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Spring is clearly on the way when we see lambs gambolling in the fields, and the tennis players leaping around the courts again. We also know that spring is here when preparations begin for the Carnival, one of the major village events of the year.

The Easter Spring Fair in aid of Church funds, will take place on Saturday March 27th and this promises to be an enjoyable afternoon with a variety of popular stalls and attractions. We are sure of a fine day since Mr. Sam Glassey - the television weather forecaster - has agreed to open the fair.

A major event in February was the Confirmation on February 21st. A full church saw eleven candidates confirmed by Bishop Daly. We were sorry to hear of Chris Windsor's accident, but pleased to know that he is making progress, and will hopefully soon be bell-ringing again.

This issue is the last of the current 'advertising year' and the editorial committee would like to thank all those individuals and businesses who advertise in the magazine, and contribute substantially towards the production costs. We hope that our readers patronise the advertisers whenever possible.

MAJOR RUPERT KETTLE

It is with deep regret that we record the tragic death in a road accident on 1st March of Major Rupert Kettle. As our elected County Councillor for many years, Major Kettle served as Chairman of the County Council and of the Education Committee. He unstintingly served the community in many ways, and we hope to pay tribute to him more fully in our next issue. At this time we extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Kate and his family.



HARBURY DIARY

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- Sun. 7th Second Sunday in Lent. (Tear Fund Sunday)
8am Holy Eucharist, 10 am Sung Eucharist
4pm Evensong.
- Mon. 8th Upholstery Classes in Wight School, 2-4pm.
Non-denominational Christian Fellowship
meeting, 8pm at Corner Cottage, High St.
- Tues. 9th Playing Fields Cttee at V. Hall, 8pm.
- Wed. 10th Deanery Lenten Service, 7.45pm at Marton
- Thurs. 11th Keep Fit, 2-3.30pm in Village Hall.
Golden Age, 2.30pm, Village Hall.
Girls' Club in Village Hall
6.30pm 'Children's Special' in Church.
- Sat. 13th Non-denominational Christian Fellowship
meeting, 8pm, 14 Farm Street.
Tennis Jumble Sale, Village Hall, 11 a.m.
Southam Rotary Club Antique Show (see ad.)
- Sun. 14th Third Sunday in Lent. 8am Holy Eucharist,
10am Sung Eucharist, 4pm Evensong.
- Tues. 16th Toddler Group Coffee Morning, 10am-1pm,
Paddock House, Crown Street.
Tufty Club, 2.15pm, Wight School.
- Wed. 17th Deanery Lenten Service, 7.45pm at Ufton.
- Thurs. 18th Keep Fit, 2 - 3.30pm in Village Hall.
Girls' Club in Village Hall.
6.30pm 'Children's Special' in Church.
Labour Party AGM, 8pm, 32 Mill Street.
- Fri. 19th Football Club's Annual Dinner Dance
at Charlecote Pheasant.
- Sun. 21st Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)
8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Family Sung
Eucharist (with Mothering Sunday Cards)
4pm Evensong.
- Mon. 22nd Non-denominational Christian Fellowship
meeting, 8pm, Corner Cottage, High St.
Conservative Cttee Meeting, 8pm,
Victoria House, Farm Street.
- Tues. 23rd Young Wives, 2pm, Village Hall.
Village Hall Cttee, 8pm, Village Hall.
- Wed. 24th Deanery Lenten Service, 7.45pm at HARBURY.

- Thurs. 25th Keep Fit, 2 - 3.30pm Village Hall.
Girls Club at Village Hall.
Golden Age, 2.30pm, Village Hall.
6.20pm, Children's Special in Church.
Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall.
Whist Drive in aid of Myton Hospice, V. Hall,
8 p.m.
- Sat. 27th SPRING FAIR at VILLAGE HALL, 2.30 p.m.
Non-denominational Christian Fellowship,
8pm, 14 Farm Street.
- Sun. 28th Fifth Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday)
8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist,
6.30pm Evensong.
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN APRIL'S NEWS
TO EDITORS BY TODAY PLEASE.
- Mon. 29th AGM Harbury Society, 8pm at Crown Inn with
talk on Staffordshire Pottery Figures
by Jock Stobo.
- Tues. 30th PCC Meeting, 8pm at Wight School.
- Wed. 31st PTA 8pm School, 'Your Local Environment'.
Deanery Lenten Service, 7.45pm at Bishops
Itchington.

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- Thurs. 1st W.I. 7.45pm, V. Hall, Demonstration by
the Potato Marketing Board.
Girls Club at Village Hall.
6.30pm, 'Children's Special' in Church.
Tennis Club recommences, 6.30pm at Courts,
followed by Wine & Cheese Party at
2 Wagstaffe Close, 8.30 p.m.
- Fri. 2nd RACE NIGHT - An Evening of Fun with the
chance to WIN at Harbury Village Hall -
Tickets from Village Hall Cttee.
- Sat. 3rd PTA Trip to the Fleet Air Arm Museum.
- Sun. 4th Palm Sunday. 8am Blessing and Distribution
of Palms and Holy Eucharist, 10am Blessing
and Distribution of Palms, Procession and
Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
- Tues. 6th Horticultural Society, 8pm, Wight School.
Windmill Singers Concert, Southam Community
Centre, 8pm (see ad.)
- Wed. 7th Carnival Queen Competition, Village Hall.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN, Harbury Hall
10.45 am 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 9yrs)
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,

The Confirmation on February 21st was a very happy occasion, and it was a great joy to welcome Bishop Daly. His address was greatly appreciated and valued. In most recent years we have had a

large number of candidates, and this largely accounts for the big increase in our number of Communicants. Pray that the newly-confirmed may continue faithful in their prayers, their worship, their use of the sacraments and their witness to Christ in their lives.

March 21st will be Mothering Sunday, and at the 10 a.m. Parish Eucharist Mothering Sunday Cards will be given to the children to present to their mothers.

When British Summer Time begins our Sunday Evensong will again be at 6.30 p.m. instead of 4.0 p.m.

