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1981 is the 'Year of the Disabled'. Harbury & Ladbroke News hope to include items on this theme over the next few months. This edition includes an inserted letter with a practical suggestion for some very necessary individual help. We hope that readers will feel that this is a worthwhile project. It certainly deserves support.

The Harbury buses are in the news again. Why doesn't Ladbroke ever have bus problems? - next stop Oxford or Coventry. Harbury is to lose its Sunday service completely, and the Parish Council has apparently not been consulted. The weekday services are to be re-routed. Nobody has yet checked to make sure that this time the new routes are explained to the drivers as well as to passengers. The details of the new routes will be available very shortly.

Scouts and Guides continue to flourish in Harbury. Few other villages have such thriving units. Mike Bloxham took this photograph of a Cub 'fry-up' on a recent damp and foggy day. From the left, they are Christopher Ottewill, Ian Wright, Timothy Tyler, Martin Boag and Nicholas Ball.



HARBURY DIARY

MARCH 1981

- Sun. 1st ST. DAVID'S DAY. QUINQUAGESIMA. 8a.m.
Holy Eucharist, 10a.m. Sung Eucharist with
Confirmation by the Bishop of Warwick. 3.30pm
Evensong.
7p.m., All Saints' All Sorts, 11 Constance Drive.
All young people welcome, especially those
recently confirmed.
- Mon. 2nd NO Upholstery classes.
- Tues. 3rd SHROVE TUESDAY. Action Research Pancake
Race and Craft Sale, 10.15a.m., Wight School.
Horticultural Society, 8p.m. Wight School.
Scouts' Pancake Race, 8p.m., Scout Hut.
Bible Study, 8p.m., 3 Manor Orchard.
- Wed. 4th ASH WEDNESDAY. 9a.m. Mattins, Litany and
Commination. 9.45a.m. Ashes and Holy
Communion. 6p.m. Evensong (said). 7.30pm,
Ashes and Holy Eucharist with Hymns and
Address.
M.U. at Old Timbers, Ivy Lane, 2.30 p.m. - talk
on Safety by Di Parkin.
Toy Jumble Sale in aid of Myton Hospice Appeal,
1.30 - 3.30 p.m., Wight School (see advert)
NO Scouts meeting today.
- Thurs. 5th W.I. Bamix Demonstration (Open Meeting) 7.45pm
in the Village Hall.
Church Men's Group, 7.45 p.m.
- Fri. 6th Labour Party A.G.M.
- Sat. 7th Theatre Workshop, 2 - 5 p.m., Wight School.
NO Catholic Children's Religious Instruction at
the Wight School today.
- Sun. 8th FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist.
10a.m. Sung Eucharist. 3.30p.m. Evensong.
6.30p.m. Youth Service, with speaker from the
Tear Fund, the Rev. Graham Pestridge.
- Mon. 9th School, Toddlers and Playgroup re-start.
- Tues. 10th Playing Fields Committee meeting, Village Hall.
Prayer Group, 8 p.m.

- Wed. 11th NSPCC Coffee Morning, 10.30 - 12, Hill Cottage,
Farm Street.
Coffee Morning in aid of Anne Day Scanner Appeal,
10.30, followed by Ploughman's Lunches, at
31 Manor Orchard.
- Thurs. 12th Golden Age, 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.
Girls' Club in the Village Hall.
- Fri. 13th Youth Club Disco at the Village Hall.
- Sat. 14th Church Spring Cleaning - all volunteers welcome,
from 9a.m. onwards.
Youth Theatre Workshop, 2 - 5, Wight School.
- Sun. 15th SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist.
10a.m. Sung Eucharist. 3.30p.m. Evensong.
All Saints' All Sorts, 7p.m. Constance Drive.
- Tues. 17th ST. PATRICK'S DAY.
Tufty Club, 2.15p.m., Wight School.
Bible Study, 8p.m. 16 Dovehouse Lane.
- Wed. 18th 11a.m. Church of England Children's Society
Centenary Service of Thanksgiving in Coventry
Cathedral.
- Thurs. 19th Girls' Club, Village Hall.
- Sat. 21st PTA Spring Disco in School, with KC Disco.
Youth Theatre Workshop, 2 - 5, Wight School.
Theatre Group Jumble Sale, Village Hall.
Youth Disco, organised by Netball Club for under
15s, at the Village Hall.
- Sun. 22nd Summer Time begins - CLOCKS FORWARD.
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist.
10a.m. Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism.
6.30 p.m. Evensong - note changed time.
- Tues. 24th PCC Meeting, 8 p.m., Wight School.
Young Wives, 2p.m., Village Hall.
Village Hall Committee, 8p.m., Village Hall.
- Thurs. 26th Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
Girls' Club, Village Hall.
Parish Council, 7.30p.m., Village Hall.
- Sat. 28th Youth Theatre Workshop, 2-5, Wight School.
ALL ARTICLES TO EDITORS FOR APRIL HARBURY
AND LADBROKE NEWS BY TODAY.

Sun. 29th MOTHERING SUNDAY. FOURTH SUNDAY IN
LENT. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m. Sung
Eucharist with Mothering Sunday cards. 6.30pm,
Evensong.

All Saints' All Sorts, 7.30p.m., 11 Constance
Drive. (please note time change)

Mon. 30th Harbury Society AGM, 8p.m., Shakespeare Inn.

