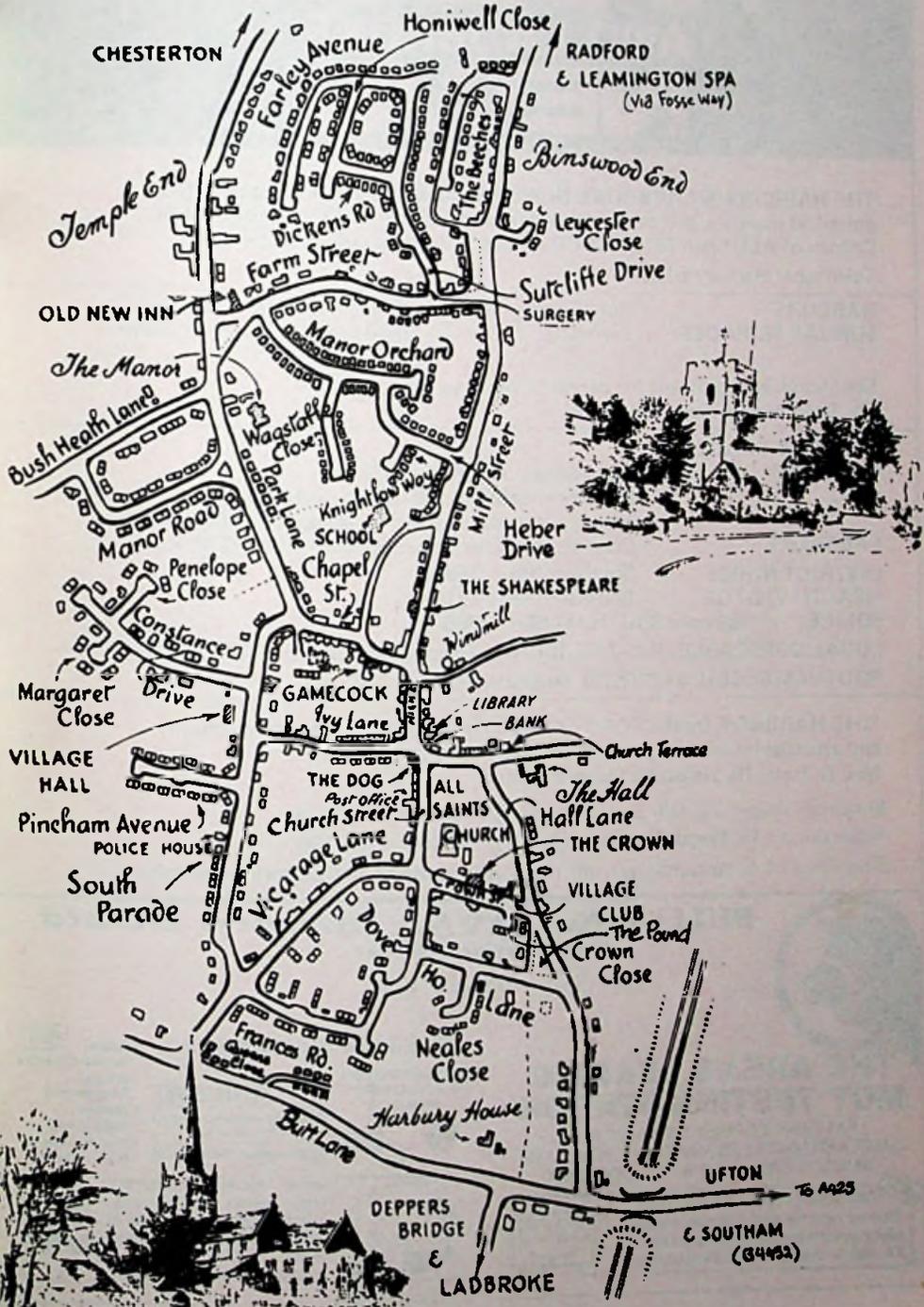


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BUMP?

Once again Harbury Carnival proved to be a great day - despite the blustery weather. The mediaeval concept produced some excellent ideas and costumes which added to the atmosphere of pageantry. Congratulations to all who worked hard to make it a success.

Congratulations also to the organisers of the Annual Carnival Sports and of the Pony Show. Both events are firmly established as part of village life.

An announcement is expected in the next few days regarding the new Vicar for Harbury and Ladbroke. Many people have been thinking and praying about this appointment, which is of considerable significance for both our villages.

Attention also focuses this month on the Ladbroke by-pass enquiry. It is to be hoped that some resolution of Ladbroke's traffic problem will be forthcoming.

Finally, congratulations to Vivienne Aggett on her sponsored cycle ride. Few people are capable of the energy, enthusiasm and fitness needed to raise such a magnificent sum.

HARBURY DIARYJULY 1983

- Sat. 2nd Fair on Playing Fields.
Car Boot Sale, V.Hall Car Park, 10 - 3, in aid of Village Hall funds.
Open Weekend at Hatton Craft Centre.
- Sun. 3rd 8a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10a.m. Family Eucharist with Rev. Royston Clarke. Royal Show Service at Stoneleigh - coach leaves Bull Ring at 4.45p.m. NO EVENSONG IN CHURCH.
Open Weekend at Hatton Craft Centre.
- Mon. 4th Action Research collection week.
Christian Fellowship, 11 Constance Drive.
Southam School new intake parents' evening for Arden & Charlcote, 7.30 p.m.
- Tues. 5th Slimming Club, Village Hall.
Southam School(as Mon)for Leigh & Shuckborough.
'Painting' meeting, Vicarage - volunteers welcome (please bring your own brushes!)

