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JUNE 1983

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This month is CARNIVAL TIME and we hope that the weather will be kinder to us than in previous years. Further details inside - let's make it a very special week!

In view of the large number of articles we have received for

publication this month - for which many thanks - the Editors feel their contribution should be curtailed except to say how very sorry we were - along with all who knew her - to hear of the death of Miss Beatrice Mallabone. A tribute to her from Father Mackley appears in this issue.

HARBURY DIARY

JUNE 1983

- Sat. 4th Conservatives' Jumble Sale cancelled.
Rugby Club Bar-B-Q, 7.30 p.m. onwards.
- Sun. 5th 8a.m. Holy Communion. 10a.m. Family Eucharist.
6.30p.m. Evensong with Dennis Langley.
12 noon - 5p.m. CARNIVAL CLAY SHOOT - see ad.
- Mon. 6th School begins.
CARNIVAL BINGO at Village Hall.
Christian Fellowship, 1 Constance Drive.
- Tues. 7th Harbury Soc. CARNIVAL MYSTERY TOUR - see article.
- Wed. 8th MU AGM, 2.30p.m.
Medieval Display, School Hall, 2p.m.
Girls' Club, V.Hall, 6 - 7p.m.
Decorating meeting, 7.30p.m., Vicarage.
- Thurs. 9th GENERAL ELECTION (voting 7a.m.-10.00p.m. V.Hall)
- Fri. 10th Tennis Coaching starts - see article.
CARNIVAL DISCO for under 16s, 7.30-10.30, V.Hall.
- Sat. 11th HARBURY'S GRAND MEDIEVAL CARNIVAL & FETE.
Procession from Sutcliffe Pastures, 1.30p.m.
CARNIVAL DANCE to Blue Velvet, V.Hall.
Christian Fellowship, Old Mill House, Mill Lane.

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- Sun. 12th 8a.m. Holy Communion. 10a.m. Family Eucharist.
6.30p.m. Evensong with Michael Tyrrell.
VIV'S 50 - Sponsored Cycle Ride, leaving from
Church after morning service(about 11.15):
returning to Church approx. 6p.m.
- Tues.14th Harbury Friends, 8p.m., School.
Playing Fields Cttee, 8p.m., V.Hall.
- Wed. 15th PTA Local History Evening, School, 8p.m.
Bring & Buy Coffee Evening, V.Hall, 7.30, in aid of
Senior Citizens Benefit Assoc.
- Thurs.16th Girls' Club, 6 - 7p.m., V.Hall.
Whist Drive, V.Hall, 7.45p.m., in aid of the
Nursery School.
- Fri. 17th Crib Presentation Dance, V.Hall.
Scout Barbecue, Leamington House, Church St.
- Sat.18th Stage up in Village Hall for Theatre
Group's production next weekend.
Windmill Singers, Rowington Church, 7.30p.m.
- Sun. 19th FATHERS' DAY.
8a.m. Holy Communion. 10a.m. Family Eucharist.
6.30p.m. Evensong with Eddie Neale.
Cream Teas(50p each) in aid of NSPCC in the garden
of Ivy Cottage, Ivy Lane(if wet, next Sunday).
PONY SHOW on Playing Fields.
- Mon. 20th Christian Fellowship, Corner Cottage, High St.
- Tues. 21st PARISH ELECTIONS, Village Hall.
Tufty Club, 2.15p.m., Wight School.
- Wed. 22nd Senior Citizens' Outing to Chester.
- Thurs.23rd Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
Girls' Club, 6-7p.m., Village Hall.
Parish Council, 7.30p.m., Village Hall.
- Fri. 24th MID-SUMMER COMEDY - see advertisement.
Christian Fellowship Open Meeting with Dr. Dennis
Ball, 7.45, Colbourne House, Ufton.
- Sat. 25th MID-SUMMER COMEDY + SUPPER - see advertisement.
PTA Sponsored Walk.
Scout Food Fair, Scout Hut, 2p.m.
Christian Fellowship 'Teach-in' by Dr. Dennis Ball,
2.30p.m., Corner Cottage, High Street.
- Sun. 26th ALL ITEMS FOR JULY 'NEWS' TO EDITORS BY TODAY.
8a.m. Holy Communion. 10a.m. Family Eucharist.
2.30p.m. Free Church Service with the Rev.P.
Clarke(Baptist).6.30 Evensong(Graham Smith).
Harbury Soc. Picnic, Humble Bee Cottages - see inside

- Mon. 27th Fair at Recreation Ground.
PCC Meeting, Wight School; 8 p.m.
Young Wives' AGM, Crown Inn, 8 for 8.30p.m.
- Tues. 28th Fair at Recreation Ground.
Young Wives', 2p.m., Village Hall.
Village Hall Committee, Village Hall.
- Wed. 29th Fair at Recreation Ground.
Young Ornithologists' Club, School, 7-8p.m. (Junior Group), 8-9p.m. (Senior Group).
Southam & Dist. Council for Disabled, Wattons Lodge, 7.30p.m., talk/film on Guide Dogs for the Blind.
- Thurs. 30th Fair at Recreation Ground.
Girls' Club, Village Hall, 7-8p.m.

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- Fri. 1st Fair at Recreation Ground.
- Sat. 2nd Fair at Recreation Ground.
Open Weekend at Hatton Craft Centre - see advert.
- Sun. 3rd 8a.m. Holy Communion. 10a.m. Family Eucharist, with the Rev. Royston Clarke. Royal Show Service at Stoneleigh Showground - coach leaves Bull Ring, Harbury at 4.45p.m. NO EVENSONG IN CHURCH.
- Mon. 4th Southam School new intake Parents' Evening for Arden & Charlecote.
Christian Fellowship, 11 Constance Drive.
- Tues. 5th Southam School new intake Parents' Evening for Leigh & Shuckborough.
- Wed. 6th MU Garden Meeting, 2.30p.m., Haze Brook, The Pound.
- Thurs. 7th W.I. 7.45p.m., Village Hall - 'Making Pork Pies' with Mrs. Bishop.
Men's Group AGM, 7.45p.m., 23 Mill Street.
- Fri. 8th Disco in Village Hall.
- Sat. 9th GARDEN WALKABOUT.
Christian Fellowship, 1 Constance Drive.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

- ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Church, 9a.m. Sundays.
- FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30 p.m., last Sunday in the month.
- HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30a.m. Sundays.
- UPHOLSTERY CLASS, Wight School, 2 - 4 p.m., Mondays.
- GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30 p.m., Mondays.
- GYMNASTICS, Harbury School. 6-7p.m. (under 7s & beginners). 7-8p.m. (7-10yrs). 8-9p.m. (over 10s), every Monday.

BINGO, Village Hall, 8p.m. every Monday.
 TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 9.30-11.20 Mondays, and 2-3.30pm
 on Wednesdays.
 NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tues - Fri. mornings.
 BROWNIES, Village Hall every Tuesday evening.
 BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.
 DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4 - 5.30 Tuesday. 4-9p.m.
 Wednesday. 4-5p.m. Thursday (beginners).
 SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45 Tues (1st troop), Wed. (2nd troop).
 BABY CLINIC, V. Hall, 2.30p.m., 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.
 VENTURE SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 8p.m. every Thursday.
 POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20 - 3.30p.m. every Friday.
 CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30p.m. every Friday.

Dates for inclusion PLEASE to Linda Ridgley, 612792.

