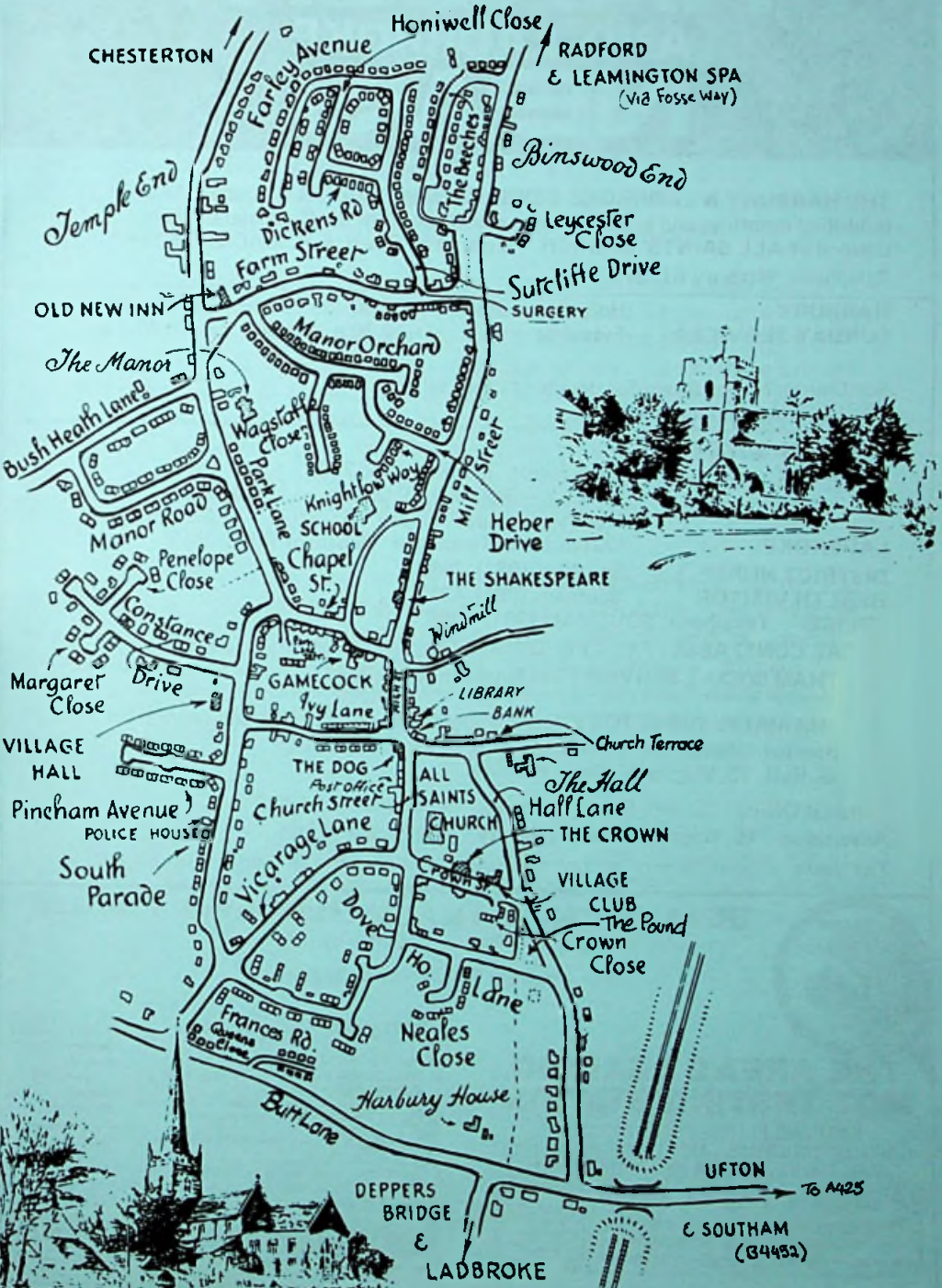


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Carnival Week is upon us! A whole host of activities, culminating in the Carnival and Fete and Grand Carnival Dance on Saturday 12th June, are planned by our Carnival Committee. Harbury Carnival Week and the Big Day itself are always highly enjoyable, and all are commended to join in the fun. Full details are in the official programme on sale now.

A recent article in the Leamington Courier suggested that 'newcomers' to our village are apathetic and patronising, and are attempting to turn Harbury into a town. This view is not shared by the Editorial Committee of this magazine. Whilst it is true that several committees are desperately short of members, a village which supports over 50 different organised activities can hardly be called apathetic. We would be interested in readers' views on this matter.

Long Term Diary - we have recommended several times that village organisations use the long term diary operated by Linda Ridgley. We found a good case for this as we compiled this issue - three organisations have planned similar major events on the same evening, and obviously all three will suffer from a lack of support which could have been prevented.

One of our village shops will shortly be disappearing - Pat and Peter Hunt are closing their business in Chapel Street. Happily they are staying in Harbury, but their friendly service will be greatly missed by many, and we wish them well in their future plans.

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June 1982

Sun. 6th

Trinity Sunday. 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Procession. 6.30 p.m. Evensong & Procession
Carnival Tennis Tournament, 10 a.m.
Children's Sports and Cross Country Event,
2.30 p.m. Playing Fields.
Cricket v Stockton, away.
Playgroup, Dancing & Toddlers re-start.
Back to school.

Mon. 7th

- Mon. 7th Carnival Bingo, Village Hall, 8 p.m.
 cont. Christian Fellowship, 77 Mill Street, 8 p.m.
- Tues. 8th Harbury Society Mystery Tour: see posters.
 Playing Fields Committee, V.Hall, 8 p.m.
 Harbury Friends, School, 8 p.m.
- Wed. 9th M.U. Garden Meeting, Old Timbers, Ivy Lane,
 2.30 p.m. (note changed date)
 W.I. Antiques Forum, V.Hall, 8 p.m.
- Thurs. 10th Corpus Christi. Holy Eucharist, 9.45 a.m.
 and 7.30 p.m.
 Carnival Cabaret, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
 Golden Age, V.Hall, 2.30, with Chiropodist.
- Fri. 11th S.Barnabas. Holy Eucharist, 7.30 a.m.
- Sat. 12th CARNIVAL AND CARNIVAL DANCE - see inside
 for details
 Christian Fellowship, 8 The Beeches, 8p.m.
- Sun. 13th First after Trinity. 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist.
 10a.m. Sung Eucharist. 6.30p.m. Evensong.
 Cricket v. Kenilworth, home.
- Mon. 14th (and all week) collections for Myton Hospice
- Tues. 15th Harbury Society talk on local archaeology,
 Wight School, 7.30 p.m.
 Tufty Club, 2.15, Wight School.
 Senior Citizens' Committee, V.Hall, 8.30p.m.
- Thurs. 17th Whist Drive, 7.45p.m., V.Hall, in aid of
 Chesterton Church, 50p.
 Girls' Club at Village Hall.
 Open Evening for parents of Nursery School,
 V.Hall, 8 p.m.
- Fri. 18th Crib Presentation Dance, V.Hall - £1.50
- Sat. 19th Children's Sponsored Walk.
- Sun. 20th Pony Show at Playing Fields
 Second after Trinity. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist.
 10a.m. Sung Eucharist. 6.30p.m. Evensong.
 Cricket v W.C.C.C.C., away.
- Mon. 21st Christian Fellowship, 8 The Beeches, 8p.m.
- Tues. 22nd Birth of S. John the Baptist. Eucharist, 9.45
 Young Wives, Village Hall.
 Village Hall Committee, V.Hall, 8 p.m.
 P.C.C. Meeting, Wight School, 8 p.m., to
 discuss Deanery Congress.
- Wed. 23rd PTA Biological Exploration Evening, School, 8
- Thurs. 24th Golden Age, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
 Girls' Club, Village Hall
 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30p.m.

