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**HAD A  
BUMP?**

'Flaming June' has arrived, and many of us will be wondering which day in the month will be the Summer for 1981!

Although it seems some time ago, it is less than a month since the County Council elections. County Councillor Rupert Kettle was returned for Harbury, but only after an election which produced greater interest and a higher percentage vote than usual. It can only be to the benefit of the local community when local elections are strongly contested and promote discussion over important issues.

We commend the Parochial Church Council's 50/50 Auction in aid of Church funds on Saturday, 6th June - it should be an interesting day.

A number of people have commented favourably on the increasing number of Whist Drives. Mrs. E. Sollis organised one of these on 14th May in aid the Senior Citizens Benefit Association, which raised £22.50. There is a further Whist Drive on 11th June, proceeds from which will go to the Myton Hospice Appeal.

Last, but by no means least, Saturday June 20th is the BIG DAY - THE HARBURY CARNIVAL - with all the fun of the fair. Please look out for the Harbury & Ladbroke News stall. (There is no truth in the rumour that P. C. Percival is borrowing a Thames Police Launch to lead the procession this year.)

### HARBURY DIARY

#### JUNE 1981

- Sat. 6th    START OF I. Y. D. P. WEEK - see article inside.  
            P. C. C. 'FIFTY-FIFTY' AUCTION, Village Hall -  
                    viewing from 11a.m., Auction from 2p.m.  
            Junior Theatre Workshop, 2-5p.m., Wight School.  
            Grand Charity Clay Pigeon Shoot at Hill Farm, Ufton,  
                    for International Year of Disabled People.
- Sun. 7th    Whit Sunday. Family Communion at 9a.m., followed  
                    by Parish Breakfast in the Village Hall. (NO 8a.m.  
                    or 10a.m. service today). Evensong and  
                    Procession at 6.30 p.m.  
            Cricket - away to Napton.

- Tues. 9th** Flower arranging class - see article inside.  
 Playing Fields Committee, 8p. m., Village Hall.  
 Horticultural Society outing to Notcutts Garden Centre.  
 Cricket - away to Stockton.
- Thurs. 11th** St. Barnabas - Holy Eucharist, 9.45a. m.  
 Golden Age, 2.30p. m., Village Hall.  
 Girls' Club, Village Hall.  
 Whist Drive for Myton Hospice Appeal, 8pm, VHall.
- Fri. 12th** Dominoes Presentation at Village Hall.
- Sat. 13th** START OF HARBURY CARNIVAL WEEK.  
 P. T. A. Coach Trip to London.  
 Junior Theatre Workshop, 2-5, Wight School.  
 Rugby Club Barbecue, with 'Marmalade' and  
 'Dolly Rock Disco', Rugby Club, 7.30p. m.
- Sun. 14th** Trinity Sunday. 8a. m. Holy Eucharist. 10a. m.  
 Procession & Sung Eucharist. 3.30p. m.  
 Evensong(said). 6.30p. m., Youth Service  
 with guest speaker, followed by All Sorts'  
 "It's a Knockout", 8-9p. m. at 11 Constance  
 Drive. All young people welcome.  
 10a. m. - 1p. m., Open Tennis Tournament,  
 Recreation Ground.  
 Children's Sports and Fun Run, Recreation Ground  
 from 2.30p. m.
- Mon. 15th** Requiem for Rev. Walter Smith, 7.30p. m. in  
 Church - see Vicar's letter.  
 Carnival Bingo, 8p. m., Village Hall.
- Tues. 16th** Tufty Club, 2.15p. m., Wight School.  
 Harbury Society Mystery Tour from Old New Inn  
 Green, 7.15p. m.  
 Bayard Academy Carnival Cabaret, V. Hall, 7.30.  
 Bible Study, 8p. m., 16 Dovehouse Lane.  
 Senior Citizens Committee, 8.30p. m., V. Hall.
- Wed. 17th** First School Sports, Recreation Ground, 1.45pm.  
 Youth Club Disco, Village Hall, 8p. m.  
 Harbury & Ladbroke News Committee, 8.30p. m.

- Thurs. 18th Cricket - at home to Leamington.  
Corpus & Sanguis Christi - Thanksgiving for the  
Institution of Holy Communion). Holy Eucharist  
at 7.30 and 9.45a.m., and 7.30p.m.  
W.I. Hair and Make-up Demonstration, 7.45, V. Hall.  
Girls' Club at Village Hall.
- Fri. 19th Harbury Crib players' Presentation Disco, V. Hall.
- Sat. 20th HARBURY CARNIVAL AND FETE.  
Procession from Sutcliffe Drive, 1.15p.m.  
Fete opens at Recreation Ground, 2p.m.  
Dance to the Likely Lads, 8.30p.m., Village Hall.
- Sun. 21st First after Trinity. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10am  
Sung Eucharist, 6.30p.m. Evensong.  
Cricket - at home to Works. County Council.  
Open Day at Ufton Fields Nature Reserve.
- Tues. 23rd Young Wives, 2p.m., Village Hall.  
Prayer Group, 8p.m., 15 Wagstaffe Close.  
Village Hall Committee, 8p.m., Village Hall.
- Wed. 24th Birthday of St. John the Baptist - Holy Eucharist  
7.30a.m. and 9.45 a.m.
- Thurs. 25th Golden Age, 2.30, Village Hall.  
Girls' Club, Village Hall.  
Parish Council, 7.30p.m., Village Hall.
- Fri. 26th N. S. P. C. C. Disco, Group & Dance, Village Hall.
- Sat. 27th School Sponsored Walk, 9a.m. to noon.  
Conservatives' Ploughman's Lunch - see advert.  
Junior Theatre Workshop, 2-5, Wight School.  
P. T. A. Barn Dance - see advert.
- Sun. 28th Second after Trinity. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10am.  
Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm. Evensong.  
7p.m. All Sorts - speaker Tom Winnifrith on  
'Travels in the Balkans' - 11 Constance Drive.  
Cricket - at home to Flecknoe.
- Mon. 29th S. Peter & S. Paul: Holy Eucharist 7.30 & 9.45a.m.  
and 7.30p.m.
- Tues. 30th PCC Meeting, 8p.m., Wight School.

## JULY

- Wed. 1st M. U., 2.30p.m., Old Timbers, Ivy Lane.