For Village Hall bookings, ring Mr. Picken, 612778.
 For Wight School bookings, ring Mrs. Windsor, 612504.

FROM CANON CHURCHILL

Dear Friends,

I have been asked to write a line for the Harbury & Ladbrooke News, so here we are.

An interregnum of a parish is not an easy time, but it is a testing time for everybody. I hope for all our sakes that it will not be an overlong time when we are without a Vicar. However, it is up to all our parishioners to keep the Faith during this time, be constant in our attendances at Divine worship, especially at the Sunday Eucharist, and to continue to support the church in Harbury in every way. Our worship of God is of paramount importance so do not 'let us tire or faint in our duty' during this time.

I am ready to give any help when required, so please, if you require spiritual help of any kind, do let me know. Also, please let me know of any folk who are ill or cannot get out. I am at your call.

Our sympathy goes out to Fr. Mackley at the death of Miss Mallabone. It was God's will that she was able to cope at the Vicarage until the Vicar retired. Her faithful work was at an end so the Lord called her to His safe keeping, and so our prayer for her is that she may have light and peace.

Yours sincerely,

ROY CHURCHILL.

From the Registers

Weddings

- 14th May - Monica Jane Gurden and Peter Nicholas O'Brien.
 21st May - Philippa Frances Mann and Malcolm Peter Sheasby.

Funerals

- 29th April - George Nicolls Kelsall.
 12th May - George Henry Lines.
 27th May - Beatrice Mary Mallabone, followed by interment at Harbury Cemetery.

A LETTER FROM THE REVEREND F. R. MACKLEY

The College of St. Barnabas
 Lingfield, Surrey.
 Tel: 034 287 680.

My dear friends,

Words fail me to give adequate expression to the thankfulness I feel for all that happened on my last Sunday as your Vicar. I was deeply moved by the great crowd at the Sung Eucharist (chairs had to be brought into Church for extra seating), by the tributes paid to me in Church after the service, by the lunch in the crowded Village Hall and the further tributes and presentations made to me there (including the very generous cheque). These gifts came from money collected from a very large number of people, and I do thank you all. In addition, I express my thanks for other gifts received from a number of individuals and families, and from the following organisations: the Theatre Group, the School Governors, the School, the Cub Scouts, the Scouts, the Venture Scouts, Guides, Brownies, and their adult committee, the Church Men's Group, the Mothers' Union, the Bellringers, the Clergy of the Deanery Chapter, the Roman Catholic community of Harbury, and the Golden Age members. As if they had not already done enough for me, the PCC hired a self-drive van (driven by Viv Aggett) in which some of them came with my furniture, and some others with me in my car. They loaded and unloaded the furniture, put it in position in my flat and properly 'saw me in'. I am very happy here, and would be very glad to welcome any of you who could manage to come this way.

One of the presents you gave me on my last Sunday morning was a radio cassette recorder and player, and that evening Peter Holt brought me a cassette recording of the service that Sunday, and of the speeches made afterwards in the Village Hall, so that I have been able to listen to it all again. He also brought me a recording of my sermons on the previous three Sunday mornings, so that I can have the unusual experience of hearing my own sermons!

We mourn the loss by death of Miss Beatrice Mary Mallabone. I took her to The Limes home in Stratford on the day before I left Harbury, and I gather she was happy and contented on the few days that she was there, but then she had a stroke and had to be taken to Stratford Hospital. In hospital she was very well looked after, and always seemed contented and relaxed. I am so glad that I was able to be with her only a few hours before she died. Her whole life was one of love, devotion and service to God and to other people. Nearly 23 years ago she gave up her home in Nuneaton to come to Harbury to look after me, and I owe her more than words can tell. For more than a year she has been in failing health, but she has struggled on valiantly, and many of you have been so kind and good in helping her. While she was in hospital someone or other from Harbury journeyed every day to Stratford to visit her, take her what she needed and do things for her. Our last Sunday in Harbury must have been a great joy to her. Presentations were made to her both in Church and in the Village Hall, and she must have realised how she was appreciated in Harbury. Her body was brought into Church in the evening of 26th May, and a Requiem Eucharist was celebrated at 7.30p.m., attended by a large congregation. Her funeral service at 10 a.m. next morning was again attended by a large congregation, and the burial followed in Harbury cemetery.

May God guide and bless us all.

Your sincere friend,

F. R. Mackley.

From the Churchwardens

There is still time to sponsor your cycling Churchwarden! If you've lost your sponsor form, there are some more on the table at the back of Church, or you could just write your name & address and the amount of your sponsorship on a piece of paper, and deliver it to 26 Binswood End. Don't forget to come and cheer outside Church at 6 p.m. on 12th June, and stay for the service afterwards - Viv is hoping to have enough breath left to read the lessons!

Don't miss the Royal Show Service on Sunday 3rd July at the earlier time of 6 p.m. this year. The coach leaves the Bull Ring at 4.45 p.m. The preacher is Cardinal Basil Hume.

I am quite sure that there will be other tributes to Beatrice Mallabone, who died so soon after leaving Harbury. Hers was a life of service to others, and although she will be sadly missed we can but rejoice that she is now enjoying the reward for her devotion and service - forever with the Lord. The keynote of the Requiem Eucharist and the funeral service was thanksgiving.

It was a pleasure to welcome back to Harbury Church for these two services Colin Adams, who used to serve on occasions at Harbury some 10 years ago. He served for the Requiem Eucharist. He and his family now live in Lichfield where he is a verger at the Cathedral.

FREE CHURCH FAMILY SERVICE

We were pleased to welcome the Revd. David Clark from Leamington again; he took God's creation as his theme. The service ended with the Christening of Robert, the son of Sue and David Andrews. Our next service in All Saints Church will be on Sunday 26th June. You will be very welcome. ITJ.

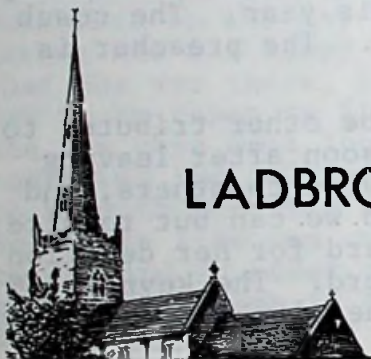
HARBURY ADVENTURERS

Three years old, and thriving! That's the Adventurers, who held their birthday party recently, when the speaker was Ivor Cooper, a Christian Youth Worker from Leamington, whose delightfully illustrated talk

held the children spellbound.

Prizes were awarded for number of attendances as follows: badges to Lucy Comfort and Sarah Kemsley (10 attendances): books to Haidee Bingham and Jeremy Hayes(25): a New Testament to Stuart Barnes (50): a Bible to Roy Coupe (100): a Pictorial Bible to Anna Catt(200).

Guests greatly enjoyed the children's singing, and the delicious birthday cake (baked by Sue Lapraik) served afterwards. DMH.



LADBROKE NEWS

LADBROKE DIARY FOR JUNE & EARLY JULY 1983

Saturday 4th, 2.30 p.m. Holy Matrimony.

Sunday 5th, TRINITY 1. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion. 11a.m. Matins.

Wednesday 8th, Women's Fellowship, 2.45 p.m. prayers in Church, afterwards tea at Church Cottage.

Thursday 9th, 7.45p.m. Deanery Synod at S.James School, Southam.

Saturday 11th, S.Barnabas A.