The Additional Curates Society evening at Miss Aggett's on Shrove Tuesday was very enjoyable, and, among other things, suggested ideas for self-denial by which we might fill our A.C.S. Lent boxes. Quite a number of these boxes have been taken.

We have one big money-raising event for the Church each year (not always the same kind of event). This year it will be a Spring Fair and will be on Saturday March 27th in the Village Hall beginning at 2.30 p.m. Preparations are going ahead well, and any further offers of help or gifts will be welcomed by Pam Clarke (612311), 11 Constance Drive - I hope that it will attract a big crowd.

Our C.M.S. Link Missionaries, Richard and Jane Smith, will shortly be coming to England from Nigeria, and will be visiting us from Friday May 28th to Sunday May 30th. We shall be arranging meetings at which you can meet them.

This is the year of the Bishop's Episcopal Visitation, and the dates for our own Deanery (Southam) are Saturday May 8th and Sunday May 9th. From Harbury parish there are 4 delegates (in addition to myself) and preparations are already being made. I hope that as many people as possible will come to the "Agenda for Apostles" Bible Course when this starts.

With every blessing,

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

Confirmation

Feb. 21st John French, 26 South Parade.
 Edward Russell, Middle Road Farm.
 Graeme Smith, 3 Vicarage Lane.
 Jamie Williams, 2 Farley Avenue.
 Sarah Bunting, The Rylands, Dovehouse Lane
 Caroline Holt, 15 Wagstaffe Close

cont:-

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Penelope Johnson, Cottage Close, Chesterton Rd.
Deborah Keir, 25 South Parade.
Carole Moore, 23 Mill Street.
(Mrs.) Florence Long, 28 Farley Avenue.
(Mrs.) Iris Timbs, 6 Manor Orchard.

(photograph next month.)

From the churchwardens

On the first Sunday in Lent the Vicar gave us some most helpful thoughts on the keeping of Lent. He reminded us that, while Lent is a time of self-denial, repentance and of making that little extra effort, it is also an opportunity for THINKING. Self-denial needs thought and planning if it is really going to help us in our Christian lives. Repentance needs thought in remembering our faults and failings, in confessing and in turning away from sin and seeking to follow Christ. In addition to these aspects of Lent, perhaps we can make a special effort to THINK ABOUT GOD daily by prayer, by fellowship with those who love God and by doing things for Him.

These thoughts of the Vicar's set one of us (who has a weakness for acrostics) thinking how we could use LENT. The best we could manage was the following:

Perhaps some of our time in Lent could be spent in:-

Learning
Excercise (or effort)
Nurture
Thinking

Firstly, LEARNING. How about that extra 20 or 30 minutes a day Bible study? (if necessary getting up that bit earlier in the morning to give us time.) If you feel you don't know how or where to start, have a look at some of the books in Church. There are several in the library which will help with studying God's word. There are also copies of a booklet called "Agenda for Apostle" which is designed for group use and we are hoping to use it in the parish later on but it is also a useful guide for private study. You would also find one of the Bible studies and meditation workshops helpful. There is

EXCERCISE. Those who participate in sport are very well aware of the need for continuing effort in excercising the body in order to obtain the greatest enjoyment and least danger of injury. The same is true of our Christian lives. We need to set some time aside each day for spiritual excercises.

NURTURE. (or nourishment?) We need food if we are to grow as Christians. We can obtain this by prayer and Bible study but primarily by fellowship with others in the worship of the church. The liturgy itself feeds us but we can also gain much from careful attention to the teaching we receive in the Vicar's sermons. We are greatly blessed in Harbury in that our Vicar is a man of God who gives us such wonderful nourishment in his sermons;

THINKING. We refer back to the first paragraph of this letter for consideration of this subject:



LADBROKE NEWS

MARCH DIARY

Sun: 7th Lent II: 8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Matins

Wed. 10th 3.0pm Women's Fellowship Corporate Communion
.....afterwards at Briarwood, Windmill Lane

7.45pm Deanery Lenten Service at Marton

Thurs. 11th 7.45pm Deanery Synod at St. James' School,
Southam.

Sun. 14th Lent III. 11am Holy Communion with Hymns &
Sermon, 3.30pm Evensong.

Mon. 15th 7.30pm Alibone Charity Trustees meet at the Old Rectory.

Wed. 17th 7.45pm Deanery Lenten Service at Upton.

Sun. 21st Lent IV: Mothering Sunday: 11am Holy Communion with Hymns. 3.30pm Ecumenical Mothering Service...Posies for Children...preacher
Mr. W. J. Grimes

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 Mon. 22nd 7.30pm ANNUAL VESTRY & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING in the VILLAGE HALL... Open to all residents and members of the Electoral Roll.....Refreshments.
 Wed. 24th 7.45pm Deanery Lenten Service at Harbury.
 Thurs. 25th Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 Sun. 28th Lent V (Passion Sunday). 11am Holy Communion with Hymns, 6.30pm Evensong.
 NOTE CHANGE OF TIME.
 Wed. 31st 7.45pm Deanery Lenten Service at Bishops Itchington.

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Thurs. 1st 7.45pm Men's Group at Harbury.
 Sun. 4th Lent VI. (Palm Sunday) 8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Matins. Distribution of Palms at both Services.
 Wed. 7th 7.45pm Deanery Musical Devotions at Southam Parish Church.
 Thurs. 8th MAUNDY THURSDAY. 7.30pm Holy Communion
 Fri. 9th GOOD FRIDAY. 2.0pm The Holy Hour.
 Sun. 10th EASTER DAY. 8.30am Holy Communion; 11am Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon, 6.30pm Evensong.

EASTER DAY IS A DAY OF GENERAL COMMUNION FOR ALL CONFIRMED MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

HOUSE COMMUNIONS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO BE AT CHURCH WILL BE ARRANGED DURING EASTER WEEK.

ALTAR FLOWERS: NO FLOWERS DURING LENT.
 11 April - Mrs. Darkes.