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- Thurs. 2nd     W.I., Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.  
Men's Society, 7.45 p.m.
- Fri. 3rd       St. Thomas the Apostle; Holy Eucharist at  
7.30 and 9.45a.m.
- Sun. 5th       Third after Trinity. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist,  
10a.m. Sung Eucharist, 3.30p.m. Evensong  
(said). 6.30p.m. Royal Show Service at  
National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh -  
coach leaves Bull Ring, Harbury, at 5p.m.
- Mon. 6th       Stage Up in Village Hall.  
Meditation Workshop, led by the Vicar, in  
Church, 7.30p.m.
- Tues. 7th       Village Hall Committee, 8p.m., Village Hall.  
Bible Study, 8p.m., 26 Binswood End.
- Thurs. 9th       Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.  
'House on the Cliff', presented by Harbury  
Theatre Group, Village Hall.
- Fri. 10th       'House on the Cliff', presented by Harbury  
Theatre Group, Village Hall.
- Sat. 11th       'House on the Cliff', presented by Harbury  
Theatre Group, Village Hall.

#### REGULAR DIARY DATES

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.

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

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

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

BINGO, Village Hall, 8p.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, 6.15p.m. every Tuesday.

DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45p.m. Tuesdays,  
4-7.15pm, Wednesdays, 4-7.45pm, Thursdays.

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45p.m. Tues(1st Troop) Wed. (2nd troop)

YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 8-10p.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, 1.30p.m. - 3.30p.m. every Friday.  
 CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30p.m. every Friday.

ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.

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

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

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

### THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Harry Windsor and Miss Vivienne Aggett on their re-election as Churchwardens, and to Mrs. Diana Holt and Mr. Ken Clarke on their re-election as P. C. C. Secretary and Treasurer respectively. We owe much to all four of them for their devoted and efficient work. Likewise our congratulations to all the members of the newly elected P. C. C., and to all the sidesmen.

The Bishop's "Four Questions" have been considered by the Parochial Church Council and others, and, I understand, the answers have been sent to him.

An encouraging feature of recent years is the increased interest taken in the spiritual life by many people. As an example of this I might mention the fact that I have been asked to lead a workshop on Meditation. This will take place in Church on Monday 6th July at 7.30p.m., and all will be welcome. A short article on Meditation will be found on another page.

A Youth Service will be held in Church on Trinity Sunday (14th June) at 6.30p.m., when we hope to have a special preacher.

The Royal Show Service will be on Sunday 5th July in the Grand Ring at Stoneleigh. The preacher will be the Bishop of Carlisle. Our choir has again been invited to take part, and there will be a coach to take those who wish to go too.

Corpus Christi (Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion) is, of course, the Thursday after Trinity Sunday (i. e. 18th June), and it is hoped that everyone will try to be present at one of the three Eucharists on this day.

We mourn the loss of Mr. William Reading Russell, and also of Mr. Horace Markham. May God grant them His peace and rest, and may He comfort those who are bereaved.

We also record the death on April 23rd at the age of 69 of my predecessor, the Revd. Walter Frederick Ernest Smith, who was Vicar of Harbury for a little over a year (1955-56). He died while on holiday in Malta. He had been in ill health for some time, and in recent years had lived in retirement at the Charterhouse in London. His funeral service was in the Church of St. Bartholomew the Less, London, and there will be a Requiem for him in our own Church at 7.30p.m. on Monday June 15th. We thank God for his life and work in England and in Africa, and we pray that God will grant him His eternal rest.

The Christian Aid envelopes raised £62.65 to date, and the Additional Curates' Society Lent Boxes £60. The officials of these two Societies wish to thank all who gave.

With every blessing,

Your sincere friend & Vicar,

F. R. Mackley.

### FUNERAL SERVICES

May 5th William Reading Russell, New House, Middle Road  
Farm, aged 86 years.

May 16th Horace Markham, 22 Manor Road, aged 56 years.

### From the Churchwardens

Alas, it poured with rain on the day scheduled for the parish family cycle ride to the Diocesan Retreat House at Offchurch. However, we're hoping to try again on Sunday 19th July, when we plan to leave the Church at 2.15p.m. and take a packed tea. We'll be back in time for Evensong. The distance will be about 5 miles each way, and will be taken at a gentle pace. Book it now; we'll remind you next month.

"Special" days come thick and fast at this time of year. Whit Sunday is celebrated by our 9 o'clock Family Service and Parish Breakfast, and Trinity Sunday by our Youth Service. The subject of the Trinity is not an easy one and there are many illustrations used to try to explain the concept of One God but three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Perhaps the most famous of the illustrations is that attributed to St. Patrick, the shamrock leaf. Kenneth Leech, in his helpful book "Soul Friend" refers to the three parts of the Trinity, and the theme of the Youth Service will be based on the functions of the three - God the Father

shows mercy and gives peace

God the Son

frees from sin and fills with the Holy Spirit

God the Holy Spirit

purifies and fills with his radiance

Even if we don't understand the concept of the Holy Trinity, we can accept with thanksgiving the six gifts named above.

## LADBROKE NEWS

### Diary and Services

Sat. 6th June, Village Hall Birthday Dance.

Sun. 7th June, Whitsunday. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion. 11a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns and Sermon.

Tues. 9th June, Parish Council Meeting.

Wed. 10th June, 3p.m., Women's Fellowship at Church Cottage.

Thurs. 11th June, S. Barnabas A., 7.30pm, Deanery Synod at Southam.

Sun. 14th June, Trinity Sunday. 11a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns and Sermon (Rev. R. T. Murray). 6.30p.m. Evensong

Wed. 17th June, "Tea Afternoon" with many stalls and sideshows, beginning at 2.30p.m. in the gardens at Woodlands, School Lane, in aid of Church funds.

Thurs. 18th June, Corpus Christi. 7.30p.m. Holy Communion.

Sun. 21st June, Trinity I. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion. 11a.m.

Matins.

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Wednesday 24th June, Welcome Party for new residents & PCC members, by invitation of Miss Junod, at 20 Ladbroke Hall from 6.30p.m. onwards.

Thurs. 25th June, W.I. Meeting.

Fri. 26th June, W.I. Coffee Evening and Bring & Buy, in aid of the International Year of Disabled People, at Sidelands, Windmill Lane.

Sun. 28th June, Trinity II. 11a.m, Holy Communion with Hymns and Sermon. 6.30p.m. Evensong.

Mon. 29th June, S. Peter A.M.

Thursday 3rd July, 7.45 p.m. Men's Group at Harbury.

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

Wed. 8th July, 3.00p.m. Women's Fellowship at Briarwood, Windmill Lane.

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

Monday, 13th July, 7.30p.m., PCC Meeting in Church.