- Sat. 26th Harbury Church FUND & FOOD DAY - all proceeds to Church funds - see inside. Christian Fellowship, 11 Constance Dr., 8p.m. with speaker Ken Neilson.
- Sun. 27th Third after Trinity. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m. Sung Eucharist, 6.30p.m. Evensong. Cricket v. Flecknoe, home
- Tues. 29th S. Peter & Paul. Holy Eucharist, 7.30am & 7.30pm. 'Christian Message', 8.30p.m. 23 Mill Street.
- Wed. 30th Council for Disabled talk on Acupuncture, 7.30p.m. Wattons Lodge, Southam.

JULY

- Thurs. 1st W.I., Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
- Sat. 3rd Council for Disabled Summer Fair, Southam 2pm
P.T.A. Barbeque & Square Dance, School, 7.30
Scouts Barn Dance, Village Hall
- Sun. 4th Stage up in Village Hall.
Fourth after Trinity. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10a.m. Sung Eucharist. 3.30p.m. Evening Prayer (said). 6.30 p.m. Service on Royal Showground - preacher the Very Revd. Lawrence Jackson: coach leaves village at 5 p.m. - see Vicar's letter.
Cricket v. Leopard, home.
Stage Rehearsal, Village Hall.
- Mon. 5th Christian Fellowship, 77 Mill Street, 8 p.m.
- Tues. 6th Dress Rehearsal
- Wed. 7th Golden Age outing to Peak District; see inside
- Thurs. 8th Golden Age, 2.30p.m., V. Hall, with Chiropodist.
"So Far.....no Further" - a drama by Harbury Theatre Group, 8p.m., Village Hall
- Fri. 9th "So Far.....No Further" - as Thursday.
- Sat. 10th "So Far.....No Further" - as Thursday.
Liberals Jumble Sale, Village Hall.
- Sun. 11th Stage down in Village Hall.

N.B. WILL USERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL ENSURE THAT THE KEYS ARE RETURNED PROMPTLY: FAILURE TO RETURN THE KEYS CAUSES OTHER USERS CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS:

REGULAR DIARY DATES

Roman Catholic Service, Harbury Parish Church, 9a.m. every Sunday:

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, V. Hall, 11.30a.m. every Sunday
 UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2 - 4pm every Mon.
 GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30 p.m. every Monday
 GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 5.30(5-8yrs), 6.45(over 9)
 every Monday

JOGGING, from Foodmart, 8pm every Monday.

BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.

PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tues. to Fri. mornings.

TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 9.30-11.30am Mondays;

1.30 - 3pm Wednesdays.

NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tues. to Fri. mornings -

BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.

BADMINTON, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.

DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4 - 5.30pm Tuesdays,

4 - 9pm Wednesdays, 4 - 5 Thursdays (beginners -

SCOUTS, Scout Hut: 7.45pm Tues (1st troop) Wed (2nd troop)

YOUTH CLUB COFFEE BAR, V. Hall, 7.30-10pm Tuesdays.

YOUTH CLUB, V. Hall, 8-10pm Wednesdays.

BABY CLINIC, V. Hall, 2pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

GOLDEN AGE, V. Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Thursdays.

VENTURE SCOUTS, Scout Hut 8pm every Thursday.

POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20-3.30pm every Friday.

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.

Dates for inclusion PLEASE to Linda Ridgley 612792.

For Village Hall bookings, ring Mr. Picken, 612778

For Wight School bookings, ring Mrs. Windsor, 612504

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

I have just read in the Leamington Spa Courier that only 20 of Harbury's 2,000 plus residents turned up at the Parish Meeting, and a speaker said that the reason for this was apathy. Well, it may be that one reason is apathy (it is not for me to judge), but I would like to point out that there is at least one other reason. The Parish Meeting was held on Ascension Day, and at the same time as our principal service - the evening Sung Eucharist. Ascension Day is one of those days when it is the duty of every Churchman, if he possibly can, to be present at the Holy Eucharist. It is true that we

had two Eucharists in the morning, and that some people were able to fulfil their obligation at one of those, but it is also true that there are many people who cannot manage a weekday morning, and so they came in the evening. They, quite rightly, put first things first. But I think it quite likely that a number of those who were in Church would have come to the Parish Meeting if it had been on a different date. What I want to urge is that those who are responsible for fixing the date of the Parish Meeting should consider whether it is not possible to avoid what for Church people are Holy Days of Obligation.

The Deanery Congress was, I think, a very inspiring occasion, and the delegates came away with many thoughts and questions which you will hear more about in the coming weeks. Our visual presentation is now in the library, and with it is a book in which people are invited to write ways in which they think the Church can be of more help, etc.

The Royal Show Service will be on Sunday 4th July at 6.30 p.m. It will be conducted by the Bishop, and the address will be given by the Very Revd. Lawrence Jackson, Provost of Blackburn, who is known to some of us. Our Choir has again been invited to take part, and we shall have a coach leaving Harbury Bull Ring at 5 p.m. Please book with me beforehand if you want to be sure of a seat on the coach.

At the time of writing (Saturday 29th May) the visit of the Pope to this country has been favoured with splendid weather and, even on television, has been tremendously inspiring. You may read a first-hand account of the events at Bagington elsewhere in this issue.

May I remind you of two great festivals this month - Corpus Christi (Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion) on Thursday 10th June and the Feast of S. Peter and S. Paul on Tuesday 29th.

An anonymous donor has recently given us £100 to purchase more copies of the English Hymnal. We had

already bought a number of new copies not very long before, so now we are really well supplied with hymn books. Another anonymous donor has given us another 100 copies of the 'Series 3' Communion Service. It is nice to think that our growing congregation makes these additional books necessary, and we are very grateful.

