are most anxious to fill the coach, and will be pleased for anyone (of any age!) to join us, so please get in touch with me if you are interested; 10 Wagstaffe Close, tel. 612707.

Our next ordinary meeting is 9th July. L. KNIGHTON.

HARBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A delightful golden-haired lady by the name of 'Mumfi' came to visit Harbury on 4th June. She is the Guide Dog that accompanies Miss Robinson, who gave us an extremely interesting talk about the work of the Guide Dog Association. Guide Dogs first worked in England in 1931, so as this is the Golden Jubilee Year, there will be a service in Westminster Abbey on July 18th at which 600 Guide Dogs, plus owners, will be present. As Miss Robinson says, she is not surprised that the Royal Wedding is being held in St. Paul's Cathedral!

The first Guide Dogs started work in Germany in 1915. German Shepherd Dogs were used then, but now there is nothing to choose between the different breeds.

Mrs. Walker reported on the Group Meeting at Southam. Mrs. Burdett and Mrs. Barrett were presented with pot plants for their work on the Tombstone Survey, which will be displayed with the other surveys at County House on 23rd July between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., and on 24th July between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

D. B.

N.S.P.C.C.

Young League The Young League is the Junior Branch of the NSPCC and for a membership fee of 10p any youngster can become a member. In Harbury we have about 90 members, and between them they have saved in their blue 'egg boxes' almost £288 over the past year. This is an amazing amount, and is over £100 up on last year's total. Well done to them all! As a thankyou for their efforts we hold a small party for the younger ones and a barbeque for the older children, with games and competitions. At these parties the children are presented with badges according to the amount they have saved. If you have a child who would like to join, please get in touch with me or Sue Wilkins (Harbury 612583).

The Harbury Road Show' or Small Antiques Valuation On Saturday, 26th September, the NSPCC is organising a small antiques valuation at the Village Hall from 2 - 4 p.m. For a small charge you can bring along any small items that you can carry, and have them valued by Mr. David Barby, F.S.V.A., the Partner of Locke & England in charge of the Fine Arts

Department. He and his friend, Mr. Ralph Wright, an enthusiastic amateur and lifetime collector, will endeavour to tell you all they can about your objects and give you a guide as to what you might expect to get for them should you want to sell them.

Here are a few ideas of items which might be valuable, and which you may have tucked away - books with colour plates of butterflies, birds, flowers before 1870; Bibles with coloured illustrations before 1800; craftsmen's tools or cooking utensils before 1900; early cameras or gramophones; pictures in water or oils over 50 years old; any militaria - guns, swords, medals; books showing family business records and prices before 1900; old wine glasses, figurines, china or silver; old photographs especially of the Crimean War or India or South Africa; old cigarette cards, postcards; old china dolls, etc. etc.

We hope it will be a very interesting afternoon for everyone, so make a note of the date now. We shall be serving tea throughout the afternoon, so come along and enjoy looking at other people's 'treasures' even if you haven't any of your own.

LIZ BUNTING, Hon. Sec. Tel. 612450.

DANCING EXAMINATION & MEDAL TEST SUCCESSES

In the recent examinations held in Harbury Village Hall for the Dance and Drama Academy, all candidates were successful. In the afternoon a Medal Test was held, and all candidates gained their Tap Bronze Medal - Emma Finch, Gail Davis, Joanne Hall, Sonia Taylor, Louise Biddle, Karen Mancell, Joanna Reid, Mandy Miller, Michelle Cox, Zoe Smith, Tina Collins, Tracey Cox, Fiona Clarke, Rachel Hingley, Caroline Hingley. Sacha Lee gained a second Bronze Medal with Tap and Song.

Examination results are as follows: (PP = Pass Plus, H = Honours, HP = Honours Plus, C = Commend, Sp. C = Special Commend) -

Preliminary Ballet - Joanne Phillips (HP), Charlotte Woodward (HP), Sylvaine Maigrot (H), Louise O'Toole (H), Emma Finch (C), Analie Hoare (C).
Grade 1 Ballet - Fiona Clarke (HP), Claire Turner (C), Joanne Hall (C), Gail Davis (C).

Grade II Tap - Joanne Phillips (H), Sonia Taylor (C), Emma Finch(C), Louise Biddle (C).

Grade III Tap- Tina Collins (PP), Rachel Hingley (H), Caroline Hingley(HP), Tracey Cox (PP), Fiona Clarke(HP), Mandy Miller (PP), Zoe Smith (HP), Michelle Cox (H), Joanna Reid(HP), Karen Mancell(HP), Joanne Hall(HP), Gail Davis(HP).