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- Wed. 6th Mothers' Union Garden Meeting, 2.30p.m., Haze Brook,
The Pound.
- Thurs. 7th Girls' Club, 6-7p.m., Village Hall.
W.I., 7.45p.m., V.Hall: Mrs. Bishop on 'Making Pork
Pies'.
Men's Group AGM, 7.45p.m., 23 Mill Street.
- Fri. 8th Under 16s Disco, V.Hall, 7.30-10p.m.
- Sat. 9th GARDEN WALKABOUT, 2 - 7 p.m.
Christian Fellowship, 1 Constance Drive.
- Sun. 10th 8a.m. Holy Communion, 10a.m. Family Eucharist,
6.30p.m. Evensong.
- Mon. 11th Playing Fields Committee, V.Hall, 8p.m.
- Tues. 12th Slimming Club, Village Hall.
Southam School Musical Evening, 7.30p.m.
Harbury Friends, 8p.m., School.
- Wed. 13th H & L News Committee, 8.30p.m., 23 Mill Street.
- Thurs. 14th Southam School Sports (field events)
Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
Girls' Club, 6-7p.m., Village Hall.
Whist Drive, Village Hall.
- Fri. 15th Southam School Sports (field events reserve day)
Crusaders' Video "The Cross & the Switchblade",
7.30p.m., Corner Cottage.
- Sat. 16th PTA Barbeque/Barn Dance to Majic Rantabout.
Scouts' Car Boot Sale, 2p.m. Wight School carpark.
- Sun. 17th 8a.m. Holy Communion, 10a.m. Family Eucharist,
6.30p.m. Evensong.
Parish Punch Party, 11.30a.m. - see advert.
- Mon. 18th Christian Fellowship, 8 The Beeches.
Southam School Sports (track events)
Adventurers' Dynamite Club, 5-6p.m., Village Hall.
- Tues. 19th Southam School Sports (track events reserve day)
Slimming Club at Village Hall.
Adventurers' Dynamite Club, 5-6p.m., Village Hall.
Senior Cits. Benefit Committee, 8.30p.m., V.Hall.
- Wed. 20th Toddler Club breaks up for summer.
Adventurers' Dynamite Club, 5-6p.m., Village Hall.
- Thurs. 21st Dancing Classes break up for summer
Adventurers' Dynamite Club, 5-6p.m., Village Hall.
Girls' Club, 6-7p.m., Village Hall.
- Fri. 22nd Playgroup breaks up for summer, also School.
Adventurers' Dynamite Club, 5-6p.m., Village Hall.
- Sat. 23rd Cystic Fibrosis Jumble Sale, Wight School, 2p.m.
Christian Fellowship, 77 Mill Street.

- Sun. 24th 8a.m. Holy Communion, 10a.m. Family Eucharist,
6.30p.m. Evensong.
Conservatives' Summer Drinks Party, Flax Hill,
11.45a.m. (with Alan Howarth MP). See ad.
German visit to Harbury - see Churchwardens' piece
ALL ARTICLES FOR AUGUST MAGAZINE TO EDITORS BY
TODAY PLEASE.
- Mon. 25th NSPCC Summer Quiz sheets available from Ivy
Cottage, Ivy Lane.
- Wed. 27th Craft Sale all day in Wight School.
- Thurs. 28th Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
- Sun. 31st 8a.m. Holy Communion, 10a.m. Family Eucharist,
6.30p.m. Evensong.
Free Church Service, 2.30p.m. in Harbury Church
with the Rev. Ted Harrison.

AUGUST

- Mon. 1st SUMMER PLAYScheme (FROM TODAY UNTIL AUGUST 12th)
AT VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION GROUND -
ALL HARBURY SCHOOLCHILDREN WELCOME.
Christian Fellowship, 1 Constance Drive.
- Thurs. 4th BLOOD DONORS, V. Hall - afternoon and early
evening - why don't YOU come this time?
- Sat. 6th Christian Fellowship, 1 Constance Drive.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

- ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Church, 9a.m. Sunday
- FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30p.m. 1st
Sunday in the month
- HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30a.m. Sunday
- UPHOLSTERY CLASS, Wight School, 2-4p.m. Monday
- GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30p.m. Monday
- GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7pm (under 7s & beginners)
7-8pm (7-10yrs), 8-9pm (over 10s) every Monday
- BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm. Monday
- PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE, Village Hall, 8p.m.
2nd Monday in the month
- TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 9.30 - 11.20 Monday
and 2 - 3.30 Wednesday
- 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.
4-9pm Wednesday. 4-5pm Thursday (beginners)

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SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45 Tues (1st troop) Wed (2nd troop)
BABY CLINIC, V. Hall, 2.30 p.m., 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
VENTURE SCOUTS, Scout Hut 8pm every Thursday
POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20 - 3.30 p.m. every Friday
CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30 p.m. every Friday

NB - PLEASE CHECK WITH INDIVIDUAL GROUPS FOR SPECIAL
SUMMER HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

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

My dear friends,

First of all, congratulations are in order to all those who worked so hard in staging the Church float at the Carnival, and for gaining the cup. Much hard work resulted in a well-deserved award. Also, congratulations to Miss Aggett for her marathon cycle ride which was sponsored in aid of Church funds and the Myton Hospice.

The other Sunday I spoke of the Oxford Movement which started on 14th July 1833, and this month celebrates its 150th anniversary. The whole purpose of the Oxford Movement was to re-vitalise the Church of England which had become very sluggish and formalised. This was done in many ways and by many means but the chief result of the Movement brought new life and sacramental worship, and there is no Church in this country, whether it is 'high' or 'low' that has not been affected by the work of the Oxford Movement. Today in all Churches of the Anglican Communion all over the world the Eucharist is held to be the chief service, and most people look upon their attendance at the Holy Eucharist as their duty and privilege.

The Church of England and all Churches in communion with us are brought alive by that phrase in our Creed: "I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church". We ought to be proud of belonging to our Church and to make sure that our worship is alive, and full of joy and love. There are many people in Harbury who give allegiance to their Church membership

but do very little week by week in their attendance at Divine worship. But I rejoice that there are so many who do, and that attendance at the Parish Eucharist has been maintained during the interregnum. Please may this continue, and more and more people will come to the Lord's Service in the Lord's House on the Lord's Day.

We express our sympathy and prayers to Mrs. Enefer whose nephew died so young, and also to Mr. Clifton and family in their sad bereavement.

God bless you all,
Yours sincerely,

ROY CHURCHILL.

From the Registers

Funeral Service

17th June - LAURA CLIFTON, Temple End, Harbury.

From the Churchwardens

Many people have been enquiring whether there has been any progress in the appointment of a new Vicar for the parishes of Harbury and Ladbroke. We expect to be able to make an announcement in the very near future, and hope the new Vicar will be with us during September.

Our Roman Catholic friends are also having a new Parish Priest, and we wish Father Boulton God's richest blessing in his new sphere of work, and we look forward to meeting his successor at Southam and wish him a very happy stay.

Lots of people will be away on holiday during the coming months. We should be interested in hearing of visits to Churches in other places and of any particularly helpful part of the Service. We can often pick up good ideas. The cards of welcome we have in our pews arose as a result of a visit by a PCC member to another Church. Even if you are going abroad, many places have permanent or holiday chaplaincies.

A party of young German people will be staying at the Diocesan Youth Centre at Southam from 17th to 30th July, and we have been asked to entertain them on Sunday 24th. They will come to our 10a.m.

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service, and will then have a picnic and farm visit. We invite as many of our own young people as possible to join in entertaining them. Names to and details from Viv Aggett.

PATRICIA'S PARISH PUNCH PARTY

SUNDAY, 17th JULY 1983

11.30a.m. - 2.00pm.

A Punch Party is being held in aid of Church funds at Walnut Tree Cottage, Hall Lane, the home of Patricia and Bryan Harrison, at which coffee and cookies will be served from 11.30a.m., and punch and pate from noon onwards.

There will also be a raffle with prizes of a holiday flavour, and it is hoped that the event will be held out of doors, weather permitting!

Please do come for coffee, or punch, or both - you will be most welcome.