ALTAR FLOWERS: June 7th and 14th, Mrs. Emus. June 21st, Mrs. Webster. June 28th, Mrs. P. Barnett. July 5th, Mrs. Shaw. July 12th, Mrs. Parker..

#### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We all enjoyed our last meeting, and thank Mrs. Emus for her excellent hospitality. It was a great pleasure to be able to greet our old friend, Mrs. Offord, by telephone. Our next meeting will be on 10th June at Church Cottage, by kind invitation of Miss Hensman. C.H.

#### TEA AFTERNOON and WELCOME PARTY

You will see from the Diary that these two events will be on 17th June and 24th June respectively, and we hope they will both prove to be enjoyable and successful occasions.

G.R.F.

#### HELP!!

Wanted.....assistance in keeping the Churchyard in order. In the porch you will see a plan dividing it up into sections. Will YOU undertake to look after one section?

Could you help with the maintenance of the mowers? If so, there's a special small section for you. But if you can give any help please get in touch with Mr. Garner (Elgin, Banbury Road, 'phone 2866).

Wanted.....volunteers for Church cleaning.....once a month. Please volunteer to Mrs. Winkfield (Hall Farm, 'phone 2234).

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BELL RINGING?

If so, there's room for you. Minimum age 12 years - NO maximum. Practice Thursday evenings. See the Captain of the Tower, Mr. Harry Reeves (8 Tomwell Close, Southam).

### INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PEOPLE

Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge W.I. are holding a Coffee Evening and Bring & Buy for this worthy cause on 26th June - see the Ladbroke Diary for details.

### NOTICE

The Library Van will now be calling once a fortnight, from Mon. 1st June, at 9.30 a.m. It will be parked at the corner of Bridge Lane and School Lane.

### EXCELLENT NEWS.....

.....this month about 4 young Ladbroke people. Jennifer Rice and Andrew Bennett were in a team of six which won the area prize of £50 and a cup for Southam School, in the nationwide contest run by Williams & Glyn's Bank and the Chamber of Commerce, called 'Stockpiler'. They increased their notional £20,000 holding to £25,800 in six months. Each member of the team received a £2 book token, and the School's prize money will be used in the VIth form library.

Equally impressive is the success in this year's Barclay's Bank competition of Dawn Teverson, who has won a sightseeing tour around Europe with her 1500-word essay "Should Politics be kept out of Sport?". As a result of her success, Dawn's school will be given £20 to buy books. Another Ladbroke girl, Sheona Taylor, also won a consolation prize of £25 in the same competition.

Well done, all of you!

### LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting on 12th May began with Mr. F. Badman's election as Chairman, and Mr. T. Sheasby's election as Vice-Chairman.

It was reported that the Silver Jubilee Trees had been planted in Farmyard Field, and were now thriving. The Council supported an application by Mr. P. Biggins for permission to park his 'tea van' in the Ladbroke layby, but the issue has yet to be resolved.

Flats are currently available at the Leamington Hastings Alms Houses, and residents of Ladbroke are eligible for these properties - details from Mrs. M. Williamson.

In accordance with your Parish Council's aims of cutting costs, it has been decided to transfer the maintenance of the village street lights from the Electricity Board to the County Council.

Next meeting - Tuesday 9th June, at 7.30p.m.

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This well-attended meeting began with the Chairman's report on the Council's activities throughout the year, and he thanked all his colleagues, particularly the hardworking Clerk, Mrs. Williamson.

Two District Councillors, Mr. Turner and Mr. Reading, attended the meeting, and they spoke about the need for a pedestrian crossing in Southam, the problem of heavy lorries and the likelihood of coal mining in the Ladbroke area.

The Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I. gave a resumé of their year's very varied activities, and Mrs. M. Emus was welcomed as the new President.

The final report of the evening came from the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, Mr. P. Williamson. This had been an extremely busy and successful year, and Mr. Williamson thanked their many helpers, and praised Mr. Monk, Mr. West and Mr. Sutton for their sponsored slim which raised £170. He thanked all the committee members for their support (especially Mr. & Mrs. Emus who may be leaving the village soon), and Mr. M. Todman and Mr. Jim Ven-Dunn were then elected to join the present committee.

### LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

There is still plenty of work to be done at the Hall, and anyone willing to lend a hand and offer their services, please contact Mr. Dave Wilson.

It is now a year since the Grand Opening Night, and to celebrate this important milestone a Birthday Dance has been planned for Saturday 6th June. Entertainment will be provided by the Birmingham group 'Chug-a-Lug', and light refreshments will be served, including a First Birthday Cake made in the shape of the Village Hall! Tickets for the dance are £1.50, from Committee members. Please don't forget to use the rear part of the Bell Car Park, not the forecourt.

KATE LIVERTON.

### LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

On 20th May, 26 of our friends from Hatton Hospital joined us for an afternoon in the Village Hall. Mr. Brian Bayliss played the organ, and members sang favourite songs old and new. Food had been provided by members, and a quantity was taken back to the hospital for the patients unable to join us. After tea dancing was enjoyed by all.

We were pleased to welcome our VCO, Mrs. Steel, to our May meeting. She guided us expertly through the resolutions. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Watkin came from Harbury. Mrs. Davis will be our delegate at the A.G.M., and she noted our decisions.

We were magnificently entertained by Ryton Women's Guild Melody Makers, who performed superbly, although without their usual piano accompaniment.

At the June meeting (the 25th), Mr. Roberts' talk will be on 'Sound Effects at the B.B.C.'. Please don't forget our Tea Afternoon in aid of the Church on 17th June.

J.F.

### HARBURY SCHOOL

Swimming We started this activity on 11th May. Everything in the Pool is working well, including the children, and already they are winning various distance badges.

Visit to France A small group of older boys and girls went to France from 7th to 12th May, accompanied by Mr. Oliver, and together with a larger party from Southam Middle School. We

stayed at a very pleasant hostel at a small seaside resort called Etr  tat, just north of Le Havre. The children were taken around the town, and used their French to buy various articles. We visited Rouen on one afternoon, and went to F  camp market on the Saturday morning. On Sunday we went on a day tour of Paris, visiting all the well-known sights. Monday was spent at Arromanches, where we visited a museum of the Normandy landings, and later we went to nearby Bayeux and saw the famous tapestry depicting the landing of William the Conqueror in England, and the ensuing Battle of Hastings. At the hostel we were accompanied by an English courier who explained many aspects of French life to the children.