Grade IV Tap - Hayley Green (PP), Caroline Kennedy (H), Penelope Simcock (PP), Andrea Burford (H).

Grade I Theatre - Claire Turner(C), Sacha Lee(Sp. C), Tracey Gulliver(H), Joanna Reid(C), Karen Mancell (H), Hayley Green(HP), Andrea Burford (C), Caroline Kennedy (HP), Christina Sutton (HP), Penelope Simcock(C).

All are students of the Bayard Academy, Harbury.

FRIENDS IN SWITZERLAND

I don't know if any of you remember the Walker family who used to live in Park Lane, and then left to go and live in Switzerland. They left England in 1978 at Christmas time. Claire, their daughter, who was in Mr. Richard's class when they moved, is now at a grammar school, but her brother who was at Southam is in a different grammar school. Both of these schools are Swiss, and both children have to speak German fluently. Their father also speaks German, but their mother has still not yet adapted, wishing like Claire she was still in England.

I went to stay with them during the Easter holidays for the second time, enjoying myself enormously. They now live in a lovely flat overlooking Swiss mountains.

The whole family send their best wishes to everyone, Mrs. Walker to many including Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Hunt and the Windsors. Claire and Edward would like to thank all those who have continued writing, for both miss the English language.

I had a lovely holiday and the weather was very warm, but returning here to snow and no electricity, the Walkers don't know how lucky they are, without English weather!

LAUNA ROLF, aged 13.

CONGRATULATIONS...to Alan Deakin, 6 Margaret Close, of Rells Royce, who was awarded the MBE for services to export in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

"THE HOUSE ON THE CLIFF"

Tickets are selling fast for our next production, so be sure to get yours before they've all gone.

It's an intriguing tale of mystery and murder, with humour and romance as well. 'The House on the Cliff' conceals many secrets - come along to the Village Hall on 9th, 10th or 11th July, when the Harbury Theatre Group will share them with you.

Details are in our advertisement at the back of this magazine - and remember, PLEASE don't tell anyone the ending until after the final performance. Thank you. D.H.

HARBURY AUTHOR

The story of a labouring man of Stratford - told in his words and edited by Angela Hewins of Knightlow Way - has recently hit the headlines, including the Sunday Times Colour Magazine and ATV Review. Angela has been thrilled by the response to her book 'The Dillen' (published by Elm Tree at £7.95), which is to be reprinted shortly. It is illustrated by contemporary photographs from 1878 to the 1920s, and includes snatches of songs which an expert has since told her are in some cases Warwickshire versions of traditional English folk songs.

HAVE YOU TIME TO SPARE TO HELP OTHERS?

While for most people reading and writing is easy, others face real problems; for the past six years help has been available at Adult Literacy Centres throughout the country. The success of the Mid-Warwickshire Adult Literacy Scheme is largely due to the number of volunteers who have come forward to help adults who have problems with reading, writing, spelling and basic English. The local centre at Southam has 14 students using the centre at the moment; much of the work is done on a one-to-one basis, and we are now in a position where we shall find it difficult to accept any new students, unless we have new tutors to work with them.

Although we are always glad to have tutors with teaching experience, equally important we need people with a fair amount of patience and sympathy who can give a regular weekly commitment. (We have housewives, pharmacists, local government officers and teachers amongst our tutors at the moment.)

The centre is open at St. James School on a Monday evening from 7.30 to 9 p.m. for three 12 week terms. Voluntary tutors are given the chance to go on training courses, and the centre is run by two experienced teachers who are always on hand to give advice when required.

It is highly likely that I shall need to call on the services of new tutors during the Autumn term. Anyone who would like more information should either get in touch with myself or Mrs. Sheila Cooper at Mid-Warwickshire College.

MARY THOMPSON, Centre Leader
Harbury 612050.

"SPOT THE DIFFERENCE" COMPETITION

Our winner is Anna Catt of 16 Dovehouse Lane, who spotted all the changes on our front cover, and gave as her reason for reading the magazine that "it helps me keep up with the events in Harbury and Ladbroke." Well done, Anna - you will be receiving your Harbury and Ladbroke News T-shirt very soon.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL, JUNE 1981

The secret of the Sub-Committee re-shuffle is out! The Chairman's formula used to be, "We will now pass on to....", but by incorporating the Burial Grounds in the portmanteau term 'Properties', Bruce Hannay has frustrated the insinuation that the Council was contemplating its own demise.