Sunday 12th, TRINITY 11. 11a.m. Holy Communion with hymns & sermon. 3.30p.m. Holy Baptism.

Canon Fishley will be away from 14th to 28th June: if a priest is needed please get in touch with the Rural Dean, Rev. F. Marriott, tel. Southam 2518.

Friday 17th, Disco in Ladbroke Village Hall.

Sunday 19th, TRINITY III. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion with Rev. W. M. Lewis. 11a.m. Matins with Rev. Lewis.

Thursday 23rd, Garden Party at "Woodlands".

Friday 24th, Nativity of S. John Baptist.

Sunday 26th, TRINITY IV. 11a.m. Holy Communion with hymns & sermon (Rev. R. T. Murray).

Wednesday 29th, S. Peter AM.

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Sunday 3rd. TRINITY V. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion. 11am. Matins.

Thursday 7th, 7.45p.m. Men's Group at Harbury.

ALTAR FLOWERS June 5th, Mrs. Green & Mrs. Clarke. June 12th, Mrs. P. Barnett. June 19th, Mrs. Smith. June 26th, Mrs. Parker. July 3rd, Mrs. Winkfield. July 10th, Mrs. White.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Members enjoyed our last meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Barnett: prayers were taken by Canon Fishley. We were sorry Mrs. Hayward was still not well enough to join us, but pleased to hear that she was now at home, and we trust she will be with us at our next meeting which will be at Church Cottage, at the invitation of Miss Hensman and Mary. This will be preceded by prayers in Church at 2.45 p.m. C.H.

EXTRACT FROM THE REGISTER

HOLY BAPTISM

May 29th, Melanie Stephanie Debra Teverson.

LENTEN SAVINGS

A total of £50 has been despatched to SPCK. Thank you all.

CHRISTIAN AID

My thanks to all who helped with the collection and all who contributed. The total raised was £49.70.

VIVIENNE AGGETT'S RIDE.....or 'Round the Saints'
If you have not already sponsored her, please do!

ROYAL SHOW SERVICE, Stoneleigh, 3rd July, 6 p.m. Harbury are planning a coach - if you would like to join them, ring Diana Holt (Harbury 612790).

GARY LAWSON is to be ordained priest on Sunday 3rd July, and will celebrate his first Eucharist that evening. Please remember him in your prayers. G.R.F.

LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 17th May. Mr. Francis Badman was elected Chairman, and Mr. Tom Sheasby Vice-Chairman. All members are to serve on the Planning Committee.

A major part of the discussion was the poor electricity supply to the village, which is subject to constant power cuts and poor voltage. As 58% of the parish income goes on electricity bills, it was decided to make inquiries about this.

The Parish Council had been alerted to the fact that the Poultry Farm was not sticking to regulations laid down in its planning permission, so they unanimously agreed that this should be reported to the Council.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 17th May. Well over 40 members of the public supported this meeting which, considering the size of Ladbroke's population, was a very good turnout indeed!

Mr. Badman gave the Annual Report of the Parish Council, giving details of all the various matters the Council had concerned themselves with over the year. e.g. Penfold Green, the Snack Bus in the layby, planning decisions and of course the s. The Parish Council had had a busy year, he had done their best to protect the of the village.

Peter Williamson reported on the work of Libone Charity, and he concluded by saying 'Libone Charity had some money in hand for the village', so if you have any ideas send them to the non-ecclesiastical trustees. P. Williamson, Mr. F. Badman and Mr.

y.

Mr. Spencer-White gave a brief talk as Councillor, making the point that he was 'at service, anytime!' and only as far away as the nearest telephone. However, he neglected to give his telephone number!

Mr. John Turner, one of our District Councillors, talked about the problems of building a swimming pool in Southam, and about the erroneous report that Stratford Council were spending £75000 on a nuclear shelter.

Having dispensed with the local politicians, it was interesting to hear the report of the W.I. in their 10th anniversary year. Mrs. Meriel Williamson, their President, told of speakers and demonstrations on such diverse subjects as tombstones and Christmas crackers! They had supported various charities and helped to spring-clean and refurbish the Village Hall.

Mr. Dave Wilson gave the Annual Report of the Village Hall Committee, saying that they had consolidated the progress of previous years. Some fund-raising events had been more successful than others, and so the committee was keeping this situation constantly under review. He stated that it cost £1 a day to run the Hall, and that they were looking for ideas to keep it used and to increase income. Money for the roof repairs was now ready and the next major job was to draughtproof the walls. Mrs. Irene Bennett, Mr. Andrew Pearson, Mr. Alan Stubbs and Mr. Ron Smith were newly elected to the committee, and will no doubt be helping to spread the gospel "if you want a Village Hall, come and support it!"

Finally came the discussion everyone was waiting for - the Bypass. Unless the objections are withdrawn at the last minute, the Public Inquiry will be in the Village Hall on 26th and 27th July. Everyone at the meeting was obviously grateful that the Parish Council had been able to push matters so far, and were eager to give their total support in this, hopefully the final stage of a long battle. With this aim in mind, a 'Ladbroke Bypass Action Committee' was elected consisting of Mr. Neil Justice, Mr. Peter West, Mrs. Kate Liverton and Mr. Alan Gould. If anyone has any positive ideas which may help at the Inquiry, please contact one of the above. Let us hope that when we all gather in the Village Hall for our next Annual Parish Meeting, work on our Bypass will already have begun!

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL - to celebrate the Hall's Third Anniversary, there will be a 'Sounds of the Sixties' Disco there on Friday 17th June. Tickets are £1, which includes refreshments, and the bar will be open from 9 p.m. to 12.30 a.m.

K.L.

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I. A trip to Bernhards of Rugby Garden Centre took the place of our April meeting, and a Jumble Sale also in April was a financial success.

During May we entertained patients of the Christopher Wren Ward at Hatton Hospital to tea: many thanks to those who helped. Several members attended the Group Meeting in Southam and were enthralled by delightful silk wedding gowns shown by Endymion of Leamington. The total raised at the sponsored Knit-In for Arthritis and Rheumatism Research was £57.45. Unfortunately very few came to the May meeting to vote on the resolutions to be presented at the AGM in the Albert Hall.

On Tuesday 23rd June, at 7.30p.m., there will be a Garden Party at Woodlands, Ladbroke, at the invitation of Mrs. Irene Bennett. There will be several stalls including tombola, bring & buy, produce and cakes. A new idea will be a craft stall on a 50/50 cash basis shared between the producer and Myton Hospice. Please let Mrs. Bennett have your crafts and other items beforehand.

I hope we can tempt you to join us, and perhaps enjoy strawberries and ice cream?
Everyone welcome.

P.L.

HARBURY CHRISTIAN RENEWAL

On 24th May over 80 people attended a talk about Christian renewal. The speaker, the Revd. David Gilchrist, a curate from Essex, gave an entertaining and thought-provoking talk. I am sure most people left the meeting thinking more deeply about the work of the Holy Spirit and realising the importance for Christians of really following the way of the Spirit. His talk was divided into 3 parts, a personal witness, Christian maturity and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I have a cassette recording of the talk, and anyone is welcome to borrow it from me.

JILL WINTER.

Advance notice for your Diary - Craft Sale in the Wight School, Wednesday 27th July, when local craftsmen will exhibit & sell. Details next month.