Our time in France was very worthwhile, most interesting and quite tiring, but everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Independent Order of Foresters Fete This was held on Saturday 16th May at Whitnash Community Centre. The School was invited to send a group of children who could take part in some activity in the afternoon, and so a group of girls trained by Mrs. Blair and Miss Nurser performed a programme of Synchronised Movement, which was very well received. Our thanks are due to the two teachers and the children who took part.

N. C. O.

Harbury School Summer Fete, 22nd May Appalling weather couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of the children who worked so hard to provide a very enjoyable afternoon. First was a Dancing Display, expertly led by Mrs. Blair and Miss Nurser, and then the stalls were open for business. Cakes, as always, were sold out in next to no time, and brisk trade was also reported from the raffle, handicrafts stall, bookstall, and the many other attractions, both inside and out.

J. E. Kelly successfully guessed the number of sweets in the jar, Nicola Gervais won the treasure hunt, and Sarah Bingham's name was the lucky one drawn from those who thought the Rag Doll's name was Belinda. Mr. Appleton and Emily Macgowan each won a bottle of Coke in the 'Throw a Coin' game, and the Welly Wanging winners were Jonathon

Brain, Edward Wood and Mr. M. Chick.

There was a huge selection of lovely prizes in the raffle, and winners included Mrs. McCracken, Mrs. Hunt, Stephen Lambert, Jane Hancock, Tony Bastin, Mrs. Nockells, Debbie Keir, Caroline Holt, Mrs. Tanner, Mrs. Comfort, Sarah Bingham, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Mancell, Mrs. Blair, Emily Macgowan, Penelope Ottewill, Mrs. Summers and Shane Engand.

A lot of hard work had clearly gone into preparing the Fete, and the record profit of over £400 for school funds was well deserved.

### HARBURY P.T.A.

Congratulations to the PTA ladies' team (the Buccaneers), who overcame strong competition in the Annual Southam Round Table Chariot Race, to retain their title as the Fastest Ladies!! Their 'ship', built by Ian Stewart, won the prize for the best constructed chariot, too. In all, their efforts raised about £30, half for charity and half for PTA funds.

Our next social event will be the Summer Barn Dance on Saturday 27th June - see advertisement.

Lucky 100 Club winner for April was Mrs. Lee of Manor Orchard, and for May, Mrs. Harper of Dovehouse Lane. Each receives £20.

R. J. H.

### PTA Meeting on French in the Middle School

Harbury School is fortunate and exceptional in having the services of a native-speaking peripatetic teacher of French. The language teachers at Southam School have praised the accents of the Harbury children, and their enthusiasm for the subject, and it is gratifying that Mr. Skinner (headmaster at Southam) reported increased numbers of pupils opting to continue learning French in their fourth year.

Mr. Whale, County Inspector, spoke about changes in the teaching of French in recent years - happily more emphasis is now placed on speaking rather than writing, and the intricacies of grammar are often introduced at a later stage, after the basic communication skills and some work on the culture and economy of France.

Madame Williams, who teaches French at Harbury School, outlined the methods she uses, and then both she and Mr. Whale

answered questions and joined in a general discussion about the learning of the language, and examples of the children's work were on show.

### HARBURY CARNIVAL QUEEN COMPETITION

Many thanks to the fifteen young ladies who entered this contest, making the judging evening on 29th April a very enjoyable occasion.

Our Carnival Queen for 1981 is Christina Sutton, of Kingston Manor Barns, Chesterton, a very worthy winner. Her attendants are Gillian O'Sullivan of Bush Heath Lane, Harbury, and Sarah Pearson of Holywell Road, Southam. The winners were presented with their prizes at the close of the evening. We would like to thank the judges, who must have been faced with a difficult choice - Jim Haines, Beryl Checkley, Tim Percival, Colin Oliver, Alison Hunt, Peggy Middleton and Bruce Hannay.

Our thanks are also due to Mike Bloxham, who has kindly taken this delightful picture for the Harbury News, showing (from l to r) Sarah Pearson, Christina Sutton and Gillian O'Sullivan.



## HARBURY CARNIVAL WEEK PROGRAMME

Saturday 13th June - Rugby Club Barbecue at Harbury Clubhouse.

Sunday 14th June - 10a.m. - 1p.m., Open Tennis Tournament on the Recreation Ground.

2.30p.m., Children's Sports, Recreation Ground.

Monday 15th June - 8p.m., Carnival Week Bingo, Village Hall.

Tuesday 16th June - Mystery Walkabout by Harbury Society.

7.30 p.m. Carnival Cabaret by Bayard Academy, in the Village Hall.

Wednesday 17th June - 8p.m., Youth Club Disco, Village Hall.

Thursday 18th June - 8p.m., W.I. Skin Care and Make-Up

Demonstration, and Hair Care Demonstration by 'Konkers' of Leamington, in the Village Hall.

Saturday 20th June - 1.15 p.m., Carnival Procession from Sutcliffe Drive.

2p.m. Carnival Fete, Recreation Ground.

2p.m. Clay Pigeon Shoot.

8.30p.m., Grand Carnival Dance, to the Likely Lads, in the Village Hall.

Programmes and pens will be on sale shortly in some of the village shops, and programme sellers will be calling house-to-house.

Full details of the week's events, and the schedule on Carnival Day, are given in the programme, which costs 20p, to admit one adult or two children. Tear-off slips on each programme give entry to the Lucky Draw, with 5 prizes of £5 each.

Dance tickets will be available soon - don't delay as they always sell quickly. Supper is included in the price of the ticket - £2 - and dancing will be to the ever popular 'Likely Lads'.

### CARNIVAL SPORTS, 14th June

We shall be holding the usual events on the Sunday before the Carnival, mostly for the children but also a few for teenagers and Mums and Dads - see Carnival programmes for a list of the events. We usually have to vary this on the day, so please arrive early to avoid missing out on events.

At the end of the afternoon we shall again hold the cross-country event, which I hope will have an even bigger entry of people of all ages. Let's see how many of the Jogging, Rugby, Football and Tennis Club members (to name a few) can hold their own with the nine-year olds! Those who want a practice run/walk over the course can meet me at the Village Hall at 7.30 on Wednesday 10th.

Helpers on the day for marshalling, results keeping, serving snacks, etc. are needed. Please contact me if you can help.

BOB WILKINS, 612583.

### VENTURE SCOUTS

We have had some difficulty in carrying out our programme recently due to forthcoming exams, but we have nevertheless managed to organise some activities. We held an Investiture Ceremony for new members on one Thursday evening. This was done at Chesterton Windmill as the sun was setting (we would have seen it setting, too, if it hadn't been cloudy.)