FREE CHURCH SERVICE

The monthly Free Church Family Service was held on 26th June at All Saints Church, and the preacher was the Rev. Peter Clarke of Warwick Street Baptist Church, Leamington. Mr. Clarke spoke of the changing nature of Christianity. He welcomed the tremendous stimulus of revival amongst Christians, but he explained that the traditional organisation of the Church has much to offer as well. Using the third chapter of Zachariah, he stressed the need for the established Churches to respond positively to the challenge of renewal. The next service will be at 2.30p.m. on 31st July.

ITJ.

HARBURY BICYCLE EVENT

The annual bicycle event will be held towards the end of August - see next month's magazine for full details. The event will follow the general format of previous years, with classes for children and adults. (Get training, ladies - Viv is very fit after her 75 mile ride!)

JBM.



LADBROKE NEWS

LADBROKE DIARY FOR JULY & EARLY AUGUST 1983

- Sunday 3rd, TRINITY V, 8.30a.m. Holy Communion,
11a.m. Mattins (Mr. W. Grimes).
- Thursday 7th, 7.45p.m. Men's Group at Harbury.
- Sunday 10th, TRINITY VI, 11a.m. Holy Communion with
Hymns & Sermon.
- Monday 11th, 7.30p.m. PCC in Church.
- Wednesday 13th, Women's Fellowship at Alveston by
invitation of Mrs. P. Brown.
- Sunday 17th, TRINITY VII, 8.30a.m. Holy Communion,
11a.m. Mattins.
- Tuesday 19th, Parish Council, 7.30p.m.V.Hall.
- Friday 22nd, S.Mary Magdalen.
- Sunday 24th, TRINITY VIII, 11a.m. Holy Communion
with Hymns & Sermon.
- Monday 25th, S.James A.M.
- Tuesday and Wednesday, 26th and 27th, PUBLIC
INQUIRY, Ladbroke Village Hall.
- Thursday 28th, W.I. in the Village Hall.
- Sunday 31st, TRINITY IX, 8.30a.m. Holy Communion
(Rev. P. L. Jackson). 11a.m.Mattins (Mr.Rogers)
- AUGUST**
- Saturday 6th, Transfiguration of our Lord.
- Sunday 7th, TRINITY X, 8.30a.m. Holy Communion,
11a.m. Mattins.

ALTAR FLOWERS

- July 3, Mrs. Winkfield. July 10, Mrs. White.
July 17, Mrs. Sheasby. July 24, Mrs. Hedge. July 31
Mrs. Webster. August 7, Mrs. Colvin.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

12th June, 1983, Stuart Jeffrey Moore.

Holy Matrimony

4th June, 1983, Howard William Machell and Linda
Christine Green.

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. I was pleased to meet all members at our June meeting which commenced with prayers in Church conducted by Canon Fishley. Afterwards, Miss Hensman and Mary provided us with lovely tea at Church Cottage. We were pleased that Mrs. M. Brown joined us, and look forward to our next meeting which she has invited us to hold at her home at Sundial House, Alveston, on 13th July at 3pm. CH.

CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Pearson on the safe arrival of their daughter.

WE ARE GLAD to hear that some of our sick friends are improving in health, Mrs. Hayward and Mrs. Poole among them. Among the list which you hear week by week are some known personally to me but not to the parish. But they too value your prayerful support - as I do.

ISHOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE Mrs. Todman on her letter last month in the Harbury & Ladbroke News. All small communities like Ladbroke tend to show change in composition, but they also have a remarkable resilience. In 1960 Ladbroke School had 13 pupils (age 5 - 11). In 1967 numbers had risen to 55, and although some were refugees from Southam's then overcrowded schools, the majority came from the village and Deppers Bridge. It is a sad fact that we are not likely to have a school in Ladbroke again, but I believe the village community will continue to grow and prosper. GRF.

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL The June meeting opened with an interesting reply from the EMEB about the frequent electricity cuts and fluctuation in voltage in the village. The Board was able to explain the reasons for the 4 major cuts which have occurred since last August, but they do intend to investigate individual complaints about low voltage. So if your oven can't get up to temperature, or your lights flicker and go dim etc., please let the Parish Clerk know so that she can pass the information to EMEB.

The Council had been concerned for some weeks about the state of the verge around the bend on the A423, and had requested the District Council to deal with it. The DC did come out and cut down the verges in

the village, but neglected to do the most important⁹ one on the bend. However, on Sunday afternoon the intrepid Dave Wilson took his life in his hands and, armed with a red hat and flag, voluntarily cut back the dangerous verge! The Parish Council, and I am sure all of us, would like to record our thanks for his valiant efforts on our behalf.

The Council confirmed that the Public Inquiry into the Bypass will take place at 10.30 a.m. on 26th and 27th July, in Ladbroke Village Hall, and they stress how important it is for everyone to come along, or to send a letter of apology if unable to attend.

Finally, due to Mrs. Meriel Williamson being unable to continue as Parish Clerk, from September 1983 the Parish Council is now looking for someone to fill the vacant post. The salary is £75 per annum, plus all expenses incurred. Applications please to the Parish Clerk!

Next meeting Tuesday 19th July at 7.30p.m. in Ladbroke Village Hall.

BYPASS There is no need for me to give you details of the work of the Ladbroke Bypass Action Committee, as the Newsletters which are being delivered to every house are keeping everyone well informed. Don't hesitate to get in touch with one of the committee if you feel you have anything to contribute. We believe that LADBROKE NEEDS AND WANTS A BYPASS!!!

IT'S BEEN AN EXCELLENT MONTH for the Ladbroke birth rate! Congratulations to Ros and Andrew Pearson, whose daughter Rebecca Amy arrived on 30th May, just a few hours after the deadline for last month's issue! And also to Malcolm and Christine Taylor, whose baby son Stuart Andrew made his safe appearance on 22nd June.

FINALLY.....don't forget that several ladies in the village are willing to do knitting in aid of our Church funds - at most reasonable rates I might add! Please get in touch with Mrs. Winkfield (Southam 2234).

KATE LIVERTON.

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I. Despite the unfriendly weather, the Garden Party in June was a great success. The craft stall run in aid of Myton Hospice raised over £31 and, together with a donation from the proceeds of the Garden Party, a cheque for £76 will be forwarded to Myton Hospice. Many thanks to all those who attended despite the threatening clouds, and special thanks to our hostess Mrs. Irene Bennett.

The next meeting will be at the Village Hall on Thursday 28th July at 7.30 p.m. The subject will be Nautical Archaeology. This meeting is open to non-members, who are invited to join us to hear this humorous talk on an unusual subject. The competition will be for an animal made of fruit or vegetables, so let's have lots of entries, ladies! P.L.

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL NEWS The 3rd anniversary of the Hall's re-opening was celebrated on 17th June with John Clement's "Sixties Disco" making a welcome return to Ladbroke. This proved to be one of the Hall's most successful functions to date, and thankfully the nostalgia, music and good food were not accompanied by a power-cut!

