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The 1975 Carnival was undoubtedly a great success. Several articles in this issue will tell you all you want to know about what happened and who won what.

Congratulations to all those who helped with the mammoth task of organising such a great day.

With so much to do these days, and everyone always rushing about, perhaps Mrs. Bamford's suggestion in last month's issue about Yoga and meditation lessons is worth following up - let us know if you are interested, and we will pass on names to her. The ability to relax must surely be a most valuable asset in these hectic and stressful times.

As an extension of our Diary, Sara Bennett will enter any events, however far in advance, in a "Future Events Diary". Once this is under way it could prove very valuable, to prevent clashes of similar events, so please help by letting her know any thing which your organisation is planning.

In this holiday season, we hope that you may find our 'places to go' articles of use, and we wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing holiday whether at home or away.

HARBURY DIARY

JULY 1975

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| Thurs. 10th | Golden Age, V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Men's Society A.G.M., Vicarage, 7.45 p.m. |
| Fri. 11th | Theatre Group Production 'Toad of Toad Hall',
Village Hall, evening. |
| Sat. 12th | Pony Show & Gymkhana at Manor Stud Farm,
Bishop's Itchington, 10.30 a.m. Entries on field.
Leamington Carnival.
'Toad of Toad Hall', V. Hall, matinée & evening. |
| Sun. 13th | Cricket, Harbury v. Radway at cement works. |
| Tues. 15th | Tufty Club, V. Hall, 2.15 p.m. |
| Weds. 16th | PTA Square Dance, School, 8.00pm - 12.00pm. |
| Thurs. 17th | Young Wives' Garden Party at 25, South Parade, 8pm |
| Fri. 18th | End of School Term. |
| Sun. 20th | Cricket v. Banbury at Cement Works. |
| Tues. 22nd | Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Assoc., V. Hall 8pm |
| Thurs. 24th | Golden Age, v. Hall 2.30 p.m.
Village Hall Committee Meeting, V. Hall |

Fri. 25th Theatre Group General Meeting, Dog Inn, 8.00pm
Sun. 27th Footpath Assoc. Ramble, from V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Cricket v. Wavetree at the Cement Works.

AUGUST

Sun. 3rd Cricket v. Warwickshire C.C., away.
Sun. 10th Cricket v. EMEB at the Cement Works.
Fri. 15th Football Club Dance, V. Hall
Sat. 16th PTA Swimming Pool Party.
Sun. 17th Cricket v. Flecknoe, away.
Tues. 19th Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Assoc. V. Hall, 8pm

ADVANCE NOTICE:- PTA Garden Party postponed until Sept.
Christmas Fair, December 6th.

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

By the time this is in your hands Mr. David Capron will (all well) have been made a Deacon at the Ordination in Coventry Cathedral and will have become Assistant Curate at St. Mary Magdalen's Church, Coventry, having completed his training at his Theological College. Our congratulations and best wishes go to him. His home is in Lillington, but he was a member of Harbury Rugby Football Club, and was no stranger to Harbury Church. Some of you may remember in particular the Sunday when the Rugger Club and their relatives and friends came to Evensong. We have been remembering him in our prayers.

This leads to a thought:- Is there at present any man or boy in this parish whom God is calling to the Priesthood? Let us pray that, if there is, he may hear the call and may respond to it.

The Bishop is willing to hold a Confirmation in our Church

during the 10.00 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, February 29th 1976. This is some time ahead and the special classes will not be starting until the late autumn, but, in the meantime I would be pleased to hear from any young people or any adults who would like to consider it.

Many people will be on holiday at this time. May all return refreshed in body, mind and spirit.

With every blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

F.R. Mackley.

Holy Baptism

June 15th - Linsay Amanda Stone ("Cartref", Binswood End)

Holy Matrimony

May 31st - Ian Paul Townsend to Sally Ann Lawson.

Funerals

May 29th - Edward Robinson, aged 67 years (Shakespeare Inn)

June 4th - John William Wilks, aged 74 years (Sutcliffe Drive)

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

As a result of a visit to the PCC at St. Andrews, Eastern Green, Coventry of one of us, an invitation was extended by Harbury PCC to the Vicar, Churchwardens and PCC of St. Andrews. The fifteen visitors arrived after an unplanned tour of the village (they swore the Church had been moved since a previous visit!) and a short service in Church was led by the two vicars, the lessons being read by representatives of the two congregations.