EASTER LILIES. Those who wish to give Lilies in remembrance of departed relatives are asked to let Canon Fishley know by PALM SUNDAY (4 April) AT THE LATEST. It is impossible to forecast the cost of individual flowers but it is suggested that a minimum of 50p as last year, might be offered. Please all donations and notifications of gifts of flowers to Canon Fishley.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Thanks to Mrs. J. Barnett our members enjoyed a happy meeting at her house in February....and marvellously...no snow! Our next meeting will be at Communion in Church on Wednesday 10th March at 3.0pm and afterwards a cup of tea etc. at "Briarwood", Windmill Lane. We trust Mrs. Hayward will have recovered from her recent illness by then.
 C.H.

Mrs. Rutherford expresses her thanks to all those who combined to make the Coffee Morning in aid of the Home Farm Trust a great occasion. She has forwarded over £200 to the funds.

I should like to hear from anyone desirous of being prepared for Confirmation. If the number is sufficient I will arrange classes in Ladbroke; if however there are very few, it might be better to arrange for them to join next year's confirmation classes at Harbury or Southam. Any adults I shall be happy to prepare personally. G.R.F.

SPRING CLEAN..... Could we have a day or week chosen for this 'blitz'.....I should welcome suggestions..... and some volunteers please. G.R.F.

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

At the Feb. meeting we were pleased to welcome more new members from Deppers Bridge. Paper and cardboard seemed to come to life as Mrs. Burdett demonstrated the art of paper sculpture.

Mrs. Gladys Gould won the the raffle, and Mrs. Barbara Hodge won the competition with a beautifully knitted matinée coat which will now be entered in the Spring Council Competition. The competition for next month is for the funniest cartoon or quotation.

A make-up and jewellery party will be held at 7.30 on Tuesday 16th March at the home of Mrs. Norgate at Ladbroke House. There is no need to be a member of W.I.; everyone is welcome.

Next month's meeting will be a talk on "do-it-yourself" fashion by Mrs. Barnes-Hughes. Many members will remember this elegant and entertaining lady, when she came to talk to us before - so I do hope lots of members will make an effort to attend. P. LAIDLER.

VILLAGE HALL AFFAIRS

It is rather disappointing to report that support for our Village Hall is definitely flagging, and that if more villagers don't support events in the Hall it will eventually be closed down due to lack of funds. Please remember these events are held to raise money which is urgently needed for repairs as well as to provide a focal point for villagers. The committee aim to hold an event every two months and they are trying to make them as varied as possible

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so please write down the following dates in your diary and bring your friends along as well!

1. Saturday 3rd April

"Chicken & Chips Dance" - to the music of the 50's and swinging 60's. Tickets are £1.50 from committee members. The Dance starts at 8.30pm, and the food will be served promptly at 9.30 pm.

2. Saturday 1st May

"Cheese & Wine Party" - Red and white wine, delicious crusty rolls, fresh cheese! 8.30 - 10 pm, Tickets £1.50.

3. Friday 18th June

"The Birthday Dance" - Live music by the "Four Jays". Ploughman's Supper served at 10 pm.
(9pm - 1 a.m.)

I have also been asked to stress that the Village Hall is of course for Hire, and is available to people in Harbury and Deppers Bridge as well as Ladbroke. Its hiring rates compare most favourably with other local halls - so why not hire it for your private party, or even for evening classes etc. For rates phone Margaret Bull on Harbury 612961.

Beginning on Sunday March 28th and continuing every fortnight until June, a working Sunday will be held at the Hall. Now it has been in use for 2 years it needs smartening up. Men and women are needed - why not come along for just a couple of hours? The first two sessions will be painting - so please bring your own brush. If you would like more details phone Dave Wilson on Southam 2131.

Finally there will be a sponsored walk over village footpaths, in aid of the new roof. A good way for newcomers to get to know the footpaths, and also to check that they are all in walking order! If you would like a sponsor form, contact M. Bull on Harbury 612961.

K.L.

PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting on 24th Feb., great interest was shown in the surveyors, who have been pacing the fields in the vicinity of the proposed Bypass. Apparently they are once again determining the line of the road and the next stage will be the negotiations for the purchase of the land.

The footpath from the bridge to the church has been cleared, following a complaint about the dead leaves obstructing the path; and on the subject of paths, the Parish Council has been informed that the Green Lane (E 824) to Priors Marston has been blocked and they propose taking immediate action to remedy this situation.

The meeting was informed that Penfold Green (the unclaimed strip of land in Windmill Lane), is being claimed by the Parish Council on behalf of the village and that the Commons Commissioner will be holding an enquiry to decide ownership.

A member of the Parish Council attended the general meeting in Southam about building a Swimming Pool on the land adjoining the High School. The project will obviously cost a great deal of money and the meeting asked that anyone interested in helping to raise funds for this project should contact Councillor Reading in Southam.

Finally, the Parish Council minuted its extreme displeasure that its District Councillors did not support Councillor Turner, who put the case for differential rating at the general meeting of Stratford Council. John Turner had agreed to put forward the case on their behalf - and when it came to the vote no-one supported him! - Such are the machinations of Local Government.

Next meeting Tuesday 23rd March, 7.30pm in Village Hall.
K.L.

Will all lovers of good music please note that our local celebrity Rhys Wilson is holding a concert in aid of Cancer Research in Southam Community Centre on Saturday 20th March. Tickets will be £1.50 or 75p for O.A.P.'s and children:- available from the Bell Inn, Ladbroke or tel: Harbury 612961.

A TRIP TO MARLE HALL

On Monday 15th February Class 10 from Harbury School went to Marle Hall which is situated at Llandudno Junction in North Wales.

We had to be at the school gates by 8.0 a.m., and we set off at 8.15 a.m. We stopped once during the long journey for our lunch, and we arrived at Marle Hall at 1.30 p.m.

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We were shown to our bedrooms and around the building when we arrived, and we were also issued with walking boots, ruck-sacks and waterproofs.