Our most recent expedition was one made to the Brecon Beacons at the beginning of May. Although the weather was mixed it was an enjoyable day.

Now that the days are longer and the weather has marginally improved, we will be able to do a wider range of outdoor activities. If you are interested in joining the Unit please contact John Jackson, tel. 612615. J.A.J.

### HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

The Club's improved form this year has taken them to 5th position in their Division - they believe that their talents could have made a better attack on the Swiss side than the ill-fated English team! Their spirits are high after a successful end-of-season Presentation Dance, when the retiring Carnival Queen, Sue Ellis, and this year's Queen, Christina Sutton, presented the following trophies:

Reserves Manager, LES SOLLIS. 1st team Manager, BRIAN WALLINGTON. Club Award for Loyalty, TREVOR BETTS. Club Award for Special Service, MICK PRATT. Highest M. O. M. Award, Reserves, JOHN LUKE. Highest M. O. M.



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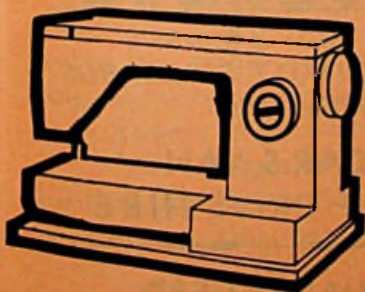
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The evening's presentations were splendidly compèred by Mick Bishop, and included an excellent chicken buffet made by the ladies of the Club.

The Season is now over, and consideration must be given to those who put their efforts into organising the Club - Les Sollis, Brian Wallington and Stan Finch. The Club would also like to record its appreciation of Reg Bloxham, who is without doubt the most ardent, long-serving supporter any Club could wish to have.

C. F.

### INTERMEDIATE TENNIS

We are starting this section of the Club on Friday 5th June for members (£3) who are 14 - 17 years old. Playing times will be 6.30 to 8.30 on Fridays, and 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, joining the adult session.

### MOTHERS' UNION

A representative from the "Life" organisation came to our last meeting, to speak and show a film on their work. Their aim is to dissuade girls and women who are contemplating abortion, and to help them instead to have their babies and to solve any problems which may result. As a Christian organisation, they believe in the sanctity of human life, which they assert begins at the moment of conception.

"Life" began in Leamington in 1970, and has grown to include a nationwide network of Care Officers to whom pregnant women can turn for sympathetic help and advice.

D. M. H.

### HARBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We have had a busy time during May. On the 2nd, members, husbands and friends went to the Lygon Arms in Chipping Campden for a Skittles Evening. This proved to be a most enjoyable evening, and the eventual winners were Mrs. W. Latham and Mr. B. Wilkins. 14 members went to Southam for the Group Meeting on 6th May. The entertainment was 'Two's

Company', a drama duo from Shipston who were extremely entertaining, and then Long Itchington W.I. helped members to sing a song of 'Jonah and the Whale'. It was done as a round - a wail if you were standing outside, I should imagine! We were delighted that Celia Barrett won the prize for the decorated hard-boiled egg competition, by painting an old man on the egg, complete with glasses and sideboards, and calling him "Egg Head". A most enjoyable evening.

On the 14th members had a pleasant evening when they visited Bishops Tachbrook W.I., and part of the time was spent discussing the resolutions which will be debated at the Albert Hall A. G. M. in June.

Several members attended County Day at the Royal Show Ground, Stoneleigh, and enjoyed talks by Mrs. Vaughan, N.F.W.I., and Mrs. Donald Sinden who gave us the results of the Churchyard Survey, which was won by Warmington W.I. There were 99 entries for this competition, and Harbury was in the final 15 which were all on display.

Looking forward to June, may we remind you that our Carnival Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th June in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. We shall be having a Hair Care Demonstration by Konkors of Leamington, and a Skin Care Demonstration by Oriflame. Admission will be 30p, and proceeds will go to Village Hall funds. D. BRADLEY.

### GOLDEN AGE CLUB

We celebrated our 24th birthday with a very pleasant party on 14th May. Our special guests were Mrs. Farley, Mrs. Sperling and Mrs. Tucker, and they and our members enjoyed a lovely tea and a beautiful birthday cake which was given most generously by Mrs. Farley.

I am delighted to report that Mrs. Allington has kindly offered to help with the future running of the Club.

Our next meeting is on 11th June at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, and we would be very happy to see any potential new members for a cup of tea and a chat. L. K.

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GET WELL SOON - to 10 year old Jane Hancock, who has been in hospital following a serious fall.

### HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Nurse Pepper is an avid reader of detective stories, and she is confronted with a few real mysteries when she takes up employment at "The House on the Cliff".

Our scenery designer has a few mysteries to solve too - how can he build a set containing a pathway down the cliff face, and a secret passage?

Find out on 9th, 10th or 11th July!

Important - we must ask you to keep a secret, too - please don't reveal the ending of the play to your friends until after the Saturday night performance.

A. M.

### MEDITATION

Perhaps this word may suggest to some people 'Transcendental Meditation', which they have heard about or seen advertised, so let me say at once that this is certainly not what I am writing about or shall consider in the Meditation Workshop on 6th July. No, the Church has her own traditional methods of Christian meditation, and to those of us who have long been accustomed to 'making our meditation' it seems strange that some Church people seem never to have heard of this exercise. It is true that some forms of meditation, when we read about them in books, seem very difficult and complicated, but this is largely because it is often more difficult to describe how to do something than it is to do it, and in practice meditation should be marked by simplicity. It is by meditating that we learn to meditate.

Meditation has well been described as 'chewing the cud after grazing in the green pastures of God's Word', or as thinking over with God some dogmatic or moral truth, or some passage of Holy Scripture. It will normally lead to effective prayer, and to the making of a resolution. We must allow the Holy Spirit to lead us into that method of meditation which is best suited to us. As a soul advances in the spiritual life, the meditation element in mental prayer usually tends to decrease, and the affective prayer element to increase. Indeed, there are some souls who seem to be called straightway to a higher form of mental prayer - affective prayer or contemplation -

without the preliminary meditation.

In the workshop I shall first give a little talk about Meditation and Mental Prayer, then lead a kind of conducted meditation with silences, and finally give an opportunity for questions or discussion. It will not, I think, be too difficult or advanced for the newly confirmed, if they like to attend. The workshop is on Monday, 6th July, at 7.30 p.m. in the Church.