Afterwards a time of informal fellowship over a ploughman's supper was enjoyed in the Wight School. The vicar of Eastern Green, the Rev. Derrick Tooby, introduced an informal discussion which proved lively and informative. St. Andrews members described a recent stewardship campaign in their parish, and explained how the work and witness of the church had grown. A church extension has been built and a tremendous sense of fellowship has grown up. Members of Harbury Church described the launching and continued success of Harbury News and spoke of the deepening fellowship of the Parish Breakfasts. After a full and enjoyable evening, hopes were expressed that the links between the two parishes might be maintained, and a warm invitation was extended to the people of Harbury to attend Eastern Green Flower Festival in September, and it is hoped

that a party from Eastern Green will attend the Harbury Harvest Supper.

P.T.A.

BARBECUE - 7th JUNE. Approximately 300 attended the barbecue in Hiatt's Barn, Ufton. The lovely weather added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening and the do-it-yourself al fresco catering arrangements caused a lot of laughs. Dancing inside the barn was to a disco and the Appollo Steel Band. The first prize in the raffle, a day trip to a continental capital and £10 spending money, was won by Mr. Chapman, Tile Hill, Coventry. The second prize, 10 bottles of assorted wines, was won by Mr. Frank Bunting. It is hoped that approximately £200 has been raised for the Swimming Pool Fund.

SCHOOL EVENING - 18th JUNE. The School Hall was full to capacity to hear Mr. Oliver give a very informative talk on the methods of teaching currently employed. He stressed the importance of encouraging children to find out for themselves and recommended the use of project work to develop the child's ability to gather information from various sources and put it together in an understandable form. The teaching of reading and mathematics has changed considerably since those present went to school, and Mr. Oliver explained how much more emphasis was placed on understanding the subjects as opposed to the more mechanical learning by rote of previous years.

The talk concluded with an outline of the changes in the arrangement of classes which will be necessary next term because of the increase in the number of children attending and the County's inability to provide an additional teacher and classroom. Items of the children's work were on display round the hall and parents were invited to look at them and talk to the staff for the remainder of the evening.

CHILDREN'S SPONSORED WALK - 21st June. 216 children took part in this year's walk round the mile long circuit from the Village Hall, across the playing fields and back down Bush Heath Lane and Manor Road. The weather was very hot so the squash provided at the hall proved very popular. Kevin Turner and David Bishop walked 15 miles closely followed by Mark Davis at 14 miles. A special mention for Sheryl Thorneycroft who managed to walk 3 miles, despite difficulties.

HARBURY SCHOOL

This month the children of the fourth year Junior class went on their adventure holiday in Brecon. This was obviously a very worthwhile venture and I am sure that every child has gained a great deal from it. A fuller account has been written for the 'Harbury News' by some of the children who were involved. Earlier on in the term the school took part in the 'Sunny Smiles' project to help the children in National Childrens Homes. I was more than pleased to be able to send a cheque for £50 to this cause, and we received a very sincere letter of thanks.

On the day of the Village Carnival, a number of children were taking part in the Inter-School sports held in Leamington Spa. All the children did extremely well. Paula Wallington came first in the Girls under 11, 80metres flat race, and her sister Teresa came fourth in the Girls under 12 Hurdle race. Richard Woodward came fourth in the Boys Under 10 Long Jump. Nearly every child who took part won through to the finals, so it was a jolly good effort. Our thanks to parents who helped with transport and other jobs. As a result of this meeting six children go on to represent the area in the County Sports at Rugby on June 28th.

On June 25th, with the sun shining beautifully, the Infants held their Sports Day. A large number of parents were able to attend. Our thanks to Mrs. Checkley, who presented rosettes, and to all parents who helped in any way.

On July 2nd a team of children will be representing the school in a Schools Swimming Gala at Leamington Spa pool.