After some nice jockeying, Iory Davies reassumed the Chairman's seat, with Sharon Hancock as his Vice-Chairman, and the sub-committees divided suitably between the councillors. The Deppers item was voted to the first half of the agenda to enable Mrs. Catterall to leave early. She complained bitterly of lack of support from Deppers, and of the paucity of its facilities, but Sharon Hancock pointed out that the lighting had been improved, the Playing Fields cut, and Play Equipment provided. If Mrs. Catterall wished to resign, it would be up to the electors of Deppers to find themselves a new representative.

Boundary problems plague the P.C. The cemetery hedge is falling over and the fence at the Manor Orchard play area needs repair. The vision splays on Bendigo Mitchell have not been mown, the culverting on the Fosse extends interminably towards Royal Show time, the Ivy Lane cherry trees belong to

WCC but interdepartmental warfare has broken out over responsibility for them, and the Gas Board is ignoring PC requests to make good the mess they created on Binswood End Green. Mike and Sharon are hopping mad!!

The whole Council is incensed at the Coventry Telegraph report which quotes Dave Mayes as saying he was invited to fly his balloon from the Playing Fields and had a 'gentleman's agreement' with the PC to do so. With admirable restraint they are ignoring the quote - turning the other cheek.

The Chairman was pleased to see that public spirited people were tidying up odd corners of the village. For its part, the PC was ordering those with neglected allotments to improve them or QUIT!

Everyone thought the 1981 Carnival was excellent, with super floats, but the profits were down as admission prices had been reduced, expenses were up, and not all the stalls had given their profits to the Carnival. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman both thought there were not enough stalls on which to spend money, and the Clerk complained of the lack of games of skill for the adult male population. Everyone praised the quality and value of the teas, and Mike Ellis consoled the organisers that it was a very bad year in which to raise money.

Mike proposed an inflation rate of $12\frac{1}{2}\%$ and an interest rate of 10% for the Tennis Courts Sinking Fund, and apart from a jocular request for the source of his information, nobody queried this for no-one understood it.

Finally, Bruce Hannay complained that the next Southam Area Parish Councils' meeting would be addressed on the highly relevant topic of Astronomy! LINDA RIDGLEY.

MYTON HOSPICE APPEAL

Nora Bastock, Mary and friends, wish to thank everyone for their support and contributions for the Myton Hospice Appeal Whist Drive. A profit of £46 was made.

CONGRATULATIONS.....to Mr. and Mrs. H. Durber of Manor Road, who will celebrate their Golden Wedding Day on 25th July.

PLACES TO GO (1)

If you haven't been to the Heritage Theatre, I recommend you to try it on your next visit to Stratford. The show only lasts about 20 minutes, but is a remarkable 'sound and light' Elizabethan Pageant - a real experience. Shows are every half hour from 9.30 a.m. every day, and the Theatre is on the Waterside, near the Shakespeare Theatre. DMH.

PLACES TO GO(2)

With the approach of summer, a number of families, especially those with visiting foreign friends or students, will be having a day out in London. This is even easier these days with the cheap coach fares (from Warwick, Leamington or Southam for £4 return) and it's a real joy to find an oasis of quiet where one can sink into a seat in peaceful surroundings, drink a cup of excellent coffee, and eat homemade soup, pâté, cake and bread. Such a paradise can be found at The Well, a coffee bar, restaurant, book and gift shop in Elizabeth Street, right opposite Victoria Coach Station. The restaurant, which is open both for lunch and dinner, offers a simple but good menu including soup, quiche(£1.30), wine, sweets, tea and coffee.

The whole venture is part of the outreach of the Church to residents and those who work in the area, and to visitors to London. It provides a relaxed, caring atmosphere, with a friendly welcome for everyone. The books, gifts and cards on sale are of good quality, and not unreasonable in price. Giles, the bookshop manager, tells us that they are shortly to start selling Tearcraft goods.

The Well grew from the desire of a group of members of the local St. Michael's Church to use the old mission hall in a way which would enable them to reach out to the whole community. Three years ago they opened the restaurant, and gradually extended to include all their other services in most attractively converted premises. In addition, there are occasional musical evenings with refreshments.

There is a full-time director, Charlie, and the staff is a mixture of paid and volunteer workers from a variety of backgrounds. Among the volunteers we met was Jenny from Kenilworth, and the cook/manageress is Australian, so one can be sure of meeting an interesting variety of staff, and,

indeed, of customers.