About an hour and a half after we arrived we set off to the Great Orme. We travelled to Llandudno in a coach and walked the rest of the way. From the top we had a marvellous view of the sea. We visited two quarries situated on the Great Orme, which contained hundreds of fossils.

The next day we split into two groups. Group A went on a walk (Trefriw Walk) first and Group B went to Trefriw Woollen Mill. We were all driven to Trefriw in a coach.

Trefriw Woollen Mill was very interesting. We were given a guided tour by a lady who gave us all the information we needed to complete a work-sheet we had.

The Trefriw Walk was tiring as we had to climb a lot of hills but the views made it all worthwhile. We also explored a disused lead mine.

Wednesday was an Ecology Day. Again we split into two groups, but we all followed the same route. After climbing Conwy Mountain we went on to Bodlondet Woods where we had lunch. Then we went to visit Conwy Castle which was built by Edward I and is beautiful and interesting to look at. After looking around the castle we could go into Conwy to do souvenir shopping.

On Thursday we went to Cefn Caves and Benarth Beach. Group A went to Benarth Beach first and Group B went to Cefn Caves. We had great fun playing a war game in Cefn Caves, in which Mr. Stuart didn't do very well! It was in these caves where Mr. Chapman emerged from nowhere!

Benarth Beach was very interesting and we all enjoyed ourselves.

We did a lot on Friday. We went to Caernarvon Castle, Segontium Roman Fort, and North Wales Slate Quarrying Museum. Caernarvon Castle was my favourite visit. It is another Edwardian castle but very different to Conwy. Segontium also had an interesting museum. I also enjoyed myself at the Quarrying Museum.

On Saturday we went home. May I take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Buck, Miss Nurser, Mrs. Wallington and Mr. Stuart for such a lovely holiday.

PAULA KELLY.



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FIELD WALK

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On Tuesday 23rd February, we went on a field walk with Mr. Chapman, and Mr. Clark and Miss Maclagen from the Warwickshire County Museum. The field we went to is next to Heron's Cabin, up Bush Heath Lane. We left for the field at about 9:15 am. When we had been walking for about 10 minutes, Mr. Chapman suddenly jumped over the fence. After we were all in the field, Miss Maclagen started positioning us, every three paces. Then we started moving forward very slowly. Unfortunately it was very foggy and everything was frostbittenincluding our toes. Most of the stone, pot, china, glass and bone was very cold and frozen to the ground. All the flint was smooth and orange. The few people who picked up bones thought that they were quite rough and dirty. We had plastic bags to put the stuff we found in. We did this twice which covered about half the field. It was a pity no one shouted "EUREKA!" which meant they had found a lot of things together.

When we got back to school we had a quarter of an hour to clean the things we had found - including coins. Miss Maclagen came round to see if any of the things we had found were arrows, axe heads etc. It was a pity that none of them were though. Everybody had a very enjoyable day.

TIMOTHY TYLER (aged 11)

TODDLER GROUP

We would like to remind you all that our coffee morning and sale is at the Paddox House, Crown Street on Tuesday 16th March from 10:0 am to 1:0 pm. Playpax (who sell a wide variety of craft material, toys and books) will be there and if they haven't got what you want the bring and buy stall should be able to help. So if you've run out of powder paint, want an unusual present for a child's party or simply want to try some home made cake and coffee, come along.

If you have any toys to sell jointly with us (you'd get 50% of the selling price) don't forget to contact either Liz Crute (613326) or Anne Tasker (613273) before 16th March.

LIZ CRUTE,

1st HARBURY SCOUT GROUP

Thank you to everyone who helped with our jumble sale on Saturday 13th February. It raised £95 for group funds. Now that the market has fallen for

waste paper we are having to rely heavily on such events to provide money to finish the scout hut extension and purchase equipment:

On Friday 26th Feb. a pleasant social evening was held for parents and venture scouts at the skittle alley of the Swan Inn, Kineton. At the end of the evening the winners were Britt Ingram and Ted Coupe. While not raising much money, such an event is a chance for the group's parents and friends to get together; thanks to Sue Jones for organising.

Two cub scouts completed a fairly arduous link badge activity with the scouts on Thursday 18th Feb. It was a bicycle ride from Harbury via Whitnash (St. Margaret's Church), lunch in Jephson Gardens and on to St. John's Museum for a pleasant hour 'in the warm' and a double 'run' of the museum's organ clock at 3:0 pm. The first was the normal run, the second a re-run by popular request - rewinding carried out by the museum's caretaker. After a welcome cup of tea the ride continued through Bishops Tachbrook. Congratulations to Martin Dufresne and Tony Bastin on completing the ride. Darren Boiles completed his link badge activity by taking part in our annual pancake race. This was a closely contested relay won by Harriers despite a Stewards' enquiry!

Camp will definitely be over the spring bank holiday (from Saturday 29th May to Saturday 5th June) at last year's campsite, Welford Pastures Farm, Welford-on-Avon by courtesy of Mr. P.A. Gwilliam.

Finally congratulations to four lads Stephen Luke, Chris Millington, Adrian Thomas and Stephen Hancock on completing their advanced scout standard hike. The overnight camp, by permission of Mr. & Mrs. Neville Ellis, at Sharmer Farm was a night to remember I am told.
J.L.H.

WARWICKSHIRE GANG SHOW

It is the ambition of most actors to perform at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. So for the 230 members of the Warwickshire Gang Show the charity show held there on 6th Feb. was the experience of a lifetime. In spite of fears of cancellation due to poor ticket sales, 1200 seats were sold, thanks to the

efforts of the Gang Show publicity men; and the presence of Sarah Douglas and Don Henderson must have boosted ticket sales.

The theatre was taken over by 400 people on the Friday night before. All of us were amazed by the sheer size of the theatre backstage. It is bigger there than the whole of the theatre out front. The girls were thrilled to find that they had been given the stars' dressing rooms. Each one had a balcony overlooking the river - I wonder who the boatmen thought they were really waving to?!