HARBURY SCHOOL

The children have recently been working on a 'Medieval' theme in line with Harbury Carnival, and there will be a display of some of their work in the School Hall from 2p.m. on Wednesday afternoon, 8th June; everyone would be welcome, whether or not they have children in school. We would ask, however that visitors confine themselves to the Hall only.

Class 9 (and some of Class 8) have been kept busy investigating local geography and history. Working in pairs or threes, they covered topics such as the Windmill, bus services, old village families, industry etc. Their findings will be on display at the PTA Local History Evening on 15th June, and the information, pictures and anecdotes collected will be filed away as future reference material for other classes. We have been delighted with the assistance given by local people, and would particularly like to acknowledge the help of Mrs. Enefer, Arthur Jeffs, Eric Warner, Dave Dick, Bob Thornicroft, Mr. & Mrs. Evett, Di Lawler, Colin Mercer, Mr. Warhurst, John Kemsley, Tom & Stephanie Edwards, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Goerres, Ron Shelley, British Rail in Leamington, Archie Taylor, Celia Barrett, Mr. & Mrs. Percival, Iory Davies, Precision Metal Products, Bowmans of Birmingham, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Gardener, Mr. Cowley, Henry Bowles, Mrs. Bowles, Mr. Warner, Mr. Wall, Mrs. Westmacott, Vicky Tanner and Mr. Cowley of Crown Street. N.Chapman.

HARBURY P.T.A.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Hobbies & Skills Evening and the Video Show. The weather was very kind for our day in York, and I think everyone enjoyed this visit to this beautiful city.

June sees three events in our calendar. First, of course, is the Carnival on 11th, and then on the 15th is our Local History Evening at the School at 8p.m. In addition to the children's contributions referred to above, several guests will be bringing along their own collections of local interest. All parents

and anyone else interested in village history will be very welcome, and I'm sure the Harbury Society will find out why Nigel makes such profuse notes at their meetings!

One of the most important events of the year is our third event in June, on the 25th - the children's Sponsored Walk. This year the proceeds will go to buy the School a micro-computer, and I am sure, if the support is as in previous years, this will be possible.

Once again this year, July will see our PTA Barbecue and Barn Dance which was such a success last year. Dancing will be to Magic Rantabout, and further details can be found in the advertisement in this magazine.

"CARROTS"

A 2nd year project on Dr. Barnardo, organised by the Revd. Peter Wilson at Southam School, culminated on 4th, 5th and 6th May with performances of the musical "Carrots". This tells through song how Dr. Barnardo began his life's work.

The 2nd years provided a large chorus and a cast of suitably destitute looking children! The role of Dr. Barnardo was taken by maths teacher Mr. Fearn, with Miss Finnis as his wife and Mr. Savage as Lord Shaftsbury. Music was provided by the orchestra conducted by Mr. Wilson, with splendid work on the piano by Miranda Rice.

They all combined to provide an exuberant evening's entertainment, which they clearly enjoyed as much as the large audiences. SH.

SOUTHAM SCHOOL WHEELBARROW RACE

One Sunday in April over 60 Vllth formers in ridiculous outfits raced round the school for 2½ hours. Five Mrs. Mopps won the prize for the best-dressed team, and the best barrow was pushed by Snow White and the Four Dwarfs. A team of Monks and Nuns did the most laps - 34, each a quarter of a mile!

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In an effort to get everyone as wet as possible, buckets of water and washing-up liquid bottles were thrown around all afternoon, and we had a great time afterwards watching all this on a video film made by someone's Dad.

Over £100 was raised for the newly formed Southam branch of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council. CMJ.

TENNIS

Calling all young tennis players! Sessions (£2 for the season) start after half-term. Mondays and Thursdays, beginners from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. More advanced, 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Come to one or both sessions each week or whenever suits (pay at a session) Teenagers and Intermediates, Friday evenings from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Please give names for latter to Rosemary Ottewill, 43 Mill Street, 613402 if interested or just turn up on Friday 10th June.

HARBURY ALBION F.C.

At the close of the season the 1st team finished 4th in the Division, their highest place for many years. Unfortunately, due to injuries, Harbury were unable to play an unchanged side and lost the Cup Semi-Final by the odd goal. The leading goal scorers of the season were Ian Lowe with 25 and Colin Sheasby, 21.

The 2nd team has finished mid-table which is a good season for the reserves. They led the table until mid-November but then began to slide. The leading goal scorers were Neil Humphreys with 12, Martin Perry with 10 and John Luke with 9.

Thanks go to Chris and Stan Finch for their work for the Club. Also to Rick Evans, treasurer, Les Sollis for his undying hard work, Dave Raggett for a successful season as 1st team manager, all those involved with the tote, and players and supporters alike.

KAREN PEEBLES.

We are asked to say that WYSE FASHIONS of 52 Coventry Street, Southam, has ceased trading at Warwick.
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HARBURY R.F.C. MINI AND JUNIOR RUGBY

The season was rounded off in spectacular form with the Mini's tour of Yorkshire, the Leamington Festival and the 'Junior Sevens' at Solihull.

Representative teams of Under 10s, 11s and 12s went to the Dales to play Wharfedale RFC, where each of our teams won convincingly 44-0, 40-0 and 16-4. We travelled from there to the Recreation Centre at Pateley Bridge where we enjoyed indoor football, badminton and disco roller skating, which had to be brought to an abrupt halt when the rough and tumble started to take its toll! Overnight, our coach got bogged down in the mud, and whether it was the effort of getting it underway, or the effect of the midnight beanfeast, tiredness showed in our play next day, and only the Under 11s came out victors from their match at Otley. We were made very welcome at Otley's Clubhouse where we entertained our hosts to many a chorus of Harbury Mini's new Rugby Club song, led in full voice by Dylan Adams.

Our last Mini games of the season were at the Leamington Festival against teams from Bromsgrove, Wilmslow, Macclesfield and Solihull. Although we did not come away with any trophies, the standard of play and sportsmanship was much to be admired.



By far the most impressive result was the Under 14s achievement in reaching the semi-finals of the Solihull's 7s. Amassing a total of 88 points against clubs of the calibre of Orell, Moseley and Barkers Butts, our squad succumbed to a fresher and stronger Worcester side, 18-6. This outstanding performance by the squad as a whole, and Peter Whitehouse and Mark Dowling in particular, is a reflection of the

Under 14s abilities and promise for next season.

Registration date for the 1983/4 season is 4th September at the Clubhouse. If you want to play rugby next season at any age from 7 to 16, contact D. Andrews, 612528.

Harburg Medieval Carnival

Carnival Week is nearly upon us. We are hoping for dry sunny weather but, come rain or shine, we are sure everyone will enjoy the week's activities. The dates are in the Diary, but full details are in the programme on sale in local shops and from members of the Committee.

We hope you will watch the procession led by the Warwick Corps of Drums and the Shipston Silver Band. There will be many attractions at the Recreation Ground as well as a number of stalls and sideshows. The Carnival Dance will finish the day, and medieval dress is optional but welcome. The Dance tickets, £2.25 including supper, are obtainable from Neil Roden, 35 Mill Street (612803) or Committee members.

If you are not already helping, there are still opportunities. Help is required to set up (and clear away) stalls from 9a.m. Even an hour would help. We also need children to build the Lego castle for the 'Guess how many Lego pieces' stall. Would someone be willing to help with 'Guess the weight of the cake' stall, or 'Lucky Straws' or 'Table Tennis Balls into a Jam Jar'. All assistance will be appreciated: please call 613270, 612333 or 613420.