Finally I should mention that Mrs. Jillians leaves us at the end of term to live and work in Kent. She has been an invaluable member of staff during her time here, and I know that everyone joins me in wishing her joy and happiness in the future. Mr. Thorburn is getting married on July 31st (in spite of dire warnings!) and again we wish him and his bride every success!

N. C. OLIVER.

HARBURY SCHOOL ADVENTURE HOLIDAY

On June 2nd we came to school as usual but with our luggage for our trip to South Wales. The coach came for us at about 12.30, but we didn't set off for another half hour. When we got going we were all very excited. After about one and a

half hours we crossed the border.

In Wales the weather wasn't very good but it eventually stopped raining. When we reached Llangorse P.G.L. Adventure Centre we put our luggage into the back of a Land Rover, and walked up a lane to our tents. Also we met our group leaders, Jane and John.

Jane took us round the camp, then we went into the equipment store to get a sleeping bag and a plastic coat called a piggle. It was called a piggle because it had P.G.L. on the back and that sounds like piggle.

Our dinner wasn't until 7.10 so Jane and John took us in the games room. After dinner we went straight into the games room and watched some films on Sailing and Water Safety. That night only a few people went to sleep and they were up and dressed about five o'clock. We played games on the Tarzan swing until breakfast. After breakfast we went straight to the riding stables. We chose our ponies and were shown how to ride them and get them ready for riding. When we had been taught we took our ponies down to the Junior Tan Troed Adventure Centre. We tied our ponies up to some trees and had a picnic lunch, then rode into the hills.

That night we slept soundly because Mr. Richards had warned us that if we didn't we couldn't go canoeing. Next day, after breakfast we walked down to the sailing centre on Llangorse Lake. We were told how to get out of a canoe if it capsizes, and how to paddle it. We went round the lake in the canoes and Jonathan Scandrett took a fancy to the water after falling in twice. In the afternoon we could choose either to go hill walking or carry on canoeing. We went right across the lake in the canoes, then round the lake and Jonathan Scandrett fell in again. When we got back to the tents we played some games.

Next morning we were split up into two groups. One group did sailing in the morning and the other did sailing in the afternoon. We were allowed out in the boat on our own, and at the end of the morning we were in a yacht race and came sixth. In the afternoon we went to do Archery. We had to first of all get used to the Bows and Arrows. Mark Davies got three golds. Then we had to get as near as possible to a pole. Again Mark Davies won the competition. That night we watched a film called "When Eight Bells Toll". Next morning we had breakfast and played around until the coach came. We went down to the gift

shop and bought all our presents. Then we got on the bus and went home. When we got back to school we were allowed home.

CHRISTOPHER DANIELLS & MARK DAVIES

I'M AN EXPERT CANOEIST

Last week when we went to Wales we went canoeing. It was on the Wednesday. We had a mile long walk to the canoe centre and put on life-jackets. We had a bit of a lecture about how to control the canoe. Everything went alright in the morning until we were near the end. I was in a patch of water-weeds, and was turning my canoe to the left when suddenly Peter Blyth rammed me. I desperately tried to right myself but it was no good. Over I went - GLUB GLUB. At first I could not get out of my canoe but I managed it at last but now I have some marvellous bruises to show for it. Everyone came crowding round eager to see me in the water. I thought the water was at least a hundred feet deep and when the instructor told me to stand up I nearly fainted - but I did as I was told. It came up to my knees! We returned to the canoe centre. I didn't really want to go back again but I was persuaded to by the others. Everyone thought me in the water was hilarious except me, because that day was my birthday. That afternoon we went across the lake. I was going alright until I was about fifty yards off-shore when yet again, Peter Blyth capsized me. Peter was ahead of me and I came down by the side of him. He jabbed out at me with his paddle. This resulted in me dropping my paddle. I leant out to pick it up and over I went. When I got out of my canoe I just stood up. I climbed back into my canoe and paddled to the shore. When we were back on the lake I couldn't steer the canoe, but with a lot of effort I managed it. I was just about to get out of my canoe when it overturned. So I went in again. This time I did not get out but just sat in the water. Mr. Richards was laughing so much that he nearly fell out of his canoe. I felt a very big drip that day.

JONATHAN SCANDRETT.