Our arrival at the theatre coincided with the Nuneaton Scout Band, who had paraded through Stratford with the 10 American Scouts.

The lighting was marvellous, the sound reproduction was fantastic and everyone, stage crew and cast responded to the atmosphere of the theatre. As a result it proved to be WAGS' best performance ever.

The last show before Dallas will be at the Spa Centre on 3rd April. Tickets from Leamington Rotary Club.
H.T.

HARBURY GIRLS CLUB

You may remember the photo in last month's magazine showing some of the girls preparing for the Girls Club January Sale. We would like to thank everyone who supported this venture and the girls themselves for their efforts in organising this very successful sale, which raised £36.07 for Club funds. This money will be used to provide further activities for the girls.
A.R.

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

It is very encouraging to report that the 1st team have taken maximum points from their games this month. The 1st team manager, Brian (Duke) Wallington, feels that they could easily have been competing for top honours if they hadn't suffered such a bad patch in November. The defence has now been tightened up and the players are laying on good through balls for the forwards to score - especially through the fine efforts of John Luke and Colin Sheasby, who have both scored 3 goals in 3 matches.

The Reserves have not been entirely overshadowed and have managed to pull back 4 points from their games this month. The M.O.M. nominations for the past

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two games have resulted from a consensus of opinion as Reserve team manager Les Sollis is basking in Sri Lanka following the fortunes of the English cricket team!

The tickets for the dinner dance at the Charle-cote Pheasant on March 19th are now available (cost £6 inclusive - for dinner, disco and coach transport). An invitation is extended to all members of the football club (past and present), their families and friends - as well as any villagers who support the team. Contact S. Finch, 612305, as tickets are strictly limited.

RESULTS:- 1st Team

M.O.M.

14.2.82 B.H. Sports v Harbury	W 2-0	A. Hopkins
21.2.82 Kenilworth v Harbury	W 1-0	T. Frost
28.2.82 Harbury v Napton	W 5-2	(T. Sheasby

Played 3, Won 3 F8 A2

(J. Luke
C. Sheasby

Reserves

7.2.82 G.S. Sports v H. Res.	D 0-0	M. Pratt
14.2.82 H. Res. v Cubbington	L 5-1	K. White
21.2.82 H. Res. v Courier Press	W 5-1	T. Chimes
28.2.82 Central v H. Res.	D 2-2	R. Williams

C.F.



Harbury Albion 1st team after their 1-0 victory over Kenilworth Rangers. Photo by Mike Bloxham.

TENNIS CLUB

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The tennis season commences on Thursday, April 1st when, weather permitting, we look forward to all members meeting at the courts from 6.30 p.m. We will be pleased to welcome newcomers to the Club, so if you play tennis or would like to take up the game, do come along on the above date or join a future club session on a Tuesday or Thursday evening, Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning, or contact me for detail

The first social event follows the tennis on April 1st when we are holding a wine & cheese evening from 8.30 pm at 2 Wagstaffe Close. It is hoped all members will attend and again we welcome those interested in joining the Club.

Finally, a reminder about the Jumble Sale on Saturday March 13th when the help of members will be appreciated.

JENNY NEWMAN (612839)

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The second half of the league season has started and all four teams are maintaining the standards they set earlier in the season. The 'A' team are poised in the middle of division 3 with the 'B' & 'C' teams holding similar positions in divisions 4 & 5 respectively; the 'D' team are still maintaining a position just above the bottom of Division 5. Particularly pleasing is Mathew Checkley's form in Division 5 where he has not lost a game.

The Club achieved a possibly unique situation when two of its members travelled all the way to Loughborough to play against each other. Mathew Checkley was selected to represent Leamington in a Midland Cadet League match and arrived at Loughborough to find that he had to play against Lynn Stanbridge representing Coventry. Lynn succeeded in beating Mathew but Mathew still has another year as an under 14.

The experiment of having two teams playing all their matches away has not been entirely successful. Ideally the club needs to have one match night and one practice night per week; unfortunately this is unlikely to be realised. The situation next year may be better as it may only be possible to enter two or three teams in the league. I will write about future plans just before the summer closure so that people wanting to play next year will know our plans. RON STANBRIDGE.

JESUS OR BARABBAS?

Have you ever noticed that Pontius Pilate is the only man (except, of course, for Jesus) whose name is mentioned in the Creed which we say each week in Church? This always seemed somewhat unfair to me - that he should be constantly referred to as the one under whose authority Jesus was crucified. After all, he did offer to set Jesus free. Only when the crowd insisted that Barabbas should be released did he agree to their demands, and then he washed his hands of the consequences - he did try to do the right thing.

But, on reflection, I wonder if washing one's hands of the consequences of one's actions isn't in fact a greater wrong than the initial sinful action. We all do wrong from time to time - 'through ignorance, through weakness or our own deliberate fault' - but if we repent, and promise to try harder in future, forgiveness is available to us. But if we don't care about what we've done, if we don't mind about the hurt our thoughtless words might have caused, then we are surely hardening our hearts against our consciences - against the voice of God within us - and we are moving further down the path which takes us away from the love of Jesus.

We are all called upon to choose between Jesus and Barabbas - between good and evil - on many occasions. Let us all, this Lent, make an extra effort not only to make the correct choice, but to be very aware of the consequences of our choice - not to wash our hands of the results of our actions.

Let us reject the crowd which screams 'Barabbas' at us. Let us hear and accept the quiet voice within which says 'Jesus'. And then let us boldly announce to the world - WE HAVE CHOSEN JESUS!

THE WINDMILL SINGERS IN CONCERT

The Windmill Singers, who are visiting Holland after Easter to perform a programme of music by Purcell, Vivaldi and Haydn with the Heemstede Chamber Orchestra, are to give a preview of these works in a concert in Southam on the evening of 6th April, at the Community Centre.