We mourn the loss of Mrs. Ella May Morrison and Mrs. Field, and also of Mrs. Ellen Sollis whose quiet works for the Church over many, many years have been greatly appreciated. May God comfort and guide those who are bereaved, and grant rest to the departed.

With every blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

F. R. Mackley.

Holy Baptism

May 2nd, Karen Elizabeth Daniels, 11 Honiwell Close.

May 30th, Peter Martyn Evans, 10 Park Lane.

James Richard Tomkinson, Aldridge, W. Mids.

Benjamin John Tomkinson, Aldridge, W. Mids.

Nicholas James Critchley, 38 Frances Road.

Holy Matrimony

May 8th, Douglas Paul Hanson to Sherrie Jane Ayres.

May 15th, Julian Charles Ward to Jean Margaret Evans.

May 22nd, Alexander Ian Anderson to Cathryn Shirley.

Funeral Services

May 10th, Ella May Morrison, aged 84 years, of Tresco, Vicarage Lane.

May 27th, Ellen Gornal Sollis, aged 70 years, of 35 Farm Street.

June 2nd, Annie Elizabeth Field, aged 77 years, of 8 Manor Road.

From the Churchwardens

With the recent London Marathon still fresh in our minds, one is very conscious of the need for training. No-one can hope to run 26 miles if they haven't prepared and trained over a long period.

In our recent Bible studies, and at the Deanery Congress, we were reminded that the ordinary members of the congregation need to be more and more involved in the running of the Church. To do this we need to keep in training in the Christian life, and - using

the other sense of training - to be trained in the tasks which we have to undertake. During the next few months the P.C.C. and members of the Church will be considering and studying this subject.

CAN WE HELP YOU?

Next time you go into the Library, do have a look at the display which has been set up by five delegates of All Saints Church, Harbury, as part of the recent Deanery Congress. You will find there, an invitation for you to write any comments or suggestions you might have that may help to forward the work of the Church in the community. Your participation will be greatly valued.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

"Christian Aid Week is a bit of a miracle! It defies all predictions in these hard times by producing a larger income year by year....." So begins the letter of thanks from Director Kenneth Slack to all those who supported this year's collection week.

Harbury raised £150+, a significant increase over last year, and thanks are due to both donors and collectors for making this sum available to those who are less fortunate than we. JBM/RH.

HARBURY ADVENTURERS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

On Saturday 8th May we went to the Burton Dassett Hills. We had lots of fun there, and we played games. One was a game where you had to jump a river, and the other was a nut game. We had a picnic and saw three kites, and we climbed the rocks.

WICKI AND JEREMY HAYES, WILLIAM STRINGER.

On Saturday afternoon we had a Treasure Hunt. We went in groups of 2 and 3. Some of the questions were easy and some were hard. We also had a map. On the map was a trail to follow. As well as answering all the questions we had to find some objects. After the Treasure Hunt we had a barbecue tea. Thank you to all the leaders.

SARAH GEE, SUZANNE BARR, ANALIE HOARE.

On Sunday 9th May the Adventurers took part in the Church Service at 10 a.m. Andrea Stowe and

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Anna Catt read the intercessions, Beverley Stowe read the lesson, and Roy Coupe, Haidee Bingham and Emma Rawlings took up the bread, wine and water. Then the Adventurers went up to be blessed by Rev. Mackley. ANDREA STOWE & ANNA CATT.

At 3 p.m. on Sunday 9th May Harbury Adventurers' birthday service began. We had a hymn followed by a reading by two Adventurers. The birthday cake candles were lit and we had two more hymns and another reading. Then we had the presentations. Following that Rev. Wilson of Southam School talked about doing things together. After the service we all had a piece of birthday cake.

MICHELLE COUPE, TRACEY POWELL, CERI EDWARDS.

LADBROKE NEWS

JUNE DIARY

Tuesday 1st, 8.30 p.m. Deanery Congress delegates at The Old Rectory.

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

Sunday 6th, Trinity Sunday, 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Monday 7th, Collection for Myton Hospice appeal.

Tuesday 8th, W.I. visit to Cash's, 1 p.m.

Wednesday 9th, 3 p.m. Women's Fellowship at Briarwood Windmill Lane.

Thursday 10th, Corpus Christi. 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion
7.30 p.m., W.I. working party, Village Hall

Friday 11th, St. Barnabas, A.M.

Sunday 13th, Trinity I. 11 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon. 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

N.B. Canon Fishley will be on holiday from 15th to 29th June. Anyone needing the services of a priest during that time, please apply to the Churchwardens or direct to Rev. Alan Metcalfe, 66 Linley Road, Southam, tel. Southam 4437.

Saturday 18th June - Birthday Dance, Village Hall.

Wednesday 16th, W.I. visit to Stuart Crystal and Marjory Emus', 9 a.m.

Sunday 20th, Trinity II. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Rev. A. Metcalfe). 11 a.m. Matins (Mr. J. W. T. Rogers)

Thursday 24th, W.I. Garden Party at Woodlands.
 Sunday 27th, Trinity III. 11a.m. Holy Communion
 with Hymns & Sermon (Rev. P.L. Jackson) NO Evensong
 Tuesday 29th, S. Peter A.M.

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Thursday 1st, 7.45 p.m. Men's Group at Harbury -
 A.G.M. at 23 Mill Street.
 Sunday 4th, Trinity IV. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
 11 am. Matins.
 Sunday 11th, Trinity V. 11a.m. Holy Communion with
 Hymns & Sermon. 3 p.m. Service in Coventry
 Cathedral for delegates to Deanery Congress.
 NO Evensong.
 Wednesday 14th, 3 p.m. Women's Fellowship at Church
 Cottage by kind invitation of Miss Hensman and
 Miss Conlon.

ALTAR FLOWERS, June 6th, Mrs. J. Barnett: June 13th,
 Mrs. Clarke: June 20th, Mrs. P. Barnett: June 27th,
 Mrs. Smith; July 4th, Mrs. Parker: July 11th,
 Mrs. Winkfield.

EXTRACT FROM REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY - 22nd May, 1982 - Peter Leslie Cook
 and Agnes Mary Teverson.

Our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. & Mrs.
 Cook; we are sorry to lose Mary from our village
 and Church, but hope to see them both frequently:

THANKS.....first to the anonymous donor who
 handed me a bag containing £5 in 2p pieces!
 And second to all who took part in the Christian
 Aid House to House collection. The total for the
 village was £48.19. I am particularly grateful to
 those who participated in the distribution and
 collection of the envelopes - Mrs. Clarke, Mrs.
 Chaplin, Mr. Garner, Mr. Hedgeand Mrs. Fell
 who relieved me when my feet were getting very
 tired!

Thirdly, to those who have again undertaken the
 mowing of the churchyard and to those who 'spruced'
 it all up for 22nd May!