Tues. 31st Prayer Group, 8 p.m.

APRIL

Wed. 1st PTA Maths Workshop, 8 p.m. School.

MU, Old Timbers, Ivy Lane, 2.30 p.m.

Thurs. 2nd W.I. Village Hall, 7.45 p.m. - Corn Dollies
and Straw Work by Mrs. A. Renfrew.

Girls' Club, Village Hall.

Church Men's Group, 7.45 p.m.

Sun. 5th FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT. PASSION SUNDAY.
8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m. Sung Eucharist.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.

Tues. 7th Bible Study, 8p.m. 26 Binswood End.

Thurs. 9th Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.

Girls' Club, Village Hall.

Fri. 10th Children's Disco, run by Village Hall Committee,
at the Village Hall.

Tues. 14th School breaks up.

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

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

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

UPHOLSTERY, Wight School, 2 - 4 p.m. every Monday.

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

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

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

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

PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings.

TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, Mon. a.m. & Wed. p.m.

NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tues. to Friday mornings.

BROWNIES, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m. every Tuesday.

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

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45 p.m. Tues(1st troop), Wed (2nd troop)
YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 8 - 10 p.m., Wednesdays.
BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2p.m., 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.
WEIGHTAWAY, Wight School, 8 p.m. Wednesdays
GOLDEN AGE, Village Hall, 2.30p.m., 2nd & 4th Thursdays.
VENTURE SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 8 p.m. every Thursday.
POP - IN, Village Hall, 1.30 to 3.30p.m. every Friday.
CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30p.m. every Friday.
THEATRE WORKSHOP, Wight School, 2 to 5,

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.

N.B. THE ADDRESS FOR THE WIGHT SCHOOL KEY IS
NO. 5 PARK LANE, not No. 3.

THE VICAR' LETTER

My dear friends,

A list of the Deanery Wednesday evening Lenten services will be found on another page. They begin on 11th March (the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday), and this year the address will be given by laymen on the general subject "My Faith and My Work". I hope that a good number of us from this parish will attend them.

Our Ash Wednesday services include two celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, at 9.45 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. - at both of which, this year, I hope to have the simple and meaningful little ceremony of the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes.

On 22nd March (the 3rd Sunday in Lent) British Summer Time begins, and on this (and the following) Sundays our Evensong will again be at 6.30 p.m., and not at 3.30p.m.

On 29th March at the 10a.m. Family Eucharist, the children will receive Mothering Sunday cards to present to their mothers.

So far I have received the names of ten people who would like to go to the service of thanksgiving in Coventry Cathedral at 11 am. on Wednesday 18th March, on the occasion of the

Centenary of the Church of England Children's Society. If any others would like to go, please let me know at once so that I can ask for the requisite number of reserved seats.

We congratulate Mr. Tom Hauley on his wonderful record of having wound the Church clock every day for 41 years, and we do thank him. We are sorry that he now feels he must pass on the job to someone else, but we rejoice that he still sings in the Church choir twice every Sunday, where his voice is very much appreciated.

We are sorry to hear of the death at Harrogate of Mrs. Andrews. Many will remember her as a good teacher at Harbury School, and then (when it first opened) at Southam High School, and as a kind and warm-hearted friend. We remember her in prayer before God, and we extend our sympathy to Mr. Andrews and their two sons.

I close this letter with a quotation - the opening words of that wonderful book "A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life" by William Law:

"Devotion is neither private nor public prayer; but prayers, whether private or public, are particular parts or instances of devotion. Devotion signifies a life given, or devoted, to God. He therefore is the devout man, who lives no longer to his own will, or the way and spirit of the world, but to the sole will of God; who considers God in everything; who serves God in everything; who makes all the parts of his common life parts of piety, by doing every thing in the Name of God, and under such rules as are conformable to His Glory".

With prayers for a good and profitable Lent,

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

HOLY BAPTISM

February 1st, Claire Elizabeth Haggitt, 19 Manor Orchard.

February 15th, Matthew Thomas Allcock, 6 Heber Drive.

From the Churchwardens

On Saturday, 14th March, we're having a major spring clean in Church. The new lighting not only enables us to see our books, and shows up the roof most beautifully, but it also shows up the cobwebs and dust of ages, particularly on the beams. Our regular team of 'dusters' and 'polishers', who keep the Church so beautifully all the year round, obviously cannot reach these high and inaccessible places, so we should welcome help from 9 a.m. onwards - particularly from those with a head for heights! The loan of additional LONG ladders would also be appreciated, and it would be an advantage if helpers would bring cloths, soft hand-brushes, and long-handled brushes, if they have them.

It is particularly appropriate that the Church spring-clean should take place during Lent, which is an ideal time for a spring-clean in our own lives. It's easy to think of Lent as a time for giving up something (sweets, sticky buns, alcohol or whatever) but it can also be a time for reviewing our Christian lives, and perhaps taking a new step in faith. It's a good time for establishing a new habit - maybe taking more time for prayer and Bible study, maybe attending the Wednesday Lent services throughout the Deanery, or the Tuesday night Prayer Group or Bible Study (we say 'or' - why not 'and' !). Some members of the Church like to make a point of getting up a bit earlier in the morning and sharing in an early celebration of the Holy Communion. If we do decide to give something up for Lent, it's a good idea to give any money saved to some Christian organisation. Boxes are available from the back of the Church for Lenten offerings for ACS - the Additional Curates Society. The money from these boxes will go towards the training and support of young clergy and their families. It isn't quite like one small child's explanation of his Lent ACS box - "We're saving up to buy a Curate" - but it's something like that. Another organisation for which we're making particular efforts at the moment is Tear Fund, and support for our missionary commitment is also appreciated. If you don't usually come to Church, why not take the plunge during Lent. You'd be made very welcome. Come and try it!