Don't forget spot prizes for the medieval costumes both during the afternoon and at the Dance

N.B. The Carnival Whist Drive scheduled for 9th June has been cancelled because of the Election.

SOUTHAM & DIST. COUNCIL FOR THE DISABLED

Next General Meeting, Wednesday 29th June, at 7.30 at Wattons Lodge - a talk and film about Guide Dogs for the Blind. On Saturday 23rd July there will be a fete in the grounds of Wattons Lodge. Would any individuals or organisations be prepared to run a stall and/or help on the day? If so, please contact Rosemary Ottewill, 43 Mill Street, 613402.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH AND P.V.O.

During the Vietnam war some Leamington Christians felt God wanted them to help the children of Vietnam. Eventually 'Project Vietnam Orphans' was born, led by the Rev. Patrick Ashe. Orphan children were taken from that war-torn country and brought back to England to be adopted.

Since the end of the war many refugees have had to live along the Thai border where in recent months tension has mounted. P.V.O. became Christian Outreach, and now tries to give Christian love and care to the refugees.

On Sunday 3rd July, at the 10 a.m. Eucharist, the Rev. Royston Clarke, who is now Chairman of Christian Outreach, will come to preach in Harbury. If you are interested in this charity, do please come along. There will be a display on the work of Christian Outreach in Church during June. J.W.

YOUNG ORNITHOLOGISTS' CLUB

At the first meeting of Y.O.C. (Harbury Group) nearly 70 prospective members, with 30 parents, heard about the aims and objectives of the new club. The excellent response has meant that two sections are to be formed, one for members under 10 (the Junior Group) and the other for those 10 and over (the Senior Group). The subscription will be 20p per monthly meeting.

Those attending had been asked to note the birds they saw on their way: surprisingly the most conspicuous bird was the blackbird, beating even the sparrow into second place. The house martins of

Harbury will be coming under close scrutiny for our June project. The results of the survey will be collected at the next meeting on Wednesday 29th June in the School hall. The Junior Group will meet from 7 - 8p.m. and the Senior Group from 8 - 9 p.m. A.BARR

N.S.P.C.C. - HARBURY FUN RUN

A rare sunny day helped to make Harbury's first Fun Run a great success. 180 people entered and only a handful failed to get round the two and a quarter mile route. The number of runners, nearly double what was originally expected, stretched the finish arrangements, but all finishers were able to collect their timed completion certificates by 5 p.m., thanks to a lot of effort by the helpers. They and the participants, many in fancy dress, all helped to establish this on the calendar, and the NSPCC will definitely be organising a similar event next year. Profits for NSPCC funds from the event were about £55.

REW.

N.S.P.C.C YOUNG LEAGUE

A very big thank you to members for their savings this year. The magnificent total of £311.23 was collected and we have received a letter of thanks from Head Office in London.

On either 19th or 26th June (depending on the weather) we shall be serving Cream Teas in the garden of Ivy Cottage, Ivy Lane. If any of the older children would like to help as waitresses or selling ice cream, please let me know. MRS.N.KNIGHT(612522).

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

We held our Birthday Party at the Dog Inn, when we enjoyed a lovely meal prepared by Mrs. Powell, and our guest was Mrs. Sperling. Mrs. Farley was not able to be with us, but we thank her for the beautiful cake she provided, which was baked by Mrs. Morgan.

Our next meeting is Thursday 23rd June. L. KNIGHTON

HARBURY W.I.

County Chairman Mrs. Braithwaite was our speaker at the May meeting at the Rugby Club. She conducted the voting on the resolutions which our representative will take to the AGM in London.

Seven members spent an enjoyable evening at Fenny Compton playing table tennis while others went to the Group Meeting at Southam, and a Bowls Evening is to be arranged for a date in June.

W.I. are running a cake stall at the Carnival on 11th June, and someone will be at the Village Hall between 10 and 11 to receive cakes. B.E.T.

" MID-SUMMER COMEDY "

The title of the Theatre Group's June production highlights the very exciting mixture of comedies by David Campton, Alan Melville and Michael Green which we are staging on June 24th and 25th, the second evening being with a Supper and Licensed Bar. See the advert at the back of this magazine for more details.

Please - we need your HELP with certain props for these plays, i.e. cigarette cases, 'sixteenth century' glass bottles, pottery jars, old distillation equipment, old candelabra, a stuffed owl or similar, and a restoration-style dressing table. Please let Trevor Grundy (612930) know if you can help. P.J.H.

HARBURY YOUNG WIVES

Our Easter party was very well attended and, judging by the noise from children (and adults) all enjoyed the magician, Brian Tandy, and the Punch & Judy Show. At our May meeting the versatility of the microwave cooker was clearly demonstrated by Janet Hill.

Please help: Helpers are wanted to make jam tarts and/or sweets for our stall at the Carnival. Please bring your produce to 14 Manor Orchard on the day before, Friday 10th June.

Anyone who can spare half an hour to help on the stall, please ring me on 612783.

Our AGM will be held at the Crown on Monday 27th June at 8 p.m. for 8.30p.m. Anyone who was not at the May meeting and would like to come, please ring me at the above telephone number. VANDA BALL.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH TRUST

The wonderful response to our CF Week house to house collection resulted in £162.50. Many thanks to all who gave their time to help, and to everyone who gave so generously. Many thanks also to Mrs. Macaulay whose Whist Drive in Bishops Itchington raised £21.65.

HARBURY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Cty. Cllr. Mrs. Bidwell got such a rough ride at this meeting that Ralph Gurden was moved to remind the audience that she was only a 'new girl'. She had been quizzed by the audience on a wide variety of topics, and by far the most contentious was that of housing. Members of the public were indignant that the latest estate planned for Harbury would provide executive bungalows when it was strongly felt that there was a need for inexpensive 'starter' homes for the young of the village who, Mrs. Middleton complained, had 'no hope of ever buying a house here'. Peter Holt agreed that £50,000 luxury homes were not what was wanted.

Cllr. Mrs. Hancock pointed out that the chances of the young and not so well off being able to stay in Harbury were further depleted by the policy of selling off and not replacing family-sized council houses.

Chairman Iory Davies complained of the excuses used by the authorities for their tardiness in repairing roads footpaths and lights. Lack of funds and shortage of labour were the usual ones. Neville Ellis reported that allotment rents were to rise to £6 because the Cty Council had put them up. There was no waiting list.

Mike Ellis reminded the assembly that improvements to the level of illumination in the village must be decided 'in the light of' current needs and economies. David Winter announced that Neales Close is next in line for the new pavement patching called 'Pave-seal'

and he reported dismally that SM62a, although improved, was still only for the adventurous. Mrs. Ethel Sollis asked that a footpath be made on the western side of Farm Street, and residents of Queens Close suggested that Butt Lane should also have a path.

John Drinkwater reminded parishioners that development on the land at Farm Street/Honiwell Close would start soon but that the proposed estate at the Spinney had been turned down at Appeal.

Mrs. Middleton was very concerned that the new estate off Sutcliffe Pastures would have to use the exit at the Surgery, and asked what would happen if an accident took place. John Drinkwater explained that both the Parish and District Councils had opposed the plans.

Ted Coupe gave a depressing report for the Recreation Ground Committee, saying that there had been no capital projects, notices had been defaced, and the tennis nets stolen. He was resigning as Chairman, and he apologised for the lack of a Statement of Accounts because there was no treasurer. There had, however, been an encouraging increase in the use of the facilities, notably by Harbury Hawks, and a summer Play Scheme was planned to arrange guided play for children, but the Committee did require new members.