They will be accompanied by Stuart Smith, a concert pianist of considerable reputation, and by

highly accomplished soloists Rosalind Roberts (Soprano), Christine Lockwood (Contralto), Richard Johnson (Tenor) and Roger Usherwood (Bass).

Tickets are available from Bryan Harrison (612533), Sheila Scott (612637) or Anne Moore (612427) price £1.00 each (reductions for children and O.A.P.s)

VILLAGE HALL

Following the success of the recent P.T.A./ Theatre Group Edwardian Evening, the cast gave a repeat performance in aid of Village Hall funds on Saturday 27th February. The evening included a Pie and Chips supper and plenty of opportunities to sing and was a great success.

The next Village Hall big night out will be the Race Night on Friday 2nd April. L.R.

HARBURY W.I.

Mr. Southorn gave a very interesting talk on Shoes Through the Ages, showing patterns and illustrations of very early footwear. Many of today's shoes are copies of earlier styles indicating that fashion repeats itself.

In the competition for a matinée jacket to go forward to the County Spring Council Meeting, Mrs. Keeling's was chosen.

Mrs. Taylor was the winner of the monthly raffle

Once again the W.I. Dance was a huge success and owing to the popularity of this event the next one has been booked for February 19th 1983! With the Likely Lads of course. B.E.T.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP - HARBURY/BIBLE STUDY - UFTON

We have been pleased to welcome Dr. Denis Ball of the Arts and Christian Teaching Services Trust on two occasions recently. Denis is a member of a community at Blandford Forum which sends out teams to churches and groups all over the UK and abroad. The overall theme of the two weekends was a "Faith that Works". On the first evening he gave a very moving, personal testimony and the other subjects covered were ministry, faith and fear.

The next event is on the afternoon and evening of Sunday, 28th March when we welcome three members of Colin Urquhart's team to Colbourne House, Ufton. For further details please ring Harbury 612595.

The fellowship continues to meet at 14 Farm St. on alternate Saturdays at 8 pm, and now further meetings are being held every other Monday at venues notified each month in the Harbury News.

A most informal Bible Study meeting takes place at Colbourne House, Ufton every Wednesday morning from 10.00 to 11.30. Due to increasing numbers, this is now in two small groups (one in the kitchen and the other in the playroom!). Everyone is welcome - any Mums with children interested in participating should not be discouraged because of little ones - at times children and animals outnumber adults!

HARBURY DIRECTORY

R.E.

The Church is planning to prepare a new edition of the Directory, with up-to-date information on all the organisations in the Village. PLEASE let me know the name, address and telephone number of any organisation you know about. Also, if your name is on the current Directory, but should not appear in future, please tell me. I also need information about new organisations (since the last issue in Feb. 1980), and any other subjects you think the Directory should cover. Thank you.

DIANA HOLT, 15 WAGSTAFFE CLOSE,
612790, for HARBURY CHURCH.

HARBURY CARNIVAL '82

This year, Carnival Week will be held between 5th - 12th June. A programme of events for the week is at present being organised by various village clubs. If your club would like to organise an event, please contact the Carnival Committee. The week's celebrations end with the carnival procession, fête and dance on Saturday 12th June. We hope all villagers will join in the fun and support the cttee in this important fund raising venture.

Each year, all funds raised from the fête and carnival are shared between the Village Hall and Recreation Ground committee, who use the money to improve the recreational and social amenities of the village.

We will soon be seeking volunteers to run stalls at the fête. If you, as an individual, or part of a family group, or as a club would like to run a stall or sideshow for the benefit of the



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carnival funds, please let us know.

A full afternoon of entertainment is being planned at the moment, and we hope to cater for old and young alike, with music, displays and attractions.

BRUCE HANNAY (Chairman)

Committee members:- Midge Keen, Gill Gurden, Jean Cox, Sue Andrews, Keith Thompson, Tim Percival, Bing Bingham and Ted Coupe.

CARNIVAL QUEEN COMPETITION

The annual competition to choose the carnival queen for Harbury will be held on Wednesday 7th April at the Village Hall. Prizes of £10 to the girl chosen as Queen, and £5 each for her attendants will be given plus the honour of leading the procession on June 12th and presenting prizes during the afternoon.

If you would like to enter this year, please see Mrs. Taylor at the Youth Club as soon as possible.

EASTER SPRING FAIR

Saturday 27th March will see a Fair in the Village Hall with all the usual attractions - plus a few exciting new ideas. One feature which will appeal to many is the ELECTRONICS ARCADE - a selection of computer and T.V. games to test your skills and reactions.

And please tell your youngsters about the DECORATED EGG COMPETITION. There will be classes for under 5, 5 to 12, and over 12 years, and prizes will be awarded for the most attractive or funniest hen's egg in each class. Entry fee is 5p, payable on the day.

Thanks to the support of many village groups, there will be lots of stalls, including Cakes, Handicrafts, Tombola, Films, Haberdashery and (thanks to Mr. Sedgley's generosity) lots of eggs for sale.

And we are lucky enough to have SAM GLASSEY - the T.V. Weatherman - to do the official opening at 2.30 p.m.

This Easter Spring Fair is organised by Harbury Church to help us meet the ever-increasing cost of maintenance, heating etc. We need your support - PLEASE, if you can supply anything for the stalls (particularly books, cakes, tins (full!), bottles(ditto) White Elephant, toys) we shall be very grateful.

There will be a house-to-house collection during the week beginning 21st March, when your gifts will be

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gratefully accepted:

Your collector will also be selling tickets for our GRAND DRAW, for which there are lots of super prizes:

Please do all you can to support this event in aid of your village church, and do come along on 27th March for a very enjoyable afternoon.

HARBURY SOCIETY

Monday 29 March at 8pm at the Crown Inn is the date for a talk on STAFFORDSHIRE FIGURES AND THEIR HISTORY by Jock Stobo. It will be followed by our AGM and everyone is welcome to come.

As the weather improves people begin to think about their gardens again. The Best Kept Village Competition, for which we are entered once more, seeks to make them look a little further than their own gardens and to take a pride in making the whole of their village pleasant to live in.