SOUTHAM DEANERY LENT SERVICES, 1981

The services will take place at 7.45p.m. in various Churches of the Deanery, and will last about 45 minutes. Coffee will be served after the service, and it is hoped there will be a chance to ask questions. The five speakers, all laymen, hold responsible positions in their respective spheres. Please pray for them, for yourself, and for the life of our Deanery.

March 11th at Stockton Church. Dr. T. W. Backhouse,
Consultant Radiotherapist, Coventry & Warneford
Hospitals.

March 18th at Hunningham Church. Mr. R. H. Wilson,
Headmaster, Bishops Tachbrook C.E. Combined
School.

March 25th at Priors Hardwick Church. Mr. D. J.
Dumbleton, Diocesan Registrar and Legal
Secretary to the Bishop of Coventry.

April 1st at Long Itchington Church. Mr. R. W. Lewin,
Credit Controller, Lunn Poly Ltd.

April 8th at Bishops Tachbrook Church. Mr. R. H. G.
Suggett, Principal, Warwickshire College of
Agriculture, Moreton Morrell.

CHURCH BELLS

We have been very fortunate in having two Church bells from a redundant Church allocated to us, to augment our present ring of six to eight. We shall, however, have to have them re-cast, to be in tune with our present bells, and also to provide a frame and fittings for them. The cost of re-casting is about £750 per bell, and the frame and fittings some £500 and £1,000 respectively. The Harbury Bellringers are at present negotiating to buy a second-hand frame for £60, which they will modify and install themselves, to defray this cost, and the ringers plan to assemble the fittings and hang the bells to save further expense, although there will be a consultant's fee payable to the Bellfounders for assistance with the design.

The bells will be on view in the Church on Sunday, 8th March, when we appeal to those interested to support this project.

Apart from the obvious function, the bells provide added interest and opportunity for service particularly to the youth of the Church, our present team consisting of some 24 ringers, at least half of which are teenagers.

If you would like to be associated with this project, either practically or financially, please contact the Vicar or the Churchwardens.

MR. TOM HAULEY

You may have read in the 'Courier' that Mr. Tom Hauley has decided to relinquish the job of winding the Church clock - a task he has performed daily for the last 41 years. The Harbury and Ladbroke News would like to add its congratulations to the many already expressed to Mr. Hauley on this wonderful record, and our gratitude for the amenity of the clock which is always reliably on time. The clock is about 200 years old, and we understand it cost 18 shillings (90p) when new!

ALL SAINTS' ALL SORTS

Several members are being confirmed on 1st March, and we congratulate them on becoming full members of the Church. We decided on that day to invite a speaker to All Sorts, and we hope that all those who have been confirmed in the past few years will join us for that meeting to listen to the Rev. Andrew Dow from Leamington. We're counting on his making some of his train noises, but we're sure he'll have a message for us as well.

We're having another Youth Service on the following Sunday, 8th March, at 6.30 p.m., and hope a lot of people (young and not-so-young) will be there. We'll be thinking about young people and the Third World, and have a speaker from Tear Fund, for whom a collection will be taken. There will be coffee after the Service. Do come.

LADBROKE NEWS

Services etc. for March and early April

Sunday, 1st March - Quinquagesima (S. David). 8.30a.m. Holy

Communion. 11a.m. Matins - Mr. J. P. Soden.

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

- Thursday, 5th March - 7.45 p.m., Men's Group at Harbury.
- Sunday, 8th March - LENT I - 11 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns and Sermon. 3.30 p.m. Evensong.
- Monday, 9th March - 7.30 p.m. Parochial Church Council meeting in Church.
- Wednesday, 11th March - 3 p.m. Women's Fellowship in Church and afterwards at 4 Bridge Lane.
7.45 p.m., Deanery Lenten Service at Stockton, speaker, Dr. T. W. Backhouse.
- Thursday, 12th March - 7.45 p.m., Deanery Synod at Southam.
- Sunday, 15th March - LENT II - 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Matins.
- Tuesday, 17th March - 7.30 p.m. Alibone Trustees at the Old Rectory.
- Wednesday, 18th March - Deanery Lenten Service at Hunningham, 7.45 p.m. Speaker R. H. Wilson.
- Sunday, 22nd March - LENT III. 11 am. Holy Communion with Hymns and Sermon. 3.30 p.m. Evensong.
- Monday, 23rd March - 7.30 p.m. ANNUAL VESTRY FOR ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL GENERAL MEETING in the Village Hall, Ladbroke.
- Wednesday, 25th March - Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
7.45 p.m. Deanery Lenten Service at Priors Hardwick. Speaker, Mr. D. J. Dumbleton.
- Sunday, 29th March. LENT IV (Mothering Sunday). 11 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns. 3.30 p.m. Ecumenical Mothering Day Service. Posies for children and mothers. Speaker, Capt. P. J. Bush, of the Church Army.
- Wednesday 1st April - 7.45 p.m. Deanery Lenten Service at Long Itchington. Speaker Mr. R. W. Lewin.
- Thursday, 2nd April - 7.45 p.m. Men's Group at Harbury.
- Sunday, 5th April - LENT V (Passion Sunday) - 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Matins.
- Wednesday, 8th April - 3 p.m. Women's Fellowship in the Village Hall.
7.45 p.m. Deanery Lenten Service at Bishop's Tachbrook. Speaker, Mr. R. H. G. Suggett.