HARBURY PLAYGROUP

As we approach the end of the summer term on Friday 18th July, we are sorry to say goodbye to Pam Bateman. She has been an invaluable asset to the playgroup, both as Social Secretary and as a regular helper. We shall all miss her cheerful smile; and we wish Pam, Tony, Glenn and Natalie every happi-

ness in their new home in Twickenham. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Yvonne Smith of Temple End, as Pam's replacement.

Harbury Playgroup is essentially a parent run playgroup with parents (generally mums, but dads would be very welcome) on the committee and helping on a rota basis. The playgroup is registered as a charity and is therefore non profit-making. All monies raised by dances, jumble sales etc. are used to buy new equipment. We had hoped that mums would be keen to take a turn on the rota and learn a little about what goes on and see their child in relation to others. However, Wendy Knowles, our membership secretary, is having difficulty organising the rota because of some lack of enthusiasm. We have a keen nucleus of helpers and are very grateful to them, but these do need supplementing. (We would like to say a special thankyou to Mrs. Hall our popular "Grandma", who has come along most Thursday mornings during the last year.) We are frequently being told of the importance of the pre-school years and here is a golden opportunity for mums to participate and help ensure that full advantage is taken of the facilities a playgroup offers, during these vital years.

If mums are unable to contribute directly by helping at the playgroup, they could join the committee. In October we are holding our AGM when the new committee will be elected. At present there are two vacancies to fill. Even if your child has moved on from playgroup to school, or has not yet reached the age of three, if you are interested or have some experience, such as bringing up a family, teaching or nursing, we should be pleased to have you on our committee. If you feel you could help in any way, please contact either Wendy Knowles, Harbury 612331 or myself, Ann Blunt, Harbury 612785, any committee member, or call and see Mrs. Healey and Mrs. Bloxham in the Church Room, Wight School (behind the library) any Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday morning between 9.15 and 11.45 a. m.

HARBURY CARNIVAL

We had a Great Day - didn't we? Carnival Day in Harbury is looked forward to and enjoyed by more people every year. All the necessary factors combined together on June 14th to produce a first rate day. Nine floats from village organisations, together with children in fancy dress made a colourful procession

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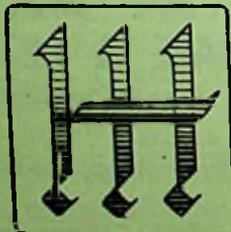
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Top. 1st Prize Float
"Thank Heaven for
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Above. Carnival Queen
Karan Wynne with Diane
Bidle & Maxine Boraston.

Centre. 2nd "Get me to the Church
on time" - Badminton Club.
Above. 3rd "Harbury Flapper
Girls" - Harbury Brownies.

The other results in the procession contest were:-

TRADE FLOAT:- 1st. Tony Stevens of Warwick "New Old" Bus.
2nd Helicopter from Soans of Leamington.

HORSE CLASS:- Sue and Ann Middleton.

DECORATED BICYCLE:- 1st. John Jackson, 2nd. Robert Parke
3rd. Sylvia Peake.

CHILDRENS FANCY DRESS:- 1st. Lynn Jackson & Sally Barrett
(Inflation), 2nd. Sally Moore (Puppet), 3rd. Caroline Parker &
Sara Guy (Bill & Ben)

ADULT FANCY DRESS:- Mrs. M. Gilliver from Coventry.

The Fancy Dress Judges were Lady Watherstone,
Mrs. P. Sperling, Stratford District Councillor, Mrs. P. Bidwel
and Councillor Mr. J. Drinkwater.

Over 1,000 people streamed on to the recreation ground following the arrival of the procession. The Carnival Queen, Karan Wynne, and attendants, Maxine Borraston and Diane Biddle, rode in a pony and trap behind Warwick School Cadet Band. About 30 stalls were being run by villagers and village organisations and these together with the Dog Show, tug of war contest, six-a-side football, Athletics etc., meant there was plenty to do and watch. Refreshments were available in the village hall. Pony rides and children's Roundabouts and Swing-boats were also provided.