G.R.F.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

This month we commenced our meeting in Church:
 after prayers Canon Fishley gave us a very

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interesting and informative talk about the lovely stained glass we have in our Church. We thank Mrs. Winkfield for the very nice tea she provided for us afterwards at Hall Farm.

I hope to see as many members as possible at our meeting at Briarwood on 9th June.

Mrs. Hensman and Miss Conlon have kindly offered to let us have our meeting on 14th July at Church Cottage.
C.H.

MRS. OFFORD

We were all sorry to hear that our former post mistress had fallen and fractured a femur. However, I was delighted to find on May 25th that she was out of hospital and making good progress.....even able to talk to me on the 'phone and send her love to old friends.

GARY LAWSON

I have ordered a white stole....which will be put on him when he is made Deacon on 4th July. I have already received several contributions. If Gary is available I hope to arrange a little presentation meeting before I go on holiday on 15th June. GRF.

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

At our May meeting we were delighted to welcome Mrs. Lomas as our V.C.O. for the Resolutions Meeting which attracted a very high turnout of members. After discussion of the resolutions the voting decisions were handed to Mrs. Gladys Gould who will be our representative at the AGM in the Albert Hall.

One of our members, Mary Teverson, was married on 22nd May, and all our members wish Mary and Peter every happiness for the future.

The annual visit by patients of Christopher Wren Ward, Hatton Hospital, was enjoyed by 19 patients and staff, when they were entertained during tea at the Village Hall.

On Thursday 10th June at 7.30 p.m. there will be a W.I. Working Party to start the Spring Clean on the inside of the Village Hall; will all those able to assist please bring a cleaning cloth with them!

Events for June will be a trip to Cash's of Coventry on the 8th, departing 1 p.m.; a visit to Stuart

Crystal on the 16th, departing 9 a.m., after which we will be visiting our Past President Marjory Emus in her new home.

Finally, our meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 24th June will be a Garden Party at Woodlands, School Lane, Ladbroke, to which all residents of Ladbroke are invited, together with representatives of neighbouring W.I.s Entrance is free, and there will be tombola, produce and white elephant stalls, and refreshments will be on sale. The competition will be for the prettiest flower arrangement not more than three inches high.

MRS. P. LAIDLER, Southam 3458.

SUCSESSES

TRICIA TEVERSON, of the Poultry Farm, recently won third prize in a national competition run by the National Institute of Farm Secretaries, and received a £100 prize.

And JONATHAN BADMAN successfully competed in the London Marathon, and raised over £1,000 for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Approximately 30 members of the public were present; considering the importance to everyone of the topics under discussion, I was surprised that more people did not make the effort to attend.

The Chairman of our Parish Council, Mr. Francis Badman, began by stating that the year had been quiet, the regular meetings had been dominated by Conservation, Planning Decisions, the Bypass, Speed Restrictions and the introduction of Heavier Lorries, Footpaths and Tree Felling. The main news item was that the BYPASS is now scheduled for May 1984.

Mr. Peter Williamson then gave the report for the Alibone Charity, and said that the trustees had received a request from the Village Hall Committee for £850 towards improving the roof of the hall. This would still leave the trust sufficient funds to cope with any other emergencies which might arise.

Our three District Councillors, Mr. Turner, Mr. Reading and Mr. Attwood were present. Cllr. Reading talked about the need for a swimming pool in Southam. If you are interested, there is a public

meeting in Southam on 9th June. Cllr. Attwood said that he was impressed by the caring attitude of our village and that Ladbroke seemed willing to 'take on anyone or anything' - quite a compliment! Cllr. Turner gave a summary of the Council's finances.

Mrs. Meriel Williamson presented the W.I. report. She gave an account of the speakers, demonstrations and outings, and said that links with Hatton Hospital were being maintained. This year is the 10th anniversary of the branch, and all old members are to be invited to a celebration.

Mr. Peter Williamson, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, gave a report of the committee's second year, stating that it had been successful both financially and socially. He explained that they plan to weatherproof and thermally insulate the roof, a project which will cost £1,700, and during the last year have installed a P.A. and sound system, new chairs and radiant gas heaters.

The survival of our village hall, he said, will depend on three factors: good attendance at social and fund raising events - hiring out the hall for private functions - and help with maintaining the building. Peter explained that response to the Sunday fortnightly working parties had been disappointing in comparison to all the help that was offered before the hall was opened. For example, on the last working Sunday 3 committee members, 1 non-committee and 2 community service volunteers turned up! The hall needs painters; diggers; tidier-uppers etc. and if you can't come on a Sunday then it is quite possible to arrange your own project at a different time.

Miss Day then gave an informative talk about Village Appraisal schemes, and the meeting voted to look further into the matter.

The discussion concerning the Access Points for the Bypass came late in the meeting. The Parish Council will let the D.O.E. know its decision in the near future.

Finally, it was agreed that the Parish Council should contribute towards the upkeep of the churchyard, even if this meant slightly increasing the rates. K.L.

HARBURY SCHOOL P.T.A.

The Children's Fashion Show was well supported; congratulations to the models on their performance. Members had a very enjoyable trip to Westonbirt Arboretum and Bourton on the Water on 22nd May.

The winners of the April and May 100 Club draws were Mr. Oliver and Mrs. Ellis.

The PTA has a busy programme planned for the rest of the summer term. On 23rd June we will be holding a Biological Science Evening for children & parents at 7.30p.m., when a number of professional biologists have agreed to demonstrate some aspects of the subject; in addition there will be a display of class work in Biology. You are encouraged to bring specimens of biological interest with you, as there will be an opportunity to have these discussed. Subjects on display will include water pollution, conservation, insect biology, the importance of fungi to man, and human physiology (with the aid of volunteers!) Do support what promises to be a very interesting evening.

A reminder about the Square Dance and Barbecue on Saturday 3rd July. There will be a steak barbecue and dancing to the Magic Rantabout. Numbers are limited, so obtain your tickets (£2.50) from school or your 100 Club collector as soon as possible.

Finally, we are holding our Annual Sports Cavalcade on Friday 16th July; we are hoping that a number of local organisations will enter a team - please contact the school or Mary Thompson (612050).
More details next month. M.T.

'Problems in Education' Mrs. Brown introduced Dr. McCullam and Mr. Guppie to the 40 parents who attended this meeting in April. Do Warwickshire parents want their small uneconomic village schools, or do they want more resources for remedial teaching? Dr. McCullam discussed this question, and emphasised that early identification of children in need of special teaching was essential. Mr. Guppie of the Reading Advisory team gave a short explanation of his work, and the difficulties experienced by

those who were slow in learning to read. He illustrated his talk by reference to a series of texts which he asked parents to read - which proved more difficult than expected! Parents could help, he said, by encouraging their children to communicate, giving them experience of the different forms of language used; formal, informal, spoken, written etc. and they should read to their children, and not give up just when the child's interest was at its highest, i.e. when it learned to READ itself.