Sunday, 12th April - LENT VI (Palm Sunday) - 11 am. Holy Communion with Distribution of Palms, Hymns and Sermon. 6.30 p.m. Evensong (NOTE time).

Altar Flowers - 1st March, Mrs. Shaw. NO flowers in Lent.

Women's Fellowship We had a pleasant meeting at Hall Farm by kind invitation of Mrs. Winkfield. After discussing the subject of speakers, it was thought best to invite speakers when we meet at the Village Hall, and to make these 'open' meetings. On 11th March we meet at Church for Holy Communion and afterwards at 4 Bridge Lane, by invitation of Mrs. Edwards. We were glad to hear that Mrs. White is home from hospital, and hope she will continue to feel better. C.H.

We extend our sympathy to Doris and the family of John Frost, who died on 18th February. He had suffered a great deal of recent years, and had recently spent some weeks in the Warneford Hospital. He bore his pains with great courage. May he rest in peace. G.R.F.

Extract from the Register

Christian Burial - 23rd February, 1981 - John Frost.

Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I. On Wednesday, 11th February, the Tupperware Party was held at Mrs. Norgate's. The raffle and coffee made a total of £20 towards entertaining the patients from Hatton Hospital in the summer.

As the magazine goes to press before our meeting on 26th February, may I remind you that the speaker is Mrs. Barnes-Hughes "On the Road with Vogue", and then on 26th March Mr. Barby from Locke and England will talk on antiques. Bring along a small item and have it valued - you could be better off than you thought!

On the other hand, why not take all the items you don't need to the Jumble Sale to be held on Tuesday, 17th March, at 10.30 a.m. at the Welfare Centre, Southam, or to Mrs. Emus, The Old Rectory House, Ladbroke, before that date. Take a break from your market shopping and come along to the Jumble Sale. There will be coffee, refreshments and a home-made cake stall.

J.F.

Ladbroke Village Hall Affairs The Village Hall Committee held a most successful dance in the Hall on Valentine's Day. Once again dancing was to that excellent Birmingham group, 'Chug-a-Lug', whose energetic playing soon got everyone warmed up, on what was a very cold February night. The Committee would like to thank those who donated such generous prizes for the raffle, and of course all those who helped on the night.

The next event will be a 'Chicken and Chips' Disco in April - full details to be released next month!

Clive Sutton, who lives in Ladbroke Hall, has been on a sponsored slim in aid of Village Hall funds. He has made a superb effort - many thanks, and well done, Clive!

Finally..... I have had a very interesting letter from your former Ladbroke correspondent, Mif Warr, in Singapore. She is living on the 18th floor of a very modern block of apartments, thirty floors high - "with the most fantastic view from all the windows over the port of Singapore - a view I could look at forever, constantly changing, with big and small boats chugging around, sometimes in sunshine, sometimes a thunder storm with great grey clouds rolling over the sea" - it all sounds a long way from Ladbroke! Anyway, she hopes to join her husband in Kampuchea in the summer, and has asked me to wish you all a belated 'Happy New Year'.

P.S. There has been a most disappointing response to the Women's Fellowship fund-raising Knitting Scheme - please support this worthwhile cause. Details are to be found on the advertising page of the magazine. K. L.

HARBURY SCHOOL

Mr. Oliver has unfortunately been ill for several weeks, but we are pleased to report that he is now convalescent and will be back after the two-week half-term holiday. His prolonged absence has obviously meant a lot of extra work for Mr. Chapman, who will no doubt be glad it's half-term!

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FITTING ROOM

Parents' evenings were held on 16th and 18th February, and there were some interesting displays of work on view as well as an opportunity to discuss each child's progress with the teacher.

On the sporting front, the School is out of the "Cup". Playing against Cashmore Middle School in the Mid-Warwickshire Middle Schools' Cup, they lost 6-4.

In the Mid-Warwickshire Minor Boys' Cross-Country Championships, held at Priorsfield School, Adrian Thomas finished 2nd - an excellent performance. In the girls' event at the same venue, Rebecca Burnham was 9th. Rebecca and Adrian will now be members of the Mid-Warwickshire team at the County Championships in Rugby on 14th March.

HARBURY P. T. A.

"Books for Children", the PTA's February meeting, was introduced by Mrs. Marie Brown, Head of the First School, who explained the purpose of the Bookshop she and Mrs. Bishop had set up. Having copies of the books on display where they could be inspected and handled by the children was far better than mere descriptions of the books in a catalogue. The children could choose for themselves what they wanted to buy, and could save up for it by buying stamps with their pocket money.

The Bookshop was an extension of the School's policy of encouraging reading for pleasure. Parents, she said, should read to their children and converse with them as part of the process of preparing the child to read for itself. The School continued the process with exercises in hand/eye co-ordination and sorting and matching games. The 'Through the Rainbow' reading scheme was used at Harbury as the main reading book, but this was backed up with extension schemes which were designed to provoke the child's interest and supplementary schemes were used when the child reached a reading 'plateau' and needed books at a level he could read well, to boost his confidence and help him on to the next stage.