F. R. MACKLEY.

### 2028 (Southam) SQUADRON A. T. C.

Resulting from cuts in defence expenditure, the Southam A. T. C. Squadron is threatened with closure unless more Cadets, aged  $13\frac{3}{4}$  and above, join and make up what is considered a viable number. 2028(Southam)Squadron A. T. C. was formed during the Second World War and has operated in Southam ever since - however, should it close the facility will be permanently lost.

The Squadron meets twice a week at Wattons Lane on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. Tuesday night is the Parade Night when training is carried out covering drill, principles of flying, radio-telegraphy, map-reading and many other activities which one would associate with the R. A. F. Thursday night is more devoted to hobby activities, such a practising radio-telegraphy, modelmaking, etc.

From time to time, there is an opportunity for cadets to (a) go gliding at Little Rissington, (b) flying at R. A. F. Shorebury, (c) shooting .22 rifles at Kinton, shooting Lee and Enfield .303 rifles at Cosford and (d) attending annual camp at selective R. A. F. stations within the U. K. with the opportunity for a small number of cadets to attend camp in Germany, Cyprus and Gibraltar.

Other activities currently covered are model aircraft flying in the summer, all the year round orienteering, and the Squadron is also involved in certain Wing Activities, such as cross-country, five-a-side soccer, etc.; it participates in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, and entered for the first time last year a new activity which was the local Soap Box Derby at Long Itchington where it took first, second and third places in its class, and went on to enter the National

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Finally, it should be stated that all the instructors are qualified, several having had many years' service in the R. A. F., and once a probationer cadet has been accepted, a free uniform is issued to him.

Boys interested in joining this worthwhile activity should contact Mike Ellis at 11 The Beeches.

### THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AGM

Midge Keen wants it known that she did it right this time! It took two hours, but it was done properly! First the A. G. M. and the election of the Committee - then the Ordinary Meeting and the co-option of almost everyone else!

Since they discovered they had not been acting out the letter of the law as regards their Charity Deeds, the Committee has been at pains to do everything by the book, with all the correct village groups being represented on the Committee, which will again be chaired by Midge Keen, with Sue Andrews as secretary, Ken Clarke as treasurer, Mick Bingham as vice-chairman and Dick Picken as bookings secretary.

The Chairman thanked everyone who helped run the Hall, especially Mrs. Robbins who was having to resign as the caretaker. Costs, said Mrs. Keen, were rising, and the Committee was trying hard to keep its head above water. It was pointed out that two-thirds of the hiring fees are immediately swallowed up by the electricity costs. Income was static, but the Committee could improve its position by ensuring that charges for the Hall were paid promptly.

Sue Andrews reported that the Fund-Raising Committee had made about £100, and was to hold a 'Race Night' in the summer. Profits would go into a separate fund to pay for repairs. The Committee is bound by the Trust Deed to be self-sufficient, and so must cover the running costs by the hire charges. Bing Bingham had been investigating ways of improving the efficiency of the heating system, and of reducing the cost, but this would require the investment of capital the Committee did not have.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

### HARBURY SOCIETY

Introducing Harry Windsor's talk on Bells at our last meeting, Tim Millington said Bellringing is one of the most public of pursuits, yet to most people what goes on in the Belfry is a mystery.

Some of the mystery was unravelled for us by Harry, who covered the history of ringing, bell manufacture, and the art of change ringing, and he talked about the bells in Harbury Church and the two new ones they are about to acquire.

Harry then organised the assembled company to ring simple changes on the handbells, and the evening ended with a virtuoso performance on the handbells by the family Windsor.

The Society's future plans include the Mystery Tour on 16th June, and a Film Show on 17th September. L. R.

### HARBURY MORRIS DANCERS

Long Itchington has its Drum Majorettes, and Warwick a Corps of Drums, but this year Harbury will have its own troupe of girl Morris Dancers. There are 22 girls aged between 8 and 12 years, who have practised together weekly for the past two months to put on a short display on Carnival Day.

In this area, Morris Dancing is essentially a male preserve, but in Lancashire many villages have their own girl troupes who dance in competitions and for their annual 'Field Day'. The girls have worked hard, in a short space of time, to learn two dances for this year, but perhaps if the timing isn't perfect or someone gets lost in the routine, they can be forgiven for lack of experience, but at least it will provide 'something different' for June 20th.

The girls have been trained by two ex-Lancashire Morris Dancers, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Finch, who would like to thank all parents for their co-operation in dressing the troupe and also for their anticipated assistance in making the dreaded 'shakers'. C. F.

### CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Vivienne Aggett and Harry Windsor were unanimously re-elected Churchwardens at the Annual Meeting, held in a bitterly cold Church on the morning of the power cuts. Because of the Arctic conditions, the meeting was a somewhat hurried affair, but those present heard reports from the many groups affiliated to the Church - the Young Wives, the Mothers' Union, the Men's Group, the Harbury & Ladbroke News, the Bellringers, the Adventurers, the All Sorts. All had enjoyed a busy year, but most (and especially the Choir and the All Sorts) would welcome new members.

The accounts for last year showed that we had held our own, but rising costs (particularly the quota which we have to pay to the Diocese) will make more and better fund-raising essential in the future.

We were pleased to see that the increase in numbers attending services has been maintained. The Church is involved in the life of the village in very many ways (not least in producing the magazine you are now reading!) and we are pleased that more and more people are beginning to feel its effect in their personal lives too.

The Bishop has recently asked us (and all Parishes) what we are failing to do. We thought of lots of things - maybe you could add to our list. Come on - tell us - what do YOU think the Church in Harbury ought to be doing?

DMH.

### HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, MAY

Ballooning generates a lot of hot air. It is a pre-requisite, and in Harbury a consequence, of a successful flight. Indeed, when the latest balloon took off from the Playing Fields the air turned BLUE. "We were soundly abused", said David Winter.

Seeking to uphold the Parish Council's authority and to safeguard the village's children, three intrepid councillors - Winter, Hancock and Hannay, remonstrated with the enthusiasts. As a result the P. C. received a letter from Warwick Balloons, indignantly complaining that three people claiming to be Parish Councillors tried to prevent the launch, for which permission had been given. For the balloonists, Mrs. Maze denied there had been any danger to the public, and said they had quoted for an appearance at the Carnival but may not perform if permission

was withdrawn. The PC hotly (sorry!) deny that they ever gave permission for Hot Air Balloons to use the Playing Fields. The only official launch was at the Jubilee Carnival, and this year's Carnival Committee had decided that the quote of £150 was too expensive. The area round the balloon had not been roped off and injury could have been caused if the balloon had collapsed or moved off suddenly. The enthusiasts' vehicles were driving dangerously on the field, which is not allowed, and the Clerk was instructed to point this out and to reiterate that the Parish Council would not allow balloons on their Field!