This event was also the first to benefit from the Hall's "new improved" roof, which has been reflecting - literally! - a new image lately. The silver has now toned down to a matt grey-white, all a necessary part of the leak-prevention process. C.A.T.

THE BENDS AND THE BYPASS

This is not a medical article relating to a well-known disease for divers, or astronauts, combined with open-heart surgery! It is, however, a few words about what many Ladbroke villagers consider to be a disease they are suffering from. It is against the background of the recent serious accident in our village that I have been listening to the recollections of one of our most senior village citizens, Mrs. Ashby, or "Abbey" as she likes to be called by her friends.

Mrs. Ashby was born in this village over 80 years ago, and she really does view the bends and the bypass as a disease. Her first memories are of the local 'toffs', the Shuckborough family, passing along our road accompanied probably by a red flag! Mrs. Ashby

has a remarkable memory, and the many incidents on our Banbury Road which she can recall from 1914 onwards make a most interesting tale.

On one occasion a load of onions was discharged from a lorry through Bates Cottage, now the home of the Todman family. She has numerous memories of cars and lorries going straight into the fields, or landing in ditches. An uninvited internal combustion engine has often visited High House when it was the home of Mr. Lacey. Mrs. Ashby vividly recalls the colourful occasion when 3 fire engines were called out to rescue a blazing coachload of football supporters returning from Wembley.

Somewhat nostalgically, Abbey (as she kindly allows me to call her) recalls the village copper standing outside the telephone kiosk wagging his finger at motorists passing by. Only last week our local policeman admitted that the modern counterpart the radar, is rather hazardous on such a narrow road. Rather sadly, Abbey remembers many deaths and injuries, but perhaps the one she was most involved in was the death of a postman knocked down during his duties by a lorry from a convoy of army lorries passing through.

Mrs. Ashby has been, and still remains, an active and doughty campaigner for what she feels to be right for her village, and it appears that in the past she offered sterling assistance to get Ladbroke weaned off the village pump and cess-pits!

Abbey has one problem and one advantage over younger villagers; she can get to sleep when the traffic is zooming by, by turning off her hearing aid. However, this means that, when crossing the road, she has no chance of hearing what is coming, and as she walks about the village with her famous little dog to chat to her many friends, she is always in danger.

Very sadly, Abbey does not believe that she will see the disease cured during her lifetime, but I am sure that we all hope that her remaining wish for her village will come true, and that very soon she will see the road construction gangs getting to work on the Ladbroke bypass!

ALAN GOULD.

HARBURY P.T.A.

Our Local History Evening proved to be a treasure chest of information on the past, and was attended by a large and enthusiastic audience. Deputy Head Nigel Chapman explained how he had taken a series of photographs of houses in the snow, and produced an exhibition for the children which led to further work on the village. Old photos were collected, mainly from Bob Thornicroft, and these were indexed along with the more modern ones. The Harbury & Ladbroke News and 'Hungry Harbury' were other sources of information and were the basis for many of the children's projects on Windmills, Pumps, Childyke, and other village topics, which were on display and attracted large crowds. Mr. Bob Thornicroft's scrap books were an amazing collection of illustrations of bygone Warwickshire, with much that is of especial interest in Harbury, including photographs of the Bustin Brothers who began the Co-op, the prize winning football teams of the 1920s, and the Church prior to restoration.

Charles Keeling concentrated on the local windmills, and had photographs of Bert Haines working the Chesterton Mill, and Harbury's own Tower Mill. There were the actual deeds to Harbury House, Neville Ellis' archeological display about Chesterton with its Roman associations, and Celia Barratt's superb collection of photographs of old villagers, which showed how inter-related some village families still are today.

L.R.

Don't forget the Barbecue and Barn Dance on 16th July - Steak Barbecue, and dancing to Magic Rantabout.

Parents may like to note that our November meeting will be a talk on the use of computers in school, given by Mr. Minton the Head of Maths at Southam School. This will, we hope, coincide with our purchase of a BBC computer for school.

TUFTY CLUB

Tufty will be on holiday until 20th September, when his Club will meet at 2 p.m. in the Wight School, so there will be no July or August meeting. Have a happy and safe holiday. See you in September! KP.

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CARNIVAL 1983

Harbury's return to the Middle Ages for its Carnival was a tremendous success despite the weather. The street collection took over £100, and total profits for the Village Hall and Playing Fields topped £1000.

Medieval knights, kings, queens, lepers, crusaders, pilgrims and outlaws followed the Shipston Silver Band and the Warwick Corps of Drums in procession to the playing fields. Carnival Queen Victoria Harrison was drawn in state by shire horses provided by the Solid Fuel Advisory Service, and she was accompanied by Rugby's Official Town Crier, Andy Lathem. He had an unenviable task as a judge, because everyone should have been a winner, so he used his own criteria to select his choices, based on who and what he saw and heard at the time of judging the stalls, including smiles, cheery patter, queues, audience reaction, degrees of toil and sweat, and many other factors.

Winners of the decorated float section were the Church Bellringers, the PTA and the WI, all in period costume. The Playgroup and Guides and Brownies won the Children's Float section, and the Trade Section went to the Shakespeare Inn, with Fosse Garage and the PPA Playbus second and third.

The Solid Fuel Advisory Service's shire horses won the 'Horse Drawn or Mounted' section, with the Hancock family second. The Macgowan family were second in the Decorated Car section, which was won by Bench TV Services.

On arrival at the Playing Fields the Fancy Dress competition was judged by Mrs. Pam Sperling and Mr. Reg Harris, who awarded Under 5 prizes to James Van Hoorebeek, Matthew Knight and Brett Yardley, and 5 to 7 years prizes to Mark Van Hoorebeek, William Stringer and James Stringer. Clair Hillis, Rupert Neale and Adrian Exton won prizes in the 8 - 10 age group, and over 11 winners were David Megeney and Debbie Ellis. In the Adult Section, first were the WI Ladies, second was Doug Megeney (dressed as a woman yet again!), and third was a jester who wished to remain anonymous.



Left: "Cuckoo" -
the winning float
(Harbury Church
Bellringers and
Choir).

Right: A
Medieval Play-
group displaying
rather mixed
emotions!

Below: the W.I. raise their glasses on their prize
winning float.



These and many other Carnival pictures are by
Mike Bloxham, Rose Cottage, Mill Street.



Below: Big Day for the Knights!!



(Thinks.....Should we have titled these two pages
our Middle Age spread? Editors.)

Special prizes were awarded throughout the afternoon. The best Historical Float was the PTA's, with the WI Elizabethan Tableau second. Children's costume spot prizes went to Shane Exton, Jonathon Hill, Helen Brunton, Lynsey Spencer, Kylie Pallot and Daniel Russell. Stallholders John Kemsley (King John), Tony Brunton and Paul Hancock won the individual costume awards, and the best Stall prizes were given to Mrs. Padbury's Hot Dog Stand, the Young Wives' Queen of Hearts, and WARNACT's Nature Trail, the latter's competition winners being Mrs. Paine, Claire Ingram, Pat Summers, Mr. Jones, Philip Lambert, the Rolfes and the Mansells.