Mr. Sutton, the Primary Advisory Teacher, also spoke of the 'plateau' effect. Parents, he said, were often concerned about their child's seeming lack of progress, but it was a natural phenomenon which applied not only to reading but to all other aspects of learning. One had to be patient. Often with

reading, a child might struggle with his school book yet be engrossed in other types of literature - magazines, periodicals, poetry. It was peculiar that even children who were very good readers liked books such as Enid Blyton's, which were very simple and could be read by those less able.

In the PTA's '100 Club', the lucky winner was Mrs. S. Brown of Hall Lane, and she received £20.

We now look forward to the Cheese and Wine Disco on Saturday, 21st March, tickets for which will be available shortly.

R. J. H.

PS - to obtain your 1981 PTA Programme, please ring Chris Wilkins on 612506 or Bob Holding on 613330.

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

The freak weather conditions of last weekend meant the cancellation of both games, and in the previous week the 1st team game was postponed due to hard ground. There have been only 4 games played in February, and with a record of 3 out of 4 games won, the spirit of the Club is riding high. The 1st team has now risen to 2nd place in the League, and the Reserves are off the bottom at long last. The impressive goal-scoring form of Clive Coleman (2nd position in the League with 16 goals) and the spectacular saves of fellow policeman Allan Rogers have combined to give Harbury 1st team their best position for 10 years.

Several of the Club members have expressed an appreciation of the services of Trevor Betts, who regularly does a 120 mile round trip from Luton (an excellent Club record), and of the valued support of Reg Bloxham, Pete Sheasby and Bob Taylor, who are the Club's most ardent supporters.

Since the New Year, Allan Merrick and Frank Robbins have suffered injuries which have prevented them from playing, and Neil Humphreys has entered hospital for a minor operation. The Club wishes everyone a complete recovery, so that the teams can keep at full strength and CARRY ON WINNING!

Results

1st team - 1.2.81 - G.S. Sports v Harbury, won 3-2. (C. Coleman 1, J. Sheasby 1, C. Sheasby 1)
M.O.M. K. Wynne, T. Montague.

1st team - 8.2.81 - Harbury v Mickleton, won 3-2. (C. Coleman 3). M.O.M. A. Rogers.

Reserve team - 1.2.81 - Harbury Albion v St. Peters Celtic, lost 0-2. M.O.M. M. Hyde, I. Taylor.

Reserve team - 15.2.81 - Cubbington v Harbury, won 2-1. (K. Bloxham 1, R. Grinnell 1). M.O.M. G. Humphreys.

LADIES' NETBALL CLUB - YOUTH DISCO

Harbury Ladies' Netball Club wish to invite all youngsters of 15 years old and under to their Disco, which is being held at Harbury Village Hall on Saturday 21st March. Tickets are 40p, and refreshments will be available.

Parents, please help our Club and allow your children to come along. Get them to bring their friends - we're sure they will enjoy themselves!

Tickets from Lynne Badger of 21 South Parade, Geraldine Sheasby of 13 Dovehouse Lane, and Veronica Jessup of The Newsagents, Chapel Street, Bishop's Itchington.

WINDMILL SINGERS

This well-known local choir, which includes several members from Harbury, gave a most enjoyable concert in Harbury Church on Saturday, 21st February, with an extremely varied programme of both religious and secular music. Items by Bach and Tchaikovsky were interspersed with very modern pieces like "Jubilate Jazz" and "Cantate Domino", and additional atmosphere was created by some interesting lighting. The standard was consistently high throughout, Anne Moore's solos being especially appreciated, and Ken Nordon and his singers are to be congratulated.

After the interval, the group of young Harbury musicians who performed at last year's Harvest Supper played a selection from their repertoire, under the direction of Phillipa Whitaker - a delightful interlude.

At the end of the concert, Norman Painting thanked the artists for a splendid evening, and briefly explained that the money raised would be used by the Coventry and Warwickshire Historic Churches Trust in their work of restoration in local Churches.

D. M. H.

HARBURY GIRLS' CLUB

Our photograph shows the revellers at Harbury Girls' Club Valentine's Party. Most parents of girls aged 8 to 11 will know about the Club, which gives a lot of fun to the girls every Thursday evening in the Village Hall. It was founded last Autumn by Mrs. Rainbow and Mrs. Meditsky, and speaking as a parent of an enthusiastic member, I have been very impressed by their original ideas and enormous energy and enthusiasm. At the party shown on the picture, there were prizes for the best fancy dress on a Valentine theme, lots of games, and tea with a heart-shaped cake as the centrepiece.

S. H.

YOUTH CLUB - COFFEE BAR

We are fortunate to have the services of Dave Wallington and Wendy Knowles, to take over the Tuesday evening coffee bar at the Village Hall. There are some interesting plans brewing, so why not go along and find out for yourself? JM.

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BAYARD ACADEMY OF DANCING

We are just four weeks away from our musical show, 'The Princess and the Wizard'. This is a first for our Drama class members, to interpret a script in addition to their usual singing and dancing roles. There will be something for everyone in the show, which has five settings and a variety of costumes, and covers everything from the Good Fairy's ballet to the Disco-style finale.