Sue Andrews was able to confirm that the new heaters and the change to Economy 7 had reduced electricity charges for the Village Hall. She explained that the Charity Deeds required the Village Hall Committee to maintain a fence around its property, but that it also served the useful purpose of fending off offending footballs.

L. RIDGLEY.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL, MAY 1983

It's nice to have Denis Atkins back on the Council! "We know where his bent lies" said John Drinkwater, and promptly elected him to Lighting. But we missed Ralph Gurden, Mike Ellis and the others. Indeed, it was a strangely truncated Council - only 8 members, 3 new, and one absent. The lack of a representative for Deppers was particularly strongly felt. Out of the blue, Bishops has sent a request for boundary

changes to take over the Quarries and Deppers, but the Council decided it could make no decision until Deppers had representation.

Parents of pre-school children in Deppers wrote to seek assistance in finding a hard standing for the Play Bus. The playing field was suggested, but the Parish Council will try to interest the County in the construction of a layby to serve the school bus, the library van and the telephone kiosk, as well as the play bus. The parents will be told this and reminded that there is a vacancy for someone from Deppers. There is still money waiting to equip the Play Area, but no decision on what Deppers wants.

Strange events happen in these far-flung corners of the empire. The Enforcement Officer has been out to see the 6 St. Bernards of Highfield Terrace, and reports that they do not contravene the Planning Regulations! He has also looked at the tyres stored on the railway banks and says they will be gone in 3 months, but who owns the land?

It's been a month of mysteries. Denis Atkins told of the eerie midnight excavations at the Bendigo Mitchell crossroads. In contrast, the railway bridge repairs were well managed. On the subject of highways, 'Sherlock' Thompson asked whether any top dressing was planned, for he had spotted the tell-tale chalk lines on the road. A resident of Queens Close who wrote demanding the PC put up a street sign there was told it is the County's responsibility.

Sharon Hancock began her Chairmanship of the Council on a thoroughly practical note. When told of the invitation to the opening of the Bishops Bowl Lakes her first question was 'Are they offering any refreshments?'.

It's a great help to have the three District Cllrs. in attendance at PC meetings. Mr. Macaulay was able to give some of the background to Bishops' astonishing suggestion of taking over Deppers and the lakes.

John Drinkwater follows up all planning applications and puts the parish's point of view at the District planning meetings. It has been a bumper month - the

Village Hall roof, the conversion of a barn and stables at Harbury House, various extensions to existing properties, and proposals for a house on the Farm Street site and stables at The Beeches. The proposal for a house in Farm Street saw the Parish Council united in implacable opposition.

The Recreation Ground causes many headaches. Will the Pony Show be able to take place? 'It hasn't rained for two days' said Iory Davies optimistically. The mower keeps breaking down and weeds are invading the tennis courts.

There was mutual praise amongst the Councillors as they changed jobs and acknowledged each other's former deeds, but they were all equally generous in their appreciation of Kay Pallott. She deserves a medal, or canonisation, for she has agreed to act as Play Leader for the Summer Play Scheme at the Recreation Ground in August. The idea is to interest and entertain the children during the holiday, and of course to keep them out of mischief. L.RIDGLEY.

NAGARAJU

No doubt a number of you sponsor under privileged children, but may we tell you about our 'daughter' Nagaraju. She is 12, lives in India, and when her father died and her mother couldn't afford to keep the child, she was taken to a Christian-run hostel in Bapatla. She came to us through the Tear Fund Project. £10 a month goes a long way to feeding and educating a child. The contribution needs to be assured and regular, so we decided to take out a Group Sponsorship. Should one of us drop out, another will take that place. We 'chipped in' with 50p a month from some, £1 from others, until we reached the £10 mark. We contacted Tear Fund, and some weeks later received a photograph of Nagaraju and an endearing letter in neat, painstaking script.

Naturally we think we have captured the most beautiful child in India, but there are others..... Tear Fund's address is 11 Station Road, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 9AA. M.SHELLEY, for Harbury Fellowship.

TO THE EDITORS, HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS.....

.....I was 35 when I was working in Oman as Project Engineer for Wimpey's. I was young, healthy and fit, playing squash, football and rugby, and married to Kathy, with two young children, Debbie and Darren. One night I was feeling off; a few people around, but miles away in the desert. I was going to bed. I fell asleep. Then, early in the morning, I suddenly woke and found I couldn't speak. I couldn't find the words. Also, I couldn't move my right arm and leg. They drove me back to the doctor in the town. I don't remember much after that. My next clear memory is an airport, a tiny plane, and the flight back to Heathrow with another man who had injured his back, and 2 stewardesses. From Heathrow I was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Paddington, London, where I stayed for 13 weeks having tests, but I still couldn't speak or walk. Then I was moved to my parents' home in Binley Woods, Coventry. Kath and the children came to join us. Darren was at boarding school in Warwick then. I had physiotherapy to help me walk, and Kath spent hours with books to help me speak and copy. By then I could say a few words, but only a few. We stayed for 7 months, and then moved to Bury, Lancs., to our own home. We stayed there for a while, and then heard of a house with a Hairdressing Salon for Kath, for sale in Harbury. We moved in over Christmas 1981. I was still unable to speak much or walk far. I had treatment at Warwick Hospital, and still do. Vicky Macgowan and I met in January 1982. We began to work together and I really had to work hard. Mary Rolfe (the physiotherapist), Denise Fowler (the speech therapist), Fred Hutchins, Beryl Checkley and Wendy Knowles have all helped, and thank you all! Vicky and I realised that it was working, the experiment, but sometimes it was tough going! Now I am able to go for long walks, read the papers and books, shop, go to coffee mornings and to the pubs, talk to people and even write this article! One day I shall go back to work (fingers crossed!) but I would like to thank Harbury for being friendly, and tell other stroke victims to plug away and not to worry about what they can't do yet; one day the nightmare might be over.

ROGER ELLIS.

HARBURY DISARMAMENT GROUP

Our May meeting was very well attended and we were fortunate to have 2 well-informed speakers, both from Harbury. Sharon Hancock showed slides produced by the Medical Campaign against Nuclear Weapons. From past experiences of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, medical experts can only conclude that medical facilities of our present standard would be totally useless in coping with the aftermath of nuclear war. Drugs, doctors and equipment would only be available to a minute proportion of survivors.

Whether to play along with Civil Defence measures is the question the BMA are grappling with at the moment. Gordon Avery explained that this eminent professional body had the responsibility to inform everyone, governments in particular, that nuclear war is neither winnable nor survivable.

Local contact: Vicky Tanner: tel. Harbury 613507.

HARBURY VILLAGE HALL

The officers of the Management Committee were re-elected unopposed - Chairman Midge Keen, Secretary Sue Andrews, Treasurer Ken Clarke. The Chairman had received unpleasant phone calls, and it was made clear that complaints must be made in writing to the secretary.

Various repairs and improvements to the Hall were necessary to satisfy the Fire Officer, and the conditions of the Music, Singing & Dancing Licence, and Stratford DC had been approached for grant aid.

The Committee agreed to hold a Fashion Show to raise funds, and changes were announced in the share-out of Carnival profits. In future the Hall would be re-imbursed for half the cost of the electricity consumed, and would get all the profits of events such as the Carnival Dance held in the Hall. L.R.