Mr. Oliver presented the speakers with framed prints of Chesterton Windmill by Jo Bamford. L.RIDGLEY.

MUSIC AT SOUTHAM SCHOOL

The excellent musical standards set in recent years at Harbury School have worked their way up into Southam School - in this year's Summer Concert 8 of the 16 soloists live in Harbury!

The hall was by no means full to capacity but the audience was appreciative of the entertainment, which ranged from Beethoven to Don McLean, and 'Jesus Christ, Superstar' to Haydn's 'Creation'. Debbie and Helen Keir's duets for flute and piano were especially enjoyable, as were Helen's solo on clarinet and the flute duets by Caroline Holt and Heather Whitelaw. Penny Simcock and Lynn Stanbridge played a Schubert minuet on their clarinets, while Jeremy Watts' organ medley was so professional and polished that I expected to see him and the organ lowered gently down into the orchestra pit!

I am sure Mr. Dover, Head of Music, must be happy to have so much talent among his pupils. I'm equally sure he'd have been even happier to see a larger audience.

DMH.

"HE CAME

At four in the morning, the air was still cold and damp as three of us cycled from Harbury to the Papal Mass. The dawn came up golden and glorious to herald a Feast of Pentecost we will never forget. The wait was long but not tedious as the expectation and excitement grew in our vast open air 'cathedral'.

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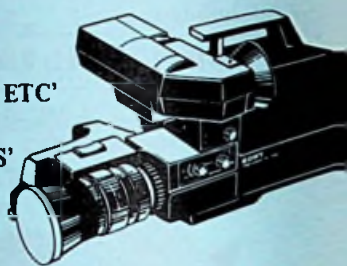
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The Mass, which included the sacrament of confirmation proceeded; the fine music enveloped us; the presence of so many Anglican clergy, including the Bishop of Coventry, made us feel that unity is not just a dream but a real hope for the future. DW.

1st HARBURY SCOUT GROUP

Thanks to all who supported Job Week - our total was £115. Stephen Lambert, Jason Wilkins and Richard Wilne completed their 'Link Badge' activity with the scouts and will shortly come up to the troop.

By the time you read this 28 scouts will have returned from summer camp at Welford Pastures Farm. Thanks to Mick Chick (camp leader), Alan Webb (canoe instructor) and Mike Pallott (group scout leader) for giving up their time to take the lads away. Also to Joe Van Hoorebeek for transporting the heavy equipment, and all parents for help with transport. JH.

"WAGS IN TEXAS"

When the producer of WAGS Gang Show, Tony Guy, announced 2 years ago that he intended taking the show to America, few believed that it would actually happen. However, the doubters were proved wrong and at 6 a.m. on 8th April 400 people left for Dallas, accompanied by a camera crew from Central T.V.

At the end of a 20 hour journey we were greeted at D.F.W. airport by the Mayor of Fort Worth, some other important officials and 3 or 4 TV cameras. Eventually we met the families we were to stay with for the week in Fort Worth, the second week to be spent in Dallas with different families.

Throughout our stay we appeared on television a number of times, mainly while taking part in the publicity events which were necessary in order to explain to the Americans just what a Gang Show is.

We performed in shopping precincts, at the Rodeo, and we paraded down the main street of Dallas, which has not been permitted for a very long time!

Our venue in Fort Worth was the Tarrant County Convention Centre, seating 3,000. After a day in which we had only half an hour's break, surprisingly our only complaint about the theatre was the air conditioning. The theatre in Dallas was just as smart but this time the girls' dressing room was almost luxurious! The show itself was loved by the American audiences, and there was a standing ovation almost every night.

Between shows, and outings with our hosts, we saw some of the traditional tourist attractions. It was hard to believe that the ranch at Southfork was really the scene for the TV series 'Dallas' - it was surprisingly small, but it was still quite an experience to be sitting by the Ewings' pool. Our most enjoyable trip was to 'Six Flags over Texas', an enormous amusement park, though I never want to see a double-loop roller coaster again!

The 2½ weeks passed very quickly, and in no time we were at the airport waving goodbye to our new-found friends. We arrived home very tired, but with happy memories - and cowboy hats!

HELEN TAYLOR.

HARBURY CARNIVAL - JUNE 5th - 12th

Carnival Celebrations are once again nearly upon us; do join in the fun and support the various events held in the week and especially on Saturday 12th June. All the proceeds go towards improvements to the Village Hall and the Playing Fields. These are your amenities; run for the benefit of the whole community.

Carnival pens will be on sale around the village soon; and also programmes containing complete details of all events etc. Programmes are 25p, to admit one adult or two children to the fete.

Help is still needed in various ways. If you can help with the refreshments, please contact

Brenda Thomas, 612737, or turn up at 2 p.m. on Carnival Day in the village hall kitchen. Or maybe you would donate cakes, scones or biscuits - please bring them along to the kitchen in the morning.

The Book Stall needs old unwanted books - please send to Bruce Hannay, 7 South Parade, or bring them to the field on the day.

Finally, Dance Tickets are available from committee members, or from Mrs. G. Gurden, 612348. "Something Else", a very good local group, will provide the music (all tastes catered for), and a Chicken and Chips supper is included in the price: £2.

May I, on behalf of the Committee, thank all the organisations and individuals who are taking part in the celebrations, to make this year's Carnival the best yet! JEAN COX, Carnival Cttee.

"STEPTOE STALL"

The Theatre Group will be out collecting for this during the week before the Carnival. We will take anything you don't want (except clothes) - furniture, electrical appliances, ornaments and so on. If you'd like to arrange collection of a particular item, please ring Jim Haines (612553) or Carol Percival (612175), or deliver items to the Playing Field on the morning of Carnival Day. Thank you!

TENNIS CLUB

We have been invited to enter the Blencowe Cup Competition and our teams of 3 couples will meet teams from Alcan, Byfield, Deddington and Middleton Cheney. We have already had a encouraging start with a 14-4 sets win over Alcan. A number of friendly games have also been arranged with other local clubs. These are in addition to various club competitions, and we congratulate Philippa Dufresne and Barry Latham on winning the recent American Tournament.

JENNY NEWMAN.

Junior Tennis

Starting after half term, membership £2, with balls provided for the club sessions which will be on Mondays and Thursdays, 4.15 to 5.15 for beginners and 5.15 to 6.15 for more advanced. First session Monday 7th June. R. Ottewill 613402: P. Dufresne 612286.

HARBURY LADIES' NETBALL CLUB

Our AGM was well attended, and after the usual formalities a general discussion was held which included a decision to make a fixed donation to the Tennis Club next season for the use of the courts.