Other competitions and winners were Mrs. Wilkins (number of sweets in a jar - 182); Paula Kelly (name the teddy - Bartholemew); Mr. D. Padbury (number of balloons in a car - 100); Linden MacDonald (guess bunny's birthday - 3rd March); and the Lucky Programme winners were Mrs. Bennett, H. E. Wilkins, Karen Peebles, Mr. Lynn, and Mr. J. Winchester. The most unusual competition of the afternoon was 'Guess the Weight of the Goat'. This was won by Mrs. Tidmarsh, who guessed nearest to the true weight of 38½ lbs.

The Dog Show was judged by Mr. Freeman of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. Pedigree top prize went to the Wallingtons' Red Setter Copper, and the Andrews' Collie Bruce was runner up. Non-pedigree winner was Lucy McLaughlin's Squeek.

Throughout the afternoon the Shipston Silver Band and the Warwick Corps of Drums entertained. The Traditional Bampton Morris Men danced, the Town Crier cried, and Punch and Judy fought out their eternal battle of the sexes. The Harbury Branch of the Leamington Olympic Gymnastics Club gave a display of acrobatics, and Harbury Hawks and their arch rivals Warwick Ajax fought out a 0-0 exhibition match of football. Last event of the day, the Tug of War between local pub teams, generated great enthusiasm and support. In a best-of-three pulls contest, the Dog beat the Old New Inn, and went on to victory over the Crown. The two losing teams then challenged on another, but despite having the full weight of the Law, in the shape of village PC Percival on their side, the Old New Inn were a

pull-over for the younger, heavier Crown locals.

Carnival Day ended with the traditional Carnival Dance to Blue Velvet in the Village Hall.

Special mention should be made of Mrs. Gray who toiled away under melting conditions cooking and selling over 700 doughnuts; of Mr. & Mrs. Dunn who missed seeing their first Harbury Carnival to run the crockery smashing stall with such finesse; of Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Luke who delight children each year with the 'Catch a Duck' stall; and of each stallholder for the enthusiasm and endeavour he or she put into the afternoon. L. RIDGLEY et al

AND A WORD OF THANKS.....the Carnival Committee wish to place on record their thanks to...

-the float builders, those who took part in the procession, and the owners of the vehicles...
-those who ran the stalls...
-the kitchen helpers, cake makers, gatemen and programme sellers...
-the advertisers, marshalls and clearer-uppers.
-the organisers of the Carnival Week events...
-the Harbury & Ladbroke News for media coverage
-the display event participants...
-the Scouts and Cubs...
-the public for attending on a chilly afternoon....

And on behalf of Harbury, the News editors offer thanks to the members of the Carnival Committee - Bruce Hannay (chairman), Sue Andrews, Keith Thompson, Neil Roden, Midge Keen, Tim Percival, Kay Pallot, Ann Glaze, Jean Cox, Sally Townsend, Steve Chaplin and Ted Coupe.

1st HARBURY SCOUTS AND GUIDES FUNDRAISING

Our Summer Food Fair made a profit of almost £45 in spite of the many other local events during the same weekend - many thanks to all those who supported this in any way. Our next event is a CAR BOOT SALE on Saturday 16th July, from 2 p.m. in the Wight School car park. Pitches will be £2 each for a car, or £5 for a van. No larger vehicles will be admitted. Pitches must be booked in advance, with the fee, through Janet Watts, 15 Honiwell Close, tel. 612603, and must be

occupied on the 16th by 1.30 p.m. Entrance for adults will be 10p, children free. Refreshments will be served in the Wight School. Perhaps some of the many charity organisations in the village might like to buy a pitch and make some money for their causes?

Regrettably, the barbecue had to be postponed from 17th June until Friday 9th September, or Saturday 10th, should the weather be really bad on the Friday. Tickets will be available from Leaders and Committee members before the school holidays start.

So far there has been no response to the appeal for new leaders. The Venture Scouts at present have NO leader. The Guides are urgently in need of more help, and no new Cubs can be taken in because some of the present leaders are retiring and no replacements have been found. We pride ourselves on being a caring village, yet it seems no-one is prepared to give up the time for our youngsters. If you feel you could help, please contact Ken Hughes at Leamington House, Church Street, as soon as possible.

TENNIS CLUB

The Carnival Tournament on 5th June was won by Rosemary Ottewill and Tom Smith. The winners of the American Tournament, played on the very hot and sunny afternoon of 25th June, were Tricia Harrison and Barry Latham.

Both the Skittles and the Coconut Shy proved to be popular at the Carnival, but we have been unable to contact either Mr. Andrews or Eve Birnie, both of whom scored winning points on the skittles - will they please ring 612758.

The first two matches played in the Blencowe Cup were positive wins for our team and we hope this trend will continue for the fixtures arranged for this month. We're pleased to see 'student' members on court again now they have free time away from study and exams, and we welcome their keen competition.

J.N.

VIV'S BIKE RIDE

Very many thanks to all who so generously sponsored me on my recent 75 mile cycle ride. Nearly all the

money is now collected and the total should be in¹⁹. excess of £625, two thirds of which will go to the Church funds, and one third to Myton Hospice.

The ride was fun to do, and it was wonderful to meet so many nice people on the way round. Thank you to all those who came to see me off or to welcome me back, and a special thank you to the four people from Harbury who came to Burton Dassett and Ladbroke to cheer me on. There were a lot of people who helped in various ways, but I should like particularly to thank John Algar who looked after the publicity, and Diana and Peter Holt who provided the support car and bicycle, and who did so much to ensure the success of the event. VIV AGGETT.

N S P C C SUMMER QUIZ

Once again Mrs. Macgowan has compiled a Summer Quiz for us - this is intended as a holiday activity and is for all children. Copies are available from Mrs. Mettrick, Ivy Cottage, Ivy Lane, from the first day of the holidays (Monday 25 July), for the small charge of 20p. Completed copies should be handed back to Mrs. Mettrick by the last day of the holidays (Monday 5 September).

The Quiz will be divided into 4 age groups - 7 years and under, 8 to 10 years, 11 to 13 years, and 14 years and over, with a prize for the person with the highest score in each group. Good luck to all of you who take part! MRS. N. KNIGHT.

NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES' REGISTER

The Radford Semele and District Group (which include Bishops Tachbrook, Harbury, Chesterton and Bishops Itchington) meet regularly on an informal basis to discuss topics of a non-domestic nature. Discussions are on a wide range of subjects, e.g. (from our current programme) "Drugs - when does a medicine become a Drug?", "The Press - comparing how items of news are reported in a previous day's papers and on TV etc.", "The financial aspects of being a GP". Daytime discussions are not planned topics, and are usually based on recent items of news, TV programmes etc., and children are welcome at daytime meetings.