Having dealt with the exciting bit, the much depleted Council struggled on with the complexities of the new sub-committee structure introduced by Cllr. Hannay (who was on holiday!). "Where are Village Greens?" "Under Highways". "Do buses come under Highways?" asked David Winter. "No - Unclassified". "You've missed them!" Super! Bruce.

On the topic of Highways, it seems David has counted at least three buses this holiday going the wrong way down Farm St. "It must be confusing for people trying to work out the new route" he complained. Waymarking, he reported, would continue WHEN the rain let up. Wood had been purchased for repairs to 10 stiles and 2 bridges on the field footpaths, and the Parish Council would look into the possibility of making minor diversions to SM63 and SM64 for no-one is sure where they should go.

Planning - the PC will point out to Stratford District Council that the extension at 31 Mill Street, for which permission has just been requested is already built, and in unsuitable materials too. What, they asked, happened to Building Inspections if there was no Planning Permission?

Deppers - Mrs. Catterall was not present to represent the ward.

Finance - the Chairman was pleased with the report at the

Annual Parish Meeting (a report of which follows), but revealed that, if it was translated into County terms, the surplus Mike Ellis had amassed would top the £1½ million mark! Think what we could do with that!

Next meeting - 25th June, 7.30p.m. in the Farley Room of the Village Hall.  
LINDA RIDGLEY.

### REPORT ON THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

There were few awkward questions for Major Kettle to answer at the Annual Parish Meeting, as there were few members of the public, awkward or otherwise, to ask them. Are you apathetic, or supremely confident in your Council?

Major Kettle praised the layout of the new Rate Demand form, which had the dubious virtue of 'giving the public a much better idea of how the money is spent, and on what'.

Although the Conservatives were not in overall control, he was sure the County Council would function and in a 'responsible caring, efficient and economic way', for it was the prime duty of all the elected members to make sure services were run properly and at a proper cost.

Mike Ellis asked could not WCC's representative on the Severn Trent Water Authority do something to bring 'this monstrous organisation to public accountability', but Major Kettle said there was no 'community of interest' between the elected members. It could only be dealt with by government intervention.

In his report, Iory Davies stressed the heavy expense of re-surfacing the Tennis Courts, and the constant battle against inflation. He praised the efforts of 'our very able Finance Councillor, Mike Ellis', in keeping down the rate rise. He thanked everyone who had helped to make the village neat and tidy in preparation for the Best Kept Village Competition. Vandalism was increasing, although not so much as in other villages, and he urged parishioners to report anyone seen damaging property.

The Allotments Report praised the high standard of husbandry there. Also, efforts were being made to improve the appearance of the neglected graves in the Burial Grounds. Relatives were being contacted so that kerbstones could be

removed, and graves levelled, to facilitate maintenance. Charges had been increased this year in line with inflation but were still lower than average. John Drinkwater complained that very little maintenance and repairs of the roads and footways had been done: lack of finance was blamed. Using volunteer labour from Community Industries, the PC was repairing Field Footpaths, and would be reimbursed by WCC. The waymarking scheme would be completed by the Autumn.

The rising cost of electricity meant Footway Lighting was a large slice of the annual expenditure. The one new light in Chapel Street cost £300. Villagers should let the PC know if they noticed a faulty light.

The introduction of fees after April had precipitated the recent flurry of Planning Applications. Two for estates had been submitted, one at Honiwell Close/Farm Street being approved at Appeal by the Dept. of Environment, despite both Parish and District Council objections, and the other at the Spinney had been recently refused by the District on the grounds that it was contrary to the Structure Plan, and a loss of amenity and open space which could cause a progressive erosion of the calibre of the area.

The Finance Chairman, Mike Ellis, admitted funds were too high. He blamed this on his cautious budgetting, the early payment of double rating relief and lower expenditure on repairs. He proposed to carry the surplus forward to 'stabilise the rates'. There was money set aside in 'sinking funds' for tennis court and village hall repairs, and this could be called upon as and when it was needed.

Ted Coupe, new Chairman of the Recreation Ground Cttee, reported a continuing policy of enhancing the appearance of the fields. Trees had been planted and a junior playslide was to be erected. The 'wandering' goalposts had been finally put to rest, and the tennis courts re-surfaced and marked out for use by both tennis and netball players.

The Village Hall was only just making ends meet, and

had yet to find someone to replace Mrs. Robbins as caretaker. Sue Andrews appealed to everyone to support its fund-raising activities.

John Hunt moved a vote of thanks, and made a request that the minutes of the previous meeting be circulated. next year, to save the Clerk's voice!

LINDA RIDGLEY.

### FLOWER ARRANGING

A course of three weekly lessons in flower arranging is being held at 31 Manor Orchard, on Tuesdays from 10a. m. to 12 noon. The dates are 2nd, 9th and 16th June.

You are asked to bring secateurs, oasis, a container, flowers and foliage, and you will be welcome to attend any or all the lessons.

K. P.

### COUNCIL FOR THE DISABLED

June 6th to 13th is Southam and District's special week to mark the International Year of Disabled People. We are running trips for disabled people to the Disabled Drivers' Rally at Silverstone on 7th June, and to the Superstars event at Coventry Sports Centre on the 11th. There will also be a social evening at Wattons Lodge on June 10th, at which entertainment will be provided by Southam Players. Social Services are running a Voluntary Group Convention at Southam Youth Centre on 9th June. This will be a chance for the public to see the work carried on by voluntary organisations.

Our project for this year is the setting up of a transport fund with which we hope eventually to buy a mini-bus. A number of organisations have promised to hold fund-raising events for us, including a Clay Pigeon Shoot on 6th June, run by Dovehouse Autos at Hill Farm, Ufton, from noon to 5 p.m. Harbury Horticultural Society have decided that they will donate a proportion of the proceeds from this year's Open Gardens Day on 18th July, and we have already received a donation as a result of Harbury Mothers' Union coffee morning. In answer to letters distributed throughout the district, we have already had promises of further help, and have received a number of donations. However, we have inevitably missed some businesses and organisations from our list, and we would be glad to hear from them or from any individual who can help us, either with

fund-raising or by publicising the achievements and problems of the disabled. For example, Mr. Marshall of the Salvation Army is putting together a collection of slides which will show just how much disabled people are capable of doing. We would appreciate any events held on our behalf, not only as fund-raisers, but also publicising the Year of the Disabled - there are still seven months to go!