The tug of war cup was retained by the team from the "Walnut Tree". The six-a-side football contest was won by Harbury Albion. The Clay Pigeon Shoot had to be postponed due to the illness of Alan French. This will be staged later in the summer. The Dog Show winners were:-

Class 1 (Pedigree) 1st. Elk Hound - Miss Barrett, 2nd Border Collie - Joy Hutchins, 3rd. Bassett Hound - Martin Brant.

Class 2 - Owners were:- 1st Miss Brown, 2nd Mrs. King, 3rd Mr. E. Carrol.

In the evening over 200 people enjoyed the Carnival Dance.

The profit from the whole day was approx. £700, which is divided equally between the Village Hall Committee and Recreation Ground Committee funds, these being the two organising committees. Winner of the £10 Lucky Programme Prize was Mrs. F. M. Crump, 11 Ivy Lane.

John Smith, The Carnival Committee Chairman, would like to thank everyone who expended so much time and effort in making this year's CARNIVAL DAY such a success.

HARBURY CARNIVAL - RESULTS OF ATHLETIC EVENTS.

FLAT RACE: Girls & Boys (5-7yrs) 1-Lloyd Grove, 2-Christopher Warden, 3-Guy Hancock.
100 METRES: Girls & Boys (8-11yrs) 1-Andrew Hunt, 2-Stephen Buckle, 3-Deborah Grove.
100 METRES: Girls (12-15yrs) 1-Christine Holder, 2-Jacqueline Holder, 3-Sharon Jenkinson.
100 METRES: Boys (12-15yrs) 1-John Griffin, 2-Howard Machell, 3-Andrew Hopkins.
FLAT RACE: (Mxd. under 5's) 1-Timothy Harrison, 2-Stephen Young, 3-Anne Thompson.
3 LEGGED RACE: (Mxd. 8-11yrs) 1-Karen Hughes & Denise Taylor, 2-Stephen Spencer & Jonathan Scandrett, 3-Rachel Lawler & Caroline Kennedy.
SLOW BICYCLE RACE: (Mxd. all ages) 1-William Suttie, 2-Andrew Young, 3-James Suttie.
HIGH JUMP (Girls under 11 yrs) 1-Linda Hanson, 2-Diane Home, 3-Helen Taylor.
HIGH JUMP (Boys under 11 yrs) 1-Andrew Hunt, 2-John Thornley, 3-Mark Davies.
HIGH JUMP (Boys 12-15yrs) 1-John Sheasby, 2-Howard Machell, 3-Nigel Hepburn.
HIGH JUMP (Men, 16yrs & over) 1-Mr. Anderton, 2-Mr. Eiddle, 3-R. J. Machell.
OBSTACLE RACE (Mxd. 5-7yrs) 1-Guy Hancock, 2-Peter Millington, 3-Peter Catt.
OBSTACLE RACE: (Mxd. under 5's) 1-Stephen Young, 2-Timothy Harrison, 3-Jeffrey Beasley.
OBSTACLE RACE: (Mxd. 8-11yrs) 1-Andrew Hunt, 2-Kevin Turner, 3-Stephen Buckle.
100 METRES: Men (16yrs & over) 1-Richard Taylor, 2-Robert Bench, 3-John Hancock.
200 METRES: Boys (12-15yrs) 1-John Griffin, 2-Howard Machell, 3-Andrew Hunt.
SACK RACE: Mxd. (4-7yrs) 1-Claire Henderson, 2-Glen Bateman, 3-Jonathan Walters.
SACK RACE: Mxd. (8-11yrs) 1-Kevin Turner, 2-Graham Campbell, 3-Stephen Spencer.
400 METRES: Men (16yrs & over) 1-Dick Whatcott, 2-John Griffin, 3-John Hancock.
MEN'S NOVELTY RACE: 1 - Peter Roberts, 2 - Colin Ingram, 3 - Dick Whatcott.

HARBURY SOCIETY.

The Harbury Society 'Do you know your village?' competition at the carnival attracted a great deal of attention. There were 59 entries for the Adults section and 18 for the children's

In the Children's section the winners with 13 out of 20 correct were:-

1 - Jane Robson, 'Wayside', Park Lane, 2-Karen Forrester, 3 Heber Drive,
3 - Jane Callow, 18 Farley Avenue.