ACTION RESEARCH: Our House to House collection last month had to be postponed, and will now be week beginning 4th July. Please support this worthy cause.

A.R.

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THE GENERAL ELECTION

June 9th is Polling Day and voting is 7 a.m.- 10 p.m. in the Village Hall. The 3 candidates for the Stratford constituency have sent us the following statements:

FRANK HOOLEY - LABOUR



Frank Hooley was born in Birmingham and educated at elementary school, King Edwards High School and B'ham University where he obtained a 1st class honours degree in Modern Languages. He entered the House of Commons as first Labour MP for the Heeley division of Sheffield in the Labour landslide of 1966.

For 14 years prior to that date he was Assistant Registrar of Sheffield University, and from 1960-62 was seconded as Registrar to the University College of Sierra Leone.

Although he was defeated in the 1970 election by 700 votes he was re-elected in 1974 and held the seat until 1983.

His major political interest has been Foreign Affairs and particularly the problems of developing countries. He has served on a wide range of Select Committees in the House, not only in Foreign Affairs and Overseas Aid but also in Estimates, Accounts, Procedure and Science and Technology.

Frank also finds time to enjoy the company of his wife, two married daughters and three grandsons, manages a bit of gardening and a holiday now and again in the family touring caravan.

ALAN HOWARTH - CONSERVATIVE

The choice at this Election is about the kind of society we want to be. In the winter of discontent the British people peered across the brink into an abyss, and recoiled. We saw then the consequence of a lowering of standards of personal responsibility which is inevitably associated with socialism.



Of course we must help those in need, but the more the state usurps responsibility for decisions on behalf of individuals, families, businesses and communities, the more personal responsibility and neighbourliness are diminished. The more the state spends the more we have inflation and the evils - including rising unemployment - associated with inflation.

There is only one effective choice now. Either we turn back on all that has been so arduously achieved since 1979, or we continue with the Conservatives towards a free and responsible society.

JAMES TAYLOR - LIBERAL/SDP ALLIANCE



Over the next few days all political Parties will be placing great emphasis on their major manifesto policies so I would like to write a few words about Alliance policy towards rural communities like yours. Of major Parties Liberals - now Alliance - have a special concern for countryside matters.

Jobs & Industry: Agriculture, the basic countryside industry, employs relatively few people, therefore special encouragement should be given to new light industries in rural towns and villages, especially those using redundant farm buildings.

Transport: High fares discourage use - help should be given, with a move towards Community buses.

Post Offices: The Alliance is pledged to maintain rural Post Offices: yours could be threatened under a Tory government.

Local Bobby: Community policing is vital to the security of young and old alike: village constables with their local knowledge should be retained.

Just a few thoughts about some problems which face us. I look forward to your support on 9th June.

CHURCH 50/50 AUCTION

Antiques, curios and useful household items changed hands at a rate of one every two minutes, at prices ranging from 25p (for a baby carrier) to £86 (for an antique oak chest) at Harbury Church's 50/50 Auction. Auctioneer Bryan Harrison kept the bidding moving at a brisk pace, and there was fierce competition for the motor mowers (£26), ladders (£23), typewriters (£26) and electric fires (£11) on offer. Dealers too struck some good bargains: an inlaid and fully fitted writing case went for £36, an 18th century brass bound logarithmic rule for £15, and a set of 24 magazines "With the Flag to Pretoria" for £7.50.

By far the most interesting item was Mike Bloxham's old bicycle, described in the catalogue as "Captain Mannering's (sic) 1940 Bicycle, complete with WD Label", a sturdily built piece of nostalgia which was finally knocked down for £24.

The organisers are extremely grateful to all who helped, gave or bought, and the splendid sum of £1500 was raised.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

HARBURY SOCIETY

The MYSTERY TOUR begins at 7.30p.m. from Binswood End Green on Tuesday 7th June - 50p adults, 25p children, for which you get the clues and a chance of a PRIZE! You follow the clues to the mystery destination where there is food and drink, and the answers.

Don't forget our China Stall at the Carnival. Someone from the Society will be round soon asking for old crockery.

We have re-submitted to the District Council our Conservation Areas report, and almost finished the

Tree Survey commissioned by the Parish Council, which describes all the village trees worthy of preservation.

There was a poor attendance for the very interesting talk by Gerry Birkbeck on the Warwickshire Landscape. He explained the distribution of various landscape features in the county, highlighted the ravages of Elm Disease and the attempts being made to replant.

Perhaps there will be more members at our Society Picnic on Sunday 26th June. This is an attempt to mix a social occasion with a worthwhile venture, that of recording the architectural detail of the Humble Bee Cottages. Members will meet at 3p.m. on Beggars Lane by the gate at the footpath leading to the cottages, equipped with serviceable shoes, a means of recording the cottages, and their picnic. Even if the weather is poor we should still have fun. L.RIDGLEY.

"THE VIV AGGETT ALL SAINTS' LINK CYCLE RIDE"

75 miles in 7½ hours by bicycle is Viv's aim, to raise money for All Saints Church, Harbury, and Myton Hospice. She will ride round 10 All Saints churches in the Warwick Archdeaconry, leaving Harbury Church at 11.15 a.m. on Sunday 12th June and returning at 6p.m.(approx!). Why not sponsor Viv on this Marathon, which she is doing to celebrate her 50th birthday (surely not!). Ring 612790 for a sponsor form, or collect one from the Church.

Also, please join in the send-off after the service that Sunday morning, or be there to welcome her back before Evensong. PETER HOLT.

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PAINTING BY NUMBERS

It's a lot less hard work than painting by yourself! So please can we have some help with the internal painting of the Vicarage, which is to be done before a new Vicar can move in.

A brief meeting will be held to establish a plan of action on Wednesday 8th June at 7.30 in the Vicarage. If you can't come along but are willing to help, even if only for an hour or so, please ring Harry Windsor (612504) or Viv Aggett (612711).

IN THE GARDEN

All I can say this month is don't worry - I went to Luddington Open Day and on all their progress reports they are 3 to 6 weeks late. So carry on planting - no doubt your crops will not be so heavy but you should have a fair amount for your trouble, as all vegetables are likely to be expensive this winter. Now is the time to obtain winter cabbage plants, and it is not too late to plant potatoes - any variety - and you could be digging a small crop by autumn.

The Garden Walkabout on 9th July should be more interesting than ever, as it will prove where is a will there is a way - in this case, seeing will be believing.

W.F.LINES.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

There was a good attendance to hear Mr. Spurr of the Begonia Society give a very interesting and entertaining talk, accompanied by slides.

Our next event is the GARDEN WALKABOUT on 9th July. (We hope by then the rain will have stopped). Programmes will be on sale soon at village shops, and local Senior Citizens can get them half-price from Tony Brunton, 33 South Parade, or me, 16 Binswood End.

I am having my produce stall as usual, and I should be very glad of cakes, jams etc. I would be willing to collect the day before if you could let me know.

EDNA LINES.