Tips in the restaurant and coffee bar, totalling between £300 and £400, are given to a different charity each month, and it was only when the management committee decided to give away tips instead of putting them into the general fund that the accounts went into the black. Some of the organisations to which these gifts are made are well-known national ones such as the Salvation Army, and others are somewhat obscure such as the May one, the Pye Barn Family, a community for the drug-dependent. The Well also provides counselling facilities for those in any kind of need, and a quiet room upstairs is set aside for this purpose.

A few leaflets about The Well are on the table at the back of the Church. A visit is highly recommended. VIV AGGETT.

HELGA JENSEN

Those who remember Miss Jensen will be sad to hear of her death, shortly after her 83rd birthday.

Except for the war years, which she spent as a sergeant in the ATS Transport Section, her life interest was in Horticulture. She held many interesting posts including her final one as a tutor and adviser in the Education Department of the Warks. County Council.

With her wide knowledge and caustic wit she was a stimulating companion, and her friends will miss her greatly.

NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES REGISTER

The Radford Semele and District Group (including Bishops Tachbrook, Whitnash, Harbury, Chesterton and Priors Marston) was one year old in June 1981, and we are now some twenty members strong. From a beginning of just 8, we feel most encouraged by that growth - we must be fulfilling a need. Meetings occur on a three-weekly cycle - morning, afternoon and evening - utilising every possible combination of days of the week to avoid a complete clash with existing commitments such as winter night school evenings, husbands' rugby training/badminton night out etc., or playgroup, or part-time work. Some of our topics over the past year have been "Tradition and Folklore", the "Science of Nutrition", theatre visits to "St. Joan" at the Loft, "Find out about Scotland", "Burns Night", and "Your Favourite Poem, Piece of Music, Prose

or Painting" - although we limit these 'topic' discussions to evening meetings only. We usually find that someone has an interesting viewpoint on a current news item, local, national or international, or television programme, which we bandy about (between and around the accompanying toddlers) at our daytime meetings.

We are not 'political' or 'highbrow' or 'fundraising' - we do not organise beetle drives or flower arranging demonstrations etc. as these are all catered for very adequately by other groups within the villages. We gather for lively informal discussion, with no 'minutes of the last meeting' or red tape. If you are interested in finding out more about NHR, and this group in particular, please contact Mrs. Pat Follett, 17 Godfrey Close, Radford Semele (tel. Leamington 24550) or Mrs. Sue Roberts, 38 Temple End, Harbury (tel. Harbury 612920).

IN THE GARDEN

July should be a wonderful month in the vegetable garden, but the weather has upset all calculations both for the amateur and for the more experienced. But it is not too late to plant a good number of vegetables that have failed to germinate. For instance, sow Dwarf French Beans, Spinach, Runner Beans, Lettuce, Radish, Turnip, Chinese Cabbage, Main Crop Carrots, Beetroot and Leeks. You can now plant out Cabbage for winter use, earth up your potatoes, and give some support to your Brussel Sprouts. Raspberries and Strawberries need covering with netting.

To see how your neighbours have managed with this wet and cold season, be sure to come to the Open Gardens Day on Sat. 18th July, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. W.F. LINES.

OPEN GARDENS DAY

JULY 18th, 1981

PLOUGHMANS LUNCH

In conjunction with the Open Gardens Day on 18th July, Ploughman's Lunches will be available from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. at 5 Park Lane, price 75p.

Proceeds to the Bell Fund and the Horticultural Society's nominated Funds.

THE HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The next event for the Society will be the Annual Garden Walkabout on Saturday, 18th July. This year there are many new gardens, as well as old favourites. Tickets will be available from shops in the village and open gardens on the day (adults 50p, senior citizens 20p, families £1). The proceeds of the event are being shared this year by the Society, Harbury Church, and, in the International Year of Disabled People, the Southam Branch of the Council for the Disabled.

Please also do not forget the Flower Show to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 5th September. Schedules and entry forms will be available fairly soon. TONY BRUNTON.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

On behalf of all the Golden Age members, I should like to thank the Senior Citizens' Benefit Association for the day out at Weston-super-Mare recently. Everyone without exception had a marvellous time in glorious weather. Thank you to everyone who organised such an enjoyable day.

L. KNIGHTON.

Dear Editors,

I would like to take issue with the inclusion of the opinions of your Parish Council correspondent, when reporting on the Annual Parish meeting in the June issue.