We initially asked for help with a fete on 13th June, but this proved to be such a busy weekend in the district that the fete will now be held at Southam Recreation Ground on 19th September. We are only a small committee, and we do need volunteers to take on stalls and sideshows. If you can assist us in any way, please contact me at 9 Heber Drive, telephone 613335.

P.S. When talking to a member of the Harbury News editorial team last month I made two points that are already out of date! Leamington Library is now accessible to the disabled because a new ramp has been built - and VAT has been removed from the car adaptations. I know that the magazine is widely read, and it is quite possible that it is compulsory reading at Shire Hall. But do they really take a copy at No. 11 Downing Street?

PAT TAYLOR.

### PLACES TO GO

#### 'THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE' or 'ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND...'

If you've got three weeks to spare, and plentiful supplies of iron rations, why not try the Warwickshire Leisure Drive? There are lots of signs around - all you have to do is follow them, and you'll discover parts the other routes don't reach. (If you go in a clockwise direction, as the Tourist Office leaflet tells you to, you'll find the signs all point the other way.)

Any gamblers in your party will enjoy the trip - many of the signs are so positioned that you've only a 50-50 chance of selecting the correct route, so a fairly profitable 'book' could be run on the back seat. Best not try to involve the driver in this - he'll be totally absorbed in working out the

cost of the extra petrol he's using turning round and going back to see if that last sign really did point into this field.

The complete drive (not counting getting lost) is 68 miles, and takes in Chesterton, Windmill, Stoneleigh Abbey, Kenilworth Castle, Baddesley Clinton, Packwood House, Henley in Arden Guildhall and Bird Gardens, Mary Arden's house at Wilmcote and Charlecote Park. The Tourist Office leaflet tells you a bit about each place, and also about interesting detours you can easily make to see, for example, the Pleck Gardens and Oversley Wood.

Definitely a good idea for a pleasant full or half day's outing, but I wouldn't recommend you to attempt it without the map in the leaflet (as well as the iron rations mentioned earlier). Because the route passes through Preston Bagot (otherwise known as Warwickshire's own Bermuda Triangle), and there the signs STOP! Rumour has it that on dark nights cars with ghostly drivers can be seen going round and round in circles in a desperate and eternal search for the next sign, with pitiful wails of "When can we go home, Daddy?" emanating from the back seats.

If the pioneering spirit of Livingstone and Blashford-Snell beats within your breast, you may decide to throw caution to the winds and go on the Leisure Drive. If you do, and you find the sign in Preston Bagot, please will you let us know where it points to, so we can go and get our reporter back?

D. M. H.

### UFTON FIELDS NATURE RESERVE

On Sunday 21st June, 1981, the Warwickshire Nature Conservation Trust will be holding an Open Day at Ufton Fields Nature Reserve. Everyone is welcome to come along and walk round this attractive reserve. There will be guides at various points around the reserve explaining features of particular interest. The complete walk takes between one and two hours, and visitors intending to follow that footpath are advised to wear wellingtons or strong boots.

For the less energetic, a shorter walk will be marked out and a new display will be on view, explaining the role of

the Warwickshire Nature Conservation Trust in caring for the countryside.

Entrance to the reserve is at the stile in Harbury Lane, Ufton, and there will be plenty of free parking space in the vicinity. Light refreshments will be available, and there will be space for people to picnic. The reserve will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

JIM HAINES.

### "SPOT THE DIFFERENCE" COMPETITION

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There is an Adult's prize, and a children's prize, and this is all you have to do -

Children: Spot the difference between the details on the front cover of Harbury & Ladbroke News for April, May or June, 1981 against the front cover of issues in the year before that, i.e. April 1980 to March 1981. Some details or names have been added, some altered or moved. List all these differences on a sheet of paper, and then complete the following sentence - "I read Harbury and Ladbroke News because.....". Add your name, address, age and chest size to your entry.

Adults: Spot the difference in our advertisements on the cover page or inside coloured pages in the April, May or June, 1981, issues, against issues in the year before then i.e. April 1980 to March 1981. List on a sheet of paper

(a) the new advertisers

(b) the advertisements in both years' issues that have had their contents or details changed, and what those changes are. Then complete the following sentence - "I value Harbury and Ladbroke News because.....". Add your name, address and chest size.

Send or deliver your entries by 21st June to 15 Wagstaffe Close, Harbury. The results will be published in the next issue of the magazine.

Please note: The judges' decision will be final, and no correspondence concerning it will be entered into. Members of the Committee of the Harbury & Ladbroke News and their families are excluded from entering this competition.

Good Spotting!

### TO PARENTS WITH YOUNG BOYS.....

I thought it would be a nice idea to send to less fortunate boys in the world than our own a parcel of discarded football clothing.

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### IN THE GARDEN

June should be a month for hoeing, and looking forward to a few early potatoes, but with such a wet May a large number of vegetables have not even been planted. Don't despair - many plants will catch up even planted in June, in some cases passing those which were starved of sunshine. Plant runner beans, dwarf French beans, Peas, Beetroot, Lettuce, Brussel Sprouts, Radish, Carrots, Summer Cabbage, Spinach, Marrows and outdoor Tomatoes, also Sweetcorn and Ridge Cucumbers.

I should remind you that the Open Gardens Day is 18th July, 2pm to 7pm, tickets 50p per person or £1 family ticket. This is a wonderful chance to see what our local gardeners can do, and the proceeds will be divided between the Horticultural Society, the Church, and the Disabled.

W.F. LINES.

### HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The May meeting received an introduction to Cacti and Succulents from Mr. Bill Keen, which illustrated the great variety of the subject, and showed why many people grow nothing else.

The next main event is the Garden Walkabout on Saturday 18th July - please tell your friends!

If you wish to join the visit to Notcutts Garden Centre on 9th June, will you please let me know as soon as possible.

TONY BRUNTON, 612191.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION came to Harbury on Sunday May 31st. Led by the Leamington Silver Band they marched in procession from the Village Hall to the Church for an impressive and moving service, and Mike Bloxham's photo shows George Lines, who served in the Coldstream Guards, proudly leading the parade.



### CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

On behalf of all the members of the Golden Age, we wish to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Knighton and all the workers for the lovely Birthday Tea. A special thank you to Mrs. Farley for the beautiful cake provided.

Also, a mention to Mrs. Enefer, whose flower arrangements on the tables did her proud.

Well done, and thank you.

MRS. CONSTANCE MANN.

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Saturday June 6th, 1981,,

-at Harbury Village Hall.

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