In the Adult's section there were 20 correct entries, the first drawn being:

1 - A. Gurden, 24 Vicarage Lane, 2-S. Humphreys, 22 Mill St., 3-Mrs.S. Wright, 8 Knightlow Way.

Also correct were:- M. Barnes, S. Bennett, M. Bloxham, M. Eaton, C. Finch, R. Gurden, T. Hadley-Jones, J. Hancock, S. Hancock, G. Kelsall, L. Keyte, J. Parsons, R. Picken, M. Shelley, V. Tanner, J. Taylor, G. Wright.

The photographs were: 1. Chesterton Windmill, 2. Yew Trees, Mill Street, 3. Chapel Street, 4. Bank, 5. Bull Ring Stores, 6. Dovehouse, 7. Harbury Windmill, 8. Cutting, 9. Church St., 10. Harbury Hall, 11. Methodist Chapel, 12. Library, 13. Harbury Hall Stables, 14. Brethren's Farm, 15. Crown Green, 16. South Parade, 17. All Saint's Church, 18. Pound Green, 19. Co-op Stores, 20. Shalespeare Inn.

Of these No. 14 caused the most trouble, closely followed by No. 2, which many failed to identify (Most commonly it was thought to be Harbury House). Some thought No.19 must be a catch and tried Hunt's Stores. Almost everyone identified the Bank which we thought difficult. No.11 was perhaps a little unfair as it now Chapel House and there are two Methodist Chapels in the village, but there were after all 20 correct entries.

Next year it will be more difficult!

LINDA RIDGLEY

HARBURY CARNIVAL SPORTS.

Once again a large and enthusiastic crowd of children plus the usual handful of adults joined in the carnival sports.

There were a number of organisation problems. Without Valentine Du Buisson's mathematical mind the course took on a somewhat unusual shape. Darkness fell on Friday before marking was complete. A promised loud hailer failed to appear and consequently the starter was rendered virtually speechless by the end of the afternoon. A helicopter parked across the track and refused to move and the occasional straying of the pony-rides resulted in some unusual hazards in the 400 metres.

The afternoon was rounded off by a waiter's race in which the beer literally flowed over the six gallant competitors. This was won by Peter Roberts and not as announced.

Thank you to all who helped, particularly Val and Norman Baker, Vicky Tanner, Jill and David Winter, Janet Thornley, Ben Leefe, Mr. Jennings (1st Aid), Harbury Scout Group (who erected a changing tent), my wife and father. JOHN HANCOCK.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER !

To say that I offered to report on the Carnival Dance in a drunken stupor might be slightly overstating the case, but nevertheless my recollections of it are somewhat clouded by the fact that the next morning I awoke feeling decidedly fragile. What I do remember is colour, noise, and what seemed like a thousand people all having the time of their lives. The men were smart, the women wore dresses that reflected the modern trend of wearing exactly what one likes so there was every colour and shape, and it all looked very festive. There were couples from Youth Club to Golden Age and every landmark in between, all joining in and proving that the Age Gap is something invented to keep the sociologists busy in a slack season. The Village Hall was decorated so imaginatively that it has rarely looked as inviting and warm, and the band itself was good. (Actually I was going to say that it was perhaps a fraction too loud, but that does rather date me so I'll leave it.) There were balloons in a net above the dance-floor to be released at the end, but unfortunately they seemed rather reluctant to leave until a few intrepid (and slightly the worse for wear) gentlemen formed a human totem pole and eventually extracted them, to loud cheers of course. The food was efficiently served, equally efficiently cleared away afterwards and was very good. It was so nice to see the extension used with tables in there, and also the bar, which avoided the staggering and hiccoughing queue from becoming entangled with the dancers. It really was a super evening and well worth the price of the ticket, and the price I paid next morning!!

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

CRICKET

RESULTS v. Radway we lost by 6 Runs., v. Napton won by 5wks

Leopard won by 3 wks., Kinton won by 4 wks.