The netball season has now drawn to a close with just a couple of tournaments to play through the summer months. Despite injuries and bad weather all games were eventually completed, and both teams were pleased with their performances which enabled the 'A' team to finish 4th, and the 'B' team (below)



to finish 6th in their respective divisions.

We are looking for new members, and those who are interested in joining should telephone Jean Johns, Leamington 315632 (home) or Leamington 34371 (work) for details. So don't be shy, ladies - give it a try!

V.JESSUP.

RUGBY CLUB

The season ended with the Annual Dinner at the Clubhouse on 7th May with guest speakers Joe Keenan of the Warks. R.F.U. Referees Society, and Rex Montgomery, President of Southam R.F.C. Both speakers emphasised the issue of Rugby Football at Junior level, where the importance of enjoyment was

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stressed. Looking back over the Club's season at senior level, the results of the 1st team have not been particularly outstanding, but 80% of the games lost were by margins of between 1 and 6 points. The 2nds, 3rds and 4ths ended up with a 50:50 record.

However, on the Mini and Junior levels the records and improvement have been encouraging. The under 13s reached the finals of the Worcester 15 a side competition, and the under 16s beaten finalists in the Evesham 7s.

At the Dinner the following awards were made • Player of the Year, Keith Evans. Most Promising Young Player, Rob Hughes. Highest Points Scorer, 1st XV, Greg Mitchell. Highest Points Scorer, 2nd XV, Andy Cumming. Clubman of the Year, Pete Abraham. Runner Up, Dave Andrews. Youth Player Award, Ian Stanbridge. The John Knowles Award, Paul Bennett. President's Cup, Mark Robinson. Bar Man of the Year, Jim Woodhead. The Harbury Cap for 250 Games for the Club, Chris Lecocq.

The AGM will be on Wed. 2nd June. J.BIRKBECK.

MYTON HOSPICE APPEAL

This has been very successful with £500,000 raised so far for the purchase of the Myton Hamlet site and its conversion into a hospice specialising in the care of cancer patients. The right kind of treatment and pain relief can make life considerably more tolerable, even for very ill patients, and there will be 24 beds, the majority supported by the N.H.S.

It is hoped that the hospice will open in July, and a further £80,000 is needed to equip the building. The National Society for Cancer Relief is organising a house to house collection throughout the area, in Ladbroke during the week commencing 6th June and in Harbury week commencing 13th June. Your collector will leave an envelope and return for it a few days later - please give as generously as you can. S.H.

R.D.A. COFFEE MORNING

Rose Clarke wishes to thank all those who supported the Coffee Morning on 27th April - nearly £60 was given to the Riding for the Disabled Association.

FUND AND FOOD DAY

Give yourself a break from preparing meals on Saturday 26th June.

Have your coffee at 13 Manor Orchard with the Waterman family. 10 am. to noon. 25p.

Have a ploughman's lunch at 15 Wagstaffe Close with the Holt family. 12 to 2p.m. £1.

Have supper at 5 Park Lane with the Windsor family. 6.30 - 9.30 p.m., £1.50.

There will be a raffle and sales table throughout the day. Proceeds to Harbury Church funds. JW.

RED CROSS

£126.06 was raised in the Harbury house to house collection. Organiser Pam Sperling praised the generosity of the contributors, and the energy of her team of collectors.

COUNCIL FOR THE DISABLED - SOUTHAM & DISTRICT

SUMMER FAIR - SATURDAY 3rd JULY - 2 p.m. - SOUTHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE (behind the Council Offices)

During IYDP the Council raised over £2,000 for a transport fund, but - as you will appreciate - transport, especially in rural areas, is a continuing problem for the disabled.

Help is needed at the Fair from individuals or groups in running a stall, or donating handicrafts, cakes, jams, sweets, plants, bottles, tins, raffle prizes etc. - and of course YOUR ATTENDANCE.

Proceeds from the tombola will go towards the cost of producing sets of slides highlighting activities and achievements of local disabled people.

Any offers of help or gifts, or inquiries about the work of the Council, to the secretary, Pat Duffin (Southam 4600) or Pat Taylor (9 Heber Drive, 613335) or Rosemary Ottewill (613402).

The next meeting will be on 30th June at Wattons Lodge, Southam at 7.30 p.m. - a talk on Acupuncture.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH TRUST

Following our disappointment when lack of support caused us to cancel our Dance, response to the door to door collection was wonderful - £173.70. Thanks to the generous donors, and hardworking collectors.

B.A.

MOTHERS' UNION

Canan Churchill entertained members at the May meeting with slides of his 1963 pilgrimage to the Holy Land. One of the highlights of his trip was celebrating Communion in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, just outside Jerusalem.

Shirley Keir read a letter from Judy Couchman, still a member of Harbury M.U. although she and her family left the village some 10 years ago. Judy writes every month without fail, and her letter arrives in time for the meeting and is much appreciated. In June the Annual Garden Meeting will be in Gladys Hogben's lovely garden at Old Timbers, Ivy Lane. Please note - the date has been changed, and the meeting will be on June 9th. DMH

HARBURY W.I.

About 50 people spent a very enjoyable evening at Kington playing skittles. Winners were Mr. Green and Mrs. Green (no relation), and Mrs. Wilkins and Mr. Gurden got the booby prizes.

The May meeting was held at the Rugby Club, and Mrs. Lomas discussed the resolutions to be presented at the AGM in the Albert Hall. A paté supper was provided, and Mrs. Marshall won the raffle.

Next came our Produce Show, and a children's section was introduced this time. The judges praised



the high standard of the Show, and the Cup for the most points was won by Mrs. Lyn Watkins, who is pictured left with her award (photograph by Mike Bloxham).

In addition to all these activities, 9 members went to the Group Meeting at Priors Marston on 11th May. After the business superb refreshments were served, and then the entertainment began. A lady member of 'Sealed Knot' explained how the group was started, and showed films of some of

their battles. The evening ended with Priors Marston W.I. singing a couple of songs and acting two sketches. A very pleasant evening which was enjoyed by all.

Our contribution to Carnival Week is Mr. Barby from Locke & England talking about small antiques and conducting a 'Going for a Song' game. This is an open meeting, so do go along. B.E.T.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Everybody enjoyed last year's Peak District trip so much that we are repeating it, but to a different part of that lovely region. The coach leaves the Village Hall at 9.45 a.m. on Wednesday 7th July and takes us to Hope Valley, the Dams, and Castleton. There will be a stop for coffee, and for eating lunch. Seats are £3 each - please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to come, as demand is already quite heavy. MRS.L.KNIGHTON, 612707.