We did badly in the Competition last year. Perhaps it was just that other villages tried harder, but we do open our gardens to the public and they are greatly admired, so it would be a great shame if the greens and streets of Harbury let us down.

The Parish Council had praised the contractors who have tidied up the derelict cottage at Binswood End Green and they are surveying the village to pinpoint other areas for improvement. If everyone does something to keep down the weeds and remove litter etc. we would have a beautiful villages for the judges to view in June. LINDA RIDGLEY.

"CINDERELLA"

After the pantomime, several small items were left behind in the dressing rooms in the Village Hall and have not yet been claimed. Please contact me NOW if you think you may have lost anything. I intend to donate unclaimed items to the Church's Spring Fair on 27th March. DIANA HOLT, 612790
(15 Wagstaffe Close)

N.S.P.C.C. COFFEE MORNING

I would like to thank everyone who baked a cake for us, and turned up in atrocious weather, for our coffee morning. We managed to raise £47 for the N.S.P.C.C.

Also, would the owners of - a large white plate, a tupperware container and a red umbrella please call to claim their possessions!

Thank you.

A. ALLAN.

PARISH COUNCIL - FEB. 1982

A full complement of Councillors at the February Parish Council agreed the new Standing Orders for Extraordinary Meetings drafted by Mike Ellis who, in his new half glasses alternated between the judicial and the Pickwickian.

He volunteered with alacrity to judge the Carnival Floats again this, with the help of Sharon Hancock. It was a job that 'needed continuity'. The Carnival takes place on June 12 with the Children's Sports the previous Sunday (June 6) and the Pony Show the following Sunday (June 20).

He pointed out that one third of the Village Hall running costs came from the Electricity charges and asked for further quotes for the installation of the new heating system.

He proposed that the Parish Council suggest that Midland Red do not totally withdraw the Sunday bus service but continue with one bus each way for hospital visiting. Bruce Hannay's survey had shown that few people used the Sunday buses. Sharon Hancock said that rural services would never make a profit but were a social service for those without cars, however soon these people would not be able to afford the buses.

The cost of being buried in Harbury is to rise by about 10% this year and by a similar amount in 1983. Erecting a headstone of over 3'6" will be considerably more because of the maintenance problems these cause and curbstones have been banned for similar reasons. It is still much cheaper for villagers to be buried here than elsewhere in the District the Councillors emphasise.

The dead are still with us, David Winter pointed out, on the new Electoral Roll. John Drinkwater had received an explanation for this from Stratford District Council who complained that the Registrars were not always as co-operative as they might be and were at present actually involved in an Industrial Dispute. Sharon Hancock thought that the onus should be on the Elector to return his 'card' but why bother, she said, when one's name would appear on the Roll anyway together with the removed and deceased.

Sharon agreed to complete a survey for a Register of Sports and Recreational facilities available in the village. John Drinkwater was still trying to find someone in Chesterton to take responsibility for entering the village for the Best Kept Village Competition. Bruce Hannay would deal with a survey on Public and Community Transport.

Bruce's survey of the traffic build up caused by the Sydenham lights had been interrupted by school holidays and the 'flu, but he intends to continue. Tim Percival affirmed that Leamington Police had received no complaints about the lights, but Mike Ellis thought this was merely an indication of the reasonable attitude to adversity adopted by the average Englishman.

Major Kettle had replied to the Parish Council that the County was investigating the cost of repairs to frost damaged roads and had hopes of extra financial help from the Department of the Environment. The Divisional Engineer had been made aware of the pot holes that had appeared in Mill Street and the Butcliffe Pastures Trench. The District Council was to act to ensure that the Old New Inn and Holland House stone walls were made safe. The Temple End seat had been repaired and the Parish Council expressed itself most impressed with the tremendous improvement the conversion of the derelict cottage at Binswood End had made to the whole area.

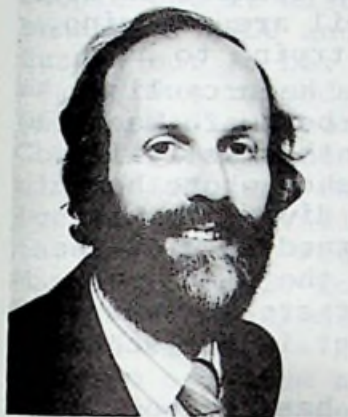
On the formal Planning front there was no objection to Mr. Cotterill's application for a Carport at Mill View (just as well since it was already built) but there was considerable concern about another 'retrospective' application, that for a 24ft high radio mast in Farm St. with an antenna 7'10" wide and 10'6" long. Some residents and Councillors thought it intrusive and environmentally damaging.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

HARBURY CONSERVATIVES

We held a very successful A.G.M. and social evening recently, at which Peter Towell was re-elected Chairman, Roger Smythe became Treasurer and I took over as Secretary. The new committee's first event will be a Spring Sherry Party on Sunday 25th April, from 12 noon at Wissett Lodge, and we look forward to seeing many old - and new - friends then.

HEATHER TURNER (612915).



David Winter was born in Bristol "before the war". He won a choral scholarship to the Bristol Cathedral School where his interest in languages, particularly French, developed. At that time, Bristol led the way in exchange visits and David was one of 300 students who regularly took part in a mass exchange with Bordeaux. At school he took a great interest in music and drama, an interest which he still retains.

From Bristol, David went on to Keele University where he studied French and Political

Institutions. It was soon after starting University that he became a Roman Catholic. As part of his degree course, David spent a year teaching in Paris. He gained his degree in 1962 and in that year took up his first teaching post at Hyde Grammar School near Manchester, and it was there that he met his wife Jill who was introduced to him through a school colleague. From there he moved to a post at Stockport School before moving to Harbury in 1967 on his appointment as Head of Modern Languages at the then Bishop Bright Grammar School. In 1975 he was appointed Deputy Head of Dormer School and in 1977, when Trinity School was established, he was appointed to his present post as Head of Dormer Hall. David has retained his interest in French and French Politics and still spends half his week teaching. He keeps abreast of happenings across the channel by listening to French broadcasts and reading French newspapers and magazines and he finds this a great help with his teaching.