'The Princess and the Wizard' will be produced at Southam Community Centre on Friday and Saturday, 27th and 28th March, at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets from Maggie Hoare, 39 Mill Street - Chris Wilkins, Orchard House, Hall Lane - Gill Carter, 2 Margaret Close - Jo Youd, 5 Honiwell Close - and Bayard Burford, 14 Park Lane. BB.

HARBURY W.I. NEWS

Our speaker for February was Mr. Nicholls, who gave a talk illustrated by slides on 'Round the World on a Cargo Boat'. His journey took him from Liverpool to New Zealand and back, a distance of 37,000 miles, in 11 months and 4 days.

We congratulate Miss Lodge on winning the area heat of the Scrabble competition; she will now go through to a county match.

The next meeting is a Bamix demonstration on Thursday, 5th March. Visitors are welcome.

Our speaker for April 2nd will be Mrs. Renfrew on 'Corn Dollies and Straw Work', and a skittles evening has been arranged at Chipping Campden on Saturday 2nd May.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

We would like to thank the Football Club very much for their generous gifts, which enabled us to have a very good 'lucky dip' with everyone getting a lovely prize. We also had a most enjoyable talk by a representative of the Citizens' Advice Bureau, about the work they do.

In the Rotary Club's 'Round the Villages' Knock-Out Whist Contest, we have reached the semi-finals, and wish our team well in their attempt to get through to the finals. L.K.

CRAFT EXHIBITION, 7th FEBRUARY

Thanks to all who supported the Arts and Crafts Exhibition when £20 was raised by the sale of teas and the raffle. This money will be shared between Action Research for the Crippled Child and P.H.A.B. (the Physically Handicapped and Able-Bodied Association).



Mike Bloxham's photo shows Pat Taylor and her daughter Helen with some of the toys that Pat made for the exhibition.

HARBURY VILLAGE HALL

Many years ago, i. e. 1962, Harbury Village Hall was opened, after a great deal of effort and fund-raising by a number of people, but with the support of the majority of the village, at a time when the village was expanding and forming a new community, for which Harbury has become well-known.

The present Management Committee owes the people of Harbury an apology! Since reading our 'Trust Deed' recently, we have found that the Committee should consist of 10 elected members, 8 co-opted members, and 6 representatives of organisations using the Hall (other representatives are entitled but no longer attend). The

Committee is also supposed to be approved by the Minister of Education. Over recent years, the Committee has consisted of the elected officers, a few elected members from the original Committee of 1962, and a representative of any organisation using the Hall who takes the trouble to come along. However, this has now all been rectified.

We have split the full Committee into three sub-committees to look after the main aspects of running the Hall. Ken Clarke will chair the Finance Committee, Mike Bingham will chair the Repairs and Maintenance Committee, and Sue Andrews will chair the Fund-Raising Committee. There will also be a Standing Committee made up of the five officers. Our A.G.M. will be on 28th April at 8 p.m. in the Farley Room.

The Finance and Fund-Raising Committees have a great deal to do in the near future to keep the bank balance in the black. We have had our electricity bill, which is over £700, and it hasn't been really cold yet! The Village Hall Trust is a charity, in no way supported by your rates, and is supposed to pay for itself by its hiring charges. We have recently heard moans and groans about our charges, but when faced with bills like this our prices are not enough. We know the heating system came out of the ark, but with no funds there is nothing we can do at the moment. Please would everyone be careful to switch everything off when they leave, except the main switch which operates the storage heaters.

Most people in the village must enjoy the facilities of the Hall in some way, either through the various children's activities, sporting functions or social gatherings, and I would ask you to support any fund-raising activities which will now be taking place. We hope to arrange a varied programme, but if you have any practical ideas please contact the Fund-Raising Committee, who are Gill Gurden, Peggy Middleton, Denis Andrews and Pat Bingham. I would like to thank those who have supported two small fund-raising functions held so far, namely a Pippa Dee Party and a Jumble Sale.

The Hall provides facilities which many villages lack, and is a good base for the community life on which Harbury has prided itself in the past. However, if it is to continue to serve the community, the Committee will need the support of that community.

SUE ANDREWS.

RECIPE - HUNGARIAN CABBAGE AND PASTA

(A splendid way to use up the end of any joint or left-over meat, when it is literally only ounces.)

Take 1 firm winter cabbage (size according to your family), and slice it fairly finely.

1 - 2 strips of broad Lasagne pasta per person.

Salt.

Butter or margarine - 1 teasp. to 1 tbsp. according to taste.

Black pepper.

4oz. (or what you have) of diced cooked meat.

Boil or steam the cabbage until soft but not mushy.

Cook the pasta in a separate pan.

Bring the water to the boil and add a few drops of oil - this helps to prevent the pasta sticking together. Break the pasta into 2" pieces and drop separately into the boiling water. Stir constantly.

When cooked, drain both cabbage and pasta, and mix well together in a ready warmed bowl or dish. Add the meat cut into neat pieces, and stir in the butter or margarine.

Sprinkle very generously with freshly ground black pepper, stir again and eat at once.

E.D. ZONIK.

HARBURY SOCIETY

At a cosy meeting in the Shakespeare lounge on 17th February, Dr. Winnifrith warned members of the Harbury Society of the dangers of promoting their village as a tourist attraction, and he promised that before he became a world famous novelist he would move elsewhere!