HARBURY LUNCHEON CLUB

Could you spare an hour or so on a Tuesday or Friday lunchtime? The Club meets in the Village Hall where a hot meal is provided for about 12 of our elderly villagers. If you could offer any help between 12 noon and 1.30 p.m., even if it is only once a month, we would like to hear from you. Please contact either JULIE ELLIS, 11 The Beeches, 612345, or Bod Harris, Social Worker, Southam 3110.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

At our AGM in May the following were re-elected unanimously for a further term of office - Revd.F.R. Mackley as President, Jim Haines - Chairman, Diana Holt - Vice Chairman, Robert Waterman - Treasurer. Anne Megeney wished to stand down after two years in office, and Carol Percival was elected Secretary.

Since then we have heard that Jim has been appointed Principal of a Sixth Form College at Orrell in Lancashire. He will be sadly missed by the Theatre Group, and we would like to give him, and Norma, Stephen and Michael, our good wishes for the future.

CAROL PERCIVAL.

Harbury Theatre Group's recent play (by Alan Ayckbourn) was set in a village 'not unlike Harbury' where a committee was planning a pageant.

Jim Haines was the Committee Chairman - although he had few of the funny lines he made the most of those he had. As his wife, Anne Megeney was outstanding - surely her best ever performance! She had an excellent foil in Trevor Grundy as a revolutionary teacher out to turn the pageant into a political event, and Steve Checkley and Annette Hughes each provided plenty of laughter as a fussy gentleman who always had "a point of order, Mr. Chairman" and his occasionally deaf mother! John Stringer gave a poignant performance as a sad drunk with a failing marriage, and Janet Thornley's performance - though in a small part - was hilarious. Carol Percival gave a competent performance as Sophie, and Peter Holt made a welcome re-appearance as her brother, a retired Army Captain (while his son Andrew ably took over from him on the lighting control board).

The play was produced with a deft touch by Beryl Checkley, and if it lost its way slightly in the last scene this was largely due to the play itself, and overall the Theatre Group gave us another excellent evening's entertainment.

S.H.

HARBURY SOCIETY

Those of you who did not avail yourselves of the chance to visit the Quarries in May missed a treat. The weather was beautiful and there was plenty to see.

On Tuesday 8th June we have another experience for you - this time a chance to exercise your brain as well as your body. The annual "Final" Mystery Tour will be run for the second year by Chris Finch and Ess Picken. As always it takes you about your village following a set of inextricable clues - look out for posters giving details of how to enter.

We are again sponsoring the MORRIS DANCERS who will perform at the Carnival on 12th June, and then on the 15th we have procured for you a talk on Local Archaeology by Helen McClagen of the County Archaeology staff who will explain her work, including how the County organises "rescue digs" in advance of

Motorway construction. All this on Tuesday 15 June at 7.30 p.m. in the Wight School.

Finally, a plea to make the most of your village for the coming judging of the Best Kept Village Competition.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

POSTERS

COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN VOICED about posters left up long after the event they advertise. They become shabby and unsightly. PLEASE, organisers, take down outdated posters - KEEP HARBURY TIDY!

HARBURY DIRECTORY

Apologies to the Ballet School and the Bellringers for the omission of addresses for them in the Directory. The information should be -

BALLET & TAP SCHOOL: Mrs. B. Burford, 14 Park Lane, Harbury 612028.

BELLRINGERS: Mr. H. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury 612504.

Diana Holt, 612790.

DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

On 6th May John Drinkwater was returned as District Councillor for Harbury with 935 votes. Sean Neill received 443 and Lena Dominelli 293. There was a 40% turnout. At Southam (including Ladbroke) the retiring Councillor, Arthur Fitchett, was defeated by Robert Attwood by 702 to 701, with Ronald Shippey third with 603 votes.

I.J.

HARBURY PARISH MEETING

Gloom and despondency; depression and disappointment at the Annual Parish Meeting, with an audience of only 20.* Ted Coupe, for the Playing Fields Cttee, diagnosed the problem as APATHY. People came to live in Harbury because it had such marvellous facilities, but were then content to sit back. His view was justifiably jaundiced as no-one had come forward to join his committee. Midge Keen and Sue Andrews had experienced similar difficulties recruiting members to the Village Hall Committee. (*See Vicar's letter)

Iory Davies highlighted the problems of vandalism, and castigated the thoughtless few. He thanked all the sub-committees for their hard work during the year, and complimented the Allotment holders.

The Allotments Cup was won this year by Mr. R. Padbury, with Mr. A. Pratt and Mr. N. Szolnoki second and third.

Mike Ellis made his perennial attempt to justify being mean with your money. "I am," he said, "defending a healthy balance." County Cllr. John Findon quipped, "I wish all PCs were so wealthy". He had previously pointed out to the PC that it could provide subsidised travel for OAPs out of its rate. He agreed to press Harbury's case for retention of one Sunday bus each way for a trial period.

Cllr. Findon's blunt no-nonsense response to questions was a refreshing change to the usual 'politicians' answers, but he stepped on a few corns, offending John Lapraik by stating that Local Government Officers always over-estimated costs. He infuriated David Winter and Sharon Hancock when he suggested that Head Teachers did not always spend their capitation wisely. Cllr. Hancock enlisted his help to try to save Harbury's temporary classroom.

Cllr. Findon explained that WCC was opposed to coal mining in the area but could only refuse Planning Permission for mining. The County did not want the M40 interchange at Gaydon, but the road was to be built in stages. When the whole was linked up, Gaydon might be redundant.

The PC Chairman stressed the Council's determination to win the Best Kept Village award this year, but Mr. James from the audience wanted to know when the judging took place. County Cllr. Mrs. Bidwell explained that the object was not to give a SET date, so villages would be beautified for the whole season.

Neither of the County Councillors was optimistic about the chances of Southam Swimming Pool being endorsed by Stratford D.C. L. RIDGLEY.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Councillors enjoyed themselves, despite having to miss the Cup Final replay. Now he is RETIRED Finance Chairman, Mike Ellis suggested spending lots of money, taking over mowing the grass areas supposedly maintained by Stratford and the County Council. "We won't be supreme in the Best

Kept Village Competition until we do" he said. The PC would have to consider buying a sturdier Large Mower if this work was done by Tony Ceney. Harbury's ride-on mower had collapsed, but it would still be more economical to repair it than replace it.

The area round the Village Hall is to have special attention in preparation for the BKV competition. The Council suggested the Village Hall take on the mowing of its frontage even though the District Council was responsible for this. Neville Ellis had been out about the village spraying weeds. Bruce Hannay was troubled that the weeds round the Play Area had been treated but he was assured that it was a contact weedkiller and harmless to children. He was also worried that foliage was obstructing various street lights in the village.

The Council's concern for the environment showed itself in their comments on planning applications. They recommended that the Hill Cottage extension be constructed in the same materials as the cottage itself. They demanded a pitched roof and a brick-built extension at Carlisle Lodge, and they wanted Harbury stone used to extend 20 Mill Street, one of the oldest surviving cottages in Harbury. They were disappointed that permission for the radio mast in Farm Street had been given.