Steeple Aston won by 4 wks., EMEB won by 6 wks, EMEB won by 50 runs

As can be seen by the results above, the Cricket team are having an excellent season, except for our first fixture, where after many previous successes Radway won by 6 runs, in this match. Brian Wallington, through his bowling & batting kept us in with a chance right to the end, & had it not been for his efforts the game would have been a disaster. Still, we have a chance to straighten the record on July 13th at the work's ground. Outstanding performances for the season so far - Brian Wallington comes out on top with such bowling figures as v. Steeple Aston, 21 overs, 54 runs & 3 wkts., v. EMEB, 12 overs, 13 Runs, 7 wkts. Well done Brian! Batting honours have been equally shared, but particular mention is given of two new members who have strengthened our side considerably. Bill Washington a gritty 76 v. EMEB & Rod Grinnell a sparkling 30 v. Steeple Aston, where with Derek Smith we had a magnificent finish with some glorious strokes to score 54 runs in 25 mins.

Special mention of two young members who have recently joined us. Kevin White & Tim Jeyes have shown themselves capable of holding a place in the side & will in the future be mainstay players.

TERRY BELL.

YOUNG WIVES

The new time of 2.30 seemed to have spurred many young wives to come to our meeting for the first time this month - or maybe it was the prospect of being able to go swimming during the summer holidays, when the Group plans to hire the school pool for the exclusive use of members or their children. Whatever the reason, the Committee was delighted to see so many new faces, and particularly pleased to welcome three new Committee members - Jean Macauley, Sue Lapraike and Pat Sarson. The rest of the Committee (Trisha Harrison, Diana Holt, Shirley Keir, Anne Moore and Frances Moore) were re-elected, with the exception of Eunice McCracken who has resigned because of other commitments. She was thanked for all her help in the past and will receive a gift from the Group. The next meeting will be a garden party on Thursday 17th July, at 8p. m. at Shirley Keir's home, 25 South Parade, and the swimming is planned to begin on Tuesday 23rd July.

DIANA HOLT.

1st HARBURY SCOUT GROUP.

Under the guidance of the new Group Leader, David Johnson, the Scouts have been constructing 4 canoes, and are looking forward

to launching them soon. Any help with transporting the boats would be very welcome - offers to David at Thimble Cottage, Park Lane Terrace, (613210).

The Scout Group Chairman, Jim Chapple, points out that there are enough boys on the waiting list for the Cubs for a whole new Pack - please is there someone who could find time to help with this? Jim's phone number is 612044, and he would be delighted to give further details to anyone.

BROWNIES.

Harbury Brownies met at Hunningham for Brownie Revels on June 7th for a Mediaeval afternoon, the Brownies having made splendid hats. A packed lunch and games were enjoyed by some 90 Brownies from the Southam Area. Harbury Brownies break up on July 15th and recommence Sept. 16th at 6.15pm.

THEATRE GROUP.

The Great Wheelbarrow Race on June 18th was won by Pete Rowells and Dick Whatcote in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd - well done!

'Toad of Toad Hall' will be presented on Fri. July 11th at 7.15 p.m. & Sat. July 12th at 3.30p.m. & 7.15 p.m. Tickets at 40p (20p children and OAP's) available from me - ring 612175. Advertising posters have been done by the school-children with prizes for the best. More details next month.

CAROL PERCIVAL.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

The Leamington Christian Aid Committee would like to thank everyone in the village who gave so generously during the house-to-house collection in May. Their very special thanks also go to the many collectors who did such sterling work ringing all those door bells!

The grand total amounted to £127.74, compared with last year's £87. This has been sent to the Christian Aid Headquarters in London, who say that the indication are the their target of £2,000,000 for the week's collection will be achieved. The amount raised last year was £1,951,931.00.

Christian Aid spends its money helping people in poor countries to help themselves, and in disaster areas and war zones it pays for relief and rehabilitation work. In areas of poverty the money pays for farm schools, equipment, livestock seeds and fertilisers, well-drilling, irrigation and settlement

schemes, trade training, instruction in child welfare, nutrition and hygiene, education and community development.

In areas of emergency it is spent on medicines and supplies for use by local doctors and nurses; food and blankets for distribution by local relief workers; transport and building materials; resettlement and rehabilitation of refugees and the homeless.

SARA BENNETT.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

The club has arranged a day trip to Weston-Super-Mare on Tuesday July 22nd. We shall have some spare seats and if anyone is interested I should be pleased to give them particulars if they would call at 14 Constance Drive. There will not be any meetings during the month of August. B. E. TYLER.