He took Howarth as his example of how an attractive village with literary connections had over the years become overrun with tourists and entrepreneurs. In the last decade or so, it had attracted so many visitors that new roads and car parks had had to be built to cope with the influx. New cafes, pubs and hotels sprang up and the original inhabitants were forced out by the spiralling property prices.

Howarth is, of course, the home of the Brontes who lived at the Parsonage. By the time they died their books had provoked a strong local interest in the village, and it became a literary shrine. The Bronte Society promoted this interest,

collecting memorabilia of the sisters and displaying it in a new wing built on to the Parsonage, but only since the vast increase in car ownership and the improvement of the roads has the tourism overwhelmed the village.

The new developments cater for the most vulgar elements; there are Bronte biscuits and liquers, and a Heathcliffe Cafe; but Dr. Winnifrith conceded that it would be elitist to deny the populace access to the village or to condemn people for making a living from the tourists.

It was obvious that very careful thought should be given to planning in such vastly popular areas to minimise the impact of such large numbers of people, but regrettably this had not been the case in the past.

Greece was another instance of an area of great attractions, previously under-developed, difficult and uncomfortable to explore, which was now being opened up to tourists. Dr. Winnifrith thought development there was too rapid, and with too little thought given to the consequences. The very villages the tourists came to see were being changed by their presence, and the peasant way of life destroyed.

Discussion followed on the origins of the Brontes (they came from Ireland); the possibility of undiscovered Bronte novels; the distinction between their lives (dull) and their stories (exciting); and on possible ways of limiting tourist numbers to reasonable proportions.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

ANNE DAY SCANNER APPEAL

There will be a Jewellery and Pippa Dee Coffee Morning in aid of this appeal on Wednesday, 11th March, at 10.30 a.m. at 31 Manor Orchard, Harbury, and afterwards Ploughman's Lunches will be available at 25p each.

Please come and support this worthwhile cause. Both companies will donate £1 per party booking gained on the day, and there will be a Raffle and a Bring & Buy table.

K.T.

COMPUTER CLUB

The first meeting of the Computer Club was held on 24th February, following the note in last month's magazine. Future meetings are planned - please contact Mike Meditsky for details. His telephone number is 612886.

JM.

TEAR FUND NEWS

On Sunday, 5th April, Kath Shortley, who is our local Tear Fund representative, and who runs the Tear Craft shop in Kenilworth called JUTERONOMY, will be interviewed for 'Songs of Praise' on television which will be coming from St. Nicholas Church, Kenilworth.

At our Youth Service on Sunday, 8th March, at 6.30 p.m. in Harbury Church, the theme will be 'Young Christians and the Third World', and the collection will go towards Tear Fund who do so much good work in that part of the world. The Rev. Graham Pestridge will give a talk, which I have been promised will be entertaining and will be particularly geared towards young people. Refreshments will be served after the service, and there will be time to speak to our visitor and to question him. DO COME ALONG - and those Young at Heart!

I see from reading the Tear Fund magazine, Tear Times, that Cliff Richard was presenting 10 Gospel Concerts this January and February in support of the Fund. Perhaps if I keep my eyes open and book early enough, a party of us could go from Harbury next year.

I was also very interested to read an article in the Tear Fund Times (let me know if you'd like to borrow it) about an Anglican Church Training Centre in Kigali, Ruanda, where local people are trained as mechanics, welders, carpenters, electricians, decorators, plumbers and typists, to enable them to help themselves. The article told of one of their instructors, Brendon Bowles, who gave up his doctorate in Mathematics to train as a carpenter, and so enable him to pass on his skills as a craftsman in woodwork to the unemployed in Ruanda. Only GOD can change a man's direction in life so drastically as that. PAM CLARKE, 612311.

MYTON HOSPICE APPEAL

The Coffee Morning which Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Docherty ran for the Myton Hospice Appeal made over £100, a splendid result. Raffle prizes were won by Mrs. Veit, Mrs. Middleton and Dr. Hancock.

L.R.

• PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

In the absence of our Parish Council correspondent, I have been asked to report this month's meeting. I regret I am unable to reproduce her knack of making our meetings sound so interesting, so will just give you a brief resumé.

Bus Services Details have been received from Midland Red of the re-routed service. It is not yet known when it will come into operation; new bus stops have appeared, but don't stand at them yet!

Crime and Vandalism Councillors expressed concern at the recent spate of burglaries, and one or two unpleasant incidents of vandalism. They were reassured by a report from P.C. Percival.

Warwickshire Association of Parish Councils A report was given of the Southam Area meeting at Bishops Itchington. A resolution was passed deploring the requirement on Parish Councils to match grants made by the Lottery.

Traffic Lights, Radford Road It was reported that the timing on these had been improved.

Burial Ground A list of neglected graves has now been prepared and the Burial Ground Committee will report on the best way to proceed with publicising these.

Highways Councillors Winter and Ellis will liaise on the purchase of timber to repair footpath stiles and footbridges. The manhole cover outside the library has been replaced, but so badly done that it is more dangerous than before. A complaint was sent. Mr. Birkbeck will advise on the cherry trees in Hall Lane.

Planning and Development Permission has been granted for a new house on the site of Holland House, Ivy Lane, with conversion of the existing house into a garage.