District Councillor Macauley was called upon to explain the official Stratford D.C. response to the Southam swimming pool scheme. He said that he believed SDC might take it up in 1983/4, subject to the approval of the feasibility study.

WCC's letter on the withdrawing of the Sunday bus service angered the PC. It arrived after the service had been taken off, and did not answer their questions, but piously hoped that those who had used the service would be able to find alternative transport.

Mike Ellis declared that the lack of attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting was attributable to the failure to send out notices with the newspapers, and the Chairman admitted that the PC had forgotten to do this. Such notices should be MANDATORY, Mike said.

Mrs. Catterall was not present to represent Deppers, but Iory Davies said her suggestion of paying someone to cut the playing field in June and take the hay off was not acceptable. The PC had

therefore arranged for a contractor to mow the field. There had been no scheme for play equipment submitted by Deppers, and so no money could be given to them at present.

Keith Thompson complained that the play fort at Harbury had to be demolished after only 2 years due to vandalism. Sharon Hancock suggested that a contour slide, much safer than the present tower one, could be put on the remaining mound. The Dog Fouling notice ordered for the fields had been delayed.

Young trespassers on the Village Hall are still a problem, and it looks as if the Village Hall Cttee will be ordering one of those elusive notices saying "Beware" or "Keep Off" or "Dangerous Structure". LR:

"A PROBLEM SHARED....."

All of us from time to time encounter difficulties or crises - sudden illness (either physical or mental), trouble with jobs, or children, or elderly parents, the problems of growing old, bereavement, financial worries.....the list is endless. And often we bottle up our fears and keep them to ourselves because we don't think anyone else would really understand what we're going through.

A group of people centred on Harbury Church is setting up 'Contact' - a list of volunteers who have themselves come through bad patches, and who feel they could help others in similar situations, perhaps in practical ways but mainly by just talking - and LISTENING.

If you would like to know more about 'Contact' please ring one of us for a chat - either about how you can help us or how we can help you.

The scheme would operate entirely confidentially of course, and we feel it is a very real way in which we can obey our Lord's command that we should "love one another". JILL WINTER, 612585, ROSEMARY ELD, 613340, DIANA HOLT, 612790.

IN THE GARDEN

June is a busy month, with sowing, planting, thinning, weeding, watering, staking and waging war against pests and diseases. As a reward there will be broad beans, peas, early potatoes and soft fruit. Further sowing may be made of French beans, runner

beans, peas (an early variety), beetroot, carrots, turnips, swedes, spinach, spinach beet and of course lettuce, radish and onions for salads. The month's transplanting includes leeks, brussel sprouts, cabbages, autumn cauliflowers, calabrese and other sprouting broccoli, celery and self-blanding celery, ridge cucumbers, courgettes, marrows and outdoor tomatoes.

Mulch where possible; although this will cut down the amount of watering and weeding you will have to do, never let the vegetables go short of water in hot dry weather, and hoe when necessary to keep down weeds. Stake peas and runner beans - indeed, stake anything that grows tall or climbs - and net soft fruit against birds.

W.F.LINES.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Now that the winter meetings have ceased, the main events of the summer are the Garden Walkabout on Saturday July 17th and the Flower Show on Sat. September 4th.

The Walkabout starts as usual at 2pm and tickets will be available nearer the date. Over 20 gardens will be open, showing the great variety of excellent gardens (and gardeners) we have - our thanks to those who are even now preparing for the open day.

TONY BRUNTON, 612191.

THE LONDON MARATHON - May 9th, 1982

Precisely on time, a cannon booms and 16,000 runners are off on our 26 mile trek. I am aware only of huge crowds, cheering, clapping, shouting advice and encouragement. We go through the first mile in $8\frac{1}{2}$ minutes, much too slow for my projected time of about 3 hours, but the next 2 miles pass in 12 mins. Before long I am aware that I am not running well. My breathing is short and laboured, and I take a drink of water at the first 'feed' station: the next day I am flattened by a stomach 'bug'.

Somewhere ahead of me is the 'flying doctor', running a superb marathon, who will eventually finish in 2hrs.34mins; but by halfway he is already a long way in front and I am struggling; 1hr.27mins as we cross Tower Bridge and I feel slightly disorientated at this stage. I see also an early casualty at about 14 miles - a runner stretched unconscious on the

pavement. From then onwards the noise of the crowd becomes blurred, cobblestones outside the Tower are sheer purgatory, and I am having difficulty staying on my feet. My wife and daughter see me at 24 miles - moving in slow motion - although I am totally oblivious of them.

I know that I am going slowly when a pantomime horse comes alongside me in The Mall! Eventually I see Westminster Bridge and hear roars of encouragement over the loudspeakers as we stragglers sprint despairingly for the line. I finish just inside 3hrs,30mins, but I have an acute sense of disappointment at ending up so far outside my expected time. Then a competitor - a total stranger - throws an arm round my shoulders and we congratulate each other. I remember too the £150 for charity promised by kind sponsors. By the time I reach my family I am already reflecting on how to do better in the Birmingham Marathon in September.

DAVID ROLF.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

I should like to say "thank you" to all those who contributed to my having such a successful result in the recent District Council elections.

May I also assure those that did not support me that I shall be very happy to be of assistance to all who may have problems which concern the Stratford District Council:

JOHN B. DRINKWATER.

Dear Harbury News,

I was very sad - as I'm sure many other people were - to see Harbury described in the Leamington Courier as a village full of apathetic, patronising newcomers who discourage "outsiders" from joining their "cliques", and are "trying to turn Harbury into a town".

It saddened me firstly to think that there really are people who feel themselves cut off from the fellowship and support many of us find in Harbury, and secondly because those people were encouraged to express their views in a paper which will be read mainly by those from outside the village, who will now have a very gloomy picture of what life here is like. Anyone trying to sell a house or on the point

of moving here will have been distressed by the article.

If there are things wrong in our community, surely the place to air them is within the village, so that they can be fairly considered and then put right.

DIANA HOLT.

Dear Editors,

I would like to congratulate both the Village Hall Management Committee and the Playing Fields Committee, and also the Parish Council.

Recently these village institutions have held public Annual Meetings. At the AGM of the Village Hall Committee one member of the public was present. At the Annual Parish Meeting there were slightly more - almost a dozen in fact. However, in a parish the size of Harbury that was not many.

I can only conclude that the population is well satisfied with the general running of things which come under the jurisdiction of these organisations, and therefore I offer my congratulations to them.

NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED.

Dear Editors,

If you are interested in the many religions of this world, and are keen for a better understanding between people with different beliefs, why not find out more about the World Congress of Faiths (Heart of England Branch) from Mr. P. Vickers (Leamington 39609). At the June meeting there will be a speaker about Jainism, and in July a Muslim.

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