Even with this BUMPER-SIZE issue, we could not fit in all your articles this month. We are sorry, and will do our best to include them next time. EDITORS.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Harbury News,

I am working as a 'foreign volunteer' on a farming settlement in the Negev desert, 6 kilometres from the Egyptian border. The settlement is a self-contained co-operative unit of 25 families, all of whom are of Anglo-Saxon descent. Each farmer has 3 hothouses, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of orchard crops and about 2 acres of free land. They are given a limited choice as to the crops they can grow, and if one has a bad year it is hoped the success of other farmers will keep him afloat. The main crops are flowers, tomatoes, peppers, melons, grapes and mangoes. These are all marketed under the wider auspices of the 'National Workers' Moshav Movement', thus farmers are guaranteed a market for their goods. Intensive agriculture is carried out in the desert sand with the aid of a sophisticated drip feed irrigation system designed and made in Israel. This is the key to success in this arid desert which gets little rain and much sun!

This is a strategically sensitive area, so the Moshav is fitted out to become something of a fortress if the need arose. It is guarded all the time by resident soldiers and armed residents who take turns at guard duty. The military presence in the area is strong but is necessitated by a constant stream of illegal immigrants crossing the border from Egypt and engaged in minor terrorist activity. The nearby 'Gaza Strip', unlike the West Bank, is a 'no go area' for both Israelis and Westerners. You cannot go very far without being reminded that Israel is a country still at war. The people who have seen so much conflict in the last dozen years show signs of war-weariness, and internal tension is accompanying strife in Lebanon. Despite all this, life goes on, and the Government forges ahead with settlement of the desert and to a lesser extent the contentious West Bank. Peace and stability in the region seem further away now than at any other time before 'Operation Peace for Galilee' - 'the war to end all wars' - a sad irony.

PETER EDWARDS.

(Peter, of Temple End, has been working in Israel for 6 months. Since he wrote this letter he has apparently toured Southern Egypt as well as Israel. Eds.)

Dear Sirs,

As a Ladbroke resident of several years' standing, I was rather puzzled to discover from the May edition of Harbury & Ladbroke News (Harbury Society report) that according to Ms. Sarah Day of the Warks. Rural Community Council, I am living in a village whose 'death knell' has sounded, a village 'attractive only to the elderly' which has 'lost the active younger element'.

Whilst I should not claim to be unusually energetic or athletic, at 27 I do feel that I have not yet merited the description 'elderly', and yet 2 years ago my husband and I found Ladbroke sufficiently 'attractive' to move house within the village, considering ourselves very lucky to be able to do so.

Recent years have seen something of a population boom in Ladbroke, to which I have contributed, and as I write the arrival of 2 more babies is imminent! The Southam PPA Playbus is so well attended by children under school age that it now visits Ladbroke twice a week instead of once, and the Village Hall, revived in 1979, has also firmly established itself as a social centre, one that is 'actively' used by villagers of many ages.

I know that Ms. Day visited Ladbroke for its Parish Meeting last year; perhaps that visit was not long enough for her to gain a true picture.

KATE TODMAN.

Dear Editors,

We have a 1st Harbury Scout Group due to Group Leaders' efforts and some parent assistance. The whole group consists of 111 boys; these boys have all the advantages of scouting and good leadership.

I attended the AGM on 25th May and to my sorrow there were 9 parents in addition to the leaders. I would hope that nearly all the 111 boys have at least one parent who could have attended.

There are 18 boys wishing to enter Cub Scouts but due to lack of response for extra leadership the one pack of Cubs is being restricted on its intake and numbers decreased. Anyone interested in Scouting as a Leader would, I am sure, be welcomed into the Group.

Come on parents! Show the leaders you are interested in your boys' welfare, give assistance as much as possible and for 1½ hours a year (at the AGM) show your appreciation to these Leaders who give up so much of their leisure time to teach our boys Scouting.

JOHN BALL.

Rhian, William and Peter Kelsall would like their friends and neighbours in the village to know how much their kindness, sympathy and help has been appreciated during the recent very sad loss.

DANCING EXAM RESULTS

Following the exams/medal tests held in April, Miss P. Heath of the DDA awarded a Silver Merit Medal to Sacha Lee, who had gained 2 bronze and 1 silver for the highest total marks. Hayley Green, Penelope Simcock and Andrea Burford, on passing their Grade 5 Tap, have become the first Graduates of the Academy from Harbury. The key to the table of results is:

1. Introduction to Ballet. 2. Preliminary Ballet.
3. Prep. Tap. 4. Grade 1 Tap. 5. Grade 4 Tap.
6. Grade 3 Acrobatic. 7. Character Bronze Medal.
8. Theatre Bronze Medal. 9. Tap Bronze Medal.
10. Silver Tap Medal. 11. Own Arrangement Bronze Medal. 12. Acrobatic Bronze Medal.

(PP = Pass Plus. H = Honours. HP = Honours Plus.
C = Commend. SpC = Special Commend.)

LUCY THOMPSON, 1C, 3C, 7. CHARLOTTE WADE, 1HP, 3H. LUCY KEMSLEY, 1H, 3H. EMMA HEATH, 1H, 3PP. CATHERINE GEE, 1H, 3C. FIONA HANCOCK, 1H, 3H. ELIZABETH TRAVIS, 1PP, 3PP, 7. KATHRYN HALL, 1H, 3H. NIKKI EVANS, 1PP, 3PP. HELEN WELLS, 1HP, 3C. MELANIE HEATH, 2C, 4HP. KATHRYN MACDONALD, 2H, 4H, 7. SARAH BINGHAM, 2H, 4H, 6H. ALEXANDRA WATTS, 1PP, 4PP, 7. REBECCA SHAW, 2H, 7. HAIDEE BINGHAM, 3C, 7. EMMA RAWLINGS, 3H, 7. EMMA BLOXHAM, 3H, 7. EMMA WILKINSON, 4HP, 7. REBECCA HEATH, 4HP. PENELOPE SIMCOCK, 5H. ANDREA BURFORD, 5H. HAYLEY GREEN, 5HP, 8, 10, 11. ALISON BARNES, 6SpC, 12. MELANIE CENEY, 6C. NATALIE GRUNDY, 7. HELEN ROBINS, 7. CLAIRE MANN, 7. JENNY PIDGEON, 7. JAIME PARSONS, 7.

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(The above are all pupils of Mrs. B. Burford, Harbury 612028.)

VENTURES' MAY WEEKEND IN WALES

On our climbing/walking weekend, the good weather remained with us (Andrew Winter, Martin Thomas, Sue Dunn and myself) until we reached Wales at 11.30p.m. when it started to pour with rain! We had more than a few problems in putting up the tents, but eventually we settled down for the night (or so we thought!). About 2a.m. Dave Clarke and Andy Hunt arrived on their bikes, having lost their way. Not all Venture Scouts can read maps, especially the more senior members! Once they had pitched their tents we all had a second attempt at sleeping, but were woken at 4a.m. by some Scouts setting off on a night hike! Next day we tried to cook the traditional sausages and beans, which turned out to be quite a success - what we lose in map reading we make up for in cooking! Then we drove to Snowdon and set off on our climb. The view was beautiful, and it was exhilarating looking down at the valley below. The weather became steadily worse, so, 20 minutes from the summit, six very cold wet Venture Scouts descended and ate a much welcomed lunch in the nearby cafe.

Feeling rather wet, but still cheerful, we drove back to camp for hot showers, then set off the local pub for a relaxing evening - which was disrupted when we were called out to help with a mini van which had turned over!

The following morning we set off on what was supposed to be a gentle stroll, but that didn't turn out to be as easy as we'd expected. Sue and I turned back about halfway, feeling the effects of the previous day's climbing.

We arrived back in Harbury at about 7p.m., feeling utterly exhausted but having had a thoroughly enjoyable weekend.

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