PLACES TO GO: No.7

THE BURTON DASSETT HILLS.

Described by Vivian Bird as a "Lilliputian range" the hills are well seen looking south from Bishops Itchington in most weather conditions. They reach a height of just over six hundred feet and owe their existence to a relatively thin cap of resistant marlstone. This is hard, brown fossil containing ironstone. The tops of Bonfire Hill, Windmill Hill and Pleasant Hill; the western end of the Dasset Hill are formed of this rock. It was worked for low-grade iron ore from 1868-73 and the disused quarries are obvious and a great attraction to children. Most, thank goodness, are safe! On old copies of the ordnance survey an overhead tramway is shown joining the quarries on the hills to the old London Midland and Scottish Railway back to the west. The hills have been designated as a Country Park by Warwickshire County Council. A small charge is made for parking. Visitors are asked to obey the country code and avoid driving about denuding the ground of turf. The park lies wholly in the Parish of Burton Dasset. The Parish Church of All Saints nestles in a hollow of the hills nearby. Together with a few houses it is all that remains of the village of Southend. At the end of the 15th Century Sir Edward Belknap acquired the manor, converting to pasture 360 acres of arable ground and evicting 60 people. The ground was given over to the far more profitable sheep rearing. The church is noted for its medieval wall paintings. The nave slopes steeply uphill from the western end to the altar. In a glass case is the Directory of

Publique Worship' of 1646. Each Parish in the land was sent a copy during the Commonwealth but this is the only copy preserved in the parish to which it was sent.

Until recently, on Windmill Hill could be seen the remains of a wooden post mill, blown down in 1946. It in turn had replaced an earlier mill destroyed in 1655. The miller of this earlier structure had been killed trying to turn the sails into the wind. A headstone in the churchyard commemorates the builders of the last mill; Will Whitehead - carpenter, John Basse - mason. It is decorated with the tools of their trades

Northend flourished as Southend was depopulated and is now the major village of the parish which includes Knightcote. At Little Dasset nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile north west of 'All Saints' is the remains of a 13th Century chapel now a store shed.

Finally, to the obvious landmark on the hills, the round tower called the Beacon. It was apparently a late medieval look-out tower which was partly defensive. Legend has it that Oliver Cromwell watched the Battle of Edge Hill, across the valley, from this vantage point. But then perhaps it was Charles 1st. To be honest no-one knows.

Map References:- OS. 151 (1 : 50,000 First Series)

Start of Nature Trail 396520 (leaflet from Warwick County Museum.)

'All Saints' Church 399515

Little Dasset chapel 389520.

JOHN HANCOCK.

KALEIDOSCOPE

Last month I said I'd give some suggestions for good holiday reading, so here they are: 'The Holiday Friend', by Pamela Hansford-Johnson; a marvellous story with chilling climax, characters uncomfortably real..... 'The Circe Complex', by Desmond Cory: suspense with a difference, compulsive but amusing & different to usual formula.... 'Harlequin', by Morris West: above average thriller, excellently written, superb climax.... 'Jaws', by Peter Benchley: cheap, lurid language but grippingly fast-moving.... 'Times to Remember', by Rose Kennedy: you may not agree with her ideas but you won't fail to be moved by her story of a family beset by triumphs & tragedy.... 'Cashelmara', by Susan Howatch: a thick, long family saga to really burrow into and enjoy, set mostly in Ireland..... 'The Defection of A J Lewinter', by Robert Littell: an unusual spy story.... All at the Library. Good Reading!

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

LES JONES.

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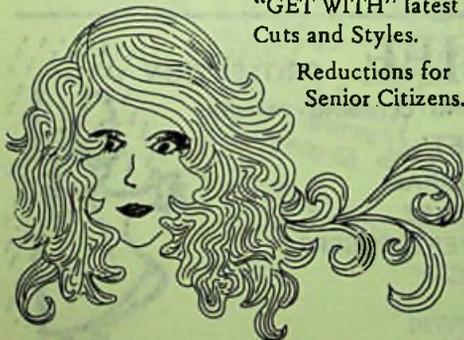
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