Deppers Bridge Hard-standing has been provided at the entrance to the playing fields where school children board their bus. Arrangements were made for the mowing of the playing field during the summer.

Village Playing Field The goal post was concreted in, but ripped out before the concrete had set! No decision was taken as to what is to be done with it. The tennis courts have been marked out for netball, and an agreement worked out with the Netball Club on their use. The new anti-dog notices are strike-bound in the Coventry City Engineer's workshops.

Next meeting, 26th March, 7.30p.m.

14.

Stop Press
Bus Services After the Parish Council meeting it was discovered that the small print of the communication from Midland Red stated their intention to withdraw totally the Sunday service, sometime in March. No prior warning of this was given to Councillors at their recent meeting with the Company. The Parish Council, whilst not denying that economies have to be made, object to the total withdrawal of a Sunday service and to the minimal level of consultation with the Council, by the Company and the County Council. If you use the 555 bus on a Sunday, or have strong feelings on the maintenance of a Sunday service, let your Parish Councillors know. Better still, write to the County Engineer at Shire Hall, Warwick, and OBJECT. M.S.H.

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So, fella in your gleaming company car, don't always blame the Woman Driver for her erraticism and eccentricity - it could be that rattle trap she drives!

My car blew up in the centre of Leamington in a huge cloud of smoke, causing shoppers to think World War III had started, but the mechanic said, "We can rebuild it"- THE SIX MILLION DOLLAR IMP! LINDA RIDGLEY.

WHAT'S ON

The Spa Centre is certainly offering a varied selection of music this month. On Saturday 7th March the Yetties present an evening of songs and music from the West Country. On

Sunday 8th March there is a concert of Dvorak music by the Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra. Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen are in concert on 13th March, and the Black and White Minstrels appear on 28th March. Also, the Leamington and Warwick Operatic Society present their Diamond Jubilee production 'Kismet' at the Spa Centre from 16th to 21st March.

The Welsh National Opera have established a great reputation, and they are at the Coventry Theatre for the week beginning 24th March. The programme includes 'The Marriage of Figaro' and 'Tosca'.

That curious entertainment 'Hinge and Bracket' are at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford, on March 6th and 7th. If you haven't seen them, they are two men who dress as elderly ladies who sing light opera and musical comedy songs. It's not for me, but lots of people love them.

Booking - Spa Centre, 9-34418

Coventry Theatre, 97-23141

Stratford, 993-292271.

M. S. H.

PROFILE

The subject of this month's profile is a large and familiar figure in the village - Louis Andrew Zonik.

Louis was born and brought up in Budapest, and came to England following the Hungarian uprising in 1956. His family owned restaurants and wine cellars in Budapest until these were commandeered when the Russians took over at the end of the war. At this time Louis was a young boy, and his father was in a POW camp. So making his own way was a talent learned at an early age.

At school, Louis was an eager student, gaining the equivalent of 10 'O' levels and 3 'A' levels. He then specialised in catering and at the time of the uprising was working in a state catering establishment. There he gave meals to some of the freedom fighters, and became involved in their cause; learned to use a machine gun, and fought with them.

A friend who was a policeman warned Louis that he was on the wanted list, and so he decided to escape to the West. He reached the Austrian border but was caught and imprisoned. Using initiative and some bribery, he escaped and got back to the border where he had to dodge Russian guards. In so doing, he was caught by two policemen. He got away again, and joined a group of escapees, and with them had to negotiate a minefield before

reaching freedom in Austria. Eventually, he reached Dover, owning only the clothes he stood up in, and speaking no English.

He immediately set about learning the language and was soon able to achieve basic communication.



From Dover he was moved to Bearly near Stratford, and helped with catering at the camp there. Before long he started a series of jobs in Stratford hotels, gradually improving his position. He found in Stratford friends amongst the students and policemen (hotel staff work unusual hours) and developed an excellent command of English and an interest in the arts and philosophy. He met and married Eleanor

in 1960, and they moved to Childyke, Mill Lane, once the coach house to Montgomery House. The cottage is an absorbing hobby, and many improvements have been made over the years. Amongst his other interests are photography, woodwork, boats, golf and lapidary.

Whilst working at the Blackdown Restaurant, Louis developed an interest in teaching catering. He is now well qualified, and is a City and Guilds Assessor based at Nuneaton. Still an eager student, he will shortly commence an Open University B.A. course.

One of his early friends in Harbury was the late Doug Gascoigne, who introduced him to the country life he now loves so much.

He has a great sense of fun, and values highly the freedom of life in Britain - probably more than those of us who take it for granted.

JOHN MOORE.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The meeting on 3rd February heard an illustrated talk on garden landscaping by landscape specialist Gordon Veitch of Notcutts Garden Centres. We also received an invitation to the Centre and Mr. Veitch's own garden - more of this later in the year.

The next meeting will be on 3rd March, when the speaker will be Colin Ward of the Warwickshire Nature Conservation Trust, on the subject of "Wildlife in the Garden".

This meeting will also be the A.G.M., and subscriptions for the coming year are payable. TONY BRUNTON.

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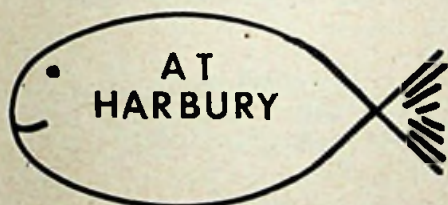
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