We are not political or 'highbrow' or fundraising, neither do we organise beetle drives or flower arranging demonstrations etc., as these are all catered for very adequately by other groups within the villages. Our aim is to provide the opportunity for lively informal discussion. If you are interested in finding out more about NHR, and this group in particular, please contact Pam Shepherd (Local Organiser) at the Fosse Garage, Fosse Way, tel. Harbury 613260, or Sue Roberts, 38 Temple End, tel. Harbury 612920. We shall be very glad to talk to you about NHR, and introduce you to one of our meetings.

MID-SUMMER COMEDY

Harbury Theatre Group have surpassed themselves to such an extent that I don't see how they can top their latest performance, and don't envy them in having to try! I went with my husband and daughter with her friend, both aged 12, and all four of us had the most super evening on the Saturday, with both supper and plays. The choice of one-act plays is the first source of praise, four totally different ideas, differently produced and acted, but all somehow fitting into the total evening's entertainment, each seeming funnier than the last simply because you couldn't believe they would go on amusing you to that level! Possibly the last was the funniest, simply because - as a spoof on all amateur productions - it was doubly funny, and all the performances were marvellous. So they were in the three previous plays, and it would be unfair to single out anyone for individual mention, except perhaps the directors, Peter Holt and Beryl Checkley, both of whom assembled marvellous casts and directed them into previously unsurpassed performance levels, helped greatly by the props (which were artistic as well as correct), the lighting (which was more effective than I have ever seen it), and the acting on the part of every single person on stage throughout the evening.

The buffet supper was also incredibly good - incredibly because it was both delicious and plentiful, and for the price of a ticket, almost unbelievable! Carol Percival, Betty Barr and Sally Stringer

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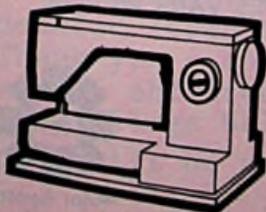
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are to be congratulated on such a spread, and must have worked very hard to produce such excellent meals. All the people involved in backstage activities work just as hard as those on stage, as I know well, (especially those who produced such magnificent costumes), and all are to be included in wholehearted praise for the entire company in producing the most enjoyable, entertaining and thoroughly professional evening out that we've all had in a while!

Well done, Harbury Theatre Group, and as they say in the business, "follow that....."! VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

SUMMER PLAYScheme : AUGUST 1st - 12th 1983

This is going to be the most memorable August Harbury children have experienced! They will be offered fun, games, new hobbies, entertainment and demonstrations from every available source of fun and/or information.

Please help in this ambitious project - even if your own children are too young or too old, your assistance would be appreciated. Can you supply any of the following, please? - Games, Models, Kits, Jigsaws, Colouring Books, Crayons and Felt Tips, Paint (any type), Orange Squash, Biscuits, Stencils (any kind), Children's Books, Bats, Balls, Baby Lotion, Make-up, Modelling Clay, Paper (any kind), Loo Rolls, Sweets, Felt, Fur Fabric, Large Sheets of Cardboard, Boxes, Packets, Greetings Cards, Dominoes, Flour (Playdough), Yogurt Pots, Ice Cream Containers, Margarine Tubs, Magazines, String, Wool, Scissors, Hats, Belts, Bags, Anything for Dressing Up, Potatoes for Baking, Reject Potatoes for Printing.....in fact, ANYTHING!!

Can you spare one afternoon or morning to help? Would you be willing to talk about or demonstrate any skills?

Enquiries, offers of help and deliveries of donated items to 31 Manor Orchard, tel. 613270. Thank you - and remember to encourage all Harbury school children to come along to the Playing Fields and Village Hall to take part in the Playscheme - they will be very welcome.

KAY PALLOT.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN

The DYNAMITE CLUB will be meeting each evening from 5 to 6 p.m., from Monday 18th July to Friday 22nd July, at the Village Hall. Mr. Ivor Cooper, who was the speaker at the Adventurers' recent Birthday Sunday service, will be the leader. There will be songs, quizzes, games and Bible stories. All children are very welcome.

On the previous Friday, 15th July, at 7.30 p.m., there will be a showing of the video film "The Cross and the Switchblade" at Corner Cottage, The Bull Ring. Anyone from 12 years upwards is warmly invited to see this film, which is an exciting story about an American gang leader.

C.M.CATT (for Adventurers)

HARBURY PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

Following the recent resignation of the chairman/treasurer and other longstanding members of the committee, the already too-stretched committee is badly in need of more active members. We try to perform the many and varied tasks involved in the maintenance and renewal of all aspects of the playing field, but must have more help. PLEASE COME to the next meeting at the Village Hall - MONDAY 11th JULY, at 8 p.m. Only a very few active hours are needed of each of us, provided there are enough supportive members. The playing field is used by all the community to one extent or another, and by friends and relations, so we do need YOUR help. Do come.

K.P.

HARBURY YOUNG WIVES

There will be NO meetings in July or August - our next meeting will be on Tuesday 27th September, at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall.

V.B.

HARBURY SOCIETY

Our Carnival Stall, the Mystery Tour and a talk by Jerry Birkbeck have kept us busy in recent weeks. Many thanks to all the village, the members, the Committee, and especially to Tim and John Cowan, Mrs. Noden, Ess Picken and Pat Summers, for making our stall at the Carnival such a success. We collected masses of crockery and sold almost everything, making £78.50 for the Carnival fund.

The Mystery Tour was its usual embarrassingly well-attended success, with almost 150 adults and children taking part. My grateful thanks to Sue Andrews and her daughter Sharon for their help, and to Ess Picken for helping to sell the questionnaires. First prize went to Richard Woodward with 39 out of a possible 50 points. Second was Alison Dodds with 37, and third came Ken Hughes with 35. He was closely followed by Neil Armstrong, John Lapraik, Daniel Hughes, Sue Wright, Sue & Richard Lapraik, Wendy Warner, Neil Powell, Nikki Knight, Jackie Powell, Gail Davies, Matthew Knight, Helen Warner, Joy Padbury, Joan Smith, Joanne Hall, Ian Percival, Vicky Ridgley, Ian Wright and many, many more.

It is truly amazing how much there is still to find in the village. I was surprised to find the pre-decimal cigarette machine in the High Street, and the plant growing on Bull Ring Cottage's chimney! Many people gave amusing answers to the questions. I liked best Bill Washington's reply to the Alverne Cars question "What go anywhere, anytime?" Having picked his way along Farm Street, the Old New Inn Green and Park Lane, he answered with feeling, "Dogs on Leads"!