The layout of the rate demand was described as having "dubious virtue". How can a document that sets out with more clarity than has been done before the expenditure of the County Council be derided in this way? Our County Council has a very praiseworthy record in keeping our rate rise to only 5% this year, and must be praised for attempting to explain to the ratepayer how this was done. Can you imagine the complaints that would arise if our rate demand carried no explanation of where the money was spent?

Let us have no more personal comments and opinions about Council matters included in its report.

PETER J. HOLT.

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Dear Editors,

A neighbourhood group of LEND (Leamington for European Nuclear Disarmament) has now been established in Harbury, and reflects the growing national concern about the proliferation of nuclear arms around the world, and the apparent preparedness of NATO strategists 'under certain conditions' to go for a first strike - in effect abandoning the strategy of 'last resort' and preparing openly for 'tactical nuclear confrontation'.

Direct American control over more than 100 military bases and sites in this country, headlines like 'U.S. hospitals get warning', and the fact that the Cruise missiles soon to be added to that number are both beyond the control of our own government and designed specifically as offensive, not retaliatory, weapons, has generated a growing wave of popular reaction right across Europe. In Britain, 70 Local Authorities representing 13 million people have now declared their areas to be 'nuclear-free zones', refusing to allow the manufacture or siting of any nuclear weapons within their boundaries. In April this year, the closest to home, Coventry City Council declared it would not be 'party to civil defence exercises designed to mislead the public into believing that adequate protection is available and therefore that 'limited' nuclear war and increase military spending are acceptable'. Warwickshire County Council too has recently put off a decision over whether to spend a further £45,000 on local defence measures to give time for further debate.

To contribute to that debate, LEND's Harbury Neighbourhood Group has called a public meeting on 16th July in the Village Hall, and is screening the controversial film "The War Game" - made by the BBC in 1964 but never shown on British television. The film gives us a disturbing but realistic look at the effects of a nuclear attack on Britain, and its aftermath. Since it was made, of course, the world's stocks of nuclear weapons have grown enormously. Hiroshima was a small explosion by today's standards. The nuclear powers have now in their hands about 50,000 nuclear weapons with a collective destructive force of something like 1,200,000 Hiroshima bombs. In such a context, taping up your lavatory cistern to save water and remembering to take books and card

with you when you retire under your stairs for 14 days (as recommended by the Home Office manual 'Protect and Survive') is not calculated to inspire very much confidence. But since the making of 'The War Game' the government has abandoned the idea of trying to evacuate the population as hopeless. If war were to come almost all of us would have to face the horrors shown in the film.

The controversy that arose in its making was not over the facts but because it was anticipated that 'the showing of the film on television might well have a significant effect on public attitudes towards the policy of the nuclear deterrent'. The BBC was not prepared to take that responsibility on its own, and following further discussion with the military Chiefs of Staff, the Ministry of Defence and the Home Office, it was withdrawn from BBC programme planning 'indefinitely'.

Kenneth Tynan of the Observer described 'The War Game' as "perhaps the most important film ever made" - you can see for yourself, and make up your own mind, on July 16th.

H. R. PIDGEON.

Dear Editors,

I would very much like to thank the Horticultural Society for the wonderful evening out - it was very interesting - and also the Pop-In Club for a very nice outing to Henley -on-Thames.

And now a big Thank You to Mr. Harry Taylor for the outing to Weston Super Mare. I found some friends there who used to live in Harbury. We enjoyed the run there and back, and it was wonderful to see the sea again, and the sun shining in all its glory.

MR. A. C. OVER.

Dear Editors,

As many of your readers will know, our daughter Jane recently had a serious riding accident. We would like to thank all the people, too numerous to mention, who showed us so much kindness and concern at what was a very worrying time for us. It has reminded us how fortunate we are to be living and bringing up our family in this small community.

We are pleased to say that Jane is making an excellent recovery. With grateful thanks to you all, JOHN & SHARON
HANCOCK.

HARBURY CONSERVATIVES

Our Ploughman's Lunch, held in John and Ros Wilson's lovely garden in Farm Street, was extremely well attended, and proved to be a very enjoyable and successful event. There were several interesting games and competitions to try - hammering a nail into a log of wood with the fewest number of blows brought out a fierce competitive spirit in many of the men!

Lots of beautiful cakes were either sold, auctioned or raffled, and these, along with the other sideshows, produced a marvelous profit of around £175 for our funds. Many thanks to all who supported us, and our next event will be a Jumble Sale in October.

P. J. H.

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Full details in next month's magazine - in the meantime, get those bicycles in good order and the legs in trim! JBM.

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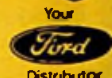


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