David has wide interests and involvement within the village. Soon after his arrival in 1967 he joined in the footpath walks organised by Austin Hill. He has always been interested in hill walking and enjoys taking parties of his pupils and scouts on hikes. One of his unfulfilled aims incidentally, is to finish "way marking" of the footpaths, but as each marker arrow takes about half an hour to paint properly and he keeps covering himself with paint, it seems he is in for a long job! (David would clearly welcome any

offers of help with this task). David was a founder member of Harbury Society and its Chairman for two years. He was elected to the Parish Council in 1979 and his main interests on the Council are planning, conservation, public footpaths and trying to help solve the "dog problem". David is a keen cyclist which helps him to keep fit. His 3 boys are keen on orienteering which David supports enthusiastically. Daughter Helen, aged 3, has yet to show where her interests lie but David may have to diversify his interests still further! David learned to play the organ as a child and enjoys playing the piano and listening to music. He has a wide taste in music and understandably takes a great interest in his school orchestra and choir.

David thinks that the village has reached a sensible size but feels that if limited further development is allowed at some stage it should provide housing of the type which would be suitable for younger families who want to stay in the village. He feels that the village is well provided for in terms of general facilities and social organisations but he would dearly like to see the creation of a "real village green".

David, Jill and family are clearly very happily established in Harbury and his "profile" makes a very interesting winter's tale!

R.H.H.

IN THE GARDEN

March is the first of the three busy months for sowing and planting but for Harbury it will be April before a real start can be made. Should the ground get reasonably dry, plant shallots and onion sets. Spring cabbage will need a small dressing of Nitro Chalk or Growmore but not on the leaves. Strawberry plants and raspberry canes will also benefit from a dressing of Growmore. The broad beans I started in the greenhouse I shall now transfer to the cold frame for 2 weeks to harden off before planting out.

To get the best out of your potatoes, set them up in boxes for sprouting. The best way is to stand them on end with the eyes uppermost in full daylight but with frost free protection. Early peas could be planted at the end of the month, also parsnips and an early carrot, also beetroot.

W.F.L.

ACTION RESEARCH FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILD

1981 was the International Year of Disabled People but it also marked the formation of the Harbury branch of ARCC and a very successful first year it turned out to be. During the first 12 months over £4,250 was raised - one of the highest totals for any of the Midland committees. Although the Round Britain Competition accounted for the major part of that sum, almost £450 was raised through other fund-raising events in the village, ranging from coffee mornings to carol singing, Pig Roasts to Pancake Races and Craft Market to 50/50 Toy & Clothes Sales. But it was the tremendous response to the house to house collection in the village - raising over £111 - which gave us the will to organise all the fundraising events and enabled us to donate so much money to help vital research into crippling diseases last year.

We shall be repeating our house to house collection during the week beginning Monday April 5th, and although last year's figure of £111 will be hard to better we would dearly love to .

We would like to thank everyone who made 1981 such a successful year for our group but although the International Year of Disabled People has finished, the problem of disability did not disappear on Dec.31st. Please remember that when we call on you at the beginning of April so that we can continue the fight against crippling diseases. A.R.

ATTIC AND ANTIQUE SHOW - SOUTHAM

Southam Rotary Club are organising an Attic and Antique Show in Southam Community Centre on March 13th (see advert). It is intended to put on a display of some antiques and curios from members' own collections as well as provide an opportunity for people to have articles assessed by Phillips the Auctioneers. Three representatives of Phillips from Knowle will be in attendance throughout the afternoon to advise on any articles you may care to bring along. There is also the added opportunity to view other people's collectables and talk about antiques to the experts.

The majority of items people will wish to have valued will be small and easily portable. However, getting a piece of furniture in through a crush of people might prove difficult. If you have a largish item which you wish to have valued and which you can

get transported, a ticket can be obtained in advance to allow you to bring the article between 1.30 and 1.45 pm. Contact Sam Glassey on Harbury 613704 for more details.

Southam Rotary will be putting the proceeds to various charity works they are involved in. Among events organised by Southam Rotary is the Winter Whist Drive for the elderly of the villages in the area and which is reaching its final on 22 March.

NATURE NOTES

The end of Feb. and beginning of March signal the start of Spring. The earliest signs are already nearly over; snowdrops and hazel catkins have been out for some time and the alder catkins are at their best. The first of the coltsfoot flowers are about to appear in yellow clumps and the first tinge of green will appear on the trees. Willows are among the first to show green and hawthorn is in leaf towards the end of March. It can be distinguished from blackthorn by remembering that the hawthorn produces leaf before it flowers in May. Blackthorn flowers however, come out before then, and in good years the shrub is dressed in a white gown.

Mammals and birds are aware of the nearness of Spring. In response to the warmer weather and the increase in daylight, the hibernating frogs, toads and newts are on the move, returning to the ponds in which they breed. Frogs in particular are increasingly associated with garden ponds.

From the middle of February onwards birds move into their breeding areas. Rooks have been busy, and the Blue and Great Tits are beginning to pair off and establish territories.

The most obvious birds of the last month have been the Lapwings which have been feeding, sometimes in the company of overwintering gulls.

March is too early for swallows, but by the end of the month Chiff Chaffs, usually one of the first summer migrants, will be calling their repetitive song and the solitary ground-nesting bees will be on the wing. Blackbird and Song Thrush are the earliest garden nesting birds, although their first attempts are often unsuccessful.

Finally, now is the time to look out for the first butterflies! Peacocks, Brimstones and Small

Tortoises shells will come out of hibernation and they can then be seen flying in warm weather:

R.S.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

I am writing to thank everyone who has sent me get well cards and well-wishing messages while I have been in hospital. They have certainly made the stay here more bearable than it would have been. If things go to plan, I should be home sometime next week. Once again, thank you!

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