At our last meeting Jerry Birkbeck of the County Planning Staff gave an illustrated talk on The Warwickshire Landscape. He showed how, in this county of relatively gentle relief, slope and geology were important factors in forming the landscape initially, and that it had then been modified by Man. Essentially the county is split into the Feldon and the Arden areas. The Feldon is the heavy Lias clay area to the south and east, where the majority of the Warwickshire elms flourished. The Arden to the north and west of the Avon was in 1650 an extensive oak forest, only a few remnants of which now exist. With its predominance of Elms, Warwickshire suffered great losses when Dutch Elm Disease swept through Britain. The long hot summer of 1976 did much damage to the shallow rooted trees like conifers and beeches, and modern farming techniques have conspired to reduce the tree population still further. WCC did anticipate some of these losses, and they were

quick to appreciate the ravages of Elm disease. In 1973 they promoted the Plant-a-Tree-in-73 scheme. The Countryside Commission saw the accelerating changes to the landscape and through their tree planting scheme have encouraged landowners to use steeper slopes, wet areas, and field corners for timber. The trees are provided free of charge, and the owners are responsible for the maintenance.

Although this is just a drop in the ocean, the scheme does go some way to replace those trees lost through old age and disease, and it is hoped that by encouraging voluntary bodies to care about the landscape, public opinion will be more in favour of planting and preserving trees. It must always be borne in mind that timber is just a crop like any other, and must be both managed and felled as such.

You may be interested to know that Lodge Farm, Chesterton, is host to a television team and a flock of sheep being driven along the old Drove Roads from Scotland to Bristol for a documentary. They will be in Chesterton on about 17th July. L. RIDGLEY.

SOUTHAM AIR TRAINING CORPS

Southam ATC continues to meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 1930 hours in the Territorial Army Building in Wattons Lane, Southam. At the recent AGM the C/O, Flt.Lt. R. A. Large, highlighted the many activities in which the cadets had engaged.

Boys between 13 and 19 are supplied with free uniforms, and all had been able to join in flying and gliding from RAF Stations. There had also been successes in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, shooting and aircraft recognition, and basic training is given in photography, amongst other things, including annual camp at RAF Stations. This year cadets will be attending camp at RAF Benson at very minimal cost: also 3 members will enjoy overseas camps in Gibraltar and Germany. Any prospective cadets are invited to call at the Squadron HQ on either of the two meeting evenings to apply to join. It is also anticipated that girls of the same ages will be admitted in the near future. It is however

necessary to enlist the help of female instructors²⁵ before this can take place. We are therefore inviting any ladies who can spare the time to help, and would like to pursue a very worthwhile cause to get in touch with us. A telephone call to R. Machell (Harbury 613654) or Mrs. J. Downing, Southam 7065, will enable us to explain our requirements in more detail. The only qualification necessary is a wish to help the youth of today, and we look forward to hearing from you so that we can assure the future of the squadron.

FISHING LINES

Christopher Archer and his son David are hooked - they are both mad keen on fishing. Although he's only 8, David has already won a cup and a medal for coarse fishing, and no wonder, with an expert angler like his Dad to teach him!

For Christopher, of Park Lane, Harbury, has landed the biggest trout caught this season in Rutland Water. Weighing in at 10lbs 5oz, the silver heavy-weight is now packaged and frozen in Linda Archer's freezer, along with all the other results of her successful husband's fishing trips. It took Mr. Archer some 25 minutes to get the trout into his boat, but was well worth the effort, because it has won him awards from the Angling Times, the Sunday Express, the Trout Fisherman's Magazine and the News of the World. We congratulate him on his achievement, and hope that Linda, David and sister Jane will enjoy the trout - if Dad can ever be persuaded to let them eat it!

DMH

HARBURY HORSE AND PONY SHOW

Once again the weather was kind to us, and there was an increase in turn out of horses, but not quite as many ponies in the showjumping classes, but nevertheless the standard was high, as always. The Best Turn Out classes were very well supported and there seemed to be many more competitors in the gymkhana events. The Fancy Dress was the best, largest, and most difficult of all years to judge - a job I for one would not even try to do!

I must thank all our sponsors for their tremendous support, and everyone who has so generously given

such marvellous trophies for all the classes. Thanks also to everyone who worked so hard to get the show prepared on Saturday, to the judges, the hardworking stewards and secretaries, and the Guides, Scouts and Harbury Hawks. As yet I have been unable to sort out the financial side, as some bills have not yet been received, but I hope to do this very soon.

N.B. A hunting crop was found at Binswood End - please telephone Marie Wallington (613205). JAN STOTT.

RESULTS:

Equitation and Turnout: 1st, T. Milner (La Belle),
2nd, N. Williams (Sparkle), 3rd M. Hadley (Chester).

Gymkhana Points Award: Group A - S. Meadows: R. Hutsby.
Group B - M. Edginton. Group C - M. Edginton.

Topscore, Ponies: 1st, C. Barnet (La III), 2nd
H. Scorer (O.K.), 3rd, M. Ceney (The Monarch).

Chase Me Charlie: 1st, M. Ceney (The Monarch),
2nd H. Teverson (Mandy), 3rd S. Hyatt (Gala).
Winning height, 4'5".

Handy Pony: 1st T. Dean (Clipper), 2nd S. Hyatt
(Winchester), 3rd L. Charley (Paddock Flandria)

Fancy Dress: 1st F. Wright (Markus) as The Cat and
the Fiddle and the Cow Jumped Over the Moon:
2nd S. Barnwell (Daisy) as Steptoe: 3rd M. Harvey
(Taffy) as Albion Football.

Lead Rein Best Turn Out: 1st H. Langton (Baledon
Sunbeam), 2nd G. Langton (Cherrington Silver
Mist), 3rd F. Forsyth (Playboy).

Best Turn Out: 1st B. Anson (Honeysuckle Rose),
2nd, A. Wakeham (Wilma), 3rd C. Manley (Tanof Hope)

Best Turn Out Championship: 1st H. Langton (Baledon
Sunbeam), 2nd B. Anson (Honeysuckle Rose).

Novice Horses: 1st J. Tildsley (Harvey's Majic),
2nd K. Barnett (Amber Lea), 3rd S. Mullings
(Abba Vale).

Open Horses: 1st C. Green (Oddie), 2nd P. Smith
(Taffy's Landmark), 3rd F. Hadley (General).

Topscore Horses: 1st P. Smith (Taffy's Landmark),
2nd J. Tildsley (Harvey's Majic), 3rd D. Cawdron
(Ilbury Sunset).

12.2 hh & Under: 1st K. Baker (Little Liam), 2nd
L. Charley (Woodlands Blue Blue Two), 3rd
L. Charley (Paddock Flandria).

13.2 hh & Under: L. Charley (Woodlands Blue Blue Two), 2nd L. Charley (Paddock Flandria), 3rd E. Baker (Captain Brown).

14.2 hh & Under: 1st C. Barnett (La III), 2nd E. Baker (Captain Brown), 3rd M. Ceney(The Monarch)
Highest Placed Novice Pony: M. Ceney(The Monarch).

PARISH COUNCIL: JUNE 1983

The re-shuffle of jobs continues. Newly elected Bill Middleton joined the Finance and Properties Committees, Keith Thompson the Board of School Governors, and Ann Alford-Hunt got the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committees' representative's job. Mr. Saunders of Deppers Bridge was welcomed with open arms, and he was able to report that many people in Deppers were strongly opposed to the suggestion that they become part of Bishops Itchington. Dennis Atkins complained that it was only common courtesy for Bishops Itchington to let Harbury know why they wanted the change, and Bruce Hannay reminded the PC that Deppers Ward comes right up to Harbury village.

Mr. Saunders is to have discussions with the Parish Council on the play equipment for Deppers. It was suggested that the hamlet would be a healthier home for the Igloo, and that, as it seems susceptible to damage by misuse from older children, it might have a longer life there. Mr. Vallis has replied that it would not be feasible to construct a layby just for the playbus at Deppers (the PC had asked for one to be used by the School bus, library van, playbus, and those using the telephone kiosk). John Drinkwater has already had discussion with the Travelling Foreman who agrees that the area alongside the playing field would be most suitable, and the PC will ask Mr. Vallis at the next Area Parish Councils Meeting.

Mr. Vallis is in for a bad night, as he will also be told in no uncertain manner what the PC thinks of the County's mowing of the grass verges. The strange goings-on at the Bendigo Mitchell crossroads are still being investigated, and mention of footpaths caused Dennis Atkins to exclaim "SM62a?!"

We were arguing about that when I was on the Council last!"

The Area Parish Councils Meeting is a useful stage for member Councils to sound one another out. Bruce Hannay, who has read 'in the Courier' of a Government employment scheme which pays the employer a £60 a week subsidy, wants other PCs to band together to offer work to someone unemployed. Councillors will also discuss the implications of the Stratford DC Survey on the potential use of a Leisure Centre at Warwick Road, Stratford. Would the Area Parish Councils look to Stratford for their nearest indoor rowing tank? asked Sharon Hancock, appalled at the realisation that this was funded from the same budget that Southam was looking to for its proposed swimming pool. Bruce Hannay said the Centre would concentrate all the facilities of the District in Stratford, and what, he asked, would happen to the rest of the area?

One of the first tasks of our new MP will be to field a complaint from Harbury PC about the number of low flying aircraft, sometimes as late as 11 p.m. Sharon Hancock pointed out that they flew over the school, and she said that it was 'inevitable there will be a major accident one day'. The PC will complain to Mr. Howarth and to the Ministry of Defence.

The Monopoly game with the Farm Street land continues. Land Developments (Loxley) have withdrawn all their applications but now Melville Properties have one in for 6 bungalows on part of the site. There has been a separate application for a house on the frontage plot. Permission is through for the new Village Hall roof, and there is no objection to yet another attempt by Cecil Bloxham to build a farmhouse at the Water Tower.

"We have received the body" said Bruce Hannay, referring not to the Burial Grounds but the Playing Fields and the repairs to the Rocking Horse. The Clerk has repaired and painted the creature in the colours of Wolverhampton Wanderers, and now needs the assistance of someone to lift it into place. Arriving late from haymaking, Iory Davies agreed to examine the animal to see if he could help. He dismissed Ralph Gurden's attachments as being too small, but thought

his balè-lifter might suffice. The horse is rumoured to weigh seven hundredweight!

An involved and highly technical discussion broke out about 'paraploughing', and the danger to land drains when Keith Thompson announced the Playing Fields Committee's latest civil engineering game. They commissioned a survey of the school children to come up with ideas for the use of the area. Mr. Oliver wrote back that amongst the more practical solutions were a sandpit, a suspension bridge, an assault course, a tree house, a cycle racing track, 'something in the bushes', a big Tarzan swing, a maze, little wooden huts, and somewhere to roller skate. His money was on item six - 'something in the bushes'.

Dave Andrews reported that nothing remained on the Playing Fields after the Pony Show except that which would be expected to be left there.

The Carnival, Bruce Hannay said, had made over £1000, of which about 65% would go to the Village Hall funds, and 35% to the Recreation Grounds. Bruce also reported that he had purchased a new 'Helping Hand' for Mr. Smith to clear litter from the Playing Fields, and Dave Andrews reported some improvement in the state of the Cemetery, which had been causing concern.

The Council meets next in August, and Sharon Hancock closed by wishing everyone a good holiday and 'Happy Haymaking'. LINDA RIDGLEY.

IN THE GARDEN

July should be a wonderful month in the vegetable garden, but this year most of the vegetables will not be ready until the end of the month. After such a wet spring, you cannot realise how important the rain is following a short spell of fine weather as it can help prepare a seed bed better than any mechanical implement, and also make you realise how important is your faithful friend the spade (and fork). The main object now is to try and keep down the weeds, and obtain plenty of cabbage plants for the winter. Your main crop potatoes will need earthing up, also celery, and be sure to net your strawberries, raspberries and currants. Keep

planting small amounts of lettuce, radish, turnips, also beetroot and New Zealand spinach.

Be sure and buy a programme for the Garden Walkabout on 9th July, from 2 to 7 p.m. There is no doubt that there will be something of interest at one of the 25 gardens which you can visit for the small sum of 50p.

W.F.LINES.

CHRISTIAN AID

Once again all previous records were broken when a splendid £223.44 was raised by the house to house collection during Christian Aid week. Grateful thanks are due to collectors and supporters for this generous amount, which will be used for the relief of desperate human need wherever it arises. Thank you all.

R.G.H.

CORRESPONDENCE

From Bill Clifton and Family:

Thanks.....for cards and messages received.

Thanks.....to friends from the village who attended the service at Oakley Wood.

Thanks.....to those who sent donations to Myton Hospice.

Thanks.....to Dr. Hancock and Dr. Wilne for help given.

Extra special thanks and love go to Mrs. Byrne, Mrs. Merriman, Pearl Sheasby and Betty Bloxham who did so much to make life easier for Mum. We shall never forget the love and friendship they showed to us all.

DOREEN HARWOOD.

Dear Editors,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to those fellow villagers and friends who voted for me in the recent Parish Council election. Although the turnout was a little disappointing, at the same time it was, by the nature of things, less publicised than the other recent elections, and was on a Tuesday, which doubtless 'threw' a number of intending voters. Also the fact that no Polling Cards are issued for Parish Council elections possibly led some to imagine they could not vote.

However, again thank you to all those who did make the effort to vote, and I trust I shall make some little contribution on your behalf to the activities of the Council.

Yours sincerely, W. H. MIDDLETON.

Dear Editors,

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I have seen some Carnivals and Union Fetes in my time, and out of the many attractions it is the bands which makethe day specially happy for me. It is wonderful to see these bands. I hope everyone enjoyed this year's Carnival as much as I did, and I'd like to take this oppotunity to thank the organisers for all their hard work. I look forward to the Carnival as everyone else does.

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